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Accord.ng!y, Managing Ed.tor James A. Lippke sent telegrams to both men, inviting their answers to several queslions which we believed to be highly signiticant.
Noi all the questions were answered directly in the statements sup. plied to ED by the candidates' spokesmen, bui boih $m \geq n$ made their views clear and we feel they are interesting, provocalive, and informative

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Like many other aspects of the technology, microminiature electronics was foaled out of Necessity by Economy. With the immense cost of orbiting payloads in space, smaller systems to perform better jobs were required. On the ground, as the jobs that computers were expected to do got bigger, so did the computers In every field, microminiaturization seemed to be the answer.

But there were many problems, and many of them still remain. In the Nov. 9 issue, ELECTRONIC DESIGN will publish a Staff Report delineating the problem areas, the advantages, and the approaches to microminiature design.

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## Candidates' Views on Science and Technology

## Nixon Asks Government-Aided Establishment of Basic-Research Centers; Kennedy Calls for a 'National Peace Agency' to Coordinate Efforts

$\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{N}}$
N THE YEARS since World War II, the U.S researcher has been thrown into the political arena by the force of great events. But if civilization is to survive and if science and technology is to benefit mankind, he must take an even more active role than he has to date.
These are the general views of both Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. John F. Kennedy as expressed in statements supplied to Electronic Design by the two candidates' spokesmen.

Mr. Nixon called it "essential that we recognize science as a many-purpose tool, fully as necessary to human progress as it is to the security of free men."

He added that "our nation demands a strong science and a vigorous technology to defend it-


Vice President Richard M. Nixon
self, to advance personal liberty, and to raise standards of living."
Mr. Kennedy said: "Today, while automation is displacing human labor, science and technology is lengthening life, curbing disease, ending famine, and producing the luxuries of life in ever-increasing quantity
"But these technological blessings are creating economic problems which call for political solutions. Today there is no longer any question but that the world of science and that of politics have a strong interaction."
The remarks of the two candidates came as the result of a telegram sent to each by James A. Lippke, Managing Editor of Electronic Design. In it, he asked the views of both men "concerning the role science and technology should play in the future of the nation." He stated that at the present time "more than 40 independent agencies and administrative departments are engaged in scientific activity, ranging from agronomical research to nuclear detection to Project Mercury." Each candidate was asked if he felt that more centralized responsibility and coordination were necessary, such as the creation of a Cabinet-level Department of Science.

## Kennedy Calls For 'Planning

In response to a question on attacking the problem of disarmament, Senator Kennedy said the immediate necessity was a "national peace agency" for disarmament planning and research to muster the scientific ingenuity, coordination, continuity, and seriousness of purpose which are now lacking in our arms-control effort."

This agency, the Democratic platform plank quoted by the candidate said, "would develop the technical and scientific data necessary for serious disarmament negotiations, would conduct research in cooperation with the Defense Department and Atomic Energy Commission on methods of inspecting and monitoring armscontrol agreements, particularly agreements to
control nuclear testing, and would provide continuous technical advice to our disarmament negotiators [See "Design for Peace," ED, July 20, p 38]."

The Democratic candidate went on to say tha "when the hoped-for goal of disarmament is achieved, vast resources will be freed for peace ful use and, through proper planning, these re sources will be applied to wipe out our backlog of public needs and provide this nation and other nations with the means for a new international attack on the problem of world poverty,

## Nixon Stresses Decentralization

 In Basic-Research ProgramThe Vice President called for new aid for re search with a decentralized system. "I believe.


Sen. John F. Kennedy
his statement said, "the next Congress should ado, tegislation authorizing the National Scince Foundation to take the leadership in spousoring a major new program for basic research.
"By sponsor, I do not mean control, finance, and operate. The program should be conducted through a number of basic-research institutes located in the principal geographic areas of the country. Financial support of these institutes should be as much as possible on joint public and private enterprise with both federal and state governments participating on one hand, and universities, private industry, and foundations on the other. The federal funds should be made available on a matching basis with the state and private contributions.
"The research institutes should be established cooperatively by our universities which engage in graduate research programs. They should be governed by these universities. A liaison with the National Science Foundation would be desirable but essentially the system of administration would be comparable to that of the Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, an inter-disciplinary facility established to explore the peaceful uses of nuclear energy."
The GOP standard-bearer added that the new institutes would complement in an important way the work of existing government-supported research. He also said the institutes should be small rather than large, since "bigness results in departmentalization and compartmentalization" and tends to preclude cross-fertilization of ideas among investigators.

## Candidates Stress Information Exchange

Concerning dissemination of scientific information, which the telegram asked about, Mr. Nixon said this would come under the aegis of the proposed new research centers. "A logical extension of the nascent merging of different sciences in a common cause," he said, "is the mutual use of theory, techniques, and instrumentation which once were the province of a single science. This fusion has created a new dimension in science. Its fulfillment is usually beyond the ability of our conventional research structure."
Answering a question on weather-control, the Vice President said: "In 1958, the U.S. produced paly 14 Ph. D.'s in meteorology. The meteorlogy departments of universities cannot hope o provide essential tools for modern research In "eather. These include high-altitude airplanes, upper-atmosphere rockets and the means 0 la nch them, giant wind tunnels, and the like. The most logical facility for the jol) would be ${ }^{1}$ nit tional meteorological institute. Already fuch an institute has specifically been recom-

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mended by representatives of 14 universitie who considered the problem, at government re quest, for many months."

Mr. Kennedy, tracing the history of the Demo cratic Party's Advisory Committee on Scienc and Technology, said the committee, if he were elected President, would pursue a program o information dissemination on a national level
"After the war," Mr. Kennedy's statemen said, "scientists entered politics to advocate civilian agency for the development of atomic energy. In recent years, scientists stimulated public and political discussion of the hazard of radioactive fallout.
"The Democratic Party," he went on to say "recognized that the citizen-scientist wanted to think about the problems of science and societ and to see that his ideas had an effect on nationa policy. Consequently, the Democratic Party formed its Advisory Committee on Science an Technology.
"This committee recommended, and the Dem ocratic Party accepted, the establishment of an independent government agency for dealing with the technical problems of arms control and with the technology of aiding underdeveloped coun tries in health and welfare."
The Democratic nominee said these recom mendations were incorporated into party polic in the platform adopted at the convention Los Angeles.
"I know," Mr. Kennedy went on to say, "that the Advisory Committee on Science and Tech nology will continue to formulate realistic plans for coordination of governmental research, for proper dissemination of scientific information and for handling the problems which it falls t the government to solve."

## 'Greater Public Respect and Support'-Nixon

Mr. Nixon said the public should have a new awareness of the researcher, and likened $D_{r}$ Jonas Salk's discovery of the polio vaccine to "the capping stone on the pinnacle of a pyramid." He said, "the men who built the rest of the pyramid are the unsung men of science who are known only to their colleagues. They deserv far greater respect and support by the people whom they serve than they now receive."
He added that it was true, if paradoxical that as technology advances, one thing that can be predicted with certainty is that major break throughs will produce the unpredictable. But he added, "Let us be clear that new and unpre dictable discoveries should not disconcert us We must have leadership which is constantly on the alert for them and their implications. For
nev knowledge can readily be phased into, modify or even alter former plans. Imaginative leaders liip must exist not only in the Executive and Le sislative branches of government, but in private industry, agriculture, mining, and all parts of the economy."
Mr. Kennedy stressed the military aspect of . lem, and said that "science and technology have

## Electrical 'Memory' Switch Device Stores Multiple-Digit Numbers

An electrical "memory" switch, capable of storing multiple-digit numbers by using principles of the ordinary combination lock, has been developed by P. D. Shannon of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Instrumentation Laboratory.
So closely does the switch follow combinationock principles that Mr. Shannon obtained parts for his first prototype by stripping discarded Laboratory locks. In operation the switch is first "cleared" and then digits are set into it by furning the shaft alternately right and left with one less revolution each time, after the fashion a combination lock
Mr. Shannon developed the new device, called the "N-Digit Decade Switch," as a possible nethod of simplifying automatic control of elecrical currents used in testing gyroscopes emloyed in inertial-guidance systems for missiles nd space vehicles.

## Iccuracy Is Our Policy . . .

Several pieces of erroneous information manged to appear in our Product Feature "Ultraligh Regulation Featured in All-Transistor upply" (ED, Aug. 3, p 102). The supply manuactured by the Krohn-Hite Corp., Cambridge, lass., can operate from standard voltage sources f $115 \pm 10 \mathrm{v}$ and $230 \pm 20 \mathrm{v}$. Its temperature oefficient is 0.01 per cent per $\operatorname{deg} \mathrm{C}$, or 1 mv instead of 7 mv ) per deg C . The $1-\mathrm{mv}$ change pplis up to an output of 10 v . Beyond that, he 0$) 11$ per cent applies. Under short circuit r ov load conditions, the output current will ot exceed the selected limit current by more man 30 per cent, rather than 10 per cent. aken political action in the past only when conditions forced them to do so," and he cited an example the development of the atomic bomb, when "a handful of scientists took the nitiative." - .


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## NEWS



-Shockley 4-LAyer diodes used in Roto-Tellite two-lamp reliability alarm circuit designed by Master Specialties Company, Los Angeles, California.

## ALARM CIRCUIT RELIABILITY

When alarm circuits are required by critical military and industrial applications, two lamps are often connected in parallel for maximum reliability. The circuit shown above, now in production by Master Specialties Company, Los Angeles, uses the Shockley 4-layer diode to provide a shunt path around the defective lamp when one lamp fails.
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## 56 High-Gain Units Must Be In Single Jam-Jar-Sized Cylin

SUCCESS of recently disclosed plans for balloon-borne infrared telescope to detect ut announced satellites may well hinge on the abb ity of Electro Optical Systems, Inc. engineers design the ultra-miniature preamplifiers requir in the system. According to Stuart Hauser, pro ect engineer at the Pasadena, Calif. firm, 56 hig gain units (one for each element in the infrara detector array) must be packaged in a $3-1 / 2$ i in diameter cylinder no more than several inch long.

In order to reduce stray pickup on lead wir the preamps must be located immediately b hind the detectors. Since the detectors are the selves in the optical path of the reflecting-ty telescope employed in the system, the pream are likewise in the path and should be extrem small so as to minimize light loss.
The following design approaches are current under study:

- Amplifiers assembled on small, axia stacked disks, with several stacks arranged parallel within the cylinder.
- Several amplifiers assembled on full, 3 in diameter disks again stacked within the ey der.
- Thin, tubular amplifiers extending down cylinder, with several amplifier bundles stacl in the length of the cylinder.
Molecular-electronic constructions are app ently not in the running for this application 2 the amplifiers will thus be assembled by hii density packaging of conventional miniad components. Breadboards of each type are be developed and tested and Electro Optical spot men appear confident of meeting the Sum


Miniature infrared detector developed by Eq Optical Systems for use in balloon telescope. Unir sists of 0.1 mm lead sulfide element behind 2 strontium titanite lens.
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## eds Ultramin. Preamps

961 deadline set for testing of the first balloon-

## orne unit.

The system will include a specially-modified 0 -in. focal length Bouwers telescope with optics onsisting of a spherical mirror, a concentric corector plate and an aspheric corrector plate. hese elements will be color-corrected for the 8 - to 2.5 -micron spectrum of the detectors. The lescope and electronics package are to be susended 300 ft beneath the gas bag. In the first nit, no attempt will be made to stabilize the ondola and it has been calculated that natural cillations of the system may run to 0.5 deg . If should become necessary, the cab could be abilized by gas jets or the telescope mounted n a stable platform.
A 0.5 -hp electric motor will swing the teleope in azimuth at a rate varying from 0.5 to 2 tations per second. Initially, the telescope will e aimed about 15 deg above the horizon.
When a satellite is detected, elevation will be creased stepwise after each rotation to a maxium of 75 deg . This will provide a series of inrcept signals from which the satellite's orbit n be established.
Each of the 56 detectors consists of a $0.1-\mathrm{mm}$ ad sulfide deposit behind a $2-\mathrm{mm}$ strontium anite lens. The field of view of each detector approximately 1 milliradian (mrad) x 50 mrad . owever, the detectors are arranged in a linear ray giving a 3 -deg high vertical field of view. pus, the satellite image moves along the indidual elements of the array at each successive eep of the telescope.

## mpling Rate of 50,000 Per Sec

The detectors are sampled at a rate of 50,000 I sec by an electronic commutator. In addition, ch preamp feeds a discriminator which deles, on the basis of established statistical conlerations whether the output is due to noise or $e$ to the infrared energy reflected or generated the satellite. Signals are then telemetered to a und station for interpretation and display. lemetry is to be $\mathrm{fm} / \mathrm{fm}$ at 10 w .
The telescope will be ground-controlled as to vation and scan rates. Power supply and winds ft will permit on-station time of one or two s after which the telescope is returned by achute. A world-wide surveillance system of nature would require perhaps 20 telescopes station at all times. In addition, the infrared ection system could be modified to provide a sile early warning capability, according to ctro Optical Systems scientists. - -

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# SARUS, Echo Papers Key NEREM Meeting 

Navy Will Sponsor Two Classified ASW Sessions; More Than 100 Papers Scheduled for Delivery

THE FIRST technical papers delivered on the SARUS and Echo projects will highlight the 1960 Northeast Electronic and Engineering Meeting. It will be the first time that papers on either project have been delivered.
In addition, the Boston meeting from Nov. 15-17 will feature among its 40 technical sessions two classified sessions on anti-submarine warfare. According to the show's sponsors, this will represent the first time the Navy has sponsored classified sessions as part of a national meeting.
A session on Engineering Manpower Utilization will also be a key feature of the meeting with its discussion of practical ways to eliminate wasteful competitive bidding among military contractors.
SARUS, which stands for Search And Rescue Using Satellites, is a system developed by Space Electronics Corp. It is capable of locating quickly and accurately anything on the earth's surface, using miniature emergency transmitters, artificial earth satellites, and ground interrogation stations. Project Echo involves bouncing signals off satellite balloons. Some of the results of these Echo experiments will be detailed in the paper, which will come from Jet Propulsion Laboratories, the organization responsible for the West Coast transmit-receive station used in Project Echo.

## Sub-Detection Methods <br> To Be Discussed

The classified ASW sessions will concern themselves with the various methods which can be employed to detect unfriendly submarines, according to L. Mautner of the Hughes Aircraft Co., who will be chairman of one session.
These methods, he said, will include magnetic anomaly, radar, sonar, and others. In addition, the communications problems connected with carrying efficient airborne searches will come under discussion, he said.

For example, Mr. Mautner said, the Julie airborne detection system will be covered, with communications and data problems between sonobuoys and aircraft and also among the search aircraft themselves presumably coming into the realm of discussion.

## Engineering Manpower Loss <br> Is a Matter for Concern

The session on eliminating waste of engineering manpower will concern itself with the money now being spent preparing presentations for bids on specific contracts.

At present, the industry has the spec tacle of 10 to 20 large firms each spend ing as much as $\$ 100,000$ on proposal during competitions on medium- to large sized contracts, Mr. Mautner said. Onl one of these firms, of course, will be awarded the contract. The waste of en gineering talent in the other firms, h said, is a waste of one of this country most precious resources: engineering manpower.

On an industry-wide basis, the cont petitive bidding process has made engi neers only 50 per cent effective, Mr Mautner claimed. Two solutions that Mit Mautner expects will be discussed dur ing the session will be the use of less els pensive preliminary competitions an government selection teams. In bot

## Clearance Needed For ASW Sessions

The two classified sessions on ASII sponsored by the Navy's Bureau of Weapons, will be open only to those NEREM registrants who have submitted their clearance in advance, certifying their need-to-know. Requests for clear ance forms, and non-member request for these forms, must be on busines letterheads and should be addressed to Mr. Lewis Winner, 152 W. 42nd St New York 36, N. Y.
ases, the objective will be to narrow the ompetitions down to a half-dozen firms.

## Long-Range Proposals Cited As Partly Responsible

The longer-range, more ambitious proposals that have come about as the result of government plans for space exploration have been partly responsible for the worsening situation on competitive bidding, Mr. Mautner told Electronic Design.
Problems in command and control systems, raised by the audience, will be discussed by a panel of experts, which will include Maj. Gen. Kenneth P. Bergquist of the Air Research and Development Command and Maj. Gen. Clyde H. Mitchel of the Air Materiel Command.
"And there are many problem areas," said Arthur P. Hill of the Mitre Corp., who will be in the chair for the session. He said a few of them were: standardization, centralization, people vs automatic equipment, and complexity and compatibility of equipment.

## U.S., Foreign Experts to Speak

At 40 Technical Sessions
The above are only the keynote features of the meeting, whose sponsors claim many firsts. U.S. and foreign experts will deliver more than 100 papers at the 40 technical sessions. "In fact," according to Lewis Winner, one of the NEREM coordinators, "as far as regional IRE meetings go, this one will beat all the others. It will have the largest number of technical papers and exhibits."
Mr. Winner estimated that 95 per cent of the papers have never been given before and that the balance have only been heard by small, select meetings and never gained wide circulation. He added that there would be 350 exhibits.
A relatively new subject, electro-hydraulic and pneumatic controls, will receive considerable attention at the meeting, Mr. Winner said. B. M. Horton of Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratories will present a paper of particular inter"st on the subject-"Amplification by Fluid-Stream Interaction."
All papers delivered at the meeting will be published in the NEREM-60 Record, which will be distributed free to ach technical registrant. The NEREM fechnical registration fee is $\$ 2$ for IRE nembers, $\$ 4$ for non-members. - -



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## NEWS

## Experiments Prove Feasibility Of Ultra-High-Power Microwave Tubes

The new design concepts for ultra-high-power microwave tubes are being developed by General Electric's Power Tube Dept., Schenectady, N. Y., for classified military applications. One of the tubes will be a multiple-beam klystron which is said to employ unique methods for combining a number of beams in one rf structure within a single vacuum chamber. The other tube, to be known as an "Orthotron," is a cross-field, travel-ing-wave type.
Although actual prototypes of the two tubes have yet to be built, GE spokesmen stated that laboratory experiments have proven the feasibility of the new operating principles. Accordingly, GE has established a Superpower Microwave Tube Laboratory within the Power Tube Dept. to handle advanced development and production design of these tubes. The first production models are not expected to be available until late 1963.

## CW and Pulsed Operation Possible

Both tubes will reportedly be capable of CW as well as pulsed operation, in each case at "substantially higher power levels" than conventional units. Size, power, frequency, and other details of the new tubes remain classified. However, the Orthotron's frequency is said to extend into the "micromicrowave" range. Company officials were also vague as to the number beams that could be combined in the multiple-beam klystron. They indicated, however, that more beams could be added to the present design if required. Both tubes can be either air- or liquidcooled without imposing any design constraints.
Apart from the classified application for which these tubes are earmarked, GE officials also foresaw their eventual use in long-range communications, satellite and space-probe tracking, radar astronomy, and plasma devices (such as sources of high-power, high-frequency magnetic fields for thermonuclear power generators).
The company also hinted at possible uses in wireless, direct-beam power transmission by microwaves, but did not elaborate.
The new superpowe: laboratory is headed by E. D. McArthur, who developed the planar triode "Lighthouse" radar tube during World War II. Also on the staff is Dr. D. A. Wilbur, a codeveloper of the voltage-tunable magnetron principle and an authority on cross-field interactions.

## Combat Communications Network Set by AF, Western Union Contract

A contract for the construction and leasing of a high-speed, high-capacity combat logistics communication network has been signed between the Air Force and Western Union. The new system, known as COMLOGNET, will link more than 450 bases, depots, and civilian suppliers in the continental U.S. and will include entry points for overseas communications.
Initial capacity of the system, to be activated early in 1962 will be 7 million punched cards or an equivalent 100 million words daily. The yearly rental for COMLOGNET will be $\$ 22$ million. According to Western Union officials, the $\$ 50$ million development costs for the system were not government funded. COMLOGNET will eventually include ten high-speed switching centers using advanced data processing and handling equipment developed by RCA. Computers will be similar to the company's commercial 601 units. Initially, the system will include only five switching centers linking some 240 terminals, but will be gradually expanded to its designed capacity.
Since COMLOGNET will be an integral part of the Air Force's global communications complex, it will be capable of interchanging traffic with other Defense networks on an automatic, compatible basis.
Four of the five centers will have a capacity of 50 message-switching channels and 50 circuitswitching channels. The fifth center provides an additional 50 message channels. Provision is made for modular expansion to 100 message and 200 circuit channels. The channels will have an initial capacity of up to 4,800 bauds, but can be increased to 50,000 bauds by future expansion.
The system emphasizes digital transmission, but includes facilities for analog signals such as voice and facsimile. Bandpass of the analog switching circuits is at least 50 kc . Since all data trunks are link-encrypted, separate analog trunks are provided.

All digital channels will be operated in full duplex to provide simultaneous two-way operation. Switching centers can operate with halfduplex channels for alternate two-way transmission or with open-loop, one-way channels where necessary.
The common language chosen for COMLOGNET is an eight-element code that includes one bit for parity check. Alphanumeric characters are transmitted in accordance with the Air Force's recently adopted Fieldata code. Transmission will be at 150 bauds in the eight-level code. Automatic error detection will limit undetected errors to one in 10 million characters.

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## New TH Microwave Relay

Large-Scale TWT Application Is Said to Be First in Country

ANEW 6,000-mc high-capacity microwave relay system between Denver and Salt Lake City scheduled to enter service early next year is now undergoing final tests by the Long Lines Div. of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.
The new link, designated TH, affords eight $10-\mathrm{mc}$ transmitting channels in each direction, with each channel having a capacity of 1,860 telephone conversations. Each of the 16 stations in the system will employ a total of $36-444 \mathrm{~A}$ traveling-wave tubes as oscillators and final amplifiers. According to a Bell Telephone Laboratories spokesman, this marks the first large-scale commercial application of TWTs in this country.

A peak frequency deviation of $\pm 4 \mathrm{mc}$ is permitted for each of the 16 -transmitting channels. In addition, there are four narrow-band auxiliary channels for inter-system communication. Total utilization of space within the 5,925 to $6,425-\mathrm{mc}$ common-carrier band is 90 per cent; only 10 per cent is reserved for group separation and guard bands.

This high percentage of band utilization is primarily due to frequency and polarization interleaving among channels. Adjacent channels are alternately polarized horizontally and vertically. Parabolic horn reflectors and circular waveguides capable of handling both polarizations are therefore used in the antenna and feed system. Polarity-sensitive elements achieve a 20 db discrimination between the two polarizations.
In addition, retransmission of signals repeater station is at a frequency different than that of the incoming signal. Messages received on a lowfrequency channel are retransmitted over a highfrequency channel and vice-versa. The typical frequency shift is about 250 mc .

## Diodes Permit

High-Speed Switching
Four of the 16 transmission channels are held in reserve as protection against equipment failure, propagation difficulties over a particular channel, and for use during routine maintenance. Automatic switching between channels is performed by high-speed diode circuits. Switching time is on the order of 35 msec , of which all but a few microseconds is consumed in set-up time for the switchover. In the event of fading, however, the need for switchover is automatically anticipated and set-up is performed before

## Being Tested in Rockies

the signal deteriorates to the point wher switching is required. Actual switching thus o: curs in on'y a few microseconds. Similarly, the switc'. overs required during normal maintenanc are also set up in advance to minimize switc' ing time. Only in the relatively infrequent cas of equipment failure are the full 35 msec re q:ired. This rapid switching capability was bui ${ }^{1}$ into the system in anticipation of future digita data transmission traffic.

## Common Microwave Supply

## Drives 20 Carrier Frequencies

The 20 carrier frequencies are driven from a single 14.826 mc crystal oscillator. The 17 th , 24 th, 408 th, and 425 th harmonics are then generated and are appropriately combined by gold bonded germanium-diode modulators in eac! transmitter. The two higher-order harmonics are amplified by TWT's before mixing
This common frequency supply permits a sharp reduction in the number of vacuum tubes needed as compared with a system using indi-vidual-frequency generators for each transmitter. Elements of the common system are of course provided in duplicate against failure

The carrier frequency is amplified in the transmitter by a TWT and modulated by an information carrying intermediate frequency in a second gold-bonded germanium diode. The modulated signal is amplified by a second TWT and impressed upon the feed line through an isolator and combining filter.

Receivers employ silicon-diode modulators rather than TWT's to generate the intermediate frequency. While system noise is somewhat increased, this arrangement permits operation of the modulator at the lowest possible level to minimize interference due to cross modulation with adjacent channels. The beat-frequency signals are derived from the common microwave carrier supply in the same manner as for the transmitter.

## Broad-Band Traveling-Wave Tube <br> Requires Few Adjustments

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## NEWS

## Electronic Watch

## Transistorized Timepiece Employs Tuning Fork

ATRANSISTORIZED wrist watch, called Accutron, has been designed by the Bulova Watch Co. Inc. of Woodside, N.Y. The timepiece is approximately 10 times as accurate as a conventional wrist watch, according to the company. It is guaranteed not to gain or lose more than a minute a month. Accutron has 12 moving parts, compared to 19 in manually-wound watches and 26 in self-winding watches.

All conventional watches "tick," signifying the periodic release of energy through interaction of the escapement and the balance wheel and hairspring mechanisms, causing the gear train to move the hands.

## No Tick, but a Hum

The Accutron does not tick; it hums. The humming sound in electric timepieces is caused by the vibrations of a tiny electromagnetically driven tuning fork and its associated index mechanism.
Another external difference is the absence of a winding and setting stem. Accutron's power source is a 1.3-v mercury cell. The setting mechanism is engaged by a small recessed handle on the back of the case adjacent to the screw cap that hermetically seals the opening in the case for the power cell.
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## Balance Wheel Eliminated

The most recent development in watch design was the electric watch, in which the mainspring was replaced with a battery as the source of power. Use of the battery eliminated the need for winding, but the design retained the balance wheel, which tends to be the weakest part and the greastest source of trouble in a watch. Make-and-break electrical contacts in electric watches are another source of trouble. In the Accutron design, the balance wheel and escapement mechanisms are eliminated, and there are no complicated elements or make-and-break contacts. The Accutron was designed to be serviced by watchmakers.
The greatest difference between Accutron and conventional watches is the use of the tuning fork as the time standard instead of the traditional balance wheel and hairspring. Attached to one tine of the fork is a tiny finger-like index spring. On the top of the index spring is a jewel that engages ratchet teeth on an index wheel. As the fork vibrates, the jewel-tipped spring moves back and forth with it, advancing the index wheel one tooth for each cycle of the tuning fork.
Micro-miniaturization in the device is perhaps best represented by the index wheel. The index wheel is $0.095-\mathrm{in}$. in diameter and $0.0015-$ i.1. thick; yet, it has 300 precisely machined ratchet teeth. Teeth are sparated by a 0.001 in . space. -

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## Midwest Is "Stagnancy" Center, Stanford Provost Says at NEC

The Midwest, dulled by insufficient research funds and by unimaginative challenge to graduate students, has been cited as the center of "electronic stagnancy" by a leading educator.
Largely responsible, according to Dr. Frederick E. Terman, Provost of Stanford University, are a lack of new-product development and waste of intellectual resources at local universities. He made his remarks at the National Electronics Conference, held in Chicago Oct. 12-15.
Although present industry in the Midwest is not in dire straits, Dr. Terman said, both East and West Coast companies will enjoy progress at the Midwest's expense, unless a drastic change in policy goes into effect. The key to progress, he pointed out, is the stimulation of advanced graduate training for local students who will have the incentive to remain and contribute to the Midwest's development. Present students at Midwestern institutions, he said, tend to switch to schools in other areas for advanced training and then to remain in those areas for employment.

