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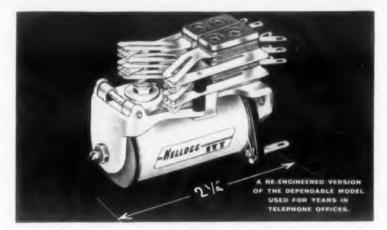


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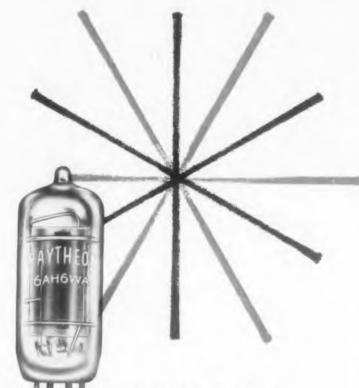
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### BEHIND THE NEWS

# Simple Electronic Circuit Simulates Living Nerve Cell

EXPERIMENTAL electronic circuits are being used to simulate functions of the biological nerve cell, or neuron, on basic research on signal interpretation by the brain. Groups of circuits have been combined into networks that are roughly analogous to the nerve systems of the eye and ear. Scientists at Bell Telephone Laboratories hope to improve methods of communication from results and knowledge gained from these experiments.

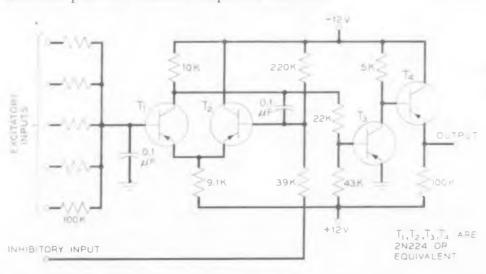
The neuron circuit, consisting of four transistors plus associated components, is mounted on a 3" x 4" printed circuit card with plug-in facilities for ease in circuit grouping. Since inputs and outputs are compatible, the cells can be assembled into chains and assemblies.

Designed by R. M. Wolfe, the circuit fires electrical pulses of standard amplitude and dura-

tion, similar to the action of a biological cell. If the circuit is driven by a constant stimulus, simulating receptor cells as in the eye or ear, trains of pulses are emitted. A higher intensitiy of excitation increases the frequency of pulsing; when the neuron is excited continuously, the frequency of pulses can be made to decrease with time, exhibiting accommodation like a living nerve cell.

Input excitation must, as in a biological cell, surpass a threshold value, and the cell will integrate two or more input pulses below threshold value to cause firing. A particular input connection can also, while energized, inhibit firing of the neuron by other inputs. Similarly, immediately after firing, the electronic neuron's threshold rises to infinity and for a few milliseconds no input signal can fire the neuron again.

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**Schematic** of electronic nerve cell (left).

A network of electronic nerve cells (right) is assembled by L. D. Harmon, who initiated the project at Bell Telephone Laboratories.



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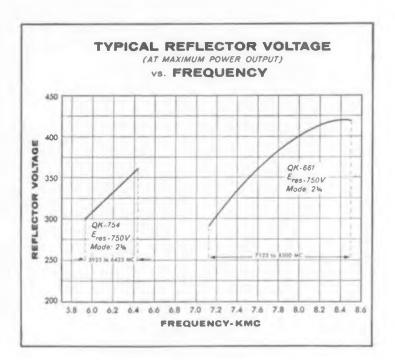
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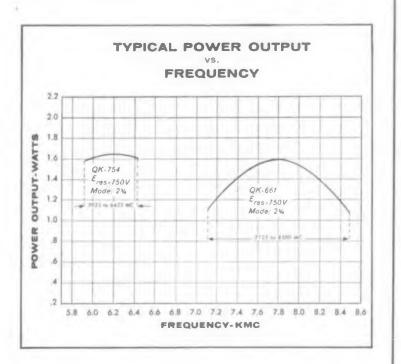
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Electronic neurons can be combined with photo-resistive cells to simulate simple functions of nerves in the retina. Some receptors, known as "on" receptors, fire only when the light intensity they receive is increasing; "off" receptors fire only when the light is decreasing; and "during" receptors fire while they receive a steady light. Flicker-fusion phenomena have also been produced. In the human eye, these can cause a sequency of flashes to be seen as continuous illumination; this property of vision is exploited in motion pictures and

The mutual inhibition of cells in an array has been demonstrated experimentally. Some animals have been observed to possess this arrangement, in which a cell receiving a greater light intensity inhibits the firing of nearby cells that receive less light. This results in local sharpening of image boundary detail.

L. D. Harmon, who initiated the project, has combined the cells into groups that simulate simple functions of the eye, and similar experiments with ear models are being started by W. A. Van Bergeijk.

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#### Wind Computer

To overcome the effects of nearsurface winds on missile accuracy, a compact computer, using Perkin-Elmer Corp. adjustable nonlinear function generators, has been developed by the U. S. Army Signal Research and Development Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Due to the relatively low velocity of a missile immediately after firing, near-surface winds have a considerable effect upon its trajectory. To insure that the missile hits a predicted impact point, low altitude winds must be determined accurately. Pilot balloon runs are made shortly before a firing to measure these winds, and to provide data from which their effect can be rapidly computed.



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**Tape from computer** contains an answer to a specific air conditioning problem.

### Computer to Determine Cooling Needs of Home

How large an air conditioning unit is required for a seven-room ranch house, facing northwest, and shaded by a grove of oak trees? An electronic analog computer developed by engineers of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation can analyze the facts about this and other dwellings and, in 24 seconds, come up with the answers to its cooling needs.

Known as "Warac" to signify "Westinghouse Analog Recording Air Conditioning Computer," the unit is designed to consider systematically over 50 factors which influence the indoor temperature of a house; information related to these factors is programmed into the machine.

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#### BEHIND THE NEWS



Western Electric engineer measures thickness of synthetic quartz crystals grown in pilot plant at rate better than 60 thousandths of an inch daily.

#### Large Synthetic Quartz Crystals Produced in WE Pilot Plant

Pilot plant production of large synthetic quartz crystals for telephone communications purposes has proved so successful that its innovators. Western Electric and Bell Telephone Labs, now compare it in importance with production of synthetic rubber, nylon and rayon.

The Bell System, which uses large quantities of quartz for filters, oscillators and frequency standards, first felt the natural supply shortage in World War II, when it had to use other piezo-electric materials as substitutes in sonar and communication devices. Natural quartz crystals, largely mined by free-lance operators in Brazil, are no more abundant today, and Bell turned to engineering to supplement or substitute for nature.

Bell Labs scaled up its hydrothermal process to the pilot plant stage, and ultra-modern production facilities were set up at Western Electric's Merrimack Valley Works in North Andover, Mass.

Quartz crystals five to six inches long and two to three inches in each cross-section dimension now are being grown. Economical growth rate "considerably in excess of 60 thousandths of an inch per day," was reported.

#### **Advantages of Synthetic Quartz**

In addition to its availability in quantity and

size, synthetic quartz offers these advantages over natural quartz:

• Seeds can be cut so as to grow crystals which can be sawed in the most efficient manner.

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It has none of the foreign inclusions of natural quartz.

• It can be produced without optical or electrical twinning.

The greater yield resulting from these factors was estimated at two-and-a-half times that of natural quartz.

#### **Crystal Growth Process**

In the hydrothermal process, the nutrient (now small pieces of natural quartz, eventually high quality sand) is placed in the bottom of an autoclave filled with sodium hydroxide. Seed plates cut from either natural or synthetic quartz crystals are hung from a rack in the upper section of the vertically mounted autoclave, which is then sealed. The high-pressure autoclave is maintained under a constant temperature differential from top to bottom for the requisite processing time—from a week to several weeks, depending on the experiment.

The process depends on maintenance of the temperature differential between the nutrient area and the seed plate area. The nutrient dissolves in the hotter lower region and is carried by convection currents to the upper region. The lower temperature here leads to a supersaturated condition in the nutrient solution, which causes the dissolved quartz to redeposit onto the seed plates in single crystal form.

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### Can Satellite Broadcast After Its Batteries Have Gone Dead?

The possibility of a radio station which would continue to broadcast after losing its electrical power source is being explored at Michigan State University by Dr. Wells and Dr. Leitner under a grant from the U. S. Army Ordnance Research Office.

If an antenna were broadcasting on exactly the right frequency for its size, Drs. Wells and Leitner believe it would continue to broadcast after losing its power source.

"To use a poor analogy," Dr. Wells explained,
"It would be remotely similar to a pendulum continuing to swing for a short time after the force
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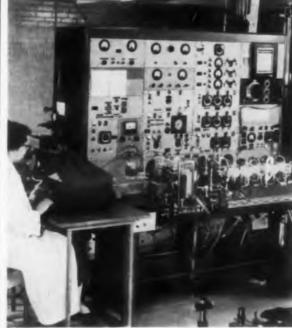
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#### BEHIND THE NEWS





### **Transistor**

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THREE times faster than manual methods, a series of machines, two of which are completely automated and account for 33 operations, can produce 450 transistors an hour. The F.A.T. line (fast automation transfer), developed at Philco's Lansdale Tube Company Division, is capable of etching and plating the germanium blank of a transistor to precise measurements, as thin as 0.0017 in. It forms and attaches fine wires to the electrodes and chemically cleans washes and dries the assembly. It checks itself through control points that feed back corrective information to previous operations. With manual assistance it vacuum dries and bakes the assembly and pressure welds the tops.

With the F.A.T. line, 18 workers can assemble and test about 1,000,000 transistors a year. This rate is several times faster than present methods of transistor production using the same labor. Types of transistors initially being produced by automation methods are high and middle

frequency varieties for use in portable radios, automobile radios, phonographs, eventually in television receivers. Transistorized portable television sets manufactured at reasonable cost are envisioned in the near future.

#### **Carrier Concept**

The key problem in the automation of transistor production was the ability to transfer transistors with precision from operation to operation across the assembly line shown in three photographs above. In answer to this problem, the carrier concept evolved. The carrier is a stainless steel block fitted with a gripjaw which positions the transistor's germanium blank for various operations with precision as the assembly proceeds via an automatic transfer conveyor through the machines.

The first photograph shows a hooded instrument where germanium blanks are soldered to a tab on the carrier. The carrier is then placed on a conveyor belt



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### **Automation**

and moves to the auto etch-plate mechanism. Here the emitter and collector are etched and plated. The second photograph shows the shuffleboard machine where the whiskers are attached to the emitter and collector. The final photograph shows the dust shield where both whiskers are welded to respective stem levels. The operator to the extreme right cold welds the top case to the stem and the completed transistor then goes to final testing.

#### **Reduction In Cost**

Price reduction is an important result of these automation techniques. As an example, one type of MADT, 2N999, in quantities of 100 and more is now priced at \$3.50, whereas transistors of this type in the same quantity were formerly priced at \$5.50. Significant price reductions are also effective on most alloy junction types. This will also affect the prices of many electro-chemical types of transistors.



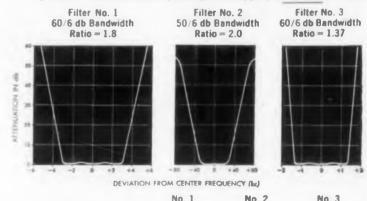
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#### BEHIND THE NEWS

### Mechanization of Drafting Heralds A "Revolution"

Mechanization of drafting to the extent that it is diagrammatic, noncreative and conventionalized, according to engineering theorists, would be the ultimate stage in design efficiency—a stage presumed beyond this decade. But now the Intertype Co. and General Electric have combined their talents to come up with a system that permits mechanical drafting of elementary diagrams.

The development is timely. For in today's complex technology of multimillion parts, components and circuits requiring multimillion drawings to be delineated, handled and filed, it is estimated that drafting and design costs represent 70 per cent of the average engineering budget.

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Already a number of photographic methods for reducing and recovering filed drawings, plus use of templates, lettering devices and so-called drafting machines, have helped improve efficiency. But until now, the advances in the field have not greatly reduced the draftsman's drudgery.

Along with these advances there has developed a trend away from the beautiful drawing with over-detailed and projected views, toward the simplified freehand drawing—a trend from art to communication. Where employed, this "functional" drafting has saved from 30 to 50 per cent of the time ordinarily spent on "text-book" drafting, though it has done little to reduce the size of diagrams for easier reference, or to permit their wider distribution

#### The Next Step

But now the engineering fraternity is going a step further. Despite a few murmurs of protest based on the old bugaboo of "technocracy," the old fear of machines displacing men, industry is beginning to move into that ultimate stage of drafting and design efficiency.

Application to drafting of Intertype's 22-yearold concept of photographic composition has made possible and practical the mechanical ruling of lines, drawing of symbols and lettering of identifications, specifications and instructions. According to those now using the method, a real "revolution" in drafting techniques looms for many industries, not the least of them electronics.

For cost-conscious electronics executives, the recent Harris-Intertype Corp. seminar at which the machine and the method were demonstrated proved to be an eye opener. They saw a man with one week's experience on the modified Intertype perform in two hours a drafting job that

ok 12 hours by hand. While the \$31,500 cost Fintertype's Fotosetter seemed to rule it out for 11 but heavy-volume production, the \$560 onthly rental was judged close to the monthly llary of just one draftsman skilled enough to such a job in 12 hours.

Conceived in 1936 and produced in 1949, the stertype Fotosetter is much like an ordinary pe-setting machine except that its matrices ontain a film negative instead of hollow molds or hot lead type.

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For ordinary printing, the film negative has he image of a letter of the alphabet. But for trafting with the system developed in the past wo years by General Electric's industry control lepartment at Roanoke, Va., the film negative arries the image of a line or of a symbol for a piece of equipment, such as resistor, transistor or coil.

When put together by the machine, the images provide a photograph of a complete electrical circuit design or any other elementary diagram, translated from the engineer's freehand chicken scratches" to a uniform, legible drawing with easily handled 8-1/2 x 11 in. dimensions.

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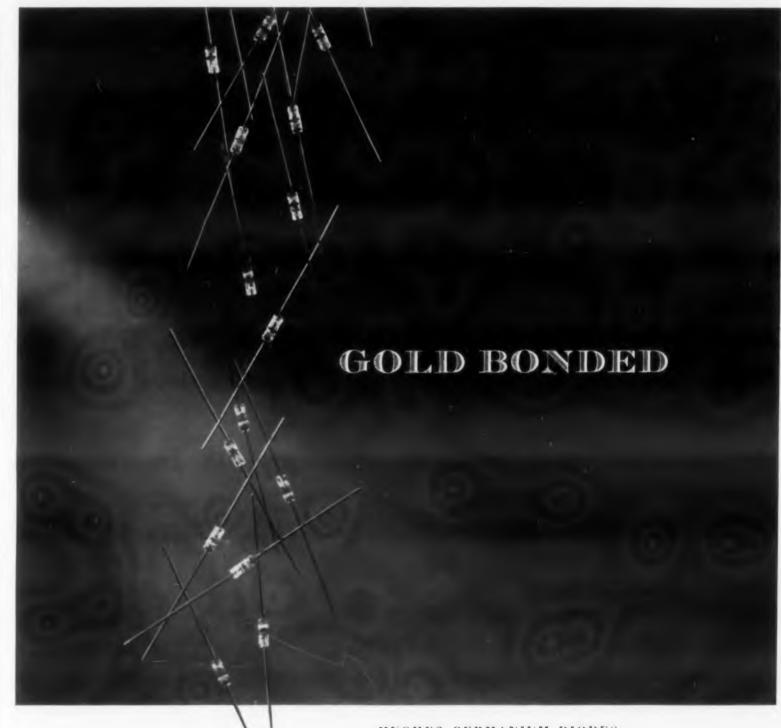
No hand drafting is involved; the operator types out the diagram by pressing keys for any of the 228 available symbols designed by GE. The symbols are photographed at 480-per-min. rate. A film positive is made with all symbols and lines, another positive is made in a separate operation for textual data, and the two are overlaid and registered for making contact prints in any required quantity.

The resulting diagrams, one-fourth the size of hand drawings, are "sharper, more readable, more easily handled, less costly and are found to be highly acceptable to our customers," according to GE, now using two Fotosetters. Besides electrical diagramming, applications include electronic circuits, piping layouts, flow charts, and construction and architectural drawings.

The Fotosetter can be bought or rented from the Intertype Co. of Brooklyn, division of the Harris-Intertype Corp. Magazines of film mattices can be devised, in consultation with GE experts, to suit individual needs of firms.

#### Unveiled at Copyrama

At the recent Copyrama business show in Vashington, meanwhile, a solution to the problem of copying engineering drawings quickly, ccurately and inexpensively was offered. Equipment brought together in one system for that surpose included a microfilm camera, tabulating ards (each diecut to hold a single frame of lim), and a xerographic device called a XeroX



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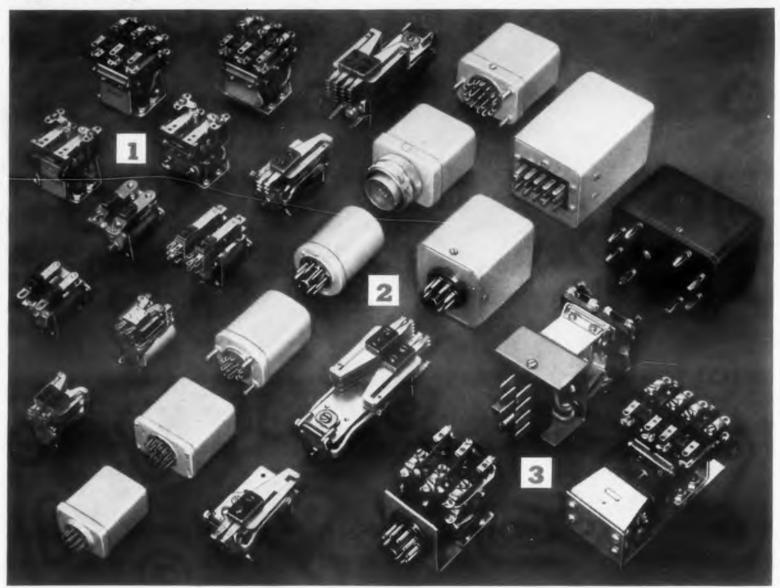
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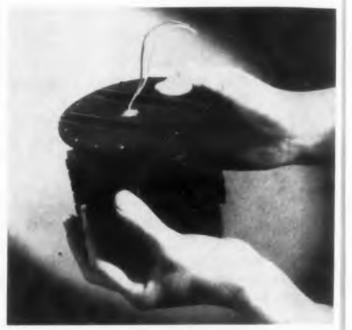
Copyflo 24 (trade mark) continuous printer that automatically spews out printed material at a rate of 20 feet a minute.

Enlarging microfilm back into workable prints on a high volume basis has proved costly, and Xerography is being hailed as the solution. It is a near-instantaneous copying process that reproduces from microfilm onto plain, unsensitized paper. It turns out dry, inexpensive prints up to 24 inches wide.

#### **New Filmsort Machines**

The Filmsort Co. of Pearl River, N.Y., division of Miehle-Goss-Dexter, Inc., meanwhile announced that six new machines to be used with microfilmed engineering drawings in Filmsort aperture cards are being released early this year.

They will include two small engineering readers, two larger-sized engineering readers, a manually operated card-to-card diazo UNIprinter, and a raised semiautomatic optical mounter. In addition, a completely redesigned automatic card-to-card diazo UNIprinter is scheduled for release later this year.



#### From -1 to 6% Efficiency

Among new thermoelectric generators developed by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing is this five-watt air-cooled unit for use with an isotope heat source, operating at six per cent efficiency. (See ED Nov. 12, 1958, p 10 for other recent developments.) The 3N generators use heat applied to semiconducting materials. In addition to this air-cooled unit, 3M is designing others for cooling with water or by radiation. New units, which conceivably could range from 1/2-watt to several thousand watts, wiil include some commercia applications.

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### Five-Star 6829's Help Guide Atlas ICBMs to Target 6,325 Miles Distant And into Earth-Circling Orbit!



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High reliability of General Electric's 6829 twin triode was a factor in the historic full-range test flight of Convair's U.S. Air Force Atlas missile November 28 the nose-cone dropping well within the target area.

Ground radio-command guidance for the range shot used 6829's both in computer sockets, and for generalpurpose triode functions such as vathode-follower, coincidence, pulsegenerator or amplifier, and gating.

In the Atlas satellite shot. Type 6829 was used for many groundbase sockets because of its dependability. DC and pulse life tests of hundreds of 6829's show 1.350,000 tube hours with no defectives.

With high perveance, mu, and transconductance, plus uniform, controlled cut-off, the 6829 is a military tube having wide usefulness. Ask any General Electric tube office on the next page for circuit applications!

### Six 7077 Ceramic Triodes Used in RF Stage of **Collins ARC-52 Military Communications System**

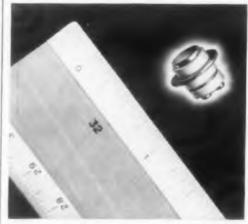
Low noise, high gain, exceptionally small size-these qualities of General Electric's 7077 were responsible for Collins Radio Company's choice of the tube for RF amplifier and mixer sockets in their new military airborne communications equipment.

Now in production. Collins' advanced system meets the needs of the newest, fastest planes because of its communications range, compact size, and ability to stand up in hard service. The tough metal-ceramic construction of Type 7077 contributes to the ARC-52's ruggedness.

#### New 5-Star 6688 Amplifier **Pentode Features** High G<sub>m</sub>-to-Cap. Ratio!

Developed for use in broad-band IF amplifiers. General Electric's new high-reliability 6688 has a transconductance of 180 micromhos per microfarad of tube capacitance  $(G_{\text{in}} \text{ over } 2 \circ \sqrt{C_{\text{in}} \times C_{\text{out}}})$ , or approximately twice that of Type 5651/ 6AK5. Double the gain bandwidth product of the 5654 may therefore be anticipated from the new tube.

Also the frame-grid design of the new 6688 makes possible a very high G<sub>m</sub>-to-cathode-current ratio. This helps produce an exceptionally lownoise grid-cathode structure. See next page for information on the performance of General Electric's 6688 when the tube is triode-connected!



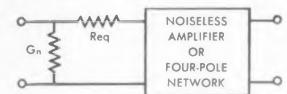
This actual-size picture of the G-E 7077 shows the triode's small dimensions only .14" long by .18" wide. Extreme compactness was one reason Collins specified Type 7077.

### New Parameters Help Pinpoint Tube RF Noise Characteristics!

Designer's Choice of Correct Type Made Easier by Curves That Show  $R_{\text{eq}}$  and  $G_{\text{n}}$  as Functions of Tube Operating Frequency!

The curves at right enable the circuit designer to analyze, in advance, the noise characteristics of a triode at different frequencies of operation. Type 6688, triode-connected, has been chosen for this example.

The equivalent parameters employed— $R_{\rm eq}$  and  $G_n$ —are based on recent work\* on the specification of tubes at high frequencies. The fundamental circuit is:



(Req is the equivalent series shotnoise resistance. Gn is the equivalent shunt noise conductance.)

The value  $R_{eq}$  already is familiar as the term for shot-noise resistance, and describes the relative amount of shot-noise voltage present in the tube,  $G_n$  is a comparatively new term.  $G_n$  may be assumed to be equal to five times transit-time conductance, a familiar value.

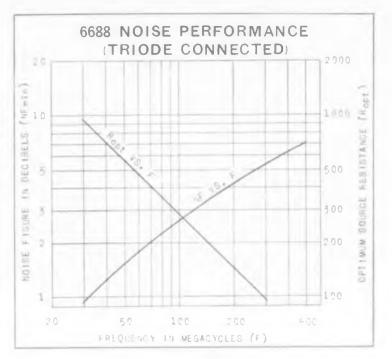
 $R_{\rm eq}$  is essentially constant over a tube's useful frequency range, while  $G_0$  varies directly with frequency squared. In the light of these facts, simple equations can be written for minimum noise figure and optimum source resistance:

$$NF_{min} = 1 + 2 \frac{fx}{fx} \sqrt{R_{eq} G_n}$$
  $R_{opt} = \frac{fo}{fx} \sqrt{\frac{R_{eq}}{G_n}}$ 

where fx is frequency at which noise figure and optimum source resistance are desired, and fo is frequency at which the value of  $\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{n}}$  has been measured.

At lower right are values of R<sub>eq</sub> and G<sub>to</sub> as measured on commercially available samples, for most of the popular high-frequency tube types. From these values, the noise characteristics of any type listed can easily be determined and charted. Ask any General Electric receiving-tube office listed below for additional facts!

\* Rothe, H., and Dahlke, W., "Theory of Noisy Fourpoles", PROCEEDINGS OF THE I.R.E., Vol. 44 (June, 1956) pp 811 818.



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#### MEASURED VALUES OF Req AND Gn

Tube type R <sub>eq</sub> (ohms)			Gn at 90 mc (micromhos)	
	Military	and	Industrial:	
6201		600		320
6688		120		1160
7077		350		140
	Ente	rtain	ment:	
6AM4		260		600
6AN4		250		550
6BC4		260		540
6BC8		600		320
6BK7-A		240		520
6BN4		420		390
6BQ7-A		435		290
6BZ7		490		350
6CE5		650	20	1200
2CY5		525		640
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NOTE: pentodes are connected as triodes.

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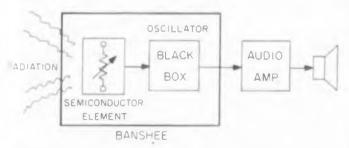
The brain of the Banshee is about the size of a pencil eraser. It can be made sensitive to as little as 100 milliroentgens of radiation per hour. At this radiation concentration the Banshee produces a popping sound. At a radiation density of 1 roentgen per hour and beyond, the unit causes a continuous high-pitched wail. Because of patent considerations, officials of Tracelab are tight-lipped about publicly disclosing additional technical information.

They hint, however, that the active element of the Banshee is a semiconductor which changes its resistance with radiation. Changes in the resistance produce an oscillation as shown in the block diagram.

For use in audio sets having tubes, the Banshee can be packaged in a tube adapter. The tube is removed, the adapter plugged in, and then the tube placed into the adapter. How the Banshee would be packaged for transistor sets is still under consideration. The unit draws no current in the standby condition.

When used with auto or portable home radios, the unit can act as a pathfinder to lead survivors out of a radiation area. By travelling in the direction which causes the pitch of the wail from the radio to fall, a person can escape from the danger zone.

Banshees also existed in Scottish and Irish folklore; they were female spirits that wailed outside a house as a warning that a death would occur shortly in the family—in case you didn't know.



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#### BEHIND THE NEWS

### Instrumented Test Ship Joins Polaris Program

Polaris, heralded as the "ultimate" weapon, is a missile with intermediate range designed for intercontinental warfare, for its launching pad—a submerged submarine—could roam the world's coastlines, bringing targets near. But Polaris' worth will depend not only on the missile's ability to follow its ordered path; its effectiveness will be in direct ratio to the sub's ability to pinpoint its exact position at launch. And that problem, the Navy believes, has been solved by electronics.

Commissioning of the 17,600-ton U.S.S. Observation Island at Norfolk, Va., on Dec. 5 gave the Navy and its seven main Polaris contractors a highly instrumented flight test base. This base may justify the Navy's confidence in its navigational aids, and insure launch readiness for the fleet ballistic missile program by its 1960 target date.

#### First to Fire Polaris

The solid-fueled, 1500-mile Polaris will be fired from nuclear-powered subs being built by General Dynamics' Electric Boat Division. The Observation Island, operating out of Cape Carnaveral, will be the first ship to test-fire the assembled IRBM.

The Observation Island also will serve as a meeting place and consulting center for engineers from across the country. They will come from Lockheed's test facility at the Cape; from Sperry Gyroscope's Great Neck, N.Y., plant supplying navigation equipment; from GE's Pittsfield, Mass., plant developing guidance and fire control components; from Westinghouse's Sunnyvale, Calif., plant now building launch equipment; from Aerojet-General's Sacramento, Calif., plant where rocket engines are being developed, and from North American Aviation's framemaking plants.

Data obtained from Polaris test shots will be sent to the Sunnyvale headquarters of Lockheed, the prime contractor, for reduction and analysis, then will be discussed with missile specialists of the Special Projects Office, Navy Bureau of Ordnance.

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■ Ship's Inertial Navigation System (SINS), jam-proof, extremely accurate, entirely self contained, will determine the vessel's exact position, true heading, ground speed, pitch and roll. This arrangement of high-precision gyroscopes, accelerometers and integrators will permit extended underwater navigation without dependence on such external references as radio, radar or celestial fixes.

 Navigational Data Assimilation Center (NAVDAC) will work in conjunction with SINS. Absorbing information from occasional references to sonar mapping, celestial fixes and dead reckoning, it will use digital computer techniques to collate, analyze, decode, and automatically feed the data back into the system.

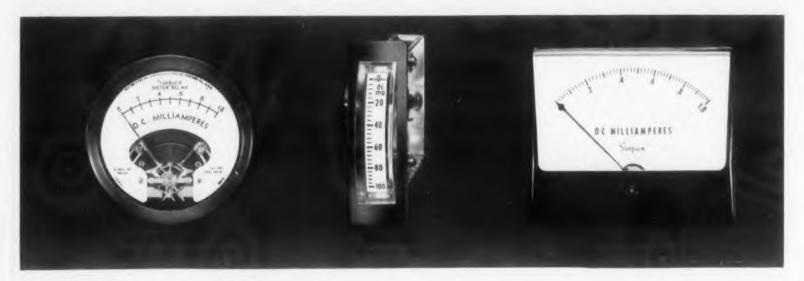
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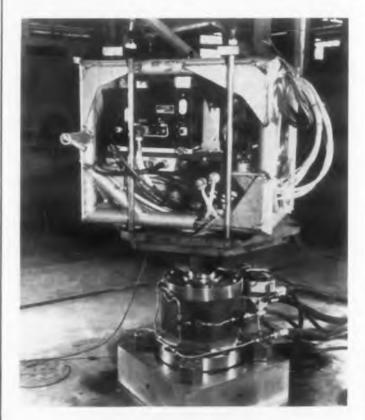
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align the missile's guidance system with the target.

#### Firing the Polaris

GE's contribution will be its Fire Control System, a battery of analog and digital computers which takes data from SINS, combines it with precalculated target position data, and feeds the result into the missile's guidance system. As the vessel rolls, pitches or changes direction prior to missile launch, the Fire Control System makes constant corrections of the guidance intelligence.

The GE system, which also provides data for monitoring and countdown procedures, will be installed in two dozen enclosures and consoles at various command points aboard the Observation Island. Transistorized plug-in type printed wiring boards facilitate equipment miniaturization, assembly, maintenance, reliability, and high-speed performance.



#### Super-Shaker for Super-Planes

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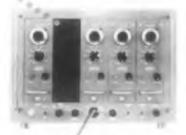
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PULSE TIME MODULATION: Sensitivity, 2 volts RMS per microsecond

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RISE AND DECAY TIME 0 1 microsecond



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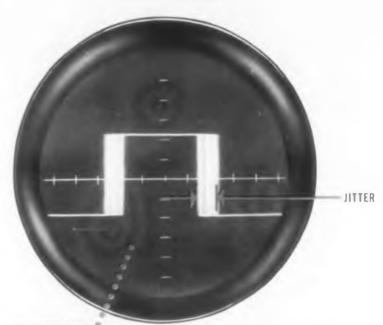
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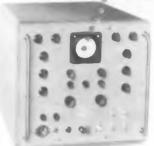
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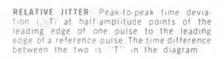
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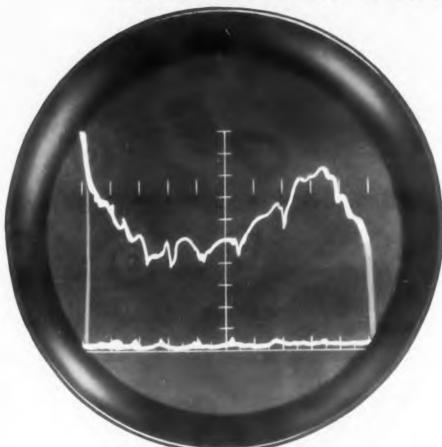
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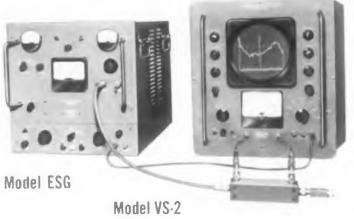
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#### NEWS BRIEFS ...

• • RAPID GROUND TESTING of civil or military air navigation equipment while it remains undisturbed in an aircraft, is now possible with a 20 lb portable test set in production at ITT Federal Division of International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. The equipment, designated as Type NUS 3156, checks the operation of both the distance and the direction measuring equipment of the military's TACAN (Tactical Air Navigation) system and the distance-measuring equipment of the VORTAC civil air navigation system.

The system operates by transmitting to an aircraft on the ground, or on the deck of an aircraft carrier, directional signals simulating those of a TACAN ground beacon plus distance-measuring signals simulating those of TACAN and VORTAC ground beacon signals, the latter two signals being identical.

• • USERS OF PRINTED CIRCUITS are now eligible for membership in the Institute of Printed Circuits. The IPC, which has recently published a book entitled "How to Design and Specify Printed Circuits" is a national trade association. The objectives of this association are to accelerate the growth of the industry through the development of standards, through activities which will advance the technology, and through promotion of the attributes of printed circuits. Dues for Allied Membership is \$500 per year. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Institute of Printed Circuits, 27 East Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.

#### • • • DU MONT'S NEW RUGGEDIZED CC-

TV camera, interchangeably using transistor or subminiature tube preamplifiers, can withstand acoustic noise over 175 decibels, vibration and shock of more than 0.06 in. displacement at 5-33 cycles and 20 g in 3 axes, and even a nearby explosion without losing high picture quality. It's considered ideal for monitoring at jet or rocket test stands.

• • MEMBERS of the Dry Battery Section of the NEMA, meeting in New York City, were pleased to learn that their products are rated among the most reliable sources of power by the military. More glamorized sources, such as solar energy, are limited because of comparative brief periods in which sunlight is obtained; nuclear energy, on the other hand, is always available but presents radioactive shielding problems. Batteries, as compared to the newer sources, are cheaper, produce more power per unit weight and volume, and can supply peak pulses of power more effectively.

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# TANTALUM Started At Fansteel....

The TENS OF MILLIONS of tantalum capacitors put into service since 1949 pay tribute to the man who made tantalum possible.

The late Dr. Clarence W. Balke, Fansteel's Director of Research, produced in 1922 the first tantalum "ingot" ductile and malleable enough to be rolled into sheet or drawn into wire.

Dr. Balke, with his research group, then began to look closer at the unique properties of tantalum, to discover new uses. One of his experiments with current flow between tantalum plates immersed in an electrolyte resulted in the development of the tantalum-lead (Balkite) rectifier. In his laboratory log entry dated December 1, 1922, Dr. Balke wrote: "... In addition to functioning directly as a rectifier... apparatus built along similar principles may be used for electrolytic condensers..."

Thus emerged the first tantalum capacitors and Fansteel had them on the market by 1930—principally, in telephone service. One model used electrodes of crimped tantalum sheet in a cell about the size of a pint fruit jar, providing 800 mfd. at 24 volts. Another used coiled electrodes welded to tantalum rods. The tantalum capacitor did a good job in those days, but it was unwieldy and expensive. Fansteel scientists later developed a way to eliminate expensive sheet metal and still retain large capacity characteristics, stability, and extremely long life of the tantalum capacitor.

Porous tantalum electrodes, made from powder, compacted around tantalum wires, resulted in an anode which exposed a great amount of surface to the electrolyte. This type capacitor first operated as a railway signal surge arrester. Single high-peak voltage surges, caused by lightning, momentarily break down the tantalum oxide film, but as soon as



DR. CLARENCE W. BALKE holds a replica of his first tantalum ingot. This was the basic discovery that made tantalum capacitors possible. For his pioneer work in tantalum he received many awards, among them, the Perkin Medal.

the surge voltage disappears, the oxide film heals and re-forms immediately.

#### ENTER THE TRANSISTOR

Shortly after World War II the Bell Telephone Laboratories introduced the transistor which started the age of miniaturization in electronic components. In 1949 we were asked to produce a Tantalum Capacitor of 4 mfd., 60 wvdc to occupy a space of less than one-tenth cubic inch and with a life expectancy of 30 years. Commercial production began that same year.

The result of this development was the Fansteel "PP" Type Tantalum Capacitor now made in a wide range of sizes and ratings. As this is written, more than twelve million capacitors of this type have been put into service.

Along with this major development, Fansteel metallurgists created the first tantalum made especially for capacitor use—Fansteel Capacitor Grade Tantalum.

Using Fansteel Capacitor Grade Tantalum in your capacitors is taking full advantage of Fansteel's experience. It's your assurance of only the finest tantalum made expressly for capacitors—a premium tantalum by the world's foremost producer. Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation, Rectifier-Capacitor Division, North Chicago, Illinois.





The FBU-IP Crusader recently set new coast to coast speed record. CAI camera control system with Edison Time Delay Relay was used to automatically provide sharp, clear aerial photographs of the entire flight.

### HERE'S WHAT A CUSTOMER SAYS ABOUT EDISON TIME DELAY RELAY...

"The CAX-12 servo power unit is a very vital part of the intricate 'brain' of the automatic camera control system, and naturally, we must have absolute reliability in all components. Therefore, as you know, we have relied on Edison Thermal Time Delay Relays since the original design of this CAX-12 and similar units. Since space for this type of equipment is at a premium, the compact size was a most important factor in original selection, but our units must also withstand severe environmental testing, involving vibration, moisture, shock, pressure fluctuation and extremes of temperature. Needless to say, the Edison Relay met all of these exacting requirements in our laboratories, and we've been specifying Edison ever since!" (The above letter was received from

Chicago Aerial Industries)

### EDISON

# Time Delay Relay assures sharp, clear aerial photos... automatically



Edison's Thermal Time Delay Relay being inserted in the CAX-12 servo power unit.

Chicago Aerial Industries has developed a camera control system that allows one jet pilot to do the job of ten expert aerial photographers . . . automatically.

Heart of this new unit is the CAX-12 servo power unit. It accurately synchronizes film speed with speed of the jet — changes lens openings in response to electronic signals — regulates shutter speed and controls driving motor on cameras.

Because this power unit is vital to the camera control system component reliability is a must. That's why CAI relies on

Edison Thermal Time Relays exclusively for CAX-12.

Edison's line of miniature time delay relays are available for a wide range of electronic applications. They are light, small, rugged and offer these advantages:

- Designed to withstand vibration frequencies to 500 CPS
- Exceptionally high rate of contact closure
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- Extremely rigid mechanical structure using high-strength, high-expansion alloys.

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#### BEHIND THE NEWS

#### ASCOP Claims Major Data Handling Breakthrough

By applying the techniques of generalized harmonic analysis and information theory to the telemetering art, the Applied Science Corp. of Princeton has scored what it considers to be "a major breakthrough in data handling."

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ASCOP is delivering telemetering equipment designed to improve handling of data on missile and aircraft performance by statistically analyzing the information and extracting its significant content for transmission to the ground, recording and analysis.

Principal advantages claumed are conservation of telemetering bandwidth, reduction in weight-to-data ratio of airborne equipment, and a marked decrease in data reduction and processing time.

The development program was based on the fact that most high frequency data encountered in missiles and aircraft tests are of random nature. As such, they can be analyzed to give low frequency, slowly varying results, such as power frequency spectra, and correlations between various functions

First units of the statistical data handling line are three small, light, solid-state airborne devices for analyzing vibration-produced random data. Information content is in standard IRIG D.C. signal formand analyzed data can be transmitted by any standard telemetry system (PWM/FM, PAM/FM/FM etc.) with resulting bandwidth saving.

The devices save weight by reducing the required number of high-frequency, multi-transmitter installations in an airborne vehicle Data reach the ground in pre-analyzed, meaningful form, and in many cases no further computation or processing is needed.

The airborne devices are a spectrum analyzer for extracting the

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developed by ASCOP is a ground-based statistical unit, transfer function computer, to termine cause-and-effect relation-hip between an input and an out-lit signal.

### lignal Sequencing Via

Phase Multilock," Robertshawulton's new digital data transmision system designed to facilitate oint-to-point communication of nultichannel binary signals by adio, wire or teletype, is winning cognition as a significant advance ver the conventional frequencylift keying method.

Signal sequencing is dependent a phase position instead of freuency channeling, resulting in abstantial reduction of noise intertrence and of band-widths necesary for communication.

The intelligence-transmitting carer wave is phase shifted by a preetermined amount under control fa keying signal. For reception, he carrier wave is compared with reference wave, and only those representing the proper mounts of phase shift are used to perate the receiving equipment. Major feature of the system is the nethod employed to obtain the eference signal. It is derived dictly from the transmitted carrier we in any of its selected phase hift positions, and is accomplished rough multiplication of a portion I the incoming signal by a factor epresenting the number of permisible phase shift positions used in he Ignaling system. The resultant lign then is divided down by the ame factor to provide a phase table reference with which the inon ag signal may be compared.

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# WASHINGTON REPORT



**Ephraim Kahn** 

#### **Defense Electronic Spending Up**

Defense spending for electronics is slated to move up again in fiscal 1960—but just how much can't be told. The Defense Department has re-jiggered its budget classifications. Congress wanted the change so that it could better examine military spending.

Whether Defense has succeeded in making the Budget easier for Congress to analyze is open to question. It has certainly become more difficult to estimate with reasonable accuracy how much of the whole pie will go to the electronics industry. There are now six broad categories of defense spending for Budget purposes. Electronics will share in at least three: "Operation and Maintenance," "Procurement," and "Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation."

Though no figures for electronics procurement as such are given in the fiscal 1960 Budget (the old category of "electronic and communications equipment" has gone by the board), it is stated that there will be "a substantial increase" in programs using these devices. Much of the rise will go for equipment to detect enemy aircraft and missiles and to guide air defense weapons to their targets. Accelerated buying for the ballistic missile early warning system (BMEWS) will continue. The SAGE and BMEWS air defense systems alone will take one-third of fiscal 1960 electronics and communications procurement funds.

Congress is being asked to give the military \$45.8 billion for fiscal 1960–59.5 percent of total Budget expenditures. New obligational authority for electronics and communications procurement, the Defense Department says, will come to about \$1.451 billion in fiscal 1960, up \$210 million from the \$1.241 billion of 1959, and more than double the \$696 million allowed in fiscal 1958. New obligational authority is not necessarily related to current contracting, since the funds can be spread over several years.

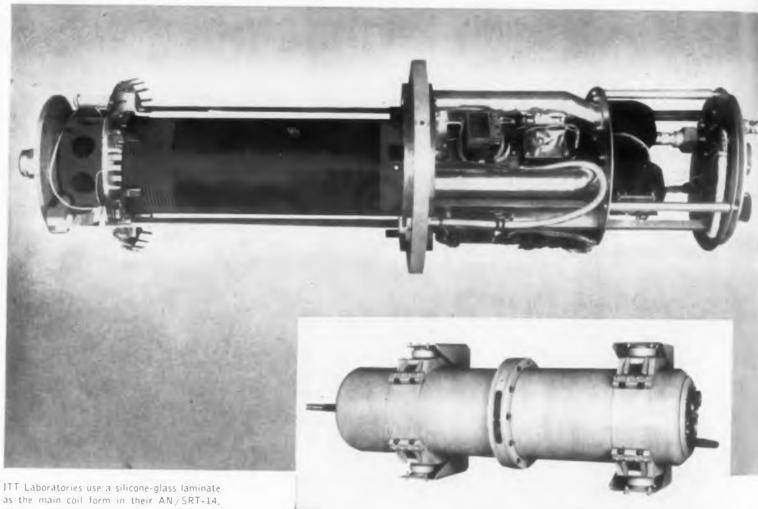
By Services, the breakdown, in the millions, is:

FY	Army	Navy	Air Force
1960	\$203	308	940
1959	257	181	803
1958	N.A.	144	552

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### SILICONE-GLASS LAMINATES

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#### TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF SILICONE GLASS-LAMINATES

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at 25C	24,000
at 260C after 100 hr at 260C	4 600
Water Absorption, percent	0.05
Electrical Strength, volts mil	
initial	310
after 200 hr at 260C	327
after 5000 hr at 2600	180
Dielectric Constant at 10° cycles	
Condition A <sup>1</sup>	3.67
Condition D2	3.68
Dissipation Factor at 106 cycles	
Condition A <sup>1</sup>	.002
Condition D2	.004

As measured on samples 1 8 inch thick.
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Laminates made with glass or asbestos cloth and Dow Corning silicone resins make excellent dielectric materials. These strong, lightweight laminates maintain their properties at continuous operating temperatures of 250 C . . . for short periods will withstand greater heat. Silicone-glass laminates have good mechanical strength in addition to low loss factor, low water absorption, superior resistance to arcing, corona, corrosive atmospheres and contaminants. They can be laminated in very thin sections; have fine machinability. Supplied as tubes, sheets, punched or molded shapes by leading laminators. Write for free booklet.



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Wiring panel for Convair B-58 Hustler.

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Spending for electronic and related equipment is estimated by the Department as follows:

FY	DoD	Army	Navy	Air Force
1960	\$1,570	\$251	\$233	\$573
1959	735	215	175	346
1958*	877	198	143	537

Note, however, that these figures do not include the electronic equipment that is an integral part of other weapons—radar in tanks, electronics in missiles, for example. Total spending for electronic gear will be far higher than the figures above would indicate—forecasts have pegged the figure to be 4 to 5 billion.

#### Missile Expenditures as Barometer

Place of missiles and aircraft in military plans can readily be inferred from Budget figures. The Army will reach a strength of four missile commands and three heavy field artillery missile groups by June 30, 1959; no expansion is scheduled for fiscal 1960. But there will be an increase from 71 to 73-1/4 in the number of anti-aircraft guided missile battalions during fiscal 1960.

Air Force will boost its power by converting all of its heavy bomber wings to 45 B-52's per wing by June 30, and a portion of a twelfth wing will be operational by the end of fiscal 1960. Concurrently, the first supersonic B-58's will go into service and B-52's will be armed with the Hound Dog air-to-surface missile. The Atlas ICBM (cost: \$35 million each, on the firing line) will become operational in fiscal 1959, too.

A total of 1,610 aircraft will be bought in fiscal 1960. The Air Force will buy 703; the Navy, 668; and the Army, 239. AF will stress B-52's and KC-135 jet tankers. It will buy no interceptors and fewer fighter-bombers, "reflecting the increased reliance on missiles." Navy will step up purchases of fighters, but cut back on new attack aircraft. Army will place stress on turbo-prop observation aircraft and reduce helicopter purchases. Spending on the supersonic intercontinental B-70 (thought by some to be the "bombers that cost their weight in gold" referred to by President Eisenhower in his State of the Union Message) will be increased during fiscal 1960 and money will be poured into development of a new high-speed long-range interceptor system using the F-108. Both the B-70 and the F-108 are expected to fly at speeds up to three times the speed of sound.

Funds for the Atlas and Polaris missiles will be boosted. A 50 percent funds hike is slated to go to the Titan ICBM, while funds for the Minuteman ICBM will move up to 40 percent. "Presently planned programs" for the Thor and

<sup>-</sup> Actual



### HOT . . . but still in service!

We don't see many hot-skillet applications for sealed relays these days. But, if there were, General Electric miniaturized sealed relays could do the job—even in scorching bacon grease!

