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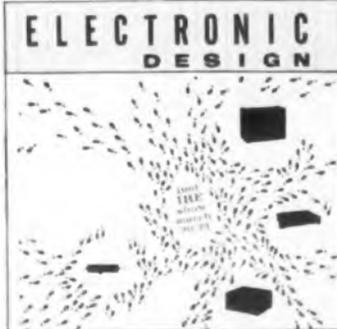
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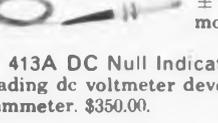
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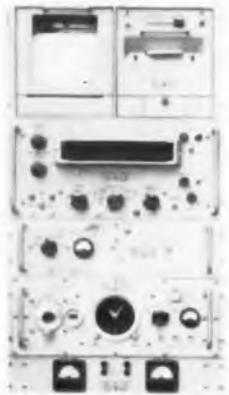
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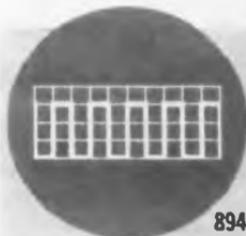
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Push Intensifying for Commercial Altitude Radar

*FAA Hears New Proposals, Gets Congressional Inquiries
As First Trials of 3-D System Begin at NAFEC*

Robert Haavind
News Editor

STEPPED UP efforts to add the third dimension to the air-traffic controller's radar presentation have begun since the mid-air collision of two commercial airliners over Staten Island, N. Y. last Dec. 16.

Informal Congressional inquiries on present traffic control procedures have already been made, *ELECTRONIC DESIGN* learned. Several electronics companies have also increased efforts to interest the Federal Aviation Agency in tests of systems that might be capable of adding altitude data to air traffic control.

A major step in this direction will be taken this month with the initial tests of a multi-beam, 3-D height-finding radar system near the FAA's National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center, Atlantic City, N. J.

This passive ASHR-1 radar system, built by Maxson Electronics, New York, works in synchronism with a conventional ASR radar now used at airports for range and bearing data. Reflected pulses from the aircraft are split into 90 vertically-stacked beams by the large receiving antenna. Each beam is 120 deg in azimuth, but beam height ranges from 3 milliradians for the lowest to 1.2 deg for the highest beam. Since the lower beams pick up targets at greater ranges, this difference gives the system fairly good resolution to long ranges.

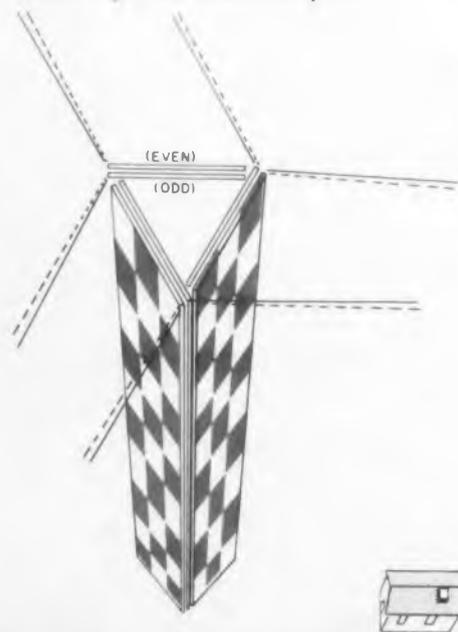
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Received energy travels through a waveguide and is directed into the proper feed line to a receiver by a directional coupler.

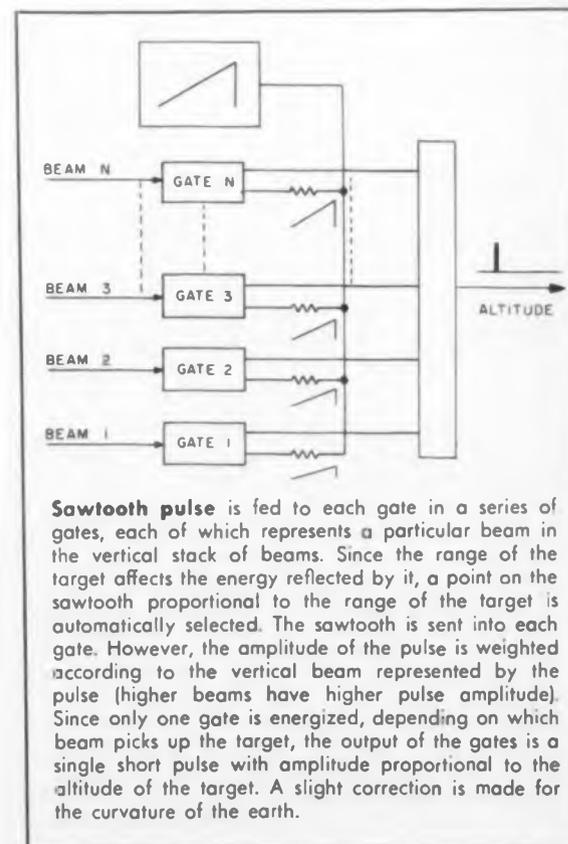
Considerable effort was directed toward solving sidelobe problems in the system design. If signals are received in two adjacent beams, the stronger one is attenuated significantly and compared with the weaker one. A logical decision is then made as to whether the weak signal is a sidelobe return or actually a second aircraft.

Tapered coupling was used in making the directional couplers for sidelobe suppression. Tests have shown that there is some mutual suppression of sidelobe returns, giving enough cancellation so that constant coupling could probably be used in future antennas of this type, according to a Maxson engineer. This would greatly simplify antenna construction.

High cost and complexity are two of the disadvantages of the Maxson system. The antenna structure itself cost about \$500,000. Ninety receivers are required, although some savings are



Two panels on each of the three sides of the Maxson ASHR-1 antenna consist of waveguide stacks. All the odd-numbered beams in a vertical stack are formed by one of the panels on a side of the antenna, and all the even-numbered beams by the second panel. All beams have a beam-width in azimuth of about 120 deg. Receivers are automatically switched from one side of the antenna to the other in synchronism with the rotation of the master antenna.





Possible altitude display system now being developed for the FAA uses the inner two-thirds of a ppi as a conventional range azimuth display. The outer third of the tube face is calibrated in altitude, so that an altitude pip for each aircraft appears on the same azimuth as the range-and-bearing pip. Aircraft at higher altitudes are shown toward the outside of the altitude sector.

possible because of the use of one local oscillator for all of them. Synchronization and signal processing also add to complexity.

Several other potential altitude systems, some simpler than Maxson's, have been proposed to the FAA.

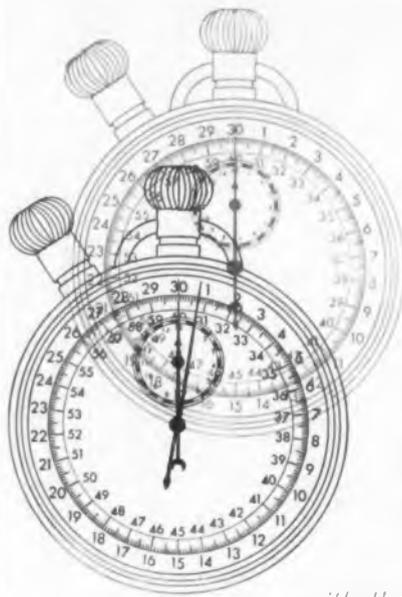
Among firms which have made additional proposals are Crosley Div. of Avco Corp.; Sanders Associates, Inc.; Marchetti Associates; Gilfillan Brothers, Inc.; Bendix Corp.; Hughes Aircraft Co.; and ITE Circuit Breaker Co.

Sanders has developed a small system which could be linked to conventional search radars without complex data-link equipment. Although it would be a phased-array approach, it would use fewer elements for the same number of beams than the Maxson approach.