## Midwesterners Blame Geography <br> But Critics Dispute Contention

Midwestern representatives at the conference said geographic climate was a key excuse, but critics suggested lack of aggressive leadership and failure of local industry and educational groups were primarily to blame for the situation.
Conference sessions on microminiaturization drew large crowds eager to glean the latest development trends, which were outlined in 12 papers. Representatives from Bell Telephone Laboratories, Motorola, General Electric, Lock heed, and Wright Air Development Center discussed progress in thin-film efforts in the micromin field. Although deposition techniques are capable of supplying high-density assemblies, additional time and study are needed to achieve high yield and reliability.
In addition, they said, the approach must be equipped with some reasonable degree of mechanization to lure customers other than space-program contractors
Highlighting the new-product announcements from NEC were epitaxial transistors by Rheem Semiconductors Corp., Mountain View, Calif. Motorola, Inc., Phoenix, and Sylvania Electric Products. The new devices, with their lower col lector resistance and highly improved switching times, are expected to find rapid use in high speed computer applications.

## Better Instrumentation Is Required To Show Astronauts' Stress, Strain

Designers of instrumentation for measuring hysiological parameters have not kept pace with those producing devices for instrumenting machine systems. Needed, in the space effort especially, are a battery of instruments for monitoring stress and strain patterns of space travelers.
This theme ran through the American Rocket Society's Conference on Anatomy of MannedSpace Operations, Oct. 10-12 in Dayton, Ohio.
Dr. S. A. Talbot, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, told participants in the conference that not only should such parameters of physiological environment as departures from normal air pressures, oxygen, carbon dioxide, temperature, humidity, and ventilation be measured and monitored, but the more difficult psychological and physiological parameters constituting the "strain pattern" must also be monitored. Included in these measurements would be data on normal and abnormal systolic pressure, respiration, hearts rates, brain activity as indicated by electroencephalograph (EEG) measurements, changes in bodyweight (despite conditions of weightlessness), and waste elimination.

## Greater Challange for Designers

Seen in Different Sifuations
Dr. Talbot said that many other physiological measures might be required, depending on specific situations. Some of these greater challenges would be measures of electrocardiogram pattern, perspiration, galvanic and other reflexes, and sensory activity.

He added that in addition to devices for measuring and monitoring actual patterns of stress and strain, equipment has to be developed for analyzing and remedying the causes of strains and impaired performance.

Designers are attacking the problem areas described by Dr. Talbot. At the conference, Capt. George Potor Jr., Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, reported on designs that solve or approach solving some of the problems.

These include an amplifier with a stable com-mon-mode rejection reportedly well over 100,000 to ]. Input impedence is 500 K , output impedance, 20 K , and amplification is 2,000 . Another amplifier, designed in Europe for EEG equipment fits eight channels and a battery power supply into a $1.5-x-5-x-7-\mathrm{in}$. volume. A versatile llectrode of new design has also been developed at Wright Air Development Div. It consists of a conductive cloth, silver deposited on nylon, : retched on a flat sponge-rubber pad. Although is resistance is about 50 K , it is said to be an aportant improvement over existing electroxles 1 cause it operates dry.
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PRIVATE USE OF SPACE SATELLITES is an almost distant prospect, though experiments will start in a matter of months. Statements by T. Keith Glennan of NASA that the "nation's great communications organizations" are seriously considering "the undertaking of substantial expenditure from their own corporate fund for the development of such systems" raises far more basic questions than have been answered. There is general agreement, to be sure, that private enterprise should participate to the maximum possible extent in development of space communications. There are major differences, however, when it comes to deciding what is appropriate for private enterprise and the reward that private enterprise should reap for its participation. The new Administration's attitude will be controlling; present policy (to the extent it has been formulated) is at best firm only through Jan. 20, 1961.

CONGRESS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY take this up next year. In fact, both Senate and House space committee staffs are looking into it now. The Commerce Committees too, may interest themselves from the standpoint of communications. So wlll executive agencies FCC, NASA, and the DOD. But before any problems can be solved to the mutual satisfaction of both government and industry, some fundamental decisions have to be made.

THE BASIC QUESTIONS are raised quite starkly by Glennan's statement. One is that of patent policy. The appropriateness of turning over to industry for use as a profit a huge amount of government-paid R\&D is certain to be raised. The question whether there should be government regulation-and how much-is another. If there is to be control, who will exercise it? Can private industry handle the international problems involved? Would it be proper to grant a state communications monopoly to any firm? If so should it be one of the existing companies? Or should provision be made for entry of new comers into the area on equal terms?

YET TO BE DECIDED, too, is the almost philosophic question of the motivations of the firms which seek to get into the field. It is known that NASA has already had conferences with five or six companies. The feeling in some government circles is that no solution will be reached without a good deal of statesmanship on all sides, and that it will take a lot of soul-searching to come up with the decision which will do the least harm and the most good.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS are certain to be wary of any industry approach that plays a mini-max game-which tries to treat obtaining a favorable position in space communications as a purely economic problem in which the objective is to put in as little money as possible consistent with obtaining a pre-eminent position.

ALUE-ENGINEERING PROVISIONS will be written into Air Force contracts soon. Hitherto, the Air Force has tried to push contractors to make components cheaper-without adversely affecting reliability-but it has not incorporated this concept in its contracts. Now proposed legal language is being studied. The formal value-engineering program will be applied both to prime and subcontractors. It will, for all practical purposes, be inseparable from contract management. Technically speaking, the objective is to save money by re-engineering and by modifying specifications. In effect, this could boil down to a change of suppliers, elimination of needlessly elaborate devices, and keeping a sharper eye on overhead costs.

CHARGES OF OVERCOMPLEXITY in the Minuteman and other missile programs have been dismissed by Air Force experts as exaggerations based on insufficient knowledge. Minuteman has been pushed forward to 1962, they acknowledge, even though this means that reliability will fall short of perfection during the first year or so. They insist, however, that even so it will be cheaper than either Atlas or Polaris in terms of cost-effectiveness. Minuteman costs will run, a recent study shows, about 45 per cent for hardware and 55 per cent for on-the-ground costs, including construction. Increasing complexity, though not to be sought for its own sake, is a fact of life. "We simply couldn't do the things we're doing if we didn't have such complex equipment," is the general tenor of comment.

OFFSHORE-BUYING POLICY REVERSAL will have limited impact on electronics. Largely because of Treasury pressure, the military abruptly switched from granting prefercntial status toforeign purchasing of goods meant for allies of the U.S. to favoring American sources of supply unless it "is essential to support overriding U.S. Poreign policy and Military Assistance Program objectives." Foreign purchases will be paid for "to the maximum extent" with foreign currencies held by this country. In any case, contracts for foreign goods will be let "only if they conform to sound military procurement practices."

COURIER SATELLITE IS PRACTICAL for low-priority military communications, according to Army officials (see p 8). Though usually considered a first step toward far more complicated devices, its early performance has indicated that it could be used operationally right now. Long-term reliability-and budget considerations-would be major factors if a decision to set up a Courier satellite system ever has to be made. As things stand, a single satellite of this type probably could handle all the Army's bulk, low-priority, "store-and-forward" messages for the next three years or so.

SLAP ON THE WRIST to small business-an unusual occurrence-has been administered by the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Materiel, General Bradley. Aware of Congress' tender feelings for little firms, the military rarely criticizes them. But Bradley has noted that they are sometimes guilty of "overreaching" in their search for government contracts-that is, they try to get contracts which they are incapable of performing satisfactorily. ft the same time, Bradley notes, they sometimes fail to bid on purchases that they could handle very well.


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## NEWS

## Broad Use of Optical Masers <br> Seen by Experts at BTL Meeting

Leading scientists predicted wide use of opti cal masers in scientific, industrial, and military systems at a recent demonstration of such a de vice by the Bell Telephone Laboratories. New applications transcending the already proposed communications, radar, and death-ray systems were foreseen by Drs. Arthur L. Schawlow and Charles H. Townes, who in 1958 first suggested the development of optical masers.

The control of chemical processes by opticalmaser beams was considered a likely possibility by Dr. Schawlow. "We know that many chemical and physical reactions are affected by light and we now can look forward to a source of intense, highly controllable light for this purpose," Dr. Schawlow said. The optical maser was also seen as a tool for studying the interactions between light and matter so as to discover new effects of light upon physical and chemical processes.

Dr. Schawlow also suggested the possibility of shifting the orbit of a satellite by the light pressure of continuously applied optical maser beams. This could prove feasible for the remote control of lightweight bodies. One can envision maser "duels" in which an enemy observation satellite is shifted with maser beams while the enemy uses the same technique to keep the vehicle in its assigned orbit.

Dr. Townes predicted significant increases in measuring accuracies through use of optical masers. Velocity measurements by optical doppler methods and distance measurement at ranges of many miles by interference patterns could give accuracies several orders of magnitude higher than present methods, Dr. Townes said.

Both scientists agreed that currently available materials limited masers to optical frequencies, but that ultraviolet and X-ray masers might eventually be developed.

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## broad-Band Communications System Sends, Receives, 'Intelligent Noise'

A new broad-band military-communications system, known as "Phantom" system, will receive and transmit "intelligent noise or static" without interrupting or causing static on local radios.
It represents a different approach from the conventional narrow-band military communications technique in which each transmitter and receiver is allocated a specific narrow bandwidth to avoid interference and to crowd as many channels as possible into the electro-magnetic spectrum.
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The system is under development at General Electric's Military Electronic Dept. of Syracuse, N.Y.

## Raytheon Hot-Spot Detector



A lipstick-size electronic device developed by Raytheon Co. of Waltham, Mass., is reported the smallest-known infrared detector and is capable of spotting objects warmer than the human body from miles away. Used ir. detection units, it peers through the night to pick out heat emitted by aircraft, missiles, launching pads, and rocket-test areas. The detector generates no telltale beam from which the enemy might trace its location. 1 . long-range operation, small size, and metal casing make it particularly applicable for aircraft and missiles.

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## EDITORIAL

Science, Electronics, and Elections

That science and technology has not become an election issue in 1960 comes as no great surprise. Few, if any, can see any issue at stake. But is there really no national policy involved?

Will the benefits of science and technology-new materials, new control over our environment-automatically benefit mankind? Bertrand Russell has said science can enhance among men two great evils, tyranny and war. Are we fully aware of what is at stake?
More scientific and technical information is necessary if we are to make policy decisions on the control of nuclear testing and disarmament. The nation's emphasis on basic research is important; governmental policy must be conducive to free inquiry into all of nature. The Presidential candidates views on these matters are important. How the candidates view the dissemination of scientific information, both to researchers and the public at large, is vitally important. Secrecy defeats scientific inquiry. If the voters do not understand the issues involved, they cannot make informed decisions at the polls.

Scientific objectivity must be separated from political opinion. This has hardly been achieved so far in the U.S., as is indicated by the official reports on the danger of nuclear radiation. If scientists and engineers are to perform the role proposed for them by Prime Minister Macmillan as the first step towards disarmament, they must be able to shun political pressures.

In the past, we have had little way of knowing if our actions have been consistent with our national objectives. We have not yet taken advantage of operations research, or systems research, to determine if the many variables at stake are being properly interrelated. We need such research if we are to achieve any success in, for example, disarmament and weather control.
Britain's new Minister of Science has said, "My purpose is to make the voice of science coherent and articulate under government encouragement and in one sense to make science selfgoverning under governmental inspiration."
Is not this the challenge before us now? The President has a responsibility in these areas and if he does not lead, it is up to those in the technical professions to see that the issues are clear.
(For the views of the two candidates on scientific subjects, see p. 4.)


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Only recently an infant stepchild of reliabiliv, maintainability philosophy has emerged as an imp tant new discipline. Often in conflict with the demand of its elder, reliability, it has aroused the increasin interest of both industry and the military.

All three military services have spent large sums o money for maintainability studies, but by their 0

## Maintainability-Where It|In

the initial equipment costs, and it is essential that more electronic design engineers become proficient in the art of designing for maintainability.
It is with this objective that ELECTRONIC DESIGN's editors have prepared this Staff report and have invited guest contributors to participate in this presentation of maintainability's past, present, and future.

## It mes From; Where It's Going

it hard to believe that their beautiful designs could fail in the field. But somehow, fail they did.

They simply didn't stop to think that the man who had to repair the equipment, a man with no engineering degree, might have to work in bitter cold (with gloves), in sweltering heat (with sweat), or in storm-drenched mud.
Even with the full understanding of the electronics designer, the road to maintainable equipment is not a smooth one. There are many obstacles, many roadblocks, and many conflicting requirements. There are times when maintainability features must be traded off for greater reliability. And there are many features which may enhance maintainability but degrade reliability.
Plug-in modules, for example, cornerstones of maintainable equipments, may be anathema from the viewpoint of reliability. Plug and connectors are weak links in reliable equipment.

## Interdisciplinary Conflicts <br> Breeding New Disciplines

Conflicts like this one, between maintainability and other disciplines, are beginning to breed a new discipline-availability. This new discipline (also called readiness, or operational availability), is supposed to lead to a harmonious unification of maintainability, reliability, and still another discipline-supportability. This last is largely a recognition of the logistics involved in keeping equipment working in the field.
In essence, availability is a philosophical concession to the approach of the line officer: "I don't care how much reliability it has, nor how much maintainability it has. What I want to know is-when I need it, is it ready?"
Ivailability embodies the quest for the best
compromise between the various disciplines for a given system. The need for maintainability itself varies very widely, depending on many factors. As such, maintainability has enthusiastic supporters and equally enthusiastic antagonists.

## Military Sees Maintainability In Widely Different Lights

The Air Force, the Army Signal Corps, and the Navy's Bureau of Ships are strong supporters of maintainability efforts. Naval Ordnance, on the other hand, is quite unfriendly to the concept, and insists on greater efforts to improve equipment reliability.
In a talk before the First EIA Conference on Maintainability of Electronic Equipment, H. A. Wilcox, head of the Weapons Development Dept. of the U. S. Naval Ordnance Test station in China Lake, Calif., presented his position this way:
"Your design for easy maintenance has to take into account dirt, rain, ice, heat, cold, vibration, and tooth-tingling shocks in handling. And it has to cope with the bored, curious, intelligent man who wants to take it apart to see how it worksconfident that the 'tuning up' he gives it will improve its operation and relieve a dull afternoon.

## If Repair Is Allowed,

## Repair Becomes Necessity'

"It is my conviction," Mr. Wilcox elaborated, that most field repairs reduce instead of enhance the reliability of the item 'fixed.' "Repair is a selfjustifying operation. If repair is allowed, the reliability drops so low that repair automatically becomes a necessity."
He emphasized the fact that an ordnance item,
whose sole use is in wartime, should be designed for long shelf life, almost no maintenance, and absolutely no field repair. Insisting that reliability should be uppermost and that equipment must be maintenance-free, Mr. Wilcox summarized his attitude by saying that "test equipment should in fact be eliminated altogether."

## BuShips Awards Contract <br> To Find Practical Yardstick

Holding the opposite position, the Navy's Bureau of Ships awarded a contract to Federal Electric Corp. of Paramus, N.J., to establish a practical procedure for measuring and predicting the maintainability of fleet electronic equipment during the design stage. This recently completed two-year study is the first step in a long range BuShips program to develop a practical method of numerically specifying maintainability in procurement contracts.
BuShips' Capt. William I. Bull points to special Navy problems which emphasize the need for better maintainability. In common with the other services, the Navy has the problem of a low reenlistment rate ( 12 to 14 per cent) for first-cruise electronics technicians. But the Navy has mission times which average up to 90 days-far more than the other services.

And where the Army and Air Force can use experienced contract technicians, the Navy normally can not. Captain Bull emphasizes the point that shipboard equipment can rarely go back to the factory during a mission. Naval equipment must have as much self-sufficiency as possible.
Mr. F. N. Stehle, head of the BuShips Reliability and Mainterance Unit, goes a step further in describing the special position of the Navy. The

## Designing for Maintainability Th <br> Status

size of a ship, he points out, can have a profound effect on the type of maintenance it can support. A destroyer, with relatively few instruments of a given type, and with a relatively small crew, has requirements which differ vastly from those of a carrier.

## Air Force Publishes First Maintainability Specifications

The Air Force, another enthusiastic backer of maintainability, holds the distinction of being the first to publish a maintainability specification, Mil-M-26512. Published in June, 1959, it is still the only military specification on maintainability. (The Signal Corps expects to publish one early next year and the Navy hopes to have one by the end of the year.)
Mil-M-26512 defines maintainability in terms of repairability and serviceability. It then defines repairability as a product of two probabilitiesthe probability of correcting a failure in a given time with a given expenditure of manpower, and the probability of the system then operating satisfactorily for a given time.
The parameters given to determine repairability include the time to diagnose and isolate malfunctions, the time to repair malfunctions, the manpower and skill levels required for repair, and the time the equipment operates satisfactorily without corrective maintenance.
Sidney Hirshon, who deserves most of the credit for developing the specification, recognizes that it has generated differences of opinion-some of them rather sharp. He points out that the Air Force will continue to improve the specification of maintainability and that Mil-M-26512 is now undergoing revision. Bulletins are being published which will amplify and clarify some of the less clear aspects of the spec.
The Air Force's Col. George Getz, attempting to get to the root of the maintainability problem, suggests that the situation would be much improved if manufacturers (and electronic designers) knew who their customer was. A very important part of the composite customer, says Col. Getz, is G. I. Joe.

## Knowing Customer Through <br> Market Research Can Help

He suggests that companies producing equipment for the military services should conduct
some kind of market research so they could better understand their customer and his needs. They should know the proposed environment for equipment they design in terms of the skill, tools, and test equipment available as well as the physical environment.
To help manufacturers know their customer better, the Air Force has conducted several tours of AF maintenance technicians through contractors' factories. Results of these tours, which the Air Force hopes to continue, were highly satisfactory to the Air Force and the contractors, though not always too flattering to the design engineers.
In one case, a corporal, a maintenance technician, educated (and embarrassed) a rather tall design engineer who had mounted a display high on an equipment console. The $5-\mathrm{ft}, 3-\mathrm{in}$. corporal couldn't read the display. In this case, the designer solved the problem quickly. He tilted the display down so it could be read by a short or a tall man.
The Air Force, the Navy's Bureau of Ships, and the Army Signal Corps can all be counted as strong supporters of maintainability. ${ }^{\circ}$ Naval Ordnance holds an opposite position. The "halfway" position can be found at the Bureau of Naval Weapons.

Mr. Henry Thoman, head of the Material Coordination Unit of the Avionics Div. of BuWeap, favors maintainability and is very much impressed with the advantages possible from the use of expendable modules but he leans most heavily toward reliability. $\dagger$ In most cases where a trade-off is necessary between a maintainability feature and a reliability feature, Mr. Thoman says, he would have a tendency to favor the reliability feature.
The different military attitudes toward maintainability find their counterparts in attitudes in industry. It would be hard to find an authoritative executive in industry who would be outspoken in his opposition to maintainability. Instead one finds people who are lukewarm in their support or who offer conditional support. These men are primarily concerned with the harmful effect which too much emphasis on maintain-

- The Signal Corps approach to measuring and specifying maintainability differs substantially from other approaches which depend heavily on measuring time. It is therefore presented separately in this report as an article entitled "No Time-Base Needed in Signal Corps Maintainability Specifications, p 58 ."
$\ddagger$ The Bureau of Aeronautics, now integrated in the Bureau of Naval Weapons, sponsored the National Bureau of Standards research which resulted in the report "Expendable Modules as Bases for Disposal-at-Failure Maintenance." This report is available at $\$ 2.25$, from the Office of Technical Services, Washington 25, D. C.
ability may possibly have on reliability efforts.
As typical of this concern, one can take the comments of W. Van Alan Clark, Jr., president of The Sippican Corp. of Marion, Mass.
"First," he says, "we feel very strongly that undue concern with maintainability has tended to cause designs which require maintenance. In general, complex electronic systems come apart too easily, which means that they do come apart. We feel that the emphasis we find on easy field maintenance has not only made equipment less reliable than it should be, but has had a highly undesirable effect upon the skill and training of the field-maintenance personnel. The military, in particular, are finding the cost of training field-maintenance personnel to be astronomical. Were the equipment to be designed with larger, swappable or chuck-away units, field personnel could concentrate on how the system works, and not worry about individual component or circuit behavior."


## Call for Equipment Design

## For Different Modes of Maintenance

Mr. Clark goes on to recommend that equipment be designed for different modes of maintenance at different positions in the logistic train As an example, he cites a computer, designed to be disassembled a large number of times in its "shop" mode, which could be put in a "ready" mode by welding every connection and having no mechanical joints of any kind.

This computer could make about four round trips from "shop" to "ready." But this limitation on round trips from service to repair was well compensated by a very high basic reliability and compactness.

## Some Observers See Trend <br> To Factory Repair of Equipment

Unlike most observers, Mr. Clark sees trends to performing almost all electrical maintenance at the source. "Maintenance activities," he comments, "can damage equipment terribly. Diag. nosis of what is wrong in most equipment is best carried out by specialists who have known the equipment during its design and development stages.
"Equipment is becoming much more compact, which means that it is easier to transport to rear areas or to factories for maintenance. Finally, transportation to any point of the globe is now really rapid, and the money which may be spent maintaining a complex electronic device dwarfs the cost of flying out a sub-system and flying back the other section for factory overhaul."

In supporting these views, Mr. Clark gives an example in which ". . . one fourth the volume of a modular design we are now building is taken
u) by an idiot-proofed test connector; we pay tl is price to make sure that field experts don't wreck the machine."
Speaking in a similar vein, Mr. W. L. Kirchoff of the Walkirt Co. at Inglewood, Calif., says: "Some of the novices in the industry tend to overemphasize maintainability to the detriment of economy, and even to the detriment of maintainability itself."
"This sounds conflicting," Mr. Kirchoff admits, "but it really isn't." Take the case of the trend toward modular circuitry, where, a circuit comprised of perhaps 20 components is unitized as a plug-in device. Modular circuitry certainly enhances maintainability.
"Yet, we still encounter people in the field (although their ranks are thinning) who insist that each component in this modular circuit shall be replaceable. They theorize that it is uneconomical to discard a $\$ 20$ package for the sake of a burned-out 10 -cent resistor. They then have created 'maintainability' to the degree that each component may be replaced."
Though Mr. Kirchoff and Mr. Clark may be lonely in their over-all views on maintainability,
they are by no means alone in their attitudes on module size.

## Controversy Continues

## On Module Size and Throw-away

Many of the strong supporters of maintainability are strongly opposed to replacing individual components in the field. There is still a lot of discussion on just how large a module should be and the question of throw-away modules is still a matter of controversy. But there are very few who would advocate making low-cost components (like resistors) accessible in the field except in situations where the equipment design is such that the maintenance technician can find a faulty resistor very quickly.
The whole problem of module size is a very touchy one, interrelated as it is with problems of module cost, time required to locate a fault, component density, spare-parts inventory, skill-level of personnel required, length of mission, and others.

In general, it is easier and faster to track a malfunction down to a faulty module and to replace that module with a good one than it is to

locate and replace a faulty component. No one denies this.

But it is easier, in general, to provide logistic support in the form of individual components which can serve an entire system than it is to store spare modules for the many equipments which make up a system.
Even where the module-replacement formula is adopted, this still leaves open the question of whether to repair faulty modules in the field (at leisure), whether to return them for factory repair, or whether to throw them away.
The last choice, of course, affords an advantage in that throw-away modules lend them selves most readily to encapsulation and to the improved reliability which encapsulation may impart.
But, to throw away or not to throw away, that is the question. It has by no means been resolved, although there is growing support for the throw-away concept. A recent National Bureau of Standards study, based on analyzing tube modules only, concluded that, for airborne equipment, an optimum module would include four to eight tubes. Thus study found that the cost of procuring, maintaining, and supporting expendable modules was practically the same as the cost with repairable modules.

## Study of Fire-Control System <br> Compares Four Philosophies

On the other hand, a study of expected costs of different maintenance philosophies for the Polaris submarine fire-control system gave opposite conclusions. In this study, total cost using the throw-away philosophy is greatest.

Describing this economic analysis by the General Electric Co. in Santa Barbara, Calif., Ernest J. Mosbaek gives results for four maintenance philosophies-use of throw-away modules, repair on the submarine, repair on a tender, and repair at the factory.

In this study, using throw-away modules proved most expensive; repair at the factory was next; repair on a tender followed, and repair on the submarine proved least costly. Using throwaway modules, the study found, would be two and one-half times as costly as the system requiring repair aboard the sub.

## Conflicting Results Show Need <br> For Separate Systems Studies

The apparent conflict between the findings for a submarine system and those for airborne equipments leads to an important conclusion: One cannot design for maintainability in general.

One can only design maintainability into a specific system. One must know its specific en-

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vironment, the specific costs of supporting the system (with supplies, test equipment, and maintenance men), and costs of down-time or failure

There are no absolute rules though there are useful guides. One approach is provided by R. E. Kuehn, manager of reliability engineering at IBM Corp. In a paper presented before the Second EIA Conference on Maintainability of Electronic Equipment, Mr. Kuehn recommended that throw-away modules be designed to have a mean-time-to-failure of 2.5 times the design operating life.

Mr. Kuehn provided economic justification for the throw-away module (in aircraft equipment) on the basis of the costs of unreliability and on the higher reliability and volumetric efficiency of the non-repairable module.
In addition to lower cost, he cited supplementary, hard-to-measure advantages of the throwaway module. Using non-repairable units, he said, gives 50 per cent more volume and a 40 per cent lower failure rate.

The contradictory evidence provided by dif ferent maintainability studies shows, not only that each system must be studied separately, but it highlights another fact as well: Maintainability is still young.
Some of the pioneering works in this field are only four years old. ${ }^{\circ}$ At that time, maintainability was a rather unnoticed stepchild of the discipline of reliability.
Its recognition as an important discipline, when it began to stand on its own feet, began three years ago with the First EIA Conference on Maintainability of Electronic Equipment in December 1957. The second conference, ${ }^{\dagger+}$ held in May 1958, solidified maintainability's position as a recognized discipline.
The third such conference will be held in San Antonio on Dec. 5, 6, and 7.ł This conference

- See bibliography for a brief list of some of the important maintainability studies.
$\dagger$ Papers presented at the first and second conferences are included in "Maintainability of Electronic Equipment," available from Engineering Publishers, P. O. Box 2, Elizabeth, N. J. at $\$ 6.00$ for both. Papers to be presented at the Third EIA Conference on Maintainability of Electronic Equipment, are included in "Maintainability of Electronic Equipment-Vol. 3," now available frum the same publisher at $\$ 10.00$.
should resolve or at least shed more light on many of the problems that confront design engineers. For example, Dr. M. J. Marcus of IBM's Military Products Div. will identify those factors wiich remain invariant from one hardware system to the next.
Other speakers will nail down other elusive aspects of designing for maintainability, such as how to determine the operational availability of complex systems, how to evaluate automatic test equipment, and how to forecast the requirements for spare parts.
The Third EIA Conference on Maintainability of Electronic Equipment will surely add maturity to a young field which is growing, and indeed, must grow, very, very rapidly. - =


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# in Designing for Maintainability 

Though no single maintainability technique can serve all systems with equal value, the guidelines, the general approach, and the specific suggestions in this article should prove invaluable to all designers of maintainable equipment.

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SOLUTION of the maintainability problem lies mainly in the designer's hands. The designer must realize that each of the three phases in the maintenance process brings about unique problems.
In fault detection, a technician must sense a change which has some visual, auditory, or tactual consequence. The best way to solve this problem is to display indicators of degraded performance in such a way that the probability of detection is maximized.
The second phase, fault localization, involves a complex problem which mixes elements of problem solving with those of information display. This problem is best solved by decreasing complexity and increasing the probability of information transfer.
Finally, the third phase, fault correction, is primarily a problem of accessibility and skill.
These problems in the maintenance process have stimulated several approaches to their so-

[^0]lution. Each approach has brought with it further problems of its own. One approach attempts to improve the proficiency of the technician by training. But the turnover of military maintenance personnel is so great that there is not sufficient time to train these people.
Another approach tries to provide equipment with maximally effective maintenance manuals. Benefits here are limited by the design techniques which may be available.

A third approach tries to head off troubles before they occur by periodic replacement of parts. But this technique assumes that electronic components gradually wear out in some predictable fashion-a belief which, for the most part, has been contradicted by a large body of research. ${ }^{1,2}$

Offering most promise is the approach of designing for maintainability. But here it is essential that positive steps be taken as early as possible to avoid costly equipment redesign.