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able for dry-circuit jobs. Special manufacturing processes—plus a monitored run-in of each relay—provide reliable service in low-level circuitry.

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the Jupiter IRBM's will be completed, and money is allocated for the Bomarc, Nike-Hercules, and Hawk. The Redstone is being phased out in favor of the Pershing, and development of the Regulus II "is being terminated as emphasis shifts to the development of the submarine-based" Polaris.

Object of the shifts in missiles programs, including phase-outs, is to spend less on missiles yet to have more of them ready to go if military operations should become necessary.

#### SBA Certificates of Competency To Rule

SBA certificates of competency are final, according to the Comptroller General. For the second time in recent months, the Comptroller General has told the Pentagon that in disputes involving the competency of small firm low bidders, the certificate of competency issued by the Small Business Administration must be regarded as conclusive.

Expect the plight of small business to be aired extensively in the 86th Congress. The House Small Business Committee is concerned about the small share of military research and development dollars that goes to small business—3.7 percent last year.

Weapons system contracting policy is the cause, the Committee feels, because now major companies control funds and subcontract as they see fit—often to other large companies.

There will also be pressure for more sealed bids and less negotiated contracts. This drive is intended to cut down on negotiated contracts made with a select few. There is not common agreement among small businessmen, who theoretically would stand to gain most by this practice, that sealed bids are best. Strategic Industries Association, for example, does not favor such a trend.

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#### Are Special Connectors Necessary?

In a sense, this might very well be considered the "era of the special connector." Manufacturers of connectors are often asked to make special units to meet unusual situations. Not all of these special connectors are justified. They often have to be ordered because of poor planning in the early design stages of a piece of electronic equipment.

The origin of this "era of special connectors" might be traced back to an attitude prevalent among some design engineers. They consider connectors as just a "piece of hardware," and therefore give the connector the least amount of design consideration.

Normally all other electronic components are carefully selected and tested in a circuit. When the circuit has been proved out, the packaging phase begins. At this point, late in the game, it is remembered that some "hardware" must connect the components and circuits. Sometimes a depressing discovery is made—there is very little room left to accommodate the desired connector in the package or on the rack.

A search through the catalogs often shows no connectors of the desired size with the required characteristics. Those available may be too big, or do not have enough contacts, or are disqualified by some other consideration. Consultation with the connector sales representatives confirms the nonexistence of the ideal connector.

At this juncture the design engineer has two alternatives: He can either redesign his equipment to include an existing connector of the proper characteristics (which might have been done in the beginning), or he can have a special piece of "hardware" built for his equipment. The latter course leads to the birth of another new and special connector.

Special connectors are headaches for everyone. They take time to engineer, produce and test. They usually cost more. And they mean the stock room has to find space for another special item.

All of this delay and extra cost could be avoided if connectors were viewed as an integral piece of electronic equipment. They are more than "hardware." They are, in fact, just as important as the other components in electronic equipment. For connectors are subjected to virtually all the environmental stresses that components must withstand.

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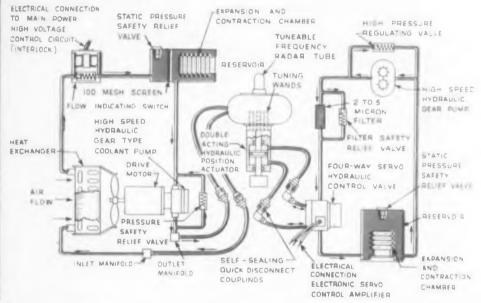
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### **Component Temperatures**

Predicting operating temperatures of components is a very difficult task. Many variables are involved. In this article, the author discusses techniques for reducing all the variables into a fairly accurate prediction of operating temperature.

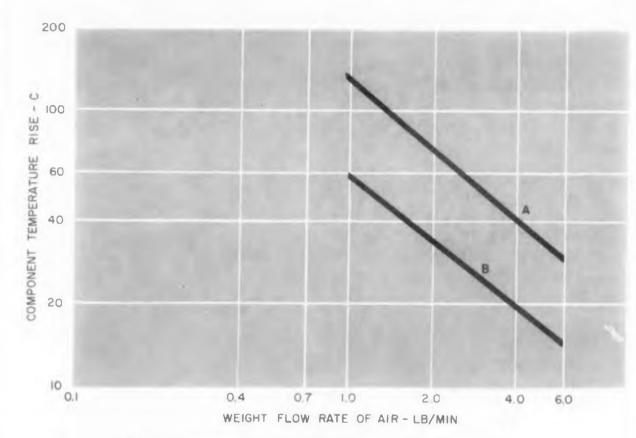


Fig. 1. Temperature rise plotted against weight flow rate of air.



#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

"I saw the need for a simple method of corelating cooling test results," states Larry Fried. And he speaks with authority in this field as a result of his extensive research on the solution of heat transfer problems. With General Electric, he handles mechanical design of airborne computer devices and communication equipment.

#### Table 1 — Typical Test Results

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Compo- nent	Flow Rate (Ib/min)	Inlet Air Temper- ature (C)	nent Surface Temp. (C)	Temper- ature Rise (C)
A	1.0	25	160	135
В	1.0	25	85	60
A	3.0	50	103	53
В	3.0	50	76	26
A	6.0	75	105	30
В	6.0	75	90	15

### in Forced-Air Cooled Equipment

NCREASING demands made upon electronic components by subminiaturization and high-speed flight make it imperative that we specify accurately the conditions under which the components operate. An operating condition of major importance is temperature—not just any temperature, but temperature at the critical points. For example, at the insulation inside a transformer or at the junction of a transistor.

#### **Temperature Specifications**

It is ordinarily impractical to measure the actual temperatures at critical locations. Because of this, operating temperatures are usually specified in one of two ways:

1. The first method of specification gives the maximum allowable temperature at a particular point on the outside of the component—for instance, the maximum envelope temperature on a vacuum tube. There is a consistent relationship between the temperature at the critical location and the temperature at the surface—therefore, specifying one temperature closely specifies the other.

2. The other method by which operating temperatures are specified for components is by the use of ambient temperatures. This concept may still be satisfactory for a generator in a large power station, but it is outmoded for electronic equipment. For one thing it starts with the temperature of the air an undefined distance from the component. Unfortunately, the air temperature in electronic equipment may vary rapidly in a short distance. But even more important is the cooling effect of the air, which may vary over a range of 100 to 1, or even more, depending upon the air flow conditions. Small wonder then, that a component will burn up in one equipment, but work fine in another equipment -in both cases being at the same ambient temperature! Where components are rated by surface temperature, however, we are always talking about the same thing.

#### **Applicability of Method**

The method of temperature prediction outlined here applies to the surface temperatures of components in forced air cooled electronic equipment. In such equipment, nearly all the

heat generated is removed by the flowing air. The rate of air supply is always given in terms of "pounds of air per minute" not "cubic feet per minute." The reason for this is that the cooling effect of the air is proportional to the weight flow and not the volume flow of the air. Another advantage is that prediction of temperatures is thereby made generally independent of temperature level and altitude.

#### **Extending Test Results**

Frequently, cooling data is needed for an electronic equipment long after the necessary tests have been completed. To get the data might mean setting up a complicated test arrangement again. Instead it is possible to obtain the required data merely by plotting the old data. Similarly, the number of flow rates and inlet temperatures used during a group of tests may be reduced to a minimum.

Suppose we have run tests at three air flow rates for two components with results as shown in Table 1. When we look at the component surface temperatures, they don't appear to make sense. For instance, component A gets cooler and then warmer as the inlet air temperature becomes hotter. But component B in the same equipment becomes just a little warmer after 50 C rise in inlet air temperature.

Does this mean our tests are worthless and have to be rerun? To find out, from each component temperature subtract the temperature of the air coming into the equipment. This gives the temperature rise of the component over that of the incoming air. Plot, on log-log paper, this temperature rise versus the weight flow rate of air. Repeat the procedure for the other weight flow rates. Draw a straight line between the corresponding points for each component. (Fig. 1.) The points for each component should lie on a straight line (only on log-log paper). All the points for components A and B do lie on their respective lines; therefore the test results may be assumed correct.

Since our test results are presented in such a simple form, it seems logical to assume that we can predict temperatures at unknown conditions. Here are two examples:

Example (1) Find the component tempera-

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tures at 0.7 lb/min airflow and at 50 C inlet air temperature.

Solution: From Fig. 1 or Table 1, the temperature rises for components A

perature rises for components A and B of the given airflow are 135 C and 60 C respectively. Therefore, the surface temperatures will be 50 + 135 = 185 C and 50 + 60 = 110 C respectively.

Example (2) Find the component temperatures when 4 lb/min at 70 C are blown through the equipment. From Fig. 1, the temperature rises of components A and B of the given airflow are 42 C and 21 C respectively. Therefore, the temperatures of the components will be 112 C and 91 C respectively. This solution is inde-

pendent of altitude.

Tests at two flow rates are the only requirement. To measure the air flow rate, any standard means may be employed, such as a plenum chamber. If it is suspected that some of the components transfer a major proportion of their heat by radiation, this may be checked by running a test at a third flow rate to see whether a straight line relationship is still present. Even with high radiant heat transfer a straight line will generally be found.

#### **Component Temperature Prediction**

Where possible, the method outlined in the preceding sections should be used to determine component temperatures. The obvious features are the accuracy, the ease of use and simple mathematical operations involved. However, there are occasions where it is desirable to predict temperatures before the equipment is built.

Consider the equipment as a special type of heat exchanger. The unique features of such heat exchangers are that the heat dissipated at one particular spot is not related to the heat dissipated at other locations and that the form factor or passage configuration is nonrepetitive. It is futile to not take this into consideration when evaluating electronic cooling.

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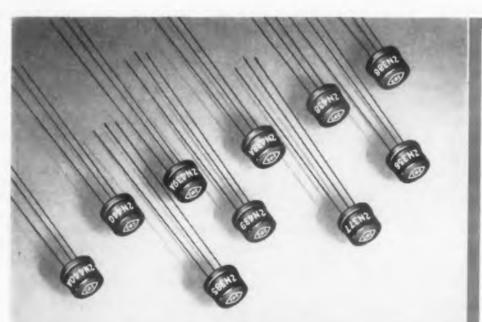
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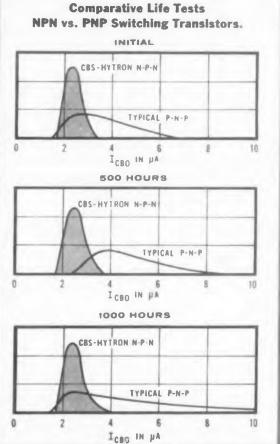


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2N388	25	150	30	200	8	Core Driver
2N438	30	100	20	50	4	Logic Circuit
2N438A	30	150	20	50	4	Logic Circuit
2N439	30	100	30	50	8	Logic Circuit
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Manufacturers of standard heat exchangers have made up charts of cooling power (by a different name) versus weight flow rate for their various styles of heat exchangers. Something of the same sort may be done for passages in electronic equipment. An electronics manufacturer will have a limited number of equipment constructions because of manufacturing considerations; for each construction, a chart may be made by giving the factors P and m to be described. It will not be necessary that the heat distribution of the equipment to be evaluated by the same as that of the chart—the airflow patterns should be similar however.

#### **Component Temperatures**

To find the temperature of a component, the following equation must be evaluated:

$$T_s - T_s = \frac{1}{W_d} \left[ \frac{C_2}{W_d - \epsilon} + J \right]$$

Where:

 $T_s = \text{temperature of the surface of the component, } F$ 

T = temperature of air entering channel in which component is located (inlet temperature), F

W<sub>0</sub> = weight flow rate of air in channel in which component is located, lb/hr

C<sub>1</sub> = a constant incorporating constant air properties plus constants relating to the component under study, plus channel properties

Table 2 — Heat-Flux Density, d

Component Part	Btu/hr/ft²	watts/cm²
½ - watt resistor Allen-Bradley	1230	0.39
1 - watt resistor Allen-Bradley	1020	0.32
2 - watt resistor Allen-Bradley	1200	0.38
Small capacitor	0	0
Silicon diode, Hughes 6007, 200 mw, at 25 C	800	0.25
National Semiconductor Diode IN215, 150 mw at 25 C	280	0.088
Crystal Can Relay (Allied KH, 675-ohm coil)	260	0.082

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J=4.15 (heat dissipated, in Btu/hr, into channel from point where air enters channel, at  $T_6$ , to component)

m = an exponent defining the response of the component temperature to changes in airflow rate

Constant  $C_3$  must be evaluated. It consists of the product of the heat-flux density, d, and air and passage characteristics, P. The heat-flux density,  $d_s$  is the heat dissipated by the component divided by the component surface area through which the heat flows. This surface area is somewhat arbitrary, but the use of a consistent system will avoid difficulties.

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Table 2 shows values of d for several components based upon full rated heat dissipation and full area. The passage characteristic factor, P. must be determined from a chart made for the type of channel in which the component is located. As a matter of convenience this factor, P, may be made to include certain properties of air which do not change much from one equipment to another. For example: What is the surface temperature of a capacitor and of a 2-watt resistor, 50 per cent derated, in a channel through which 2 lb/min of air are flowing? The air enters the channel at 71 C. The components are at a location where the following conditions apply: F = 3.2, m = 0.6, heat dissipated into channel by preceding components is 70 watts.

Find the surface temperature of the capacitor first.  $C_3 = \langle d \rangle$  x  $\langle P \rangle$ . From Table 2, d = 0, because the capacitor dissipates a negligible amount of heat. Therefore,  $C_3 = 0$ . To find J: 70 watts = 70 x 3.41 = 240 Btu/hr. Then J = 4.15 x 240 = 990.  $T_4 = 71$  C = 160 F.  $W_d = 2$  x 60 = 120 lb/hr. From the equation,  $T_s = 160$ 

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 990  $=$  168 F. For the resistor,  $d=$ 

1200/2 = 600 (because it dissipates only 1 watt). Then:

$$T_s = 100 + \frac{1}{120} \left[ (600) (3.2) \ 120^{0.4} + 990 \right]$$
  
= 278 F

Both the English and metric systems of units may be used. This is acceptable for any particular solution so long as a consistent system of units is used. The conversion from watts to Btu/hr is watt = 3.41 Btu/hr. Where components receive heat from adjacent components, the temperatures found using the equation may be a little low.

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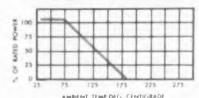
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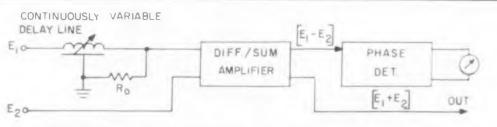


Fig. 1. Simple block diagrams of the precision phase detector

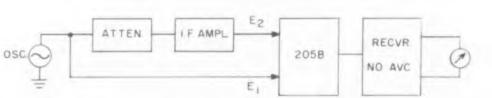


Fig. 3. Connection for measuring phase shift of an i-f amplifier with 20 mc bandwidth at 60 mc center frequency and with amplitudes of E1 and E2 below 30 mv.

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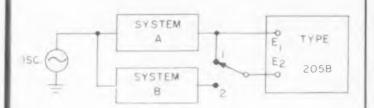


Fig. 2. Comparison of phase angle of two transmission systems, A and B, with accuracy better than 0.05 deg up to 500 mc

angle to be measured. The developed signals are applied to a balanced phase detector to indicate a phase-null condition.

By adjusting the continuously variable delay line until the unknown signal becomes in phase with the reference signal at the input of the vector sum/difference amplifier, the phase null detector will indicate zero phase angle. The phase angle between the unknown signal and the reference signal is read on the dial of the continuously variable delay line.

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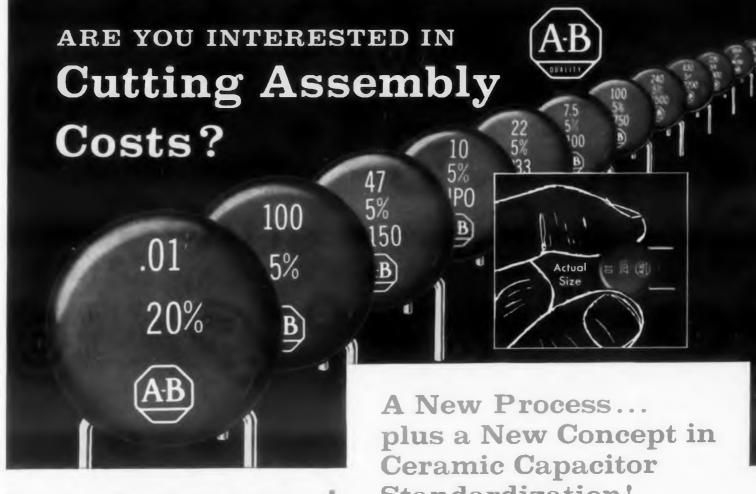
For accurate comparison of phase angle between two networks of "A" and "B," such as in transmission systems or radar equipment, an arrangement shown in Fig. 2 would be used.

The time delay of both inputs of the instrument is first equalized by applying an identical signal to both inputs; the continuously variable delay line is then adjusted until minimum reading is obtained at the output meter. This step is to eliminate the phase error introduced by different lengths of interconnecting cable between  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ . Next, both input signals are applied to their respective input points and the continuously variable delay line is again adjusted for minimum output. The unknown phase angle between the two systems, "A" and "B," is the difference between the final dial reading and the initial reading for input equalization.

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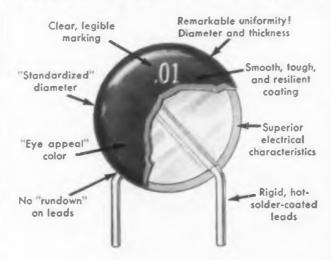


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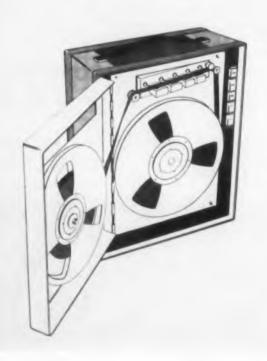


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#### **DESIGN FORUM**

# Reels Driven on Coaxial Shafts in Miniature Tape Recorder





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Seven channels of information are accepted and reproduced with accuracies comparable to much larger pieces of equipment by the PS-200 which was designed and manufactured by the Precision Instrument Company, 922 Terminal Way, San Carlos, Calif.

#### Design

Sporting coaxial shafts to drive reels stacked on top of each other instead of mounted side-by-side, the PS-200 supplies standard tape speeds of 30, 15, 7-1/2 and 3-3/4 ips with less than 0.1 per cent flutter and wow. A novel technique of guiding the tape through a coplanar recording/reproducing station allows very little tape twist. The slanting head block guides the tape through a difference in level without distorting it—when the magazine shown in Fig. 1 is closed, that twist in the tape disappears.

The magazine contains 2500 feet of tape. A reel change can be made in 5 sec.

Applying a new technique, saturable cores are used for the timing devices. Design is such that the timing function is independent of the transistor characteristics and temperature, so germanium devices can be used with no decrease in accuracy. The PS-200's record oscillator, designed by Precision Instrument's Bob Peschel, is shown in Fig. 2.  $T_1$  conducts until the core reaches saturation, when coupling to the base

Fig. 1. (Left) Magazine-loaded magnetic recorder performs with the accuracy of seven-channel devices using ten times its volume. The 2500 feet of tape can be changed in about five seconds. Stacking reels instead of mounting them side by side saves space.

stops.  $T_2$  begins to conduct. The regenerative connection produces additional base drive to  $T_2$ ; it continues to conduct until the core reaches saturation in the opposite direction.

Conduction duration is described by

t = KN + KN + KN

where t is time,  $E_s$  is the applied voltage, N is the number of turns on the core, K is a constant for the particular core used, and  $\tau_{\text{min}}$  the saturation flux density of the core. The equation assumes that the voltage drop across  $T_1$  in the saturated state is negligible compared to  $E_s$  and that the switching process will always occur at the specified value of saturation flux density. Both these conditions are readily satisfied with the proper circuit design.

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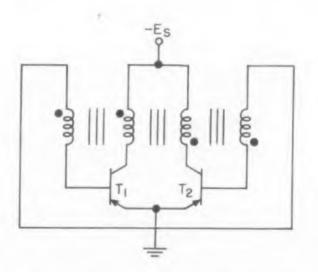
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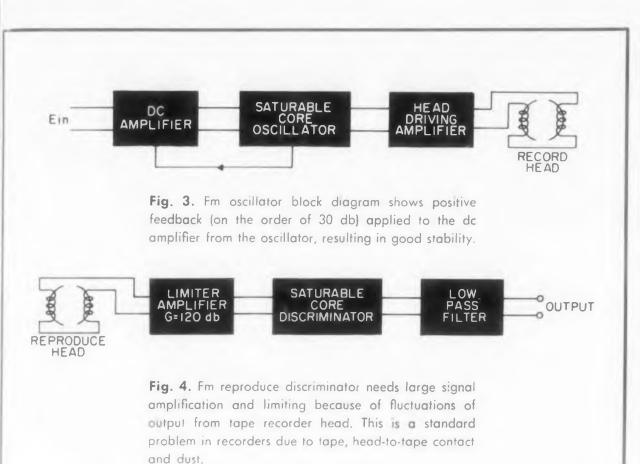
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Since the transistors are operated as switches, changes in their characteristics are unimportant. Manipulation of the equation will show that the frequency of oscillation is a linear function of  $E_s$  for all values of  $E_s$ . No second order corrections are necessary.



**Fig. 2.** Basic form of the fm record oscillator used in the new tape recorder. The transistors are used as switches; temperature characteristics have no effect on operation.

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The basic form of the oscillator is shown in Fig. 3. The internal signal levels involved, the inherent oscillator stability and the 30 db feedback used, produce high stability over the temperature range 40 to 120 F, Precision Instruments reports. Further manipulation of the above equation shows that the square wave output voltage  $E_s$ , is a linear function of the input frequency. Here again no importance is attributed to the stability or uniformity of transistor characteristics. Only the core characteristics and the frequency determine  $E_{\kappa}$  Linvarities of  $\pm 0.25$  per cent of full scale ire realized over a wide range of paameter variations.

A block diagram of the reproduce discriminator is drawn in Fig. 4. To get the proper system characteristics, much gain limiting is necessary before the reproduce head output is given to the discriminator. Because the output from a approduce head may rapidly fluctuate by a much as 20 to 40 db in any recorder, provision must be made to insure that these changes do not appear in the system output as data errors. The limiter applifier of the PS-200 has a voltage gain about 120 db.

To get maximum freedom from drift

and distortion, no active elements are used after the discriminator. The low pass filter separates the carrier and data.

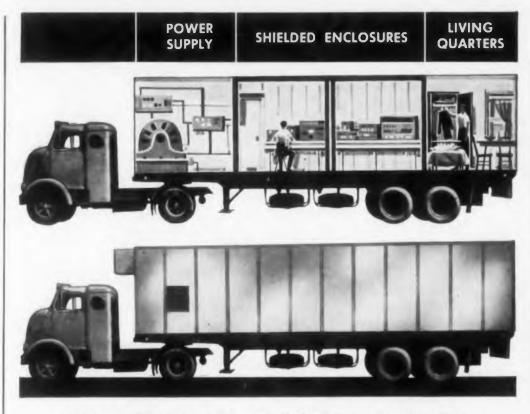
## Specs

Frequency response of the PS-200 ranges from a lower limit of 300 cps to upper limits of from 7.5 to 50 kc, depending on the tape speed used. Rms passband noise level is 40 db or more across the board. Harmonic distortion is 1 per cent (mostly third order) of a 500 cps signal. On fm, distortion is 2 per cent for a full scale signal.

Input impedance is 100,000 ohms direct, 10,000 ohms fm, unbalanced to ground; input level is 0.15 to 40 v rms and 0.5 to 50 v rms, direct and fm respectively. Output impedance is 100 ohms in series with 100 µf direct and 5,000 ohms fm, at direct and fm levels of 1 v rms nominal across a 10,000 ohm load impedance.

Total dimensions are 14-3/4 x 17-1/2 x 10 in., and the weight of the unit is about 50 lbs. Power requirement is 175 w, 115 v, 60 cps. The PS-200 can be supplied for use with 12 or 24 v dc.

For further information about this miniature recorder turn to the Reader-Service card and circle 102.



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## Microwave Test Instruments Part 5 Impedance Measuring Instruments

Slotted lines, automatic impedance and standing-wave indicators and displayers are taken up. Ways of measuring vswr and impedance are discussed along with a number of common pitfalls to be avoided.

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A ICROWAVE IMPEDANCE measurements are made by determining the standard wave patterns or reflections set up in the waveguide or coaxial transmission system by the unknown impedance. The standing wave ratio is measured by inserting a slotted line between the signal source. The unknown impedance, and the variation in rf voltage along the slot is measured by a probe containing a detector. The value of the reflection coefficient can be measured directly with a reflectometer, by sampling the incident and reflected waves and obtaining their ratio, which is equal to the reflection coefficient.

## Impedance Measuring Techniques

A typical setup for making slotted line measurements is shown in Fig. 1. An amplitude-modulated signal is applied to the transmission system, with the slotted line introduced between the system and the load impedance under test. The output of the detector probe is connected to a calibrated amplifier, which measures the modulation, therefore the rf signal level, and indicates it on a meter which may read directly in standing-wave ratio or in db. Both phase and magnitude of the unknown impedance can be determined by this method.

A typical reflectometer setup is shown in Fig. 2. Two directional couplers are inserted in the transmission line to sample the input wave and the reflected wave. The two signals are detected and fed to the two inputs of a ratio computer where their amplitudes are compared. Their ratio indicated on the meter reads the reflection coefficient. The reflectometer provides a fast and convenient method of making impedance measurements, and is especially useful for sweep-frequency and production measurements. However, this method is generally not as accurate as measurements made with slotted lines. In addition, it will indicate the magnitude of the impedance, but will not provide phase angle information as does the slotted line.

Measurement of vswr and impedance may be made automatic in a number of different ways. One method is to attach a motor drive to the probe carriage, and thus move the probe along the slotted line automatically, observing the variation in signal amplitude on a meter or oscilloscope. If it is desired to show the variation of impedance with frequency, a swept-frequency oscillator may be used in a reflectometer setup, and the reflection coefficient (or the impedance) computed and displayed on an oscilloscope screen or a graphic recorder. The display may be set up to show either a rectilinear graph of variation of vswr with frequency, or impedance by means of a Smith chart overlay on the cathode-ray tube.

### Slotted Lines

Table 1 lists slotted lines for microwave impedance measurement. The slotted line and probe assembly must be made very carefully and meet stringent mechanical requirements in order to be useful for accurate measurements: (1) there must be no mechanical play between probe carriage and transmission lines; (2) the probe must move perfectly parallel to the axis of the transmission line; (3) there must be no wear between the carriage and the guide; (4) in co-axial slotted lines the center conductor must remain perfectly straight and concentric to the outer line.

Great care is taken in the mechanical design and construction of slotted lines to meet these requirements. Special measures are used, such as milling transmission line sections from solid blocks of metal, using special boring process to make outer sections of coaxial lines, or using ground steel rods for inner conductors. Extremely precise supports, guides, and bearings are used to attain high precision of motion of the carriage and probe along the line.

Even with the great care taken in construction of the slotted line, certain errors may prove troublesome when highest accuracy of measurement is required. These errors may be due to probe effect, slot effect, and inherent structural irregularities. Probe errors are due to the fact that the probe extracts some power from the line, and in addition sets up reflections. The probe insertion should therefore be kept at a

minimum. The effect of the slot is to cause a slight increase in the characteristic impedance of the line, therefore the slot is tapered at the ends to achieve a smoother impedance transformation. The effects of inherent structural defects cannot be avoided. Therefore it is necessary to estimate them, for example, by making a measurement with the line very nearly matched. Make proper allowances when great accuracy is required.

### **VSWR and Reflection Coefficient Indicators**

A standing wave indicator for use with slotted lines consists of a high-gain amplifier with a low noise level. The indicator is generally tuned to a fixed audio frequency, i.e., the modulation frequency of the rf signal, and presents the amplifier output on a square-law calibrated meter reading directly in vswr or db. Inputs may be provided for both crystal and bolometer detectors. A highly accurate attenuator is included for accurate level comparisons, and a gain control to adjust the reading to a convenient reference level. In some units there is an expanded scale for more accurate measurement of very flat systems, and there may also be a dc output to a recorder for making permanent records. Standing wave indicators are listed in Table 2 along with reflection coefficient indicators.

A ratio computer is required when the reflectometer method is used. This unit relates the incident and reflected signals to reflection coefficient through electronic computation, and indicates it on a meter calibrated directly in percentage reflection coefficient. There is usually an automatic amplitude compensation, so that there is no error and no correction required for a wide range of variation of incident power. A dc output is generally provided so that the ratiometer can be used in sweep-frequency setups to provide oscilloscope presentation of the reflection coefficient at varying frequencies. Since there are two inputs, ratiometers generally have a switch to operate on one channel as a vswr indicator.

## **Automatic Impedance Measurement**

Automatic impedance and standing-wave indi-

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Table 1. Slotted Lines

Manufacturer	Model No.	Type	Frequency Ronge	Price	General Comments - Accessories require
Andrew Corp.	3101, 3101A	Coaxial	850-3000 MC	\$375, \$350	Includes probe, probe carriage, and detector; millimeter scale attached to line. Impedance of 3101 is 51.5 ohms, of 3101A is 50 ohms.
8 J Electronics	62	Coaxial	100-3000 MC	\$1680	Carries two independent probes and probe carriages for differential measurements, engraved millimeter scale. To be used with Model 62 VSWR indicator.
DeMorna y Bonardi Corp.	D3A 825 to DBJ-875	Waveguide	XN to E bond #	\$.140 to \$560	Waveguide block and probe interchange able on carriage (two sizes of carriage units cover total frequency range); carriage units, waveguide sections, probes purchasable separately, millimetor scale with vernier, reads probe travel to 0.01 mm.
Diamond Antenno and	Carriages: 111, 211, 311	Woveguide	L, S, C bands	\$695	Consists of universal comage with inter-
Microwove Corp.	Slotted sections: 312, 412, 512			\$500 to \$370	changeable slotted sections.
	2011, 2012, 2013	Coaxial	1.0-4.00; 45-1.5; 0.45-1.2: KMC	-, \$450, \$750	-
Douglas Microwove Co.	301, 300	Coarial	1,000-4000 MC, 4000-10,000 MC		Includes probe and probe carriage (units for XB band and higher, have built-in probes), centimeter scale attached to carriage, reads to occuracy of 0.01 cm.
	310L to 310T	Waveguide	L to Y bands	-	
Federal Telephone & Radio Co.	LMD	Cooxid	300-3000 MC	\$995	Includes probe, probe carriage, detector and indicator (calibrated in VSWR); engraved scale with vernier permits reading to 0.1 mm.
F-R Machine Works, Inc.	N101A, N101B	Cooxial	1.00-4.00 KMC, 4.00-10.00 KMC	\$470, \$440	Includes probe carriage; requires B200A runable probe; engraved carriage scale and
	V101A, V101B		1.00~4.00 KMC	\$470 ea.	vernier permits reading to 0.1 mm.
	L 101A to X101A	Waveguide	L to X bands	\$245 - \$1340	Includes probe carriage, require series 205B and 206B tunable detector mounts,
	Y102A, K102A, U102A	Westerstate	KU, K, V bands	\$545 ea.	102 series has vernier scale giving posi- tion indication to ±0.001 cm, 103 series
	Q103A, M103A, E103A	Waveguide	Q. M. E bonds	\$995 - \$1650	has precision dial indicator reading carriage position to 0.0001 inches.
General Radio Co.	874-L BA	Cooxial	300 5000 MC	\$220	Includes probe corrioge, probe, and detector, micrometer vernier attachment available graduated to 0.001 cm; can be used with motor drive for automatic operation.
Hewlett-Packard Co.	805A, 805B	Conwint	500-4000 MC	\$475 eq	Includes probe carriage probe and detec- tor, centimeter scale with vernier permits reading to 0.1 mm.
	S810A	Waveguide	2.6-3.95 KMC	\$450	Includes probe corrioge, requires probe and detector.
	Corriage: 809B			\$160	Carriage and interchangeable slotted sec-
	Slatted sections: G810B to P810B	Wa vegui de	C to KV bands	\$90 to \$110	tions, requires probe and detector, centi- meter scale on carriage with vernier read- ing 0.1 mm.
	Corriage: 814A			\$225	Carriage and interchangeable slotted sec-
	Slatted sections P815A to R815A	Waveguide	KU, K, V bonds	\$200 ea.	tions, requires 446A probe, cylindrical dial, can be interpolated to 0.01 mm
	806B	Coaxial	3~12 KMC	\$200	Fits 809B probe carriage
dicrowave Associates, nc.	1022, 1022A 545A 584	Waveguide	26.5-40,0 KMC 50.0-75.0 KMC	\$650; \$625 \$1075 \$900	Includes probe and carriage, 1022 includes detector, others do not; 545A is high-power unit (40 KW) with 40 db output attenuation; carriage moved by micrometer with 0.001 inch div.
arda Microwave Corp.	226, 225	Woveguide	1.12-1.70 KMC,	\$950 ea	Includes probe carriage, requires probe
and a supe	224 to 219	Waveguide	1.70-2.60 KMC \$ to KU bonds	\$425 to \$250	and detector, centimeter scale with direct
	218, V217 to E217	Waveguide	K to E bands	\$500 to \$1650	Includes probe carriage, probe, detector, and slide-screw tuner to match probe impedance to detector, precision dial indicator reading probe position to 0.001 inch.

cators and displayers are listed in Table 3. A typical instrumentation setup of an automatic system for measurement of impedance is shown in Fig. 3. It consists basically of a reflectometer, a vswr computer, and an oscilloscope or recorder presentation of the response to a swept-frequency input signal.

The information may be presented in different ways. If the spot is moved horizontally across the screen of the oscilloscope in proportion to the frequency of the signal generator, and deflected vertically in proportion to the reflection coefficient, the result is a graph of reflection coefficient vs frequency. In another type of display, the impedance may be computed directly, and the spot on the cathode-ray tube deflected by the computer voltages so its position reads impedance directly from a Smith chart overlay.

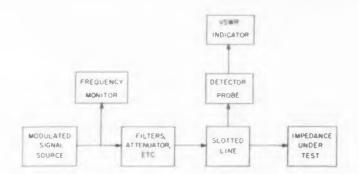


Fig. 1. Typical setup for making slotted line measurements.

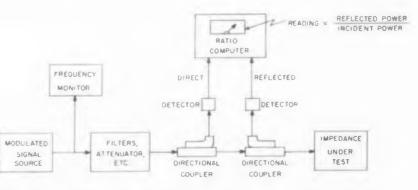


Fig. 2. Typical setup for reflectometer method of measuring reflection coefficient.

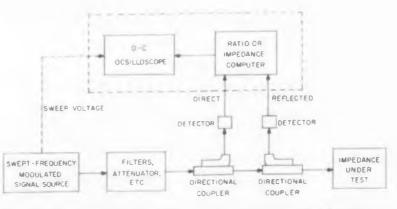
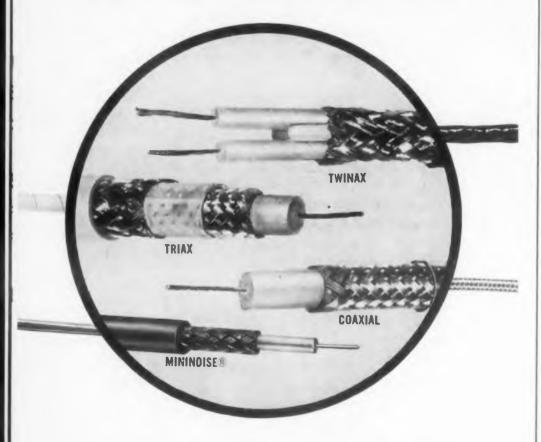


Fig. 3. Typical instrumentation setup of automatic impedance measuring system.



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	230 N 10 230LT	Cooxiol	425-4000 MC	\$475 to \$675	Includes probe carriage, probe and detec- tor; seven units available for different connectors, centimeter scale and vernier reads to 0.1 mm.
	231N, 231C, 231TNC	Coaxiol	1.5-12.4 KMC	\$360 to \$475	Includes probe carriage, requires probe and detector, centimeter scale and vernier reads to 0.1 mm.
	213 to 209	Waveyuide	C to KU bands	\$2117_\$1375	High power units (1000 KW peak power for 213, to 250 KW peak power for 209), 45 db output attenuation, output is waveguide, requires detector and mount
Polytechnic Research and	200-€, 200-\$3		1 0-5.0 KMC	\$475, \$825	Includes probe carriage, requires probe
Development Co., Inc.	215-A, 205-A	Ceaxial	1 0-4 0, 4 0-10.0 KMC	\$475 ea	and detector, centimeter scale with ver- nier reading to 0.1 mm
	201-A to 204-B, 209-A to 212 BF 2	Waveguide	5 to V bands	\$280 to \$590	Includes probe carriage, requires probe and detector, centimeter scale with ver- nier, reads 0.1 mm at low frequencies, 0.02 mm at high frequencies
	216A	Waveguide	M band	\$ 1250	Includes probe carriage, probe and detec- tor; dial indicator reads carriage position to 0.01 mm
Sivers Lab	SL5200 1 = SL5200 7		S. C bonds		Includes probe carriage, probe and detec-
	SL 5550 1 - SL 5550 3	Waveguide	C, XN bands		001 mm, can be used with motor drive
	SL 5341 1 = SL 5311 5		XIII to XU bonds		for automatic operation_
Sperry Gyroscope Co.	361A	Cenval	0.65-4.0 KMC		Includes probe carriage, probe and detec- tor, centimeter scale will seriner reads to 0.1 mm.
	103B, 201 145	Waveguide	C, XN, X bonds		
	345	Waveguide	V bond		Includes probe carriage, probe and detec- tor, dial indicator reads carriage position to 0.01 mm
Waveline, Inc.	264 to 565	Wayeguide	5 to X bands	\$440 to \$225	Includes probe carriage, requires probe and detector, centimeter scale with ver- mer result to 0.1 mm (has magnifier).
	761, 864, 1064	Wavegyide.	€U, K, V bands	\$550, \$550, \$730	Includes probe carriage and probe, has both millimeter scale with vernier reading to 0.01 mm, and dial indicator reading to 0.001 inch.

Table 2. VSWR And Reflection Coefficient Indicators

Manufacturer	Model No.	Frequency	Meter Indication	Range	Sensitivity	Accuracy	Price	General Comments
BJ Electron- ics	62	100 cps	VSWR	1 02 1 10	2-20 MW of	·2°:	\$295	Contains input connectors and suitable switching for single-probe or for two-probe differential measurements for better accuracy of low VSWR's
Browning Laboratories	TAA-168	500-5000 cps broadband or selective	VSWR and DP scales	0 50 DB	0.5 v for full-scale deflection	= "	\$365	Peak frequency of selectivity response continuously variable, dual selectable inputs gain control of amplifier over 10 db range, DC output to recorder
California Technical Industries	(See com- ments)	1000 cps	VSWR and DB	VSWR 1.02=1.2 and 1.1=2.5		· 2°	(See com ments)	VSWR computer and indicator using reflector meter method, part of Model 110B VSWR measuring system (per 8 5-9 6 KMC range) whicalso includes oscillator, bi-directional couple und wavemeter latal price \$2195).
Cubic Corp.	621B	1000 cps	(o) Percent reflection (coeff.)	(a) 0.5° to 0.100° full scale (b) 1.01-11 ond 11-30		.3"	<u>;</u> <90	VSWR computer and indicator using reflects meter method, used with CU-52-620 or CU-52 621 reflectorieter assemblies, has automatic amplitude correction, provides DC output for recorder or automatic sweep-frequency display
F-R Machine Works, Inc.	R810A	1000 cps and 300- 4000 cps	vswR scale	1-3 to 30-	0 1 ,, volt	~	\$200	Contains bolemeter protection circuit to pre- vent transient burnout
	8811A	1000 cps	(a) VSWR (b) Reflec- tion coeff (c) DR	(a) 1 02 — (b) .01 — 1 (c) 0 — 40 db, 0 — 70 db	10 1,2 volt (kem)	13% as ratiometer 10 1 db per 10 db step or VSWR	\$610	Universal ratiometer and VSWR amplifier, continued for both reflectometer and slotted line measurements, has automatic amplitude correction, indication on two front panel meter with two cycle logarithmic scale; provides DC output for recorder or sweep-frequents

ofacturer	Medel No.	Frequency	Meter Indication	Range	Sensitivity	Accuracy	Price	General Comments
eral Ho Co.	87J-VI	-	Voltage	01-2 volts	-	t 0 05 volts	\$ 70	Voltmeter-indicator, used with either 874-VR rectifier or 874-VQ detector to indicate DC autput
Fackard Co.	415B	1000 cps	VSWR and D8	70 db	0.1 ,. volt	: 0.1 db per 10 db step	\$200	Permits scale expansion to give 0-2 db range (SWR: 1-1-13)
	Adit	1000 cps	(a) Percent reflec- tion coeff (b) VSWR	0-3% to 0-100°	Direct channel 3-100 mv Reflected channel 0.3 v=100 mv	+3%	\$450	Ratiometer for using reflectometer method has automatic amplitude correction, contains r-f power monitor; provides DC output for recorder or sweep-frequency display on oscillo scope
W.E. Jones		in the frequer		2000 MC NII				dent and reflected power ge 0.12 w to 0-40,000
do Micro-	441	1000 cps	VSWR and	72 db	0 1 1. volt	•02 дь	\$200	thas scale expansion (exp VSWR 1-1-3, exp di 0-2) with full sensitivity, plug-in frequence meter when available for 315—3000 cps
Pulytechnic Research and Covelopment Ca., Inc.	277-A	1000 cps	VSWR and DII	70 db	01 . volt		\$195	Has scale expansion feature (exp VSWR 1-1-3) panel switch selects 15 or 50 cps bandwidth or broadband 550-2500 cps
Radio Corp. of America	мі 31074	power in the	requency ran	ge 1700-2000		g sensitivit	y 28 5 db, m	ent and reflected ecsures power
Sivers Lab	SL -540C	1000 cps	VSWR and D!	40 db	0.15 volt			Selective or broad-band (5.0-2000 cps), plug- in units for different tuned frequencies, auto- matric indication on meter, and designed to be used also as part of automatic system.
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Table 3. Automatic Impedance And Standing Wave Indicators And Displayers

Manufacturer	Model No. and Price	Туре	Frequency Range	VSWR or Impedance Range	Indication	Accuracy	General Comments
California Technical Industries	125A \$4950	quency VSWR meas uring system	8,5-9,6 KMC	1.02-1.20 and 1.1-2.0 ( VSWR)	Meter, as- cilloscope and output to graphic recorder	• 20-	Consists of sweep-frequency oscillator, bi-directional coupler, adjustable mismatch load (calibrated), and VSWR computer-indicator, all or any portion of band can be selected for sweeping at rates of either 1 or 0.1 cps, includes adjustable wavemeter for frequency marker pip in the scan
	160 \$5900	quency VSWR meas	8 J-12 0 KMC	1.02-1.20 and 1_1-2.0 (VSWR)	Meter, os- cilloscope, and autput to graphic recorder	-	Consists of sweep frequency oscillator, bi-directional coupler calibrated adjustable mismatch load, and VSWR computer-indicator, all ar any portion of band can be selected for sweeping at rates of 02, 01, 10 and 3.0 cps, includes adjustable wavemeter for frequency marker pip in the scan
Coscade Research	Z-Scape \$3250 Complete	pedance platter	8 2-12 1 KMC	(a) 102 - · (b) 102-20 (VSWR)	a) Smith chart (b) Expand- ed Smith chart		Consists of waveguide control section and presentation section (2 cabinets); presents information on 7 inch oscilloscope with Smith chart reticle, presentation sweep rate 30 cps, hos outputs to X-Y recorder; requires sweep-frequency microwave source.
Federal Telephone & Radio Co.	ZDD \$5380	Visual impedance	300-2400 MC	0 02Z <sub>o</sub> to 50Z <sub>o</sub>	Light spot on (a) Smith chart (b) polar averlay	t3" at Z <sub>o</sub> (an impe- dance meter)	Uses one directional coupler in coasial test line, another in reference line, and compares them, different overlays provided for use as impedance meter, indicator of network transmission properties, phase angle, available in Z <sub>0</sub> 50 or 60 ohms; requires external signal generator
Graeral Radio Co.	874 (See comments) \$525	Motor-driven slotted line	300 - 5000 MC	-	Oscillo- scope pre- sentation of standing- wave pattern on line		Consists of motor drive 874-MD on slotted line 874-LBA and adjustable stub, standing-wave pattern is displayed on oscilloscope as carriage moves back and forth along line, supplies synchronized horizontal sweep voltage to oscilloscope; requires external oscilloscope and signal generator.
ers Lob	(See com- ments)		Different assemblies for \$ to KU bands	-	Meter, as- cilfoscope or recorder		Consists of motor-drive assemblies (SL 5645/1) for SL 5645/3) for slotted lines to give automatic indication of standing-wavepattern as probe waves along line, requires external signal generator and indicator.



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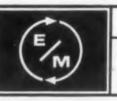
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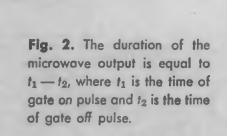
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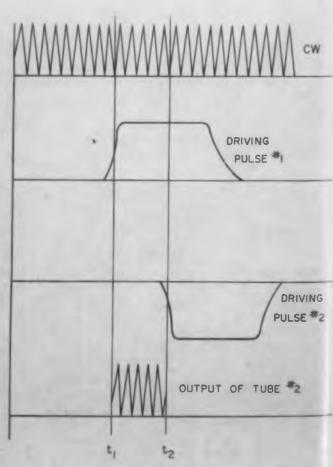
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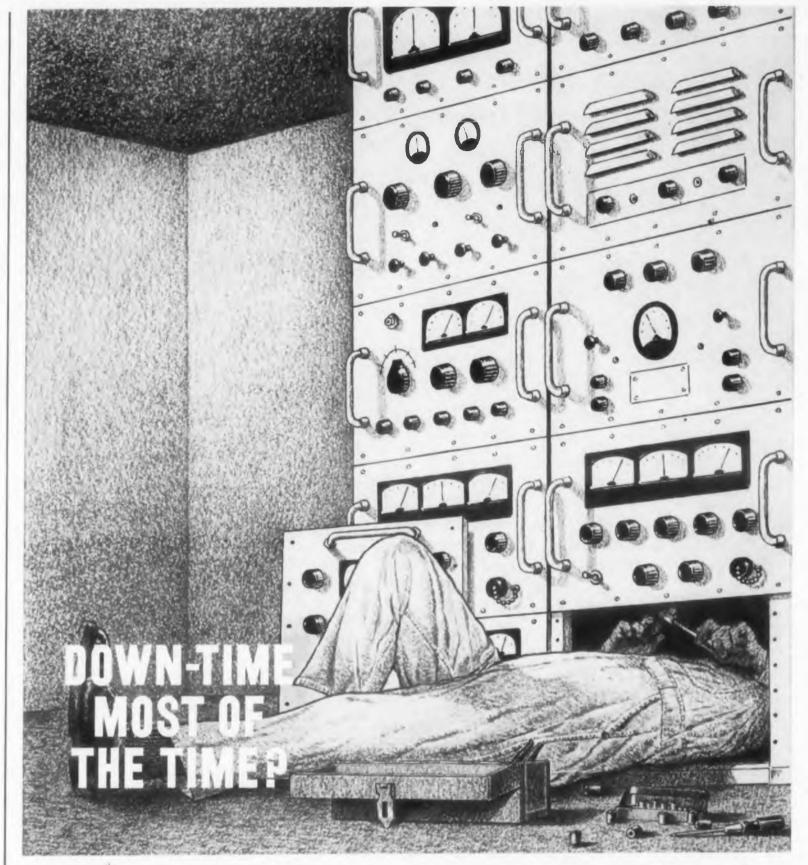
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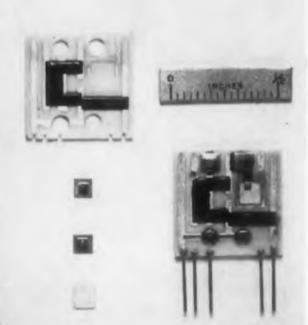


Fig. 1. Module (lower right) will permit a component density of 2800 components per cu in. Base plate wafer (upper left) has conductors and resistors printed on it. Lower left, top to bottom, are a transistor, diode and capacitor for insertion in the base plate.