Displays suitable for showing the altitude dimension along with range and bearing are also under development. The approach which seems to have greatest favor at present shows range and bearing on the inner two-thirds of a ppi, and altitude on the outer third.

Other novel display techniques are under development. One approach would show targets in simulated three-dimensional space. Another would use color-coding of targets to locate them in a particular altitude zone.

Eventually, however, the FAA hopes to integrate altitude into all other data handled by a master traffic control data processing system. This would remove the element of human error from the situation, and give early warning of any developing collision situation. ■ ■



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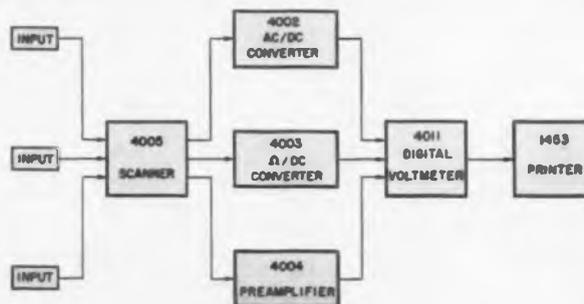
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Titanium Tunnel Diodes

Thin-Film Devices Being Developed With Titanium Oxide Dielectric Layer

Titanium thin-film tunnel diodes that operate at room temperature and have current peaks and valleys at somewhat higher voltages than those of gallium-arsenide tunnel diodes have been developed at Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, N.Y.

The devices are made by precipitating a thin-film strip of titanium on a smooth glass substrate in a vacuum at about 1,800 C. A layer of oxide is formed on the titanium in minutes by a special anodic oxidation process. The oxide is formed at room temperature. A counter electrode of another metal, such as aluminum or silver, is vacuum-deposited in a strip across the titanium band to form a sandwich where the two strips cross.

The sandwich is about 1,000 Å thick and about 5 to 10 sq mm in area. Tunneling through the titanium oxide dielectric occurs at room temperature and gives the device the characteristic negative resistance behavior of previously described tunnel diodes.

The only other thin-film tunnel diodes announced depend on superconductivity for their tunneling and must be maintained at cryogenic temperatures (*ED*, Dec. 7, 1960, p. 4).

Dr. Franz Huber, physicist, and Joseph Blossom developed Republic's new diode.

The titanium thin-film tunnel diodes resulted from research into the use of weld metals, including niobium, tantalum and others, as mate-



Thin-film titanium tunnel diodes deposited on glass substrate, held here by Dr. Franz Huber of Republic Aviation Corp., operate at room temperature.

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rials for microminiature components. This research is part of a program to develop a complementary set of components that can be printed at the same time on a smooth substrate.

Republic hopes to produce microminiature circuits of titanium diodes, capacitors and resistors in one manufacturing operation that might include several deposition and oxidation steps. The company reports that it is near development of titanium thin-film capacitors.

Polarized-Plate Memory Promises Ultra-Fast Information Retrieval

In an information storage system developed at New York University, the phenomenon of persistent internal polarization is being used to achieve write-in and read-out speeds said to be comparable to those of the fastest existing computer memories.

Prof. Hartmut Kallman and Prof. Joseph Rennert have built a working laboratory system in which a plate coated with a thin photoconductive phosphor layer of zinc cadmium sulphide is used to store signals written by a beam of radiation.

Small spots on the plate are polarized by the beam, which can be of visible-light, infrared, ultraviolet or gamma-ray energy, depending on the composition of the phosphor. The beam is modulated by a mask.

Information can be recorded on the 1-in.-sq plate either by applying a voltage together with a light flash across the entire photoconductive layer and then selectively irradiating desired areas, or by irradiating the entire phosphor plate and selectively applying voltage and light.

To apply voltage selectively, however, would require that a grid of conductors be placed against the plate. This would prevent achieving extremely small devices and high information densities, Professor Rennert reports.

Writing consists of applying a voltage and a 2- μ sec light flash to a plate simultaneously to polarize a single spot about 1 mm sq.

Reading is done by detecting either the presence or absence of a polarization voltage on the plate by exposing it to a light flash or scanning beam in the absence of an external voltage. Measuring the strength of the released signal tells whether information is or is not present.

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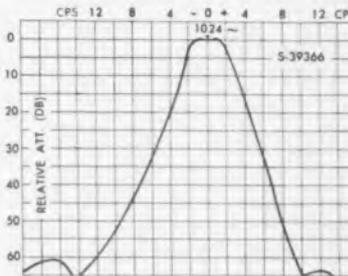
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Designers Scrutinize Solid-State Circuits, Devices

Descriptions of Important New Developments Share Spotlight With Discussion and Evaluation at Solid-State Circuits Conference

DESIGNERS took a hard, evaluating look at many recent and brand new developments in solid-state technology at the 1961 International Solid-State Circuits Conference. Components like tunnel diodes, epitaxial transistors and microwave devices, and concepts like magnetics, logic systems, microminiaturization, and storage approaches were scrutinized and evaluated—not always favorably—at the lively Philadelphia conference. This stock-taking characterized the 1961 meeting, which may also prove notable for the many significant developments described there.

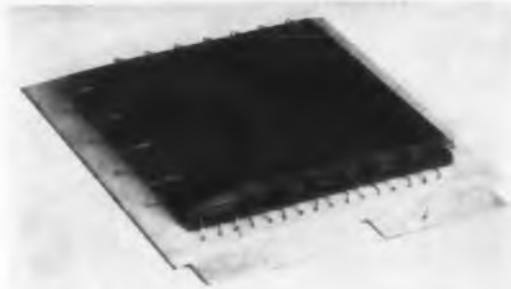
Among these were:

Novel logic concepts. Two optoelectronic approaches to logic, making use of electroluminescent-photoconductive elements in arrays, were described by researchers from General Electric and from International Business Machines. A neuron-like neuristor logical element invented at Stanford Research Institute was shown to be ready for implementation. Also described was a continuous-phase regenerative logic system for majority logic that uses a phase-script mode of operation. This GE development resembles the parametron in principle but is said to perform logic at a 100-mc rate, half that of its pump frequency.

New advances in magnetics. An all-magnetic arithmetic unit—an automatic decimal multiplier—was described as in operation at Stanford Research Institute. It consists of only ferrites and wire. Researchers from Bell Telephone Laboratories reported on progress with the Lab's ferrite-sheet memories. These are word-organized units that use guided flux for reading and writing. One developmental memory stores up to 8,000 4-bit words and has a 3-4- μ sec read-write cycle.

Tunnel-diode applications. Several tunnel-diode switching devices were discussed. One, using voltage-mode selection, is being developed in England (see photograph). Another built at Texas Instruments to investigate GaAs tunnel diodes, uses transistors as emitter followers and is said to be capable of single-shot inputs faster than 100 mc and of binary action of about 200 mc. Another tunnel-diode switching circuit using transistors was described by IBM designers. This asynchronous circuit is said to have repetition rates of 100 mc.

Tunnel diodes were also discussed for non-switching applications. Bell Labs reports getting 0.5 mw from a gallium-arsenide-diode oscillator operating at 7.5 kmc. Japanese researchers re-



Array of EL-PC elements described at conference recognizes combinations of three-bit patterns as they flow through data-processing system. Use of EL-PC elements permits construction of circuits suitable for a physical realization of a logical flow table. The device demonstrates both the power of flow-table logic and of EL-PC circuits. It consists of three superimposed 4 x 7 matrices of bistable elements and is said to be reliable and easy to fabricate.

ported a gain of 20 db at 8-mc bandwidth with a reflection-type parametric amplifier using tunnel diodes. Also described were a Bell Labs analog-to-digital converter with a speed of 5 mc, and a superregenerative tunnel-diode circuit developed by Philco.