Specific suggestions to help the designer through various decisions he must make are presented here.

## Maintainability Starts <br> With System Specification

Preliminary engineering work traditionally begins with a careful study of customer demands and ends with the production of a preliminary
system description of the proposed equipment in block-diagram form.
The first important step during this phase is to fix responsibility for maintainability. This is best done by assigning one person to the job of insuring that suggestions provided in available guidebooks ${ }^{1}$ are followed. The second step is to study the maintenance structure of the potential user. This should reveal the levels of maintenance support which are available, the skill level of the servicing technicians working at each level, and the peculiarities associated with each work environment.
As the equipment begins to take shape in the form of a rough block diagram, the designer should remember two more points. At this point in the operation he should:

- Try to choose elements or stages with clearly defined output characteristics. The best choice from the technician's viewpoint is something which works in an "all-or-none" fashion.
- Try to eliminate complex feedback loops which confuse the troubleshooter. If the designer cannot eliminate complex feedback, he should provide additional checks on interacting stages. One way is to provide a switch to decouple the feedback

When a tentative block diagram is available,


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methods are all superior to the standard method in reducing fault localization time. The logicalflow method is best.

## Clearly Identified Test Points Simplify Checkout Procedures

Clearly identified test points can simplify system checkout procedures. These points should be visible from the top of the equipment and should have jacks so test equipment can be attached easily. Two levels of test points should be used and they should be differentiated by color coding if possible.

The first set should help isolate a fault to a particular equipment in a complex system. The second set should help localize a trouble to a specific subassembly within a unit. The same process can be applied again, at a later stage in design, to provide test points to pinpoint a trouble to a specific module. The test-point system is much easier to achieve with the logical-flow method of packaging.

## Intermediate Design Phases <br> Become More Specific

In the intermediate phases of design, the work usually starts with specification of circuits and ends with specification of components. Hence, the work becomes progressively more concrete and the maintainability suggestion becomes more specific.
Standardized Circuits can provide three substantial advantages: a saving in design time, a saving in manufacturing cost, and a saving in maintenance time employed for increased reliability and increased familiarity on the part of technicians.
Circuit Simplification, an important maintainability consideration, can best be achieved using these procedures:

1. Use standardized circuits where appropriate.
2. Design and package similar circuits in the same manner for interchangeability and quick substitution checks.
3. Avoid circuits with critical characteristics and close-tolerance parts.
4. Standardize component layout.
5. Package each functional change separately.
6. Avoid criss-crossing of signals between circuits. Test Points should be provided to monitor im-
portant circuit parameters. Highest priority should be given to those parameters which yield most information ${ }^{4}$ in troubleshooting. Most important tube-circuit parameters are:

Pin voltages, Output waveform, Input-signal voltage, Output-signal voltage, Input waveform.
Less important tube-circuit parameters are:
Grid-signal voltage, Plate-signal voltage, Grid waveform, Pine resistance, Plate waveform, Cathode-signal voltage, Cathode waveform.
Most important transistor-circuit parameters:
Output-signal voltage, Output waveform, Pin voltages.
Important transistor-circuit parameters are: Input-signal voltage, Collector-signal volttage, Base-signal voltage, Emitter-signal voltage.
Less important transistor-circuit parameters: Pin resistances, Input waveform, Emitter waveform. Base waveform.
The data for transistor circuits are not as well substantiated as those for tube circuits.
Prototype Layout should lead to rapid location, rapid removal, and rapid replacement of faulty components.

## Component Selection

## Has Two Prime Guideposts

Component selection should be guided by two dictates: (1) Choose reliable components. (2) Choose components which can be removed and replaced easily.

Beyond these principal considerations, special attention can be given to different component types.

## With Tubes-

1. Avoid selected tubes.
2. Don't use tubes in applications which require the use of parameters not controlled by procurement specifications. For example, don't use a thyratron as a noise source.
3. Orient miniature tube sockets with their gaps facing one direction to expedite tube replacement. 4. Make tubes accessible so replacing them does not require unit disassembly
4. Secure tubes and other plug-in items with posi-tive-holding clamps which are easily released.
5. Space unshielded tubes at least $1-1 / 2$ tube diam eters apart.

## With Fuses-

1. Fuse each unit of a system separately.
2. Put fuses on front panels where they can be seen and replaced without removing other parts.
3. Provide spare fuses in a convenient location.
4. Have fuses replaceable without tools.
5. Remember that fuses in unpressurized areas of aircraft cannot be replaced in flight.
6. Use indicator-type fuse holders.

## With Screws-

1. Use screws with enough tensile strength to take normal wear.
2. Don't use too many screws. If four screws will hold a plate, do not use 16 .
3. Use as few types as possible. Alternation between slotted-head and Phillips-head screws forces the repairman to dig through his tool box.
4. Where different type screws are needed, be sure they can be identified readily.
5. Use different sizes for screws with different thread to avoid screws being forced into wrong holes an stripped.
6. Use bolts which require only a few turns to be secured or loosened.
7. Use rack-mounting bolts or nuts which are semipermanently attached to rack members to avoid the need for holding both nut and bolt.

## With Mechanical Fasteners-

1. Avoid hardware requiring non-standard tools.
2. Use captive fasteners
3. Favor hand-operated fasteners which require n tools.

## With Connectors-

1. Make cables accessible.
2. Fan them out in junction boxes if other test points with the same information are not provided.

## Other Considerations Follow <br> Component Selection

After choosing and using components optimally from the maintenance viewpoint, the designer must consider other factors which play an important role.

## With Color-Coding-

1. Use vivid, attention-getting, permanent colors. 2. Use no more than 10 colors with one equipment

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3. Keep the meaning of a particular color consistent hroughout a prime equipment and its maintenance support.

## for Safety-

Provide means to disable each interlock temporarily, so equipment can be serviced with power on.
Use an indicator to show when power is on.
. Place checkpoints away from dangerous components or potentials.

1. Leave extra space around high-voltage parts.
. Don't expose hot leads on disconnected plugs and onnectors.

With Covers and Cases-

1. Mount chassis requiring frequent removal on rollbut racks or slides.
2. Have roll-out chassis lock automatically in a ervicing position.
3. Provide limit stops to prevent pulling a chassis put too far. But have units free to open their full bistance and remain open without being held
4. Design cases to be lifted from units rather than the reverse. Cases are lighter.
5. Design cases to slide easily without interfering with wiring.
b. Make the method of opening covers obvious or ttach a permanent instruction plate to the outside ff the cover.
6. Make it obvious when a cover is in place but not ecure.
7. Make ventilation holes small enough so test probes $r$ other conductors cannot be inserted inadvertently. Provide extra-large holes to pass mounting screws hrough covers or shields.
8. Make cases and covers larger than their units 0 wires and other components aren't damaged when ases are put on or taken off.
9. Use guides, guide pins, or tracks to prevent ases from cocking to one side.
10. Fasten panels, covers, and access doors with Faptive springbolts or screws, drawer bolts, trunk asteners, dogs, levers, and latches to provide quick nd easy access to interiors.
11. Design and space fasteners to be consistent with the required degree of enclosure and frequency of equired access.
12. Use the same type fastener for covers and cases In a siven equipment.
13. Use quick-acting fasteners for dust covers.
14. Use fine-threaded screws for pressurized units. 7. Iesign for only one access panel to be opened or renoving and replacing a unit.
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1. Minimize the number of controls and indicators. 2. Make all controls, knobs, switches, and dials uniform when they are used for a similar purpose. 3. Use selector switches for scales and functions rather than multinle jacks.
2. Arrange controls by order of operation.
3. Distribute tasks for both hands equally.
4. Indentify control positions unambiguously.
5. Design controls to turn in a way compatible with the usual human tendencies-clockwise for increase, counterclockwise for decrease.
6. Mount often-used controls at elbow height but have them near displays they affect, if possible.
7. When order is important, design equipment so controls will not operate unless proper sequence is followed.
8. Position knobs and settings for a particular instrument in the same place on new models.
9. Prefer less complex controls such as toggle switches, jacks and plugs, pushbuttons, and selector switches.
10. Wire toggle switches so "on" is in the upper or right-hand position, and "off" is in the lower or 1 an mition.
11. Don't require too much finger pressure on push buttons.
12. Yrovide enough spring loading so selector switches are not left between detents.
13. Design linear-control knobs, so a slight movement of the knob does not result in a disproportionately large display change and large movement of the knob does not produce a disproportionately small display change.
14. Use hand-operated knobs for frequently used controls rather than tool-operated knobs.
15. Increase the size of knobs as the force required to operate a control increases.
16. Locate maintenance controls where they can be seen and operated without disassembly or removal of any part of the installation.
17. Have maintenance controls screwdriver-adjustable, and those which are used also as operating controls knob-adjustable.
18. Keep controls away from high voltages and hot tubes.
19. Keep adjustments in a single area.
20. Use round knobs for smooth, continuous movements in operation.
21. Use bar or pointer-type knobs for detent-type switching.

## With Displays-

1. Locate displays used in system checkout so they can be observed frgm one position.
2. Mount checkout displays at proper eye height.
3. Arrange displays so an operator can't cover a display while manipulating a control.
4. If a display must be located in a difficult viewing position, provide a mirror.
5. Arrange dial elements to be coplanar to avoid parallax.
6. Have display devices providing special warnings and cautions as near as possible to parts of the equipment to which they apply, and have them indicate that they are directly usable without further corrections or interpretations.
7. Have display scales provide only the information actually needed.
8. Make the indicators on center-null displays fall out of the in-tolerance position if power fails.
9. For increasing functions, have a pointer move clockwise past a fixed scale or have a moving scale move counterclockwise past a fixed pointer.
10. Provide for pilot-lamp replacement from the front.
11. Distinguish between different scales in the same instrument.
instrument.
12. Make apertures in open-window dials wide enough to show at least two numbers.
13. Use similar scale progressions on dials on the same panel.
14. Provide displays which show when an instrument is not operating properly.
15. Use numerical scales only when a technician must have quantitative information.
16. Avoid irregular scale breakdowns.
17. Differentiate scales by color coding.
18. Label displays with the functions indicated.
19. Avoid the need for scale conversion. If arbitrary scales are essential, list necessary conversions in a table attached to the instrument.

## With Test Points-

1. Label test points clearly.
2. Indicate standards and tolerances at each test point.
3. Show location of all test points on a plate on the outside of the equipment.
4. Label test points to correspond with similar designation on schematics.
5. Label test points with the designation of the unit being tested.

## Test Equipment Planning Must Take Place Early

Early in the planning stages, the prime-equipment designer must consider the types of tests and test equipment which will be required, the maintenance procedures and materials, and the logistics support. He will have to decide whether tests should be made by general-purpose test equipment, built-in monitoring equipment, or automatic or semiautomatic-checkout equipment.

In specifying test equipment, the designer must remember that technicians often do not use certain test equipments because they believe they are inaccurate, inoperative, or difficult to operate. It is therefore essential that test-equipment design be simplified. The following measures can help.

## With Test Equipment-

1. Provide a simple method for checking the accuracy of test equipment with an auxiliary calibration instrument.
2. Build in some signal which will indicate when the equipment is functioning and when it is not.
3. Provide devices to show that a correct manipula. tion has been performed before actual testing is done.
4. Minimize the amount and variety of test equipment required by a procedure.
5. Obviate conversion of one type of reading to another, such as milliwatts to dbm.
6. Use standard test equipment at all echelons of repair.
7. Provide sturdy test equipment in square or rec tangular form, with recessed or hinged handles.
8. Provide adequate storage space for leads, adapters, and other removable items in the lid or cover 9. Have closing of the lid shut off power.
9. Provide break- and scratch-resistant windows for dials.
10. Keep dial pointers stationary while equipment is being transported.
11. Prefer selector switches to plug-in connections. 13. Where plugs are necessary in test equipment use plugs with pins that are stronger than those which would be used for regular equipment.
12. Attach test leads to test equipment permanently
13. Use shock mounts on fragile test equipment.
14. Design for eye appeal. Drab and unattractive equipments invite rougher treatment.

## Write Maintenance Manual <br> For User-Not Designer

To help the maintenance technician, each equipment should have a good maintenance manual. It should be scaled to his exact needs at each logistic level.
In general, the manual should be kept as simple as possible. Its preparation should begin if the early design stages and its developmen should parallel design progress. In its final form it should be written by a communications spe cialist in the language of the maintenance mannot the designer.

## Manual Should Include -

1. Essential test voltages and waveforms.
2. Typical performance limits
3. Typical maintenance routines.
4. Symptoms of malfunctioning equipment related to probable causes.

## Whole Must Be Accessible

## As Well As Parts

So much of designing for maintainability entails accessibility to parts of equipment that some designers, in concentrating on parts accessibility, forget over-all accessibility. Designers, in all cases, must consider the environment in which equipment must operate.
It is of little use to provide rear-access doors on an equipment which must be mounted rigidly against a wall. It is just as bad to provide access to the top of an equipment which will stand just a few inches from the roof of a van.
It may be a fine practice to mount seldom-used controls behind an access port, but the advantage is negated if the access port is too small for a hand or a tool to get into and move. - ■

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# Maintainability in Action 

HUNDREDS of features can contribute to equipment maintainability. Though almost all these features seem obvious, and though it would seem that even a modicum of "common sense" would dictate their use, truly maintainable designs stand out as exceptions rather than the rule.
Many of these design features are small points, mere details, easily overlooked in the scramble to rush an equipment into production. Presence of these details is rarely noticed. Their absence is recognized immediately by the maintenance technician whose colorful comments it might be good for the designer to hear.


Fig. 1. Swing-out door provides if shielding and dripproofing for drawer-mounted chassis in this piece of Lockheed equipment.


Fig. 2. Push-to-unlatch catches give quick access to drawer-mounted chassis.

Recent military emphasis on maintainability has prompted many manufacturers to become conscious of this discipline. Other manufacturers have been designing for maintainability for years. Results of some efforts are shown here.

## Key Feature, Accessibility,

 Embodies Other FeaturesAccessibility is probably the most important single feature in maintainable equipment. A very broad quality, it encompasses many other features. It is served by roll-out and swing-out cabinets, conveniently placed test points, open con-


Fig. 3. Chassis slides out to give top access, then tilt up for bottom access.
struction, quick-acting fasteners and coupling properly grouped controls, well designed layouts, modular construction, and a host of other design features. Examples of accessibility can be seen in virtually all maintainable equipments.

Accessibility at many levels is incorporated in a complex system designed by Lockheed Elec. tronics Co. of Plainfield, N. J. The photograph in Figs. 1 to 3 show several levels of access.

## Output Monitors Give Front-Panel Fault Warning

Richard Holmberg, manager of LEC's Ship board Electronics Dept., cites other aspects o the equipment which further improve its main tainability. Monitors, attached to the output of each pulse-circuit board, energize front-panel lights, whenever there's a malfunction. The equipment thus localizes a trouble to an indi vidual plug-in circuit board which can quickly be replaced.
On analog circuits, pulse monitors are not fective, so another approach is used. Meters are provided to monitor signals between individual modules, and test signals are provided to furthe isolate a fault to a module. A separate module tester can check every module in the system.

## Computer Like an Open Book,

Gives Rapid, Easy Access
An unusual approach to accessibility is ap parent in the PB- 250 general purpose comput manufactured by Packard Bell Electronics Cor in Los Angeles. The computer (Figs. 4 to 6) book-shaped.
Industrial designer Bernard Caminker mechanical designer Jack Peterson are respon sible for the unusual mechanical features of thi computer. In addition to these maintainability features, the machine also includes a diagnostif test routine.
For error diagnoses, a special tape is $\pi$
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through the machine and pushbuttons can select any of 13 levels of test. The machine will print out any failures and identify a specific function group responsible.
If a technician finds, for example, that an adder group is at fault, he can remove an entire group of perhaps four or more cards, replace them with spares, and test the other cards separately. To simplify this maintenance job, Packard Bell hopes to have a special card tester available in a few months.


Fig. 6. Back of book exposes connections and plug-in modules of which there are only 13 types.

Fig. 5. Computer opens to expose pages of wiring and input cables which travel up spine and branch out to logic modules.

## Book-Type Package

Serves Large Computers, Too
The book-type package can be used in large computers as well as in small ones. It is used, in fact, in one of the largest-scale, general-purpose computers available, the 1604, manufactured by Control Data Corp. of Minneapolis.
In the 1604 (Figs. 7 and 8), pages of the book are substantially larger than they would be in a small computer, and there are eight of them, each with room for 1,000 PC cards.

Mr. C. T. Casale, senior engineer responsible for the layout of the 1604, cites additional maintainability features. Scope access to every single card in the machine is provided, even with the computer operating. In the storage sections of the machine, replaceable magnetic-core arrays are located near their associated PC cards.
The storage section on each of the eight chassis is identical so maintenance personnel need learn the locations of only a small number of cards. Within each storage section, cards are grouped along the same functional lines.
Functional grouping is used throughout the computer so maintenance men rarely have to refer to diagrams. The computer console can reveal any failure in any chassis, then a built-in algorithm, the Storage Sweep mode, can be cycled through the core storage to pinpoint an ailing PC card.

## Sit or Stand to Reach

## Maintenance Controls

To further enhance accessibility and ease in fault location, the 1604 has a combined maintenance and operator's console with all necessary controls. Maintenance and operator switches, though they are separate, are positioned so they can be used from either a sitting or standing position.
Diagnostic routines and a high order of accessibility are by no means unusual in computers.
Virtually every computer manufactured in the

## Designing for Maintainability ? $\int_{0}^{a}$

Fig. 9. Only il basic modules serve entire numerical control system designed by Hughes Aircraft Co. Unusual modules have components neatly stacked in cordwood fashion and soldered in slots in plastic spacers.
past few years shows a great deal of attention to improved maintainability and reduced downtime.

## Sophisticated Routines <br> Can Pinpoint Troubles

Several sophisticated routines appear in the Mobidic computer, developed at Needham, Mass., by Sylvania's Data Systems Operations. These routines differ from most others in that,

with the aid of a special manual, they can localize a fault to a small group of transistors, or even to a single transistor. A preventive maintenance system in Mobidic can be used to force all marginally operating transistors to fail during a scheduled maintenance period.
Describing some of Mobidic's maintainability features, Joel Cohen and Lewis Whitaker point to the console. It has built-in alarm indicators
that quickly indicate certain types of machin malfunctions or program errors.

## Cordwood-Stacked Modules Instead of Printed Circuits

A departure from the conventional, PC-carl modules appears in Hughes Aircraft Co.s NC-200 numerical control system for machine tools. In this system, according to Don Davern who heads the machine-tool controls group, most components that can fail are in the logic circuits. These are packaged in modules of which there are only 11 basic types (Fig. 9), and these can be stored in a spare-parts kit.

If the machine-tool control system should stop working, even an unskilled workman can simply pull out and replace one module after another until the machine starts again. All modules are clearly labeled and keyed to the chassis.

## Accessibility Features <br> Take Many Forms

A variety of accessibility features can be seen in some of the equipment manufactured by Radio Engineering Laboratories, Inc. of Long Island City, N. Y. Figs. 10 to 14 show a number of these features, including wheel-out carriages for klystron assemblies, swing-out and lift-out doors, and some unusually simple coil supports.


Fig. 10. Receivers (above), for the Aflantic Pact, manufactured by Radio Engineering Laboratories, provide front- and rear-door access.


Fig. 11. Convenience outlets (left) on NATO communications re ceiver allow test equipment and tools to be plugged in right at working area.

Fig. 12. Stepped coil supports (right), easily turned aside with a few furns of a screwdriver, allow large coils on klystron carriage to be lowered easily, then returned to their exact original position.


Fig. 13. Entire klystron carriage (left) rides on wheels on NATO "Ace High" 10-kw power amplifiers. Tracks guide entire assembly which can be rolled in or out for maintenance.

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Plig-in modules can be used to house not only conventional electronic components, but lectromechanical components as well. The amlificr of Fig. 15 includes a number of such lug-in modules (Fig. 16). Each is secured to the hassis by two screws. The front panel has conectors for making all system interconnections s well as a convenient test-point area.
A key part of the HU2K-1 helicopter autonatic stabilization system, this particular module oncept was evolved in broad terms by the Caman Aircraft Corp. of Bloomfield, Conn., vith the final design detail and manufacturing ccomplished by John Oster Manufacturing Co. Racine, Wis.

## 9 Per Cent Plug-In

n Digital Voltmeter Series
Some rather new devices showing very close ttention to maintainability factors are the digil voltmeters manufactured by Non-Linear ystems, Inc. of Del Mar, Calif. In these meters, lug-in stepping switches can be changed in rree minutes rather than the two to twelve ours normally required. Voltage-divider decade esistors are also packaged in plug-in containers they, too, are completely interchangeable. In the Series 20 instruments (Fig. 17), four of e circuit boards are completely interchange-

g. 14. Performance-monitor panels on BMEWS comUnica ons equipment, designed by REL, are mounted h hinces which are secured through special slottings. pnel can be swung out or removed entirely.


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Fig. 15. Some of the plugin modules in this amplifier (left) contain conventional electronic circuits. Others house mechanical assemblies. Module design is joint effort of Kaman Aircraft Corp. and John Oster Manufacturing Co .

Fig. 16. A typical electro mechanical module (right) before and after being hermetically sealed.
able. A failure of any one of them does not cause the instrument to fail completely. Instead, the malfunctioning circuit board can be inserted in the least significant decade and the voltmeter can be used as a three-digit instrument rather than a four-digit instrument.
Test-equipment manufacturer Hewlett-Packard of Palo Alto, Calif., has several approaches to improving maintainability. In each equipment, H-P lays out components to assure accessibility. Internal controls required for periodic maintenance and/or recalibration are grouped and clearly identified.
Infrequently used controls are normally not accessible to the operator. This reduces the possibility of accidental or unintentional adjustment. Frequently used calibration controls are often grouped behind access doors so the instrument can be calibrated without being removed from its cabinet.


Fig. 17. More than 99 per cent of the components on this Non-Linear Systems digital voltmeter are on plug-in modules. Even the digital readout snaps out for easy lamp replacement.

H-P also provides manuals with very thorough maintenance information and troubleshooting procedures.

## Different Techniques Needed <br> For Different Requirements

Mr. R. E. Young, electronics manager at Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft Ltd. of Coventry, England, reports on a number of techniques used to improve equipment maintainability. The "open" construction illustrated in Fig. 18 maximizes access to components. The standard base on which the components are mounted also serves as an excellent heat sink.
Of course, where high component density is a paramount consideration, this approach is not satisfactory; the one shown in Fig. 19 is better. Here, specific functions are isolated within appropriate equipment blocks which are easily withdrawn from a larger assembly. The isolation helps eliminate undesirable interaction between circuits during tuning and adjustment.
In this Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft equipment, each module is laid out to protect vulnerable parts from damage during service. Thus, when a module is placed on its side for service, it will rest on a pair of pillars or on a sturdy, metal-cased capacitor.

## Patchboard Test-Point Area

## Provides Circuit Nerve Center

Engineers at Hagan Chemicals \& Controls, Inc. in Pittsburgh rely heavily on the use of modular construction to improve maintainability. Each module has a patchboard (Fig. 20), with test points wired to important circuit junctions.

Product-engineering manager, Robert Nelson, points to an additional advantage of these access points in an analog control system. For special system requirements, they can be wired to ex-
ternal relays or switches to provide addition circuit flexibility.
In the Hagan equipment, the use of acue points is carried over to a system nerve cent (Fig. 21), where interconnections between opa ational-amplifier modules, panel-control station transducers, and final control elements ar


Fig. 18. Airy, open construction in this Armstro Whitworth Aircraft Ltd. uhf receiver makes everythir easy to get at. But component density is low.


Fig. 19. For higher component densities, AWA isoled functions to specific plug-in blocks.
brought to another patchboard. There, each module is identified by a number and each wire by a letter.

## Centralized Nerve Center

In Pull-Out Drawer
A particularly convenient application of the "nerve-center" approach appears in MinneapolisHoneywell's load and frequency-control system. All critical test and calibration points in this system are brought out to a single, pull-out drawer (Fig. 22), providing a centralized, accessible, test area. The Honeywell system also uses plug-in modules for all major components of the system.

## Expendable Module Concept To Lower Operation Cost

The plug-in module has become an accepted feature in a vast array of equipments in the past few years. It was popular even before great emphasis centered on maintainability. But with the growing emphasis on maintainability, a new ype module has come to be recognized, and vith it, a new philosophy has come to receive more and more serious attention.
In about 1 cu-in., the new type module is, of course, the expendable one-designed to be hrown away if it should fail. Lear, Inc. of Grand Rapids, Mich., has designed such a module-a hermetically sealed, oil-filled, throw-away modfle with components mounted on a flexible pc poard (Fig. 23).
Roy Malarik, responsible for the design of the ear module, points out that the most complex f these standard modules, a seven-transistor mplifier, has a predicted mean time to failure of 200 hr and a price of about $\$ 180$. These charcteristics compare very favorably with the opmum module size proposed by the National Bueau of Standards. ${ }^{\circ}$
The NBS study, considering only vacuumibe modules, concluded that an optimum exendable module should have from four to eight ibes; it should have an average mean time etween failures of 1,000 to $2,000 \mathrm{hr}$; and it nould cost between $\$ 95$ and $\$ 185$.

## aried Approaches

## - Power-Supply Design

That there are different approaches to maininability is apparent in the power supplies

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Fig. 20. Chassis patchboard gives access to important circuit junctions in this piece of equipment designed by Hagan Chemicals \& Controls.


Fig. 21. System patchboard serves as nerve center for entire equipment.
designed by two manufacturers-Mid-Eastern Electronics, Inc. of Springfield, N. J., and Victory Electronics, Inc. of Westbury, N. Y.
Mid-Eastern, a test-equipment manufacturer who made no power supplies, conducted a survey and learned that power-supply users were complaining. They objected to the fact that if something went wrong in a power supply, it was extremely difficult to troubleshoot the unit since parts layout was awkward and parts were inaccessible. The power-supply users also complained about the use of balanced amplifiers with selected transistors.
In response, Mid-Eastern provided a line of 19 power supplies using pre-assembled, standard, plug-in modules (Fig. 24). Three of the modules are interchangeable for all models in the series. Five other modules can be used for a variety of different voltage-current combinations. The entire series uses identical color coding.
Since there are no selected parts in the units, and since they all are designed along identical
lines, a technician who learned to repair any model could easily repair all 19.

## Power Supply in Two Parts

To Reduce Down Time
A somewhat simpler approach to power-supply design appears in the supplies manufactured by Victory Electronics. Reasoning that the basic power supply, with a transformer, choke, and silicon diodes is quite reliable, and that elements for close regulation-transistors and feedback circuitry-are less reliable, Victory designed two separate units.

A basic supply provides 1 per cent regulation. A separate regulator, for 0.25 per cent regulation or one for 0.05 per cent regulation, can be mounted on the basic supply without any change of wiring. Both basic supply and external regulator can be operated independently.

By separating the more complex regulator from the basic supply, Victory feels that maintainability is enhanced.

## Flat-Tray Chassis

## Simplify Component Testing

Another approach to accessibility appears the marine radio-telephone equipment manu factured by Pearce-Simpson, Inc. of Miami. E gineers at Pearce-Simpson design all chassis 2 basically flat trays. They never use deep chass as designers at the company feel that deep cha sis invariably cover up many components an make testing and replacement difficult if no well-nigh impossible.
In component placement, they try to avoi layer construction. But where they must cov one component with another, they make th more reliable component the one which is more inaccessible.

## Integral Units Needed <br> In Individual Subassemblies

At Shepherd Industries, Inc. in Nutley, N. the concept of individual subassemblies is us


Fig. 22. Centralized test and calibration area, mounted on a pull-out drawer, serves as nerve center in Minneapolis-Honeywell control system.


Fig. 23. Lear's expendable module, with flexible PC board, has all input, output, and reference signals conveniently available for maintenance at the header. The I cu-in. module is available with several basic configurations.


Fig. 24. Basic modules can be used in 19 different power supplies designed by MidEastern Electronics.