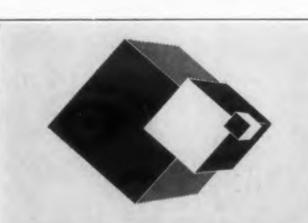
## **Equipment Adaptable to**

## Microminiature Circuit Technology

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Equipment for mass producing microminiature modules must incorporate handling methods that are compatible with the processes required for producing the modules. In this article, the author discusses some handling methods which can be used to adapt currently available machinery to microminiature applications.



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**S**EVERAL types of elements must be handled in the fabrication of a microminiature electronic circuit. They include:

- Dielectric base plates
- Conductors
- Resistors
- Capacitors
- Transistors and diodes
- Inductors
- Protective coatings

Designers must be familiar with type, general physical characteristics, status of the art in handling the component, and equipment that could be adapted to handling the component in production. Fig. 1 illustrates a microminiature circuit assembly and also the individual components used in the circuit.

### Dielectric Base Plates

In a sense the base plate is the nucleus of a microminiature electronic unit; it is essentially the matrix. The base plate is a thin wafer of dielectric material and upon it are attached all the components of the circuit. In an effort to miniaturize, the physical dimensions of the base plate are kept so small that it in itself is fragile. But the finished unit becomes rugged because of the addition of a protective coating and the arrangement of the components on the base plate. At the Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratories, an electrical grade of steatite is used for this wafer which is usually twenty thousandths of an inch thick and either one-half inch square or onequarter inch square. Holes are placed in the wafer to receive the transistors and diodes, and cavities are made for capacitors.1 The fragile

wafers are at present handled by hand methods with the aid of tweezers and micromanipulators.

In mechanizing the assembly-operation of microminiature electronic circuits, one of the most formidable problems is the handling and indexing of these wafers without damage during the successive operations involved in producing a finished unit. The operation to be performed on the wafer is an important factor in the selection of a mechanism for conveying and positioning the wafers.

Certain phases of the handling are basic and can be applied generally to all operations. The conveying device for all operations could be either some type of endless belt or an indexing rotary table.

In the conveyor carrier assembly (Fig. 2), the wafer is dropped into the carrier nest and is hence oriented with the indexing cones that orient the printing head with the wafer. The wafers can be picked up from a stack and placed on the conveyor carrier by an arm with a vacuum finger. If there is any particular desired orientation for the wafers, they should be put in the stack oriented.

A vacuum arm may not be practical as a takeoff mechanism for a wet printed wafer because the vacuum finger would smear the wet pattern on the top of the plate. In this case a tweezertype arm would pick up the wafers by their edges and place them on the conveyor that will carry them to the next operation.

A straight pusher-type of take-off mechanism, where a finger pushes the wafer off the conveyor Present address: Glass Research Center, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

onto some horizontally moving receiving device, can also be employed. Another type of take-off mechanism can be used where the carrier is made so that at the take-off position a member of the carrier assembly raises the wafer vertically. A fork-like finger picks up the wafer and transfers it to a position over a second conveyor where the wafer is displaced onto the conveyor by a pusher in the fork arm mechanism (Fig. 3).

### Conductors

In a microminiature electronic circuit with component densities in excess of two thousand per cubic inch, the conductors, except for terminal leads, are usually of the deposited metal type. The conductor patterns can be deposited on a dielectric material by screen printing, spraying, or vacuum deposition. Terminal leads are attached to the unit by soldering or by conductive cements.

Hand operated equipment is currently being used for screen printing conductive patterns onto small wafers. Screen printing has been carried out for many years.<sup>2</sup> Automatic machinery for screen printing is currently available for large plates and appears to be adaptable to small wafers. Here the problem is not so much in the printing operation itself as in the feeding, conveying, indexing, holding and take-off of the fragile wafer.

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An automatic high-speed screen printing machine (Fig. 4) is capable of printing conductive patterns on dielectric plates at rates of six thousand plates per hour. The dimensions of the plates currently printed on this machine are  $1.0 \times 1.25 \times 0.1$  in.

In a suggested redesign of the screen printing machine, an indexing rotary table, instead of an endless belt conveyor, should be considered. It probably will be necessary to have more complex carriers than those presently employed, and a rotary table requires only a few carriers.

The portion of the printing head that carries the patterned screen can be made to float, that is, to have some movement in the plane of the wafer surface, angularly and in two directions perpendicular to each other. The patterned screen frame can then have two members with tapered holes which will mate with tapered pins that are a part of the carrier unit, and are precisely located with reference to the wafer indexing mechanism. This modification would optimize the indexing accuracy of the machine, which, in its current form, produces ninety-four per cent acceptable plates.

Conductors are also deposited on dielectric wafers by vacuum deposition methods. (3), (4) At the present time, vacuum deposition is generally a batch-type process. This batch process could be made continuous.

Conductor patterns can be placed on dielectric wafers by spraying techniques. Spraying is not as widely used as screen printing. The masking problem becomes somewhat difficult in the spraying process and hence the pattern definition is sometimes not sharp. Smearing of the mask with the wet paint also contributes to poor pattern definition. It appears that where silver patterns are to be applied a screen printing process will generally be employed.

Wire (about 0.12 in. diam) is used for terminal leads as shown in Fig. 1. They are placed in the circuit assembly by hand operations and attached to the circuit either by soldering or with a conductive cement.<sup>(5)</sup>

Soldering presents problems in the small wafers: the heat applied to components, such as transistors and resistors, can modify their electrical characteristics, and the thermal shock on the thin wafers, due to local applications of intense heat required for soldering, may cause the wafer to crack.

In production, wire could be fed from spools, through dies, cut to size, and attached to the circuit with conductive cement.

### Resistors

Methods which have been employed to apply

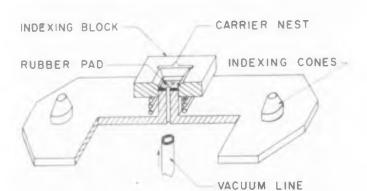
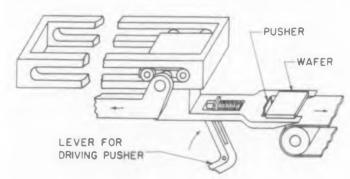


Fig. 2. Carrier assembly for conveying and indexing wafers. Indexing block is in raised position.



**Fig. 3.** Fork-type arm for transferring printed wafers.

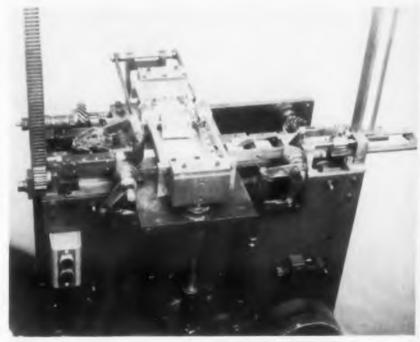


Fig. 4. Screen printing machine. Feed is from the right.

printed resistors to circuits are:

- Screen printing
- Injection molding
- Pen
- Vacuum evaporation
- Tape

The same screen printer as described for applying conductive patterns on dielectric materials could be used for printing resistors simply by using an appropriate pattern and a resistor ink formulation, rather than silver paint. Hand screening methods are presently being used in the laboratory production of printed resistors for microminiature circuits. Screen-printing of resistors has proven to be satisfactory but the method is not as versatile as some others which allow greater control in the depth of each resistor.

The injection molding method for resistor printing is based on the pressure filling of an appropriate matrix with resistor ink and transferring the ink from the matrix to the surface of the dielectric plate.

The value of the printed resistors is controlled by varying the resistor ink formulation used, and by varying the dimensions of the matrix-cavities which in turn define the length, width, and depth dimensions of the resistor. An injection molding-type machine (Fig. 5) for printing resistors is designed so that it can simultaneously print up to twelve resistors on a dielectric plate, each having, if necessary, a different formulation of resistor ink.

The pen method is another process by which resistors can be printed.<sup>6</sup> The mechanism is essentially a tube containing resistor ink. The tube has a hypodermic-needle-like outlet and the ink is forced out of the outlet by air pressure. The

tip of the needle is passed across the surface of the dielectric plate leaving a ribbon-like layer of wet resistor ink on the plate. In this process, a pen assembly is required for each different resistor to be printed.

Thin-film resistors produced by vacuum evaporation techniques can also be used in microminiature circuit assemblies. In the vacuum deposition of resistive materials, as with conductive materials, batch processes are presently used but a continuous-type production operation could be obtained.

Another type resistor that can find applications in microminiature circuit assemblies is the tape resistor. Resistor ink is placed on a thin asbestos tape by a continuous spray process and the resultant resistor tape is then cut to the desired dimensions and placed on the circuit plate. This process has been used in the production of large printed circuit assemblies with satisfactory results and could be applied to the microminiature applications by adapting similar machinery.

### Capacitors

An example of a typical capacitor used in microminiature circuits is the one shown at the lower left of Fig. 1. It is 0.1 in. sq. and 0.01 in. thick and has a capacitance of 0.1  $\mu$ f. Silver electrodes are screened on each side of the wafer. These wafers are attached mechanically and electrically to the circuit with conductive cement.

The capacitor could also be attached to the circuit by soldering, but in that case thermal shock may be a problem and, since the capacitor is placed in a cavity in the wafer, a conductor would have to be applied in the cavity and contact made with the rest of the circuit. These small capacitors could be placed in the circuit with a machine having similar feed, conveying, indexing and take-off mechanisms as discussed previously.

Another approach to the capacitor insertion problem is to use a body with high dielectric constant as the base plate and let it serve as the dielectric of the capacitor. This would eliminate the capacitor insertion problem and require only the printing of the electrodes which would be done during the conductor printing operation.

### Transistors and Diodes

Microminiature transistors are produced by applying photolithographic and vacuum deposition techniques to a germanium wafer forty-five thousandths of an inch square and ten thousandths of an inch thick. A more detailed description of the fabrication of these transistors is available in the literature. These transistors are presently being produced by hand methods in the laboratory, but can be mass produced by implementing photolithographic and vacuum

deposition techniques for large scale production.

The finished transistors and diodes consist of the processed germanium wafer. They are soldered to a thin metal base plate in order to facilitate the insertion of the component in the circuit assembly. The transistor is placed in a hole in the dielectric base plate and the thin metal base plate which has been soldered to the transistor overlaps the hole edges and locates the transistor so that the surface of the transistor-contacts are in the plane of the base-plate surface.

Voids in the hole in the ceramic wafer between the transistor and the wafer are filled with a suitable resin prior to depositing leads connecting the transistor with the rest of the circuit. Contact between the transistor and the rest of the circuit is made by vacuum depositing aluminum leads from the contacts on the transistor to the proper points on the conductor pattern on the ceramic wafer.

### Inductors

Inductive components tend to be large and, although considerable progress has been made in miniaturizing them, there does not exist at the present time an inductive component that meets

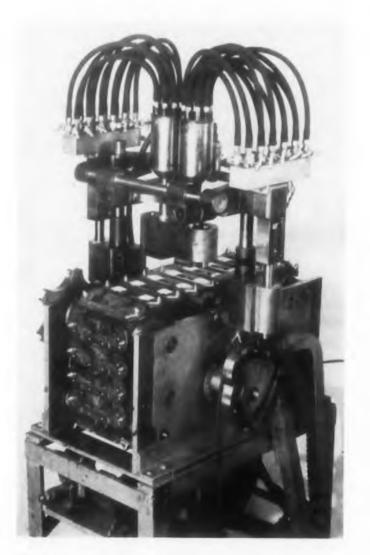


Fig. 5. Injection molding resistor printing machine, Conveyor pauses under the printing head.

the size requirements of the microminiature circuit assemblies. Small inductive coils have been developed by the manufacturers of hearing aids and although they represent great accomplishment in microminiaturization they occupy greater volumes than entire microminiature circuit assemblies.

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The approach taken at the present time, in order to realize optimum space savings, is to substitute R-C circuits for inductive circuits wherever possible. In some cases, coils can be printed but they require considerable surface area of the base plate and only a very limited range of values from one tenth to one microhenry can be achieved. In the limited number of cases where printed coils can be used, the same printing methods described earlier for printing conductors or resistors can be applied.

## **Protective Coatings**

Protective coatings are an essential part of any printed circuit assembly. This is especially so of a fragile microminiature circuit assembly for operational military applications which must undergo extreme environmental and handling conditions. Units are protected against moisture, heat, pressure, shock and vibration, arcing between components, and long periods of storage under adverse conditions. Each microminiature circuit can be protected individually, or where the individual circuit is a stage of a larger assembly, the entire unit can be protected.

Methods which are generally used for applying protective coatings to electronic circuit assemblies are:

- Screen printing
- Spraying
- Dipping
- Potting

The same screen printing equipment that is used for printing conductors and resistors can be used for applying protective coatings. Screen printing is generally used when certain portions of the circuit are to be electrically insulated prior to completing the assembly operations.

A plastic protective coating can also be sprayed on either the finished unit or at some intermediate stage during the fabrication of the electronic assembly.

Protective coatings can be applied to a unit by dipping the entire unit in an appropriate coating material. Care must be taken that the coating material can be applied and cured at a temperature sufficiently low that it will have no ill effects on the components in the circuit.

In selecting a dip-coating material it is also desirable that it jell at room temperature so that it will not run off prior to curing. In production, the coating can be applied to each unit by using an endless belt conveyor to which the units will

e d and the conveyor will convey the units having the dipping and curing operation.

P tting is a process that will be especially used I in protecting larger units such as stacks of s all assemblies. The stacks can be placed in the ble molds or in casings that will stay with the nit. The potting material can then be poured into the mold or casing as it is conveyed by resing this p nsing equipment.

Cution should be exercised in deciding the degree of mechanization that is economically destrible to achieve. A certain amount of mechanization will be essential to the production of large quantities of electronic assemblies. However, since microminiature technology is so new and there is almost day-to-day change in the type of components used, machine developments should not be undertaken where the equipment amount be amortized. In all cases equipment should be designed so that it can be adapted to meet new requirements.

More detailed information on the processes described in this article will be found in the complete paper to be published in our Proceedings of the Symposium on Microminiaturization of Electronic Assemblies. For further information the Proceedings, turn to Reader Service Card and circle 100.

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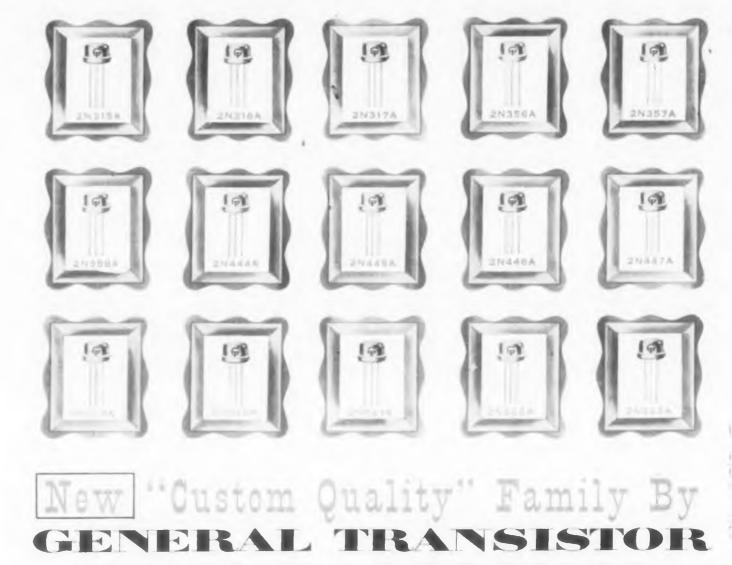
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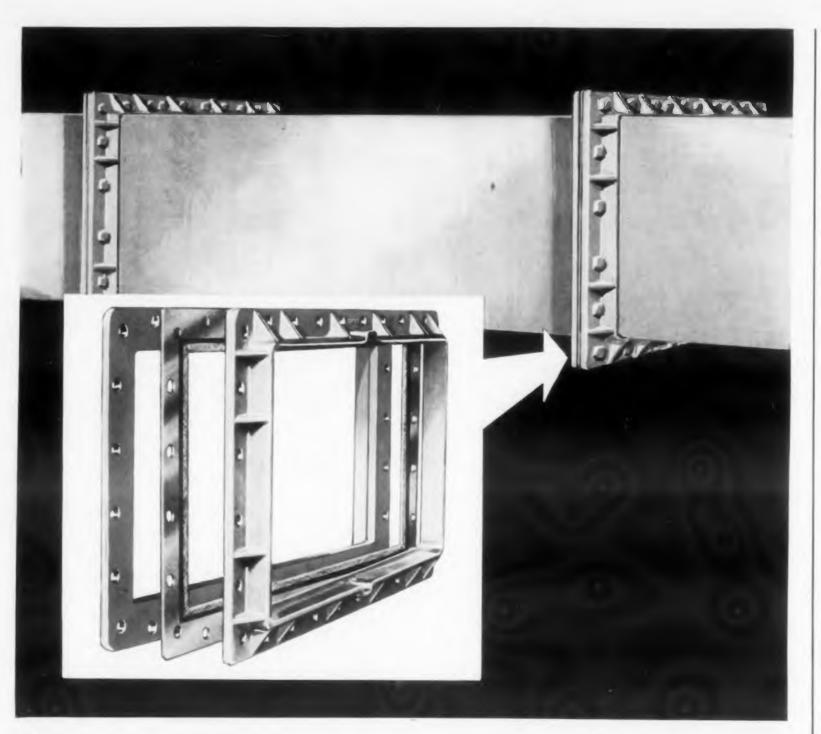


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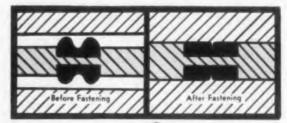
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# Stability of Semiconductors in Microminiature Assemblies

This article describes factors in processing semiconductor material necessary to insure a good stable surface. Techniques of measurement and some important surface properties observed are also discussed.

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DETAILED information about the semiconductor surface can be obtained from the field effect experiment. A dc current is passed through a small bar of germanium in the circuit shown in Fig. 1. Plate electrode *P* is positioned over the bar and an ac voltage of 50-3000 cps applied. Changes in the conductivity of the surface appear as modulated dc in the oscilloscope.

Curves appearing on the scope show change in surface conductivity, *G*, versus surface charge Y due to the field effect. The experimental curve is wider than a calculated theoretical curve due to the charge held in traps.

## Surface Stability

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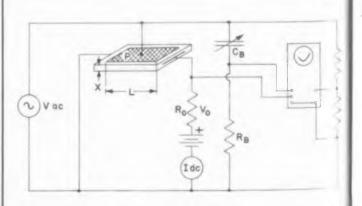


Fig. 1. Circuit of the "Field Effect" experiment for taining surface characteristic of germanium.

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pearing on the oscilloscope (Fig. 2) show clearly the type of surface present on the semiconductor. The type of surface conductivity (either n-type or p-type) is shown by the slope direction of the curve for the surface conductivity, since near the minimum point in the curve a change from n-type, through intrinsic, to a p-type surface is indicated. The untreated semiconductor surface is observed to change from a strong n-type surface to a strongly p-type surface and back again as the gaseous ambient surrounding it is changed from wet nitrogen through dry nitrogen and dry invigen to ozone and back again. The sensitivity of the semiconductor surface to such an "ambient evcle" is used here to test the surface stability. The degree to which the surface is resistant to disturbance by the "ambient cycle" will be used is a measure of surface stability. Some change is usually observed even with specially treated and coated surfaces.

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Fig. 2. Ambients arranged according to the degree of type or p-type surface produced in germanium.

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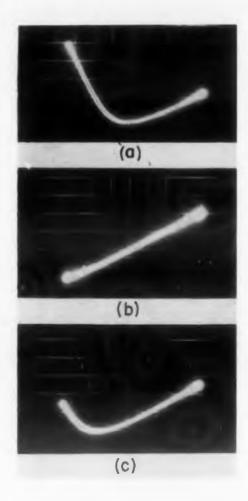


Fig. 3. Experimental surface conductivity versus applied field for oxygen and ozone. (a) Dry  $O_2$ ; (b)  $O_3$  10 sec; (c) Dry  $O_2$  3 min. after  $O_3$ .

Fig. 4. Experimental surface conductivity versus applied field for dry and wet nitrogen. (a) Dry  $N_2$  5 min.; (b) Wet  $N_2$  10 sec.; (c) Dry  $N_2$  1 min. after wet  $N_2$ .

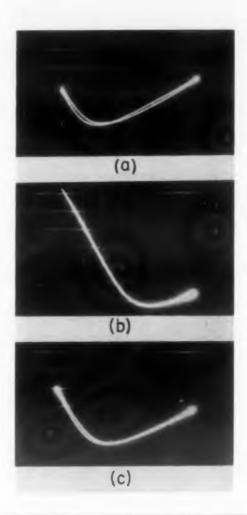


Fig. 2 shows the relative tendency of various ambients or chemicals to produce *n*-type or *p*-type surfaces and the corresponding patterns observed on the oscilloscope.

The observed pattern is not uniquely related to the ambient since the previous history of the surface leaves a residual effect. The patterns shown in Fig. 2 are normal for the nearest group of ambients and change in the direction shown as the ambients shift the surface toward more n-type or p-type conductivity.

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A photograph of oscilloscope tracings for a piece of untreated 8.0 ohm-cm n-type germanium is shown in Fig. 3. Curve a is for a dry oxygen ambient. Curve b showing a strong p-type surface occurs for 10 sec spark discharge producing ozone in the oxygen. The surface potential drifts back to curve c 3 min after the sparking is stopped. Curve d in Fig. 4 occurs after 5 min in dry nitrogen. Curve e showing a strong n-type surface occurs when the nitrogen is passed through water for 10 sec. Curve f results 1 min after returning to dry nitrogen.

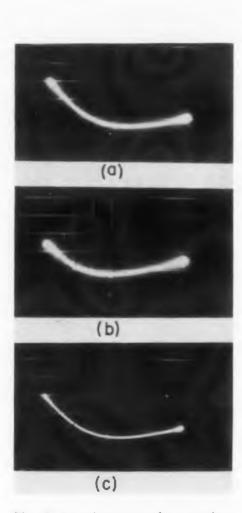


Fig. 5. Experimental surface conductivity versus applied field for a stabilized surface exposed to oxygen and ozone. (a) Dry  $O_2$  5 min.; (b) Dry  $O_3$  5 min.; (c) Dry  $N_2$  min.

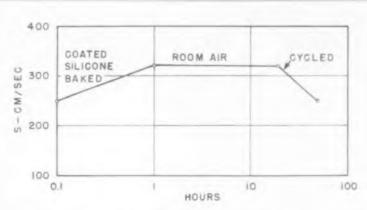
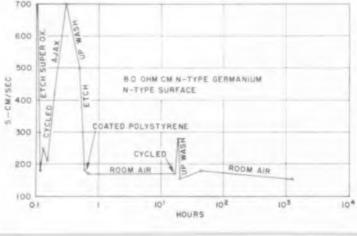


Fig. 6. (Above) Surface recombination velocity versus time in air for silicone coated n-type germanium.

Fig. 7. (Below) Surface recombination velocity versus time in air for polystyrene coated n-type germanium. "UP wash" used ultra-pure deionized water for rinsing after cleaning with household cleanser.



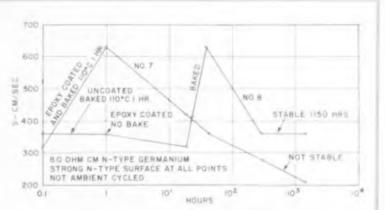
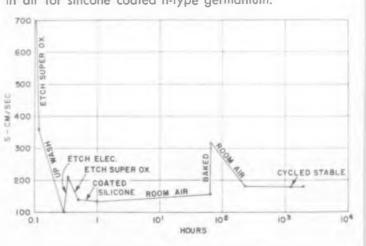


Fig. 8. (Above) Surface recombination velocity versus time in air for epoxy coated and baked (No. 7) and baked, epoxy coated and baked (No. 8) in n-type germanium.

Fig. 9. (Below) Surface recombination velocity versus time in air for silicone coated n-type germanium.



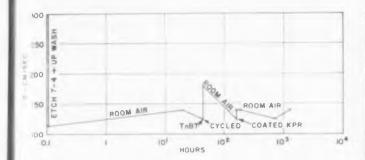


Fig. 10. Surface recombination velocity versus time in air for n-type germanium treated with tetra-n-butyl filanate and coated with a photo-resist (KPR).

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This illustrates how readily the ambient atmosphere can shift the surface from strongly *p*-type to strongly *n*-type.

Fig. 5 shows similar curves on this sample after it has been coated with a silicone resin. The center curve *j* obtained after 5 min exposure to ozone shows only a slight change in the *p*-type direction compared to a change completely to a *p*-type surface in 10 sec when the surface is uncoated.

The surface recombination velocity S is shown in Fig. 6 for this sample.

Some typical curves illustrating several surface treatments under study at DOFL are shown in Figs. 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Many of the germanium etching baths (for example the superoxol etch bath) leave weak n-type or weak p-type surfaces on the semiconductor. These surfaces are easily disturbed by slight traces of stray contaminants. Vapor encountered during removal from the bath, the rinsing, the drying and the room ambients all can easily change such surfaces.

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A combination of chemical treatment plus coating shows promise for producing stable microminiaturized assemblies. In the final stages of fabrication the semiconductor device should be etched, cleaned, and processed to produce the desired surface. This surface should be made resistant to ambient disturbance so that surface properties do not change over the period of normal life expectancy and in any of the environments to which it might be exposed.

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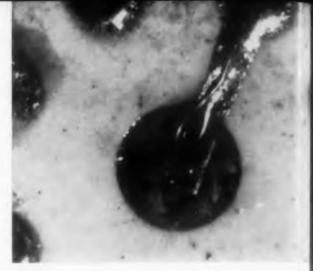
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Fig. 1. Typical microtransistor greatly magnific

## Role of Semiconductors in the Army Micromodule Program

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This program, now underway, with RCA as leader contractor, promises a contractor pletely new component form factor. Technical requirements of the program various new approaches to packaging are described in this article.

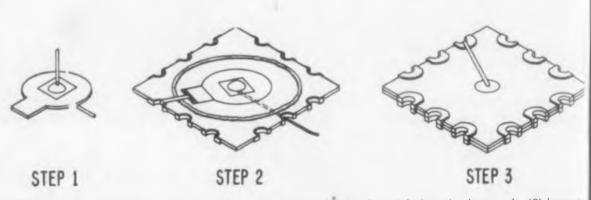


Fig. 2. Three steps in constructing micro-transistors; (1) leads welded to the base tab; (2) base to glued to wafer; (3) assembly of two wafers using epoxy as adhesive.

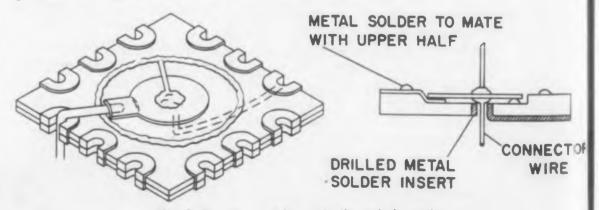


Fig. 3. Experimental hermetically-sealed transistor.

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Microtransistors and microdiodes are separated into distinct groups. At present, there are five major groups for microtransistors, and six major groups for microdiodes.

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## **Technical Requirements**

Technical requirements and objective specifications for these devices are shown in Tables I and II. The initial phase of the microtransistor program is directed toward pnp germanium devices, but silicon microtransistors will certainly be incorporated into the program later on. Except for one germanium group, F1, the microdiode program is an all-silicon program.

This first work is directed toward ambient temperatures of -65 C to 85 C, and junction temperatures of 100 C for the germanium microelements. With the advent of silicon into the program, these temperatures will be raised to 125 C ambient and 200 C junction temperature.

In addition to testing electrical parameters, extensive life tests will be conducted at high storage temperatures, and tests for mechanical ruggedness and operation under different environmental conditions will be carried out. These tests will be performed only on devices which have passed hermetic seal tests.

For parameter characterization, only one microdiode or microtransistor per wafer is contemplated. However, it is anticipated that multiple mountings per wafer can be accomplished.

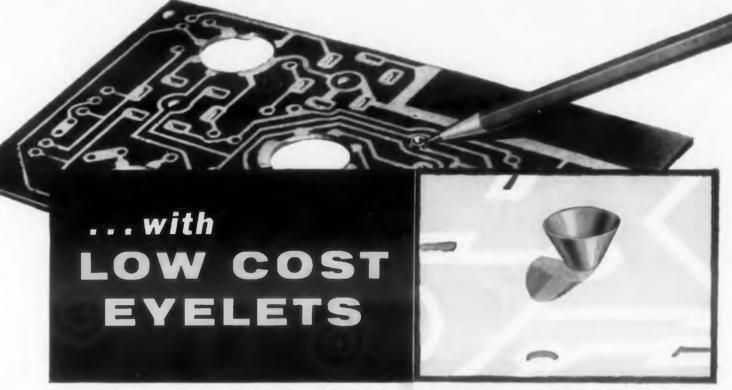
The wafer material or substrate has not been definitely selected. It may be necessary to utilize different substrate materials for each of the groups previously mentioned. Substrate materials now under test include alumina and glass, Fototuram, beryllium oxide, and steatite.

## Semiconductor Micromodule Program

The semiconductor micromodule program is divided into three phases in terms of samples. These are designated preliminary, prototype, and find samples.

Preliminary Samples. Preliminary samples (Fig. 1) are constructed by starting with electrically to ted pellet assemblies. Connector wires are reinforced with a silicone resin, and 0.003 in. nickel hads are welded to the base tab and existing dipped emitter and collector leads. After suitable

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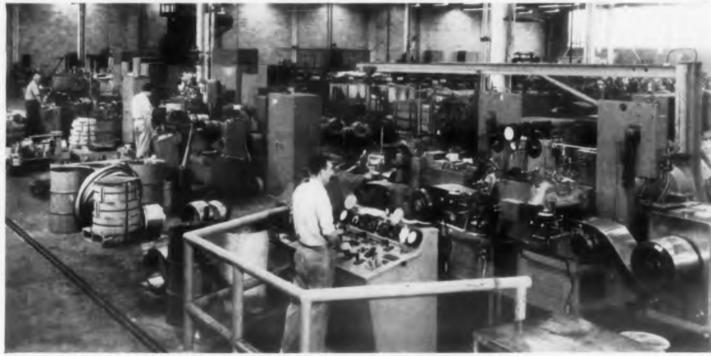
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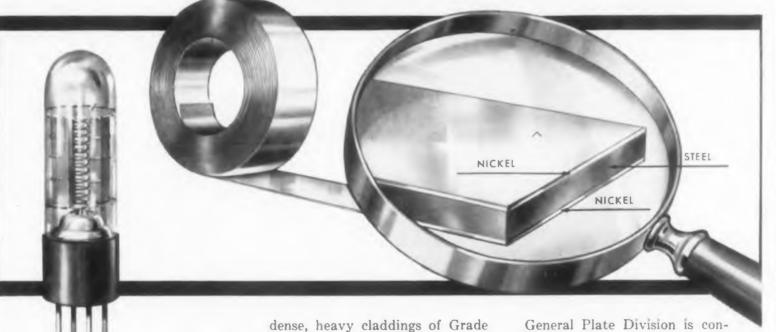
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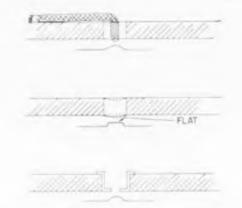


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Fig. 4. Various methods of hermetic sealing include (top) molded-in contact point, (middle) indium or solder-filled insert making contact with shaved dot and (bottom) metal shell insert for solder filling.

Table I—Technical Requirements for Microtransistors

Group	Application	Typical Types
A	General Purpose Audio	2N140
В	Switching	2N404
C	12.5-30 Mc IF	2N384
D	70 Mc IF	2N700
E*	70 Mc 1 woth	(Under Develop- ment)

\*Group E represents the upper limit.

Table II—Technical Requirements for Microdiodes

Group	Application	Typical Types
Fl	Low Frequency Rectifier Detector	IN277
F2	Fast Sw Computer Silicon Junction	IN643
G1	Regulator	IN665
		IN667
G2	Reference	IN430
н١	Reactance Modulator AFC and FM	V39 V56
H2	Reactance Tuning	V27E V58E

bakeout, the pellets and base tabs are glued in place on the wafer substrate with an epoxy resin. The collector lead is threaded through a hole in the side of the wafer, and the base lead is soldered to its terminal. The collector is then soldered to its terminal.

Assembly of two wafers is accomplished by using an epoxy resin for the adhesive. These in plastic" samples (Fig. 2) will not be evaluated in life tests, but will be used as tools by circuit designers attempting to translate circuits pertaining to specific equipment subassemblies into the micromodule concept. To accomplish this breadboarding, sufficient quantities of the different groups will be assembled.

Prototype Samples. Prototype samples (Fig. 4)

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will aim at true hermetic sealing. The pellet asembly is positioned in the wafer, and the base ab is held by solder to one corner. Connection to the emitter and collector is made by using brilled inserts to accommodate solder. A dielecric coating over the pellet assembly is being considered to shield it from solder poured into the connector holes. The base lead, which is nornally attached to a side terminal of one wafer, could be brought through the top wafer to reluce capacitance if necessary.

The main seal uses a solder ring and may be made by using hot techniques involving simple heating, cold techniques involving molecular bonding of metals, resistance heating, or rf heating. Since the transistor elements are sensitive to fluxes, no fluxes will be used in any of the sealing approaches. With the use of a cold swaging seal using indium solders, additional mechanical strength can be achieved by injecting a plastic having the same thermal expansion coefficient into the space between the wafers, but external to the seal.

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If resistance heating is used, the unused portion of the wafer will serve for electrical contacts, and direct heating will melt the solder. An alternative approach is to have many holes in the vafer to achieve contact resistance soldering.

In connection with these methods, work is in progress on ceramic-to-metal and metal-to-metal bonding using various metallizing compounds.

Other possibilities for hermetic sealing (Fig. 4) include a molded-in contact point for either emitter or collector connection, or deformation of an indium or solder-filled insert making contact with a resin-coated shaved dot. An alternative procedure is to fill the hole with solder, making contact to the shaved dot. The third approach is to utilize a metal shell insert for solder filling. Still another method is to use copper tubing soldered to the main seal and brought through holes in one of the wafers. The metal-to-ceramic bond has been evaluated and found hermetic.

## Microdiode Program

The microdiode program is also in three phases. Preliminary samples consist of remounted diodes in wafers. Glass silicon diode envelopes are fractured, and a 0.001 in. diam copper lead is welded to the aluminum stud. For germanium diodes, a small hole is cut into the glass envelope, and an epoxy resin is placed at the wire-to-germanium surface for mechanical rigidity.

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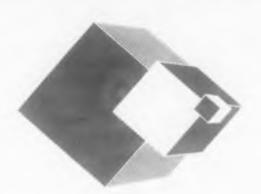
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## Two Dimensional Transistor Packaging

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Another article of the exclusive series on microminiaturization. See note accompanying article p. 38 in this issue regarding the entire series.

Volume occupied by the case of the smallest commercial transistor is about 100 times that of the volume of its semiconducting material. If the transistor is to become comparable in size with other components, its case must be discarded. In this article, the authors describe several techniques for working with ceaseless transistors.

A S THE operational frequency range of transistors is extended, the dimensions must necessarily shrink. One of the most exacting operations involved in fabricating high frequency transistors is the attachment of leads to the small active areas. A photolithographic technique has been developed which permits connections to be made to these areas and at the same time allows the transistor to become an integral part of a printed circuit.

In this technique, parts of the transistor are selectively masked with an insulating film, over which connections may be vacuum deposited. The principle is illustrated schematically in Fig. 1. The presensitized coating (resist) is all organic and is applied in liquid form and allowed to dry.

When dry, it is exposed to ultraviolet radiation through a suitable pattern or mask. Those portions of the coating which are not exposed to the ultraviolet are removed by the developing process, revealing the original substrate. Leads may now be deposited which contact the device only at points where the resist has been removed.

This process has been used in making the connections from a diffused-base transistor to the wiring on a ceramic printed circuit board. The base and emitter contacts,  $0.004 \times 0.012$  in, each, are on a pedestal (Fig. 2a) which was formed by etching the germanium die. The die,  $0.045 \times 0.045 \times 0.010$  in, is soldered to a base plate which becomes the collector contact.

Photo resist is applied to the transistor surface

and exposed so as to bare only two rectangular areas directly over the metallic bars as shown in Fig. 2b. Note that the resist forms a protective coating over the active areas of the transistor. While obviously not a hermetic seal, field effect measurements on germanium surfaces exposed to various ambients indicate that this coating does give some added short-term stability.

The transistor with the resist coating is next inserted into a hole in the ceramic board and the space between the transistor and board filled in with an epoxy resin (Fig. 2c). The epoxy need have no special properties as far as the electrical operation of the device is concerned since it does not come in contact with any of the active areas. Mechanically, the resin serves to attach the transistor firmly to the printed board and at the same time forms a bridge upon which the leads will be deposited. Epon 828 has been used successfully.

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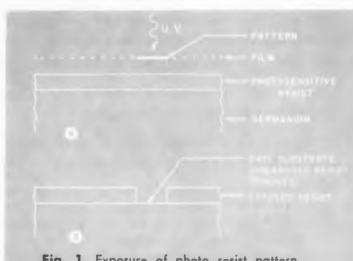


Fig. 1. Exposure of photo resist pattern (a), and surface after development (b).

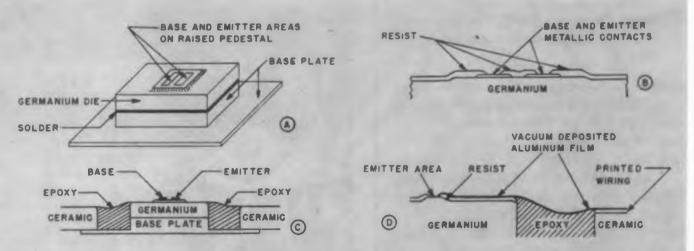


Fig. 2. Steps in connection of a diffused-base transistor to wiring on a printed circuit board starting with transistor soldered to base plate (a). Cross section view (b) of surface after exposure of photo resist, (c) cross-sectional view of transistor in place on the board, and completed unit (d).

Final step in the sequence is the actual deposition of the leads. For large areas the leads can be screened on, but for dimensions like those discussed here, vacuum deposition is much more satisfactory. Mechanical masking is used to confine the deposited area during deposition. This masking need not be exact; it is only necessary that the two areas on the transistor not be shorted and that they be electrically connected to their respective printed leads on the board. One half of the completed unit is shown in Fig. 2d. Fig. 3 is a photomicrograph of a unit with evaporated leads.

## Nonhermetically-Sealed LF Transistor

Fig. 4 shows a graphical cut away of a typical low-frequency germanium alloy transistor. Emitter and base connections are made on one side of the die while the collector connection is made on the other. Grooves around the emitter and collector are made by electrolytic etching.

A ceramic board, 0.020 in. thick, which has the printed wiring and resistors on it, is machined to give a level rectangular depression approximately as deep as the thickness of the transistor die and slightly larger in area. At the point in the depression where the collector will fall, a hole with tapered sides is sandblasted through the ceramic. Then the transistor is coated with a photosensitive lacquer and allowed to dry. Lacquer is applied to form a thin protective coating for the transistor to prevent shorts.

Then the transistor is inserted into the depression collector side down. Since the conical hole is smaller than the indium collector, the transistor will not lie flat in the bottom of the depression. Both the transistor and ceramic circuit board are heated to above the melting point of indium, and



Fig. 3. Photomicrograph of leads vacuum deposited to base and emitter.

pressure is applied to the top side of the die. This forces the molten indium of the collector to completely fill the tapered hole, with some indium passing through and forming a ball on the other side of the ceramic. The conical shape of the hole minimizes spreading of the indium, and the photosensitive lacquer coating of the transistor prevents shorts from occurring if spreading does occur.

Epoxy is now placed around the transistor, filling the space between the die and the ceramic and also covering the exposed semiconductor surface, but not the emitter or base tab. After the epoxy has set up, the excess indium on the emitter is removed so that it is level with the epoxy surface. The indium from the collector which has formed a contact on the other side of the ceramic may be connected to the printed wiring. Connections from the emitter and base tab to the printed wiring on the ceramic surface are made with a conductive epoxy-silver cement.<sup>1</sup>

### Hermetically-Sealed LF Transistor

While the construction described serves to incorporate the transistor in a printed circuit, it does not protect the device from ambients. Presumably, the entire circuit would have to be encapsulated under these conditions. It is possible, however, by some modification of the processing to provide only the transistor with a hermetic enclosure and at the same time retain the "two-dimensional" printed circuit structure.

One method of construction is shown in Fig. 5. A rectangular depression is machined in the ceramic printed circuit board approximately two to three times as deep as the thickness of the transistor die and slightly larger in area. Two holes with tapered sides are sandblasted through the ceramic in the recessed area as shown.

The ceramic is metallized and coated with an indium solder around each hole on the one side and around the periphery of the depression on the other. The ceramic is metallized: (1) around the base and emitter holes in a circular pattern fifty mils in diameter, (2) around the periphery of the rectangular recession in a strip 30 mils wide. These indium solders have different melting points; the former, indium-silver, has a melting point in the order of 230 C; the latter, indium tin, 117 C.

Metallizing the ceramic is essentially a process described by Nolte and Spurck.<sup>2</sup> It involves firing coatings of molybdenum and manganese at 135°C in wet hydrogen. The molymanganese mixture forms a chemical bond to the ceramic under these conditions, insuring a true hermetic seal. Nickel oxide is then coated over this metallized surface and reduced to give a layer of nickel. In order to facilitate wetting by the indium solders, a layer of gold is deposited over



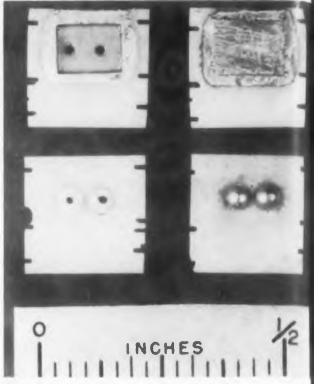
the entire metal surface by immersing the ceramic board into a gold displacement bath.

The transistor is coated with the photosensitive lacquer and the base tab is removed to expose the base of the transistor. A connection is made to the base with indium to insure good wetability during subsequent processing. Previous to inserting the transistor into the ceramic, the ceramic is metallized and coated with indium as mentioned previously. When the high melting point indium solder is applied to the metallized surface around the base and emitter holes, it fills the lower portion of the hole cavities while at the same time wetting the gold around the holes. Since this solder melts at 230 C, it will not be disturbed during subsequent operations where solders having lower melting points are used.

A ball of indium is placed in one of the holes and the transistor placed over it in the depression so that the emitter falls in the empty hole and the base contacts the indium ball in the other. Heat is applied to the ceramic and transistor to above the melting point of indium. Pressure is applied as before. This forces the indium into the two holes and at the same time causes the ball to wet the base connection. Epoxy is now placed around the recessed transistor, filling the space between the die and the ceramic and also covering the exposed semiconductor surface except for the raised collector contact.

After the epoxy has set up, part of the collector is removed to the level of the epoxy surface and





**Fig. 6.** Top and bottom view of ceramic before installation of transistor (left) and finished and sealed asserbly (right).

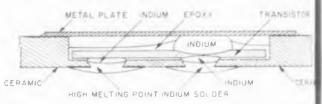


Fig. 7. Hermetically sealed transistor package.

the cover plate is soldered on. The melting point of this solder, as mentioned is 117 C. In soldering the cover plate to the metallized ceramic an inert atmosphere, a solder connection is all made between the plate and the collector. Thus the transistor is completely sealed in an ineatmosphere in a ceramic package only 0.020 in thick. Examples of this type of construction at shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

These units have been exposed to an ammon vapor for thirty minutes and to an atmospher of 95 per cent humidity and 71 C for a period of 16 hrs with no change in transistor characteristic

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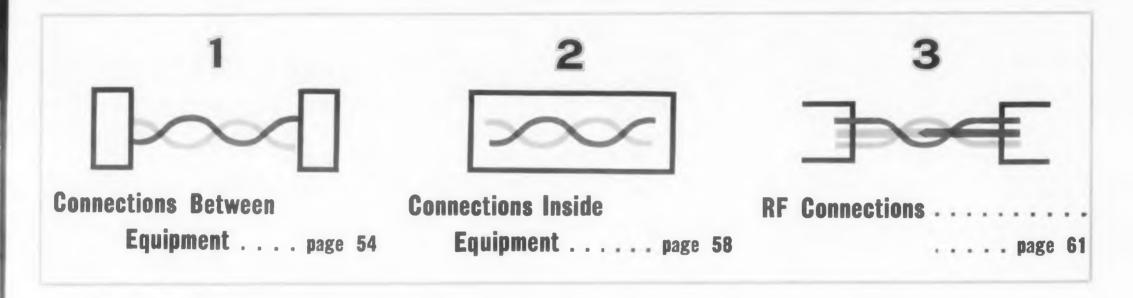
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## CONNECTIONS

An ELECTRONIC DESIGN Staff Report on Recent Developments



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In the laboratory, while working with either dc or low frequency ac circuits, the engineer may simply twist pairs of wires together to make satisfactory electrical connections. The twisted wires can be easily disconnected to allow testing and modification of the circuits. Connection problems are relatively nonexistent for the design engineer at this point.

But once the circuit gets off the bread and drawing boards, the ends of wires must be connected in a sturdy and enduring manner. This holds true for circuits that operate from dc to the rf frequencies.

Volumes can be written, and have been, on how to select the right connector and make the best connection; the field of electrical connections is enormous.

In considering the area this special report should cover, we decided to limit ourselves to the most recent developments in the field. In questionnaires which went to more than 200 connector manufacturers, we asked for information on connectors made commercially available within the last 12 to 15 months.

In that way we hoped to avoid deluging the reader with information he knew some time ago.

Our search for information led us, among other places, to Dallas, Tex., to the Third EIA Conference on Reliable Connections. There we interviewed both users and producers of electrical connectors. We discussed problems, and tried to discover common factors adding up to reliable electrical connections.