Cryogenic developments. An experimental 100-bit coincident-current superconductive-memory with a 6- μ sec read-write cycle was described by RCA researchers. Use of lead and tin thin films at cryogenic temperatures reduce drive current needs to 300 ma, it was reported. Two other developments discussed were IBM's 135-cryotron thin-film memory plane, and GE's thin-films that exhibit tunneling at cryogenic temperatures.

State of Solid-State Circuit Art Analyzed Informally in Discussions

Unusual frankness characterized the evening informal discussions at the conference, where as much attention was given previous developments as those announced at the meeting. In computer-oriented discussions, which, with microwave talks, dominated the conference, thin-films were downgraded as one of the techniques of the future. Twistor memories were said to be strictly limited in potential. Tunnel diodes were reported a long way from large-scale use in switching applications. Only one young engineer spoke up for superconductive devices. But surprisingly many commentators thought ferrites would be highly competitive in future computers.



Tunnel-diode module for developmental computer memory handles 64 bits in 3-in. diam. Complete read-write cycle was performed in 40 μ sec with same circuit in different configuration—an 8 x 8 array on 9-in. circuit board. Module is for a word-organized memory designed at Plessey Co., Ltd., Hants, England, that uses voltage-mode selection. Circular arrangement was chosen to reduce delays caused by leads, which slowed read time in array format to 10 μ sec.

Logic designers discussed approaches for three hours but could not agree on which techniques would dominate the next generation of data processing systems. Most agreed, however, that devices were being developed faster than logics to use them efficiently.

At the microminiaturization evening sessions, panelists said that departures from conventional circuitry are needed in order to achieve satisfactory operation with microwatt power input per stage. New logic is demanded to relax the tolerance level demanded in present circuits and active components must be tailored to micromin assembly techniques, stated the panel members.

In answer to such questions as ideal form factor for a module, maximum cost of a "throw away" module and best block-to-block connection scheme, the panel insisted that the customer or systems engineer would be responsible for the final decisions. The problem areas of micromin still appear to be tossed from device manufacturer to user, with both disclaiming full responsibility.

Circuits have developed faster than devices in low-frequency, low-level signal amplification, said both circuit designers and device manufacturers who attended an evening discussion on this subject. The basic circuits, particularly those based on differential input stages, have been around for many years; what is needed

are transistors that can make these circuits perform, they said.

Some specific improvements expected from device manufacturers are more precisely matched component pairs and more complete surface passivation, commented panel member J. S. MacDougall, Raytheon Co. Planar transistors may help provide the answer, added D. Hilbiber of Fairchild Semiconductor Corp. After the session Mr. Hilbiber told *ELECTRONIC DESIGN* that the long-sought field-effect transistor also might be available in the foreseeable future.

As for the transistors that have become available in the past year, J. Baworouski, Litton Industries, told the group that he has found none of them significantly better for signal amplification than the older 2N338—which he uses as a “workhorse for the front end.”

Differential DC Amplifiers Favored Because of Need For Solid-State Chopper

Differential dc amplifier stages were favored by many of the designers because of the difficulty in perfecting a good solid-state chopper. To achieve the matching needed for the differential pairs, there was talk of not only putting the transistors in the same package, but also of immersing the mutual header in an oil bath. Most of those present indicated that they did not consider Peltier cooling at the junctions promising for temperature stability because of the inefficiency of thermoelectric devices.

A number of transistor choppers were discussed, as was a push-pull photoelectric type from Cambridge Electronics Corp., Boston. But, for transistorized choppers at least, the problems of voltage standoff and switching spikes appeared sufficiently discouraging to cause one of the panel members to predict that “a good mechanical chopper will be able to ‘cop the market’ for some time to come.”

Discussion of the problems inherent in ferrite amplifiers was one of the top attractions of an evening session on microwaves.

As of now, according to E. Stern, General Electric Co.'s Electronics Laboratory, Syracuse, N.Y., there are three factors in which ferrite amplifiers lag behind existing microwave amplifiers. These are higher noise figures, higher pump power requirements, and lower gain-bandwidth products.

Work is continuing in this field, however, because ferrite amplifiers promise to provide improvements over existing receiver amplifiers in the millimeter-waves region.

What is needed are better materials with broad line width, for lower pump power, or a more efficient method of pumping, Mr. Stern told the group of microwave engineers. ■ ■

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✓ DC Current Amplification Factor, h_{FE} ($V_{CE} = -0.3v, I_C = -10 ma$)	30	70		
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Collector Saturation Voltage, $V_{CE(SAT)}$ ($I_C = -10 ma, I_B = -1 ma$)		0.12	0.20	volt
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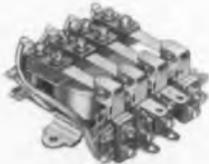




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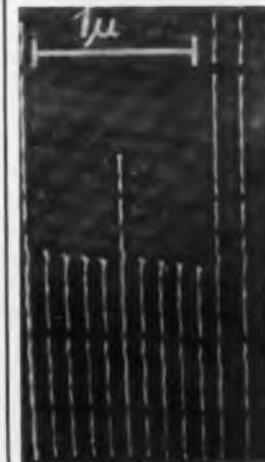
Thin-Film Parametrons on Wire, Microrecording Method Described

THIN-FILM parametrons deposited on copper wires, advances extending the microrecording art into the submicron range, and promise for excellent results for dielectric diodes were among the significant foreign developments disclosed at the International Solid-State Circuits Conference in Philadelphia.

Prof. Eiichi Goto of Tokyo University outlined recent progress in solid-state research in Japan. He described two approaches used by his laboratory to construct permalloy thin-film parametrons by electrodeposition on copper wires.

In one configuration the pumping current is applied through the inner copper wire, and the easy direction of magnetization of the film is axial. A coil in a tuned circuit is wrapped around the permalloy-coated wire.

In the second configuration the coated wire is placed in a pumping magnetic field. An external capacitor is soldered to the permalloy film, and the copper wire is used as the inductance in a tuned circuit. Since the inductance is inversely proportional to the diameter of the wire, the wire must be very thin for this device. The oscil-



Traces produced by new German microrecording technique are shown as seen through an electron microscope, with 1-micron scale marks for size comparison. This technique produces writing small enough to write the entire contents of the Bible on 1/30th the area of a postage stamp, according to Dr. G. Moellenstedt.

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lation current passes through inner copper wire.

The permalloy coatings used are only a few microns thick, and it is difficult to obtain the proper combination of nickel and iron in the films, according to Prof. Goto.

The 12,000-parametron PC-2 computer being built at Tokyo University should be completed in April, Prof. Goto told *ELECTRONIC DESIGN* after his report to the conference. He expects the machine to give a multiplication time of about 300 μ sec. Ferrite parametrons will be used in this machine, which will have 2,000 words of magnetic core storage.

Advantages of the space-charge-limited dielectric diode over the conventional diffusion-limited semiconductor junction diode were cited by Dr. C. T. Wright, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England.

Since large input capacitance is most easily achieved in the semiconductor junction diode, it is inherently more suitable for higher power applications, he commented. The dielectric devices are inherently more suitable for switching applications, however, because of the feasibility of faster transit times.

Space-charge-limited current has been achieved by Dr. Wright using insulating crystal plates of pure cadmium sulfide. Materials such as gallium arsenide or aluminum antimonide would be more suitable for device development, he added. Wider bandwidths and less temperature dependence were among other advantages of the dielectric diode presented by Dr. Wright.