Fig. 25. Integrated, individual sub-ossi blies fit together easily in Shepherd dustries' tape transports.
in the design of tape transports. But in the Shi pherd equipment, each subassembly must constitute an integral unit as shown in Fig. 25. Most subassemblies in the tape transport are easily removed by releasing a connector and unscrewing four bolts. Test points are located on PC boards with their associated circuitry.
An important feature cited by William Murphy, manager of electronic circuit development, is the close-tolerance spacing from the mounting surface of magnetic heads to the first track. If it ever becomes necessary to replace a head, it is necessary only to unplug and unscrew the old head and replace it with a new one. In most cases, no adjustment is necessary to align the head on the transport.

## Large, Round-the-Clock Systems Need Special Features

Large systems, especially those which must operate on a round-the-clock basis, often require special maintenance features not necessary with systems designed for intermittent operation. One example is the Air Traffic Control Beacon Ground Station designed by Telecomputing Corp. in Hollywood.
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In addition, small components, terminals of large components, test points, and adjustments are accessible when the front door of the unit is opened. Small components are mounted on vertical terminal boards that swing 45 deg to the right or left to improve access in the equipment. All wiring is color-coded and symbol designations of all components are marked adjacent to the components.

## Common Features

Mark All Maintenance Units
To the extent that any equipment is designed for maintainability, it will share certain features with all other such equipments. If not in the details, then certainly in the broad concept, each will show attention to the needs of the maintenance man.
From the broadest viewpoint, these needs reduce to two-the need to localize faults quickly and the need to put a system back in operation qui kly. The success of any maintainability effort can be measured by these two yardsticks. - ■

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## Designing for Maintainability



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## Check List of 241 Design Features For Maintainable Equipment

IN "NO TIME-BASE Needed in Signal Corps Maintainability Specifications," (p 58), author Robert Redfern cites the key role played by a check list of design features for maintainable electronic equipment.
Implicit in Mr. Redfern's approach is the concept that it is a lot easier to determine, for example, if all displays can be observed from one position, than it is to measure the average time required by a technician with average skills to localize an average fault and to effect an average repair under average environmental conditions. And the more easily obtained results are more meaningful and more useful in arriving at
an evaluation of the maintainability of a given equipment.

With the kind permission of the copyright holders, American Institute for Research, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Electronic Design is pleased to present this checklist. It is taken from a research report, "Development of an Index of Electronic Maintainability," authored by M. R. Munger and M. P. Willis, and prepared by AIR for the U. S. Army Signal Material Support Agency
The editors of Electronic Design feel that this check list should prove of great value to all electronics engineers who must design equipment for maintainability.

## Displays and Controls

1. Are all displays in equipment checkout located so they can be observed from one position?
2. On units with operator's display, are maintenance displays behind an access door on the operator's panel?
3. On units without an operator's panel, are maintenance displays on an accessible face of the equipment?
4. Are all displays located so they can be observed without disassembling or removing any portion of the installation?
5. Do labels tell which block in the block diagram of the equipment is being monitored?
6. Do labels tell what function is displayed rather than just what electrical characteristic is indicated?
7. Do display scales give only information needed by the maintenance technician?
8. Where center-null displays are used, is the circuit designed so the indicator will not rest in the in-tolerance position if power fails?
9. Are moving-pointer, fixed-scale indicators used for displays for adjustment procedures?
10. Are all-or-none type displays used when they will convey sufficient information?
11. Are numerical scales used only when the maintenance technician needs quantitative information?
12. Do display scales show the tolerance band as well as correct reading? Tolerance band should be shown as a single, center-scale colored area.
13. If arithmetic must be applied to measured data, are decimal transformation factors provided (in the manual or on the equipment) to simplify the calculations?
14. Do display scales have only enough graduations to give the required accuracy without interpolation becoming necessary?
15. Are special calibration points provided either on the dial face or on a separate overlay if the edges and midpoint of the tolerance range are not sufficient for accurate calibration?
16. Do loud auditory signals supplement telelights for displays that are not constantly monitored when it is important to note changes in their indications immediately?
17. Do indicators provide immediate adjustment information during the adjustment procedure?
18. Are all adjustment controls located on a single panel?
19. Are all controls located where they can be seen and operated without disassembling or removing any part of the installation?
20. Are front-panel maintenance controls covered by an access door?
21. Are controls placed on the panel in the order in which they normally are used?
22. Are controls numbered in the sequence of their operation when they are used in a fixed procedure?
23. Do knobs for precision settings have about $2-$ in. in diameter?
24. Do labels state the function of the controls?
25. Are control-position markings descriptive rather than coded?
26. Are scales on controls fine enough to give only required accuracy?
27. Do controls move smoothly except at detents?
28. Do multiposition selector switches have sufficient spring loading so a switch cannot be left between detents inadvertently?
29. Are push-buttons spring-loaded so they do nct produce inconvenient pressure against the finger?
30. Do tool-operated controis take a screwdrive or other medium-size tool?
31. Does each step in adjustment procedure re quire only one control to obtain an in-tolerance indication?
32. Are all related displays and controls put on the same panel?
33. Is each display placed so it can be read ac: curately and conveniently while the control is operated?
34. Are display labels and control labels corre lated so the display label suggests which controls affect the reading?
35. When large display movements are required are they obtained through small control movements?
36. When fine adjustments are required, are they obtained through large control movements?
37. Where a precise setting in a wide range of display movement is required, is a coarse-fine control provided?

## External Accessibility

1. Are maintenance accesses installed on equip ment faces that will be accessible when the equipment is installed?
2. Is each access labeled uniquely so each one can be clearly named in job instructions?
3. Does each access label indicate the items which are accessible?
4. Does each access label indicate what auxiliary equipment is to be used at the access?
5. Does each access label indicate the recommended time period for performing maintenance operations?
6. Is a transparent cover or a quick-opening metal cover used for visual-inspection?
7. Are access openings without covers used where they are not likely to impair performance?
8. Are hinged doors used instead of cover plates held by screws?
9. If there is insufficient space for opening hinged doors, are cover plates with captive quick-opening fasteners used?
10. Are no more than four screws used in screwfastened access plates?
11. On hinged access doors, is there some means to hold the door open?
12. Are all units and parts labeled fully?
13. Are parts, such as resistors, capacitors and tubes, marked with relevant information about their electrical characteristics?
14. Is each terminal labeled with the same code symbol as the wire attached to it?
15. Are labels etched or embossed into the components or chassis rather than painted or stamped on the surface?
16. Are labels visible?
17. Is the color code explicit in job instructions and/or on a panel of the color-coded equipment?
18. Is the meaning of a particular color consistent for a given application (resistor, capacitor, wiring)?
19. Do color-coded markings resist chipping, and are they located away from points of physical wear?
20. Is each wire labeled uniquely to facilitate tracing?
21. Is there an overload indicator for each major component even if it may be desirable to keep overloaded circuits operating?
22. Are capacitors and other parts that retain heat ir voltage after the equipment is turned off located where technicians are not likely to touch them while changing parts such as tubes?
23. Are internal controls such as switches and adjustment screws located away from high voltages?
24. If screwdriver adjustments must be made blind, are the screw shafts vertical so the screwdriver will not fall out of the slot?
25. Are screwdriver guides provided on adjustment points near high voltages?
26. Are controls located away from high-voltage points and hot tubes?
27. Are internal displays lighted when necessary? 28. Are units that frequently must be pulled out for checking mounted on roll-out racks, slides, or hinges?
28. Are stops always provided on roll-out racks and drawers to prevent their being dropped?
29. Is it easy to override stops for replacement of racks and drawers?
30. Can units in drawers and slide-out racks be pulled out without breaking electrical connections?
31. Are units and assemblies positioned so replacing one unit does not require removing other units for access?
32. Are parts mounted in an orderly array on a two-dimensional surface and not stacked on one another?
33. Are parts mounted on one side of a surface and associated wiring (including printed or soldered circuits) on the other side?
34. Are easily damaged components (such as miniature tubes) mounted so they are protected from damage?
35. Are parts such as resistors, capacitors, tube sockets, etc., mounted on subassemblies rather than on the unit's chassis?
36. Are all replaceable parts made accessible by fold-out construction or other special construction techniques when necessary?
37. When fold-out construction is used, are parts and wiring positioned to prevent damage when the assembly is opened or closed?
38. Are hinged assemblies braced or otherwise held in the "out" position while they are being repaired?
39. Are easily damaged conductors such as waveguides, high-frequency cables, or insulated highvoltage cables protected?
40. Are field-replaceable units independently mounted to the housing and not to each other so only the unit to be replaced need be moved?

## Test Points

1. Are test points accessible?
2. Are internal test points clustered where they will be most accessible when installed?
. Are test points located so parts of equipment do not impede access to them?
3. Are test points grouped conveniently for sequential checking?

Is each test point labeled uniquely?
6. Is each test point labeled with the proper signal
(with tolerance limits) that should be measured there? Does each test-point label indicate the unit whose output is available at the test point?

Are test points color-coded so they can be eas ly located?

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can be read in very low illumination?
10. If maintenance procedures require a test probe to remain connected to a test point without being held by the technician, does the test point have a quick-disconnect fastener?
11. Is there an exposed test point at the input and output of each group of major units?
12. Is there an accessible test point at the input and output for each major unit or assembly?
13. Are there test points for the direct check of all replaceable parts?
14. Is there an accessible test point at the input and output of each circuit or stage?
15. Are cables "fanned out" in junction boxes for checking if standard test points are not provided? 16. For non-permanent connections, do test leads require only a fraction of a turn for attachment to prime equipment receptacles?
17. Are test points located close to the controls and displays used with these test points?
18. Is each test point used in an adjustment procedure associated with only one adjustment control?
19. Does the signal available at each test point indicate clearly when the associated control is in the required position?
20. Is the test point located so the technician at the control can read the signal available at the test point?
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1. Can units that are difficult to connect when mounted be moved to a more convenient position for connecting and disconnecting their cables?
2. Are cables long enough so each functioning unit can be checked in a convenient place?
3. Are cable harnesses designed so they can be fabricated in a shop or factory and installed as a unit?
4. Are cables routed so they cannot be pinched by doors, lids, etc.?
5. Are cables routed so they will not be walked on or used for hand holds?
6. Are cables routed so they are accessible to the technician and are not under floor boards or behind panels that are difficult to remove?
7. Are cables routed so they need not be bent sharply when connected or disconnected?
8. Can cables with attached connectors pass easily through walls, bulkheads, etc.?
9. Do plugs and receptacles have painted arrows or other indications to show proper position of keys for aligning pins?
10. Are plugs and their corresponding receptacles coded alike?
11. Can plugs be quickly disconnected?
12. Are the pins in each plug clearly identified?
13. Are plugs designed so it is impossible to insert atiy plug in the wrong receptacle?
14. Do aligning pins or keys extend beyond electrical pins?
15. Are unkeyed, symmetrical arrangements of aligning pins avoided?
16. Are plugs having a self-locking safety catch used instead of plugs that must be safety-wired?
17. When a portion of the equipment is removable, does the cable connecting the removable portion to the rest of the equipment have a plug and receptacle that will disconnect before the cable breaks?
18. Is the equipment designed so receptacles are "hot" and the plugs are "cold" when disconnected? 19. Are cables connected to equipment by plugs and receptacles rather than by pigtailing?
19. Are field-replaceable assemblies and subassemblies plug-in rather than solder connected?
20. Can connectors be reached easily for replacement or repair?
21. Does the design of connectors prevent electrical contacts from being short-circuited by external objects?
22. Are connectors located far enough apart so they can be grasped firmly?
23. Are terminals for soldering far enough apart so work on one terminal does not damage neighboring terminals or other parts?
24. Are terminals and other connections for soldering long enough so insulation and other surrounding materials are not burned by the soldering iron?
25. Are U-lugs used rather than O-lugs?
26. Are connectors designed to prevent excessive tightening?
27. Are connectors for auxiliary equipment designed so no tools are required for their operation? 29. If tools must be used to operate connectors, are standard hand tools sufficient?
28. Do connectors for auxiliary equipment operate in a fraction of a turn or with quick snap action?
29. Is no more than one full turn of a connector required to connect test equipment to a test point? 32. Can wires be unsoldered and removed from lugs without damaging the lugs?

## Internal Accessibility

1. Is accessibility to parts impeded by large parts that are difficult to remove?
2. Are components placed so there is sufficient space to use a test probe, soldering iron, and other tools without difficulty?
3. Are units placed so structural members do not prevent access to them?
4. Are components placed so all throw-away assemblies or parts are accessible without removing other components?
5. Is equipment designed so it is not necessary to remove any assembly from a major unit for troubleshooting?
6. Can screwdriver-operated controls be adjusted with the handle clear of obstructions?
7. Are units laid out so maintenance technicians nee.l not retrace their movements during checking? If field-maintenance procedures require tube replicement, is it possible to do this without removing units?
© Are units placed so tubes can be replaced without emoving assemblies and subassemblies?
1). Are units placed so resistors, capacitors, wiring,

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etc., do not interfere with tube replacement?
11. Are all miniature tube sockets oriented with the gap facing one way?
12. Where tubes must be inserted through small accesses, is there an external indication of the proper position insertion (such as, matching stripes or dot on the tube or plug top and on the cabinet)?
13. Are all fuses located so they can be seen and replaced without the necessity of removing other parts or subassemblies?
14. Are fuse assemblies designed and placed so $\mathrm{n}_{0}$ tools are required for replacing a fuse?
15. Do edges of accesses have internal fillets rubber, fiber, or plastic to protect the technician hands or arms?
16. Are there safety interlocks on accesses tha lead to high-voltage equipment?
17. Do access openings permit the most direc possible access?
18. Is sufficient room provided for the various tasks performed on the equipment with one hand? 19. Is enough room provided for tasks requiring insertion of two hands and two arms through the access?
20. If the technician must see what he is doing inside the equipment, does the access provide enough room for hands or arms and for an adequate view?
21. Are irregular extensions such as bolts, tables. waveguides, and hoses easily removed before the unit is handled?
22. Do access doors have whatever shape is neces sary to permit passage of necessary components and implements?
23. Are units removable from the installation along a straight or moderately curved line?
24. Are heavy units (more than 25 lb ) within normal reach of a technician?
25. Are provisions made for supporting units while they are being removed or installed?
26. Are there rests or stands on which units cat be set to prevent damage to delicate parts?
27. Is a special guide tool attached to the access when an adjustment control under the access would otherwise be difficult or dangerous to locate?
28. If the technician must work on the equipmen with the power on, is a cheater switch provided that automatically resets when the access is closed?

## Cases

1. Do fasteners for assemblies and subassemblies fasten or unfasten in a maximum of one completo turn?
2. If bolts are used, is the number of turns re quired to tighten or loosen them minimized (les than about 10 turns)?
3. When tool-operated fasteners are necessary, do these fasteners require only standard hand tools?
4. Are combination head mounting bolts that hav a deep internal slot and hexagonal head used?
5. Do all bolts requiring high torques have an external hexagonal head?
6. Are mounting bolts made semi-permanently captive (for example by providing snap-on collars)? 7. Are mounting bolts and fasteners clearly labeled as such?
7. Are screws with different threads made in different sizes to prevent their being forced into the wrong holes and consequently stripped?
8. Are the heads of mounting bolts and fasteners unobstructed by nearby components or structural members?
9. Are only standard hand tools used in replacing assemblies and units?
10. Are guide pins always provided on units and assemblies for alignment during mounting?
11. Are the holes in covers and shields through which mounting screws must pass to the basic chassis large enough so a screw can pass even without perfect alignment?
12. Are cases designed so they can be lifted off units rather than units lifted out of cases?
13. Are cases made enough larger than the units they cover so that wires and other components will not be damaged when the cases are put on and removed?
14. Are guides and tracks provided to help prevent cases from tilting?
15. When the edge of a case must be slid over rubber stripping or other sealing material, does the sealing material adhere tightly enough so it does not buckle or tear, damaging the seal or jamming the case?
16. Is the method of opening a cover obvious? If not, is an instruction plate attached to the outside of the cover?
17. Do covers and cases have rounded corners and edges for safety?
18. Is it obvious when a cover is not in place and not secure?
19. Are no more than six fasteners used to secure a case?
20. Are the same size fasteners used for all covers and cases on a given piece of equipment?
21. Do covers and cases have their own stock reference in the event they must be replaced?
22. Are ventilation holes in covers made small enough so test probes or other conductors cannot be inserted inadvertently and touch high-voltage sources?
23. Do units weighing more than 10 lb have convenient handles to facilitate removing, replacing. or carrying?
24. Are handles provided on small, light units that otherwise would be difficult to grasp, remove, or hold without gripping delicate components? 26. Are handles provided on covers to facilitate holding the cover and carrying the unit?
25. Are handles placed over the center of gravity of units so they do not tip when being lifted or carried?
26. Are handles the technician must grip firmly at least 4-1/2 in. high and 2 in . deep?
${ }^{24}$. Are handles and grips comfortable?
27. Are handles and grips placed where they are not ikely to catch on other units, wiring or structura members?
3) Do heavy units have recessed grips near the bac) to facilitate handling? (continued on p 56)

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## Lubricants and Tools

1. Has a lubrication schedule been made for all lubrication requirements?
2. Can lubrication requirements be satisfied by standard lubricants listed in SB-38-5-3?
3. Are lubrication points provided if lubrication is required?
4. Are lubrication points plainly identified?
5. Are lubrication points accessible?
6. Can lubrication be applied with standard tools and devices?
7. Can mechanical components such as gear trains be lubricated without disassembly, or are they designed so that they do not require lubrications?
8. Is the equipment accompanied by a comprehensive list of tools needed for all maintenance tasks?
9. Have tools been specified to cover all maintenance procedures?
10. If special tools are required have they been provided with the equipment?
11. Is each of the tools provided adequate?
12. Are tools that must be used near high voltages adequately insulated where the technician is likely to touch them?
13. When screws must be rotated through many revolutions are speed tools provided if downward force on the equipment will not be harmful?
14. Do screwdrivers have clips to hold free screws that cannot be held easily with the fingers?
15. Do screwdrivers for small-sized adjustment screws have funnel-like shields that aid placement on the adjustment point and prevent slipping of?

## Manuals

1. Are check lists provided for routine procedures?
2. If it is necessary to adjust controls with inter acting effects, is a step-by-step procedure provided for alternate adjustments?
3. Is step-by-step instruction rather than a narra tive paragraph format used to detail maintenance procedures?
4. Are tables and charts used whenever data can be organized in tabular form?
5. Are measurement data referenced to the meas. urement procedures to be used?
6. Can relationships and interconnections between circuits and between units be determined easily on the schematic diagram?
7. Are waveforms and voltages indicated on the diagram?
8. Do drawings and photographs in the manual adequately identify the physical features of the equipment to facilitate location?
9. Is nomenclature used consistently in the manuals and does it correspond with markings on the equipment?
10. Is information provided in the manual about the required signal characteristics and tolerances at each test point?

## Test Equipment

1. Are instructions for using test equipment writ ten in step-by-step format?
2. Is a signal provided that shows when test equipment is warmed up?
3. If it is not feasible to use such a signal, is the warm-up time required clearly indicated near the warm-up switch?
4. Is there a simple check to indicate when test equipment is out of calibration or is otherwise malfunctioning?
5. Are useful data presented directly on test equip ment displays, rather than data which require multiplication or other manipulation?
6. If manipulation of display values is required, are conversion tables provided for the user on the test equipment?

7 If it is not feasible to provide a conversion table, is the transformation factor indicated beside each switch position or display scale that uses the factor?
8. When more than one scale must be viewed, are they and their associated control knobs clearly differentiated by labeling and color coding?
9. Are selector switches provided on test equipment instead of plug-in connections?
10. Are there devices such as circuit breakers and fuses that will prevent damage if the wrong switch or jack position is used?
11. Are there devices such as warning lights, power switches that open automatically when the test-equipment lid is closed, and written warnings that insure the test equipment's being turned off after use?
12. Are the purposes of the tester and cautions in its use indicated on its outer surface?
13. Is there a label on every item the technician must recognize, read or manipulate?
14. Are the outer case and removable parts of items of test equipment clearly labeled using official nomenclature?
15. When adaptors must be used, are they a part of the test-equipment removable items?
16. Are storage compartments for accessories fastened?
17. Is portable test equipment rectangular for convenient storage?
18. Are handles on the outside case of portable test equipment recessed or hinged so they do not take up excessive storage space?
19. Is adequate storage space provided in the lid or cover of test equipment for storing removable items such as leads and adaptors?
20. Are proper locations for the items that go into the storage space indicated?
21. Is there provision in the lid or a special compartment for storing instructions for using the test eqtiipment?
22. Are normal plugs used to connect test equipment and/or bench mock-ups to the outputs and inputs of field replaceable units?
3. Have intercomponent cables been provided to elininate a mock-up?

1. Is a newly designed mock-up specified only wh $n$ there is no currently produced mock-up that cals be adapted for use?
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# No Time-Base Needed In Signal Corps Maintainability Specifications 



Robert Redfern, who was an engineer with the Signal Corps for 16 years, has spent most of the past three years developing maintainability criteria for Signal Corps communications-electronic equipment.

An associate member of the EIA Sub-Committee on Maintainability and of the Task Group on Measurement, Reporting, and Evaluation Techniques, he has played a very important role in developing a detailed, objective procedure for evaluating equipment maintainability during the development cycle. He gives credit for this procedure to American Institute for Research, which developed it under a Signal Corps study contract and which holds a copyright on other than U.S. Government use.

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T- HE SIGNAL CORPS has an answer to the challenge of specifying and measuring maintainability. A three-fold approach, it establishes a quantitative maintainability requirement for equipment types, specifies the quantitative value of design features, and provides the method for measuring degree of attainment.
Without relying on hard-to-measure time, the approach deals exclusively with the equipment design or configuration on the premise that, in terms of a development program or contract, hardware is the only facet the designer can control. A corollary Signal Corps program is aimed at improving the military maintenance system to support the maintainable equipment.
Any quantitative measure of maintainability should consider all facets affecting equipment maintenance; it should be readily understood by all levels of technical and semi-technical personnel; and it should be quickly computable without recourse to lengthy computation.
A measure should provide a clear-cut yardstick by which the worth of an item of equipment, from the standpoint of maintainability,

[^2]can be evaluated objectively.
Such a measure should provide the basis for maintainability specifications of a precise, definitive nature which permits a more exacting control over the kind of equipment procured for military use. In addition, a maintainability index should provide equipment designers and developers with a means of checking on the quality, as far as maintenance goes, of their design plans. For these measures or scores to be meaningful, it is necessary to establish minimum acceptable scores for each factor.

## Bibliography Shows Wide,

## Confusing Variety of Definition

A survey of existing maintainability bibliography reveals a confusing variety of definitions of maintainability indicative of the variety of concepts engendered by the peculiarities of the missions of each sponsoring service or agency. Indicative of the variety are the following:

1. Department of Defense defined maintainability as "a quality of the combined features and characteristics of equipment design which permits or enhances the accomplishment of maintenance by personnel of average skills, under natural and environmental conditions in which it will operate."
2. AGREE (Advisory Group on Reliability of Electronic Equipment) coined the following: "Maintainability is defined as the reciprocal of
mean net time to repair failures, where both failures and repairs take place under specified simulated field conditions."
3. RCA, under contract AF 30(602)1623, sponsored by Rome Air Development Center (RADC) said: "Maintainability is the average man-hour requirement rate for all maintenance performed per unit of equipment complexity, with existing personnel under the specified environmental and usage conditions."
4. American Institute for Research, under RADC Project No. 7502, Wright Air Development Center (WADC) Task No. 71502 stated: "Maintainability is a function of the rapidity and ease with which maintenance operations can be performed to help prevent malfunctions or correct them if they occur."
5. The Navy developed a maintainability formula based on down-time for corrective and preventive maintenance related to an average at-sea period.
6. Enticingly concise is the definition proposed by Capt. J. L. P. McCallum of the Navy's Bureau of Weapons: "Maintainability is the ease with which the device can be kept operating."
Each of these definitions provides a concep of maintainability directly related to the approach or field of interest of the sponsoring organization. None, however, provides the basis for evolving a quantitative measure of the maintainability of the hardware product at the point
of emergence from development. Indeed, somt eren contain terms which, in themselves, raise pioblems of definition.

To establish a basis for expressing the Signal Corps concept of maintainability a new definition was evolved, expressed as "the degree of facility with which an equipment can be retained in, or restored to, serviceable operation. It is a function of parts accessibility, internal configuration, use and repair environment, and the resultant time, tools, and training required to effect maintenance."

## Mainfenance Tasks

Broken Down to Job Segments
The basic step in developing an index is to identify the elements of the general term "maintenance." The job segments, or elements, are broken down as follows:

1. Checking (preventive and corrective). (a) Inspections, (b) Control checks, (c) Test equipment checks.
2. Adjusting (preventive and corrective). (a) Mechanical adjustments, (b) Electrical adjustments.
3. Servicing. (a) Lubricating, (b) P.eplenishing, (c) Changing.
4. Troubleshooting. (a) To major unit, (b) To sub-unit, (c) To part.
5. Replacing (preventive and corrective). (a) Major units, (b) Sub-units, (c) Parts.
6. Repairing.

Each of these maintenance elements is affected, to varying degrees, by the factors of equipment design and the conditions of use. The illustration portrays the interaction of the factors of design and conditions of use upon the elements of maintenance.

## 'Maintenance Consequence Areas' <br> Reveal Poor Maintainability

To establish the relationship between design features and conditions of use, the concept of "maintenance consequence areas" was developed. A maintenance consequence is defined as the way in which inadequate design for maintainability affects maintenance load and operations, or mission accomplishment. Analysis of all identified consequences results in consolidation into five primary consequence areas, namely:

1. Equipment down-time -the time required 10 perform preventive and corrective maintenance which prevents operation of the equipment during a period of scheduled operation. This total time does not include maintenance ag time, which is the time lost due to unavailbility of parts, personnel, etc. Down-time is sene ally expressed in terms of equipment hours. 2. Maintenance time-the total time required 0 carry out all preventive and corrective main-

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tenance actions. This total time is expressed in terms of man-hours.
3. Logistics requirements-the demands made on the logistics system in terms of tools, parts, personnel, facilities, etc., to support maintenance.
4. Equipment damage-the probability that damage to the equipment will result during the act of performing normal maintenance actions.
5. Personnel injury-the probability of injury to maintenance personnel during performance of normal maintenance actions.
These maintenance consequence areas are not completely independent variables. There is considerable interaction among the five areas. The exact nature of this interaction, however, depends on the specific equipment and its maintenance support.

## Five Consequence Areas

## Show Equipment Maintainability

It is necessary to use all five consequence areas adequately to describe the effects of de-
signed maintainability on a particular maintenance situation. The five consequence areas provide, in effect, a profile of maintainability.

By using this consequence-area approach, the relationship of design features to the field requirement for maintainability can be developed. This is done by comparing the degree of consequence, or score, resulting from the absence of specific design features, with the tolerance the field has for meeting the resultant consequences, expressed as a design standard.

## Time-Based Index

## Has Many Drawbacks

At this point we note the significant departure in the Signal Corps method of measuring maintainability from other proposed methods, and from the reliability approach.

Time is the prime element in determining reliability and this same element is the basic factor in practically all other approaches to the measurement of maintainability. The measurement of time in relation to maintenance, however, has many limitations or drawbacks, namely:

1. Time to effect a sample repair in the laboratory environment cannot reflect the multiplicity of field conditions that combine to degrade that measurement.
2. There is no determinable "average" condition or environment under which one can time maintenance actions.