Everyone had strong opinions on the subject.

Our search also took us through the latest literature on the subject. Results of this research, plus data obtained at the EIA technical meeting, have been integrated into this report.

This report is broken into three parts. The first covers connections made between pieces of electronic equipment, including such items as cable connectors and connectors used with rack mounted equipment. The second part deals with connections made inside a piece of equipment—such items as printed circuit connectors and terminal blocks. The third part covers rf connectors.

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## **Connections Between Equipment**

WITH connectors being used in ever increasing quantities, more and more attention is being given by design engineers today to the problems encountered in making reliable electrical connections.

Reliable connections are especially important when electronic equipment is built on a modular basis—that is, when the electronic system is broken into many subassemblies to be interconnected. Here, the connector can almost be considered the "heart" on the system. But an unfortunate aspect of modular construction, particularly for the military user, is that it has spawned a large number of different types of connectors (see the Editorial, p. 23, this issue). This has cluttered military supply lines and complicated logistic problems,

## When Is A Connection Faulty?

Despite the great number of connections being made, experts disagree on what constitutes a faulty connection. Some even prefer to remain noncommittal. At the recent Third EIA Conference on Reliable Electrical Connections, some defined a faulty connection as one that has become open. Others define a faulty connection more stringently. A small amount of resistance is considered ample to label a connection faulty. (Low connection resistance is especially important in printed circuit applications where the volts may be measured in millivolts and the amperes measured in milliamperes.)

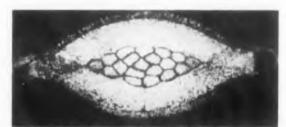
Because of this disagreement, the final answer to what constitutes a faulty connection will have to be made by the design engineer. Tolerance limits of resistance should be established for each connection and a judgment made accordingly.

## **Factors In Reliable Connections**

There are two basic factors in making reliable connections. One is the intelligent selection of the connector and the other factor is the connection of the wires or the cables to the connector. Considerations in specifying connectors are given in the box on the right hand page.

The trend these days is towards the solderless type of connection for attaching wires and cables to connectors. Some of the reasons for the solderless connection's growing popularity are:

- They're cheaper than soldered connections.
- They lend themselves to automatic processes.



**Fig. 1.** Good conduction and reliability in a solderless connection depends on the deformation of the wires. In the cross-sectional photograph the compression-type connection is shown.



Fig. 3. Hermaphroditic connectors have both plug and receptacle characteristics.



Fig. 2. Cut-away view of the taper pin connector.

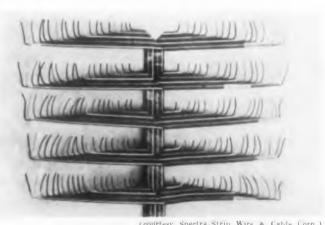


Fig. 4. Flat cables offer controlled capacitance and uniformity between one harness and another.



Fig. 5. Cable and harness assemblies can be ordered as a unit.



courtesy Amp Inc.

**Fig. 6.** Contacts on this rack and panel connector are gold-plated for protection against corrosion.



(courtesy Cannon Electric Co.)

**Fig. 7.** For missile applications, plugs like these are disconnected from their mates by an explosive charge located inside.

- They provide repeatability.
- They're easier to use in tight quarters.

## Wire Deformation Necessary

In both the crimp and wrap-around variety of solderless connections, the wire attached to a contact is deformed. It is this deformation which provides good electrical contact.

For a crimp (compression) connection, the wire is inserted into a terminal; then the terminal is squeezed so as to compress the wire within it. The deformation of the wires in this type of connection is shown in Fig. 1. In the wrap-around variety, as the name applies, the wire is tightly wrapped around a terminal. Contact is made by the edges of the wire and terminal cutting into one other. Telephone switchboards are being built using this wrap-around technique.

Solderless-type contacts used in connectors go by a variety of names and among them are: "Taper Pin." "Poke-Home" and "Snap In." Basically they are all alike. Wire is compressed within the contact and the contact is then inserted into the connector.

An example of the solderless-type contact used in a cable connector is shown in Fig. 2. A big advantage of this type of connector is that the wires can be cut, stripped and the solderless contacts installed long before a cable form is made. Also, maintenance men can easily remove a wire or wires from the connection for point to point inspection without abusing adjacent wires. The solderless contacts can be removed and reinserted many times without any loss of retention.

### The Case Against Solderless Connections

Some quarters recognize the advantages of the

solderless connection, and do agree that they are satisfactory in some applications. But it is not admitted that solderless connections are good for all applications.

One often heard case against the solderless connection is that wide temperature cycling of the connection will eventually have harmful effects. This, of course, happens when the wire and the terminal are made of different materials, and therefore have different coefficients of expansion. Different expansion rates of the wire and the terminal allow air and corrosive gasses to penetrate the connection and, in time oxidize and corrode unprotected metal surfaces. This action results in a high resistance connection, and eventually to an unreliable one. Solderless connections, which are surrounded by a potting compound or sealed off from the atmosphere, will be immune to these effects.

Soldered connections, a corollary argument runs, are better because an alloy of wire and solder is formed at the surface of the wire.

Proponents of the solderless connection are not silent. They have a string of countercharges which they are ready to recite without too much prompting. Among the points made at the Reliable Electrical Conference last December were: soldered connections are difficult to test. On the surface a soldered connection may look satisfactory, and a continuity check may confirm this. But the trouble lies in no one really being able to see if the connection is a cold one, or if there are holes or other undesirable characteristics within the soldered joint. What seems like a good connection may shortly become a faulty one.

Soldered connections require more care, too. After the solder has been melted onto the con-

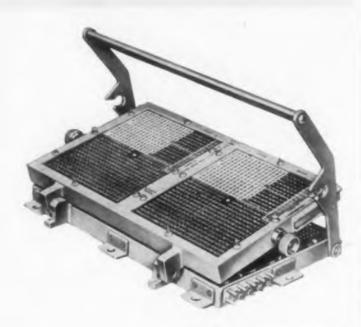
## Before Buying A Connector Think About . . .

- 1. Who will buy the final product? If it is to be used in a unit that must meet military specifications, then choosing a connector that meets Mil Specs will save time and money.
- 2. Where the connector will be used? Will the environment be hot, cold, or alternately both, and for how long? Other environmental conditions—altitude, humidity, shock, vibration, corrosive atmospheres, and magnetic fields—are vital considerations, too. Each applicable factor is important in selecting the type of coupling and the type of connector shell.
- 3. How plugs and receptacles must be mated. Should they be the quick-disconnect type, or should the normal threaded (or reverse threaded) types be used? Where and how the connector is to be used will influence the final choice.
- 4. How many contacts are needed? The number of wires or circuits that must be connected is important here. It might be wise, however, to order a few more contacts than are required. If circuit and equipment changes are envisioned, extra contacts will come in handy.
- 5. What style of contacts are most suitable? There are a wide variety on the market: eyelet terminal, solder pot terminal, pin contact, crimp terminal, taper pin types, and others. The wire size used will play an important role here. Pick the contacts which you need and which meet your purpose best.

  6. How much current must be carried? The more current a contact is expected to carry, the bigger it must be. Contacts that are too small in crosssectional area for their intended purpose will become hot (I<sup>2</sup>R) and possibly ruin the connector.
- 7. Insulation required between contacts. Again, there is a wide variety—plastics, ceramics, glass and others. Each type of insulation is particularly suited to meet different environmental stresses. Amount of voltage between contacts is another consideration.

  8. How much room is available? Often overlooked, but just as important as any other consideration, is the amount of room available to mount the connector. Space determines whether the connector should be square, round, or rectangular.
- 9. Whether the connection must be "idiotproof." If it must, then choose polarized connectors. It is possible to mate them in only one way: the right way.

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(courtesy Amphenol Electronics Corp.)

Fig. 8. For ground support equipment programming boards like this one are sometimes used. This one has 1280 contacts.



courtesy Amp Inc.)

**Fig. 9.** Arcing is a problem at high altitudes. This combination lead and connector can take up to 35,000 v at 5 amp.



(courtesy Amp Inc.)

Fig. 10. Permanent connections between subassembly cables can be made with this type of crimp connection.



(courtes) U.S. Components Inc.)

**Fig. 11.** Designated the FBI series, these connectors have "floating body isolation." Stresses and strains are absorbed by the frame and not transmitted internally.

nection it is extremely important that the wire(s) does not move. If it does while the solder is solidifying, then an imperfect crystalline structure of the solder will be formed, and an important connection made.

### **Soldering Methods**

The soldered connection has not been abandoned; it is still being made on a very wide scale. And studies have recently been made on how to make the best soldered connection. Results of these studies, such as made at General Electric, indicate that the resistance soldering method helps considerably in achieving a reliable soldered connection. Resistance soldering is accomplished by passing a current through the contact, the wire and the solder (if preformed solder is used). The current heats up the contact and wire and melts the solder to form the connection.

Among the advantages of resistance soldering are that it applies heat only to the desired contact. Thus no other connection can become loose or insulation burned. Then, too, it has been found that it reduces holes in the solder cup, and thereby insures a more reliable connection. Last, the tips of the resistance soldering tool are small and easy to manipulate while working in very tight quarters such as on miniature connectors.

## "Follow-Through" Needed For Reliable Connections

Because of the myriad of connectors available and the variety of connections possible, there are no specific rules on how to make the best connection. Each connection has to be judged in relation to what is expected of it and the environment in which it must operate. If these two considerations are carefully analyzed, the design engineer's chances of specifying the right connector and the right connection are excellent.

After the connector and the method of attaching the wires to it have been decided on, three "follow-through" factors must be observed:

- Care
- Cleanliness
- Craftsmanship

Care should be exercised in the selection of tools to be used, whether they be automatic or manual. For instance, special tools are available for making crimp connections; ordinary pliers just won't do. Care should be taken in the selection of solder and the type of soldering iron used.

Cleanliness is a production line consider-

## **High Temperature Soldered Connections**

One of the demands being made these days, especially by the military, is for equipment that will operate at high temperatures. High temperatures used to mean 100 C, then 125 C. And now 500 C and 1000 C are quoted as high. High temperatures affect everything in a piece of equipment including soldered connections.

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At Hughes Aircraft,<sup>2</sup> not too long ago, an investigation into high temperature effects on soldered connections was made. The results:

- For solderability and resistance to metallic diffusion at 260 C these platings were found good: gold plate over nickel plate, rhodium plate over silver plate, and nickel plate over copper base metal.
- For strength and corrosion resistance at 260 C, solder alloy Ag 1.5 per QQ-S-571 was judged satisfactory.
- For proper operation of high impedance circuits, all flux residues must be removed.

## **Preparation Of Wire**

In most cases a wire has to be stripped before it can be properly joined to either a solder or solderless contact of a connector. There are two methods of removing insulation. One is by mechanical methods such as pliers or automatic

ation. All material, such as contacts and wire, must be clean before a good connection can be established. Cleanliness of the soldering iron is important too. A corroded tip will interfere with the transmission of heat. After the connection has been made, extraneous material such as drops of solder and wire clippings must be removed. Some manufacturers go so far as to recommend removal of flux. They believe enough dirt can adhere to the flux to cause damaging effects.

Craftsmanship. is, essentially, the attitude of the workman who finally makes the connection. Indifference on his part leads to poor connections. The craftsman's pride in his work is an important factor in reliability. Often craftsmanship can be encouraged and developed by simple means. An elementary explanation of why reliable connections are important, and what disastrous results can occur from bad connections, may be all that is needed to make just another workman into a craftsman. Some companies have instituted training programs to school their personnel in making reliable connections and to explain how important their work is in missile programs. Results of this educational approach are good.

rippers. The other method involves the applicaon of heat to the insulation at a desired distance way from the end of the wire. A small amount insulation is burned away and then the renaining insuluation is pulled off. For a more relible connection, the latter method is preferred by some in industry. It is felt that a wire is usually conconcentric with respect to its insulation and that there is the possibility that the wire will be nicked by mechanical strippers. And nicked wires break easily under vibration, leading to open cirnits.

### Some Recent Developments

Hermaphroditic (having both plug and receptuele characteristics) connectors were recently introduced by the Elco Corp. The mating members of these connectors have identical mating faces. Design of the connectors is this: where high points extend above the mating plane, low points are provided below the mating plane on the opposite side of the symmetry line of the connector. See Fig. 3.

The hermaphroditic connector, like other connectors, can be used to interconnect cables for the transmission of energy from one point to another. But they are most useful when various equipment of the same type at distant places must be connected in parallel and a network formed with the help of several cables in series.

These connectors are completely pressure sealed, polarized and have features for easy coupling in the dark. Units are available for power connections, where the contacts are recessed to prevent shorting. This type of connector has a stock room advantage: less different types of connectors have to be kept in supply.

Flat cables are another new twist when it comes to connections between equipment. These cables offer controlled capacitance and uniformity between one harness and another. Since no strings are tied around the cable, there is no possibility of the insulation being cut, and no need for a protective cable jacket. Also, because there is no jacket, the wires stay cooler and costs are kept down. An example of flat cable, manufactured by Spectro-Strip Wire & Cable Corp., is shown in Fig. 4.

A relatively new innovation in the field of connections is the production of a complete harness usembly. Such units are normally guaranteed as a whole. In ordering these types of units it is important to specify the type of connectors required, wire sizes, cable shape (circular or otherwise), and jacket material. Special qualification to its should also be spelled out. An example of a horness assembly, made by Cannon Electric Co., is shown in Fig. 5.

Other recent connector developments are shown in Figures 6 through 11.

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## **Connections Inside Equipment**

## **Printed Wiring**

PRINTED circuit boards, which have helped unclutter the interior and reduce the size of electronic equipment, are still a matter of controversy when it comes to feed-through connections.

The dispute centers around whether platedthrough holes or eyelets are the more reliable connection elements. Proponents of the eyelet say they are the best choice when frequent maintainance work is done on a printed board, for eyelets reduce damage to conductors when components are being changed. And they make the point that plated-through holes are very sensitive to dipsoldering. The heat of the solder generates gas within the laminate which may blow through the plating where it is thin.

On the other hand, advocates of plated-

through holes say they form the more effective connection because they "follow the surface" that has either been punched or drilled out of the board. Plated-through holes are cheaper, too.

Eyelets were favored over plated-through connections as of the middle of 1958 (Electronic Design, June 11). At the Institute of Printed Circuits meeting last October, however, many delegates reported that plated-through connections had proved more reliable than eyelets, and predicted that they would find increasing use.

One conclusion is evident: with proper care in production techniques, both sides are getting very good results with their favorite type of feed-through connection.

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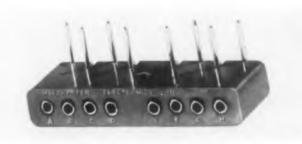
Fig. 1. (above) Made by Amp. Inc., these component tips provide a way of attaching component parts to printed boards that have neither plated through nor eyelet connections.

Fig. 3. (right) For test points on printed circuit boards, connectors such as these are used.



(courtesy Methodo Mfg Corp. )

**Fig. 2.** Spring latch dogs on these P-C receptacles insure vibration-proof mounting of circuit boards.



(courtesy Winchester Electronics Inc.)

cuit board when it is used in airborne and missile equipment. It flexes the laminate and plays havoc with the soldered joints. Studies made at Westinghouse<sup>3</sup> show that a large solder fillet around the eyelet will reduce vibration failures. Another study, made at General Electric,<sup>4</sup> shows that a petal-shaped eyelet more evenly distributes vibration stresses around the eyelet.

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## **New Component Mounting Method**

A different way of connecting components to printed circuit boards was introduced within the last four months by Amp Inc. The company put a tip on the market which, when attached to the lead wires of a component, permits the component to be mounted on a board that has neither eyelet nor plated-through connections. These tips are currently being used by some large manufacturers. Application of the tips is shown in Fig. 1.

During production runs and soldering the tips hold the component lead wires firmly to the board. The shape of the tip promotes capillary action during dip soldering causes fillets to be formed on both sides of the board. Another advantage is that the circuitry can be checked even before soldering because the tip makes good connection with the wiring on the board. Also, since the component is held firmly in place, there can be no cold solder joint problems. There are machines which can attach these tips at rates up to 7200 an hour.

Another approach to connecting components to printed circuit boards was developed by Atlas E-E Corp., the lead wire connectors are gold-plated units which are press fitted into the board, dip-soldered in place and then the component wires inserted into them. Although soldering the component wires to the connector is not necessary, doing so would improve connection reliability. Currently available for 0.016 and 0.02 in lead wire diameters, the units have an 8 oz minimum withdrawal force. They are made for computers, guided missiles and can stand 79 g's. They have no resonant frequencies below 3000 cps.

### Dip vs. Hand Soldering

Though the printed circuit board has been around for some time, axes are still being ground over the best way to solder components to them. Some companies (Boeing Aircraft, for instance) are firm believers in hand soldering methods. More reliable connections, they say. Boeing's experience with some dip-soldering methods indicates that dip-soldering has a tendency to leave "icicles" around the soldered joints. That is, thin needle-point structures are formed.

At the Third EIA Conference on Reliable Connections, a spokesman for General Electric said that their experience shows that perfectly acceptable connections can be achieved with dip-

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dering methods. In fact, he said, the hand sold ring method defeats the whole purpose of p inted circuit boards—which is the automatic assumbly and production of electronic circuits.

It seems that dip-soldering is everyone's goal, however, and that it will be universal as soon as a impanies find processes which are satisfactory to them.

## What To Do With The Residue?

Although cleanliness is considered next to godliness in all types of connections, opinions differ how far this concept should be carried with relation to flux residues. In printed circuit appliations it is generally recommended that all flux be cleaned off after the board has been soldered. It is felt that flux will catch dirt or other extraneous matter and will eventually lead to short circuits, and other damaging effects. The point of contention here is that it is very difficult to guarantee removal of all the flux. And that if it must be removed, then it must be done with meticulous care or not at all. The reason is that flux is a nonconductive substance. Once it is dissolved in the solvent during removal it becomes reactivated and may flow into undesirable nooks and crannies on the board and eventually have more harmful effects than if it were left on.

## **Printed Circuit Connectors**

The trend with all printed circuit connectors today is towards miniaturization. As to which type of connector provides the most reliable connection: they all seem to do equally well if designed and used properly. Each type has its good and bad points and the final application must be evaluated carefully before a final connector selection is made.

Printed circuit connectors fall into three general categories. There is the one-part connector, where the board fits directly into a receptacle. And there is the two-part connector, where a plug is attached to the board which then fits into a receptacle connector. These are the two more generally used types. And as practically all printed circuit connectors available today, they are of the multi-contact type.

Advantage of the one-part connector: it is the pand simple to use. But moisture will expand the board and cause insertion difficulties. As for the two-part connector, the plug attached to the board prevents board warpage and offers more sturdy polarization contacts. Also, there is no moisture problem.

The third type of connector consists of contacts attached to a board at regular or irregular intervals. Wires can be wrapped around these contacts, or the contacts can be mated to other connectors.

(Continued on following page)

## HYFEN

Cutaway view of

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MS-type HYFEN

with closed-entry sockets

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## **CONNECTIONS**

Examples of all three types of connectors can be found in Figs. 2 through 5.

## Withdrawal and Insertion Forces

A topic of continuing interest is the insertion and withdrawal forces of printed circuit connectors. The higher the forces, the lower the resistance in the connection. This is good. However, higher insertion forces in the receptacles have damaging effects. High insertion forces mar the surface of plug contacts and pull off the tabs on boards. There is only one answer, so far, to this problem. The design engineer must study his particular connection application, and seek a compromise that meets his situation best.

There are two things that can be done to help tabs on printed circuit boards stand high insertion forces. One is the use of a rounded and smooth contact in the receptacle instead of a straight stamped one. Also, in a report made at the Stanford Research Institute,<sup>5</sup> it was found that a slight chamfer (or rounding) at the edge of the board will cut down insertion force and increase tab life.

Although exhaustive tests have shown that insertion and withdrawal forces increase with the number of times contacts are used, this does not seem to permanently bar one-part connectors from certain military applications. The reason is that the number of insertions and withdrawals in certain applications is not large enough to cause damage. When a large number of insertions and withdrawals are anticipated, however, the two-part connector performs best.

## Why Connectors Fail

Connectors used with printed circuits do fail. The Stanford report found that most frequent failures were due to:

- Damage to foil tabs.
- Moisture condensation.
- Contact corrosion.

The least frequent causes of failure were:

- High voltage.
- High currents.
- Sustained unidirectional forces.
- Low ambient temperatures.

And the symptom most often associated wit failure was erratic contact resistance.

## **Conventional Wiring**

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**Fig. 4.** These contacts are staked and dip-soldered to the board. They are available for mating boards in either a parallel or perpendicular fashion. They permit spacings of 0.06 in. one row, with an airgap of 0.02/in. between contacts. Similar contacts are available with 0.05 in. spacings in two rows.

wire for making internal connections. Some quarters even feel that truly reliable connections between components can be made only with wire and point to point soldering.

Wire, of course, has some obvious advantages. Circuits are not frozen as they are with printed circuit boards. Not only can components be changed when wiring is used, but circuit modifications are also relatively easy.

Crimp connections at the ends of wires are also growing in use when it comes to terminating wires inside equipment. As mentioned, in part 1 of this report, crimp connectors are simple to attach, and easy to use. In tight quarters fitting a



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Fig. 5. To speed up production and cut costs of radio and television sets, these "Wire-a-Wire" terminals are available.

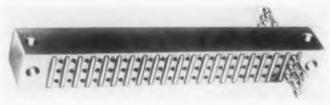


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taper pin into a terminal block is easier than making a soldered connection. Lugs that crimp onto wires are available from a wide source of manufacturers, also, terminal blocks that work with crimped lugs. Some examples of crimp terminals available are shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

## Microminiaturization Wiring

The microminiaturization of electronic equipment has led to the development of new methods for making connections. One basic technique involves stacking the wafer circuits in such a



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Fig. 7. These terminal blocks accept taper pins. For computer applications, the receptacles are molded-in for maximum durability.

**Fig. 6.** Designed for ground support applications, the contacts on this connector are gold plated. After set screw is fastened, 100 lb of force are needed to withdraw the connection.

manner that all leads protrude from one side of the assembly. The assembly is then encapsulated in resin and the side containing the leads is faced off to expose the interconnection points. Chemically deposited copper or printed silver wiring can be used for interconnections. This technique was reported feasible with modules larger than 0.005 cubic inches at last year's Symposium on Microminiaturization, sponsored by the Diamond Fuze Laboratories and held in Washington, D. C. A detailed explanation of this technique is given by authors N. J. Doctor and E. L. Hebb in an article that appears in ED, Feb. 4, page 34.



## **RF Connections**

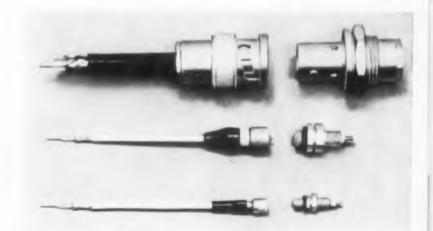
N THE realm of radio frequency connections, the trend is toward the lighter, the smaller and the more reliable connector. Behind this trend have been: (1) the requirements of missile and avionic instrumentation, where size and weight must be kept down, and (2) the application of long experience and the latest advances, to the design and manufacture of connectors.

Increasing use of solderless connectors has accompanied this trend, and they have evoked different reactions from the experts. Last December, at the Third EIA Conference on Reliable Electrical Connections, some delegates reported satisfactory results with solderless connections even when they were used throughout the rf spectrum. Others said, "Yes, they're good, but only up to a certain frequency." (Upper limits

such as 10 and 30 kmc were mentioned for crimping to the shield of the cable). And others expressed doubt about the value of solderless rf connections at any frequency.

Some of the arguments presented against the solderless connection: (1) It is difficult to tell if such a connection is a reliable one. Under vibration the connection may be an intermittent one and introduce noise. (2) Crimping a connection to the shield of a cable may deform the cable's dielectric. This will alter the characteristics of the cable.

How good a soldered rf connection can be is illustrated by General Electric's<sup>6</sup> experience. Its engineers "cast" molten solder around the ground lead and the shield of the coaxial cable used with airborne electronic equipment. After seven



**Fig. 1.** From top to bottom: A standard BNC connector, a microminiature connector and a "sub-microminiature" connector. Made by Microdot Inc., these connectors illustrate today's trend toward miniaturization.



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**Fig. 2.** Solderless connections are being made in the rf field. This connector is used to ground the shield of a coaxial cable.

years they reported that "no field failures were attributed to malfunctioning terminations." It is recognized, however, that deficiencies may be expected in field reporting.

Some of the antisoldering arguments presented at the conference: (1) Heat generated during soldering may injure the dielectric and change the characteristics of the cable. (2) Highly skilled personnel are needed to make a soldered connection to miniaturized rf connectors.

Solderless connection advantages noted were similar to those mentioned in Part 1 of this report.

## **Captivated Center Pins**

The captivated center pin, a relatively recent innovation in rf connectors, has helped overcome the problem of dielectric creepage that often resulted in discontinuity of the center conductor in a coaxial cable.

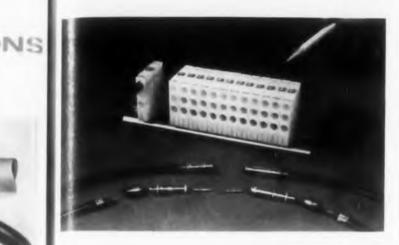
Normally the dielectric of a coaxial cable is fastened to the connector clamp. Environmental changes and the application of severe mechanical stresses cause dielectric creepage. When the dielectric shrinks it pulls with it the center conductor of the connector. Result: an open or high resistance connection may be established. The creepage problem is especially acute when dielec-



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**Fig. 3.** Captivated center pins, which are built into the rf connector, prevent dielectric creepage from causing discontinuities in the center contact.

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Flg. 4. In these rf connectors, the inner pin or socket is crimped to the inner conductor. The contact is then snap-locked into the outer pin or socket, which has the in ulation factory-assembled into it. Introduced last fall by Burndy Inc., the contacts can be easily removed. The connectors can also be used with Burndy's Modulok

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The captivated center pin, however, is buttressed against the body of the connector. This prevents movement of the center conductor, eliminating the possibility of a discontinuity. Though captivated center pins provide extra protection, they are not mandatory in all applications. In the missile instrumentation area, particular interest is being shown in them.

### The Big Picture

Proper operation of an rf system depends, in part, on the careful evaluation of the vswr limitations that can be tolerated. That is why the cumulative vswr effect of all the rf connectors must be considered when connectors are being specified. This is especially important at microwave frequencies.

Improperly made rf connections will result in he system's not working satisfactorily. But perhaps equally important, energy will be reflected back to the output circuit of the transmitter. And this energy, if it causes the output circuit to exceed its wattage rating, will shorten the life of the transmitter.

## **Proper Assembly Necessary**

After the rf system connection requirements have been evaluated and the cable and the conmetor selected, the connector must be attached to the cable. The importance of good production techniques in attaching rf connectors is underlived by this statement from Hoffman Electronics Orp.7: "Overwhelming evidence indicates that a properly assembled connector has never failed ii production or use."

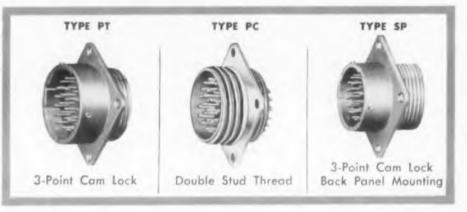
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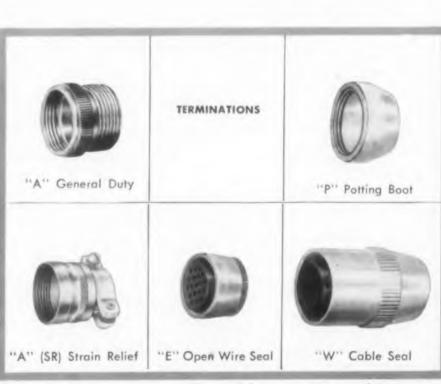
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## **Connection Developments** As We Go To Press



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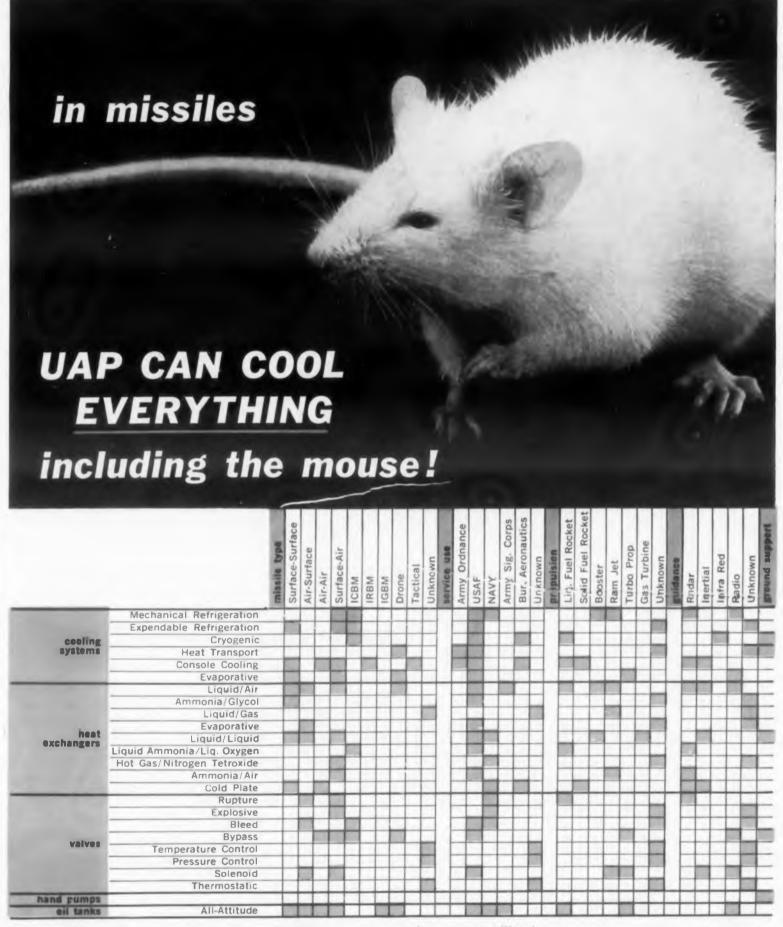
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Work being done to terminate flexible cable was revealed by Amp Inc. By modifying the crimp design on their solderless lug, they can connect flexible cable in a very simple manner. The process works like this: Material between the conductive element is slotted out. Then a short pièce of the conductor is bent back and a solderless lug crimped on. The solderless terminal can then be attached to terminal boards and connectors. All processes are done automatically. Also developed was a special terminal block for lexible cable, as shown in the photograph. It completely shields each solderless termination from the others. This reduces the flashover problem and permits use of the flexible cable at high altitudes.

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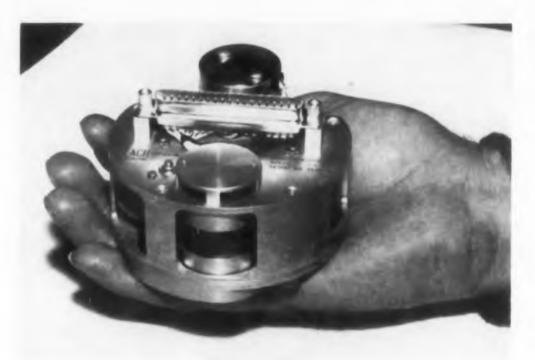


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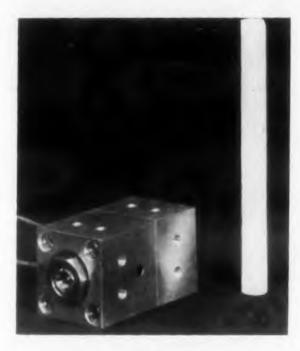


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Conveniences: Small, light-weight; plugs in like vacuum tube; completely protected from atmospheric conditions; contacts cannot wear, weld, stick or chatter; tamper-proof; requires no maintenance.

**Durability:** Easily withstands normal handling and transportation shocks.

Send for CLARE Sales Engineering Bulletin No. 125 for complete information on the new Type HGS Relay. Bulletins 120 and 122 describe HG and HGP Relays. Write: C. P. Clare & Co., 3101 Pratt Blvd., Chicago 45, Illinois. In Canada: C. P. Clare Canada Ltd., 2700 Jane Street, Toronto 15. Cable Address: CLARELAY.

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#### **Pressure Switch**

1% accuracy and repeatability



For indicating absolute air pressure, model 5120 switch has 1% accuracy and repeatability. It operates on 28 v dc at 35 ma and is rated 2 amp at 30 v dc and 3 amp at 115 v ac. The standard range is 0.4 to 15 psia, and 0.1 to 1 and 13 to 20 psia ranges are available. The unit withstands —65 to +220 F.

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#### Instrument Movement

Provides maximum flux density

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The Triplett Electrical Instrument Co., Dept. ED, Bluffton Ohio.

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Featuring circular polarization, the G-1054 antennas are suited the reception of telemetering in ormation from orbital and intospace transmitters. With 6, 8, or 10 ft diameter parabolic reflectors, they have a choice of helical feeds and a manually controlled mount for either ground or vehicle installation. Gain is 23 to 26 db over an isutropic source, and the nominal beam width is 8 to 14 deg, depending on size. Standard frequency range is 940 to 980 mc and vswr is le s than 1.3. Completely balanced, the unit has an azimuth adjustment of 360 deg and an elevation edjustment of 0 to 90 deg. Markers are provided for both azimuth and elevation readings. Transmission line feed is through a type N connector with a terminal impedance of 50

Technical Appliance Corp., Dept. ED, Sherburne, N.Y.

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#### Converters

115 v, 60 cps output

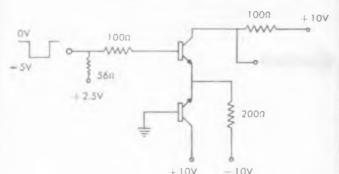
Featuring high power to weight ratio, arc free operation, and long life, these static inverters provide outputs of 115 v, 60 cps. Respectively, models MAC-6-30-1 and MAC-12-20-1 have 6 and 12 v battery inputs and 150 and 170 w maximum fixed load outputs va. Both units measure 8 x 5-1/2 x 3 in. and weigh 7 lb. Model MAC-12-30-2 is designed with a 12 v battery input, 250 w maximum output va, and 10% no load to full load regulation. Case size is 4-3/4 x 5-7/8 x 7 in.; weight is 16 lb. In all units, output voltage varies directly with input voltage. Cases and porcelain terninals are hermetically sealed.

Dept. ED, 1727 Weirfield St., Broklyn 27, N.Y.

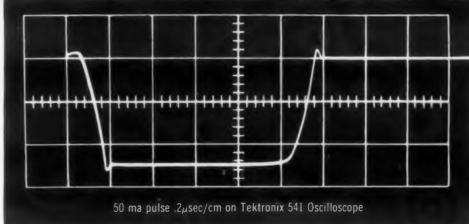
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For further information, write for Bulletin *TE-1355*.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS									
	2N1140	ST4080	ST4081	2N339	2N342	2N343			
Vee	40	60	60	55	60	60 Volts			
Veb	5	3	3	1	1	1 Volts			
Power Dissipation 100°C amb.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4 Watts			
100°C case	1.2	1.2	1.2			Watts			

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$\begin{array}{l} \text{Max R}_{es} \\ \text{at I}_{e} = \text{20 ma, I}_{e} = \text{5 ma} \end{array}$	50**	100	100	300	350	350 ohm	
hfe at 10 mc typical	5						
$C_{\rm C}$ at $V_{\rm Cl}$ , = 10 volts, $I_{\rm C}$ = 0	16					μμf.	
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\*at I<sub>C</sub> = 5 ma

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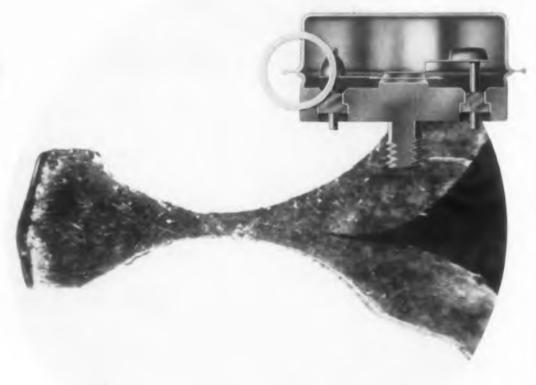
## High power transistors with new cold-weld seal

Improved cold-weld seal gives new Tung-Sol high-power transistors three-way quality boost

True hermetic, copper-tocopper seal improves transistor thermal characteristics.

Elimination of heat-damage, heat-caused moisture and "splash" increase reliability.

Vacuum-tight, moisture-proof cold-weld seal lasts even through "breathing" over long life operation.



Photomicrograph (45X) shows circled area of cross section of Tung-Sol high-power germanium transistor cold-weld seal. Note absence of seam, indicating actual integration of copper molecules and a true, hermetic, copper-to-copper seal.

Once again Tung-Sol shows the way. Now, for the first time, Tung-Sol brings designers high-power germanium transistors with quality benefits of the advanced cold-weld seal.

The new Tung-Sol types feature a stud-mounted package and maximum collector current of 13 amps. Military environmental tests combine with the radioactive gas leak detection test to assure maximum reliability.

Technological advancements such as this keep Tung-Sol ahead of the field. For full data on the new high-power switching transistors . . . to meet any need with the latest in transistor design and efficiency, contact: Semiconductor Division, Tung-Sol Electric Inc., Newark 4, New Jersey.

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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**



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Solenoid operated, the 6634 unidirectional rotary switch has 6 poles with 24 nonshorting positions per pole. It withstands 50 g acceleration and operates up to 125 C and 80,000 ft. With the solenoid, it is 2-3/4 in. square and 9 in. deep The Daven Co., Dept. ED, Livingston, N.J.

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#### Computer Element File

Holds 24 card type units



Type R-1 plated steel card file assembly is designed to accommodate up to 24 printed circuit plug-in card type computer elements 4-1/2 5 in. The unit occupies 5-1/4 in. of standard 19 n. relay rack panel space and has a depth of 7 in. Plastic sliders are provided for guiding the calls to the connector and to give lateral support against vibration and shock. The assembly is available with either Amphenol 143-022-01 Prociety or Kennedy KI-1500-22 connectors, or without connectors. It can be arranged for removal of computer elements from the panel side or from the back of the unit.

Ransom Research, Dept. ED, 323 W. Seve th St., San Pedro, Calif.

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#### **Potential Test Set**

to 3 kv or 0 to 5 kv ac ranges

or high potential testing, portal e Megpot model 573 provides high sensitivity, continuously varial e tests for current leakage, calibrated from 20 µa to 3 ma, and full so le output with up to 0.0025 µf lo d capacitance. Ranges are 0 to 3 ly ac or 0 to 5 ky ac.

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#### Ferrite Phase Modulator 9.75 to 10.75 kmc frequency range



For use as a frequency translator, side band generator, or controlled phase shifter, the W-183-1E phase modulator is 6 x 1-5/8 in. It has a 9.75 to 10.75 kmc frequency range with 0.5 db insertion loss; 360 deg phase shift; and 1.1 vswr. Amplitude is modulated within  $\pm 0.3$  db.

Kearfott Co., Inc., Microwave Div., Dept. ED, 14844 Oxnard St., Van Nuys, Calif.

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#### Printed Circuit Card Guides

Mount on standard relay racks

For various card sizes, these modular printed circuit card guides can be provided with an adjustable metal frame that mounts on tandard 19 in. relay racks. The units are made of rubber phenolic or 3akelite.

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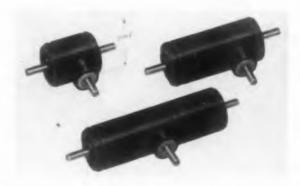
Rated at 1 amp, 115 v ac, model 40-1 lighted pushbutton switch has a minimum life of 500,000 operations. The light circuit incorporates an NE 2 neon bulb and is independent of the switch circuit. The units have a maximum diameter of 7/16 in. and a 3/8-32 threaded bushing. They extend less than 1-1/4 in, behind the panel.

Grayhill, Inc., Dept. ED, 561 Hillgrove Ave. LaGrange, Ill.

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#### Angle and T Drives

Handle up to 24 oz-in. torque



For use with any of the company's miniature speed reducers, series 12 angle and T drives are 1 to 1 ratio units that handle up to 24 oz-in. of torque. Used between two or more speed reducers they permit takeoffs with different spied reductions. Maximum power transmitted is 0.025 hp, and speeds to 10,000 rpm can be reach d. The black anodized aluminum cases have an OD of 1.062 in. and size 11 servo mounts. The statuless steel shafts are 3/16 in. in diameter.

Metron Instrument Co., Dept. ED, 432 Lincoln St., Denver 3, Colo.

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#### **Transistor Sockets**

#### For variety of pin configurations

Available with flat saddles or nounting rings, series 3300 transitor sockets accommodate 0.016 or 0.03 in. diameter pins and trialigular, round, or in-line pin configurations. Current rating is 1 amp; contact resistance, 0.03 ohm; insulation resistance, 1000 meg.

Elco Corp., Dept. ED, M St. b low Erie Ave., Philadelphia 24, P.

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#### Differential Transformers Operate continuously at 1000 F



Available for prototype and model evaluation, type 6208 HHK and 6206 HHK differential transformers withstand 1000 F continuously and 2000 F for 5 min. The units are for linear displacement measurements to  $\pm 0.15$  and  $\pm 0.5$  in., respectively.

Automatic Timing & Controls, Inc., Dept. ED, King of Prussia,

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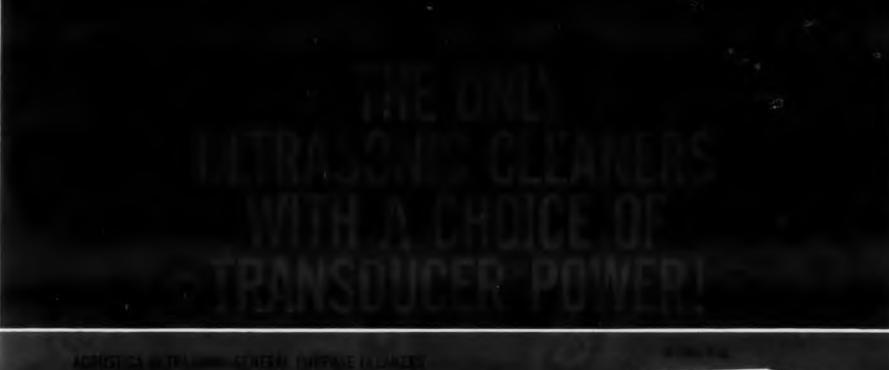
#### **Binding Posts**

#### Plunger operated

With these binding posts, contact is made by depressing the plunger, inserting a lead, and releasing the plunger. The spring pressure assures a firm contact. Nickel plated biass with molded phenolic button cips, the units extend 3/4 in. above the mounting surface. Type 29-100 is made with a threaded stud, type 29-104 with molded phenolic insulating washers.

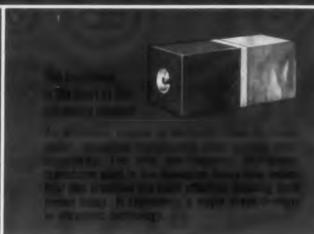
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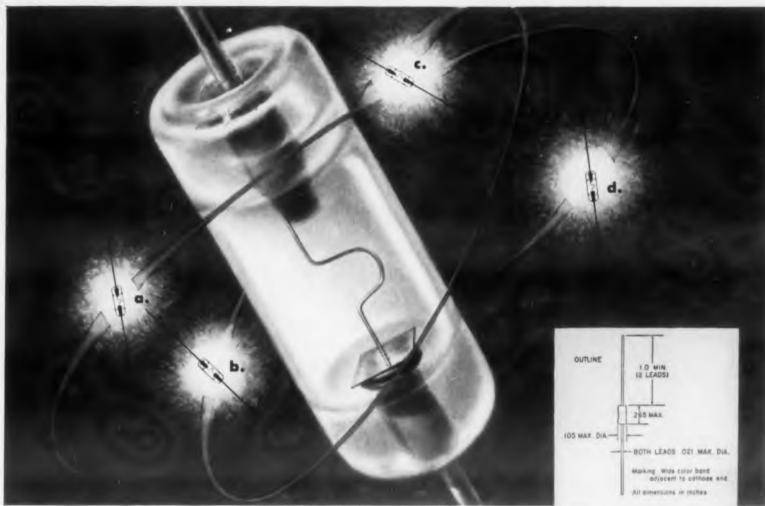
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General Resistance Inc., Dept. ED. 577 E. 156th St., New York 55, N.Y.

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#### Heavy Duty Toggle Switch

For 1000 w landing lights

Cockpit toggle switch A3-50/G4-10 is made to handle aircraft landing lights of 1000 w. Its ratings are 40 amp at 30 v dc, resistive; 30 amp at 30 v dc, inductive; 9 amp at 30 v dc lamp load; 9 amp lamp load at 115 v ac, 400 cps. Specially designed for Boeing Aircraft Co., the unit can be modified for other requirements.

Electrosnap Corp., Dept. ED, 4218 W. Lake St., Chicago 24, Ill.

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Have 10 outputs

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

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#### **Precision Potentiometer**

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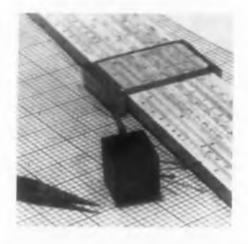
Model MD 20-25, a 25 turn, precision potentiometer has a linearity as close as 0.0075%. Overall length of the unit is 2-9/16 in., and diam is 2 in. It comes with standard servo mounts when required. The unit meets or exceeds all temperature, vibration and shock requirements listed in Mil specs for potentiometers.

Litton Industries, Inc., Dept. ED, 215 South Fulton Ave., Mount Vernon, N.Y.

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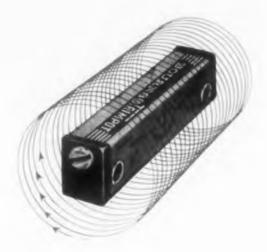
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Hamlin, Inc., Dept. ED, 1316 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill.

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Mechanical convection ovens in the Test-All series have temperature ranges of 40 to 180 and 40 to 260 C. The ovens have a motor driven turbo blower that propels heated air horizontally through a definite air flow pattern to insure constant, uniform temperatures. Suited for preheating, aging, drying, and electronic research, the units are available in bench and floor styles. Bench model capacities range from 1.5 to 24 cu. ft.

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#### Waveguide Switch Weighs 0.37 lb

Remotely controlled, the Delta miniature waveguide switch provides a reliable means of switching a single waveguide input to either of two outputs. Designed for the X band, it weighs 0.37 lb. Maximum vswr over the entire frequency range is 2.1 to 1 during the switching cycle and 1.1 to 1 in either position. Switching time is 0.007 sec; isolation is 50 db down; and if power rating is equal to the associated waveguide.

Don-Lan Electronics Co., Dept. ED, 11(1) Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif.

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#### The Sylvania Sarong Cathode—A New Era

## Sylvania Sarong Cathodes pave the way to new performance standards for present and future tube types

Out of the advanced research laboratories of Sylvania's Electron Tube Division comes a revolutionary innovation in cathode coating, Sylvania Sarong, Sylvania scientists and engineers have succeeded in transforming conventional cathode coating into a thin uniform film that is precision-wrapped and securely bonded around each cathode sleeve.