Very High Density Storage Possible With Submicron Microrecording

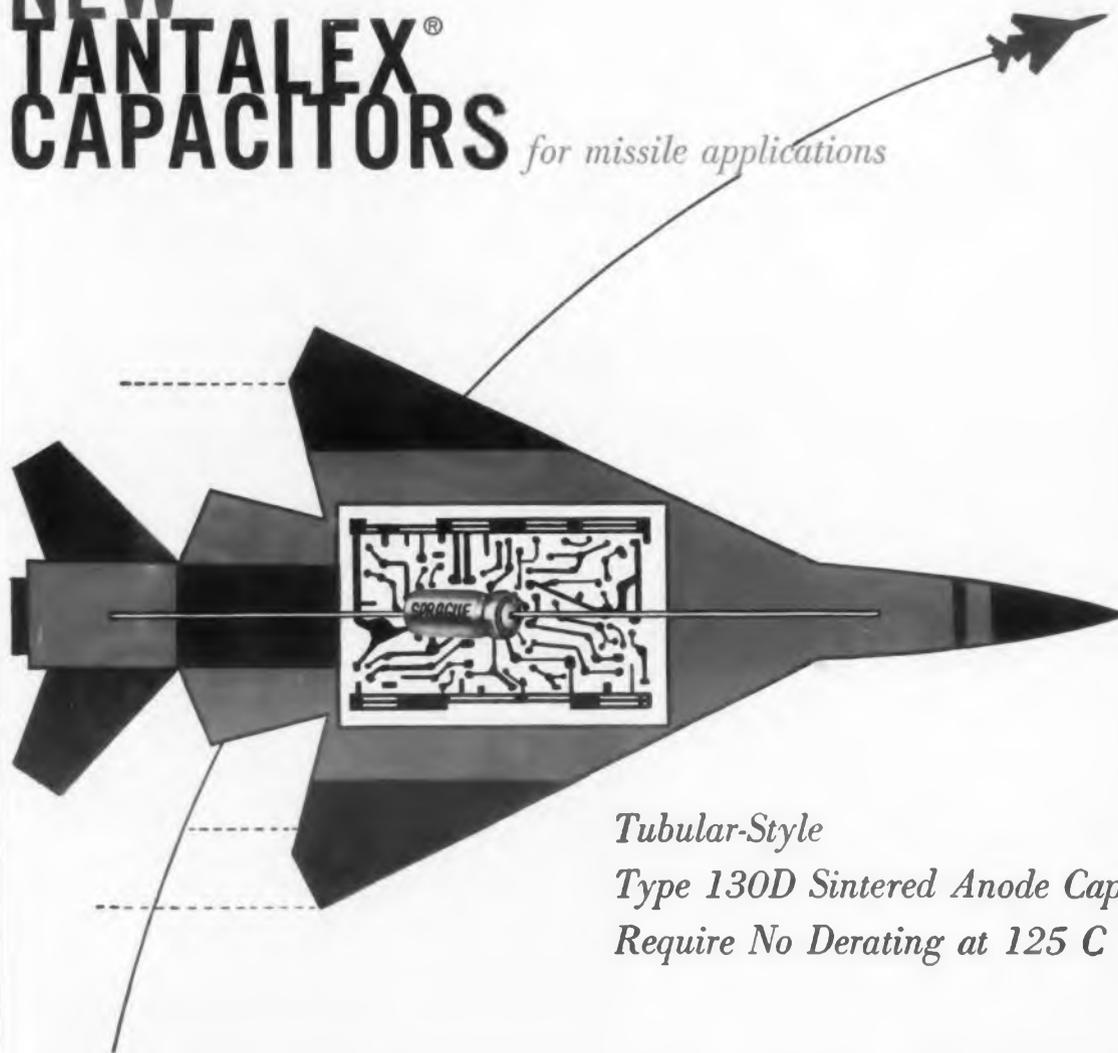
Techniques developed for microrecording information in lines much less than 0.1 micron wide were described by Dr. G. Moellenstedt, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, West Germany.

Colloidion films 1,000 Å thick are used for the recording process. A microprobe, controlled by an electron microscope, is used to do the writing. Where probe strikes, oxygen and hydrogen are driven out of colloidion film, leaving pure carbon.

In the experiments described the aperture is shifted over the objective lens to achieve writing, however later work has now been done using a magnetic field to deflect the beam, according to Dr. Moellenstedt.

The technique can be used for preparation of fine absorption gratings for super-orthicon tubes. It might also be extended to such applications as high-density data storage or printing microminiature film circuits. ■ ■

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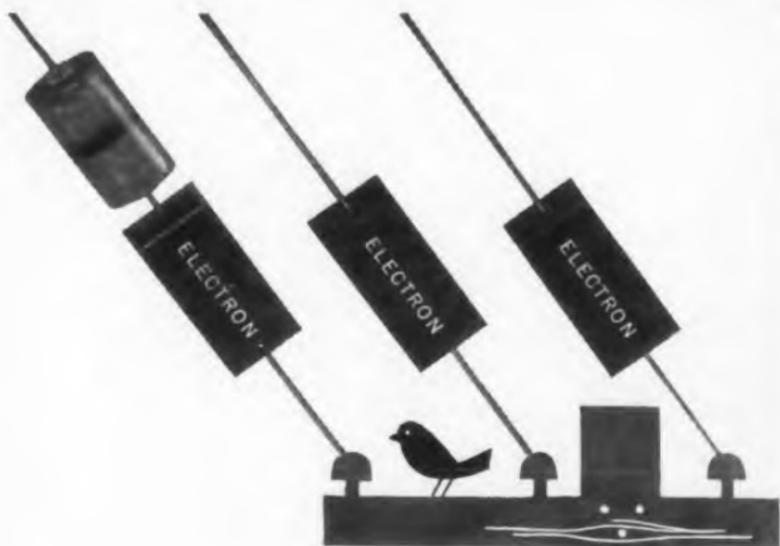
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Half-Tones Erased Onto New Storage Tube

Inverted Signals Applied to High-Energy Gun Grid Give Images of 100 to 120 Lines/in. Resolution

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West Coast Editor

HALF-TONE images with 100-to-120-lines-per-in. resolution are produced in the storage mode by a high-energy erase gun with a new multimode, selective erasure storage tube designed by Hughes Aircraft Co.

The Multi-Mode Tonotron, developed by the company's research laboratory at Oceanside, Calif., might be used in air traffic control, or with special radar or sonar systems. The tube is also capable of continuously displaying slow-scan TV images resulting from the narrow-bandwidth transmission necessary for moon or planetary approach missions.

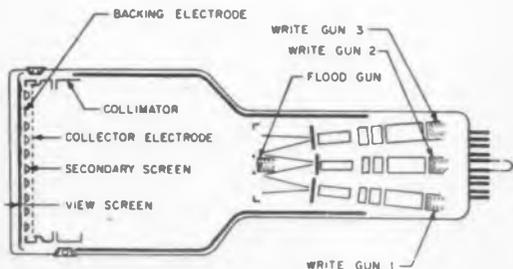
Can Erase Selected Images Without Disturbing Others

Conventional storage tubes erase the complete screen surface before writing a new image. The Hughes tube allows selected portions of the screen to be erased, so that new information—such as new targets or identification symbols—can be written onto a stored display.

In a demonstration at the Hughes laboratory, engineers showed a moving radar target on the screen of the multi-mode tube. A bright circle was moved to surround the target by pressing



Simulated radar information is shown on the face of the new Multi-Mode Tonotron. Circle can be moved to any position on the screen without disturbing stored traces.



Hughes Multi-Mode Tonotron is held by display systems engineer Gerald Slocum (left). Above is a schematic diagram of the tube. It uses three electron guns—low-energy write, high-energy erase, and write-through—in addition to the flood gun necessary to energize the secondary emission screen. Some tubes may lack one or more of the guns, substituting time-sharing circuitry to provide necessary functions. Information is stored on the view screen until erased by the high-energy erase gun's sweep. New information can be displayed by the low-energy write gun, following 1/8 in. behind the erasing beam. Resolution up to 120 lines per in. is achieved by using the erase gun to "write" a negative picture.



a button. Other images in the display were not disturbed. Thus an air-traffic pattern might be stored and real-time data written simultaneously.