Strong inferrelationship exists between design factors, maintenance job elements, and maintenance conditions for any equipment.
3. There is no "average skilled" personnel representative of the wide range of "butchers and bakers turned technicians" who must perform field maintenance under a wide variety of constraints.
4. There is no known "average" time for simu lating time required to assemble the tools, test equipment, parts, etc., required to effect any sample failure repair under the wide variety of field maintenance and logistics conditions.
5. The sample of repairs used to demonstrate the time element is normally based on the most common and repetitive types of failures revealed by experience. A determination of high main. tainability based on this sample does not reveal the possibility of very low grade maintainability resulting from random failures of unsampled items which may be induced by new design con cepts, new circuit applications, unfamiliar skill requirements, side effects of other repairs, and other stresses too numerous to mention.
6. Time, as an element to be measured, re quires the expenditure of time in effecting the trial or test, thus contributing considerable delay time at the end of the development cyct if maintainability acceptance is to be deter mined before going into production. The alter native is to barge into production and mak an after-the-fact determination of maintainabil ity by the compilation of data logs. This is ob viously unacceptable since it does not preclude introducing a maintenance problem in the field

## 241 Design Features Affect

## Equipment Maintainability

The first task is to identify those design fea tures which affect or influence the maintainabil ity of equipment. This resulted in a listing of 24 features, applicable to communications-elec tronic equipment, which were general enough to be pertinent to the variety of equipment typed involved and yet specific enough to allow posi tive determination as to whether the feature had been incorporated in a specific equipment. ${ }^{\circ}$
These design features were submitted to many experienced field-maintenance personnel whid rated each feature on a five point scale indicat ing its relative importance in each of the conse quence areas. These relative values, from 0 to provide the "weighting factor" for each desige feature by which the equipment can be rav scored. Estimates of reliability of the relatin importance of the different features were com puted and results showed a high degree of con fidence in the reliability of the assigned weight
The design features were arranged in nit design-factor groupings for sequencing equir,

[^3] of 241 Design Features for Maintainable Equipment."
$m \cdot n t$ evaluation and providing rapid readout of the areas in which an equipment was weak or strong from a maintainability viewpoint.
The nine design-factor areas are (1) displays and controls, (2) external accessibility, (3) test points, (4) cables and connectors, (5) internal accessibility, (6) cases, (7) lubricants and tools, (8) manuals, and (9) test equipment.
Design feature scores are computed for each design-factor area as well as for each of the five consequence areas. To standardize the scoring in each of these areas the scores are converted to a base of 100 . To convert the total raw scores, the total "yes" (indicating presence of the design feature in the equipment) scores are divided by the total "yes" scores plus the total "no" scores. The result is multiplied by 100 to eliminate the decimal. All design features not applicable to the specific equipment being evaluated are eliminated from consideration in the scoring.

## Maintainability Scores

Can Relate to User's Requirements
For the scores obtained under this or any other procedure to be significant, they must relate to a requirement, or standard, representing the user's minimum acceptable maintainability requirements.
To obtain these standards a questionnaire was administered to a comprehensive crosssection of command personnel who expressed their requirements on a hundred-point scale for each consequence area under six different equipment family-type groupings.

## Weighting Factors

Help Engineer Evaluate Trade-Of
Having acquired a means for measuring maintainability, it became possible to establish a technical requirement, or specification, of maintainability in precise, definitive, and quantitative terms. Even more important it became possible to delineate specific design features which would enhance the maintainability of the product.
The weighting factors for each feature give the design engineer valuable guidance when it becomes necessary to trade-off between maintainability features or between a maintainability feature and another feature, such as packaging, form factor, producibility, and reliability.
The Signal Corps approach to the specification of maintainability requirements is contained in a correlated set of documents which are designed to eliminate duplication, repetition, and reiteration of philosophy, policy, guidelines, and criteria.
The first in the series, "Maintenance Engineering for Signal Corps Equipment," is a general specification of maintenance-engineering requireme its which will be incorporated in the design


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and development of all Signal Corps systems and equipment.
It includes an explanation of the maintainabil. ity concept and approach, definitions of terms, an outline of the guidance factors to be found in associated specifications, and the program for coordination and guidance between the design engineer and the maintenance engineer during each phase of the development. Also included are general design requirements applicable to the whole field of Signal Corps equipment.
Next is a set of documents covering a category or family of equipments. Titled "Maintain. ability Design Requirements for Signal Corps Equipment," the set currently includes the following category types: permanent installation, fixed field installation, mobile and/or operat $n$ carried, airborne, test equipment, and electro. mechanical.

## Specification Gives Scores <br> For Five Consequence Areas

Only the appropriate category specification is included in the documentation on any specific contract. This specification gives the first quantitative maintainability requirement in terms of the minimum acceptable score to be achieved in each of the five consequence areas. It also includes a delineation of the maintenance concept for the specific type of equipment and the support facilities, personnel, and skills available.
The third in the series is a check list format under the title "Maintainability Design Factors for
" The blank is filled in with the specific nomenclature of the particular equipment under development and the check list is marked to provide specific details such as: design for throw-away, modular design requirement, number of modules recommended, cost limit for encapsulated throw-away modules, permissible down-time out of each operating period
This three-part break-down of the documentation has one major important feature. Designers frequently employed on Signal Corps projects quickly become familiar with the general requirements and program in "Maintenance Engi. neering For Signal Corps Equipment." Detailed study is not required for each and every project By the same token, if his field of activity is limited or generally associated with one of the cate-
go types he is soon familiar with the guidance and requirements found in the Maintainability Requirements for that category type. This means that to get quickly to the core of the specific maintainability factors applicable to a specific project he has only to refer to the specified equipment requirements detailed in the third document, the check list.
The fourth and final document is a "Handbook of Maintainability Design Features for Signal Corps Electronic Equipment." This has five tables of design features covering the five consequence areas. Each design feature related to a consequence area is listed with its associated weighting factor for that consequence area. By setting the 241 design features in a handbook the designer is provided with a handy reference work.

## Pass-Fail Evaluation

## Depends on Weighing Scores

Evaluation of an equipment becomes a process of weighing the variations of the obtained scores over and under the specified minimum acceptable score. The weighing must take into account the relative importance of the consequence area in relation to the maintenance plan for the equipment, the magnitude of the variation from the standard, and the effect on the accomplishment of the specific mission of the equipment and its using organization.
In some cases it may be possible to accept a low score in one area because it is more than compensated by a predominance of high scores in other areas. Changes to maintenance-support planning may be possible to reduce the effect of low scores in the logistic support area. On the other hand a low score in the down-time area for an equipment having high operating time requirements signals an imperative need for improvement in this area regardless of how well it might score in other areas.
The capability of identifying problem areas, or maintenance "soft-spots," by studying lowscoring design-factor areas, will permit adjustment of maintenance planning to provide increased maintenance support capability to compensate for low-maintainability design. Equally mportant will be the identification of specific areas to receive increased attention in future redesign or development of similar equipment.

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Fig. 1. Grant slides provide access to equipment which must be mounted in "impossible to reach" places on Douglas Interceptor.


Fig. 3. Neg'ator assembly counterbalances $36-\mathrm{lb}$ assembly in Republic's F-84G Thunderjet.

HOW COMFORTING it would be if a manufacturer would offer a product to solve all maintainability problems. A vast array of prob. lems could be wiped out in one fell swoop.

Unfortunately, just as there is no single concept to lick the maintainability problem, there is no one product that will by itself make an equip. ment maintainable.
But there are many products and product types that can enhance the maintainability of a given equipment and, in some cases, can make the big difference between a product that's easy to maintain and one that's not.
Two paramount features of maintainable equipment are ease in fault location and accessibility Of these two, the latter might well be voted more important, since accessibility so often serves to simplify fault location as well as to facilitate testing and servicing parts.

## Prime Need, Accessibility,

Served at Many Levels
Accessibility, in its turn, is served by many products, at many levels. At the broadest level it is served by doors which swing out of the way to expose entire racks of equipment. At a lower level it is served by slides which allow chassis to be withdrawn from cabinets to any extent and allow them to be tilted through a wide arc for easy inspection and servicing. Slides such as those manufactured by Grant Pulley \& Hardware Corp. of West Nyack, N.Y. (Fig. 1), and by ChassisTrak. Inc. of Indianapolis (Fig. 2), are available for a wide range of loads and a wide range of environmental conditions.
Another approach, shown in Fig. 3, improves equipment accessibility by allowing even heaw equipment to be suspended by cables. Weight of the equipment is counterbalanced by a Negatel

Fig. 2. Chassis-Trak slides give access to the electronic equipment from virtually any angle.


Fig. 4. Taylor Wiring duct allows for neat, easy-to-get-ar inter-chassis cabling. Here the duct is used in a large bank of relays.
assembly, manufactured by Hunter Spring Co. of Lansdale, Pa.
At another level, wiring ducts, such as those made by Taylor Electric, Inc. of Detroit (Fig. 4), simplify tracing faults related to inter-chassis cabling.
For use between modules or other types of packages, there is an array of quick-disconnect connectors to speed access. An unusual product in this array is the recently announced, quickdisconnect terminal strip (Fig. 5), manufactured by Infrared Industries, Inc. of Waltham, Mass. This device combines the accessibility of the conventional barrier strip with the fast-replacement feature of the quick-disconnect connector.
On the module level, there is now available a very wide variety of plug-in circuits and components. Particularly for computer, industrial control, and military applications where down-time must be minimized, the increasing cost and complexity of plug-in devices can be seen. One such


Fig. 5. Infrared Industries' quick-disconnect terminal strip sombines barrier-strip test points with quick-disconn at connector.


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device is a plug-in dial timer (Fig. 6), manufactured by Automatic Timing and Controls, Inc. of King of Prussia, Pa.

The plug-in concept has been applied on the component level as well as on the level of com. plex units and subassemblies. Even at this level, ease of replacement can often justify the added cost of the plug-in feature. A wide variety of components-resistors, capacitors, rectifiers-has been made available in plug-in form. One of these is a plug-in silicon rectifier (Fig. 7), which is manufactured by International Rectifier Corp. of El Segundo, Calif.

New Encapsulents and Strippers Yield Access to Potted Parts

One of the greatest objections to encapsulation, the problem of testing and replacing small parts,


Fig. 6. Plug-in timer, by Automatic Timing and Controls, provides long, keyed, guide pin to insure accurate alignment and to protect electrical contacts.


Fig. 7. International Rectifier Corp.'s plug-in rectifien extend plug-in concept to component level.

fig. 8. Dow Corning Corp.'s transparent Dielectric Gel heals itself after being pierced by test probes.
has been largely overcome by some new products. These include strippers that flake away epoxy and polyester encapsulents without harming most circuit components, transparent potting compounds which heal themselves after being pierced by test probes, and encapsulents which can easily be cut or torn away from faulty components and can just as easily be mended.
Two types of strippers are available from the Electronic Components Div. of Telecomputing Corp. in Van Nuys, Calif.-a liquid type, TeleSolv, and a gelatinous Tele-Solv G that can be applied to surfaces which can't be immersed in a liquid.
A transparent, pierceable encapsulent, Di-electric Gel, (Fig. 8), is offered by Dow Corning Corp. of Midland, Mich.

## Expendable Modules

Simplify Fault Location
The concept of designing modules for throwaway, which has received so much attention re-


Fig. 9. Centralab's packaged electronic circuits provide will-in failure indication. If a resistor or capacitor should short, the heat generated will discolor the PEC ond dark brown spot on the coating will show the location of the burned out component.

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## Designing for Maintainability <br> 

cently, is by no means a new one. Examples of throw-away circuits which have been available for years are the packaged electronic circuits (Fig. 9), sold by the Centralab Div. of GlobeUnion, Inc. in Milwaukee. These PEC's can house as many as 20 resistors, capacitors, transistors, and other small components. Cost of one of these packaged circuits can be significantly lower than the cost of tracing a fault to an individual component, and the time saved can be substantial.

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One of the more troublesome but less recognized areas of designing for maintainability lies in the means of fastening and sealing. An inordinate amount of time can be wasted in searching for lost nuts or in testing around a sealed enclosure with the hope that the trouble isn't really in the enclosure.

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Fig. 10. Boots Corp.'s Banc-Lok inserts eliminate nee for tapping and eliminate problems of lost nuts.


Fig. 11. Timber-Top's Synclamps require only screwdriver space between components being mounted.
vibrationproof screw threads with self-locking action in sheet metal, plastic, metal castings, wood, and composition materials.
From a maintainability viewpoint, any fastener should hold something securely; it should allow the component to be removed easily and quickly; and it shouldn't have loose parts which may get lost. One particularly simple device that satisfies these requirements is the Synclamp (Fig. 11), made by Timber-Top, Inc. of Freeport, Long Island, N.Y. A quick-release synchro clamp, it locks and unlocks simply with the turn of a screw.
Many of the problems usually posed by seals are averted with one-piece, molded-in-place seals. One such product, the Gask-O-Seal, manufacthred by Parke Seal Co. of Culver City, Calif. can provide hermetic sealing with an easily removable and even re-usable seal. It can be used for waveguide seals (Fig. 12), and for sealing vacuum or pressurized enclosures.
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## All-Pass Networks

## Part 2

Using Networks to Shape Transient Response
An all-pass network, which shifts phase but does not introduce attenuation, is readily applicable to improving another network's transient response. In this second of a series of articles on all-pass networks, Yale Jay Lubkin illustrates
this application with a detailed example. A pulse transformer is chosen as the network whose transient response is to be improved.

The succeeding article will describe how all-pass networks can vastly improve delay lines.

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- HE PHASE-SHIFT, or all-pass, network is an excellent tool for shaping another network's transient response. By minimizing phase distortion, for example, it improves rise time.
This method of improving rise time will be used to demonstrate the application of phase-
shift networks to transient response. A phase correction network for a pulse transformer will be designed using results obtained in Part 1 of this series (See ED, Oct. 12, 1960, p 36).

After choosing the all-pass network, the transformer's transient response will be computed to demonstrate that minimizing phase distortion improves rise time. This will be done with the differential equations of the phase shift network.

Finally, the network will be designed again,
this time using only the transient response; in frequency calculations will be required.

The significant parameters of a pulse trans former are primary inductance, turns ratio, leak age inductance, and distributed capacitance The significant parameters of the associated cir cuitry are source and load impedance.
In most transformers, the primary inductan has little effect on the rise time and the othe transformer parameters have little effect on th


Fig. 1. Equivalent circuir for the leading-edge response of a pulse transformer.


Fig. 2. Leading-edge response of pulse transformer to unit step.

Table I: Model Computations for Solving Difference Equation

| 1 | $0^{-8}$ | 9 | $\mathrm{g}^{\circ}$ | $x^{\prime \prime}$ | $x^{\prime}$ | $x$ | g-h | h |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0.1 | 0.905 | 0.0045 | 0.0905 | 0.362 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0045 |
| 0.2 | 0.809 | 0.027 | 0.164 | 0.583 | 0.0362 | 0 | 0 | 0.027 |
| 0.3 | 0.741 | 0.037 | 0.222 | 0.728 | 0.0945 | 0.0036 | 0.0018 | 0.035 |
| 0.4 | 0.670 | 0.062 | 0.268 | 0.707 | 0.1673 | 0.0101 | 0.0068 | 0.055 |
| 0.5 | 0.606 | 0.091 | 0.303 | 0.656 | 0.2380 | 0.0268 | 0.0185 | 0.072 |
| 0.6 | 0.548 | 0.123 | 0.329 | 0.556 | 0.3036 | 0.0506 | 0.0386 | 0.084 |
| 0.7 | 0.496 | 0.157 | 0.347 | 0.417 | 0.3593 | 0.0810 | 0.0658 | 0.091 |
| 0.8 | 0.449 | 0.192 | 0.359 | 0.284 | 0.4010 | 0.1169 | 0.0990 | 0.093 |
| 0.9 | 0.406 | 0.239 | 0.365 | 0.112 | 0.4294 | 0.1570 | 0.1370 | 0.102 |
| 1.0 | 0.368 | 0.264 | 0.368 | -0.009 | 0.4406 | 0.1999 | 0.1785 | 0.088 |
| 1.1 | 0.333 | 0.301 | 0.366 | -0.146 | 0.4397 | 0.2440 | 0.2220 | 0.079 |
| 1.2 | 0.301 | 0.338 | 0.361 | -0.249 | 0.4251 | 0.2880 | 0.2660 | 0.072 |
| 1.3 | 0.273 | 0.372 | 0.355 | -0.372 | 0.4002 | 0.3305 | 0.3093 | 0.063 |
| 1.4 | 0.247 | 0.407 | 0.346 | -0.455 | 0.3631 | 0.3705 | 0.3505 | 0.056 |
| 1.5 | 0.223 | 0.443 | 0.335 | -0.518 | 0.3176 | 0.4068 | 0.3887 | 0.054 |

Input: $\quad g=1-(1+t) e^{-t}$

pulse fall. Hence it is customary to consider three different equivalent circuits for the transformer: one for the pulse rise, one for the body of the pulse, and one for the pulse fall.
It also is customary to refer all parameters o the primary so calculations can be made vithout considering turns ratio.
The analysis to follow is based on a pulse ransformer with the following characteristics: primary inductance, $L_{s}=1 \mathrm{mh}$; Leakage inducance, $L=10 \mu \mathrm{~h}$; distributed capacitance, $C=$ 00 pf ; turns ratio, $1: 1$; source impedance, $R_{0}=$ 100 ohms; load impedance, $R_{1}=1,000$ ohms. wich a transformer might be used as interstage oupling for 100 to 300 nsec pulses.

## eek Leading-Edge Response

We are interested in the leading-edge transient esponse. The conventional equivalent circuit or this condition is shown in Fig. 1.
The transient response of this transformer is ery casily calculated (see Millman and Taub, ulse and Digital Circuits, pp 263-265).
The response to a unit step is:

$$
h(t)=1-(1+t) e^{-t}
$$

here $t$ is measured in units of $10^{-8} \mathrm{sec}$, and is hown in Fig. 2. (Note: In all figures, the amplide has been normalized so that $h(\infty)=1$.)
The transformer is critically damped, because $C=L /^{R_{L}}$, and, hence, the response to a unit ep has no overshoot and no ripple. The rise
me i. about 33.5 nsec , and the delay to the half-
maximum-amplitude point of the output is about 17 nsec.

Frequency-Response Solution
If we define

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha=R /\left(R+R_{s}\right), \quad \tau=R_{s} C=L / R \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

then, from Millman and Taub, the gain, $A$, and phase shift, $\phi$, are

$$
\begin{equation*}
A=\sqrt{4 \omega^{2} \tau^{2}+\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}-\omega^{2} \tau^{2}\right)^{2}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\quad \tau=10$ nsec, and $\alpha=0.9$.
Fig. 3 shows the gain, phase shift, phase error, and cosine of the phase error for the transformer as a function of $w$. The phase error, $\Delta \phi$, is defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta \phi(\omega)=\left.\omega \frac{d \phi(\omega)}{d \omega}\right|_{-0}-\phi(\omega) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

The phase error is the difference between the actual phase shift and the value that would result if phase shift were exactly proportional to frequency.
Were the phase error identically zero, all frequencies would be delayed by the same time and no dispersion would occur. In this event,


Fig. 3. The gain, phase-shift, phase error and cosine of phase error of the pulse transformer as a function of $\omega$.


Fig. 4. Cascading a duopole funderor over-compensated) with the pulse transformer makes phase error more linear and also increases frequency at which given phase error exists.


Fig. 5. Cascading a duopole (under- or overcompensated) with pulse transformer improves rise time of unit-slep responsa but introduces a delay.


Fig. 6. Physically realizable duopoles, (a) undercompensating, (b) overcompensating, (c) compromise between (a) and (b) that eliminates mutual eoupling.
the rise time would be determined only by the amplitude response of the network, and would be the minimum possible for the given amplitude response.

## Zero Phase Error Impossible

Identically zero phase error is not possible for lumped parameter systems, although it may be closely approximated for practical purposes.
To simplify the equations, all times $(t, \tau)$ will be in units of 10 nsec , and all frequencies ( $\omega, a, r$ ) in units of 100 mega radians per sec.
Fig. 3 shows the phase error becomes quite large for frequencies at which the gain, $A$, is still appreciable. At 90 deg phase error the gain is 0.2 . This situation results in poor rise time. The actual rise time, 33.5 nsec, is appreciably longer than the rise time determined only by the amplitude response, 20 nsec .
A single duopole section will be used as a phase-correction network. Reference to Fig. 3 shows the phase error of the pulse transformer is about 90 deg at $\omega=2$ and is about 20 deg at $\omega=1$. Hence the duopole must have about 70 deg excess phase shift between these points.

## Most Errors Not Serious

As a first approximation to the desired network, consider a duopole having 90 deg phase shift at $\omega=1$, and 270 deg at $\omega=3$. The range of nearly optimum networks is quite wide, so errors due to non-optimum choices or to component drift are not serious.

Because $a$ equals one-half the bandwidth between points of 90 deg and 270 deg phase shift, $a=1$ in this case. The frequency of 180 deg phase shift is
$\omega=\sqrt{a^{2}+r^{2}}$, so that $r=\sqrt{3}$.

Fig. 4 shows the net phase error of the pulse transformer and duopole. The duopole phase shift and phase errors are readily determined from the transfer function (substitute $s=j \omega$ ) and are

$$
\begin{align*}
\phi & =2 \arctan 2 a \omega / r^{2}-\omega^{2}  \tag{4}\\
\Delta \phi & =\frac{4 a \omega}{r^{2}}-\phi \text { radians }
\end{align*}
$$

The resultant phase characteristic is much more linear than that of the pulse transformer alone; the frequency for a given phase error is increased by almost $\omega=0.9$. Thus, the frequency for 90 deg error has been increased from $\omega=2.1$ to $\omega=2.75$.

## Compensation Has lis Price

The phase error with the calculated duopole network is monotonic, i.e., phase error increases with frequency for all frequencies.

By overcompensating and accepting some extra phase shift at low frequencies, it is possible to reduce the phase error at higher frequencies. This usually results in inproved rise time at the expense of ripple.

We may obtain overcompensation by increasing the duopole phase shift in the critical frequency range. With 90 deg phase shift at $\omega=1$, as before, and 270 deg phase shift at $\omega=2.5$, instead of at $\omega=3$, the new duopole has $a=$ $0.75, r=\sqrt{2.5}$.
The phase error of the transformer and the second duopole is shown in Fig. 4. Note that the frequency for 90 deg error has been increased to $\omega=2.85$, and that an error of 20 deg has been introduced at $\omega=1.5$.

The transient response of the transformer alone and with each of the corrective networks is shown in Fig. 5. The rise time is materially improved with either network, but an additional delay has been introduced.

The response with the overcompensating network has a faster rise time and slightly less delay, but also has much more ripple. The peak ripple with the overcompensating network is about 10 of the final amplitude, and this may prove objectionable for some applications.

## Mufual Coupling Used

Circuit values for the corrective duopoles are shown in Fig. 6. These values are obtained by substitution in Fig. 1 of the previous article The undercompensating duopole has positive mutual coupling between the inductors and the overcompensating duopole has negative mutual coupling.

By choosing a duopole representing the aver age between the two already considered, and having $r=2 a$, the coupling may be eliminated.

The response with such a network would be an average of the responses of the other two networks. It is apparent that the network d signer has a great deal of freedom.

The network responses are calculated by ob taining the differential equation for the duopol and solving it by means of difference equations The technique is particularly easy for all-pas networks, and the following can serve as a model

## Solution Uses Difference Equation

For a duopole, the transform of the outpu is related to that of the input by:

$$
H=\left(\frac{s^{2}-2 a s+r^{2}}{s^{2}+2 a s+r^{2}}\right) G
$$

By cross-multiplying and combining terms,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(s^{2}+2 a s+r^{2}\right)(G-H)=4 a s G \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

The transfer function is obtained directly from the differential equation of the network by substituting $s$ for $d / d t$ and $s^{2}$ for $d^{2} / d t^{2}$. Therefore by substituting back we obtain the differential equation:
$(g-h)^{\prime \prime}+2 a(g-h)^{\prime}+r^{2}(g-h)=4 a g^{\prime}$ where ' means $d / d t$.

This is an equation for the difference between the input and the output of any duopole in terms of the input waveform.
The difference solution is obtained by starting with the initial conditions at $t=0$ (which here are $\left.(g-h)=(g-h)^{\prime}=(g-h)^{\prime \prime}=g^{\prime}=0,\right)$. Then select a suitable calculation interval, $\Delta t$, the size of the interval depends on the accuracy desired) and systematically generate answers for

$$
\begin{equation*}
x(t+\Delta t)=x(t)+x^{\prime}(t) \Delta t \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

rhere $x$ stands for $(g-h)$ or $(g-h)^{\prime}$.
From the differential equation, calculate $g-h)^{\prime \prime}$ at any value of $t$, after $g^{\prime},(g-h)$ and $g-h)^{\prime}$ have been calculated for that particular ralue of $t$.
The first steps of the calculation for the underrompensating duopole are shown in Table 1. The ime interval chosen is $t=0.1$.

## nput Minus Output Obtained

This procedure gives $(g-h)$ as a function of ime, and $h$ may be calculated by subtracting $g-h)$ from $g$. The difference-equation proredure gives a solution delayed by half the sampling interval, $\Delta t$. Hence the obtained solution s not $(g-h)(t)$, but is $(g-h)(t-h \Delta t)$.
The response shown for the undercompensat$\lg$ duopole was calculated using $\Delta t=0.1$ and hat for the overcompensating duopole was calwulated using $\Delta t=0.2$. The duopole parameters vere $a=1, r^{2}=3$.

## lime-Response Solution

From the previous discussion, it is evident hat, while networks can be obtained without much difficulty using the frequency response pproach, the calculations involved may become omewhat tedious, particularly if the designer $s$ interested in calculating the time domain freruency response.
By using results established in the previous rticle ( $E D$, Oct. 12, 1960), it is possible to avoid most of the calculations if the designer is intersted only in approximate solutions in the time lomail. The duopole's response to low freIuenc: signals (frequency less than some $w_{0}$ ) is:

$$
\begin{gather*}
h_{2}(t)=g\left(t-4 a / r^{2}\right)+\frac{4 a}{r^{4}}\left(1-4 a^{2} / 3 r^{2}\right)  \tag{9}\\
g^{(3)}\left(t-4 a / r^{2}\right)-\ldots .
\end{gather*}
$$

where $g^{(n)}=d^{n} g / d t^{n}$
This equation gives the waveform at the output of the duopole in terms of the derivative of the input. As a first approximation, neglect all derivatives of the input waveform beyond the third.
In general, for band-limited inputs, this will lead to results that are quite erroneous near the beginning of the input waveform, but fairly accurate after $4 a / r^{2}$ sec. This is indicated in the equation because it shows no output before $4 a / r^{2}$ sec.

## Optimum Parameters Obtained

Fig. 7 shows the input waveform, $g(t)=1-$ $(1+t) e^{-t}$-the pulse transformer output-and its third derivative, $(t-2) e^{-t}$. By rewriting the duopole's response equation as

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{2}(t)=g(t-d)+k g^{(3)}(t-d) \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $d=4 a / r^{2}$ and $k=\frac{4 a}{r^{4}}\left(1-4 a^{2} / 3 r^{2}\right)$
we see we can alter $h$ by changing the value of $k$. Thus, an optimum $k$, and hence an optimum network can be obtained with little computation. By choosing $d$, we can then find $a$ and $r$.
Fig. 7 also shows that $g^{(8)}$ is very nearly zero for $t>1.5 \times 10^{-8}$, so we expect the phase shift network to have little effect on the input waveshape, aside from the delay, beyond that point. It appears from experience that optimum networks have delays ranging from the time at which $g$ equals $g^{(3)}$ to the time at which $g^{(8)}$ goes to zero. Here the delays range from about 1.1 to about 1.6.

We would expect the maximum effect of the corrective network to occur at about half this time. Therefore, select $k$ so the output of the corrective network is zero at a time between 0.55 and 0.80 .

The greater this time, the less the rise time of the corrected signal. The values of $k$ that give zero network output between 0.55 and 0.80 lie between 0.15 and 0.36 .
If the values $d=1.33, k=0.247$ are chosen, the resulting corrective network is the undercompensating network previously discussed. The values for the overcompensating network are $d=1.2, k=0.336$, and those for the network without mutual inductance are $d=1.18$ and $k=0.273$.
Fig. 8 shows the output of the undercompensating network calculated by solving the difference equation and also calculated from the timeresponse equation (Eq. 9). For $t>4 a / r^{2}$, the difference is fairly small. - -


Fig. 7. Input to duopole is step response of pulse tronsformer becoute duopole is cascoded with frans. former toput and its third derivalive figure in compuling reaponse of duopole.