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#### **New Cathode Uniformity**

Sylvania Sarong insures that every cathode will be

coated uniformly and precisely because its thickness, texture, length and weight are pre-controlled before application. The thickness of Sylvania Sarong coating is held to tolerances five times closer than conventional sprayed coatings. This new superiority in coating uniformity has already contributed to a reduction in cathode-grid shorts and intermittent short circuits.

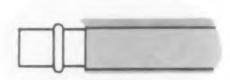
#### **Reduced Noise**

The uniformity of Sylvania Sarong coating makes it possible to obtain an over-all uniformity in spacing between cathode and grid never before achieved in mass produced electron tubes.

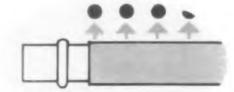
Preliminary tests indicate that this results in an improved noise figure of up to 0.6 db for TV. It also contributes to more uniform and higher levels of



#### Here are some of the ways Sarong



1. Uniform coating thickness of Sylvania Sarong Cathode means more uniform plate current, higher and more uniform levels of Gm and reduced noise

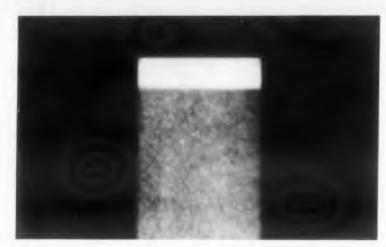


**2. Sharp even edge** and greater uniformity of Sarong coating virtually eliminates the possibility of end-leakage and contributes to better cut-off

#### improvement in the heart of the electron tube



**Photomicrograph comparison** of a conventional cathode, left, and Sylvania's Sarong Cathode in operation shows its



superior coating uniformity contributing to better emission and more uniform heat distribution

Gm and also to a more uniform plate current.

Because Sarong coating can be held to much closer tolerances, new tube designs incorporating more closely spaced elements become possible . . . opening the way to standards of tube performance never before achieved.

#### More Uniform Emission

The even distribution and smooth texture of Sylvania Sarong assures a new uniformity in cathode emission. The possibility of hot spots is virtually eliminated. Preliminary tests have already shown that Sarong Cathodes have pulse emission characteristics some  $10^{\circ}$ , greater than conventional cathodes. Interface impedance due to poor coating adherence has also been improved, promoting better electron flow.

#### **Better Cut-Off**

Because Sylvania Sarong results in a more uniform surface and a more clearly defined coating, sharper cut-off characteristics and better control are achieved. The Sarong coating also eliminates the possibility of coating particles adhering inside the cathode sleeve.

#### Improved Temperature Distribution

All of the physical properties of Sylvania Sarong coating contribute to a new uniformity in cathode temperature. This contributes to noise reduction and better over-all performance throughout life. It enables the tube to tolerate a wider range of operating conditions, such as varying heater voltages, without great changes in emission.

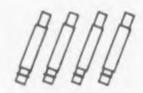
#### Cathodes contribute to better tube performance



3. Better diameter control with Sarong coating makes a closer spaced tube structure possible with higher Gm, more gain

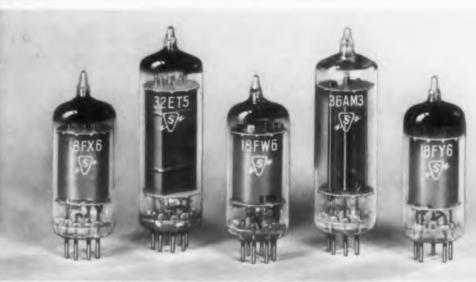


4. More uniform heat distribution is possible with Sylvania Sarong Cathodes. Hot spots are virtually eliminated and the life and over-all performance of the tube is improved



5. Sylvania Sarong Cathode coating makes possible a new uniformity of cathode emission from tube to tube

# Other *New*Sylvania Developments



Type 18FX6 —
Dual control miniature semi remote cut-off pentode

Type 32ET5 — Miniature beam power pentade

Type 18FW6 — Miniature semi-remate cut-off pentade

Type 36AM3 — Miniature half-wave

Type 18FY6 — Miniature high mu triode double diode



#### New 100 ma All American Five

Radio set designers can now secure all of the performance advantages of the famous All American Five design with lower heater power and reduced heat dissipation. This opens the way to substantial economies in set components without a sacrifice of over-all set quality.

The Sylvania 100 ma All American Five includes the following types: 18FX6, 18FW6, 18FY6, 32ET5

and 36AM3. The function of each type corresponds directly in order to the standard All American Five types 12BA6, 12BE6, 12AV6, 50C5 and 35W4.

The new 100 ma All American Five tube complement is already being designed into the sets of one major radio manufacturer. Contact your Sylvania representative now for full information on the new types or write Sylvania directly.

#### New Spiral Accelerator C-R-T

Now ready for production at Sylvania's Industrial and Military C-R-T Department is one of the new high-quality cathode-ray tubes—the Spiral Accelerator. Designed for high-quality scope applications the advanced tube sets a new standard for high linearity and superior resolution. This is achieved through the spiral design that gives a smoother voltage gradient from deflection plates to screen.

Sylvania stands ready to produce Spiral Accelerator types to fit your specific needs. Contact your Sylvania representative or write Sylvania directly. We will welcome the opportunity to discuss your special cathoderay tube requirements with you.



New Sylvania Spiral Accelerator C-R-T



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International Rectifier Corp., Dept. ED, 1521 Grand Ave., El Segundo, Calif.

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#### Transistorized Power Supply

0 to 36 v



Model SC-36-2 transistorized power supply chivers 0 to 36 v, and 0 to 2 amp. Regulation for or load is less than 0.1% or 0.003 v, which is greater. Ripple is less than 1 mv rms. Revery time is less than 50 usec. Operating amient temperature is 50 C max. Output impedance less than 0.02 ohm and power requirements to 105 to 125 v, 50 to 65 cps.

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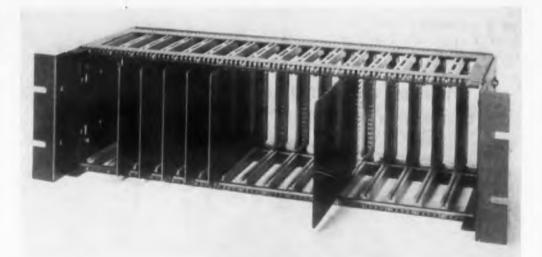
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## VARIPAK

"Varipak" is designed to be adapted to any packaging technique utilizing printed or etched circuitry; and to provide maximum density from shelf-stocked parts. It holds boards and p. c. connectors in alignment; is fabricated in 5 standard sizes of which one (9006.02) is the most common: is a stock item permitting immediate delivery. "Varipak" consists of only 1 major parts. (1) Mounting Hanger Available as standard in five sizes for the following nominal panel heights: 43%". 514", 7", 884" and 1015". Elongated slots permit adjustment of cage height to suit odd p. c. board sizes. Other sizes and shapes available on request (2) Guide Plate—has 82 rectangular holes at top and bottom at 200 spacing for fastening guides. Any of these positions may be selected. The greatest density possible is H guides at .400 spacing. Any equal or variable spacing can be selected to suit the particular space required for components of the p. c. boards. (3) "Varipak" Guides—made of rubberized polystyrene and offer excellent dielectric properties combined with high mechanical strength. Guides are designed to snap into place at any of the 82 positions provided; and are available for 3 p. c. board thicknesses: 1/16", 3/32" and 1/8".

Standard Rack, front view, into which four "Varipaks" have been mounted.





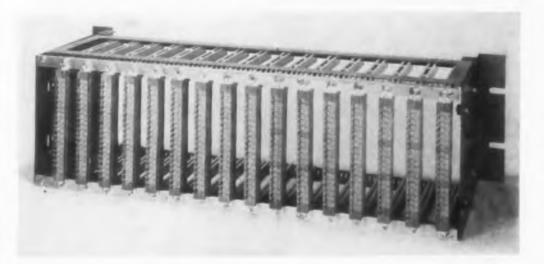
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(1) Connector Panel-Can be provided with slots for front or back mounting of connectors. Tooling to provide these slots for all Elco's p. c. connectors (5002, 5004. 6001, 6002, 6003, 7001, 7004) is on hand. Other slot sizes for other connectors can be made easily upon request. It is also possible to mount connectors directly to Guide Plate with the help of special mounting straps tailored to your needs. Instead of metal connector panel, a p. c. back panel can be used to mount p. c. connectors directly. A score of Elco p. c. connectors and contacts may be used for such application. "Varipak" is made of steel .062 thick, painted grey. Where weight is a factor. "Varipak" can be supplied in aluminum In addition, "Varipak" is designed to meet all EIA stands ards; and passes vibration requirements per MIL 202A. For further specifications





Standard Rack, rear view, showing three methods of employing the "Varipak."



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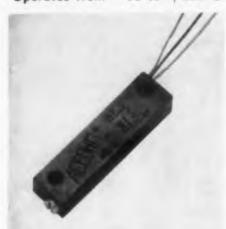
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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

#### Trimmer Potentiometer Operates from -55 to +225 C



A moisture proof, rectilinear unit, the Aceohm trimmer potentiometer meets MIL-E-5272A and MIL-STD-202A specifications and operates from -55 to +225 C. Fully adjustable through 25 turns, the unit features an anti-jam overtravel limiting device, straight line dual contacts, and welded construction throughout. Available in a wide range of resistances, it has a rated power of 1.6 w at 40 C and 0.13% resolution.

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#### Digital Voltmeters

Provide remote readout



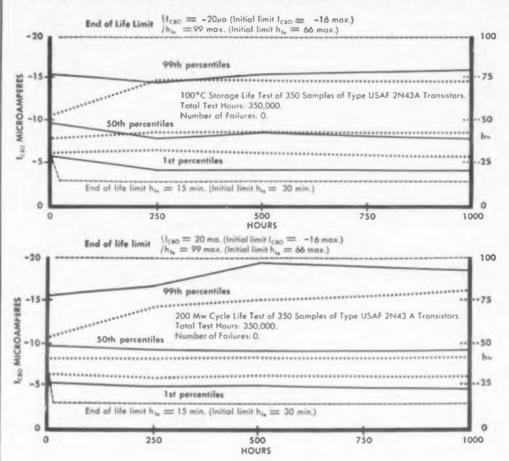
Series D Digicorders measure millivolts with both a digital visual indication and direct remote electrical readout. Full scale ranges of 0 to 10 mv, 100 mv, 1 v, 10 v, and 100 v are available without the use of external amplifiers. Operating from 110 v, 60 cps, the units have a sensitivity of 2.5 mv and an accuracy of 1 part in 1000. They are portable and measure 6 x 6.5 x 14.5 in.

Computer Equipment Corp., Dept. ED, 1931 Pontius Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif.

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#### General Electric Semiconductor News

#### One-million unit-hours without failure



G-E 2N43A LIFE-TEST DATA OBTAINED AT 1000-HOUR POINTS. Upper chart shows results of 100°C storage test (25°C storage test not shown). Lower chart shows results of 200 mw operating test. Broken lines in each chart indicate h<sub>re</sub>. Solid lines indicate l<sub>engl</sub> in microamperes. After 1000 hours of testing, there were no failures. The 2N43A transistor's high standard of quality is inherent in all G-E germanium PNP audio and switching transistors.



Dick Welch (left), Transistor Evaluation Engine and Lee Leinweber, Transistor Production Enging, take readings at cycled-life-test rack. In a to electrical testing, G-E 2N43A transistors are jected to all mechanical-test requirements in MILT-19500/18

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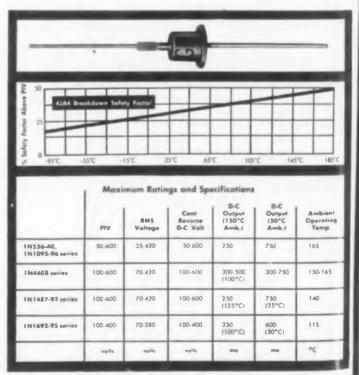
## 20% Safety Factor for silicon rectifiers aids designers

Designers who now apply their own safety factor to the published peak inverse voltage rating may avoid this step by using G-E low-current silicon rectifiers.

General Electric's PIV figures are set by allowing a 20% safety margin at -65°C. This margin is applied at the point of sharp breakdown voltage and increases with temperature until a maximum safety factor of 33% is reached at 150°C.

If you are derating published PIV figures to provide overvoltage protection, you may be buying costlier cells than you need, or, in series applications, more cells than necessary. Thus the built-in safety margin of G-E low-current silicon rectifiers could save you money. Note: This safety factor is provided for over-voltage protection only. Designs should, in all cases, be maintained within published maximum ratings.

This is only one reason why you should consider G-E low-current silicon rectifiers for all your power requirements. You'll find these devices more attractive to use than ever before—both in quality and price—with equally fine values in low-current silicon stacks. Stud-mounted units are also available. Ask your G-E semiconductor representative for the "big news" on low-current silicon rectifiers.



#### or General Electric audio transistors

General Electric's 1958 process and quality-control advances were reflected in recent life-test results exhibited by G.E.'s line of germanium PNP audio transistors. Random samples of Type-2N43A transistors were subjected to rigorous mechanical testing . . . drop-shock, detergent-bomb, lead-fatigue (i.e., all the MIL-T-19500/18 mechanical test requirements). Then a total of 1050 Type 2N43A transistors were put on Life Test, with the following results:

350 (10 lots, 35 units each) were given a 100°C storage test for 1000 hours. No failures.

350 (10 lots, 35 units each) were given a 25°C storage test for 1000 hours. No failures.

350 (10 lots, 35 units each) were given a 200 mw cycled-life test for 1000 hours. No failures.

Engineering test data indicate that, without exception, parameters remained stable (see curves at left).

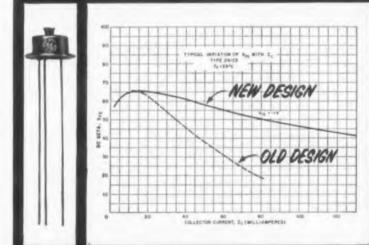
The G-E 2N43A transistor is representative of the outstanding quality built into General Electric's entire line of germanium PNP audio and switching transistors.

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Collector-to-emitter V <sub>+</sub> (25°C)	V =.	- 30	- 30	30	- 30	<del>- 75</del>	<b>—</b> 45	volts
Total Dissipation (25°C)	Pr.	240	240	240	240	240	240	mw
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High frequency transistors modified for higher Beta

Recent design improvements in high frequency switching transistors (Types 2N123 and 2N250) have improved their d-c beta at higher collector currents. The result is higher gain and improved saturation characteristics at these high currents.

Refinements in quality control tests have also been put into practice on the production line. These units are affected: Types 2N123, 2N450 and the 2N396 series. Units are aged at 100°C for 96 hours to stabilize characteristics. All transistors are subjected to a high-pressure detergent test for hermetic sealing. D-C characteristics are warranted to be within the limits shown on specification sheets. As a result, here transistors are now widely accepted in missile computer work and other rigorous applications.



General Electric Company, Semiconductor Products Dept., Section \$23259, Electronics Park, Syracuse, N. Y.

GENERAL ELECTRIC

#### Frequency Meter

Has 0 to 300 and 0 to 3000 cps ranges

Designed specifically for adjustment of tone selectors in two way communication systems, model T-3 frequency meter can measure the frequency of any periodic function with 1% accuracy. It has two ranges, 0 to 300 and 0 to 3000 cps, and operates on any 60 to 400 cps line.

Jones-Porter Instrument Co., Dept. ED, Box 302, Millburn, N.J.

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#### **Vibration Test Chamber**

-100 to +350 F temperature range



With a free test space of  $4 \times 4 \times 4$  it, this vibration test chamber has an automatically controlled temperature range of -100 to +350 F and is furnished with a flexible diaphragm and a removable insulated plug. For testing with the vibration table in a horizontal position, the diaphragm is inserted in the base aperture of the test space, and the complete installation is rolled over the vibration equipment. For testing with vertical vibration equipment, the diaphragm is inserted in the side aperture and the plug in the bottom.

The American Research Corp., Dept. ED, Farmington, Conn.

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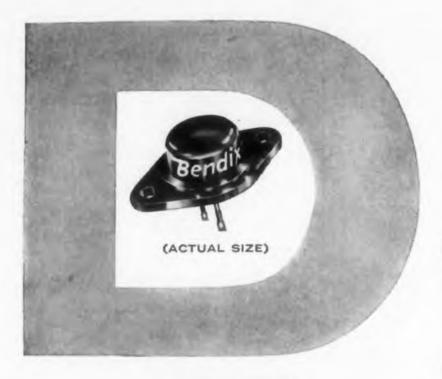
#### **Decade Counters**

For frequencies to 110 kc

For driving local or remote Nixie indicator tubes, these low cost decade counters have 10 electrical outputs for operation to 100 kc. The DC-106-A provides visual numerical readout at distances to 40 ft; the DC-106-B, remote visual reading. Both are compatible with the company's DC-105 1.1 mc counter.

Burroughs Corp., Electronic Tube Div., Dept. ED, P.O. Box 1226, Plainfield, N.J.

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# POWER TRANSISTORS

#### **Features**

Faster Switching Times 0.5-5 μ Sec Switching Currents up to 10 amperes Flatter Frequency Response 40 Kc Higher Breakdown Voltage up to 120 Volts Current Gain of 40 at 5 amperes Standard Power Transistor Package Lower Base Resistance, 2 ohms Lower Saturation Resistance, 0.1 ohm

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2N1073A	80	35 W	40	0.5 Vdc	1.5 mc	2 ohms			
2N1073B	120	35 W	40	0.5 Vdc	1.5 mc	2 ohms			

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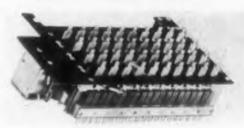


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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

#### **Pushbutton Switch**

Life of 1 million operations



Model 7711 pushbutton switch has a mean life of 1 million operations per station. Each station offers up to four type A contacts rated at 100 ma, 150 v dc. Normally supplied with Taper-Tab or solder terminals, the switch may be ganged, interbussed, or cross-interlocked. It is available with lockout and automatic release solenoids and may be plated to withstand humidity and salt spray. The contact material is bifurcated palladium, supported by Perma-nickel full hard heat treated springs.

American Electronics Co., Div. of American-Monarch Corp., Dept. ED, 2801 37th Ave. N.E., Minneapolis 21, Minn.

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#### **Band Pass Filters**

Impedance from 50 to 10,000 ohms



These band pass filters are offered in wide ranges of frequencies with impedance from 50 to 10,000 ohms. They are available with different input and output impedances for matching purposes. Shown in the photograph is model BF-101 which has a 1/2 db attenuation from 40 to 110 kc. It's attenuation is greater than 40 db at 150 kc and above. It has an insertion loss of less than 3/4 db, and has a constant impedance of 50 ol 115 within the pass band.

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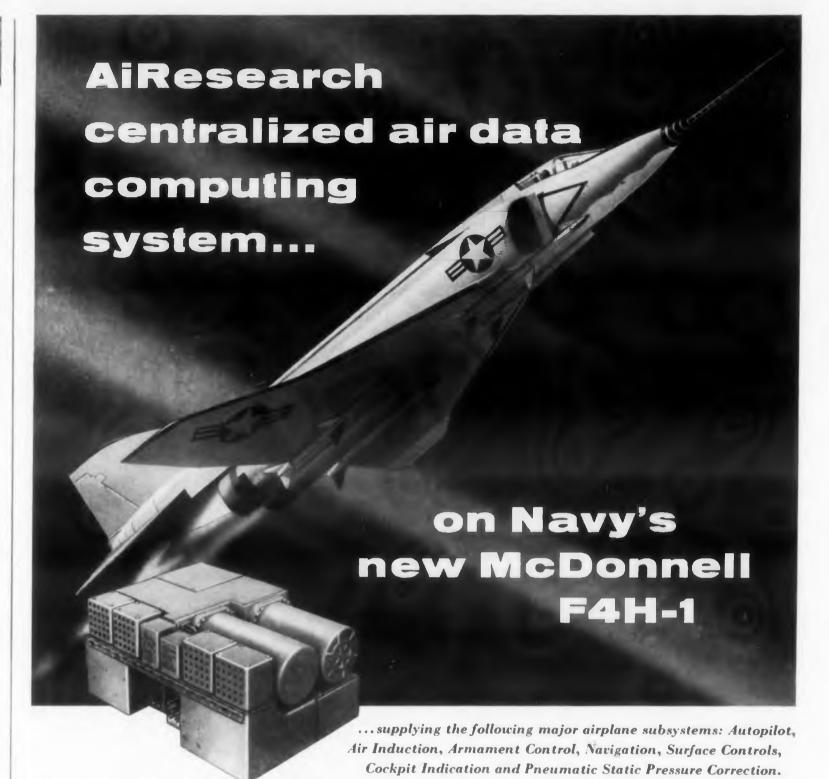
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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

#### **Electronic Counters**

Reads to 12,000 cpm



Capable of counting speeds to 12,000 cpm, Model 1000-B combines a plug-in electronic decade with a five-digit mechanical register. With an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  count, the unit will respond to electrical pulses with a peak amplitude of  $\pm 2.5$  v. The counter operates on from 105 to 125 v ac.

Performance Measurements Co., Dept. ED, 15301 W. McNichols, Detroit 35, Mich.

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#### Panel VTVM

1 meg input impedance



Designed for use in aircraft, missiles, and ground support equipment, model SPD-25 panel vtvm occupies 2-3/4 x 2-1/2 in. of panel space. Less than 6 in. deep, it is held in place with three meter screws. Completely self-contained, the unit it available in any range between 0 to 30 mv and 0 to 300 v. Frequency response is 40 cps to 50 kc; input impedance is 1 meg, 15 μμf; and accuracy is ±3%. Stability with 10% change in line voltage is better than 2%. The unit operates on power of 400 cps, 115 v ac, single phase. It is designed to meet MIL-T-945A specifications.

Metronix, Inc., Dept. ED, Chesterland, Ohio

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#### Pressure Transducer Provides 0 to 5 v dc output



suitable for telemetering applications, static est stands, and data systems, this pressure transducer is available in gage, absolute, and differential models. Providing 0 to 5 v dc output at constant impedance, it offers continuous resolution, low hysteresis, good linearity, and high natural frequency. The unit contains a solid state carrier oscillator and demodulator combined with a variable reluctance pickup.

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#### Time Delay Relay Stands 20 g vibration

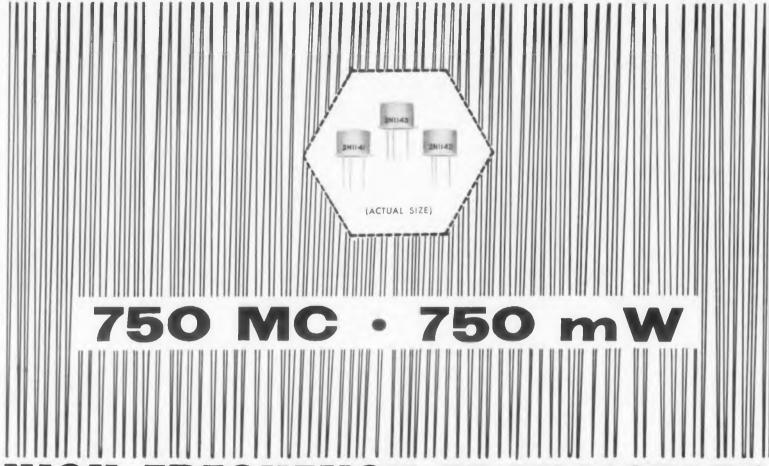


Engineered to withstand continuous 20 g vibration at frequencies up to 1000 cps, this hermetically sealed thermal time delay relay has a seated height of only 7/8 in. above the mounting panel. Contacts are spdt, either normally open or normally closed. Rating is 2 amp resistive at 115 v ac, or 28 v dc. Relays are offered in ten factory set and sealed delays which range from 2 to 75 sec. Heater voltages are either 6.3, 28, or 115 v. Nons andard delays and heater voltages are available special order.

G-V Controls, Inc., Dept. ED, Okner Parkway, Livingston, N.J.

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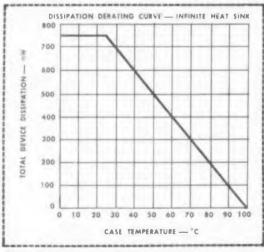
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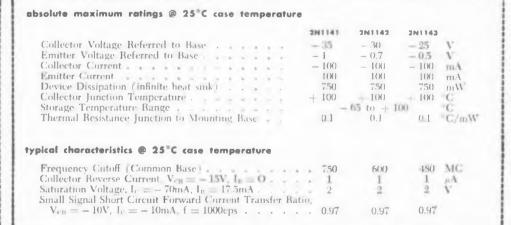
Guaranteed current gains of 12, 10 and 8 db minimum at 100 mc with new TI 2N1141, 2N1142 and 2N1143 diffused-base "mesa" germanium transistors! Alpha cutoff ratings up to 750 mc coupled with 750 mW power dissipation at 25°C case temperature make these newest TI transistors ideal for military VHF power oscillators and amplifiers where assured reliability and performance are of primary importance.

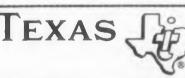
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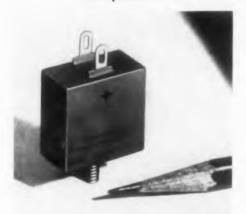
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International Rectifier Corp., Dept. ED, 1521 E. Grand Ave., El Segundo, Calif.

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#### Crystal Can Relay

Four pole unit

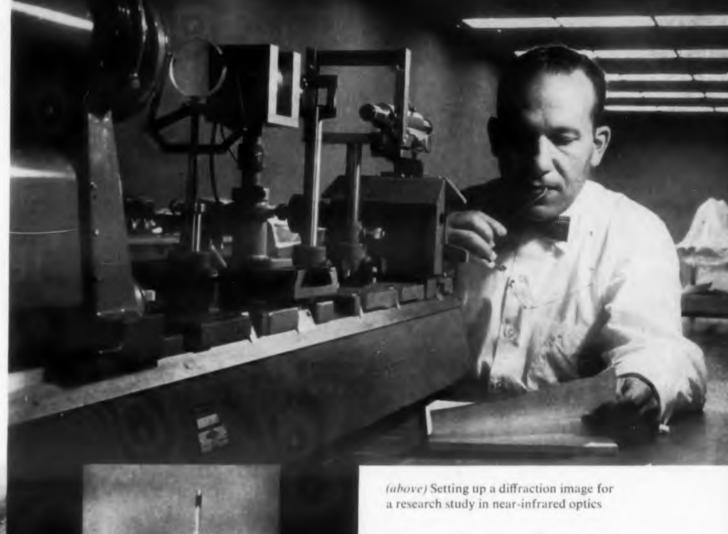


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Sawyer-Bailey Corp., Dept. ED, 1559 Niagara St., Buffalo 13, N.Y.

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1/2 in. long

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Telecomputing Corp., Data Instruments Div., Dept. ED, 12838 Saticoy St., North Hollywood, Calif.

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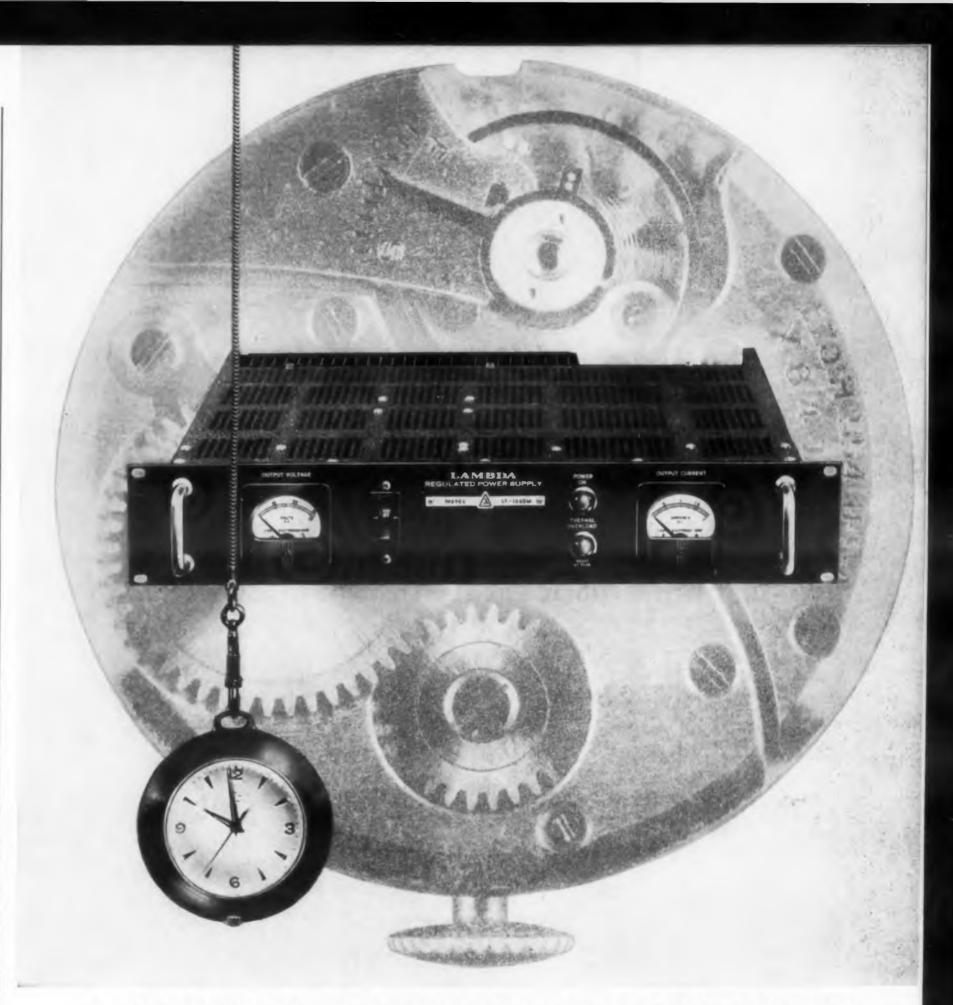
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The Zippertubing Co., Dept. ED, 752 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 14, Calif.

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#### Cathode Ray Tube 7 in. long



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Waterman Products Co., Dept. ED, 2 45 Emerald St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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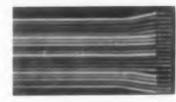
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#### Flat Bonded Cable

Wide range of sizes



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#### Photoelectric Control

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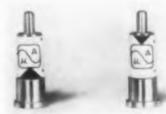
For larger fhp motors

Heavy duty Zero-Max speed reducers provide infinitely variable speed from 0 to 400 rpm and a constant torque of 60 or 100 in. lb delivered from 1/2 or 3/4 hp motors, respectively. They feature accurate repeating of speeds and instant speed changes whether the units are running or not. They will also serve as clutches going to zero rpm. The output shafts drive in either direction and are free wheeling in the direction of drive. Available with or without motors, the units alone are approximately 6 x 8 x 12 in. The basic motor is an open frame, drip proof, 60 cps, 115 or 230 v. single phase, capacitator start unit.

Reveo Inc., Dept. ED, 1900 S. Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis 5, Minneapolis 150 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

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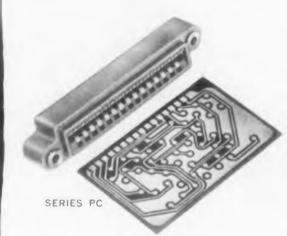
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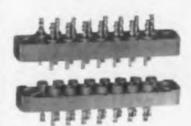
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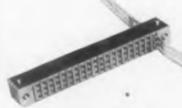
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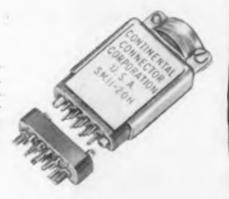


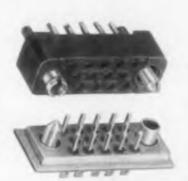


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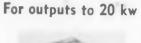
Produces 50 kw peak power

Using an Eimac X581Q klystron with a power gain of 45 db, model 215T transmitter can produce 50 kw peak power at a maximum duty cycle of 0.06. It operates from 700 to 900 mc. Pulse width is 6 to 2000 µsec; repetition rate, 0 to 1500 pps; and input power 15 kva at 208 v, 3 phase, 60 cps.

Levinthal Electronic Products, Inc., Dept. ED, Stanford Industrial Park, Palo Alto, Calif.

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Thyratron Grid Control





Series 901 shift networks control thyratron outputs up to 20 kw with a de control signal of 1 mw. Each unit provides balanced control for two full-wave thyratrons. Phase shift is linear for 180 deg, with a maximum of 270 deg.

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Frequency Meter

125 kc to 1000 mc range

Frequency meter D-W-E 1021 has fundamental ranges of 125 to 250 ke, 2.5 to 5 me, and 65 to 130 mc. Harmonics extend these ranges to 2.5, 65, and 1000 mc. Accurate to 0.005%, the unit provides minimum rf outputs of 100 µv at fundamental frequencies, 50 uv at harmonic frequencies, both into a 50 ohm load. It generates voltages of known frequency from 125 ke to well over 1000 me. Stability is 0.0025%.

Divco-Wayne Electronics, Dept. ED, 9701-B Reading Rd., Cincinnati 15. Ohio.

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Servo Motor

1.062 in. long



In a size 8 BuOrd frame, the BT 705-1 servo motor is 1.062 in. long and develops 0.33 oz in. stall torque. The two phase winding is designed for 26 v on the fixed phase and a center tapped control phase of 20/0/20 v. Power input is 2.7 w purphase at stall; speed at maximum power output, 3500 rpm; rot moment of inertia, 0.65 gm cm. For transistor operation in aircraft and missiles, the unit has a —55 the 150 C temperature range.

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100 kc to 225 mc range

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Kay Electric Co., Dept. ED, 14 Maple Ave., Pine Brook, N.J.

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6 oz-in. minimum torque



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Freed Transformer Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 1727 Weirfield St., Brooklyn 27, N.Y.

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Power Sources, Inc., Dept. ED, Burlington, Mass.

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#### DC Power Supplies

6 to 300 v outputs



Operating from 110 v, 60 or 400 cps, these plug-in power supplies deliver 6, 12, 24, 75, 150, 250, or 300 v dc with currents to 400 ma. Regulated and unregulated models are available, Standard regulation is 0.25%, but special units regulated to 0.01% can be supplied.

Consolidated Avionies Corp. Dept. ED. Westbury, N.Y. CIRCLE 167 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

#### Frequency Converter

**Transistorized** 

Transistorized model PS6001 frequency converter has a 120 v, 60 cps input and a 115 v. 400 cps. 250 w square wave output. It operates from -30 to +52 C and measures 10.5 x 5 x 7 in.

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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

#### **Transmit-Receive Switch**

#### Has selectable bandswitching

Suitable for a-m, cw, ssb, and dsb, model 3 1 T-R transmit-receive switch has selectable bandswitching and covers the 80 through 10 meter bands. It is designed particularly for high power transmitting use. Under swr conditions up to 15 to 1, it will handle more than 1 kw a-m phone and up to 5 kw on ssb and cw with a 72 ohm coaxial line. It matches 52 to 75 ohm coaxial lines

Barker & Williamson, Inc., Dept. ED, Bristol, Pa.

CIRCLE 170 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

#### Transistorized Power Supply

0.1% line and load regulation



Providing stable output voltages from 0 to 56 vide at 5 amp continuous duty, model 100 transistorized power supply has 0.15 line and load regulation. Output can be limited to any value from 0 to 5 amp with a selector. Recovery is 50 usec; ripple and noise are 1 my at full load.

Mid-Eastern Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 32 Commerce St., Springfield, N.J.

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#### Transmitter Booster Amplifier

For aircraft use

Coupled to a 1/4 to 2 w aircraft transmitter this booster amplifier increases power output to 5 w. Self-contained with its own power supply the 1-1 2 lb, 2-1/4 x 4 x 9 in. unit can 1 mounted anywhere in an aircraft. It connects the either a 12 or 24 v primary power source and may be added to the output of any low power vhf transmitter in use on present day aircraft. Either 12 or 24 v power supplies may be furnished since all units are interchangeable.

Topp Industries, Inc., Dept. ED, 5255 W 102nd St., Los Angeles 45, Calif.

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#### **Operation Monitor**

100 channel

For industrial and MIL-E-4158B applications, his operation monitor simultaneously records up to 100 separate operations and events on a chart 12 in, wide, Electric writing provides a response if up to 500 signal changes per sec.

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Brush Instruments, Div. of Clevite Corp., Dept. 1 D, 37th and Perkins, Cleveland 14 Ohio.

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#### Power Relays

Control 20 amp

The switch in these heavy duty power relays UL approved for a rating of 20 amp 2 hp at 30 v ac. The units are 2-1/16 in, long and come in a variety of circuit arrangements. Available oil voltages are 24–32, 115, and 230 v ac and 12, 40, and 115 v dc.

Robertshaw-Fulton Controls Co. Acro Div., Dept. ED, Columbus 16. Ohio.

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#### RF Choke Kits

Contain 0.1 to 10,000 uh units

For immediate selection of rf choke parameters, these kits contain units with preferred inductance values. Series S kit has 19 chokes with values from 0.1 to 100 µh; series M has 19 with values from 1 to 1000 µh; and series L has 25 with values from 1 to 10,000 µh.

Essex Electronics, Dept. ED, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights, N.J.

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#### Solderless UHF Connector

Easily installed



Compatible with existing connectors, the R-S-UF Crimpee is a solderless 50 ohm uhf onnector for RG-S-U coaxial cable. One model eds no special tools, while the others are tickly installed with a low cost assembly tool. Edlen Inc., Dept. ED, \$105 Woodmont Ave., othesda 14, Md.

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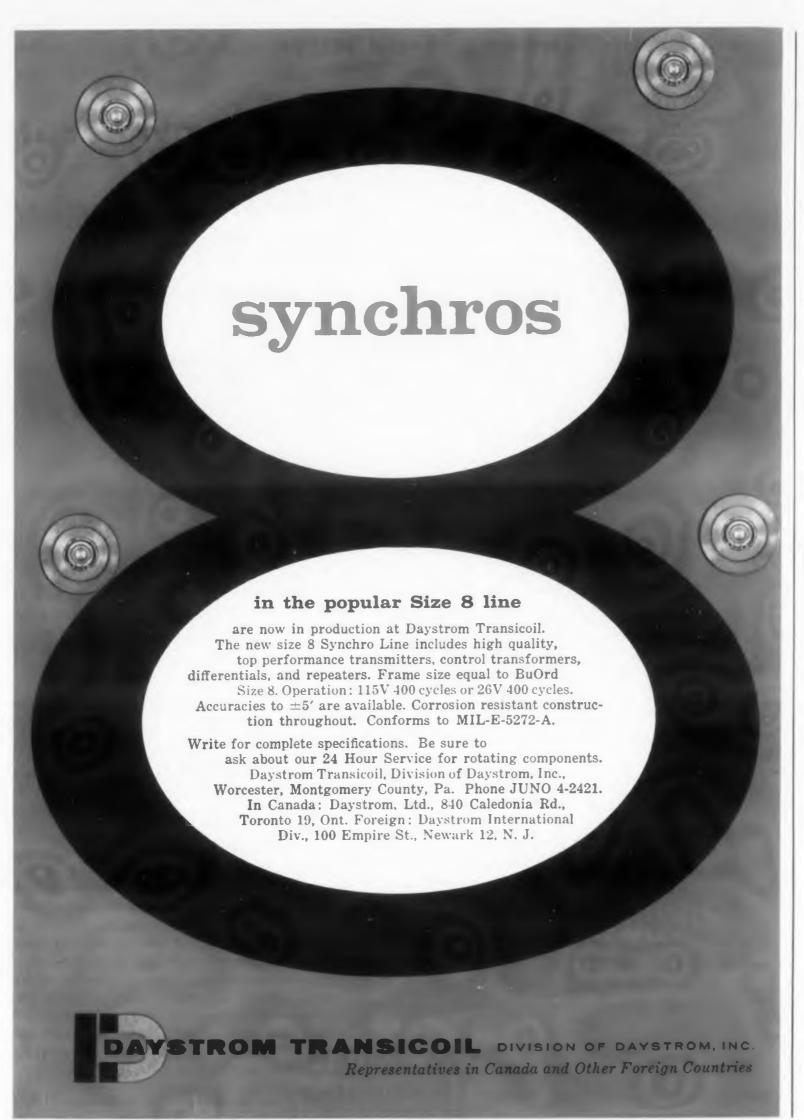
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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

#### Transistorized Servo Amplifier

Delivers 13 w

Used with a servo or synchronous motor, the 1800-0300-4 plug-in transistorized servo amplified delivers up to 13 w. Input may be from a synchronoutrol transformer, tuning fork oscillator, or electrical bridge. Input impedance is 10 K; gain 70 db.

M. Ten Bosch, Inc., Dept. ED, 80 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville, N.Y.

CIRCLE 179 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

#### Oscillograph Attenuator

Handles 100 w

A 100 w attenuator, model RS-1 operates direct writing oscillographs from high voltage power equipment without the use of an amplifier. Current drain from the source is 0.1 amp; output impedance is about 250 ohms; and full scale voltage range is 40 to 1000 v.

Marduth Products, Dept. ED, R.D. 4, Box 228, Medina, Ohio.

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#### Multitester

For ac and dc

A 2 K per v mutitester, model TE-117 has a 2-1-2 in, meter and 16 precision shunts and resistors. It has seven ac and de voltage ranges from 0 to 2.5 kv; three de current ranges from 0 to 500 ma; and two resistance ranges from 0 to 1 meg. The unit is 3-1-4 x 1-3 8 x 4-3 4 in.

Olson Radio Warehouse, Dept. ED, 260 5 Forge St., Akron S. Ohio.

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#### **B** Battery Replacements

Provide up to three voltages

Operating from an ac line voltage, Powertr n
B battery replacements provide ungrounded c
voltages from 7.5 to 90 v. Each voltage is reg n
lated and can supply 40 ma minimum to a load.
Up to three fixed voltages can be delivered one unit.

Ferrotran Electronics Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 6 Broadway, New York 12, N.Y.

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# Quartz Clock

# Reliable frequency standard

An accurate timekeeper which varies less than 0.11 sec per day, the B-288 quartz clock is also a pliable frequency standard. Made by Ebauches 8 A., Switzerland, it generates frequencies of 1,0,000, 10,000, 1000, 200, 60, and 50 cps.

Freeport Engineering Co., Dept. ED, 350 Fifth A.e., New York 1, N.Y.

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Oscilloscope
Has 17 in. crt

Designed for use with telemetering and data processing equipment, model 917 large screen oscilloscope has a 17 in. cathode ray tube. Both the X and Y axis have 1% linearity. Amplifier response is rated at 10 my sensitivity up to 500 ke, with an accurately calibrated time base system for both driven and recurrent operations. Other features of the unit include magnetic deflection, constant deflection sensitivity, hand calibrated controls, small spot size, and high resolution. Provided in a cabinet, the component parts may be removed and mounted in any standard 19 in. rack.

Eastern Precision Resistor Corp., Dept. ED, 675 Barbey St., Brooklyn 7, N.Y.

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# Linear Horns

For 1000 to 12,000 mc

For 1000 to 12,000 mc, these linear horns have retually identical E and H beam widths and od coaxial to waveguide transformation. They equivalent to Signal Corps AT448, AT551, T552, and AT553 units.

American Electronic Labs, Inc., Dept. ED, 121 7th St., Philadelphia 6, Pa.

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"Scotch" Brand Sandwich Instrumentation Tapes eliminate ruboff and head buildup—reduce head wear—last longer

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# **NEW PRODUCTS**

# Variable AC Power Supplies

Ratings from 60 to 500 va

Series MVAU regulated variable ne power supplies have no moving parts, vacuum tubes, or internal adjustments. Self-protected against short circuits, they have voltage and current meters of 2% accuracy and output terminals both front and rear. Models are available with ratings of 60 to 500 va and 3 to 20 amp. All are continuously adjustable from 0 to 130 v with output voltage regulation of ±1%. Output is isolated from line. Harmonie distortion is less than 37 rms and response time is less than 1.5 eps. The units are designed for panel mounting.

Nutron Mfg. Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 67 Monroe Ave., Staten Island 1, N.Y.

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# DC Filament Supply

Output of 28 v dc at 1.2 amp

From 117 v ac, 60 cps, model 227 plug-in filament supply provides 28 v dc at 1.2 amp. At maximum output, ripple is 2%. Dimensions are 3.5 x 3.75 x 4.5 in.

C. J. Applegate & Co., Dept. ED, 1840 24th St., Boulder, Colo.

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# Variable Transformers

Have direct reading dials

Model VT4 and VTS variable transformers are rated 3.5 and 7.5 amp, respectively, with overvoltage feature, and 4.75 and 10 amp without. The direct reading dials are calibrated for overvoltage connection on one side and for normal line connection on the other.

Ohmite Mfg. Co., Dept. ED. 3680 Howard St., Skokie, Ill.

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# ACCURATE, WIDE-RANGE

# Time Measurements and Pulse with Type 1391-B PULSE, SWEEP, and

0 0 0 0 Direct synchronizing pulse timed by the Generator Characteristics Delayed synchronizing pulse accurately adjustable in time by delay generator. Built-in coincidence circuit for timing

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Accepts Sine Wave, Square-Wave, or Other Cyclic Waveform: dc to 250 kc

Minimum Required Amplitude to Form Direct-Sync Pulse: (triggering threshold control provided):

Sine Wave: 0.1v, rms Square Wave: 0.3v, p-p Pulse (+ or -): 1.0v, p-p

### DIRECT SYNC PULSE

Amplitude: +75v to 300 kc; down 20% at 500 kc

Duration: 1 μsec

## TIME-DELAY CIRCUIT

Range: 1.0 µsec to 1.1 sec in six ranges

Maximum PRF: 400 kc

Absolute Accuracy:  $\pm 2\%$  of full scale; incremental

accuracy,  $\pm (1\% + 0.05 \mu sec)$ 

Resolution: 1 in 8800

Stability and Duty-Ratio Effects:

	Low End of Dial	High End of Dial
Time Jitter	1:10,000	1:50,000
10% Line Change	2:1000	2:10,000
Duty-Ratio Effects on Delay Accuracy	less than 2% error for duty ratios up to 60%	less than 2% error for duty ratios up to 90%

Output Characteristics of Delay Sync Pulse: Positive, 60v, 1- $\mu sec$  duration at half amplitude

Output Impedance: 6000, cathode follower

### COINCIDENCE CIRCUIT

Gate Duration: Adjustable 3-1000  $\mu sec$ 

Can be triggered by positive pulses between 5 – 20 volts, or by negative pulses between 10 – 100 volts.

### SWEEP CIRCUIT

**Sweep Duration:** 3, 6, or 12  $\mu$ sec to 30,000; 60,000; or 120,000  $\mu$ sec in five decade ranges

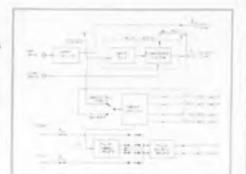
**Sweep Linearity:** Determined by accuracy of pulse timing

Sweep Repetition Rate: 0 - 250 kc

**Sweep Duty-Ratio Effects:** Duty ratios up to 50% cause no more than 5% error in slope on short sweep duration, less effect on longer ranges.