Half-tone images of more than 100-lines-per-in. resolution are erased into a bright screen, rather than written onto a dark screen. First the screen is entirely covered with brightness with a low-energy write gun. Then a high-energy gun is used to erase an image onto the screen. Since this would normally be a "negative" image, the video signal can be inverted before it is applied to the grid of the erase gun.

High resolution is achieved in this arrangement because of the higher energy of the erase gun. Only about half the resolution would be possible with the lower energy write gun.

Slow-Scan Image Continuously Displayed Because of Selective Erase Feature

Slow-scan TV information transmitted over an experimental line with only 10-ke bandwidth was displayed on the new tube in another demonstration at the laboratory. With an ordinary storage tube, the entire display would have been erased after the completion of each raster. With the Multi-Mode Tonotron, however, only a 1/8-in. portion of each trace, just ahead of the moving beam, was erased. Thus the complete display was continuously visible to the operator. This mode of operation would be very useful with narrow-bandwidth satellite TV transmission systems, Hughes engineers pointed out.

The multimode storage tube's operation depends on a new dielectric film on the storage mesh (secondary screen in the diagram). When this dielectric film is bombarded by a beam of high-energy particles, it becomes conductive. In the Hughes tube 6,000 v or more are applied to the erase gun to form the high-energy beam.

The secondary-emission screen operates as a conventional Tonotron target when written upon by the low-energy writing gun. A charge pattern is established on the dielectric surface by this gun because of the secondary-emission ratio of the material.

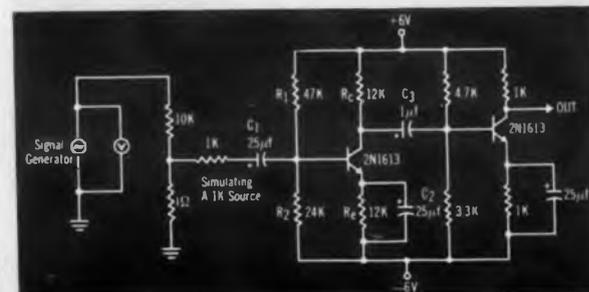
When the high-energy erase gun bombards the secondary-emission screen with electrons, the surface potential of the dielectric film is conducted toward the backing electrode potential (negative) by currents induced in the dielectric. This conduction occurs only in the bombarded areas. The amount of erasure is controlled by varying the erase-gun beam current.

Thus if video signals are inverted and applied to the grid of this erase gun, half-tone images are formed on the tube's view screen.

The erasure speed is determined by two operating parameters, the beam energy and the backing electrode potential, according to Kenneth Hesse, Hughes tube engineer. Both have a

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h_{fe} Small-signal current gain	3.0	5		$I_C = 50\text{mA}$ $V_C = -10\text{V}$ $f = 20\text{mc}$
C_{ob} Collector capacitance	18 μf	25 μf		$I_E = 0\text{mA}$ $V_C = -10\text{V}$
I_{CBO} Collector cutoff	0.8m μA	10m μA		$V_C = 60$ $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ $V_C = 60$ $T = 150^\circ\text{C}$

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threshold that must be reached before successful erasure can occur. Beam voltage must be at least 5,900 v, Mr. Hesse emphasized, to cause bombardment-induced conductivity. The negative backing electrode potential must also be at least equal to the target cut-off potential. Erase speed increases when the beam voltage increases or when the backing electrode is made more negative.

In practice at Hughes, erasure speeds of the order of 50,000 to 100,000 in. per sec have been achieved at beam voltages of 6,000 to 6,200 v. The backing electrode potential can be varied between about -5 and -12 v. The exact value is determined by the storage time desired, and it varies from tube to tube. The larger the negative voltage, the shorter the storage time.

Write-Through Mode Used To Present Nonstored Data

A write-through mode is used to write information not susceptible to erasure. These images are not erased because they are not stored on the tube face. By adjusting the energy of bombarding electrons, it is possible to make the addition and subtraction of charges equal. As much charge is deposited on the screen by secondary emission as is conducted to the backing electrode by bombardment-induced currents in this mode of operation. When this occurs, the beam is seen on the view screen in its unstored mode. No erasure of the information stored in that area takes place.

Write-through can be accomplished by using a separate write gun, as shown in the diagram, or by pulsing the back plate negatively and using the high-energy gun.

The view screen of the new tube, coated with a green-yellow P20 aluminized phosphor, is very bright and is highly visible even under poor lighting conditions. Physically the tube is about 4-1/2-in. shorter than conventional Tonotrons.

Inventor of the Multi-Mode Tonotron is Norman Lehrer, head of the special electron tube section of Hughes' Electronic Display Dept. ■ ■

Automatic Radio Locator Beacon Developed for Life Rafts

An automatic radio locator beacon, designed primarily for use in life rafts, has been developed by Hycon Manufacturing Co., Pasadena, Calif.

Called the Hy-Marker III, the self-contained unit is released automatically upon raft inflation. The spring-loaded antenna locks into place as water enters the battery compartment. The beacon begins transmitting on an emergency wavelength.

FAA Testing Binaural Recording Of Cockpit Talk in Airliners

The Federal Aviation Agency is looking into the feasibility of recording airliner cockpit conversations with binaural techniques as an aid to accident investigation. Tests are under way at the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center near Atlantic City, N.J.

Tests that began last spring established that cockpit conversation could be recorded over noise for useful playback.

In its report on the first series of tests, the agency said: "The recording of crew conversation in transport aircraft is feasible and development of special circuits and equipment is recommended."

A meeting of FAA and industry representatives to review the findings and to consider equipment for such recordings is scheduled for March 7 and 8 at the Atlantic City test facility.

An area pickup microphone with a cardioid pattern was the only near-special device used for the first tests. "Sophisticated mounting techniques" were not considered necessary for the cockpit microphone.

In the new binaural tests, signals from two cardioid-pattern microphones placed about 8 in. apart are fed to a dual-track recorder.