Fig. B. Output of undercompensating duopole solved by derivative series and by difference equation. The difference batwean two aolufions is small after lime equal to delay ossociated with each term of derivative series.

# Infrared-Transmission Materials Would be Unaffected by Radiation in Space 

The safest assumption about infrared transmission materials in space would be that transmission efficiency is affected adversely by normal levels of radiation. However, tests, supervised by Dr. W. R. Langdon, and described here by Thomas E. Lusk, showed it would require more than a century of exposure for maximum, known radiation in space to affect the materials adversely.

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THE TRANSMISSION efficiency of 15 common infrared optical materials would not be affected adversely by exposure to the highest known levels of gamma radiation in space.
To affect the materials 'transmission properties adversely would require their being exposed perpetually to the heaviest known gamma-radiation level in space for more than a century.

The infrared transmission properties of the 15 materials were tested after exposure to three levels of gamma radiation $-0.975 \times 10^{4}, 1.58 \times 10^{9}$, and $1 \times 10^{8}$ roentgens. The results are indicated in the accompanying table.

However, only four of the materials-germanium, silicon, Irtran $A B-1$ (similar to $M_{9} F_{2}$ ) and arsenic trisulfide-presently are used in spacevehicle infrared optics. In space, they are subject to irradiation by electrons, protons, and electrons-produced Xrays as the satellite passes through the Van Allen belts and solar flares.

The negligible effect of gamma radiation on these four materials is shown in detail in Fig. 1, a through d.

## Different Radiations Have 'Same Effect'

Of course, the effects of gamma radiation are considerably different from those produced by electrons and protons. However, if the assumption is made that damage depends only on roentgen level, then the change produced by equal roentgen levels of gamma, electron, and proton radiation would be the same.
Approximately, a maximum of 100 roentgens per hour is encountered in the inner Van Allen Belt and the solar bursts, and 10 roentgens per hour in the outer belt. The solar bursts can be neglected in computing an approximate life time
of materials in space, because the bursts usually exist only a few days a month.

Hence, a dose of $10^{8}$ roentgens will be accumulated in about 1.1 years in the inner Van Allen belt. The damage produced in the laboratory by $10^{8}$ roentgens will take about 110 years to develop in the inner belt. This also assumes the vehicle remains in the radiation belt all the time and that the infrared optics are exposed to the direction of radiation.

## Radiation Source in Lab was Cobalt-60

The radiation-source for the laboratory tests was cobalt-60. The dose rate was $1.95 \times 10^{5}$ roentgens per hour. This rate did not produce appreciable heating in the samples, although the ambient temperature may have reached a maximum of 30 to 35 C because of absorption of radiation by the lead pig.
At least two samples of each material were tested (with the exception of silver chloride, a
spinel and silicon-monoxide-coated single crys tal silicon, where only one sample of each wa available). Before the initial irradiation, th samples were optically polished so all samplet of a particular material were of almost equal thickness.
Hence, when the infrared transmission be tween 1 and 14 microns was measured on Perkin-Elmer Model 112 spectrometer, samples of a particular material had the same transmission within the $\pm 2$ per cent reproduci bility of the spectrometer.

The infrared transmission of all samples wa determined before the initial irradiation and after each dose.
The measurements usually were made withir five days after irradiation. (No attempt was made to determine the transmission within any spe cific time interval after irradiation.)

No transmission measurements were made wavelengths shorter than one micron. - -

(a)

Fig. 1. Effect of high-level radiatiof on transmission efficiency of four molx rials presently used in infrared systerna for space vehicles-(a) arsenic trisulfioi (b) magnesium fluoride (similar to the material known commercialy as Intro AB-1), (c) germanium and (d) singly crystal silicon. For highest known lev, of space radiation to produce eve these negligible effects would requi materials to be exposed to radiation th more than a century.

(b)

(c)

(d)

Per Cent Change in Infrared Transmission Efficiency Due to Radiation

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| Germanium Single Crystal (34.0 ohm-cm) | 6.3 mm | $10^{8}$ |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | -2 | -2 |
| Silicon <br> Single Crystal | 6.3 mm | $10^{8}$ |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Silicon <br> Boron doped | 6.3 mm | $10^{8}$ | -6 | -4 | -4 | -4 | -4 | -4 | -6 | -5 | -14 | -14 | -8 | -8 |  |  |
| Silicon coated SiO for $\mathcal{A}_{\mu}$ | 2.5 mm | $10^{\circ}$ |  | $+14$ | +2 | $+1$ | -2 | -5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  |  | $10^{8}$ |  | +10 | +1 | +2 | -8 | -9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| Kodak 80-20 <br> Arsenic modified <br> Solenium | 4.0 mm | $10^{8}$ | 0 | -2 | 0 | -1 | -2 | 0 | -2 | $-2$ | -2 | -2 | -2 | -4 |  |  |
| Kodak $\mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{F}_{2}$ | 2.0 mm | $10^{\circ}$ | -32 | -32 | 0 | -6 | -8 | -4 | -10 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $10^{8}$ | -32 | -34 | -6 | -18 | -14 | -9 | $-13$ | -3 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spine! | 2.3 mm | $10^{8}$ | -5 | -4 | -6 | -4 | -2 | -20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corning $\mathrm{CaAl}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ 4X-745 pm | 2.0 mm | $10^{8}$ |  | -5 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corning \#0160 Glass | 2.0 mm | $10^{8}$ | -15 | 0 | -2 | +6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corning <br> Pyrex $\$ 7740$ | 2.1 mm | $10^{8}$ | - 10 | -6 | -8 | -2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{As}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{3}$ | 3.3 mm | $10^{6}$ | -9 | -10 | -8 | -15 | -14 | -12 | -9 | -8 | -1 | -14 | -8 | -2 |  |  |
|  |  | $10^{8}$ | -26 | -14 | -11 | -16 | -14 | -15 | -13 | -11 | -5 | -16 | -10 | -4 |  |  |
| MgO | 5.0 mm | $10^{8}$ | -10 | -8 | -4 | -4 | -4 | -6 | -2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lox-Grade Kol-F | 2.3 mm | $10^{8}$ | -6 | -5 | -14 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AgCl | 6.3 mm | $10^{\circ}$ | 0 | -4 | -4 | -2 | -6 | -14 | +6 | +21 | $+10$ | +6 |  |  |  | * |
|  |  | 108 | 0 | -4 | -4 | 0 | -4 | -10 | -6 | -2 | -3 | $-3$ |  |  |  |  |
| Sapphire | 2.0 mm | $10^{8}$ | -12\| | -2 | 0 | -4 | -4 | -12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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In a typical application of the POST Diazo Materials Selector Chart, a draftsman, supervisor and reproduction specialist solve a special print-making problem in short order.

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ANEW high-dielectric end-fire rod antenna duplicates the gain, directivity and other characteristics of a standard microwave horn while drastically reducing cross section to as little as $1 / 50$ that of a horn.

The antenna's in-line coaxial connector allows missile and space-vehicle designers to fully exploit this aerodynamic advantage. The unit, developed and manufactured by Don-Lan Electronics Co., 1131 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif., is said to be the first commercially available broadband rod antenna of this type and characteristics.

Much of the success of this novel de-
sign lies in the choice of advanced sintered materials. Beryllium oxide and aluminum oxide are used when higher temperatures are involved. Range $B$ units are available for ranges up to 2000 F , while antennas can be supplied to operate at as high as $3,100 \mathrm{~F}$. Lower cost materials are used in range A units, available for environments up to 300 F .
The extremely high and uniform density of these materials permits production machining tolerances to be held to 0.0001 in . These tight tolerances lead to beam-pattern repeatability as close as $\pm 1 \mathrm{deg}$ in a $50-\mathrm{deg}$ pattern. The high dielectric constant of the material (in the


Antennas are available for $1,500-\mathrm{mc}$ to $10,500-\mathrm{mc}$ applications. Over-all length for $10-\mathrm{db}$ gain varies from about 4 in . to about a foot.

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range of $K=15$ ) makes the small size and light weight possible (weight is $1 / 5$ to $1 / 10$ that of an equivalent standard horn).
Further bonuses arising from the choice of materials are the excellent dimensional stability over wide temperature and shock conditions, and negative moisture absorption. These characteristics lead to stable rf performance.
Available units cover the frequency range of $1,500 \mathrm{mc}$ to $10,500 \mathrm{mc}$. As indicated in the graph, over-all dimensional scale is a function of frequency and gain desired. The vswr for any 5 -per-cent bandwidth within this range is 1.30 to 1.0. Insertion loss is negligible, while efficiency is at least comparable to a standard horn.
The compact antenna lends itself to broad design flexibility. One unclassified application is in the Talos missile. Antennas are available with linear or circular polarization for multiple-element installations in small diameter missiles. The antenna has been adapted for multielement phase or amplitude-monopulse systems. Additional size and weight saving is accomplished by eliminating the need for balanced mechanical mounting in compact search systems.
The unit can be attenuated electrically and can be cycled from linear to elliptical polarization at high speeds.
For a single-element antenna, price varies from $\$ 175$ to $\$ 475$, depending on quantity. Multiple arrays are priced by quotation. Most of these units are available from the manufacturer within 30 to 60 days, while some units can be delivered sooner.
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| OW-FREQUENCY data, even down L to dc, can now be recorded accurately on conventional home tape recorders, thanks to a new device with the mnemonic name, Mnemotron.
Manufactured by a company of the same name, Mnemotron Corp., 1 N . Main St., Spring Valley, N.Y., the M102 Analog Tape Recorder System is sensitive enough to resolve voltages as low as 6 mv . It can accept voltages as high as 3 v on one range and 10 v on the less sensitive range.

With appropriate transducers and pre-
amplifiers, this recorder/reproducer system can record and play back variables such as pressure, temperature, strain, speed, and of course, any phenomena which can be measured with a dc meter.
Output from the instrument can be used as input to computer devices or as input to a scope. By viewing the output on a scope, an engineer can select those data he deems most useful for perma nent recording on paper.

Input information can be in any form It may, for example, be in the form of transients like those which might be de


Information on tape is demodulated and transcribed onto paper by analog converter unit.


Electrocardiogram recorded directly on paper (bottom) and simultaneously recorded on magnetic tape and transcribed back to paper through Mnemotron units shows high accuracy ( 0.2 per cent full scale) of the moduator/demodulator.
rived from an electrocardiogram. The information is used to frequency-modulate a pulse carrier with a center frequency of $7,200 \mathrm{pps}$. With full modulation, this carrier can be driven from 4,000 to $11,000 \mathrm{pps}$. The frequency-modulated pulse train is delivered to, and recorded by a conventional tape recorder.
To retrieve the recorder information, one feeds the frequency-modulated pulse train from tape back into the Mnemotron. The usually distorted pulses from the pulse train are used merely as triggers in reconstituting the original pulses. The M102 converts the time-voltage integral of the pulses into varying dc-voltage levels which can be recorded on an oscillographic recorder.
By suitable selection of the record and playback tape speeds, one can expand or contract the time scale on the final record. Thus, one can extend the effective frequency response of oscillographic recorders or X-Y plotters.
The M102, a 2-channel converter, is offered alone (for \$895), or with a companion tape recorder as a complete 2-channel analog tape recorder system (for $\$ 1,290$ ). Delivery time for the 2-channel system is 15 to 30 days. Delivery time is longer and prices are higher (by about $\$ 450$ per converter channel) for 4-, 6-, 7-, and 14-channel systems.
A Model M100A system is available for an additional $\$ 50$ per channel. It allows one to record and play back simultaneously on the same channel.
For more information on these analog lape recorder systems, turn to the Rea ler-Service Card and circle 252.

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Special range meters with conventional magnetic construction are available where higher current sensitivity, lower resistance, special ballistic characteristics and controlled scale distribution are required.
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In Canada: Daystrom Ltd., 840 Caledonia Rd., Toronto 19, Ontario.

## NEW PRODUCTS

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Type 5880 incremental multimeter permits increments of any range to be expanded and displayed on an external servo recorder. The instrument consists of a Simpson 270 multimeter, a suppressor power supply and an attenuator. The range is the same as that of the Simpson multimeter; typical accuracies are $1.5 \%$ for dc and $2 \%$ for ac. The servo recorder permits expansions of $\pm 1 \%$; the attenuator enables the expansion to be adjusted to any value from $1 \%$ to $100 \%$. Applications for the unit are wherever a strip-chart recorder is used to display voltage, current or resistance.

Tensor Electric Development Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 1873 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 33, N. Y.
Price: $\$ 250$.
Availability: 30 days.


## Electrostatic Printer Tubes

 Translate Signals Into Printed WordsThese electrostatic printer tubes can translate electronic signals into printed words and pictures on paper at the rate of 20,000 characters per second or more than 10,000 lines of computer information per min. The QV130 and the QV131 tubes have 3 -in. matrices and were designed for short copy printing. The QV132 and the QV133 are 10-in. printer tubes and can print electronically stored or transmitted information on full page sheets. The tubes resemble flattened cathode-ray tubes with wire matrices across their faces. Tiny wires, 0.0001 -in. thick and spaced 250 to the inch extend through the face of the tube. The varying cathode-ray beam current inside the tube passes through the matrix, depositing electrostatic charges on the paper as it passes against the tube.
Raytheon Co., Industrial Components Div., Dept. ED, 55 Chapel St., Newton, Mass.


Eight-Inch Ignitron Handles 100,000-Amp, 20-Kv Pulses
A deceptively small ignitron, the GL-7703 is capable of passing and controlling a two-billion volt-ampere pulse. The tubes rating of a $100,000-$ amp, $20-\mathrm{kv}$ pulse represents four times the power handling capacity of the GL-7171, up to now the most powerful ignitron produced by the manufacturer.
The new ignitron is simple in construction, and weighs less than 2 lb . The tube is 8 -in. tall and has a $2-\mathrm{in}$. diam. A proprietary refractory metal is used for the anode in place of the usual graphite. This improved anode reduces fouling, while an oversize anode bushing gives the tube its large voltage-handling capacity. The usual pulse rate in capacitor discharge is 1 ppm. Halfcycle peak current is $60,000 \mathrm{amp}$ for a 120 -usec pulse and $100,000 \mathrm{amp}$ for a 20 -usec pulse. According to the manufacturer, the new tube will find use as a super crowbar for power supplies that require a means for rapid discharge of energy.

General Electric Co., Power Tube Dept., Dept. ED, Schenectady 5, N. Y.
Price: $\$ 145$ ea.
Availability: From stock.

## Tunnel and Backward Diodes

 For Computer ApplicationsThese germanium units meet the requirements of logic circuits and other computer applications. The backward diodes can also be used in lowlevel rectifier and detector circuits. Characteristics of the tunnel diodes are: peak current, 5 or 1 ma ; peak-current tolerances, $2 \%, 5 \%$ or 10\%; peak-to-valley ratio, $8: 1$; capacitance, 6 pf per ma; temperature range, -55 to +100 C . The backward diodes have these specs: shunt capacitance, 3 pf ; forward voltage drop, 30 mv ; leakage current, 400 mv . Forward voltage in the backward diode is $15 \%$ of the peak current of the companion tunnel diode.

Transitron Electronic Corp., Dept. ED, 168 Al ion St., Wakefield, Mass.


Performing all functions of lumped constant delay lines (except reproduction of input amplitude characteristics in the output), new Maglag Lines offer a versatile combination of capabilities. Utilizing a timing element made of a magnetic core and a switching transistor network, they deliver a wide range of delay time values from $2 \mu \mathrm{sec}$. to 1 sec. or more. Input and output are completely isolated, making output pulse rise time independent of input pulse characteristics. JFD Maglag

Lines permit the use of different input and output impedances and impedances can assume values within wide ranges.

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# Three Companies Off 

The two major advantages of the epitaxial transistor are the virtual elimination of the collector series resistance and a large decrease in the storage and turn-off times. The basic process in making epitaxial transistors consists of depositing a very thin layer, about $1 / 2$-mil thickness, of high resistivity semiconductor material on a thicker substrate of very low resistivity material. Since the active part of the transistor is all within the high resistivity material, this process, in essence, provides a method for handling $1 / 2$-mil thick semiconductor slices.

## Rheem's RT409 Silicon Unit Is Similar To 2N697

The silicon epitaxial transistor, type RT409, a $60-\mathrm{v}$ collector breakdown unit and otherwis meets the general specifications of the $2 \mathrm{~N} 6 \mathrm{~S}^{2}$ series. The typical collector-to-emitter saturation voltage at 150 ma has been reduced by a facta of two. The $V_{C B}$ for the RT409 is 0.35 as com pared to 0.7 for the 2 N 697 . Compared unde similar test conditions, the typical storage tim for the epitaxial unit is less than 100 nsec , fo the 2 N697 it is 400 nsec. Because the power dis sipation is low, the RT409 may be operated 2 higher current levels. Other epitaxial transisto in the firm's line, to be announced soon, such 2 the 2N699, 2N699A, 2N657 and RT5004, will b made available at first in the TO-18, TO-5 and the firm's Microbloc packages.
Rheem Semiconductor Corp., Dept. ED, 35 Ellis St., Mountain View, Calif.
Price: $\$ 170$ ea for developmental units.
Availability: Six weeks after receipt of order.

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## oforola Offers w-Cost Type 2N834

This epitaxially grown silicon-mesa transistor, pe 2N834, gives increased performance on I device parameters. A comparison with standd silicon-mesa transistors indicates the epitaxial vices have higher breakdown voltage, higher equency response, lower storage time, and at e same time, lower saturation voltage and lower Ilector capacitance. Breakdown voltages are in e order of 90 v and storage time as low as 12 ec. Collector saturation voltage is reduced m 0.4 to 0.14 v , typical. At 50 ma saturation itage is typically 0.28 v . They are capable of livering 0.5 -w power output with $10-\mathrm{db}$ gain at mc . Current gain-bandwidth product is 500 c, collector capacitance is 2.0 pf . Motorola Semiconductor Products, Inc., Dept. , 5005 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, Ariz. ice: $\$ 18$ ea in quantities of 100 .
railability: From stock.

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## Resemble 2N702 and 2N711

Designated types SYL2300 and SYL2301 se epitaxial transistors are of the german-diffused-base mesa type. They are electrily similar to conventional mesa transistor types 702 and 2N711, with improved performance saturation voltage and switching time. For uivalent transistor dimensions, the saturation a collector current of 50 ma is reduced by a tor of 3.5 , typically 0.15 v at 50 ma for the taxial units. Typical switching storage times reduced by a factor of 4 .
Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Dept. ED, ${ }^{0}$ Third Ave., New York 17, N.Y.
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| 15.90 | 75 musec. | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 35 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 15.91 | $20,10,10,5$ musec. | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 35 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 15.92 | 50 musec. | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2410^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 15.93 | 20,20 musec. | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2416^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 15.94 | 10,5 musec. | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2410^{\prime \prime}$ |

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Jackson Electrical Instruments Co., Dept. ED, 124 McDonough St., Dayton, Ohio.
Price: $\$ 335$.
Availability: Stock to 2 weeks.
Tape Verifier and Duplicator 565
For punched tape


Model 1429, used in conjunction with tape readers and perforators, automatically verifies and duplicates error-free tapes in one operation. It can be used on up to eight channels in any code structure. Characters in disagreement are displayed for possible correction. The unit operates on 115 v at 60 cps , weighs 30 lb and is made for rack mounting.

Tally Register Corp., Dept. ED, 1310 Mercer St., Seattle 9, Wash.
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Westinghouse Electric Corp., Electronic Tube Div., Dept. ED, PO Box 284, Elmira, N.Y.

## Silicon Transistor

Has a minimum beta of 30
Type Cl06 symmetrical silicon transistor features a minimum beta of 30 in both directions and a maximum saturation resistance of 5 ohms at 10 ma collector current. The unit is designed for low-level applications, choppers, multiplexers, bi-directional switches and high-precision analog circuits requiring low saturation resistance with high "off" to "on" switching ratio.
Crystalonics Inc., Dept. ED, 249 Fifth St., Cambridge 42, Mass.

## Oscillographic

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Recording Systems
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These multi-channel recording systems combine the immediate readout of "direct-writing" and the high-frequency response of photographic recording. The direct-writing portion provides clear, inkless traces and is used to monitor events in the dc to 100 cps frequency range. The phographic recorder provides a frequency response to 500 cps. Trace overlap makes possible the recording of two events on a common base line.
Sanborn Co., Medical Division, Dent. ED, 175 Wyman St., Walthar. 54, Mass.

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Engineered Electronics Co., Dept. ED, 1441 E. Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, Calif.

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Smith-Florence, Inc., Dept. ED, 4228 23rd Ave. W., Seattle 99, Wash.
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Availability: 60 days.

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For Manfred Meisels, the above is a typical work-week as a News Editor on ELECTRONIC DESIGN.
In covering places where industry news occurs, Manfred concentrates on subjects of direct importance to electronic designers. He and his fellow News Editors know that engineers want news that applies to their work ... news of research, development, technical trends.
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## NEW PRODUCTS

DC Amplifier
Common mode rejection is 180 db at dc


Type 1-104 floating differential dc amplifier offers common mode rejection of 180 db at dc and 130 db at 60 cps , with up to 1,000 ohms line unbalance. It is designed to amplify dc signals from strain gages, thermocouples, and bridge-type transducers. It provides complete isolation of input signal from amplifier output and chassis ground. Stability is 5 mv over a sixmonth period.

Neff Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 2211 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, Calif.
Price \& Availability: \$800; 30-day delivery.
Linear Potentiometer
Life is better than $\mathbf{2 5 , 0 0 0}, 000$ cycles


Model 34LP linear-motion potentiometer is made of conductive plastic material that provides the unit with a life in excess of $25,000,000$ cycles. The unit has Teflon insulated leads. Terminals can be mounted on the case by special order. Resistance values of 50 ohms to 1 meg can be supplied. Case length is $1-3 / 4$ in.
New England Instrument Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 1334 Main St., Waltham, Mass.
Availability: 60 days.

## Liquid Cooling Unit

## For radar transmitting tubes

Model D/SCU-1000 liquid cooling unit provides cooled, purified water to high-powered radar transmitting tubes. It has other applications in which the coolant is purified water. Packaged in a fully enclosed, drip-proof cabinet, the unit has a built-in meter for instantaneous
eaa ing of resistivity of input and output water. The filter cartridge can be replaced without top ping the operation of the equipment.
Budd Lewyt Electronics, Inc., Environmental Systems Section, Dept. ED, 43-22 Queens St., Long Island City 1, N.Y.
Price \& Availability: Prices from $\$ 4,000$ to $\$ 6,000$; Helivery 90 days after order received.

Coaxial Switches
353
For radio frequencies to $\mathbf{3 0} \mathbf{m c}$


These multi-position coaxial switches are designed for radio frequencies to 30 mc . Model 550 A handles up to 1 kw of modulated power with a maximum of $45-\mathrm{db}$ crosstalk. It selects any one of five transmitters, antennas, exciters or other devices. Model 551A two-pole, two position unit is for switching equipment in or out of series connections. Both switches can be used with 52 - or 70 -ohm coaxial lines.
Barker \& Williamson, Inc., Dept. ED, Bristol,


Shown in the background above is the Bendix TA-3 Power Supply

## NEW BENDIX 6-OUNCE NOISE GENERATOR meets need for fast,

 accurate noise measurement in miniaturized package. It has special value on noise monitoring applications-such as microwave and radar receivers -where size, weight, and power drain rank equally important with band width. This Bendix model TN-1 is only $2.00^{\prime \prime} \times 4.25^{\prime \prime}$ over-all, weighs a mere six ounces, features low power drain, and is ruggedly built for long, troublefree service. Designed for transmission-type use over frequency range of 8500 to 9600 mc . For further information, write . . .


## Open your eyes to new amplifier designs!

## See how to combine tape wound cores and transistors for more versatile, lower-cost, smaller amplifiers

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To start with, these are static control elements-no mov ing parts, nothing to wear or burn out. Next thing you find is that you reduce components' size-your amplifier is smaller and costs less. That's because between them the core and the transistor perform just about every circuit function . . . and then some.
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There's no need for temperature stabilization, either. The transistor acts only as a low loss, fast, static switchand in this function it has no peer.
How do you want to use this superb combination? As a switching amplifier-or a linear one? In an oscillator? A power converter (d-c to d-c or d-c to a-c)? You'll have ideas of your own-and if they involve tape wound cores, why not write us? Ours are Performance-Guaranteed. Magnetics Inc., Dept. ED-81, Butler, Pennsylvania.

## MAGMETIES inc.

NEW PRODUCTS
Miniature Chopper
Drive is 6.3 at 60 cps


Weighing 9 g , model 30 chopper is for printed circuit use. Characteristics are: drive, 6.3 v at 60 cps; dwell, 175 deg avg; phase, $25 \pm 10 \mathrm{deg}$; and balance, within 15 deg. Jewel bearings are used Airpax Electronics, Inc., Cambridge Div Dept. ED, Cambridge, Md.
Availability: 2 to 6 weeks.

## Miniature Brakes, Clutches <br> Rated at $1.5 \mathrm{lb}-\mathrm{in}$.

These miniature brakes and clutches, de signed for power drives rated up to $1.5 \mathrm{lb}-\mathrm{in}$., are less than 1 in . in diameter and $7 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. long They are designed for aircraft components, data processing equipment, and similar equipment requiring rotary drives which cycle automati. cally or remotely. These units have stepless torque modulation and operate from a variety of actuating devices. They operate directly fron 28 to 90 v dc.
Warner Electric Brake and Clutch Co., Dept. ED, Beloit, Wis.

## Marker Generator

Provides pulses of $10 \mu \mathrm{sec}$ and 1 msec


Model LOO MG 1 marker generator uses crystal control to provide a $10-\mu \mathrm{sec}$ and a $1-\mathrm{msec}$ pulse to accurately calibrate the sweep of an oscilloscope. Weighing 8 oz , the unit operates on its own 9-v battery. No warm up time is neces sary.
Johnson Electronics, Inc., Electronics Divn P. O. Box 1675, Casselberry, Fla.



General Electric announces a new highvoltage foil Tantalytic capacitor-rated to 300 volts at 85 C and to 250 volts at 125 C -in both polar and non-polar designs.

SMALLER IN SIZE than any previously available capacitor with similar voltage ratings, these new General Electric capacitors also provide size advantages over series arrangements of lower voltage units.
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SUPERIOR LIFE PERFORMANCE during 2000 hours under maximum rated conditions is realized, with a maximum capacitance change not exceeding 10 percent.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION on this significant breakthrough in Tantalytic capacitor design, contact your General Eloctric Sales Representative, or write Section 449-15, General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y.
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| Cat. No. | Volts | Temp. | Capacitance (uf) | Polarity | Max. Leakage at Rated Temp. (va) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Max. Imp. } \\ & -55 \mathrm{C} 120 \mathrm{CPS} \\ & \text { (Ohms) } \end{aligned}$ | Diam. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Length |
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| $29 F 2200$ | 200 | 85 C | 0.35 | P | 32 | 5715 | ${ }^{\frac{18}{10}}$ | ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 29F2105 | 300 | 85 C | 25.0 | P | 500 | 82 | $\mathrm{H}^{\prime \prime}$ | 2\%/ |
| $29 F 2108$ | 300 | 85 C | 2.0 | NP | 150 | 1010 | 2/80 | 21/8' |
| $29 F 2207$ | 200 | 85 C | 0.15 | NP | 32 | 13330 | ${ }^{180}$ | $H^{\circ}$ |
| 29F2161 | 250 | 125 C | 2.5 | P | 100 | 830 | 3/8* | $1{ }^{180}$ |
| $29 F 2164$ | 250 | 125 C | 13.0 | P | 325 | 160 | 诗" | 23/4 |

These units are supplied in tubulor form, in lightweight aluminum coses,
with axial leads, and are available with insulating sleeve in 7 case sizes.

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## NEW PRODUCTS

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Torque capacity is to 50 oz-in.