# BOTH AN ACCURATE MEASURING APPARATUS AND PRECISION GENERATOR

Through Use of Switching and Circuit Terminations You Can:



• Start the Sweep with either the Delayed or the Direct Synchronizing Pulse
• Time the Pulse by the Sweep Circuit, by the Delay Circuit, or by externally generated pulses • Use the Delay System independently for oscilloscope-sweep calibration, or as an accurate measuring system • Drive external systems with accurately timed "Start" and "Stop" pulses derived from the Sweep • Use the coincidence circuit for self-multiple pulsing • Pulse at frequencies to 3 Mc with the aid of supplementary generating equipment (GR Type 1330-A Bridge Oscillator and Type 314-S86 Variable Delay Line).

# PULSE GENERATING CIRCUIT (Push-Pull Pulse)

**Pulse Duration Range:** 0.025 to 2.5, 0.05 to 5.0, and 0.05 to 10.0  $\mu$ sec, with the 3, 6, and 12  $\mu$ sec sweeps respectively. Five-decade sweep multiplier extends pulse duration to 100,000  $\mu$ sec; pulse can be extended to 1.1 seconds if timed by delay circuit.

Pulse Duration Accuracy: After sweep calibration,  $\pm 1\%$  of dial reading, or  $\pm 0.02~\mu sec$  (whichever larger)

Pulse Position Accuracy:  $0.5 \mu sec \pm 1\%$  of dial reading

Pulse Repetition Rate: 0 to 250 kc

**Pulse Shape:** Under properly terminated conditions rise and decay times are less than 0.015  $\mu sec.$  Overshoot and other defects are less than 3% of pulse amplitude. Pulse ramp off does not exist. Unity duty ratio possible.

Output Impedance: 50, 72, 92, 150, 600 $\Omega$ , all  $\pm 10\%$ 

Output Pulse Amplitude: 150-ma current source into any output impedance from 0 to 600%; voltage from each phase of push-pull channel is 0.15 x output impedance. Stable against line-voltage transients.

**Power Supply Input:** 105 to 125 (or 210 to 250) volts. 50 to 60 cycles, 420 watts

**Dimensions:** Generator, 19 x 14 x 12½ inches; Power Supply, 19 x 10½ x 12½ inches

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# Milliohmmeter

# Measures down to 30 µohms

Battery powered model 502 portable milliohmmeter has 13 over-lapping ranges from 0.001 to 1000 ohms full scale and measure down to 30 nohms. Accuracy is 3% of full scale except on the 1 milliohm range where it is 5%. The unit applies 2 nw across test circuits.

Keithley Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED. 12415 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 6 Ohio.

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# Encoders

Analog to digital



Mainly for use with the series 800 ElectroSyn indicating receiver, series 2100 ElectroSyn analog to digital encoders can be applied to any shaft whose rotation may be stopped for short intervals. Digital ranges are 0 to 999 or 0 to 1999, and discs can be designed for any type of code including standard teletype. The units give no ambiguous or between point readings.

Norwood Controls, Dept. ED. Norwood, Mass.

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# Aircraft Circuit Analyzers

### Handle 37 or 61 circuits

For checking all circuits in aircraft using Deutsch connectors, SI 3001 analyzers come in models that handle 37 or 61 circuits. They measure ac and de voltage and current, resistance, leakage, and signal characteristics with oscilloscopes or appropriate meters.

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The Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., Dept ED, 10525 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, Ohio.

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# Delay Line Chassis Contains 30 separate units



Delay chassis model DU-10, compatible with the company's series T digital modules, contains 30 independent 1 usec electrical delay lines. These units can be used individually or joined in series by taper pin jumper connections to form a desired delay. Accurate to ±2%, the basic 1 usec delay interval per line can be used directly with the other series T modules. Accurately preserving the waveshape of video and pulse information, these M-derived lumped constant de av lines have a cutoff frequency of 5.6 mc and characteristic impedance of 91 ohms. Atten iation is 1 db per usec of delay. The chassis i standard 19 x 1-3/4 in, unit for rack mounti It has many applications in computers, test equ pment, and pulse circuits.

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# Current Integrating Electrometer

500 mua to 1 ma range

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Applied Radiation Corp., Dept. ED, 2404 N. Main St., Walnut Creek, Calif.

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Signal Generator 4450 to 11,000 mc range

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T-3*	-0 -100	-55 C +165 C
T-4°	-0 -100	-55 C +165 C
T-5	± 25	- 25 C +105 C
1.6"	→ 50 <b>—</b> 0	-55 C +165 C
T-7*	<b>-</b> 50 → 0	−55 C -165 C
T-8°	± 25	-55 C +165 C

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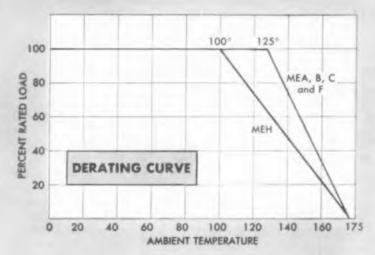
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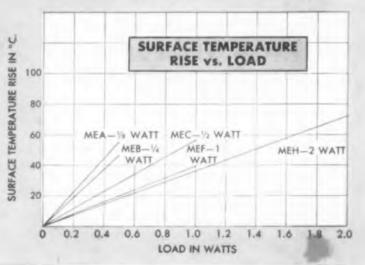
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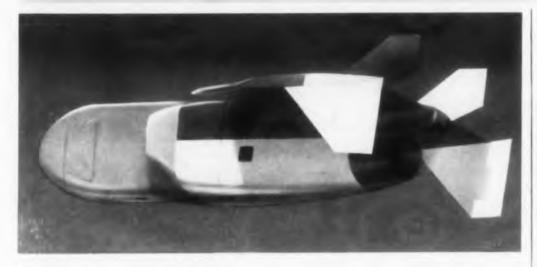


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The electronic control circuits involve many relays. Contact arc suppression and suppression of RF interference are achieved with GLOBAR silicon carbide varistors. Choice of these components results from their extreme ruggedness, small size, reliability and excellent performance characteristics - all essential in missile applications.

Catalogs on types, ratings and other characteristics of varistors and other forms of silicon carbide resistors are obtainable by writing to Globar Plant, Refractories Division, Dept. EDV 29, The Carborundum Company, Niagara

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1.0	11/6" x 1/8"	0.4 - 4 K
2.0	1% x 1/8"	0.8 - 8 K
5.0	11/4" x 5/4" (i.d. 0.168")	0.1 - 1.8  K
10.0	2 x .4125" (i.d288 )	0.2 - 2.3  K
25.0	4" x ½" (i.d. ¾")	0.1 - 1.1  K

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Closing a set of contacts at predetermined velocities, this transistorized integrating accelerometer provides analog outputs relative to acceleration and velocity. These outputs are used in turn to actuate various control functions. The velocity contacts can be closed at any speed from a few feet to 50,000 ft per sec with accuracies up to 0.25% over extended operational periods. The unit has a pressure range of 0 to 35 psia and 1 temperature range of 30 to 150 F. It will operate under ±15 g vibration to 2000 cps and withstand 0.0029 75 g shock. Acceleration ranges from ±1 to ±20 g and greater are available. The unit weight

Donner Scientific Co., Transducer and System Julia Dept., Dept. ED, Concord, Calif.

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# Integrator

Prints out recorder chart data



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# Terminal Blocks

For printed circuits

iniature type 520 terminal blocks have screw a acctions integral with terminal pins that slip standard connector mounting holes in printed no iit boards. To connect the assembled units, pins passing to the under side of the board dip soldered. The blocks come with 2 to 24 morinals.

Fulka Electric Corp., Dept. ED, 633-643 S. mon Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

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# Precision Bridges

Check synchros or resolvers to 20 ppm

For checking synchros or resolvers every 5 deg fare, model PSB-5 and PRB-5 bridges have 0.002% accuracy from 0 to 4000 cps. They may be sed at reduced accuracies to 10 ke. Arm resistince is 10 K = 0.01%; input voltage, 115 v ac; and harmonic distortion, zero.

Julie Research Labs, Inc., Dept. ED, 556 W. 65th St., New York 32, N.Y.

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# Precision Phase Detectors

100 kc to 15 mc range



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Contact material	Palladium-to-gold flashed silver other material available
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Pickup time, nominal voltage	5 0 millisecs max
Drop out time	5.0 millisecs
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Perkin Engineering Corp., Dept. ED, 345 k in sas St., El Segundo, Calif.

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# DC to DC Converters 30 to 1000 v outputs



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# Differential Voltmeter

For dc and ac

Model 803 dc and ac differential voltmeter has 605% dc and 0.2% ac accuracy from 0.1 to 500 v. frequency response of the ac converter section is 6 eps to 5 kc. The unit provides direct in-line figital readout and automatic decimal placement. John Fluke Mfg. Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 1111 W. Nekerson St., Seattle 99, Wash.

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# Servo Assembly For null balance systems



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Datran Electronics, Dept. ED, 1836 Rosecrans

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Reflector	Volts, dc Current, µa Ripple, mv rms	0 to -1000 50 max. 1 max.	0 to —900 50 max. 10 max.
Grid	Volts, positive negative Current, ma	0 to 150 0 to 300	_
	positive grld Ripple, my rms	5 max. 3 max.	
MODULATIO	DN	Type 812	Type 809
Square Wave	Frequency, cps Volts*	500 to 5000 0 to 150 (clamped)	400 to 2000 0 to 90
Pulse	Frequency, cps Volts*	500 to 5000 0 to 150 (clamped)	_
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General Devices, Inc., Dept. ED, P.O. Box 253, Princeton, N.J.

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# Cathode Follower Probe

For use with long cables

For crystal type accelerometers, this cathode follower probe permits the use of cables up to 100 ft long without loss of accelerometer sensitivity. In low g level studies, because the cable going into the probe can be short, sensitivity can be increased as much as four times. Composed of passive circuitry, the unit is free from microphonics and withstands 600 F.

Columbia Research Labs. Dept. ED. McDade Blvd. and Bullens Lane. Woodlyn. Pa.

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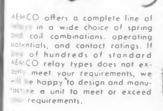


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For nuclear applications

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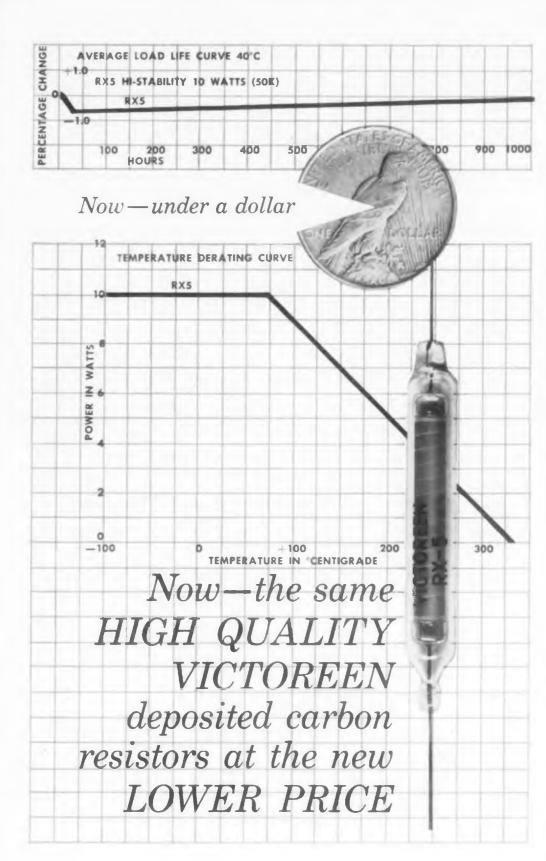
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Humphrey, Inc., Humphrey Products Div., Dept. ED, 3794 Rosecrans St., San Diego 10, Calif.

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Withstand 750 F

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DeJur-Amsco Corp., Dept. ED, 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N.Y.

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# Oscillographs

Multichannel



Compact and rugged, these oscillographic recorders simultaneously handle six continuous analog data channels and three on-off channels for timing and event markers with an accuracy of better than 1%. The output of the units is a series of continuous light beam traces which are recorded against a built-in time base on photographic paper. The transducers which supply the inputs are precalibrated, permitting quick readout and interpretation of the output trace without computation. Both smaller and larger models are available. The smaller,  $6 \times 3-1/2 \times 3$  in. and 3-1/3 lb, provides 4 to 6 analog data channels and 2 on-off channels for event timing. With different gear trains, running time can be 2 min to 1-1/2 hr. The larger model weighs 22 lb and measures  $13-1/4 \times 6-3/4 \times 7-1/2$  in. It provides 10 analog data channels, 6 on-off channels, and up to 100 hr playing time. The units operate from 28 v dc and withstand accelerations to 20 g.

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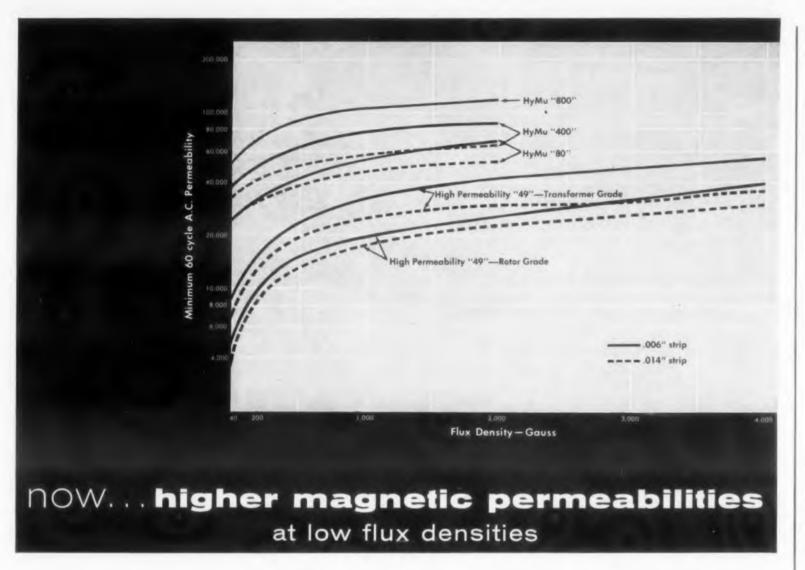
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# **NEW PRODUCTS**

# **Terminal Blocks**

# For feedthrough connections

These heavy duty terminal blocks are designed by the Bureau of Ships. Typical is type 7TB12 made to Navy drawing 9000, S6505B, 73214, Rev. H., which provides for feedthrough connections at top and bottom. Molded per MIL-M-14E, it comes with different lengths and terminal numbers.

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# **Double Slug Transformers**

Match vswr of 4 to 1



For matching impedances where accurate vswr measurements are required, these coaxial double slug transformers match vswr as high as 4 to 1 at the design center frequency. They will also match small reactive vswr within ±500 mc of the design center frequency. Designated series ST, type 1, the units have locking and tracking controls and use type N connectors. Available at any design center frequency between 1000 and 3500 mc, they handle 200 w cw and have a nominal impedance of 50 ohms.

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# Thermal Time Delay Relays

Seated height of 1-3/32 in.

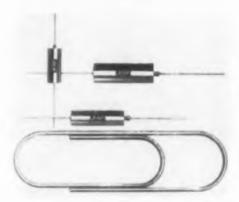
For delays from 1 to 300 sec, these time delay relays have a seated height of 1-3/32 in. and withstand -65 to +125 C temperature, 10 g vibration from 5 to 1000 cps, and 50 g shock. They are offered in heater voltages to 150 v interchangeable on dc or ac of any frequency with a power drain of 4 w. Contacts are rated at 6 am 1, 115 v ac or 3 amp, 28 v dc resistive.

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# **Solid Tantalum Capacitors**

Miniature



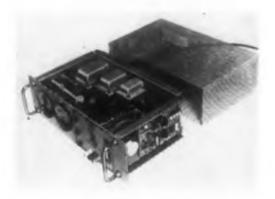
The smallest type TES solid electrolyte tanalum capacitor available is 1/8 in. in diameter and 1/4 in. long; the largest is 11/64 in. in dameter and 7/16 in. long. Suited for computers, aircraft, and missiles, the units have capacitances ranging from 0.0047 to 47 uf, with average variation ±5% at 25 C. Dissipation factor is less than 0.06, and leakage current at rated voltage and 25 C is 0.05 µa per µf per v, or 2 µa, whichever is greater. Designed to MIL-C-3965 specifications, the units will operate at full rated working voltage from -80 to +85 C, and at 75% of rated voltage up to 125 C. They are contained in a conductive metal case hermetically sealed with a glass terminal. They have no external welds and may be completely encapsulated and mounted in any position.

Astron Corp., Dept. ED, 255 Grant Ave., East Newark, N.J.

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# **Transistorized Power Supplies**

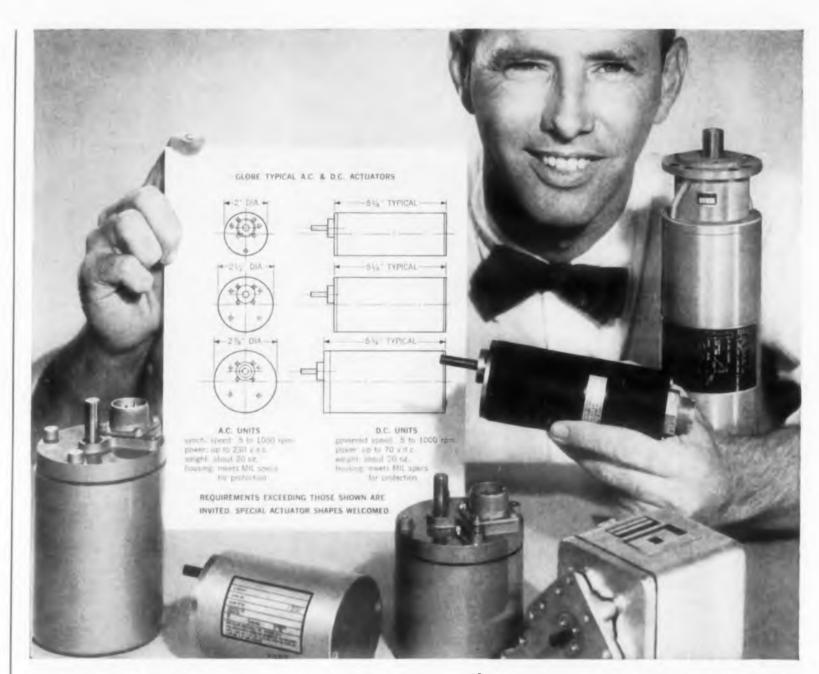
Provide 0 to 36 v dc



Operating from 100 to 130 v ac, 60 cps, model Th36-4M, -8M, -12M, and -20M transistorized power supplies deliver 0 to 36 v dc at 4, 8, 12, and 20 amp, respectively. Line regulation is ± 0.05%; load regulation, ±0.1%.

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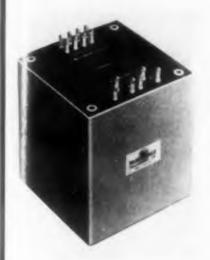
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Output **Transformers** 

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Available in 2 to 8 K models, series P6000 intput transformers have power ratings of 60 and 100 w. Their secondary windings are brought out as four separate sections which can be connected in series or parallel to match speaker impedances of 0.95, 3.8, 8.5, and 15 ohms. Frequency response is flat within  $\pm 0.5$  db from 20 eps to 30 ke, and total harmonic distortion is less than 1% at full power ratings and 25 or 55 cps. Made by Partridge Transformers, Ltd., England, the units are  $4-5/8 \times 4-5/8 \times 4-7/8$  in. M. Swedgal Electronics, Dept. ED, 258 Broadway, New York 7, N.Y.

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# **Sweep Generators** High output, low leakage



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- 3. 300 volts
- 4. 125°C. full rating
- 5. .010 cubic inches

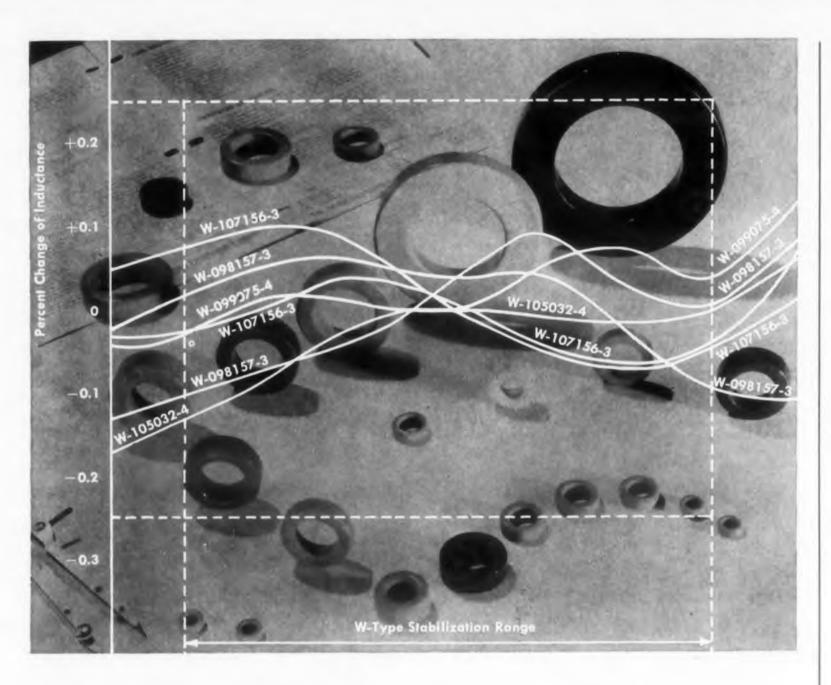
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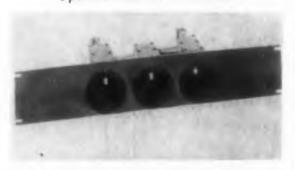
In metal enclosures, these corona type regulator tubes operate from 3 to 12 kv with good voltage regulation. Suited for the regulation of airborne radar power supplies, they are 9/16 in in diameter and 3-9/16 in. long.

The Victoreen Instrument Co., Dept. ED, 5806 Hough Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio.

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# Variable RF Attenuators

Operate from dc to 500 mc



Designed to operate from dc to 500 mc, these for hea variable step rf attenuators are rotary adjustable model and can be supplied as individual unmounted with a units or in various combinations on rack mounted driven panels. They incorporate highly stable resistors 60 cps, precured to minimize long term drift and mounted in cavities which eliminate reactive power components over the useful frequency range 10 deg Three 50 ohm and four 75 ohm attenuators are available, and combinations of up to four can be supplied on standard 3-1/2 x 19 in. ack mounted panels. The units extend 5 in. be in the panel.

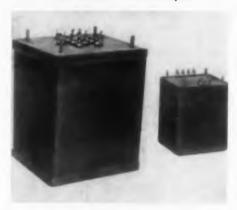
Ortho Filter Corp., Dept. ED, 196 Albion ave. Paterson 2, N.J.

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# Transistorized Converters

150 to 600 v dc output



Enclosed in hermetically sealed cans with rf iters included inside the case, these transistorzed converters provide high power to weight ratio and arc-free operation. Models are available with 6 to 26 v dc battery inputs and output voltages from 150 to 600 v dc.

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Di-An Controls, Inc., Dept. ED, 40 Leon St., os on 15, Mass.

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# THE FACTS ABOUT MAGNESIUM AND CORROSION

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successful history of application in aircraft, missiles, military ground equipment, portable tools, and materials handling equipment.

Yet some designers and production men hesitate to use magnesium because they have heard that it "corrodes." What are the facts about this important matter?

It's quite true that magnesium corrodes under certain environmental conditions—as does every other basic structural metal. Each has its own distinct corrosion "personality" in the presence of corrosive elements. For example, magnesium has excellent resistance to corrosion in strongly alkaline surroundings and readily becomes subject to attack under acidic conditions. Conversely, aluminum is resistant to many acids but suffers attack in strongly alkaline environments.

Approximately 95% of all corrosion problems with magnesium stem

AGNESIUM, the world's light- from galvanic corrosion. This type est structural metal, has a of corrosion is caused by differences in the electrical potential of dissimilar metals coupled together and immersed in an electrolyte. By understanding the source of corrosion currents, metals and their environments can be controlled so as to minimize or eliminate these sources. Techniques of joining magnesium to other metals have been developed which effectively overcome the conditions causing galvanic corrosion.



NIKE GROUND GUIDANCE-Large magnesium assemblies are easily and effectively protected by standard finishing methods.

The corrosion behavior of metals is as much an inherent characteristic of materials as tensile strength, elongation and other physical properties. The laws of corrosion are well understood. Thus they canand should be-taken into full consideration in any design analysis of a product or part. With this concept



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in mind, almost any corrosion problem can be "designed out" from the beginning when working with magnesium.

Whenever the corrosion characteristics of magnesium are acknowledged, and preventative measures are incorporated into designs, magnesium gives outstanding performance in service. Proof of this statement is evident by the growing use of magnesium alloys for such applications as: aircraft skins, wheels and engines; missile frames, fins and skins; radar antennas; military vehicle platforms and wheels; chain saws, hand trucks and dock boards.



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# **KEARFOTT PRECISION RESOLVERS** FOR EVERY SYSTEM APPLICATION



Kearfott has available a complete line of precision resolvers for every system application. Computing resolvers range in functional accuracy from .05% to .005%, in bridge accuracy from 3 minutes to 20 seconds of arc and in size from 11 to 25. Noncompensated resolvers range from 5 minutes to 20

seconds of arc in accuracy, from 8 to 25 in size. All Kearfott resolvers feature stainless housing, shafts and bearings and corrosion-resistant lamination materials for maximum environmental resistance. Optional designs available for operation at 200°C and in environment of 2000 cps vibration at 30 g's.

Computing Resolvers

Available with integral compensating windings. Can be provided with trimming networks to match existing isolation amplifiers or Kearfott-designed transistorized amplifiers.

### Size 11

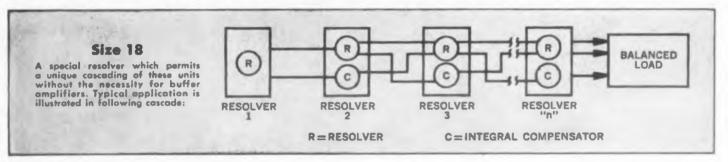
For applications where size and good functional accuracy are of paramount importance. Functional accuracy as good as .05% and bridge errors of 3 minutes of arc are in production.

### Size 15

A 2:1 improvement in functional accuracy and bridge error obtained in this configuration. Unit tabulated .0001, phase shift  $0^{\circ} \pm 1$  minute. is the direct equivalent of standard Navy BuOrd Mark 4 Mod 3 and contains necessary trimming net-

### Size 25

For applications demanding the highest order of accuracy. Close attention has been paid to design parameters.



COMPENSATED RESOLVERS FOR PRECISE COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

SIZE	1	1	15	18	25
PART NUMBER	R980-01	R980-41	T980-51	V980-004	425506-1
Excitation Volts-(Max.)	60	60	26	26	25
Frequency-(cps)	400	400	400	400	400
Primary Impedance	629 + j2510	450 + j2200	220 + j1000	$3000 + j (0 \pm 40)$	1630 /78.5°
Secondary Impedance	695 + j2750	500 + 12300	240 + j1100	$3000 + j (0 \pm 40)$	1620 (80°
Transformation Ratio (Primary to Secondary)	.980	.980	.980	.775	.980
Transformation Ratio (Compensator to Rotor)	.985	.985	.950	.775	.985
Phase Shift (Lead)	8.5°	7.5°	8.5°	0° ± 10'	1°
Fundamental Null (MV)	15	15	8	15	15
Bridge Error From E.Z. (Max.)	7 mins.	5 mins.	3 mins.	3 mins.	20 Seconds
Primary	Stator	Stator	Stator	Stator	Stator

Non-Compensated Resolvers

Basically for application in precise data transmission systems. These synchro resolvers permit system designer to achieve system errors of better than 1 minute of arc without using 2-speed servos and elaborate electronics. By proper impedance matches up to 64 resolver control transformers can also operate from one resolver transmitter.

### Size 11

Size 25

Where size is important. These units have a maximum unit error of 3 minutes of arc.

Where highest accuracy is required. These units have a maximum error as low as 20 seconds of arc.

		SIZE 11		SIZE 25			
Type Resolver Part Number Excitation Volts (Max.) Frequency (cps) Premary Impedance Secondary Impedance Transformation Ratio Max. Error from E.Z.	Transmitter R982-004 26 400 170/77° 42/80.5° .454 3 mins. Rotor	Differential R982-011 11.8 400 850/80° 1000/79° 1.000 3 mins. Stator	Control Transformer R982-012 11.8 400 2000/80° 8000/76° 1.906 3 mins. Stator	Transmitter Z5161-001 115 400 400 /80° 260 /80° .7826 20 seconds Rotor	Differential 25191-001 90 400 800 /80° 900 /80° 1.000 20 seconds Stator	Control Transforme 25151-003 90 400 8500 /80° 14000 /80° 1.278 20 seconds Stator	

Write for complete data.

# KEARFOTT COMPANY, INC., Little Falls, N. J.

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# DC Power Supplies Outputs to 700 v

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Available with inputs of 6, 12, 24, 28, and 32 v dc, these transistorized power supplies provide outputs to 700 v. Regulated or unregulated, they have power ratings of 30, 100, and 200 w and operate up to 60 C.

Digitrols, Dept. ED, P.O. Box 985, Baltimore 3. Md.

CIRCLE 267 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

REACTIVE RESIN MIXER.-Manually operated model MM-2 meters, mixes, and dispenses reactive resin formulations. Low cost unit for laboratories and small run production.

Meter-Mix Corp., Dept. ED, 626 Dorchester Ave. Boston 27, Mass.

CIRCLE 268 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

FUSE AND FUSEHOLDER.—Type GLR fuse and In. ID HLR holder comprise a combination unit for protecting fluorescent fixtures and other equipment operating on 300 v or less. Over-all length is south 2-7/16 in.

McGraw-Edison Co., Bussmann Mfg. Div., Dept ED, University at Jefferson, St. Louis 7, Mo.

CIRCLE 269 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

SNAP-IN AIR FILTER.-For commercial and inclustrial heating and air conditioning systems, the Elektra filter consists of a flexible steel frame with metal grid and a snap ring to hold disposable filter pads in place.

Extraer Inc., Dept. ED, 1210 Chenevert, Houston, Tex.

CIRCLE 270 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

MOISTURE MONITORS.—Series 26-350 mon ors accurately measure trace quantities of moisture in gases and vapors at sample pressures up to 10 100 psig. Suited for verifying dryness of aircraft bre thing oxygen, checking compressed air used to dive missile turbines, and testing moisture in pneum tic the e control systems.

Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., Dept. D. 300 N. Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Cali

CIRCLE 271 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

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H ND WRAPPING TOOL.—For wrapping and unpping solderless wrapped connections, Wire-W ip tools are available in eight sizes with various in hinal hole diameters and depths. They handle is gages from 26 to 14.

lardner-Denver Co., Dept. ED, Quincy, Ill.

CIRCLE 272 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

PI EAMPLIFIER KIT.—Model 83 YX 776 contains puts for a high-fidelity monaural and stereophonic preamplifier with a frequency response of 10.5 db fron 7 cps to 120 kc.

Allied Radio Corp., Dept. ED, 100 N. Western Chicago 80, Ill.

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PORTABLE PARTS CLEANER.—In a sheet steel case 20 x 20 x 10 in., solvent type Kwik-Kleaner has built-in pump which permits continuous reuse of leaning fluid. Includes a fountain brush with admistable flow and a built-in soak tank 7-1/4 x 13-1/4 x 7-1/2 in.

Nielsen Saw & Mfg. Co., Dept. ED, 7th Place and McKeniley, Eugene, Ore.

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BINDING POST KIT.—Model AS-407 contains six universal binding posts, six banana plugs, and six pur plugs. Units are color coded to show polarity in constructed equipment.

Olson Radio Warehouse, Dept. ED, 260 S. Forge M. Akron, Ohio.

CIRCLE 275 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

ROLL FILES.—Modular, slide-together units to hold olled drawings up to 27 or 33 in. long. Each module is 4 in. high and 12 in. wide, contains four 2-5/8 in. ID tubes. Supplied with or without steel filing abinet.

Plan Hold Corp., Dept. ED, 5204 Chakemco St., South Gate, Calif.

CIRCLE 276 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

HAND MARKER.—The Magic Marker can be used to prepare circuit drawings, color code electrical conductions, and mark fuses. Constructed with a felt point, it can write in four widths. Marks indelibly and dries instantly on almost any surface.

Speedry, Dept. ED, P.O. Box 97, Richmond Hill, Jamaica 18, N.Y.

CIRCLE 277 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

VARIABLE TRANSFORMER.—Heavy duty type T502U, rated at 25 amp, is suited for use with heavy power supplies and electric furnaces. Load rating is kva; input, 230 v; output, 0 to 270 v.

Undard Electrical Products Co., Dept. ED, 2240 E Third St., Dayton, Ohio.

CIRCLE 278 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

BELLOWS.—Compounded of conductive rubber, the e bellows dissipate high voltage static discharge to be ground.

tillman Rubber Co., Dept. ED, 5811 Marilyn , Culver City, Calif.

CIRCLE 279 ON READER-SERVICE CARD



# MICROWAVE RESEARCH

The expanding role of electronic equipment in modern military operations has given high priority to microwave research. No field today offers greater challenge to the scientist and engineer.

In support of current electronic countermeasures programs and in anticipation of future systems requirements, Ramo-Wooldridge Division is engaged in microwave research to develop new techniques and to refine conventional components.

Research is under way at Ramo-Wooldridge for new methods and new designs to reduce substantially the over-all size, weight and complexity of electronic equipment for both airborne and ground-based uses.

For example, the low-loss delay line in the photograph above was designed, developed and manufactured by Ramo-Wooldridge for use in airborne equipment. Packaged for use in the system for which it was designed, this miniature

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Special opportunities exist for those with qualified experience in microwave research—in technique evaluation, component development, and design of such systems equipment—at Ramo-Wooldridge.

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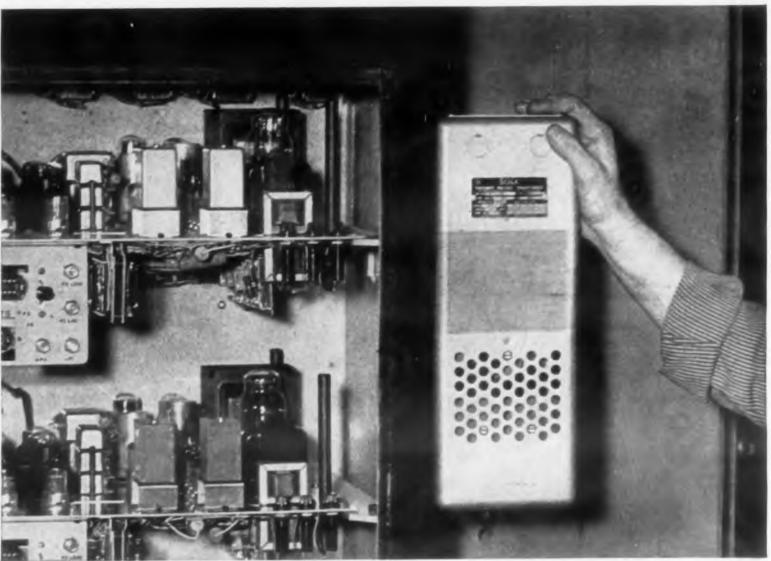
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# Equipment delivers full-efficiency performance with input voltage Sola-regulated within ±1%

Built in or added as an accessory, Sola Constant Voltage Transformers permit voltage-sensitive equipment to operate at full efficiency. Variations in line voltage as great as  $\pm 15\%$  are stabilized to within  $\pm 1\%$  of equipment nameplate voltage. This eliminates performance variations and failures caused by irregular voltage—highs, lows, or most transients. Sola-regulated input voltage also gives tubes and other components the correct electrical environment for full life.

The Sola Constant Voltage Transformer is a static-magnetic regulator whose action is automatic and virtually instantaneous—it responds to variations in input

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The Standard-type CV illustrated is only one of a complete line of Sola voltage regulators having wide application in electrical and electronic devices. Such special types as harmonic-free, filament, plate-filament, and adjustable harmonic-free transformers all provide the benefits of regulated input voltage. More than 40 models of these economical, compact regulators are available from stock. Sola also manufacturers custom-designed units (in production quantities) to meet special needs.

For complete data write for Bulletin 31B-CV-170

Sola Electric Co., 4633 W. 16th St., Chicago 50, III., Bishop 2-1414 • Offices in principal cities • In Canada, Sola Electric (Canada) Ltd., 24 Canmotor Ave., Toronto 18, Ont



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# **NEW PRODUCTS**

ISOLATION TRANSFORMER.—Providing 1 to impedance ratio at 0 dbm from 20 to 20,000 cp, model A-210P eliminates ground loop feedback in stereophonic systems where either amplifiers or preamplifiers use a common ground.

Triad Transformer Corp., Dept. ED, 4055 Red-wood Ave., Venice, Calif.

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LOCKING CONNECTORS.—Series MH miniature hexagonal connectors have positive locking rings and 4 to 10 contacts. They are designed for uniting cables subject to vibration, pulls, or other stresses.

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U. S. Components, Inc., Dept. ED, 454 E. 148th, St., New York 55, N.Y.

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PHOTOELECTRIC PAPER TAPE READER.—Model PR-2 accepts any 5, 6, or 7 channel numeric tape for computer input, reads tapes from all types of off-line recording devices.

Bendix Aviation Corp., Bendix Computer Div., Dept. ED, 5630 Arbor Vitae St., Los Angeles 45, Calif.

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MINIATURE ELECTRIC EYES.—For counting, positioning, monitoring, or sequencing operations, these units measure  $1-1/2 \times 1-5/16 \times 11/16$  in. They have a 1/4 in. standard pipe for mounting.

ESS Instrument Co., Dept. ED, 96 S. Washington Ave., Bergenfield, N.J.

CIRCLE 285 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

SWITCHES.—All the company's switches can now be obtained with side terminal boards. Supplied in XXXP phenolic or glass base epoxy, they meet applicable MIL-S-3786 and environmental MIL-E-5272 specifications.

The Daven Co., Dept. ED, Livingston, N.J.

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AUDIO POWER CONTROL SYSTEM.—Combining an expander with a 50 µsec limiter in one audio amplifier, the LE-2 Limpander is designed for two-way radio applications. Distortion is 25 db.

Electronic Systems Engineering Co., Dept. ED. 903 Cravens Bldg., Oklahoma City 2, Okla.

CIRCLE 287 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

CATHODE RAY TUBE.—Model 5/71 CM tube, 5 in. across, resolves 5000 lines and has a spot less than 0.001 in. in diameter. It operates at 30 kv and 75,000 ft without danger of breakdown.

Ferranti Electric Inc., Dept. ED, 95 Madison Ave. Hempstead, N.Y.

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I QUID COOLER.—For cooling high powered electronic tubes, model E/HT-200, type 204A is adaptale to ground-to-air missiles under severe conditions. The complete assembly is  $9-1/2 \times 6 \times 7$  in. It is 1600 w capacity and operates on 28 v dc. Temperature range is -65 to +160 F.

Eastern Industries, Inc., Dept. ED, 100 Skiff St., umden, Conn.

CIRCLE 289 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

STEREOPHONIC CARTRIDGES.—With a dynamially balanced, single ceramic element, these units povide 20 db channel separation over the full audio frequency range. Model 1301 has dual sapphire syluses; model 1302 has a 0.7 mil diamond and a mil sapphire.

Erie Resistor Corp., Dept. ED, Erie, Pa.

CIRCLE 290 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

MINIATURE COMPUTER.—Designed to teach computer operation to engineers and management personnel, the Microlog can be used to simulate processes and find approximate solutions to test the stability of systems. It measures 13 x 17 x 3 in.

EBE, Inc., Dept. ED, 1015 Atkin Ave., Salt Lake City 6, Utah.

CIRCLE 291 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

PREHEATING AND DRYING OVEN.—With dehumidifier, model PLHD-2-5 maintains proper moisture content prior to molding in such materials as Zytel, Lucite, Plexiglas, cellulose acetate, and Tenite. A drawer type unit with 10 compartments, it also provides corrosion free storage for electrical components.

Despatch Oven Co., Dept. ED, 619 S.E. 8th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

CIRCLE 292 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

STEREOPHONIC CARTRIDGES.—Model SC-1D, -1S, -2D, and -2S twin-ceramic cartridges have diamond or sapphire styluses and in-phase or out-of-phase connections.

CBS-Hytron, Dept. ED, Danvers, Mass.

CIRCLE 293 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

MICROFILMING CAMERA.—Portable 35 mm Copiflash microfilms any document or wiring diagram up to 9-1/2 x 15 in. Carrying case is 17 x 11 x 7 in

Camcopy, Inc., Dept. ED, P.O. Box 27, Matawan, N.J.

CIRCLE 294 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

ADJUSTABLE SCRIBER.—No. 3237-12 Leroy so iber can form characters of varying height at any aligle up to 45 deg forward. Takes pens from -0000 to -8 and can be used with Leroy lettering templates up to size -500 C.

Keuffel & Esser Co., Dept. ED, Adams and Third St., Hoboken, N.J.

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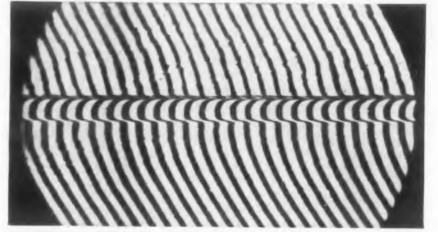
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ACTUAL SIZE

# More news about the "SX" miniaturized subminiature switch

New actuators add to versatility of "SX" Series

Two of the auxiliary actuators for the "SX" are shown below. Others, not shown, are pivoted lever and pivoted roller lever variations. All are made of stainless steel.



LEAF ACTUATOR



ROLLER LEAF

The new "SX"—smallest precision snap-action switch—offers a new kind of answer to switching problems involving space, weight, and reliability. Here are some of the reasons:

SIZE (of case): .500" x .200" x .350" high—ten to the square inch.

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Operating force is controlled and predictable within 3 oz. to 5 oz. limits.

Terminals are integrally molded.

Special plating on terminals improves ease of soldering.

The normally-open and normally-closed terminal-contact inserts are solid silver and in one piece for maximum conductivity and heat dissipation.

For more information about this important switch, ask for Data Sheet 148.

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# **NEW PRODUCTS**

PRESSURE TRANSDUCER.—For nuclear applications, these units are maintenance free and suitable for sealed operation. Span and zero trimming adjustments are remote from the transmitter.

The Bristol Co., Dept. ED, Waterbury 20, Co. n.

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PULSED OSCILLATOR.—High powered model AJ U PG-650-C has a Helipot delay potentiometer for covering three overlapping ranges to 200, 1100, and 11,000 usec. Pulse length is continuously variable from 1.5 to 15 usec; rise and fall times are 0.3 usec above 20 mc and within 3 cps at lower frequencies.

Arenberg Ultrasonic Lab. Inc., Dept ED, 94 Green St., Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.

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CONTACT PINS.—Seamless and butt seam units in brass, copper, steel, or aluminum. Diameters are 3/32, 1/8, 7/64, and 5/32 in.; lengths, 3/8 to 1-1/2 in. Miniature hollow units with 1/16 in. diameters and lengths to specifications are also available.

A. L. Johnson Co., Dept. ED, S031 N. Ridgeway Ave., Skokie, Ill.

### CIRCLE 300 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

TRANSPARENT PLASTIC RODS.—Made of type 100 plastic, these rods are 1/4 to 2 in. in diameter and up to 36 in. long. Resistant to chemicals, the withstand 230 F.

The Homalite Corp., Dept. ED, 15 Brookside Dr., Wilmington 4, Del.

### CIRCLE 301 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

AIR FLOW SAFETY SWITCH.—Monitors air flow on fan suction or discharge ducts of processing systems. Standard unit is for pressures of 1/4 in, water gage; others for pressures to 3 in, water gage can be built. Rated 5 amp, 115 v, or equivalent currents to 230 v.

The R. C. Mahon Co., Dept. ED, E. 8 Mile Rd., Detroit 34, Mich.

# CIRCLE 302 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

NOISE RESISTANT TV CAMERA.—Model 1986 Noperates in noise environments to ±145 db without an acoustical housing. With a housing it has been successfully used above 190 db. Suited for rocket or jet engine test stands, it provides 600 line resolution

Kin Tel, Div. of Cohu Electronics, Inc., Dept. FD 5725 Kearny Villa Rd., San Diego 12, Calif.

### CIRCLE 303 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

CARBON-RESISTOR TUBE FURNACES.—For is temperature research and natural and synthetic nineral fabrication, these furnaces reach 5000 F in whours.

Hevi-Duty Electric Co., Dept. ED, Milwai kee 1, Wis.

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VIJIRATION METER-RECORDER.—Mechanically op rated, the Hand Vibrograph magnifies and permane tly records frequency, amplitude, and wave form of vibrations and other mechanical motions. Fregu ney range is 0 to 20,000 cpm; amplitude range, 0.1004 to 0.8 in.

he Korfund Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 48-15 32nd Pl., Long Island City 1, N.Y.

### CIRCLE 305 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

AJ UMINUM MAGNET WIRE.-In a wide range of sizes and shapes, these wires are available with film or librous insulations in operating temperature classes A, B, F, and H.

Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Sales, Inc., Dept. El 919 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill.

### CIRCLE 306 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

VI HICULAR ANTENNAS, - Provide omnidirectional coverage and a restriction of vertical radiation pattern to the horizon. In the 150 mc band, gain is 3 db; in the 450 mc, 5 db.

Mark Products Co., Dept. ED, 6412 W. Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, Ill.

# CIRCLE 307 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

FHP MOTOR PROTECTOR.-Model MP-1620 circuit breaker trips in response to either rising motor temperature or excessive current draw. It restores motor operation when temperature or current drops. Mechanical Products, Inc., Dept. ED, Jackson,

### CIRCLE 308 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

CRT SHIELDS.-In Netic or Co-Netic materials or multiple layers of both, these shields conform closely tube contours, need no periodic annealing. Heliarc welding on all seams prevents magnetic leakage.

Perfection Mica Co., Magnetic Shield Div., Dept. ED, 1322 N. Elston Ave., Chicago 22, Ill.

# CIRCLE 309 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

ALUMINUM CAPACITOR FOIL.-Free from oil films and ionizable substances. Electro-Dry has minimum surface contamination, replaces Driwynd foil. Republic Foil and Metal Mills, Inc., Dept. ED, 55 Triangle St., Danbury, Conn.

# CIRCLE 310 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

PRESSURE CONTROLS.—These five additions to the J40 line extend its range of pressures to 350 psi. They have differentials as close as  $12 \pm 4$  oz.

United Electric Controls Co., Dept. ED, 79 School St. Watertown 72, Mass.

### CIRCLE 311 ON READER-SERVICE CARD

Al UMINUM CARRYING CASES.—Dust and spray tight per MIL-STD-108C, these units have a Neoprime gasket, nickel plated latches, and aircraft type hinges. Sizes range from 4 x 7 x 4-1/4 to 9-3/16 x 13 1/4 x 9 in.

ero Mfg. Co., Dept. ED, 1121 Chestnut St., Burbank, Calif.