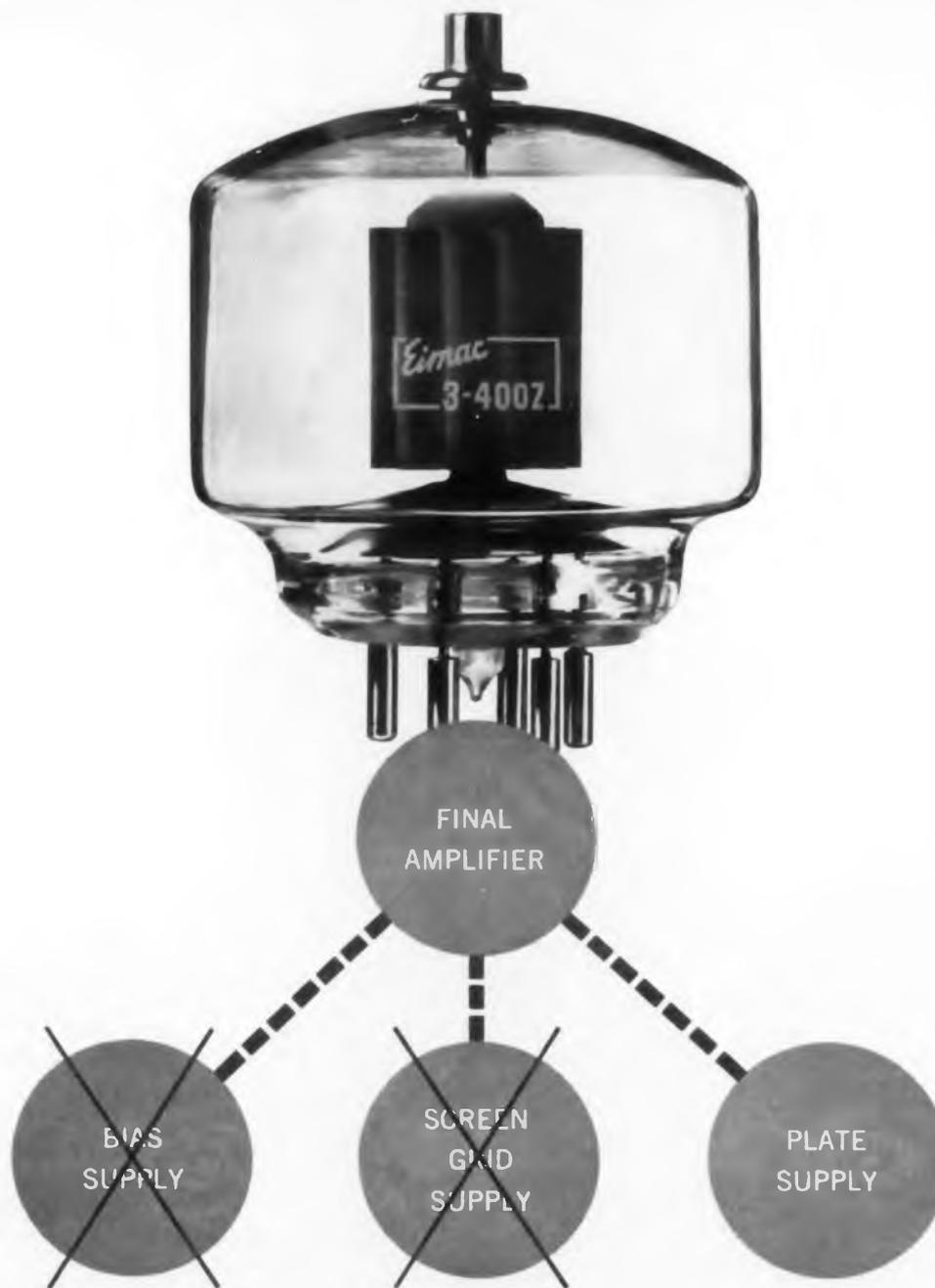
Filters and filter combinations are being tested in another phase of the program. The agency has established that by suppressing the right combination of noise frequencies, the quality of the recordings is enhanced.

Cinerama Getting New Sound



Space-saving preamplifier (foreground), which replaces the cumbersome vacuum-tube unit behind it, is part of a new all-transistor sound system developed by the Grass Valley Group, Inc., of California. The system, said to be capable of 450-w total audio power with fidelity to 20 kc, will be used by Cinerama, Inc., in theaters around the world.

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Millimeter-Wave Devices—for Equipment Not Yet 'Born'

MIT's Lincoln Laboratory Emphasizing Hardware in Broad Research Into Signal Sources and Materials for Communications and Radar

DESIGN interest in millimeter waves, for the next generation of communications and radar equipment, is growing. As part of it a broad research and development program into potential signal sources, materials and devices is being conducted at the Lincoln Laboratory of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lexington, Mass.

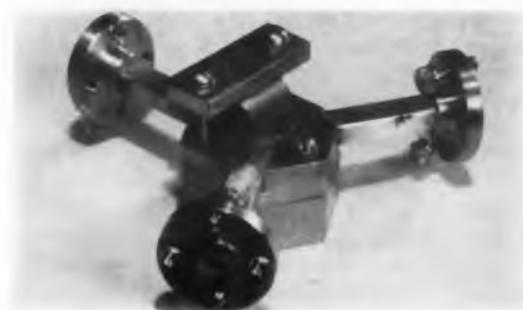
The program's emphasis on hardware for the many aspects of a millimeter-wave system, including waveguides, isolators, circulators and measuring equipment, should prove valuable to microwave designers.

Until recently designers were reluctant to con-

sider millimeter-wave systems because of atmospheric attenuation. Such "windows" as do exist are not very useful for ground communications. For systems that look straight up, or down, however, the millimeter-wave region warrants serious consideration. For example, a one-way trip through the atmosphere attenuates 2-mm waves only about 5 db.

Lincoln Laboratory is also actively developing radar and maser systems for the millimeter-wave region of the spectrum.

Illustrated here are devices and laboratory equipment employed in Lincoln's millimeter wave research program. ■ ■



Three-port, Y-type circulator developed for use at 4 mm. Small permanent magnet clamped to top supplies field for ferrite rod inside cavity.



Antiferromagnetic isolator is tested at 140 kmc with carcinotron signal source. Isolator, in liquid nitrogen Dewar between poles of the large electromagnet at bottom of photo, is adjusted by Dr. Gerald S. Heller, leader of the Resonance Physics Group at Lincoln Laboratory. At top, John J. Stickler monitors carcinotron output. The tube is said to average 20 mw of power within a 7 per cent tuning band.



Interferometer for measurements at 2 mm. Transmitting horn is at left, receiving horn at right. Dr. Peter E. Tannenwald, assistant leader of the Resonance Physics Group, conducts experiment.



1-mm harmonic generator is driven by 4-mm Amperex tube. Harmonic generator types under study include varactor diodes, paramagnetics and point-contact silicon whisker diodes. This method is inefficient at the low powers available from klystrons.



Millimeter wave sources in use at Lincoln Laboratory. From left to right: Raytheon QK396 klystron (4 mm), Compagnie Sans Fil COE-20R carcinotron (2 mm), and Amperex DX151 klystron (4 mm). Note the small, rectangular output waveguide for all three tubes.

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How to use a 4-megacycle instrumentation tape recorder

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Radar, for instance, can now be tape recorded off receiver and played back repeatedly to scopes, analytical devices or radar guided equipment. Radar testing, reconnaissance and tracking are enormously aided by tape's live-playback capabilities. And for simulation and training, elusive transient phenomena now become repeatable at will.

For predetection recording and communications monitoring

The recorder's bandwidth catches everything at once—any 4-megacycle band of radio frequencies or the IF stage off a telemetering receiver. This simplifies on-site equipment. One kind of recording serves for all usual types of communications and telemetered data. Later you can play back through detector, discriminator and other equipment as many times as necessary to separate and process the desired channels of information.

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Use of Computers

Specific Uses and Needs Cited at AIEE Meeting

THE increasing use of computers by design engineers was illustrated at the AIEE Winter General Meeting in reports on:

- An electrical analog approach to thermoelectric generator design.
- The problems of compiler programming.

Among other design highlights of the New York meeting were a report on a self-testing thyatron and a description of a hard-solder technique for silicon semiconductors to prevent high failure rate from heavy on-off cycling.

Computer solutions for thermoelectric generator design problems through use of the electrical analog approach were described by M. E. Talaat, Martin Co., Baltimore, in a paper entitled "Electric Analog of the Transport Phenomena in a Thermoelectric Generator."

An arm of a thermoelectric couple, he reported, can be represented by electrical analogs, using the equations derived. Electrical conductances are used for thermal conductances, and current sources are used to represent electrical power output and rates of input heat, Peltier heat, Joule heat and Thompson heat. The method was applied to derive an over-all thermal equivalent circuit for a typical isotope-fueled thermoelectric generator. The resulting electrical analog permits over-all efficiency and temperature distribution to be determined, Mr. Talaat said.

Language Problems Plague Compiler Writers

Two papers shed light on a subject sorely in need of illumination—compiler programs used to translate users' language into computer language. Publicity attending recent progress with problem-oriented computer languages, like Fortran, Flowmatic, Mathmatic, Algol and Cobol, has overshadowed the enormous problems that still face programmers who write compilers.