This step-function speed reducer is available with either a single-geared reduction ratio or a continuously variable, friction-type speed change of limited ratio. Torque capacity is up to 50 ozin.; speeds are to $1,500 \mathrm{rpm}$, continuous, and $3,000 \mathrm{rpm}$, intermittent; and size is 4.5 in . in diameter and 3 in . deep. Designated models 00140 through 00144, the units provide ratios of up to $1,000: 1$. They can be used in oscillators, tuning condensers and other devices.

Barry Controls Inc., Insco Co., Dept. ED, Hollis St., Groton, Mass.

## Microwave Radio Equipment

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Collins Radio Co., Dept. ED, P.O. Box 1891, Dallas 21, Tex.

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Beamco Associates Inc., Dept. ED, 8 E. Spring St., Ardmore, Pa. Price \& Availability: $\$ 1.97$ for battery in quantities of 48 and up; $\$ 2.98$ for charger. Delivery is from stock.

## Ceramic Capacitors 378

Come in values of 47 pf to $0.01 \mu \mathrm{f}$
These axial lead units are usable at a full rated voltage of 200 v to 150 C . Uses are in airborne and ground system equipment. The units are available in tolerances of $5 \%, 10 \%, 20 \%$ and GMV tolerances. Sizes are from $0.1 \times 0.125 \times 0.075$ in.
King Electronics Inc., Dept. ED, 915 Meridian Ave., South Pasadena, Calif.
Availability: Immediate.

## Tantalum Capacitors 381

For missile applications
These P-type tantalum capacitors are intended for missile, airborne, and similar applications up to 125 C. At maximum temperature and rated working voltage the units provide $2,000 \mathrm{hr}$ of service. They are guaranteed to altitudes of 80 ,000 ft and will withstand $20-\mathrm{g}$ acceleration from 50 to $2,000 \mathrm{cps}$. Capacitance values range from 1.75 to $330 \mu \mathrm{f}$ at de working voltages of 85 v for operation to 125 C and 125 v at 85 C working temperature.
International Telephone and Tele, sraph Corp., Components Div., Dept ED, 815 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto, Calif.
Price \& Availability: From \$2 to \$7 in quantities of 1,000; available from stock.

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and long pull in.
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With this unusually high regulation over the entire range, the Model UHR-220 power supply lends itself to the most exacting applications, such as powering many high-gain stages in parallel. Ripple is less than 0.1 millivolts. Both the dic and ac impedances are unusually low - dc less than 0.01 ohms; ac less than 0.1 ohm up to 100 kc . Drift in 10 hours - 300 ppm

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## NEW PRODUCTS

## Trimming Potentiometer

Measures $\mathbf{1} / \mathbf{3} \mathbf{i n}$. in diameter


Measuring $1 / 3 \mathrm{in}$. in diameter and weighing 1 g , model 80 trimming potentiometer is a singleturn unit designed for printed circuits. It is sealed to meet requirements of MIL-STD-202A and MIL-E-5272C. Some specifications of the unit are: diameter, 0.345 in .; height, 0.28 in. ; resistance range, 50 ohms to 10 K ; tolerance $\pm 5 \%$; noise, 100 ohms ENR per NAS-710; power rating, 1 w ; shock, 50 g ; vibration, 30 g to $2,000 \mathrm{cps}$; load life, $1,000 \mathrm{hr}$.

Spectrol Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, San Gabriel, Calif.
Price \& Availability: $\$ 6$ ea for 1 to 9 units; from stock.

## Variable Bandpass Filters

741
For of use


Designed for audio frequency use, type A103 continuously variable bandpass filters have no vacuum tubes, transistors or power supplies. Four major types are offered. Group 1 is step variable with a center frequency from 50 cps to $1,000 \mathrm{cps}$. Group 2 has a continuously variable center frequency from 50 to $2,000 \mathrm{cps}$. Group 3 has a center frequency continuously variable from 280 to 5.200 cps and group 4, center frequency centinuously variable from 40 cps to 10 kc .
Ad-Yu Electronics Laboratory, Inc., Dept. ED, 249-259 Terhune Ave., Passaic, N.J.

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Ampex's new CP-100 ideally balances size and performance in a magnetic tape recorder. It meets laboratory standards in all the critical parameters - cumulative peak-to-peak flutter is well below $0.2 \%$ ( $60 \mathrm{ips}, 300 \mathrm{cps}$ cutoff); $\pm 0.25 \%$ maximum tapeoff); $\mathbf{s p e e d}$ variation: frequency response from DC to over 200 kc . Yet it's compact enough ( 4.7 cu . Yet it s compact enough ( 4.7 cu .
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AMPEX DATA PRODUCTS COMPANY Box 5000 Redwood City, California

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R. S. Hughes Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 4515 Alger St., Los Angeles 39, Calif.
Price \& Availability: $\$ 21.97$ for 36 yd of 1-in. tape; from stock.

## IF Transformer

461
This miniature, bobbin-constructed unit has a can dimension of 0.25 in . and a height of 29/64 in.

Radio Industries, Inc., Dept. ED, 666 Garland Pl., Des Plaines, III.

## Crimping Tool

466
The CT-3050 is for insulated and non-insulated terminals and connectors. It cuts and strips wire, shears bolts and screws, and crimps all terminals in wire ranges 22 through 10
Waldom Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 4625 W. 53rd St., Chicago 32, Ill.

## Indium-Clad Aluminum

463
These preforms are for use in forming alloy junctions in germanium semiconductor devices. The indium cladding melts first at 400 C .
Accurate Specialties Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 340 Hudson St., Hackensack, N. J.

## Harness Assemblies

464
These harness assemblies, for applications to $1,600 \mathrm{~F}$, are available in a wide range of sizes and materials.
Harco Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, 77 Olive St., New Haven, Conn.

## Indicator Lamps

491
The Tec-Lites, miniature neon transistor-driven indicator lamps, operate on low voltages and provide a minimum life of $25,000 \mathrm{hr}$. The units are shock-resistant.
Transistor Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 3357 Republic Ave., Minneapolis 28, Minn.

## Voltmeters and Ammeters

498
Type KX-251 100-deg indicating instruments have ranges of 20 ua to 50 amp and 35 mv to 800 v . They can be used in magnetic fields of up to 500 gausses.
Westinghouse Electric Corp., Dept. ED, P. O. 2099, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.
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## NEW PRODUCTS

Linear-Motion Pot
Fits in hydraulic actuators


Model 159 tubular pot was designed for internal installation in hydraulic actuators and other telescoping assemblies. The $1 / 2-\mathrm{in}$. diameter case with concentric actuating shaft is O-ring sealed against contamination from hydraulic fluids and high-humidity conditions. Standard travel ranges are 1 to 5 in . Resolution is 0.001 in .

Bourns, Inc., Dept. ED, 6135 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif.
Availability: Made to customer specs.

## Miniature Toroidal Inductors

## For printed-circuits

The firm has expanded its line of miniature toroidal inductors to include the following types: MM-5, $20 \mathrm{mh}, 20 \mathrm{ma}$ dc max; MM-6, 30 mh , 16 ma ; MM-7, $60 \mathrm{mh}, 11 \mathrm{ma} ;$ MM-8, 120 mh , 8 ma ; MH-5, $10 \mathrm{mh}, 22 \mathrm{ma}$; MH-6, $15 \mathrm{mh}, 18 \mathrm{ma} ;$ MH-7, $25 \mathrm{mh}, 14 \mathrm{ma}$; MH-8, $40 \mathrm{mh}, 11 \mathrm{ma}$. Units are $7 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. OD and $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. high and weigh 0.07 oz. Hermetically sealed, they have a temperature range of -55 to +100 C . Terminal spacing is 21/64 in. MIL specs are met.

United Transformer Corp., Detp. ED, 150 Varick St., New York 13, N. Y.
Availability: From stock

## Half-Wave Rectifier



This $10-\mathrm{amp}, 1,000-\mathrm{piv}$ rectifier is designed for control applications requiring a half-wave rectifier. Type 664L has a lug base; type 664P has bracket base and flying leads for panel mounting. Specifications are: filament voltage, 2.5 v ; filament current, 25 amp ; peak anode current, 120 amp; and condensed mercury temperature limits, -40 to +100 C .
National Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, Geneva, Ill.
Price: $\$ 26$.
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Send for details about the Model 240 Supplly.


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Microwave Associates, Inc., Dept. ED, Burlington, Mass.
Availability: Experimental quantities, immediate.

## X-Band Isolator

388
Measures $\mathbf{1 / 2} \mathbf{i n}$. long
This X-band isolation model XM2, is $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. long. It has a minimum isolation of 20 db and a maximum insertion loss of 0.3 db at $9375 \pm 25 \mathrm{mc}$. VSWR is 1.2 max. The center frequency can be modified within the X-band.
E \& M Laboratories, Dept. ED, P. 0 Box 2427, Van Nuys Station, Van Nuys, Calif.
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Silicon Transistor Corp., Dept. ED, 150 Glen Cove Road, Carle Place, L.I., N.Y.
Price \& Availability: $\$ 50$ to $\$ 75$; three week de livery.

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## Insulated Jack

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No. 4351 insulated jack is for use in quick and tight patchwork panels. It mates with the firm's plugs having pin diameters of 0.045 in .

Cambridge Thermionic Corp., Dept. ED, 445 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass.

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468
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Industrial Control Co., Inc., Dept. ED, Central Ave. at Pinelawn, Farmingdale, N. Y.

Plastic Instrument Cases
469
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Hollywood Plastics, Inc., Dept. ED, 4560 Worth St., Los Angeles 63, Calif.

## Decade Scaler

470
Model N-240 3.5 -in. scaler is for use in analytical scintillation and proportional counting systems. Pulse-pair resolution is $1 \mu s e s$, with a continuous repetition rate of up to $250,000 \mathrm{cps}$.
Hamner Electronics Co., Inc., Dept. ED, P.O. Box 531, Princeton, N. J.

## Rosin Flux

471
The RU series activated rosin flux is for electronic use where non-conductive, non-corrosive flux residues are required.
Fusion Engineering, Dept. ED, 17921 Roseland Ave., Cleveland 12, Ohio.

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American Electrical Heater Co., Dept. ED, 6110 Cass Ave., Detroit 2, Mich.

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Mercury Plunger Relay
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The type 100 mercury plunger relay will handle 100 amp at 115 v ac. Mercury-to-mercury contacts are hermetically sealed; an inert-gas atmosphere quenches arcs to provide cool operation. The relay is suitable for motor and lighting control, heating power and other high-current applications.

Ebert Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 212-26 Jamaica Ave., Queens Village, N.Y.
Price \& Availability: From $\$ 32.50$ to $\$ 21.20$, depending on quantity; delivery is 1 to 2 weeks.

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For high-speed counting systems


The type N - 276 scalar is designed especially for use in systems where high speed and automatic operation are needed. It is intended for use in conjunction with the firm's type $\mathrm{N}-803$ printing timer. Preset counts from 10 to 500,000 are provided. At the end of the preset count or time, an optional printer prints the scalar display and the instrument automatically starts counting again. The device has a pulse-pair resolution of better than $1 \mu \mathrm{sec}$, a repetition rate of 1 mc , and a display of six electronic decades. Sensitivity is $\pm 4 \mathrm{v}$ min. Dimensions are 3-1/2 x $19 \times 13-1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$.

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High-Voltage Test Set 379
froduces 5 ma continuously at 50 kv
Designed for dielectric testing and leakage-current measurement at high voltage, the model S50-5DC test set provides 5 ma continuously at 50 kc . The high-voltage tank is oil-filled, weighs 90 lb and occupies less than 1 cu ft .

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Transistors
For high-frequency applications
These npn diffused-silicon power transistors, types 2N1661 and 2N1662, have high gain and are designed for high-frequency power handling. Collector-to-emitter voltages are 80 and 100 v , respectively. Collector current is 2 amp max; beta frequency, 25 mc min ; power output, 85 w . The units have applications in regulated power supplies, power switching, amplifiers, oscillators, core drivers and servo amplifiers.
Raytheon Co., Semiconductor Div., Dept. ED, 215 First Ave., Needham, Mass.
Price \& Availability: 2N1661, \$67.50; 2N1662, \$90; delivery from stock.

## Extension-Plunger

## Slide Switches

For unconventional mountings
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Trans Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 7349 Canoga Ave., Canoga Park, Calif.
Price \& Availability: $\$ 310$ without meters; $\$ 350$ with meters. Delivery is from stock.

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710
Provide 12 v at 5 amp


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Valor Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, 13214 Crenshaw Blvd., Gardena, Calif.
Price \& Availability: \$395; two weeks.

Film Resistors
Are rated at 1 and $1 / 2 \mathrm{w}$


Types C-20 and C-32 resistors have resistana ranges of 56 ohms to 150 K and 56 ohms to 47

1. respectively. Other specifications are: derating fall load at 70 C ambient to zero at 150 C ; load life, change in resistance of $1 \%$ and $1.5 \%$ after 1.000 hr operation at 70 C ; temperature coeffcient, $\pm 150 \mathrm{ppm}$ per deg C from -55 to +150 C ; and noise level, 0.1 mv per v of applied signal. Corning Glass Works, Dept. ED, Bradford, Pa Price: Type C-32 with $5 \%$ tolerance, 6.1 cents in quantities of 5,000; type C-20 with 5\% tolerunce, 5.9 cents.

High-Gain Amplifier
Bandwidth is 0.1 to $320,000 \mathrm{cps}$


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Model 72 mplif wide-band unit useful in research and development work, both as an amplifier and a noise source. Nominal bandwidth is 0.1 cycle to 320 kc. Gain is adjustable in 3 db steps from 100 to 10,000 . Noise is less than $3 \mu \mathrm{v}$; distortion, less than $0.5 \%$. With an auxiliary input, gain is 500 ,000.

Shapiro and Edwards, Dept. ED, 1130 Mission St., South Pasadena, Calif.
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Solid-State Switches
418
For airborne and missile uses


These solid-state switches are designed for airborne and ground-control missile applications and aircraft uses. Model EA 154, for example, operates from an input of 110 v ac at 400 cps and is rated at 2 amp at 28 v dc. It stands temperatures from -40 to $+160 \mathrm{~F}, 25 \mathrm{~g}$ shock for 10 $\mathrm{msec}, 10 \mathrm{~g}$ vibration from 5 to 500 cps , and humi lity, salt spray and fungus. It meets MIL-E47:().
hermador Electronics, Dept. ED, 715 S. Rayme id Ave., Alhambra, Calif.


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Volume - $1 / 8$ cubic inch max.
Package Density - 8 per cubic inch,
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Type: Model C Relay.
Contacts: SPDT, dry circuit to 1 amp resistive.
Temperature: $-65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
Insulation
Resistance: 1000 megohms @ $125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
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8 lbs. shipping.

| ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS |  |  |  |
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| Model No. | Total Res. Ohms | Decade Steps | Accuracy |
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| DR-2D | 111,000 | $10 \times(100+1,000 \div 10,000)$ | $\pm 0.1 \%$ |
| DR-3D | 11,100 | $10 \times(10+100+1,000)$ | $+0.1 \%$ |
| DR-4D | 1,100 | $10 \times(1 .+10+100)$ | $\pm 0.25 \& \pm 0.1 \%$ |
| DR-50D | 11,111 | $10 \times(.1+1+10+100+1,000)$ | $\pm 0.25 \& \pm 0.1 \%$ |
| DR-51D | 111,110 | $10 \times(1+10+100+1,000+10,000)$ | $\pm 0.25 \& \pm 0.1 \%$ |
| DR-52D | $1,111,100$ | $10 \times(10+100+1,000+10,000+100,000)$ | $\pm 0.1 \%$ |
| DR-70D | $1,111,111$ | $10 \times(.1+1+10+100+1,000+10,000+100,000)$ | $\pm 0.25 \& \pm 0.1 \%$ |
| DR-71D | $11,111,110$ | $10 \times(1+10+100+1,000+10,000$ <br> $+100,000+1,000,000)$ | $\pm 0.25 \& \pm 0.1 \%$ |

## WHEATSTONE BRIDGES - MODEL RN

Universally used for the measurement of all types of resistance devices and circuits where high accuracy is required. Models available for performing MurrayVarley Loop tests.

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

| Model | Total Res. of Decade | Ratio Dial Settings | Circuits | Dimensions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RN-1 | $9 \times(1+10+100+1000)$ | $.001, .01,1,1.0,10,100,1000$ | $\ldots . . . . . . . .$. | $9 " \times 8^{\prime \prime} \times 61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ |
| RN-2 | $9 \times(1+10+100+1000)$ | $.001, .01,1,1.0,10,1000$, M10, <br> M100, M1000 | Murray <br> \& Varley | $91 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 8^{\prime \prime} \times 61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ |
| RN-3 | $10 \times(1+10+100)+9(1000)$ | $1 / 1000,1 / 100,1 / 10,1 / 9,1 / 4,1 / 1$, <br> $10 / 1,100 / 1$, M10, M100, M1000 | Murray <br> \& Varley | $92 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 8^{\prime \prime} \times 61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ |

CAPACITANCE DECADES - MODEL DK
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Raytheon Co., Industrial Components Div., Dept. ED, 55 Chapel St., Newton, Mass.
Price \& Availability: CK6611, $\$ 9.95$; CK6612, \$12.45. Delivery from stock.

## Parametric Amplifiers

For all microwave frequency applications


These reactance diode parametric amplifiers are designed for applications at all microwave frequencies. The heart of the line is the gallium arsenide, variable reactance diode which gives improved noise performance over a wide range of temperatures. Typical models include: model S-21, S-band tunable from 2.7 to 2.9 gigacycles, has ratings of 3 db over-all noise figure (double sideband) with 15 db gain over a 15 mc bandwidth; model C-11, C-band tunable from 4.4 to 5 gigacycles, has a 3 db over-all noise figure (double sideband) with 15 db gain over a 20 mc bandwidth; model L-11, tunable from 0.9 to 1.2 gigacycles, has a noise figure of 1 db (double sideband) with 16 db gain over a 50 mc bandwidth.

Texas Instruments Inc., Dept. ED, 6000 Lemmon Ave., Dallas 9, Tex.

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Transistor Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 3357 Republic Ave., Minneapolis 26, Minn.

## Metal Film Resistors

484
This is a flat sided version of the firm's cylindrical, axial-lead resistor. Three of the units fit into an area that would ordinarily accommodate two cylindrical units. Temperature coefficient of resistance is 25 ppm per $\operatorname{deg} \mathrm{C}$.
Ohmite Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 3645 W. Howard St., Skokie, Ill.

## Fasfener

Series 12 F $1 / 4$-turn fastener is for light covers, small sub-assemblies, and miniature black boxes. They use rivets 0.062 in . in diameter; rivet spacing is $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$.
Camloc Fastener Corp., Dept. ED, 61 Spring Valley Road, Paramus, N. J.

## Terminals

485
The Tabon terminals for quick connect-disconnect applications are available in chain form for rapid machine crimping. Offered in a wide range of wire and insulation sizes, the terminals are self-wiping and self-cleaning.
Malco Mfg. Co., Dept. ED, 4025 W. Lake St., Chicago 24, Ill.

## Radio Filters

472
Designed for installation in aircraft these units are light and compact. They come in hermetically sealed drawn-steel containers, have high Q inductors, and use low power factor capacitors.
Aerovox Corp., Cinema Engineering Div., Dept. ED, 1100 Chestnut St., Burbank, Calif.

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505
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Precision Bearings, Inc., Dept. ED, Keene, N. H.

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504
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Radar Design Corp., Dept. ED, O. Box 38, Syracuse 11, N.Y.
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Over-all length is less than $5 / 8 \mathrm{in}$.


This re-centering magnetic clutch has an over. all length of less than $5 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. It has a cavity for potentiometer winding, synchro winding or switches to facilitate marriage of clutching with the function to be performed. Recentering spring torque is not applied until the clutch is disengaged, keeping operational torque to a minimum. Dual winding coil permits 12 or 24 v operation Magnetec Corp., Dept. ED, 7232 Eton Ave., Canoga Park, Calif.

Solid-State Counter-Timer
For dc to $\mathbf{2 0} \mathbf{~ m c}$ applications


This dc to 20 mc counter-timer is completely transistorized, direct reading and combines the functions of a counter, time interval meter and frequency period meter. Heterodyning tech niques are not used. It is available with either the standard vertical decade number panels or inline Nixie readout. Power consumption is 50 w and weight is 27 lb . Sensitivity is 0.25 v rms input impedance is 25 K per v . Output informa tion from each DCU will operate digital printers punches and other data processing equipment. Computer-Measurements Co., Dept. ED, 12970 Bradley Ave., Sylmar, Calif.

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Philco Corp., Lansdale Div., Dept. ED, Lans-

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Price \& Availability: Ranges from $\$ 500$ for ISC301 to $\$ 1,700$ for ISC-301D; 60 to 90 days.

Transistorized Relay
Input impedance is 250 K


This transistorized relay, model T-681, is said to have high input sensitivity through 250 K impedance. Device operates to 120 F . Device measures $3 \times 4 \times 5 \mathrm{in}$., and weighs 30 oz . Power requirements are 110 v ac; contact load is 1,500 w max.
Precision Thermometer and Instrument Co. Dept. ED, 1434 Brandywine St., Philadelphia 30 , Pa.
Price: $\$ 75$.
Availability: From stock.

## Digital Comparator

Provides 100,000 operations per sec


This programable, solid-state, unit is capable of comparing measurement numbers at rates as high as 100,000 per sec. Intended for use as part of a checkout system, the device accepts digital information from an analog-to-digital converter, Is an example, and compares it with preset high and low tolerance limits. It then gives the corfect answers in terms of Go, No Go Hi, or No Go 2. Circuitry is laid out in the form of etchedfard modules that fit into a standard 19-in. rackmounted chassis with a $5.5-\mathrm{in}$. panel height.
Le ach Corp., Dept. ED, Compton, Calif.
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Amperex Electronic Corp., Power Tube Div., Dept. ED, 230 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, L.I., N.Y. Price: Type 7806, \$795; Type 7807, \$584. Availability: From stock.

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Combining model 650 recorder and model 6583400 amplifier, this recording system provides direct readout of events in the range of 0 to 5,000 cps within 3 db . Mirror galvanometer inserts may be added to the recorder to provide it with up to 24 channels. Chart width is 8 in . The amplifier, consisting of 8 channels of identical circuitry, has a maximum sensitivity of 7.2 ma per mv input, an input resistance of 100,000 ohms. Common mode performance tolerance is $\pm 500 \mathrm{v}$ max and rejection is at least 140 db for dc.
Sanborn Co., Industrial Div., Dept. ED, 175 Wyman St., Waltham 54, Mass.

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Illinois Testing Laboratories, Inc., Alnor Instrument Co., Dept. ED, 420 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 10, Ill.

## Component Holders

489
Series II holders use a stainless-steel, type 302 spring for jaw movement and tension. Only finger pressure is needed to open the jaws for insertion of leads as large as banana plugs. Applications include: prototype-circuit design. Wheatstone and other nullbalance bridge instruments; capacitance, resistance and other measuring equipment.
Jupiter Electronics, Dept. ED, 225 E. 144th St., New York 51, N. Y.

## Stand-Off Terminals

510
A complete line of terminals set in molded phenolic, melamine, or ceramic is offered. Ceramic types are gold over silver plate; others are silver-plated with cadmium-plated bases. Miniature, insulated stand-offs can also be furnished.
Goe Engineering Co., Dept. ED, 219 S. Mednik Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

## Gold-Bonded Contacts

493
The use of gold in these contacts eliminates surface formation of various sulphides and oxides, which create circuit resistance. A break-through process, rather than plating, is employed.

Contacts Inc., Dept. 1100 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Conn.
Availability: Some types in stock; others can be made to customer specs.

## Print-Punch Equipment

480
Designed for use with the firm's Recomp digital computer, this equipment consists of two table-top units, a $10-$ key input keyboard and the paper-tape punch.

North American Aviation, Inc., Autonetics, Dept. ED, 9150 E. Imperial Highway, Downey, Calif.

Kits of Silicon and Germanium Slices 499
This kit consists of five slices of material in each of the ten most commonly-used resistivity ranges. All slices are 0.02 in . thick and measure from $3 / 4$ to 1 in . in diameter.
Tang Industries, Inc., Dept. ED, 49 Jones Road, Waltham. Mass.

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by C. L. Wallace, Electronics Division Mgr. Viking Industries, Inc.


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Cubic Corp., Dept. ED, 5575 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego 11, Calif.

## Slip Ring Assembly

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This assembly is of concentric-ring type construction and for switching from positive to negative for sine and cosine functions in radar antenna mounts. Switching is accomplished within 20 min . of arc. Phasing accuracy is 0.2 min , electrical, and 0.005 sec , mechanical.

Breeze Corp., Inc., Dept. ED, 700 Liberty Ave., Union, N. J.

## Metal Cabinets

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Anetsberger Brothers, Inc., Dept. ED, 110 N., Anets Drive, Northbrook, Ill.

## Power Supply

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Model F1002A contains four isolated supplies that may be connected in many combinations for computers or transistorized equipment. Voltages range from 1 to 15 v dc for each output with currents of 2,4 and 8 amp . Regulation is better than $0.1 \%$ for lone and load.
Anders Electric Products Inc., Dept. ED, Brook Road, Needham Heights 94, Mass.

## Insulating Tape

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Type CDF Level-Wrap tapes, made of silicone rubber, come in widths from 1 to $1.5-\mathrm{in}$. and in thickness from 0.02 to 0.08 in . at the apex and 0.007 to 0.008 in . at the edges. It offers: good thermal stability, Corona resistance, moisture resistance and high resiliency.
Continental-Diamond Fibre Corp., Dept. ED, Newark, Del.

## Toggle Switches

487
Meeting MIL-S-3950A and MIL-S-6745, this line of toggle switches incorporates a barrier configuration between terminals. This design increases leakage paths and provides a safety factor in case of a loose connection. Models for all common circuit characteristics can be furnished.

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# NEW SHIELDED BAR-RING METER MOVEMENT 



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Designed to meet applicable provisions of MIL-M-10304, API's new meter-relays are far more rugged than conventional core-magnet types. Reason: the greater magnetic efficiency of the bar-ring movement.* It puts more magnetic "horsepower" in the works . . . allows use of more substantial components at a better torque-to-weight ratio. Result: improved resistance to shock, vibration and ratio. Result: improved resist
other environmental factors.

Nicely enough, the bar-ring also provides shielding from external magnetic fields. This means that you can mount the new meter-relays in any kind of panelmount the new meter-relays in any kind of panel-
magnetic or non-magnetic-without worrying about effects magnetic or non
on calibration.

As simple to incorporate into a design as a D'Arsonval panel meter (which it is-with control contacts added), the new API meter-relay might well be your best answer to a knotty engineering problem. It can monitor and control almost any electrically measureable variable. It's small and compact. It's reasonably low in cost. And it's reliable--models without the benefit of the sturdier barring movement were tested to more than $10,000,000$ operations! Have a look at Bulletin 4 H , and see if the API meter-relay can't do a job for you.
*To be used in all models ordered after Nov. 1, 1960.

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## Pulser Uses 50-V Trigger To Short Four 200-V Diodes

SWITCHING diules in a pulser manufactured by Burmac Electronics Co., Inc. of Rockville Center, L.I., N.Y., posed an interesting problem. The solution, developed by Burmac's president Steve Delligatti, proved even more interesting.

The switch, shown in the schematic, consists of four $200-\mathrm{v}$, four-layer diodes, $D 1, D 2, D 3$, and $D 4$ in series. Due to resonant charging of the capacitors in the pulse-forming network Z1, the maximum voltage on the four-diode switch is


A 50-v pulse can short four-layer diode D5. This shorts the 680-K resistor across it. Voltage across this resistor drops suddenly to zero, resulting in a large negative pulse transmitted through C1. The negative-going pulse shorts D3, and the remaining four-layer diodes in the string quickly break down.