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Unitized" poles protect contacts



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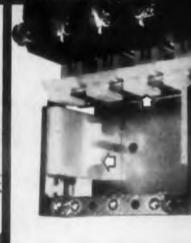


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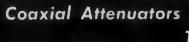
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Model	HFA 8	HFT	HFA/T	L HFT/T	HFA/N	& HFT/N		HFAM	
Input/output impedance, ohms	50, 75	50, 75	50, 75	50. 75	50	50	50 75, 93	75 50, 93	93 50, 75
Nominal attenuation (db)	1, 2, 3 10, 12, / 2, 3, 20	, 4, 6, 15, 20 6, 10,	1. 2. 3 10. 12. / 2. 3. 20	4, 6, 15, 20 6, 10,	1. 2. 3 10, 12	3, 4, 6, 15, 20	mi	nimum	loss
Frequency range (mcs)	DC 1000		00 DC-2000		DC-2500		DC-1000		
Maximum V.S.W.R		at		2 at 0 mcs		2 at 0 mcs	1.2	at 1000	mes
Connectors	Type	BNC	Туре	TNC	Ту	De N	1	ype BN	С

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Radio Corporation of America, Industrial Automation Equipment, Dept. ED, 13541 Auburn Ave., Detroit 23, Mich.

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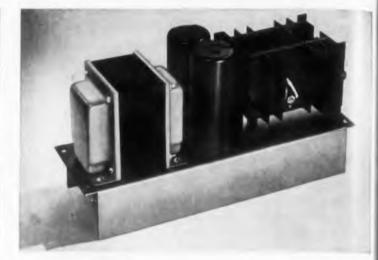
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22-115	17.22 VDC @ 0.1.5 amp.
22-116	22-27 VDC @ 0-1 amp.
22-117	27-32 VDC @ 0-1 amp.

### SPECIFICATIONS (all models)

Ripple: 2 MV RMS
Regulation: Line and Load combined.
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Max. Operating Temp: 50 C. Ambient
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Isochem Resins Corp., Dept. ED, 221 Oak St., Providence 9, R.I.

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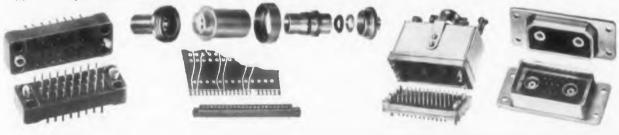
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ampere per day as an ammeter; short term noise within 0.03 microvolt peak to peak (0.006 microvolt RMS). The 150 is rugged, relatively insensitive to vibration, 60-cycle fields, or thermal EMF's. It is available in either rack or cabinet packaging.

**USES** of the 150 encompass nearly every branch of research and engineering. Examples include measuring the outputs from strain gages, thermopiles, thermocouples, bolometers, phototubes, ionization chambers, scintillation counters, and barrier layer cells. Other applications are found in cell studies, electrochemical potentials, corrosion work, molecular-weight analysis, Hall effect studies.

**DETAILED DATA** about the 150 Micro Voltammeter are now available in Keithley Engineering Notes, Vol. 7 No 1. A request will bring your copy promptly.

### BRIEF SPECIFICATIONS

dc voltage: 13 ranges in 1X and 3X steps from ±1 microvolt to ±1 volt full scale.

current: 17 ranges in 1X and 3X steps from  $\pm 10^{-10}$  to  $\pm 10^{-8}$  ampere full scale.

zero stability: within 0.1 microvolt per day, or  $2 \times 10^{-11}$  ampere per day.

**noise**! less than 0.006 microvolt RMS as a voltmeter; less than  $2 \times 10^{-12}$  ampere as an ammeter.

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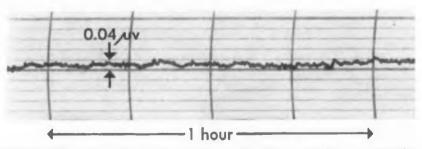
zero suppression: up to 100 times full scale.

response speed: 0.5 to 2 seconds.

gain: 10,000,000 maximum.

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output:  $\pm 10 \, v$  and 5 ma for full scale deflections price: \$675.00



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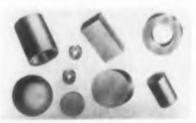
At 10 oersted, power ferrite W-07 has a maximum flux density of 5200 gauss. With low hysteresis and eddy current losses, it performs well from 400 cps to 15 kc. Curie point is 280 C. The material can be used in high speed motors, high frequency power transformers, and high power frequency converters.

Allen-Bradley Co., Dept. ED, 136 W. Greenfield Ave., Milwaukee 4, Wis.

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# Ceramic Transducer Element

Has wide temperature range



Suited for missile systems, telemetering, and airborne sensing circuits, type US 100 ceramic transducer element has high frequency stability over a wide temperature range. Upper Curie temperature is 150 C; loss factor, 0.5%; and frequency constant, 90 kc in. The material is available in all sizes and shapes needed in the ultrasonic industry.

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# **Encapsulating Resin**

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Westinghouse Electric Corp., Micarta Div., Dept. ED, Manor, Pa.

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Screen Process Labs, Dept. ED, 5-33 48th Ave., Long Island City I, N.Y.

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# **Power Ferrite**

Has rectangular hysteresis loop

For 400 cps to 15 kc operation, power ferrite 11-03 has an almost perfectly rectangular hysteresis loop which reduces with temperature so that loss per cycle is less at higher temperatures than at lower temperatures. For use in i-f magnetic amplifiers, static switching devices, transistorized inverters, and power supplies, it has a 2.9 usec switching time at 2.5 H<sub>c</sub>. At 1500 cps, initial permeability is 325 and maximum permeability is \$500. Saturation induction at 10 oersted is 3900 giuss, remanence induction is 3360 gauss, and Curie temperature is 315 C.

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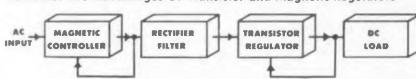
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TR36-20M	0-36	0-20	= 0.05%	0.1%	0.02%	895
TR160-1M	10-160	0-1	± 0.05%	0.05%	0.01%	495
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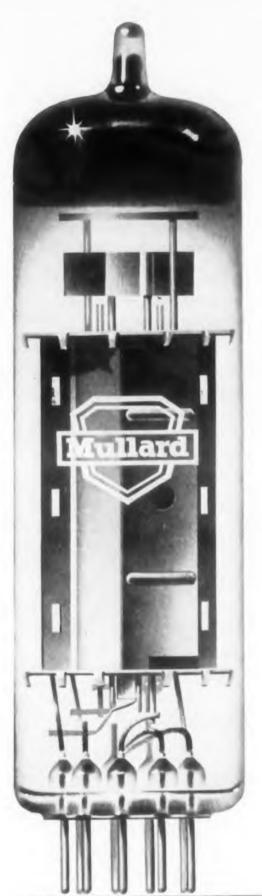
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Revised Catalog 83c covers a complete line of industrial enclosed switches. Complete details of nine housing groups of metal-enclosed switches for industrial uses are given. Explosion-proof, maintained-contact, pre-wired, hand-operated and sealed switches are of few of the 99 different listings shown. This 20-page catalog is an aid to the plant engineer and maintenance man, as well as the designer of original equipment. Switches with a variety of actuator types to fulfill almost any requirement for general-purpose industrial enclosed switches are listed. Micro Switch, Free-port, Ill.

### Plastic and Ceramic Foams

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A 20-page brochure entitled Eccofoam contains information on both plastic and ceramic foams. The foams are used primarily in electrical and electronic applications. The line covers flexible and rigid sheet stock, liquid foam in-place resins, artificial dielectric foams, pack-in-place foams for electronic embedment, powdered materials and an extensive series with adjusted electrical properties. Technical data is supplied on each product including applications such as microwave lenses, radome cores, void filling, circuit encapsulation, thermal insulation, packaging and re-enforcement of structures. Emerson & Cuming, Inc., 869 Washington St., Canton, Mass.

## **Components Catalog**

346

This 1959 catalog illustrates and describes the entire line of sheet metal products and electronic components including an outline of special fabrication facilities, sizing information on each product, suggestions for uses. Bud Radio, Inc., 2118 East 55th St., Cleveland 13, Ohio.

# Ins rument Bearings

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# Self-Clinching Nuts

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Bulletin SL-858 gives complete data on the FEM line of all-metal, self-locking, self-clinching auts. It provides information on thread sizes and hank lengths for various sheet thicknesses, mounting hole dimensions, suggested installation forces, torque and push-out resistance, metals of construction and finish, and temperature ranges. Fenn Engineering & Mfg. Corp., Doylestown, Pa.

# Jewel Bearings

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This 26-page, two-color manual was prepared an engineering, design and purchasing specifilations guide to the complex field of jewel bearigs and other industrial applications of sapphire. Manual #5 contains general information on the roperties of industrial sapphire and availabililes of material; Jewel bearings, designating the pes, nomenclature and tolerance of five basic wel bearing types; design data, including raphs, formalae for calculating frictional losses, asic design factors and listings of stock sapphire ree and ring jewels sizes; jewel bearing assemlies, providing information on mounting methds housings, and typical engineering drawings; and typical sapphire applications, showing diverfied uses where unique properties of sapphire way solved many industrial problems. Reprint op es of the index of five sections are available ithout charge from: Mr. A. V. Urisc, General lanager, A. M. Gatti, Inc., 524 Tindall Ave., renton, N.J. After receipt of excerpts, inquiries receive complete copies of Manual No. 5 recon request.



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# **Transistor Similarity Chart**

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This 4-page chart is for use in determining Raytheon types which are equivalent to germanium transistor types of other manufacturers. It is a similarity, not an exact interchangeability chart. No note has been made of minor electrical or mechanical differences which in some cases may preclude the use of the suggested Raytheon type in a specific application. In cases where the competitive product has been specified loosely, more than one Raytheon type has been suggested. Exact choice depends upon further knowledge of the application. Raytheon Manufacturing Co., Semiconductor Div., 9501 Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, Ill.

## **Switches**

354

Four-page data sheet covers eight precision snap-action switches for use on aircraft, missiles and missile ground handling equipment. Describes sealed, high temperature and shock resistant types. Photographs, dimension drawings, electrical ratings and characteristics are included. Micro Switch, Freeport, Ill., Div. of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.

### **UHF-VHF** Calibrator

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Data sheet of this wide frequency vhf-uhf calibrator describes characteristics of this product. The calibrator covers the spectrum from 50 mes to 11,000 mes without tuning controls and has accuracies of plus or minus 0.005% throughout the entire frequency range. It is an accurate secondary frequency standard for laboratory use in calibrating and testing of microwave receivers, radar systems, navigational aids, beacons, signal generators and rf pre-selectors and filters. Control Electronics Co., Inc., 10 Stepar Place, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.

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# Sweep and Signal Generator

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Technical Bulletin T-206 describes the new sweep and signal generator for tests of if and rf components. Detailed specifications of Model SSX-2, which offers a complete marker system in a single instrument package, with provisions for obtaining audio and pulse modulated cw, are given. Telonic Industries, Inc., Beech Grove, Ind.

# Dielectric Material

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A 3-page bulletin #11, provides information on the electrical properties of Duroid, a high temperature dielectric material. The Duroid series of reinforced teflons are used especially in high frequency, elevated temperature applications such as missile radomes and nose cones; airborne electronic gear and missile guidance and control. Application details and references are included. Rogers Corp., Rogers, Conn.

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# **NEW LITERATURE**

# Adhesives

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Series of technical bulletins on a variety of cements, adhesives and sealants described in 14-page brochure. Application information, and physical and electrical property data is presented for each product. Emerson & Cuming, Inc., 869 Washington St., Canton, Mass.

# **Space Talk**

366

A tiny booklet on the big problem of space is "a down to earth glossary of astronautical terms" which guides the layman through polysyllabic adversity to the stars. Pocket-size and pointed toward clarifying the average earthman's understanding of news reports on missile, rocket and space activities, "Space Talk" reviews 133 words selected from the patois of space scientists and engineers. Translations from the jargon (colloquial in spots) run the gamut from Abort (failure of a rocket or missile) to Zip fuel (special high energy jet engine fuel). Republic Aviation Corporation, Farmingdale, N.Y.

# **Hybrid Junctions**

367

This 4-page catalog is an up-to-date guide for the selection of precision cast topwall short slot hybrid junctions. Electrical data and some common uses for these hybrid junctions are included. Microwave Development Laboratories, Inc., 92 Broad St., Babson Park 57, Wellesley, Mass., for catalog HT 58.

## **Precision Potentiometers**

368

Persons concerned with the purchase of precision potentiometers can obtain a complete brochure covering the test and calibration facilities of this company. The series of technical bulletins illustrate and describe the product. TIC, 7229 Atoll Ave., North Hollywood, Calif.

# Aluminum RF Plugs

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Complete line of lightweight RF plugs utilizing aluminum shells is described in this catalog. Illustrated, 17-page catalog ALRF-1 features line of coaxial plugs and ALA line of cable adaptors. Cannon Electric Co., Advertising Dept., 3208 Humboldt St., Los Angeles 31, Calif.



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# **Memory System**

Technical Bulletin 58-B describes model 3122 random access store, one of a series of random access memory systems manufactured by company for buffer and memory requirements in data processing systems. The 4-page illustrated bulletin describes the use of the standard apertured ferrite plate as the storage medium and points out the 3122's access time of 12 usec, the capacity of 512 8 binary digit characters, and the random access for both writing and reading. Also included are timing diagrams, complete specifications, accessories available, applications and a description of other random access stores in the 3100 series, with capacities to 4096 characters and character lengths to 36 bits. Rese Engineering,

Inc., 731 Arch Street, Philadelphia 6, Pa.

# Servo System Components

Four bulletins supply information on a new line of electrohydraulic servo system components. Bulletin 36100, 8 pages, "New Electrohydraulic Servo Valves," illustrates and describes the construction and principle of operation of this plunger-less valve design. Servocontrol's new concept of single stage, three and four-way servo valves contains only two moving parts and eliminates metal-to-metal contact between valve body and "Swing-Plate" (Flow director plate). Specifieations, flow curves and installation dimensions are included.

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Bulletin 36200, 4 pages, "New Power Amplifier," covers the specifications, capabilities and operation of Servocontrol's universal type amplifier. The amplifier can be used to drive two phase ac servo motors or de torque motors while providing for command-feedback input signal summation, comparison, or difference. All transistor, push-pull design increases reliability.

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Bulletin 36400, 4 pages, "New Panels," illustrates many of the different forms and types of "Custom-Built" amplifier and control panels built by Oilgear-Servocontrol for operating electrohydraulic servo systems. All available from: The Oilgear Co., 1579 West Pierce Street, Milwaukee 4, Wisc.

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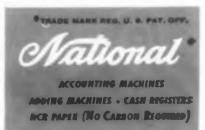
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# **NEW LITERATURE**

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### Instruments

389

This is a 52-page catalog on process instruments covering indicators, transmitters, recorders and controllers for flow, pressure, temperature, density, viscosity, and consistency. Fischer & Porter Co., 941 Jacksonville Road, Hatboro, Pa.

# Vacuum Technology

390

The Duo-Seal Digest covers the area of vacuum technology. It contains, among other things, abridged articles from various periodicals. Volume I, number I, of the Digest has such articles as "Instrumentation In Vacuum Induction Melting," "Rate of Exhaust Through A Tube Or Orifice." For the first issue and succeeding monthly issues, write to W. M. Welch Scientific Com, Div. of W. M. Welch Manufacturing Co., 1515 Sedgwick St., Chicago 10, Ill.

# **Epoxy Resins and Hardeners**

391

Technical Bulletins ER-1 and ER-2, both four pages, include a discussion of the properties and uses of Epotuf epoxy resins and hardeners. Also covered are such topics as fillers, flexibilizers and handling precautions. Reichhold Chemicals, Inc., RCI Building, White Plains, N.Y.

## Heaters

392

Flexible silicone rubber heaters are the subject of a new illustrated catalog sheet, which details the construction features of heaters for greater application flexibility in the design of electric heating units. Specifications included. Bulletin C-102, from Watlow Electric Manufacturing Co., 1376 Ferguson Ave., St. Louis 14, Mo.

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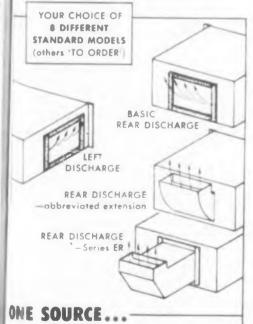
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**Preamplifiers** 

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### Instrument Cases

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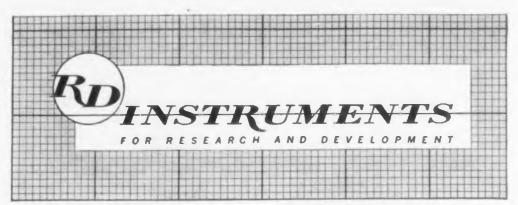


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# **NEW LITERATURE**

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Catalog 11058 is a 2-color, 16-page, compilation of technical data which includes a discussion of the basic methods for operating dc motors from ac power sources. Typical schematic diagrams are included as representative of the more popular systems in general use. The remaining portion of the catalog includes specifications, speed and torque rating, etc. of the equipment manufactured by company. Copies from: Servo-Tek Products Co., 1086 Goffle Road, Hawthorne, N.J.

# **Data Handling Systems**

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Improved line of Kybernetes electronic data handling systems are described in bulletin, which presents to the industrial field a new concept for logging, monitoring, and integration of process information. Basic design parameters, programming, switching, analog to digital conversion, linearization, calibration, accuracy, digital ranging, printout and off-normal alarms. Bulletin MSP-154, Kybernetes Div., Hagan Chemicals & Controls, Inc., Box 1346, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

# Lacing Cords and Tapes

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This 4-page leaflet describes the latest addition to the Alpha Wire line cataloging synthetic lacing cords and tapes, the industry's only complete listing of both military and commercial types. In addition to an extremly wide variety of constructions, this catalog contains a wealth of technical information covering materials, finishes, physical descriptions and military specifications. Price schedule is included. Alpha Wire Corp., 200 Variek St., New York 14, N.Y.

# **Antenna Systems**

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An addition to the reference library of antenna system planners and engineers, Andrew Catalog 22, a 96-page product and facility book, covers the antennas, antenna systems, and transmission line products of this company. Included are new product developments in 21-in. waveguide, high power transmission lines, ground-to-air and telemetry antennas, microwave and two-way communication antennas, and the introduction of two new sizes of Heliax (flexible coaxial line). A special 16-page section covers general antenna systems engineering information. Andrew Corp., 363 E. 75th St., Chicago 19, Ill.

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# **Sprayed Coatings**

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### **Electron Microscope**

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"Questions and Answers on Electron Microscopes" is a 12-page booklet compiled from actual queries asked in the field and at Norelco Microscope School sessions. The booklet discusses magnification, resolution, specimen preparation and fields of application. Shadow casting, electron diffraction, camera work, stereo techniques, astigmatism correction, lens details, beam wobbler, through focus control, and many other technical matters are also covered. Instruments Div., Philips Electronics, Inc., 750 South Fulton Ave., Mount Vernon, N.Y.





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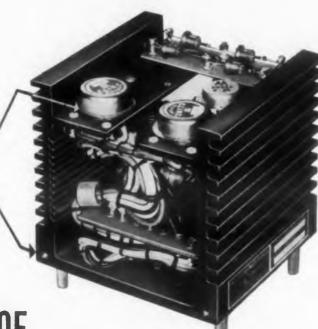
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# Design Maximum System

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Application Note AN-174, entitled "Design-Maximum System for Rating Electron Tubes," reviews the significant differences between the three rating systems currently in use by the electron tube industry—the absolute-maximum, design-center, and design-maximum systems. The design-maximum system, which is the newest and latest, is discussed in detail. Commercial Engineering, RCA, Harrison, N.J.

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# **Magnetic Amplifiers**

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A 12-page brochure describes expanded facilities for the manufacture of magnetic amplifiers and saturable reactors including associated circuitry and equipment. Booklet also describes advantages of magnetic amplifiers and the reliability, maintainability, and applications for magnetic amplifier equipment. The Branch Manufacturing Co., Div. of the General Bronze Corp., Newark, N.J.

### Ceramic Tool Components

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Bulletin 116, a 4-page catalog, describes a new line of off-the-shelf high temperature ceramic tool components, including a wide variety of bushings, washers, dises, plates, rods, and vblocks. Bulletin 116 includes information on dimensions, tolerances, how to order special requirements, and complete mechanical and electrical properties of the hi-temp ceramic components. Using this catalog, design and production engineers can now utilize off-the-shelf components which can be obtained rapidly at a fraction of the cost of custom fabricated parts for such applications as hi-temp fixtures for brazing, soldering, welding, sintering, melting or hot forming operations. Bulletin 116 includes Duramic tool components such as round and square rods in the range 1/4 in. in diam, washers to 2 in. OD, discs to 6 in. OD, plates as large as 5 in. x 6 in., and plain and shoulder bushings up to 3 in. OD. All these parts can be further revised by the user by grinding with silicon carbide wheels. Bulletin 116 is the first of a series of standardized components. Duramic Products Inc., 262-72 Mott St., New York 12, N.Y.

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# NEW LITERATURE

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# **Paper Electrical Tapes**

426

A new, four-page booklet-intended to aid designers in selecting paper electrical tapes-lists physical and electrical properties of "Scotch" brand paper tapes, as well as the military specifications met by the tapes. Physical and electrical properties are listed in a cross reference chart, complete with recommended temperatures for curing thermosetting adhesives. A front-page chart lists the upper temperature limits of each tape by number. Other sections deal with the properties of "true" electrical grade paper tapes, the problems of corrosion, solvent and moisture resistance, relative age life, and temperature data. Minnesota Mining and Mfg. Co., Dept. D8-363, 900 Bush St., St. Paul 6, Minn.

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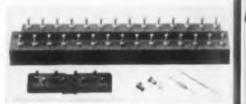


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## **Transformers**

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The 1959 edition of this Transformer Catalog is a 32-page, two-color catalog covering more than 750 transformers for industrial, communications, television and radio applications. An important feature of the 1959 catalog is a new indexing system, making it extremely easy to locate the appropriate unit. The catalog gives detailed listings of electrical and physical specifications on the full line of Stancor transformers and includes output transformer charts, performance curves, and a special section that has detailed descriptions and illustrations of mounting styles. Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., 3501 Addison St., Chicago 18, Ill.

### **Printed Circuits**

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A paper entitled "Materials for the Electronics Industry," is a valuable reference which describes the handling and application of resists and inks used in subtractive and additive methods of the printed circuit production. In addition, other materials are discussed which are used in chassis marking and production of etched and filled nameplates, and the application of colors to various plastics. The silk screen process is used in so many ways in the production of electronics equipment, special silk screen printing departments are being installed in the larger companies. The new catalog of the company is also available for selection of these materials for the electronic industry-in addition to their comprehensive selection of general silk screen process equipment, supplies, and screen-making services. Atlas Silk Screen Supply Co., 1733 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.



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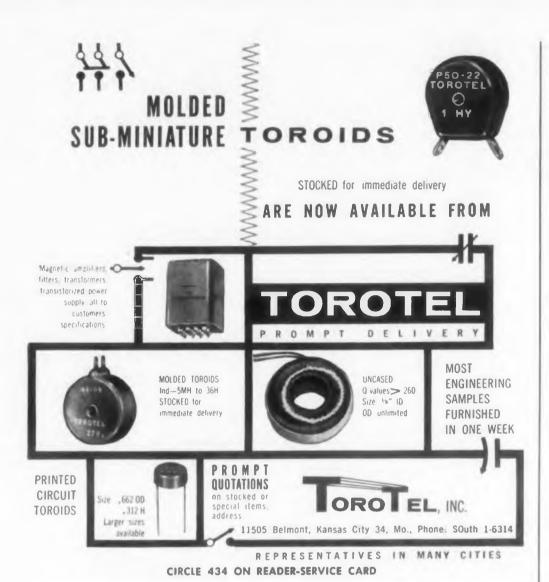


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# Soldering 570

Ultrasonic fluxless soldering is the subject of this booklet. Attractively illustrated, its eight pages describe the full line of ultrasonic fluxless soldering equipment, and its various uses. Models vary from the hand unit to a specialized high production unit, with special tips made to suit individual needs. Sonosolder equipment is used for fluxless soldering of silicon, germanium, aluminum, magnesium and many other materials. Request Bulletin SB-5 from Aeroprojects Inc., Box 555, West Chester, Pa.

### **Probes**

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# Cryogenics

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# Aluminum Handles

This 2-page data sheet shows some vinyl-coated aluminum handles especially designed for use on portable electronic equipment. Dimensions of handles are also given. National Radiac, Inc. 479 Washington St., Newark 2, N.J.

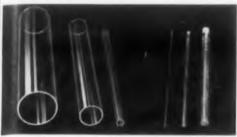
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### Pressure Transducers

Model S-30 Pressure Transducer is decovered in this 4-page bulletin. General description, specifications, dimensions and standard fittings are given. Ultradyne, Inc., P. O. Box 3308 2624 and Mateo, N. E., Albuquerque, N.M.

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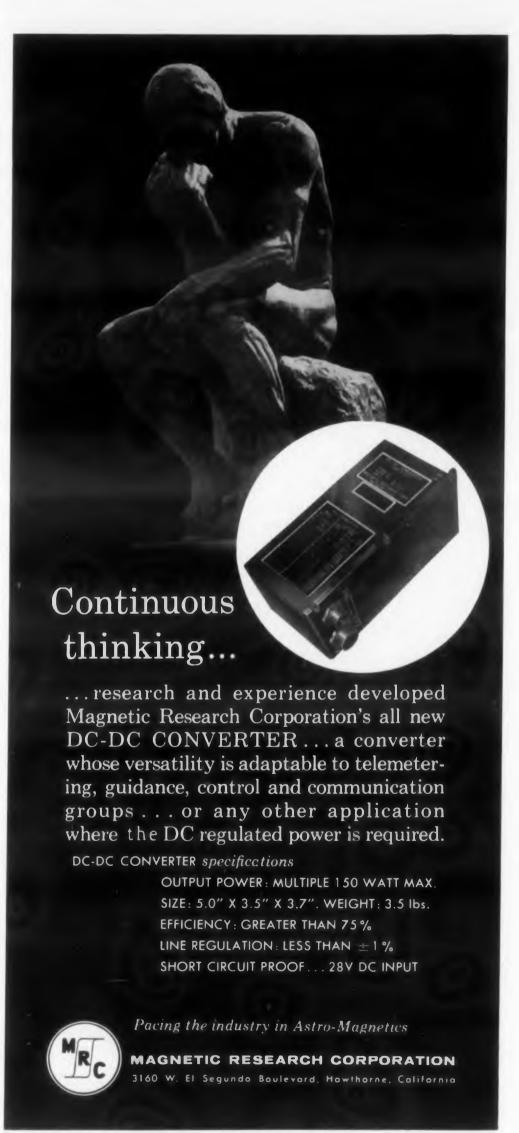
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# High Vacuum Technology

"High Vacuum Technology," a new 6-page illustrated brochure, is of interest to high altitude aircraft and missile industry design engineers and technical management. It includes an 11 in. x 17 in. three-color upper atmosphere vacuum spectrum chart developed by the NRC staff using latest available International Geophysical Year satellite data as well as information from other recently published literature. The chart permits rapid determination of atmospheric density, temperature, pressure and mean free path of gas molecules up to an equivalent altitude of 600 miles. For engineers concerned with selection of equipment for extreme high altitude simulation facilities, the chart also shows the normal operating pressure ranges of various types of vacuum gages and pumps and permits quick determination of effective altitude equivalents which may be achieved in properly designed installations. The new brochure also presents information on NRC manufactured equipment and supporting research for very high altitude component and materials testing and for simulation of space conditions into which ion and other advanced propulsion devices discharge. Request a copy on your company letterhead from: Manager, Space Activities, National Research Corp., 70 Memorial Drive, Cambridge 42, Mass.

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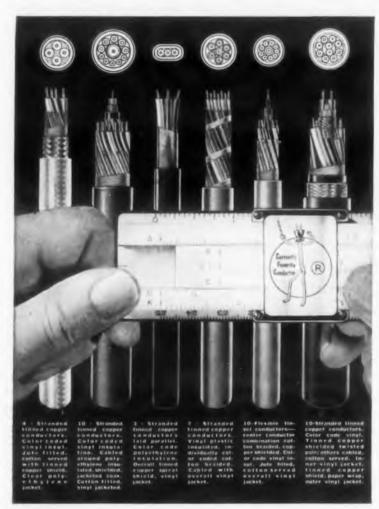
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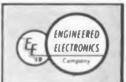
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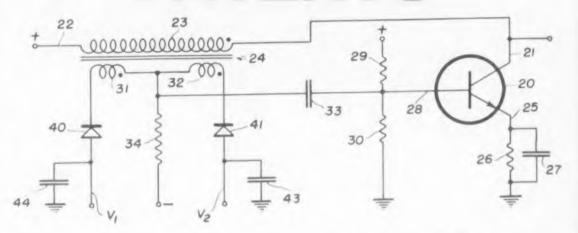
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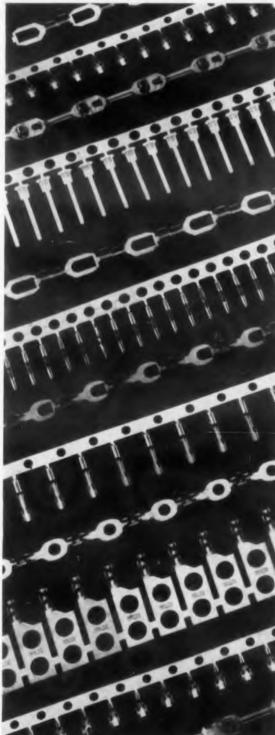
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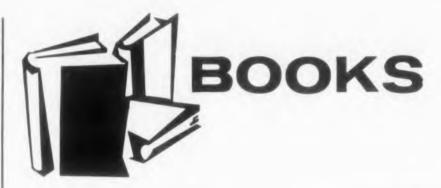


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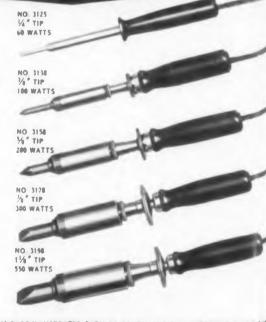
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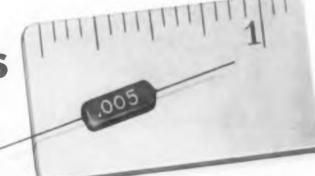
F. Gibson, P. Aigrain, R. E. Burgess, Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth New York 16, N.Y., 210 pp, \$8.50.

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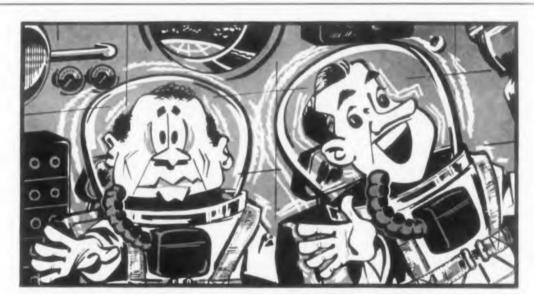
This senior-graduate level text is devoted to the application of integral transforms to the analysis of physical systems which can be described by linear differential equations. The purpose of the book is to demonstrate the transform method and its application to a variety of engineering problems. More importantly, in the opinion of the author, is an attempt to show how the transform method can give an understanding of physical phenomena. To this end, considerable space is given to concepts of system function, frequency response, impulse response, and the like. Finally, the author brings together material related to the analysis of linear systems, and shows the relationships between the various methods. Emphasis is placed on the unified approach to linear systems whether electrical, mechanical, thermal.

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# Nomography

L. Ivan Epstein, Interscience Publishe Inc., 250 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. 34 pp. \$4.50.

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Leonard D'Airo, Gernsback Library, nc., New York, 11, N.Y. 224 pp \$2.90. Although specifically aimed towards he radio service field, the material preented includes interesting applications of transistors in consumer product items. After basic transistor theory is covered, commercial circuits of auto (hybrid and all-transistor types), portable, and multiband receivers are discussed.

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### Guide to Mobile Radio

Leo G. Sands, Gernsback Library, Inc., 154 W. 14 St., New York 11, N.Y., 160 pp, \$2.85.

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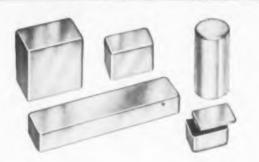
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# **BOOKS**

# **Switching Circuits with Computer Applications**

Watts S. Humphrey, McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 330 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y., 264pp, \$8.50.

This work covers the application of switching circuits to digital systems. The treatment of switching-circuit techniques allows the designer to complete the detailed organization of very large systems without drawing a single circuit diagram. The resulting equations can then be converted directly to logical, or simplified schematic form.

The first chapter supplies a general introduction to the subject of computers. The main text begins with a treatment of Boolean algebra with applications to the design of some related networks. Various codes and related topics are then discussed, primarily so they can be used in the examples and problems in later chapters. Following this, several techniques are presented and applied. These include map factoring and the Boolean matrix.

# The Junction Transistor and its Applications

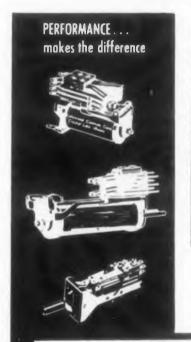
E. Wolfendale, Editor, The Macmillan Company, 60 Fifth Ave., New York II, N.Y. 394 pp, \$7.50.

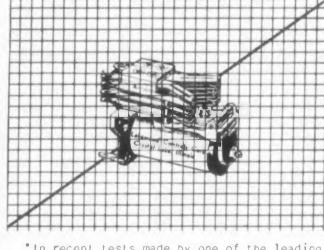
The purpose of this book is to provide a comprehensive introduction to the function transistor, its equivalent circuit applications to the engineer, physicist, and student. A complete account of the physics of pn and pnp structures is given and is intended for the physicist and experienced circuit designer. Remaining subjects concern the design of transistor circuits and include: characteristics, general four-terminal networks and the transistor equivalent circuit; direct current biasing and audio-frequency amplification, sinusoidal oscillators, amplitude modulation and demodulation, the june tion transistor in nonlinear circuits, plus transistor de converters. An appendix on transistor measurements and a comprehensive index of types conclude this volume

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Von Stoner, WGTNS, Cowan Publishing Corp., 300 West 43rd St., New York 36, N.Y., 232 pp \$3.00.

Single and double sideband transmission has created quite a stir among militury, commercial and amateur operators. A comprehensive and practical approach to the subject is presented by the author, who became an enthusiast after only ten minutes of SSB operation.

Following an introductory review of the various types of modulation in use, pros and cons of SSB are discussed. Circuit descriptions cover types of balanced modulators, phasing exciters and phase shift networks. Double side band details are considered together with synchronous detection and linear amplification.

The handbook is liberally filled with full details on construction, assembly, tuning, and test procedures for DSB receivers and transmitters. Of interest to the experimenter is the selection and explanation of clever circuits developed by manufacturers for these new techniques. The concluding section deals with the various accessories available for the sideband station.

### Coil Winding (Second Edition)

William Querfurth, George Stevens Manufacturing Co., Inc., Pulaski Road at Peterson, Chicago 46, Ill., 192 pp, \$5.00.

For the engineer and designer, this volume gives thorough coverage to coil winding procedures, winding machines and associated equipment. Revision includes the enlargement of the book by the addition of alignment charts for universal coils of over 2700 gear ratios, a valuable time-saver for the technician and setup man. Universal types of windings are covered in two chapters. Toroids, deflection vokes and motor armatures comprise the text for two new chapters. Over 100 illustrations of examples of universal coils successfully tried in practice have been added. Detailed instructions are given on how to set up and align winding machines of various types, how to lay out a bench to best advantage for coil winding, how to make an arbor, chuck and collet, how to design cams, how to align wire guides and how to select and adjust various wire tension devices. This helpful how-to guide is believed to be the only text of its kind available.



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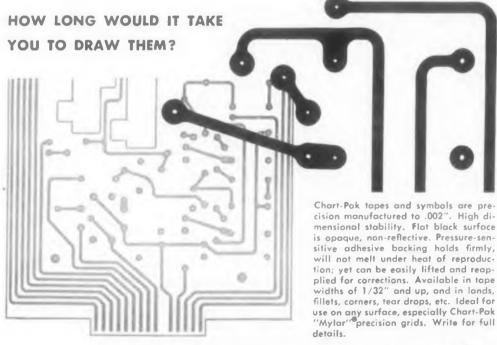


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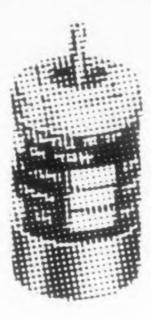
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# Linear Synchror or Precision Pot

This is Electronic Design's first of a series of articles by Frank Hagen. The practical articles, dealing with servo components and allied equipment, which be reprinted in Daystrom Transicoil Corp.'s Servo Slants. Interested read may get copies of this bulletin by writing to the company.

This first article is based on one which has already appeared in the bulle. The next one, a more technical article, will deal with the importance of mo impedance data in designing servomechanisms.

## Characteristics of a Typical Synchro and a Comparable Potentiometer

Characteristic	Linear Synchro (115 v stator, 0.62 v/deg rotor)	Precision Potentiome	
Input Voltage	115 v ac	115 v ac or dc	
Input Power (at rated voltage)	0.45 w	0.45 w	
Input Impedance	30 K (tuned)	30 K	
Output Impedance (maximum)	1270 ohms	7500 ohms	
Linearity (standard)	0.25 per cent	0.5 per cent	
Resolution	0.00 per cent	0.04 per cent	
Maximum Rotation (with specified linearity)	170 deg	356 deg	
Sensitivity (with rated voltage)	0.62 v/deg	0.32 v/deg	
Electrical Isolation	Yes	No	
Phase Shift (nominal)	+ 4 deg	0 deg	
Starting Friction (at 25 deg C)	3 gm cm	126 gm cm	



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HE PRECISION potentiometer and the linear synchro have such similar properties that often the design engineer specifies one or the other out of habit rather than from the specific requirements of his system.

Both are used for processing and transmitting analog data, Both convert a rotary mechanical input into a percentage of line voltage, usually at a linear rate. And both provide excellent system performance. But there are differences, and many applications would be better served by one rather than the other.

The linear synchro is basically a variable transformer. Its primary establishes a magnetic field and the movable secondary couples additional flux at a rate proportional to its angular position. When the secondary or output winding is exactly at right angles to the input winding, no coupling occurs and the unit is at "null."

Rotation in either direction from null results in an output voltage directly proportional to the angle traversed from null and approximately in phase with the exciting line voltage. There are usually mechanical stops 85 degrees on each side of the null.

The linear synchro with restricted mo-

tion has no wiping contacts. The precision potentiometer depends upon a brush, wiping across a wirewound resistor. This motion, over a series of minute but finite steps, creates a small noise, unknown in systems using linear synchros.

Unlike potentiometers, the linear synchro is an inductive device with a Q of about 5. Hence, with proper circuitry, the input impedance may be much higher than a potentiometer's. This is not too important in considering power drain from the line, but in computers, it is often necessary to cascade two or more units. Here, the increased input impedance manifests itself in decreased loading and decreased error.

In potentiometer systems, it is sometimes necessary to include a number of isolation transformers to prevent grounding problems. No such problem exists with synchros, as the primary is completely isolated electrically from the secondary.

Linear synchros have no place in dc data systems. Nor have they a place in systems where required accuracies call for multiturn potentiometers. These areas are the domain of the resistive potentiometer.

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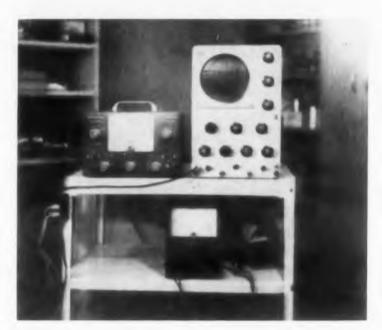
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The ideal situation would be to equip each lab bench with a complete set of instruments. But requirements vary and the variety of electronic instruments is vast. While a few industrial laboratories can afford the luxury, many more can't.

One alternative, shown in Fig. 1, is to fasten instruments that are commonly used together to a utility cart (the cheap kitchen kind—or the heavier industrial type). The carts are parked in a common area in the lab. The technician goes to the area, picks out a cart that suits his requirements, writes his name on a card and deposits it in a slot on a traffic board that describes the instrument combination. If anyone else needs this particular combination, the traffic board tells

where it is. This supermarket instrument cart idea, properly applied as in Fig. 2, can save a medium-sized laboratory thousands of dollars in man hours every year.

Everyday requirements such as multimeters should be available at all benches at all times.

Pulse generator—oscilloscope combinations and other high priced gear rate the cart treatment. Infrequently used instruments that may be required for a short time only on some projects are also eligible cart riders.

Forrest H. Frantz, Sr., Arlington, Tex.

# Cold Cathode Thyratron Switch

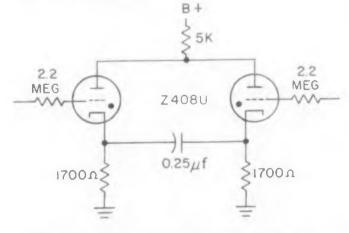
Cold cathode thyratrons do not have any heating arrangement and are very useful tubes in a number of switching circuits. A simple and reliable switch has been described in the French *Electronique Industrielle*, 6-58. The circuit in the accompanying diagram uses two Z408U tubes and can be adapted to any type.

When one of the thyratrons is switched into conduction by a trigger pulse applied to its starter electrode, the cathode coupling raises the cathode voltage of the other thyratron and switches it off. The arrival of another trigger pulse on its grid will switch it on and reverse the process.

The voltage across the cathode coupling ca-

pacitor reverses with a time constant determined by the cathode circuit.

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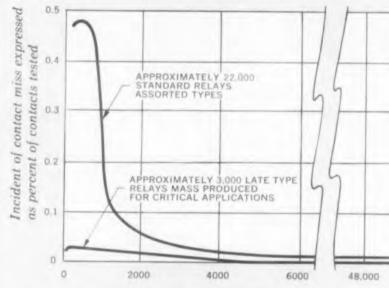
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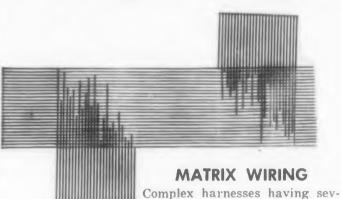
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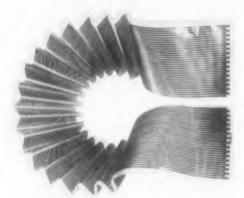
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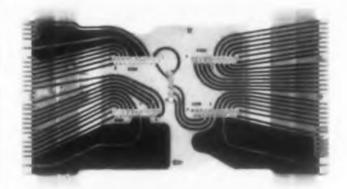


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# Simpler Fast Voltage Pulse

The "Inexpensive, Short Duration Voltage Pulse" circuit shown in the Ideas for Design section of your October 15 issue of Electronic Design can be simplified as shown in Fig. 2.

A short-duration relay contact closure is provided when the pushbutton is pressed. The duration of the contact closure is determined by the values of C and or V.

This modification has the following advantages over the original circuit shown in Fig 1.

- Eliminates relay A.
- Removes restrictions on make and break timing and relay dropout speed.

N. O. Sokal, Senior Engineer, Di-An Controls, Inc., Boston 15, Mass.

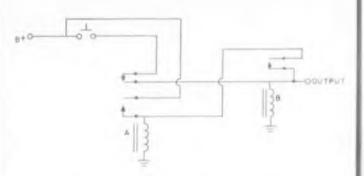


Fig. 1. Original short-duration pulse.

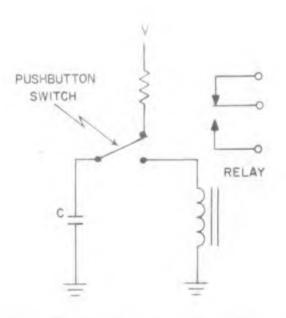
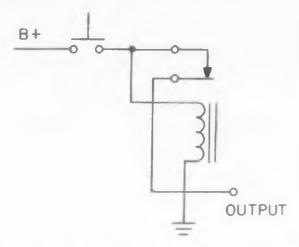


Fig. 2. Modified, simpler short-duration voltage pulsicircuit.

The "Inexpensive Short Duration Voltage" Pulse" circuit in your October 15th issue can be simplified. If the "make" contacts on relay A close before the "break" contacts open, it matters no



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**Fig. 3.** Another simplified circuit to provide a short voltage pulse.

what the dropout characteristics of relay B may be,

The circuit (Fig. 3) will lock when the pushbutton is depressed, and stay locked till the *B* supply is disconnected. The ouput will be a step –not a pulse.

Any relay may be used and the output pulse width will be equal to the relay operate time as measured at the break contact. One pulse will be obtained per pushbutton depression.

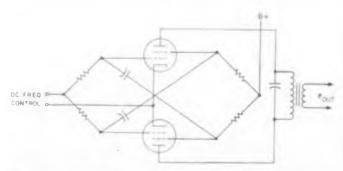
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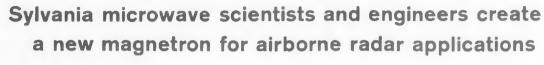


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# The Magnistor A Compact One Bit Comparator

The Magnistor may be used to satisfy the digital comparison function of greater than, less than, and equal to. Less than and greater than are easily derived from the more general equal to case. Fig. 1 shows the truth table that must be satisfied for the detection of equal states. This will be recognized as the logic for the half adder—less earry.

Fig. 2 depicts the circuit elements required to satisfy this logic and includes in addition a flip flop which invariably forms part of the system. Fig. 3 shows the symbolic representation of Potter's MPT-1 Magnistor with the associated logical connections forming, in one component, the full equivalent of the combination of circuit elements shown in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 shows the practical design parameters used in applying the MPT-1 to the Potter Instrument Company's line of high speed printers, while Fig. 5 shows the base diagram of the MPT-1. A 9-pin miniature header is used for standard socket applications or for direct soldering to a printed circuit board.

N. A. Moerman, Chief Engineer, Potter Instrument Co., Inc., Plainview, N.Y.

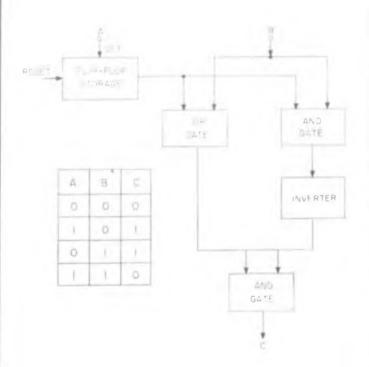
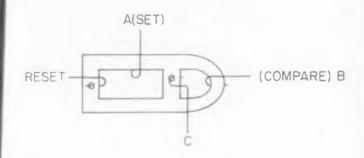


Fig. 1. (lower left) Truth table to satisfy equal to function, A and B are inputs, C the output. Fig. 2. Block diagram for equal to logic.

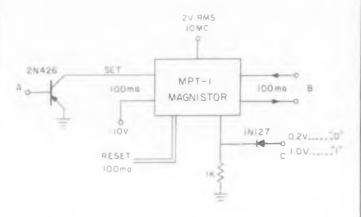


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Fig. 3. The Magnistor provides all the functions of the block diagram of Fig. 2.