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Noted in Design

In a very forthright presentation, V. A. Vyssotsky, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, N. J., explored compiler problems. He spoke on "Near Future Applicability of Problem Oriented Languages to Programming for Real Time Control Systems."

Compilers Also Problem For Switching Circuits

Less directly, almost in passing, S. H. Washburn of Bell at Whippany, N. J., pointed to the problems of writing compilers for the design of complex switching circuits.

"Conceptually," Mr. Washburn said, "the greatest need for advancement lies in the formulation and application of a requirement-oriented language which can be used naturally and effectively by switching-system designers."

Detailing the problems more vigorously, Mr. Vyssotsky started by showing the basic problems facing the compiler writer: Should the compiler detect more kinds of mistakes at the cost of forcing the user to write more, risking more clerical errors? Should its language be more flexible, though harder to learn? Should the compiler use abbreviated notations, or should it be more readable?

Troublesome though these problems are, the major concern, according to Mr. Vyssotsky, is this: How is the user to know his programs are correct?

Checking out a compiler can be very costly, yet inconclusive. And it is hopeless to try to have the compiler detect all errors. Most errors in compiler programs lie deeply hidden; they emerge, one by one, as the compiler is used for more complex jobs.

Mr. Vyssotsky noted other problems plaguing compiler writers. These include automatic multiprogramming (allowing a computer to handle several programs in proper sequence), optimization (allowing the program to operate as efficiently as possible with minimum use of

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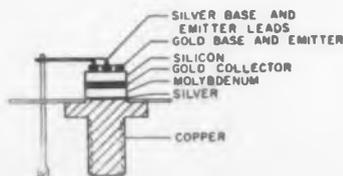
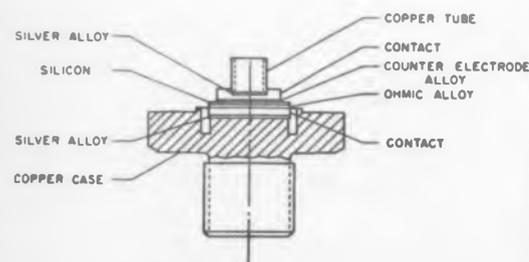
Self-Testing Thyratrons Use Xenon and Neon Gases

Self-testing thyratrons were described by W. A. Maijala and A. J. Humphrey, Reliance Electric & Engineering Co., Cleveland.

The self-testing feature is added to a conventional thyatron by the addition of a small amount of special gases, such as xenon or neon. These gases will not be ionized by the normal arc drop in the tube. As the arc drop increases, however, the second gas is ionized, giving a visible indication in the tube. This shows the user that the tube is nearing end-of-life failure and that it should be replaced within the next 300 operating hours.

Construction techniques, developed to overcome high failure rates of silicon devices under heavy on-off cycling, were described by W. B. Green, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh.

These failures are due to fatigue of the soft-solder joints previously used in construction of these devices, according to Mr. Green. A differ-



Hard-soldered silicon rectifier cell construction (top), used by Westinghouse, has already demonstrated lack of fatigue failures associated with previous soft-solder rectifier structures. This construction is used for rectifiers with 1/2- and 5/8-in. diam junctions with ratings of 150 and 225 amp respectively. The hard-solder silicon transistor structure shown below has been made possible through recent advances in control of the alloy fusion of large area devices. This construction is used in a 5-amp, 250-v device.

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Emitter to Base Voltage	-2.5	-1.0	V
Collector Current	100	100	mA
Power Dissipation (free air)	150	150	mW
Power Dissipation (case at 25°C)	300	300	mW
Storage Temperature	-65 to +100	-65 to +100	°C
Junction Temperature	+100	+100	°C

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (AT 25°C)

Symbol	Conditions	2N781		2N782		UNIT
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
BV_{CBO}	$I_C = -100 \mu A, I_E = 0$	-15	-	-12	-	V
BV_{EBO}	$I_E = -100 \mu A, I_C = 0$	-2.5	-	-1.0	-	V
BV_{CES}	$I_C = -100 \mu A, V_{BE} = 0$	-15	-	-17	-	V
h_{FE}	$I_C = -10 \text{ mA}$					
	$V_{CE} = -0.22 \text{ V}$	25	-	-	-	
h_{FE}	$I_C = -10 \text{ mA}$					
	$V_{CE} = -0.25 \text{ V}$	-	-	20	-	
V_{BE}	$I_C = -10 \text{ mA}, I_B = 0.4 \text{ mA}$	-0.34	-0.44	-0.34	-0.50	V
I_{CBO}	$V_{CB} = -5 \text{ V}, I_E = 0$	-	-3.0	-	-3.0	μA
$V_{CE}(\text{Sat.})$	$I_C = -10 \text{ mA}, I_B = -1 \text{ mA}$	-	-0.16	-	-0.20	V
	$I_C = -100 \text{ mA}, I_B = -10 \text{ mA}$	-	-0.25	-	-0.45	V
$t_d + t_r$	$V_{BE(1)} = 0.5 \text{ V}, I_{B(1)} = -1 \text{ mA}$	-	60	-	75	μsec
t_s	$V_{CC} = -3.5 \text{ V}, R_L = 300 \text{ ohms}$	-	20	-	35	μsec
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Collector to Base Voltage	40	30	V
Collector to Emitter Voltage	20	15	V
Emitter to Base Voltage	5	5	V
Collector Current	50	50	mA
Power Dissipation (free air)	300	300	mW
Power Dissipation (case at 25°C)	1	1	W
Storage Temperature	-65 to +300	-65 to +300	°C
Junction Temperature	+175	+175	°C

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (AT 25°C)

Symbol	Conditions	2N783		2N784		UNIT
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
BV_{CBO}	$I_C = 100 \mu A, I_E = 0$	40	-	30	-	V
BV_{EBO}	$I_C = 100 \mu A, I_C = 0$	5	-	5	-	V
BV_{CER}	$I_C = 1 \text{ mA}, V_{BE} = 0, R_{BE} = 10 \text{ ohms}$	20	-	15	-	V
I_{CBO}	$V_{CB} = 25 \text{ V}$	-	250	-	250	μA
	$V_{CB} = 25 \text{ V}, T = 150^\circ C$	-	30	-	30	μA
h_{FE}	$I_C = 10 \text{ mA}, V_{CE} = 1 \text{ V}$	20	60	25	-	
V_{BE}	$I_C = 10 \text{ mA}, I_B = 1 \text{ mA}$	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.9	V
V_{CES}	$I_C = 10 \text{ mA}, I_B = 1 \text{ mA}$	-	.25	-	.16	V
C_{ob}	$V_{CB} = 10 \text{ V}, I_E = 0, F = 1 \text{ MC}$	-	3.0	-	3.5	μf
t_{fe}	$V_{CB} = 15 \text{ V}, I_C = 10 \text{ mA}, F = 100 \text{ MC}$	2.0	-	2.0	-	
t_{on}	$I_{B(1)} = 3 \text{ mA}, I_{B(2)} = 1 \text{ mA}$ $V_{CC} = 3 \text{ V}, R_L = 270 \Omega$	-	16	-	20	μsec
t_s	$I_{B(1)} = 10 \text{ mA}, I_{B(2)} = 10 \text{ mA}$ $V_{CC} = 10 \text{ V}, I_C = 10 \text{ mA}, R_L = 1000 \Omega$	-	10	-	15	μsec
t_{off}	$I_{B(1)} = 3 \text{ mA}, I_{B(2)} = 1 \text{ mA}$ $V_{CE} = 3 \text{ V}, R_L = 270 \Omega$	-	30	-	40	μsec

ence in the thermal expansion coefficient between the device and the heat sink used was responsible, Westinghouse tests showed, so that simple restructuring of the joints would not solve the problem adequately.