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 reduced voltage. Thus, if a large trigger were applied-one large enough to short one of the diodes in the string-the sudden voltage increase across the others should cause an avalanche.To supply this large trigger, another four-layer diode, D5, is used. Tied by a voltage divider to the regulated $300-\mathrm{v}$ supply, this diode is easily shorted by a 50 v positive pulse. When it shorts, the voltage across it is suddenly pulled down to zero, causing a negative pulse of about 200 v to be coupled through C1 to the junction of D3 and D4. Hence, D3 (not D4), is the first diode shorted by the trigger pulse, followed, probably, by $D 1$ and $D 2$, then finally $D 4$.
Unfortunately, negative transients fed bark through C1, tended to cause failure of D5. To preclude this, silicon diode CKl was added. It removes any negative spi es which might appear. -

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The new circuit may be actuated by any switch that has a normally open and normally closed position. It is an electronic switch triggered by a mechanical switch.
Write for Data Sheet 177 which describes the new "1PB2000."

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## OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS

There are four circuit types available. One produces a positive output to accommodate resistive loads of 100 to 500 ohms, another produces a positive output for resistive loads of 500 ohms or greater, and two produce
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## DESIGN DECISIONS

## 'Flat' and Eccentric-Magnet Speake rs Conserve Space in TV, Portable Radio

Minimizing the space requirements of lcud speakers was the problem solved by these two designs.
The 4 -in. speaker for portable radios, Fig. has an over-all thickness of $3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. The eccentric permanent-magnet speaker, Fig. 2, conserves space at the front of a TV cabinet, as shown in Fig. 3. The magnet is mounted at the rim of the speaker. Both speakers are made by Audax.


Fig. 1. "Flat" speaker for portable radios has over-al thickness of $3 / 4$ in.


Fig. 2. Eccentric-permanent-magnet speaker has magnet mounted near rim.


Fig. 3. Eccentric-permanent magnet speaker conservel space at front of TV cabinet.

## Computer Logic Cards Shaped To Fit Curved Missile-Contour

Logic cards for a missile-borne computer were shaped so the computer could fit into a 60 -deg sector of the missile's circumference. The plane of the cards was normal to missile's axis. Hence mounting-leads of components within the sandwich were parallel to direction of missile's thrust

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1N MILITARY equipment packaging, it is often desirable to house electronic devices in closed cases for protection against dust, humidity and low pressure. Since the initial analysis of anticipated case heat dissipation, required during the initial packaging study, can be tedious and lengthy, a nomogram is presented to provide a preliminary estimation tool.

Only the ambient altitude and unit surface power dissipation density need be known to determine the anticipated surface temperature rise over ambient. The assumptions and approximations required to simplify the complex relationships include:

1. Case is closed and unlouvered.
2. Air is the surrounding medium
3. Average electronic "black box" configuration and dimension are known.
4. External surface of the package and surroundings are painted.
5. Free convection and radiation take place only from the case surface.
When preliminary estimates are completed, a more detailed study can then be undertaken to establish accurate thermal analysis information for final design considerations.
The procedure for use of the nomogram is as follows:
6. Determine amount of heat (in watts) to be dissipated by the case. For a closed unit with no special external cooling provisions, this would be the total unit power input.
7. Determine surface power density in watts per square inch by dividing the heat dissipated by the total exposed external surface dissipation area (including ribs, etc.).
8. Enter the nomogram with this value and the

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appropriate altitude and read the resultant temperature rise of unit case surface over the ambient.
4. The reverse procedure can be used to determine the allowable power density for a given temperature rise.
A rough estimate of the unit internal ambient can be made by doubling the temperature rise obtained above and applying it to the external ambient. The result would be conservative where the components have a good conductive path to the case and would be realistic for the typical situation where they are thermally isolated from the case with no special internal cooling provisions. - -



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## Waveguide Stand

This two-page bulletin describes the 370 universal waveguide stand which accommodates all waveguide sizes in the frequency range of 2.6 to 40 kmc . All waveguide sizes are listed in their respective frequency ranges and the proper RG waveguide type numbers are given. PRD Electronics, Inc., 202 Tillary St., Brooklyn 1, N.Y.

## Power Supplies

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The company's ME series of transistorized power supplies are listed and briefly described in this two-page data sheet. Included are performance specifications, data on trouble-shooting instructions, and data on pre-tested plug-in modules for simplified maintenance and parts stocking. Mid-Eastern Electronics, Inc., 32 Commerce St., Springfield, N.J.

## Diodes and Rectifiers

 263Listed in this 18-page booklet are diodes and rectifiers made by Texas Instruments, Inc. Available from off-the-shelf are: a photo device; silicon rectifiers; high conductance general purpose silicon diodes; silicon controlled rectifiers; silicon computer diodes; voltage regulator diodes; and power regulators and double anode clippers. Lafayette Radio, 165-08 Liberty Ave., Jamaica 33, N.Y.

## IR Detector Measurement

Model ISL 302 infrared detector measurement console is described in this six-page booklet. The illustrated booklet covers uses of the equipment including: photoconductive, photovoltaic, photoelectromagnetic and pyroelectric detector measurements, in addition to measurement of thermistor bolometers and ac thermocouples. A block diagram of the equipment is included. Infrared Industries, Inc., Box 42, Waltham 54, Mass.

## Photovoltaic Cells

Called "Photovoltaic Cells For the Precise Mcasurement of Light," bulletin No. GEZ-3005, eight pages, offers a complete description of these sensors for applications where light is used to peiform a control function. It includes graphic data on spectral sensitivity, exposure effect, temper ature characteristics, current output, internal res stance and other factors. Dimensions for all avalable calls, and typical circuits for single and mutiple cell applications are given. General Ele tric Co., Schenectady 5, N.Y.

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 SystemsThese three data sheets describe: the firm's model 26211 airborne time code generator which is a compact, transistorized unit with an accuracy of one part in 105; the model ZA-23833 search and control system for Ampex FR-100 tape recorders for searching PAFB or EGTR time-code reference tapes; and the model ZA-25159 computer format converter for converting AN/FPS-16 radar data into IBM 704 magnetic tape or NRZ format. Electronic Engineering Co. of California, 1601 E. Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, Calif.

## Heat-Shrunk Tubing

Thermofit tubing, an irradiated mod fied-polyolefin insulation sleeving whic? shrinks to a preselected diameter when exposed to heat, is described in these two brochures. Brochure No. 203-4 lists properties, test data, weights, sizes, and various applications. Brochure No. RT2000 describes applications in harnessing and splicing, and outlines fabrication techniques. Raychem Corp., Oakside at Northside, Redwood City, Calif

## Electronic Cables

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Bulletin No. DM-S-6015, six pages, de scribes and illustrates a line of electronic cables suitable for high-temperature and radiation applications. Included are control cables, instrument probe cables, airframe, missile, and satellite cables, in strumentation cables, communication cables, TV camera cables, and computer cables. Anaconda Wire \& Cable Co 2201 Bay Road, Redwood City, Calif.

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## Thermocouples

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This six-page bulletin, No. P1281A, describes Armorox thermocouples. The m :tal-sheathed, ceramic-insulated construction of the thermocouples is explained, and typical applications are cited. Physical specifications are tabulated. The Bristol Co., Waterbury 20, Conn.

## Terminal Strips

This 12-page brochure, "Guide Book to Thermal Strips," contains drawings and tables on standard terminal strips made up from universal, external "T", Wire-Grip, tear-drop, Wrap-A-Wire, and subminiature lugs. Mandex Manufacturing Co., Inc., 2614 W. 48th St., Chicago 32, Ill.

Test and Sensing Components 272
This vest-pocket guide and wall chart is intended to help the design engineer choose test and sensing component. The chart contains complete specs on panel
lights, switches, fuseholders, test prods and jacks, and molding materials. Alden Products Co., 117 N. Main St., Brockton 64, Mass.

## High-Current Power Supplies 273

High-current power supplies and vari-able-voltage transformers are described and illustrated in this four-page brochure. Electronic applications include capacitor forming, electrolytic refining, magnet powering, tube testing and aging, and supply for computers and checkout systems. Glenn Pacific Power Supply Corp., 703 37th Ave., Oakland 1, Calif.

## Pulse Generators

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A series of $9-\mathrm{kw}$ solid-state pulse generators is described in this two-page bulletin. Circuit-design information, tabulated specifications, and dimensional drawings are included. Magnetic Research Corp., 3160 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.
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## NEW LITERATURE

## Permanent Magnet Alloy

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This four-page, illustrated brochure describes properties and applications of a copper-nickel-iron ductile permanentmagnet alloy of the generic Cunife type. Applications include timer motors for appliances, speedometers, aircraft instruments, and various electronic equipment and control systems. Watkins-Rogers, Inc., 685 Pallister, Detroit 2, Mich.

## Plastic Materials

276
A line of plastic materials, including molding and extruding materials and resins applicable in the electronics field is described in this 12 -page booklet. Applications of the plastics are indicated, and properties are listed or tabulated. Monsanto Chemical Co., Springfield 2, Mass.

## Servo Motor

277
The firm's type 5752-03 inertially damped servo motor for high-temperature applications is described and illus-
trated in this two-page data sheet. Ele : trical, mechanical, and physical chara teristics, outline drawings, and perform. ance curves are included. John Oster Mfg. Co., Avionic Div., Racine, Wis.

## Resonant Modes

278
This two-page bulletin, No. 5A, describes a method of obtaining crisp photographs of vibrations. The method enables a still camera to photograph resonant modes detected in a frequency sweep. Full instructions and examples are provided. Chadwick-Helmuth Co., 427 E. Duarte Rd., Monrovia, Calif.

## Special-Purpose Capacitors

279
Feed-thru, trimmer, transmitting, flatplate, discoidal, precision, high-voltage, disk, and tubular capacitors are de. scribed and illustrated in this 20 -page catalog, No. 42-407. Electrical specifications and dimensional drawings are given for each type. Centralab, 900 E. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee 1, Wis.


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Connectors for plastic tubing intended to conduct compressed air, fluids, and gaves are described and illustrated in this two-page bulletin, No. 125. Male and female end connectors and panelmount connectors are included. Devices quickly connect and disconnect manually. Breco Div., Perfecting Service Co., 332 Atando Ave., Charlotte 6, N.C.

## RF Coaxial Plugs

281
The firm's series BNC rf coaxial plugs are described in this 16-page booklet. The plugs, designed for small coaxial cables, are lightweight and weather proof. The catalog includes nomenclature, a mating functional diagram, assembly instruction, and drawings and specifications. Cannon Electric Co., 3208 Humboldt St., Los Angeles 31, Calif.

## Stepping Switches

282
Forty-page, two-color catalog, No. 202, contains data on construction features, circuitry, and performance characteris-
tics of spring-given, cam-operated, and direct-drive stepping switches. Mounting accessories, sealed and dust-cover enclosures are pictured and described. C. P. Clare, 3101 Pratt Blvd., Chicago 45, III.

## Heavy Tungsten Alloys

283
This eight-page bulletin describes heavy tungsten alloys with densities of 17 to 18.5 g per cu cm . Properties, applications, fabrication methods, and available sizes and shapes of three grades are given. The firm's engineering services and facilities for applying the materials are also outlined. Kennametal Inc., Latrobe, Pa.

## Snap Action Switches

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A line of snap action switches is described in this 12 -page folder. Heavyduty limit switches, compact sealed switches, explosion-proof switches, precision snap-action basic switches, and manually operated, door interlock, mercury, and proximity switches are illustrated and briefly described. Micro Switch, Freeport, Ili.

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## PATENTS

## Frequency Shiffing Apparatus

Patent No. 2,933,639. P. M. Lally. (Assigned to Sperry Rand.)

Frequency is changed in a cyclotron TWT by causing interaction of the electron beam and the wave at separate axial velocities of the beam.
The electron beam, originating at cathode 28, accelerates through the slow wave structure 14, and propagates a
transverse electric field at the first fr quency. Due to the axial-magnetic field generated by solenoid 43, the bean orbits in a helical path at cyclotron fre quency. Drift space 12 isolates slow wave structure 11. The beam is then accele rated at a second potential to induce wave at a second frequency in the slow wave structure. This signal is coupled out through waveguide 24


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Tronsmitter-Receiver for Radio Location Palent No. 2,943,188. L. George, W. Knott and D. Kerr. (Assigned to Ultra El: ctric, Inc.)
i)esigned for use in a homing-type ralio locating system, the transmitterreceiver uses a one-tube squegging oscillator, that generates bursts of rf energy that can be pulse modulated.

## Variable Artificial Transmission Lines

 Patent No. 2,943,276. E. Lovick. (Assigned to Lockheed Aircraft Corp.)The device consists of tubular dielectric members, a conductive core and a helical winding around the outer wall of the dielectric members. The inductance and capacitance of the circuit are varied by rotating the conductive cores.

## Folded Dipole Having a Direct Current Output

Patent No. 2,943,189. L. R. Crump. (One hulf assigned to G. T. Morris.)
The two wires of the folded dipole
are connected at their ends to one another, so that the distance between wires is small compared to the shortest wavelength used. One wire is broken at its midpoint and diodes are inserted in the wire back to back. A capacitor is connected from a point between the diodes to the midpoint of the other wire. The signal is taken from across the capacitor.

## Instrument Linearizer

Patent No. 2,943,207. N. W. Burlis and M. J. Reinert. (Assigned to Custom Engineering and Development Co.)

This system improves the linearity of voltages proportional to data derived from nonlinear measuring instruments. Input data are displayed on an oscilloscope. The display falls onto a photo tube. The photo tube voltage is fed back negatively to the input. A transparent calibration curve on an opaque background is mounted between the photo tube and the oscilloscope face. This curve is the reference that the input voltage is made to align itself with.


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Limiting Values Of Active Resistances In RC Phase-Shift Generators
| N ANALYZING RC phase shift generators it is usually assumed that the input resistance of the phase shift network is considerably greater than the output resistance of the amplifying stage. Consequently, formulas for the frequency and for the self-excitation conditions usually disregard the effect of the internal resistance of the vacuum tube and the resistance of the plate load. Townsend (Electronic Engineering, Vol. 22. No. 265, pp 116-117, March, 1950) did derive formulas for the frequency and for the attenuation with allowance for the amplifier parameters. In the present article we will derive formulas for the limiting values of the active resistances of the phase-shifting network below which the RC generator cannot become excited.

## Self-Excitation Conditions of

 RC Phase Sh:ff GeneratorsThe RC phase shift generator can be represented as a cascade connection, for which the $a$-matrix is known, of an amplifier and a phase shifting network, Fig. 1. With the feedback loop open, the self-excitation condition can be determined by assuming the attenuation of the overall network to be less than unity.
The amplifier matrix is

$$
\left[a^{\prime}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
-\frac{1}{S R_{a}} & -\frac{1}{S} \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right] .
$$

where $S$ is the transconductance, and

$$
R_{a}=\frac{R_{a}^{\prime} R_{i}}{R_{a}^{\prime}+R_{i}}
$$

By multiplying the matrix of the amplifier and the matrix of the phasing network, still specified in general form, we obtain

$$
[a]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
-\frac{a_{11}}{S R_{a}}-\frac{a_{21}}{S} & -\frac{a_{12}}{S R_{a}}-\frac{a_{22}}{S} \\
0
\end{array}\right]
$$

Assuming that the element $a_{11}$ of matrix (3) is less than unity, we obtain, after transformation. a general formula for self-excitation.

$$
-a_{11}-a_{21} R_{a}<S R_{a}
$$

Three-Element RC Phase Shift Generator
For a three-element phase-shifting network Fig. 2, the $a$-matrix can be determined by mul-


Fig. 1. RC phase-shift generator can be represented by an amplifier and a phase shifting network.


Fig. 2. Dotted lines separate individual units in this three-element phase shifting network.
tiplying the matrices of the separate four-terminal network. That is,
$\{a\}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}1+Z_{1} Y_{2} & 2 Z_{1}+Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2} \\ Y_{2} & 1+Z_{1} Y_{2}\end{array}\right]$

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1+Z_{1} Y_{2} & Z_{1} \\
2 Y_{2}+Z_{1} Y_{2}{ }^{2} & 1+Z_{1} Y_{2}
\end{array}\right]
$$

After multiplication we get

$$
[a]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
1+6 Z_{1} Y_{2}+5 Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2^{2}}{ }^{2}+Z_{1}{ }^{3} Y_{2}{ }^{3} \\
3 Y_{2}+4 Z_{1} Y_{2}{ }^{2}+Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}{ }^{3} \\
3 Z_{1}+4 Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}+Z_{1}{ }^{3}{ }^{3} Y_{2}{ }^{2}  \tag{5}\\
1+3 Z_{1} Y_{2}+Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}{ }^{2}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Substituting the elements of the matrix (5) into the general formula (4) for the self-excitation condition, yields
$-\left(1+6 Z_{1} Y_{2}+5 Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}{ }^{2}+Z_{1}{ }^{3} Y_{2}{ }^{8}\right)$
$-\left(3 Y_{z}+4 Z_{1} Y_{2}{ }^{2}+Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}{ }^{3}\right) K_{a} \leqslant S R_{a}$. (6)
For a phase-shifting network with $R$ in the parallel legs, the impedances of the network of Fig. 2 are

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z_{1}=\frac{1}{i \omega C} ; Z_{2}=R \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

After substituting Eq. 7 in Eq. 6, separating real and imaginarv narts, and setting the latter equal to zero, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega_{0}=\frac{1}{R C \sqrt{6+4 \frac{R_{a}}{R}}} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(S R_{a}-29\right)\left(\frac{R}{R_{a}}\right)^{2}-23 \frac{R}{R_{a}}-4>0 \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Eq. 9 yields the condition for the gain

$$
S R_{a}>29
$$

since for positive values of $R / R_{a}$, inequality (9) can be satisfied only if Eq. 10 is satisfied.
The positive root $R_{m!n} / R_{a}$ of Eq. 9 determines the limiting value of the resistance of the phasing network, below which the generator will not be excited. In designing an RC generator, when the gain and the resistance $R_{a}$ (Eq. 2) are specified, the resistances of the phase-shifting network must be chosen to satisfy the condition

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{R}{R_{a}}>\frac{R_{\min }}{R_{\mathrm{a}}}=\frac{23+\sqrt{65+165 S R_{\mathrm{a}}}}{2\left(S R_{a}-29\right)} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Fig. 3 (curve 1) plots a curve of $R_{\text {min }} / R_{a}$ as a

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function of the gain product $\mathbf{S R}_{a}$.
For a phase-shifting network with the capacitance in the parallel leg, the impedances of the circuit of Fig. 2 are

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z_{1}=R ; Y_{2}=i \omega C . \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

After suitable transformations we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega_{0}=\frac{1}{R C} \sqrt{\frac{6 \frac{R}{R_{\mathrm{a}}}+3}{\frac{R}{R_{a}}+1}} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\left(S R_{a}-29\right)\left(\frac{R}{R_{a}}\right)^{2}+\left(S R_{a}-38\right) \frac{R}{R_{a}}-12 \geqslant 0 ;$
(14)
$\frac{R}{R_{a}}>\frac{R_{m i n}}{R_{a}}=\frac{38-S R_{a}+\sqrt{\left(S R_{a}\right)^{2}-28 S R_{a}+52}}{2\left(S R_{a}-29\right)}$

Fig. 3 (curve 2) plots $R_{\text {min }} / R_{a}$ versus the gain.

## Four-Element RC Phase Shift Generator

The matrix of the four-element phase-shifting network, using the same notation as in Fig. 2, has the following form

$$
,]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
1+10 Z_{1} Y_{2}+15 Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}{ }^{2}+7 Z_{1}{ }^{3} Y_{2}{ }^{3}+Z_{1}{ }^{4} Y_{2}{ }^{4} \\
4 Y_{2}+10 Z_{1} Y_{2}{ }^{2}+6 Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}{ }^{3}+Z_{1}{ }^{3} Y_{2}{ }^{4} \\
4 Z_{1}+10 Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}+6 Z_{1}{ }^{3} Y_{2}{ }^{2}+Z_{1}{ }^{4} Y_{2}{ }^{3} \\
1+6 Z_{1} Y_{2}+5 Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}{ }^{2}+Z_{1}{ }^{3} Y_{2}{ }^{3}{ }^{3}
\end{array}\right],(16)
$$

The self-excitation condition becomes
$-\left(1+10 Z_{1} Y_{2}+15 Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}{ }^{2}+7 Z_{1}{ }^{3} Y_{2}{ }^{3}+Z_{1}{ }^{4} Y_{2}{ }^{4}\right)-$ $-\left(4 Y_{2}+10 Z_{1} Y_{2}{ }^{2}+6 Z_{1}{ }^{2} Y_{2}{ }^{3}+Z_{1}{ }^{3} Y_{2}{ }^{4}\right) R_{a} \leqslant S R_{a}$

For a phase-shifting network with the resistance in the parallel leg, Eq. 7, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega_{0}=\frac{1}{R C} \sqrt{\frac{7 \frac{R}{R_{a}}+1}{10\left(\frac{R}{R_{a}}+1\right)}} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\left(49 S R_{a}-901\right)\left(\frac{R}{R_{a}}\right)^{3}+\left(14 S R_{a}-1210\right)
$$

$$
\times\left(\frac{R}{R_{o}}\right)^{2}+\left(S R_{a}-470\right) \frac{R}{R_{a}}-56>0
$$

For a capacitance in the parallel leg, Eq. 12, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega_{0}=\frac{1}{R C} \sqrt{\frac{10 \frac{R}{R_{a}}+4}{7 \frac{R}{R_{a}}+6}} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

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Fig. 3. The ratio $R_{\min } / R_{\mathrm{a}}$ as a function of gain, $S R_{\text {a }}$.
$\left(49 S R_{a}-901\right)\left(\frac{R}{R_{a}}\right)^{3}+\left(84 S R_{a}-1.756\right)\left(\frac{R}{R_{a}}\right)^{2}$

$$
+\left(36 S R_{a}-1.108\right) \frac{R}{R_{a}}-224 \geqslant 0
$$

From Eqs. 19 and 21 we obtain the well known condition for the selection of the gain

$$
\begin{equation*}
S R_{\alpha}>18.4 \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here the polynomials (Eqs. 19 or 21) have one positive root, which determines the minimum value of the ratio $R / R_{a}$. Fig. 3 shows a plot of $R_{\text {min }} / \boldsymbol{R}_{a}$ (parallel $R$-curve 3, parallel $C$-curve 4) versus the gain, obtained by solving cubic Eqs. 19 and 21 by one of the standard methods.

## Conclusions

1. From a comparison of the curves of Fig. 3 for parallel $R$ and parallel $C$ networks one can see that, other conditions being equal, the parallel RC generator is excited at lower values of $R / R_{a}$.
2. Starting with a gain of 38 and greater, the RC generator with a four-element parallel $R$ phase-shifting network is excited at larger values of $R / R_{a}$ than the RC generator with a three-element parallel $C$ network.
3. When the gain exceeds a definite value (differing with the type of network), the resistance of the phase-shifting network can be smaller than $R_{q}$.
4. In the design of RC generators one must choose such a value of $R$, that the ratio $R / R_{a}$, for a chosen gain, be greater than the minimum $\boldsymbol{R}_{m i n} / \boldsymbol{R}_{a}$, as given in Fig. 3.
5. The formulas for frequency agree with those given by Townsend.
Translated from "Limiting Values of Active Resistances of Phase Shift Generators," Garmash, Elektrosvyaz', No. 6, June, 1960, pp 24-27.


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## Electrolytic Capacitors: New

Voltage Rating Substituted In MIL-C-3965B
Amendment 1 to spec MIL-C-3965B has deleted the $18-\mathrm{v}$ rating and substituted a $20-\mathrm{v}$ rating. A requirement for visual examination has been added after life test. The insulating sleeve requirements for testing have been revised. Requirements for brackets have been added for the bathtub styles. The appendix has been changed to match the addition of new styles and the changed number of specimens necessary. MIL-C-3965B, Amendment 1, Fixed Electrolytic (Tantalum) Capacitors, 16 April 1960.

## Mil Spec Covers Five New

Plastic Sheets for Printed Wiring
Five new types of plastic sheets have been added to MIL-P-1394 by the "B" revision. Rigid tolerance classes have also been established for thickness, and warp or twist, in addition to normal tolerances. The quality assurance sections have been modified to incorporate the latest paragraphs on responsibility for inspection. MIL-P1394B, Plastic Sheet, Laminated, Copper Clad (For printed wiring)

Feed-Through Capacitor Spec
Is Completely Revised
MIL-C-11693 has been completely recast. The " B " issue also supersedes MIL-C-19080 (SHIPS). The military standard format has been changed to the detail format. The type designation has been changed to delete the identification of terminals. Current rating is now identified by a letter

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symbol instead of a number symbol. The scope of the spec has been broadened to cover additional dielectric materials, such as paper-plastic, metalized paper, and metalized plastic. Fifteen new-style capacitors have been added. MIL-C11693B, Capacitors, Feed Through, Radio-Interference Reduction, AC and DC (Hermetically sealed in metallic cases).

## Air Force Issues

## Materials and Processes Specs

Issued monthly by the Air Force, USAF Speciication Bulletin 23, provides a list of material and process specs, and other closely related specs. These specs are approved for use in the construction and maintenance of Air Force equipment and accessories. The primary purpose of the bulletin is to provide a check-list to insure that correct issues of applicable publications and specs are being used in manufacture. Copies can be obtained from: Commander, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, USAF Engineering Specifications and Drawings Branch, Administrative Services Office, Attn: EWBFE, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Be sure to reference the contract number or bid.

## RF Filiers: Eight New

Types Added To MIL-F-15733
The most significant change to MIL-F-15733 has been the deletion of all six types of filters listed in MIL-F-15733C and the addition of eight new styles. Two of the new styles are tubular; the other six are bathtub type. The tubular types have current ranges from 1 to 30 amp at 100 v dc , and 1 to 50 amp at 400 v dc $(125 \mathrm{v}$ ac). The bathtub types have ranges from 1 to 50 amp at 100 v $\mathrm{dc}, 400 \mathrm{v}$ dc ( 125 v ac), and 600 v dc ( 250 vac ). The type designation has been expanded to include symbols for current rating, insertion loss characteristic, terminal identification, operating temperature range, and vibration grade. This spec also supersedes MIL-F-18344A (SHIPS). Radio Interference Filters, MIL-F-15733D.

Coax Connector Adapters: General
Requirements Listed In MIL-A-27434
MIL-A-27434 is a new spec covering the general requirements for weatherproof, between series, rf, coaxial connector adapters having a nominal impedance of 50 ohms. These connectors are intended for use in rf applications up to $10,000 \mathrm{mc}$. Adapter connector types established by this spec are: UG-564/U, UG-565/U, UG635/U, UG-636A/U, and UG-637/U. MIL-A27434, Adapters, Connector, Coaxial, Radio Frequency, Between Series, General Specifications For, May 10, 1960.

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The 48 electrical engineers who were graduated had a total of 717 interviews with prospective employers, the placement office said.

The National Science Foundation has awarded 500 summer fellowships to secondary-school teachers of science and mathematics.

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The recipients come from 45 states and the District of Columbia. A total of 228 awards went to mathematics instructors, 173 to teachers of the biological sciences, 55 to physical-science instructors and 46 to general-science instructors.

The Datex Corp., Monrovia, Calif., has found that engineers' writing problems were in organization and planning. The company's engineers, however, disagree.
The engineers, according to Datex, listed their major writing problems as deficiencies in vocabulary, grammar, composition, spelling, and sentence structure.
The engineers surveyed spent an average of 7 per cent of their time writing, according to the company. The company said studies have shown that "most engineers write grammatically. Despite their feeling to the contrary, their college training and experience (plus the usual reading) have given them vocabularies more than adequate to handle any engineering writing job."

The Engineering Manpower Commission is trying to find out again what engineers are earning.

The commission's fourth survey of earnings is expected to cover more than 200,000 engineers employed in private industry, the government and education.

The last survey, conducted in 1958, indicated that engineers' salaries jumped an average of 6.5 per cent annually between 1953 and 1958.

Electronics men in the Chicago area often seek career advice from a woman.

She is Barbara Ann Seibert, an employment counselor with Drake Personnel, Inc., who specializes in helping electronics engineers and executives find better jobs in the industry.
"Those first months weren't easy," Miss Seibert said. "Many employers at first refused to deal with me when they found that B. A. didn't stand for Bart or Bert."

Although she now is well established in the personnel guidance field, she still uses only her initials in correspondence with men she hasn't met.

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