**Fig. 4.** The Magnistor as used in a line of high speed printers.

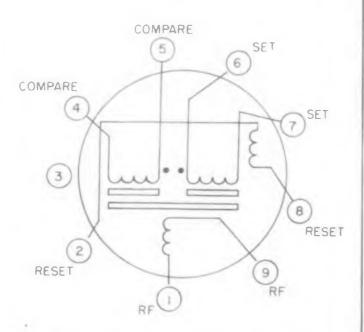
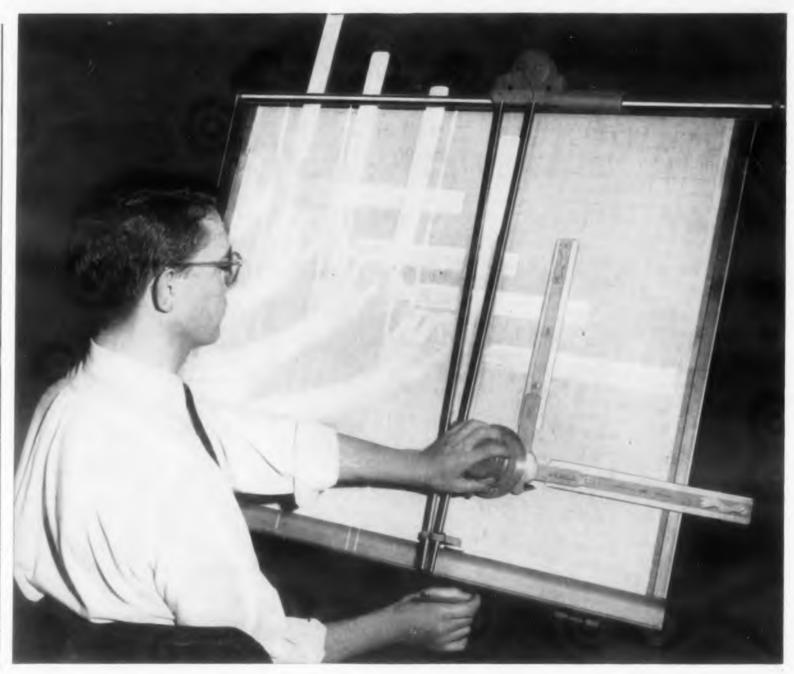


Fig. 5. Base connections for the Magnistor.

# Phase Sensitive Error Detector

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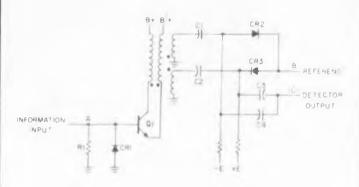


Fig. 1. Time-sensitive error detector.

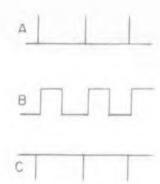


Fig. 2. Output pulse (C) is negative when the information gating pulse (A) leads the reference pulse (B).

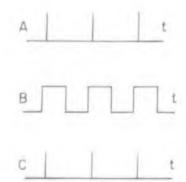


Fig. 3. Output is positive when information lags behind the start of the reference pulse.

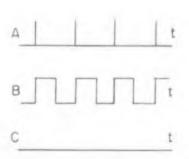
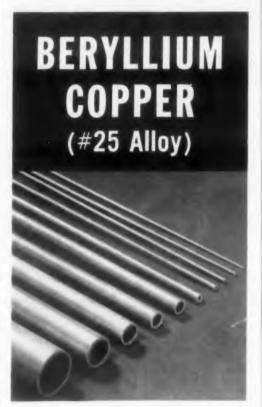


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information input and the reference coincide, the output of the detector is zero.

The detector has two main parts, a gating pulse generator and diode gates. The generator, a blocking oscillator type, generates two pulses, one negative and one positive, when a positive pulse appears at the input. The two diode gates are oppositely biased, so the reference pulse cannot pass through until the gating pulses appear.

If the information gating pulse leads the reference, diode CR2 conducts, and a negative pulse is generated as in Fig. 2. If the gating pulse lags, CR3 conducts and a positive pulse results as in Fig. 3. When the gating and reference pulses line up, no output results as in Fig. 4.

John Tai, Senior Electronics Engineer, Litton Industries, Inc., College Park, Md.

# Overvoltage Protection For RF Probes

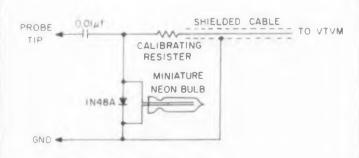
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The bulb can be mounted in a small window in the probe case to warn the operator of excess voltage. Though the bulb adds a small capacitance to the probe circuit it usually does not disturb the rf characteristics.

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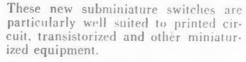
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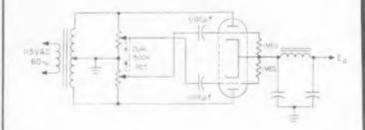
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During operation, the amount of out-of-phase voltage on each grid is controlled by the position of the pots. The output is variable from zero to peak voltage at no load, or to slightly less than peak at rated current.

The circuit has inherent regulation against line variations, but none against load variations. Within the capabilities of the power transformer, any pair of triodes or pentodes can be used, depending on the desired current output.

J. Frank Brumbaugh, Senior Marine Engineer, Heath Co., Benton Harbor, Mich.

# One Tube Balanced Modulator

One drawback to the use of vacuum tube balanced mixers or balanced modulators has been the large number of components required. Fig. 1 shows a conventional system with three tubes: two as modulators, one as a local oscillator or variable frequency oscillator.

A one tube circuit encompassing all these functions is shown in Fig. 2. The 6BU8 is a dual pentode with common cathode, control grid, and screen grid.

The common elements are connected as a cathode coupled Hartley oscillator. The cathode

bias network  $R_k - C_k$  provides approximately -4v bias for the signal input grids  $G3_a$  and  $G3_b$ . These grids can be fed from a push-pull source, or one grid can be grounded and the other fed by a single ended source. The latter method saves components but loses efficiency.

The plates of the two sections are connected in push-pull across a center-tapped tuned transformer. Full wave if output transformers, available for common if frequencies, perform quite well when used backwards.

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The output signal is composed of  $f_o + f_a$  and  $f_0 - f_0$  only when they fall within the passband of T1. When  $f_a$  is an audio frequency signal, the output will be the upper and lower sidebands of  $f_o$ , i.e.,  $f_o + f_a$  and  $f_o - f_a$ . If  $f_a$  is greater than about 1/2 the bandwidth of T1 the output will be either the upper or the lower sideband,

Possible modifications of the oscillator circuit include crystal controlled circuits such as the modified Pierce and the simple Robert Dollar cir-

Michael S. Robbins, Project Engr., Anchor Products Labs., Los Angeles, Calif.

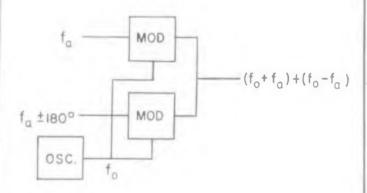


Fig. 1. A conventional balanced modulator with three lubes.

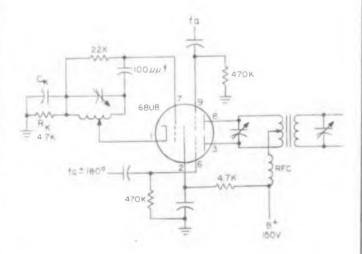


Fig. 2. A one tube balanced modulator with some typical parts values.



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# **Design of Low Level DC Amplifiers**

Practical design considerations for low level de amplifiers of the second harmonic type which employ a combination of the magnetic modulator and transistors. Circuit parameters are given for a typical amplifier along with a discussion of expected performance. Report Dg-R-1. Low Level DC Amplifiers, James C. Taylor and William T. White, U. S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Development Operations Division, Guidance and Control Laboratory, Huntsville, Ala. Feb 1957, 31p, microfilm \$3.00, photocopy \$6.30. Order from Library of Congress, PB 132807, Washington 25, D. C.

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#### **Math for Digital Computers**

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Multivariate interpolation, with emphasis on its use in connection with modern stored program digital computers, is discussed. The text deals with polynominal interpolation; however, trigonometric interpolation is mentioned briefly. After an introduction to univariate interpolation. bivariate interpolation is discussed in detail. Chapters are devoted to rectangular, triangular, and symmetric arrays. A selected bibliography is also given. Mathematics for Digital Computers; Volume 1-Multivariate Interpolation, W. E. Milne, W. Arntzen, N. Reynolds, and J. Wheelock. Oregan State College for Wright Air Development Center, U.S. Air Force, Feb. 1958, 111p, \$2.50, Order PB 151200 from OTS, Dept. of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C.

#### Interference Rejection in FM Receivers

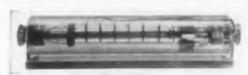
A new role is suggested for the amplitude limiter in fm receivers. By spreading out the spectrum which is necessary for the reproduction of the fm disturbance that is caused by the interference, the limiter makes it possible for a filter to reject an important portion of this spectrum without substantially affecting the spectrum that carries the message modulation. The conditions for the success of this operation are analyzed in terms of an ideal limiter followed by an idealized filter. Cascading of several narrow-band limiters is found to be an invaluable scheme for enhancing the capture capabilities of an fm receiver. Interference Rejection in FM Receivers, Elie J. Baghdady, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. Sept. 1956, 107p, microfilm \$5.70, photocopy \$16.80. Order PB 133455 from Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C.

## Nickelonic News



DEVELOPMENTS IN NICKEL AND NICKEL ALLOYS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS



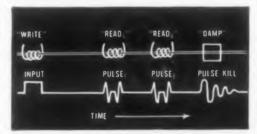


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Pertinent Literature: Write for Inco Bulletin 127B: "Magnetostriction".

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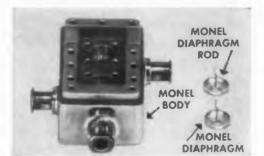
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#### "Instantaneous" Microwave Polarimeter Technique

A new, simple microwave polarimeter technique which permits instantaneous measurement of the polarization characteristics of an electromagnetic wave has been developed by Navy researchers. The report describes the new polarimeter, which utilizes a trimode turnstile junction in a precision dual balanced mixer for cir-. cular waveguide, which is said to be capable of high accuracy over a wide frequency band. This is achieved through symmetry of the rf plumbing. Amplitude errors of less than 2 percent over a 12-percent band are reported. The compact size of the trimode turnstile polarimeter makes it a convenient instrument for both laboratory and field use in measuring polarization. It is particularly valuable where signal input is variable or intermittent. The technique is said to have utility in such fields as antennas, propagation, ferrite devices, radar return studies, signal intercept, countermeasures, communication, and radio astronomy. An "Instantaneous" Microwave Polarimeter Technique, P. J. Allen and R. D. Tompkins, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, Sept. 1958, 11p, \$0.50. Order PB 151111 from OTS, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C.



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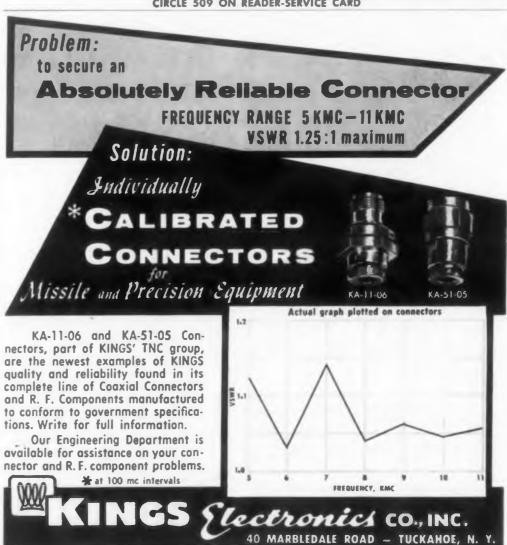
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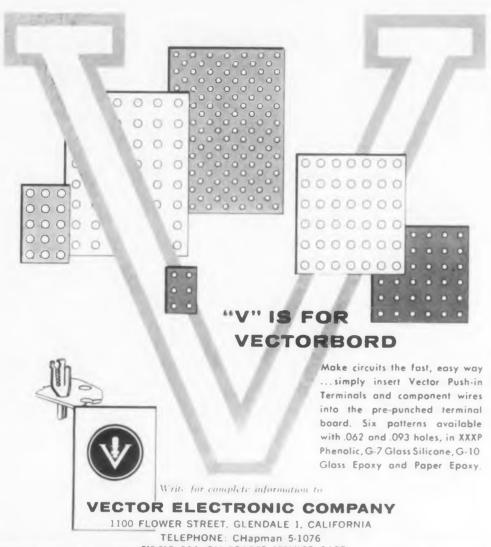
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Chapter 2

#### **Generation of Oscillations**

#### 16. Energy Balance of Self Oscillations— Bynamic Stability

The power dissipated in the resistance R in a tank circuit is

$$P_{-}=\frac{d^2}{2}\frac{U^2_m}{R}$$

i.e., it is proportional to the square of the voltage across the tank circuit. Let us denote the power received by the tuned circuit from the energy source by  $P_+$ . If the entire oscillator circuit, including the gate and the feedback loop, were linear, the power  $P_+$  would increase with the

square of the amplitude.

Let us show graphically the amplitude dependence of the energy dissipated and that received by the tank circuit, plotting the amplitudes in rectangular coordinates. In such coordinates, both graphs are represented, in the case of a linear system, by straight lines passing through the origin. (Fig. 55.)

If, as shown in the diagram, the line  $P_{-}$  lies above the line  $P_{-}$ , this means that the tank circuit receives more energy than it dissipates, i.e., that the stored energy in the tank circuit increases, and this in turn, means an increasing oscillation amplitude. If, to the contrary, the line

 $P_+$  lies below  $P_-$ , this means that the energy consumption exceeds the incoming energy, and under such conditions only damped oscillations are possible in the tank circuit.

Under the conditions of Fig. 55, the amplitude would increase without limit. This cannot happen in practice; any real circuit is nonlinear. In the case considered here, the nonlinearity may be due, for example, to saturation of the triode or to the effect of grid current.

Thanks to the nonlinearity, the incoming power  $P_{-}$  increases more slowly than the square of the amplitude, and its graph becomes curved and assumes the form of Fig. 56. At a certain value of the amplitude, the graphs of  $P_{+}$  and  $P_{-}$  cross.

The point of intersection corresponds to the energy balance, i.e., the dissipated and received energies are exactly equal. Obviously, only under the energy balance condition will the energy stored in the resonant circuit (and consequently the amplitude of the oscillation) remain constant. Thus, the abscissa of the point of intersection (Fig. 56) determines directly the steady state amplitude  $U_o$  of the oscillation.

Thus, the presence of nonlinearity is an essential property of a self oscillating system capable of generating oscillations of constant (steady-state) amplitude.

Energy balance can be attained for more than one amplitude. Let us examine Fig. 57. If there are two points of intersection, the question arises, which of these determines the steady-state amplitude of the oscillation? We must now introduce the concept of stability of oscillatory motion, which we shall call dynamic stability (to distinguish it from static stability, which characterizes not motion, but the state of equilibrium). We shall call an oscillatory motion stable, if there is a tendency for the steady state amplitude of oscillation to remain constant.

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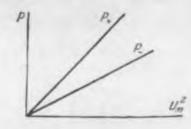


Fig. 55. The power dissipated in a tank circuit (P.) and the power received from the energy source (P.) are linear functions of the square of the voltage across the tank in a linear system.

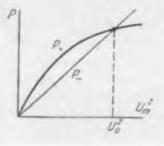
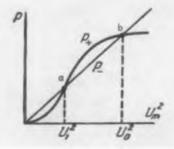


Fig. 56. In a real (nonlinear) system, the incoming power (P+) increases more slowly than the square of the voltage across the tank.



**Fig. 57.** A situation where there are two apparent points of energy balance in an oscillator system.

escillation. Let this action then cease and let the system be left to its own devices. If the original value of the amplitude is now restored in the system, we can say that the system is dynamically stable. If, to the contrary, the amplitude will change even further in the same direction, even without an external influence, then the system is dynamically unstable.

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It can be readily seen that the concepts of lynamic and static stability are similar in many respects. From this definition we can also deduce a direct test for stability: all we need to do is to disturb the system and see how it behaves subsequently.

Let us apply this method to the system in which the relations are characterized by the graphs of Fig. 57. The problem now reduces to whether the intersection points a and b represent stable or unstable states. Let us start with point a.

Let us assume that for some reason the amplitude becomes less than  $U_1$ . In this region, the straight line  $P_-$  lies above the curve  $P_+$ , meaning that the circuit loses energy faster than it receives it. Therefore the amplitude will diminish still more, until the oscillations will become damped out. If, however, we make the amplitude greater than  $U_1$ , we shall have  $P_+$  greater than  $P_-$ , and the amplitude will increase.

From this it follows that the point *a*, although it satisfies the energy balance condition, is not a stable point; the least change in the amplitude produces a tendency towards a further change in the amplitude in the same direction.

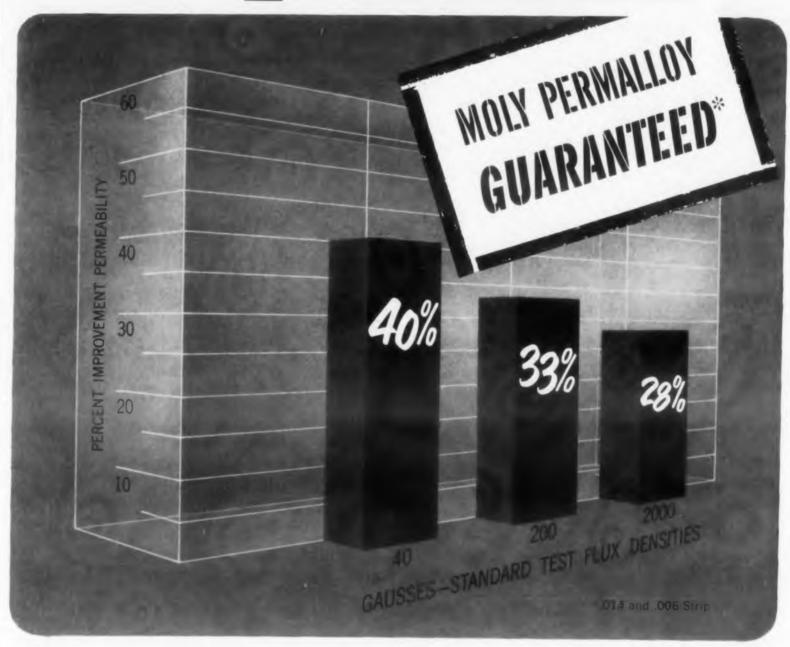
If the amplitude becomes greater than  $U_1$ , it will continue to increase until it reaches the value  $U_0$ . The increase in amplitude stops there, for at  $U_m > U_0$  we again have  $P_- > P_+$ . The point b is therefore a stable point, and its abscissa determines the steady state amplitude  $U_0$ .

Thus, the difference between the two systems whose properties are plotted in Figs. 56 and 57, is that the former will spontaneously assume the steady state amplitude  $U_1$ , while the second requires an initial stimulus that would produce an amplitude greater than  $U_1$ , after which further increase in amplitude to  $U_0$  proceeds automatically. The former system is called a system with soft self excitation, or simply a soft system; the second is called a system with hard self excitation, or a hard system.

It must also be noted that the difference between soft and hard systems reduces to whether the system is stable or unstable at rest (i.e., when the amplitude is zero). By applying this reasoning to the origin (which, after all, is also an equilibrium point), it is easy to establish, that a hard system has a stable quiscent position, and the soft system has an unstable one.

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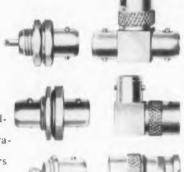
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The transistorized relay discussed in this article is a two-stage dc amplifier with deep positive feedback caused by the grounded-emitter resistance. The relay is shown in Fig. 1, where  $R_0$  is the grounded-emitter resistor,  $R_2 = R_H$  is the load resistance, and  $R_V$  is the internal resistance of the signal sourc.

The input quantity to this circuit is  $u_n = c_n - y_0$ . When  $y_0 = 0$ , the first transister  $T_1$  is cut off, and  $u_n \leq 0$ , while transistor  $T_2$  is fully "unblocked." As  $u_n$  increases, the output current remains nearly constant for a while (section A'B' in Fig. 2). But as soon as the base current  $i_b 2$  becomes less than  $E/\beta_2 R_1$ , the output current starts diminishing and the collector

voltage of transistor  $T_2$  reverses and starts increasing, (section B'C' of Fig. 2a), until transistor  $T_1$  becomes "fully unblocked," i.e., until the voltage  $u_{-}$  goes through zero and then reverses.

The operation of the circuit is thoroughly analyzed and experimental results are cited. Certain transistors yielded output powers up to 100 to 200 at a gain of 105 to 106.

Simultaneous Detection of Signal, Undamped Noise, and Fluctuation Noise by Means of an Exponential Detector, by M. S. Nemirovskiy. EC 1/58, 9-17, 2 figs.

The exponential detector, Fig. 3, is analyzed for the case of small signals and fluctuation noise. In such a detector (curves 1 and 2, Fig. 4) the signal to noise ratio tends to a certain finite limit,

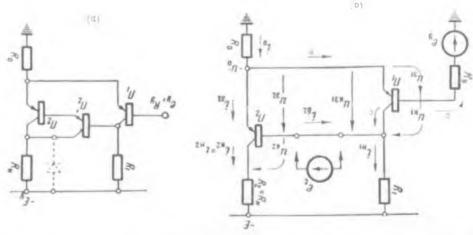


Fig. 1. Principle diagram of contactless relay: a—using two transistors; b—with three transistors.

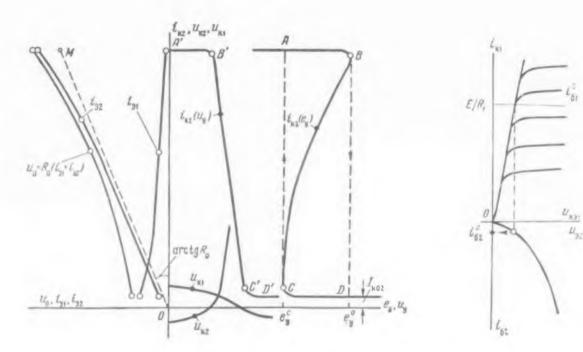


Fig. 2. Qualitative characteristics of the circuit of Fig. 1.



**Fig. 3.** Block diagram of exponential detectors 1—broadband high-pass filter; 2—nonlinear element; 3—narrow-band lowpass filter.

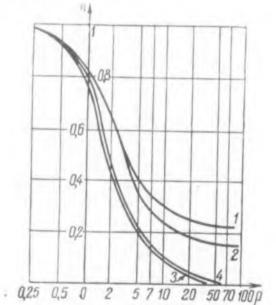
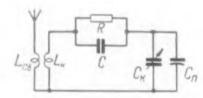
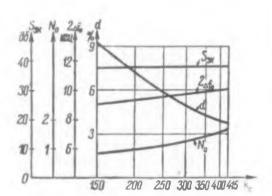


Fig. 4. S/R of exponential detector.



**Fig. 5.** Addition of frequency-dependent impedance to tank circuit.



**Fig. 6.** Variation of bandwidth  $(2\Delta f_0)$ , selectivity (S), attenuation (d) and transfer coefficient ( $N_0$ ) in a receiver using a corrected tank circuit.

whereas in a linear or square-law detector (3 and 4, Fig. 4) the ratio goes to zero.

Transients in an AFC System With Diode-Phantastron Control Circuit, Resulting from a Change in the Signal Frequency, by M. V. Zerova. EC 11/58, 18-28.7 figs.

One of the most important characteris-

tics of an afc system is its operating speed, for which purpose it is necessary to analyze the transients resulting from a sudden change in the frequency. A pulse afc system of this type is shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

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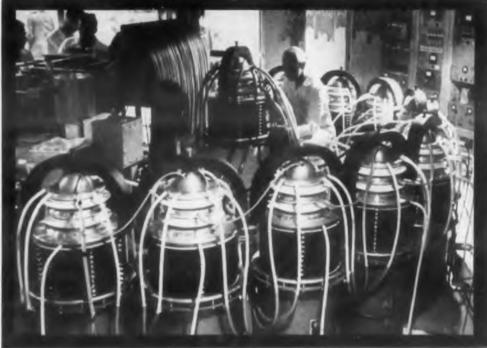
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Design of Receiver Input Circuits with Frequency-Dependent Impedance in the Tank Circuit by V. A. Borisov. EC 11/58, 29-35. 4 figs, 3 tables.

In most radio receivers with a single tank circuit the attenuation of the input circuit is determined essentially by the parameters of the tank-circuit coil and by the parameters of the antenna

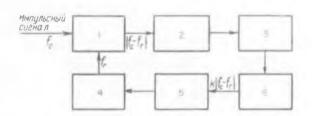
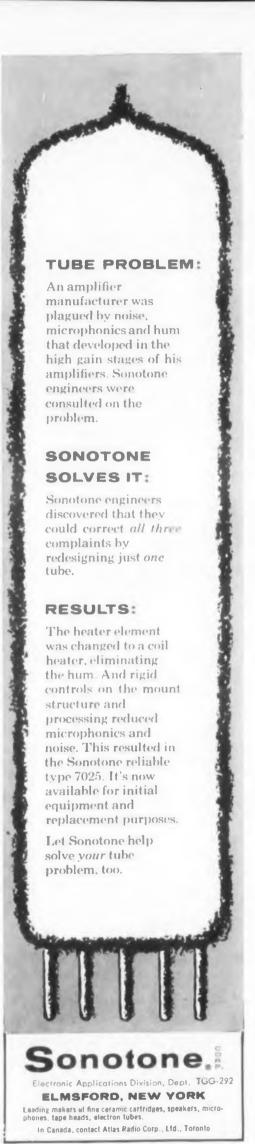


Fig. 7. Block diagram of afc system: 1—pulse signal; 2—i-f ampl; 3—discriminator; 4—heterodyne; 5—control network; 6—video ampl.

circuit. The result is that the bandwidth of the input circuit cannot be kept within a specified value over the entire tuning range. Introducing a frequency dependent impedance into the tank circuit (an RC network) improves the situation. A specific example, illustrated in the Fig. 7, is discussed in detail and the results are shown in Fig. 8.

Delay Lines with Lumped Parameters by V. F. Golyshko and K. A. Sil'vinskaya. EC 11/58, 69-76.

Delay lines are most frequently constructed in the form of low-pass filters, with a cut off frequency beyond the useful frequency band of the delay line. A method for designing such a delay line with lumped parameters is presented here along with the most economic circuit of one element of such a delay line. The parameters of the delay line are determined on the basis of best approximation of the group propagation time to a constant value within the specified interval. Reference is made to "Delay Networks Having Maximally Flat Characteristics" by W. E. Thom-



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Contribution to the Analysis of Multiple-Frequency Bunching in a Reflex Klystron-Multiplier by V. S. Stal'makhov and A. F. Golubentsev, RE 10/58, 1243-1253. 5 figs.

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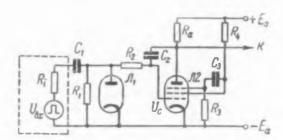


Fig. 8. Essential circuit elements of afc system.

multaneously at several natural frequencies. Problems connected with the analysis of the multifrequency bunching of the electron beam in the reflex klystron-multiplier are discussed for the general case of arbitrary frequency ratio. Expressions are obtained for the efficiency of the electron system and the working formulas are given for the calculation of the principal parameters of the multiplier in case of excitation at two frequencies.

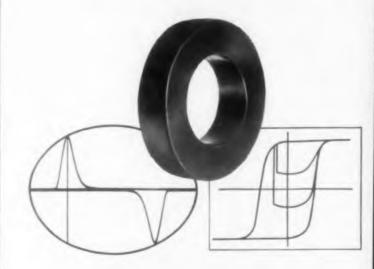
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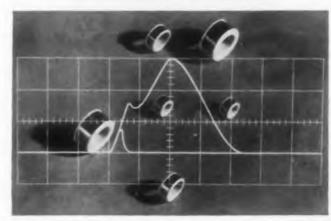
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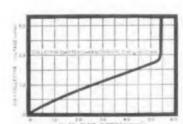
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If a resonant circuit is represented as the parallel combination of a capacitance C, inductance L, and conductance G then  $Q = \omega_o C/G$ . If G is the sum of positive conductance  $G_p$  and negative conductance  $G_n$  then  $Q_0$  is the Q for  $G_n = O$ ; a "Q-multiplication" factor q is defined as

$$q = \frac{Q}{Q_0} = \frac{G_p}{G_0 + G_n} \tag{1}$$

Hence

$$\frac{\Lambda G_n}{G_n} = \frac{\Lambda Q}{(q-1)Q} \tag{2}$$

so that with q=11, a one per cent change in the negative impedance element produces a ten per cent change in the effective Q.

A circuit which has the required temperature stability is shown in Fig. 1. It can be shown that a conductance.

$$G_n \approx \frac{1-a}{a^2 Rf}$$

is reflected into the tank circuit. (The approximation is valid if the output impedance of the transistor is neglected compared to its load.) Since a, the turns ratio of the tapped coil, exceeds unity,  $G_n$  is negative. Since  $G_n$  depends on a and Rf only, it is highly stable. Temperature dependence is introduced through the positive input conductance of the transistor  $G_n$ , which is part of  $G_n$  in Eq. 1.

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$$\frac{\Delta Q}{Q} \approx q \frac{G_i}{G_p} \bullet \frac{\Delta G_i}{G_i}$$

The small input admittance required can be achieved by means of Darlington's circuit, Fig 2, by the use of the lowest possible tank impedance level, and by connecting the transistor input terminal to another tap on the inductor.

A second negative resistance network which has the required temperature stability but requires complimentary transistors is the circuit of Karp.<sup>1</sup> This circuit can be used at all tank impedance levels.

Abstracted from an article by A. E. Bachmann, Archiv der Elektrischen Uebertragung, Vol. 12, No. 8, August 1958, pp 368-370.

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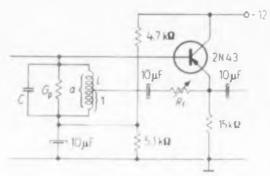


Fig. 1. Transistor feedback circuit

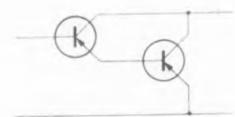


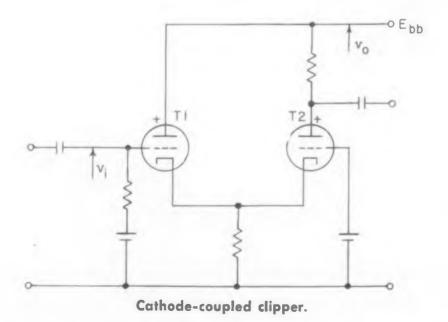
Fig. 2. "Darlington's" circuit.

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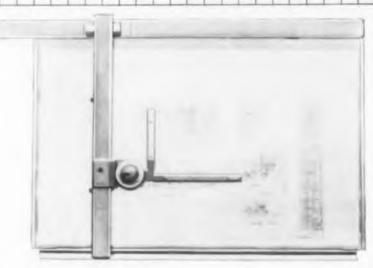
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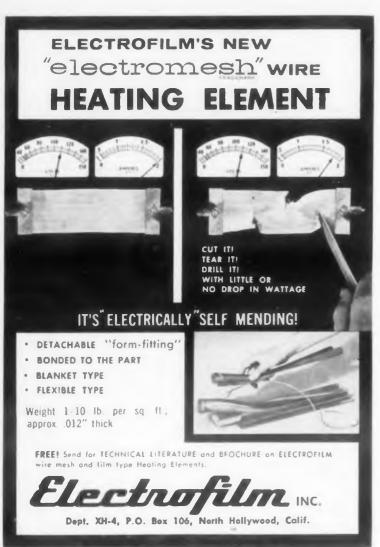
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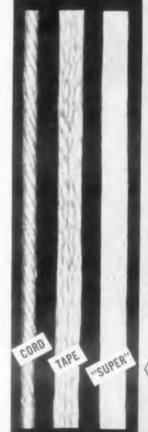
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Your article flatly states that digital presentation has the following three advantages over the analog method.

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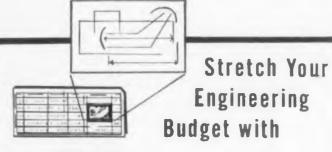
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recognizing the indication of a series of numerals than that of the angle of rotating pointers.

Let me conclude by saying that I am writing to you primarily because there are many authoritative instrument people among major users, who would disagree with your article on the basis of actual experience and factual tests.

(Name withheld by request)

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#### Importance of Octal Math

Dear Sir:

I was very pleased to see my article, "Calculating with Octal Mathematics" in the December 10 issue of Electronic Design.

You neglected, however, to include a very important point which I feel should be of considerable interest to your readers. This is that the reason for using octal mathematics in preparing computer problems is that it can be converted to binary notation by inspection. All that is necessary is to write each octal digit as its binary equivalent to yield the binary equivalent of the octal numbers. Similarly, by dividing a binary number into groups of three digits beginning at the right and writing each group as an octal digit the octal equivalent of a binary number is obtained. I would appreciate your calling this fact to the attention of your readers.

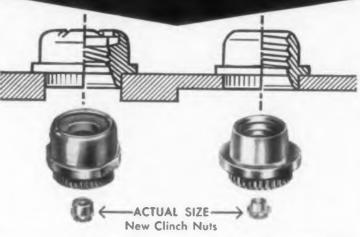
Roger T. Stevens Senior Engineer Electronics Systems, Inc. 105 Chauncy Street Boston 11, Mass.

#### The Case of The Inverted Exponent

Dear Sir:

May we call your attention to apparent errors appearing in the article "A Logarithmic Pulse

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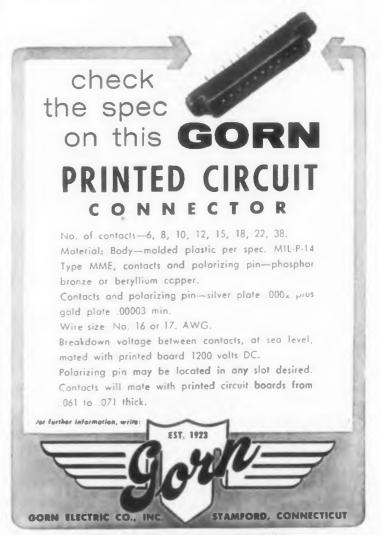
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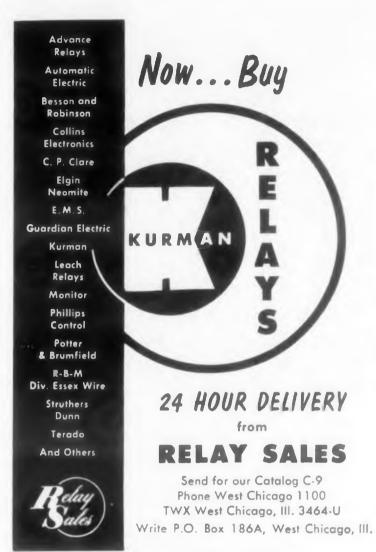


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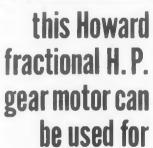
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Amplifier" (pg. 96-7) of ELECTRONIC DESIGN for October 29, 1958. Eq. (1) in the article reads

 $I = I_s \left( \epsilon^{KT/qV} - 1 \right)$ 

The exponent is inverted causing errors in the equations which follow.

Eq. (1) should read:

 $I = I_s \left( \varepsilon^{qV/KT} - 1 \right)$ 

and, solving for V, assuming I is much greater than  $I_{n}$ , eq. (3) should read:

 $V = K_1 ln I - K_2$ 

Carrying through the negative sign preceding  $K_{2\nu}$  results in  $K_4$  of eq. (4):

 $K_4 = -(K_2 + K_1 lnR)$ 

Thus, the paragraph immediately following eq. (4) now reads correctly.

We believe these suggested changes to be correct. However, the article's interest and usefulness remain relatively unimpaired.

E. Leonard,

H. Glick

Reconnaissance Systems Dept.
Airborne Instruments Laboratory
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#### Derating Components for Better Reliability

Dear Sir:

Many design engineers derate the power dissipation of electronic components to achieve reliability and long life of the component. A common practice is to derate to a given percentage of the component manufacturer's power rating. The result of this derating is that the component internal temperature is a given percentage of the way from the ambient temperature towards the rated maximum temperature. This gives a new maximum internal temperature rating which depends on the ambient being designed for, rather than a consistent maximum internal temperature.

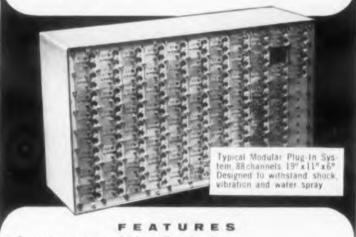
This point is best illustrated by an example where the ambient temperature is close to the maximum rated temperature. Consider a germanium transistor rated by the manufacturer for power dissipation derated linearly to zero at 85 deg C. Applying half the rated power seems to be conservative design practice. But is it? A circuit design to operate in a 25 deg C ambient will have a junction temperature of 55 deg C, while one designed to operate in a 65 deg C ambient will have a junction temperature of 75 deg C.

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practice is inconsistent. Worse yet, it may lead to a false sense of security, where the engineer believes he has made a reliable and conservative design when in fact he has not, and the fact may not show up until after many hours of life testing, if life testing is ever performed at all.

A more consistent derating method would be as follows: If you don't believe the manufacturer's internal temperature rating, rerate the temperature vourself as you see fit. Then calculate your own dissipation ratings based on that temperature and use them consistently.

> Nathan O. Sokal Senior Engineer Di/An Controls, Inc. Boston, Mass.

#### We Stand Corrected

Dear Sir:

Our group was pleased to note the prominence with which you have described our pulsed plasma accelerator in the "Behind the News" lead article of your October 29, 1958, issue. There are, however, one or two errors which we would like to correct.

First, the power supply which Mr. Bernard Gorowitz used with the equipment in the Dallas exhibit was capable of delivering only 1250 w rather than 100 kw, with voltages up to 2500 v, as mentioned in the article. Although peak currents of the order of 500 amps are delivered in each discharge cycle of the ringing circuit, it is not necessary for this amount of current to pass in the discharge, as is certainly well known by anyone who has ever used a gaseous discharge tube. It is advantageous, however, to make this peak current as high as possible, thus explaining the use of the capacitor storage of energy, inasmuch as the magnetic driving force depends on the current in the discharge portion of the cycle; the higher the current, the higher the magnetic field, and consequently the higher the repelling force. We are somewhat ashamed to admit that the force measured with a ballistic pendulum is not the 0.303 oz mentioned, but rather with this particular type of magnetic field coupling more like 0.03 oz.

> Boyd W. Harned, Physicist Aerophysics Operation General Electric Co. Philadelphia, Pa.

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Calendar of Events

February

25-26 Midwest Industrial Radioisotopes Conf., Manhattan, Kansas

March

- 2-6 Western Joint Computer Conference (IRE, AIEE, ACM), San Francisco, Calif.
- 5-6 Flight Propulsion Meeting, Inst. of Aeronautical Sciences, Cleveland, Ohio
- 5-7 2nd Western Space Age Conference, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 9-12 Aviation Conference (ASME), Los Angeles, Calif.
- 14-15 Southwestern Society of Muclear Medicine, 4th Annual, New Orleans, La.
- 16-20 National Meeting AICE, Atlantic City, N.J.
- 16-20 Annual Conference National Assoc Corrosion Engineers, Chicago, III
- 17-21 8th Electrical Engineers' Exhibition, London, England
- 18 20 Electronic Industries Assoc Conf., Washington, D.C.
- 23 26 IRE National Convention, New York, N.Y.
- 24-27 General Meeting American Meteorological Soc., Chicago, III.
  - 26 15th Annual Quality Control Clinic, Rochester, N.Y
- 27-28 Michigan Academy of Sciences, East Lansing, Mich.
- 29-2 21st Annual Instruments and Regulators Conf. (ASME), Cleveland, Ohio
- 30-1 Electrical Industry Show, Chicago, III.
- 31-2 21st Annual American Power Conference, Chicago, III.
- 31-2 9th Symposium on Millimeter Waves (IRE), New York,

April

- 1-29 World Meteorological Organization, 3rd Session of Congress, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2-3 Electrically Exploded Wires Conference, Boston, Mass.
- 2-4 Association for Computing Machinery, Cleveland, Ohio
- 5-10 5th Nuclear Congress, Cleveland, Ohio
- 6-7 3rd Annual Astronautics Symposium (AFOSR), Washington, D.C.
- 13-15 Hydraulics Conference (ASME), Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 13-17 29th Annual National Packaging Conference (AMA), Chicago, III.
- 14-15 Electrical Heating Conference (AIEE), Philadelphia, Pa.
- 14-15 Conference on Industrial Instrumentation and Control, Chicago, III.
- 16-18 Southwestern IRE Regional Conference, Dallas, Tex.
- 16-30 Engineering, Marine, Welding, and Nuclear Energy Exhibition, London, England
  - 17 Current Developments in the Production of High Vacuum Symposium, London, England
- 18-22 27th ASTE, Milwaukee, Wisc.
- 20-21 Techniques in Electronic Instrumentation (IRE), Philadelphia, Pa.
- 21-22 Technical Conference on Electronic Data Processing (IRE), Cincinnati, Ohio



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- 4-6 National Aeronautical Electronics Conference (IRE),
- 5-7 URSI Spring Meeting (URSI, PGI, PGIT, PGGT), Washington, D.C.
- 7th National Conference on Electro-Magnetic Relays. Stillwater, Okla
- Joint Electronics Components Conference (IRE, AIEE, EIA, WCEMA), Philadelphia, Pa.\*
- 6-8 7th Regional Technical Conference and Trade Show (IRE), Albuquerque, N. Mex.
- 11-13 National Symposium (PGMT-IRE), Boston, Mass.
- 18-20 Electronics Parts Distributors Show, Chicago, III.\*
- National Telemetry Conference (IAS, ISA, AIEE, ARS),
- 25-29 International Convention on Transistors and Associated Semi-Conductor Devices, London, England\*

#### June

- 1-3 National Symposium on Microwave Theory and Techniques (IRE), Cambridge, Mass.
- 3 5 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 4-5 Third National Conference on Production Techniques (IRE), San Mateo, Calif.
- 8-11 Semi-annual meeting, American Rocket Society, San Diego, Calif.
- 16-18 Symposium on Advances in Information Theory (IRE), Los Angeles, Calif.
- 29-1 National Convention on Military Electronics (IRE), Washington, D.C.

#### Joint Electronic Components Conference, May 6-8

Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. Sponsors: IRE, EIA, AIEE, WCEMA. Theme: New Concepts for Space Age. Papers to be presented on the following general categories: components and application in space vehicles; microminiaturization; mechanism of failure (operation) of components; new techniques for electronic filtering, tuning, and switching; components for military, industrial, and home appliance applications; and radiation effects. Contact Gen. E. R. Petzing, AGEP Secretariat, Univ. of Pennsylvania, 200 South 33 St., Philadelphia 4, Pa. for more information.

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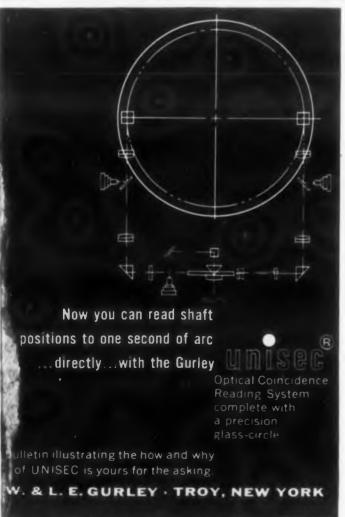






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#### International Convention on Transistors and Associated Semi-Conductor Devices, May 25-29

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March 1: Deadline for abstracts and rough drafts of outlines of papers to be presented at the first congress of International Federation of Automatic Control in Moscow in 1960. July 15: Deadline for completed papers. Agenda to cover three main areas: Theory; Components and Measurement; and Applications. Contact W. E. Vannah, American Automatic Control Council, 330 West 42 St., New York 36, N.Y.

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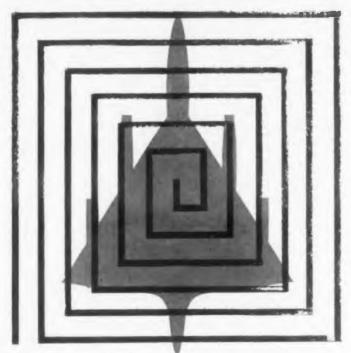
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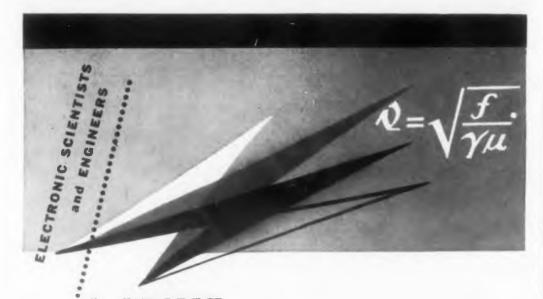
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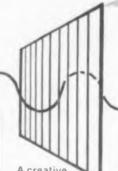
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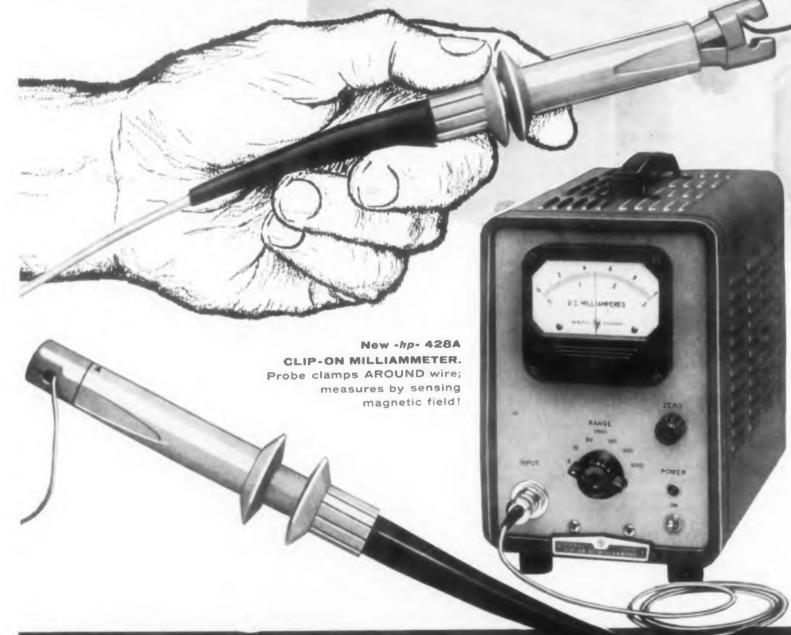
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The glass envelope of the RCA-1B3-GT

has benefited, too, from improved techniques. Hydrogen firing of the envelope enables it to withstand electron bombardment and therefore reduces strain effects. In addition, contamination and resultant low emission are eliminated by supersonic washing of the anode and getter shield.

That's why the RCA-1B3-GT is a "champion" with high voltages. Your RCA Field Representative has the complete Preferred Tube Types story. See him soon.

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