The hard-solder method was developed to overcome these difficulties. Using correct geometry to allow for some thermal expansion differences, refractory metal contacts were directly soldered to copper in such a way that the joint was free of plastic deformation. The technique has been adapted to high-power rectifying devices, transistor switches and silicon power transistors produced by Westinghouse. ■ ■

Electroplated Teflon Provided By New Metal-Plating Process

A new process for plating metals permits the use of the entire range of electroformable metals, both base and noble, on a variety of Teflon shapes.

The process, developed by Plasitron, Inc., New York, provides complete adhesion with no loss of Teflon's electrical properties. It also permits soft soldering without damage. With the bonding method employed, such a soldered joint becomes a hermetic seal at a wide range of temperatures, governed only by the size and geometry of the application, Plasitron says.

Successful applications of the process are reported in dielectric wave guides, feed-through insulators, and flush antennas for missile use that eliminate the need for radomes.

RCA Entering Tantalums Field



These miniature solid tantalum capacitors, left, to be available from Radio Corp. of America in April, are the first passive component to be marketed by the company. Size of the new flat, rectangular package is small enough to mount 24 capacitors in an area of a printed circuit board about the size of a postage stamp. Weight savings are illustrated here by balancing 26 of the RCA units against four conventional tantalum capacitors. RCA says that the new capacitors have twice the capacitance-voltage capability per unit volume of competitive units.

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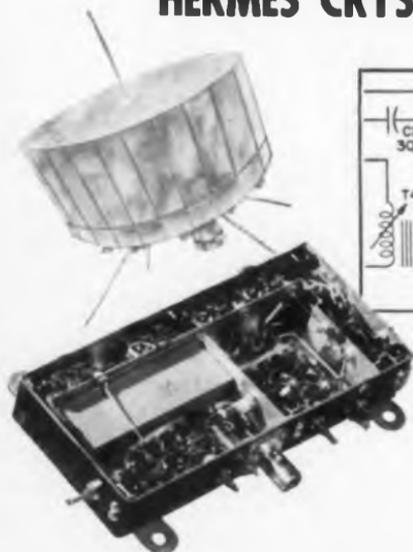


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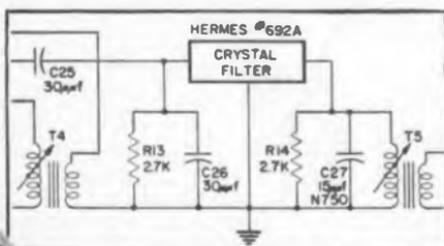
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One of the two Command Receivers in TIROS



A portion of the schematic diagram for the Command Receiver in TIROS showing Hermes 20 Mc Crystal Filter at first mixer.



Hermes Crystal Filter, Model 692A, shown half size, occupies only 1.5 cu. ins.

The TIROS satellite, carrying the nation's most advanced space-borne television "eye" to study the world's weather, comprises perhaps the most elaborate electronics package yet sent into orbit.

The information-gathering element in a complex satellite-and-ground system developed for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by RCA, TIROS contains miniature TV cameras, video tape recorders, transmitters, solar cell and re-chargeable battery power supplies, and an array of control and communications equipment. One Hermes Crystal Filter, Model 692A, is used in each of two Command Receivers which pick up coded signals transmitted from the ground to establish the time during orbit when cameras, tape recorders, and playback equipment will operate. Launched April 1, 1960, TIROS relayed meteorological data for 78 days.

Hermes Crystal Filters were selected because of their unusual ability to meet the severe environmental conditions encountered in space, while providing extremely high selectivity to receive command signals reliably. Characteristics of Hermes Crystal Filter, Model 692A, include: *Center Frequency*: 20 mc \pm 1 kc; *6db Bandwidth*: 40 kc min; *Passband Response Variation*: \pm 1/2 db; *60 db Bandwidth*: 100 kc max; *Impedance*: 1K nominal; *Midband Insertion Loss*: 3 db max; *Size*: 1.5 cu. ins; *Environment*: *Shock*: 100 G's; *Vibration*: 20 G's - 2000 cps; *Center Frequency Variation*: \pm 2 kc over the *Temperature Range*: -55° C. to + 85° C.

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WASHINGTON REPORT



John J. Christie

RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR TEST BAN TALKS later this month will give added significance to Project VELA, under which the Advanced Research Projects Agency is developing improved means of detecting atomic explosions. Hopes for a treaty hinge on Soviet acceptance of additional research, which the U.S. and Britain insist is necessary to resolve technical problems that stand in the way of effective policing of a test ban. Project VELA will continue to be the basis of the U.S. research efforts.

A worldwide system of 180 control posts was recommended by the 1958 Geneva Conference of Experts as providing, within certain limitations, a technically feasible means of detecting nuclear explosions underground and in the atmosphere. However, the results of a Nevada underground nuclear test later that year proved that the capabilities of the Geneva system were seriously deficient in respect to identifying underground disturbances. Soviet refusal to join the U.S. and Britain in further investigation led to suspension of the negotiations.

Meanwhile under Project VELA a prototype of the Geneva type of seismic detection station, with improvements recommended by a panel of U.S. experts, has been put into operation at Lawton, Okla. The Advanced Research Projects Agency is now studying proposed sites for a second prototype control post, which would incorporate still more advanced instrumentation and techniques.

U.S. experts also have suggested that the detection system could be greatly strengthened by supplementing the 180 control posts with a network of unmanned seismic stations. This proposal has posed the difficult task of devising means of preventing signals from being foiled. Experts have concluded that existing decoupling techniques could reduce the seismic signal by a factor of 10 or more. Proper evaluation of this aspect of the problem will require an agreement to permit nuclear tests to be made for the purpose of further research.

The Geneva Conference of Experts acknowledged that provision for a satellite-detection system would be required at a later stage in the treaty-making procedure but deferred concrete recommendations. Project VELA encompasses this aspect of nuclear test ban enforcement also. It includes one R&D program concerned with ground-based detection tests in space and another with satellite-based detection. Both are still in the study stage.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT is not about to become another electronics procurement agency, but its expanding disarmament unit, acting under strong stimulus from the White House, will be required to make technical evaluations of a number of projects of the Defense Dept. and the National Aeronautics and Space Agency in terms of their potential use in enforcing whatever disarmament agreements might be achieved.

The unit's ultimate staff of 90 to 100 will include relatively few technical members. However, it will rely heavily on con-

sultants and task forces of scientists and engineers. Also it will initiate a variety of study programs, some to be carried out by the Defense Dept. and NASA and others under contract with academic and industrial research groups.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION that would grant the Federal Communications Commission authority to compel manufacturers to produce only all-channel TV receivers for sale to the public will be up for hearings at the current session of Congress. The controversial FCC proposal was submitted to Congress early last year.

Proponents of the legislation are likely to have the support of educators in the coming debate on the issue. This is because the commission has taken the position that all-channel legislation is a prerequisite to making provision for a nationwide educational TV system within the frequency space allocated to uhf-vhf television.

The idea of an educational TV network has gained considerable support among educators in the last year. In fact, a plan for such a network is due to be submitted to the commission shortly.

FCC members are not without misgivings as to the propriety of legally compelling manufacturers to modify their product. Moreover the belief has been expressed that TV receiver manufacturers would be willing to take the step without legal compulsion, if they could get an anti-trust exemption that would permit them to cooperate in planning the changeover. With the all-channel feature adding an estimated \$15 to the price of a set, no manufacturer is going to make the first move on his own.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF AUTOMATION has figured prominently in two of the new Administration's economic messages to Congress. Pleas for increased productivity have been predicted primarily on the need to make U.S. prices more competitive in world markets and thus further increase exports to help overcome the present balance-of-payments problem.

Automation would be encouraged by two actions. One is a proposed tax incentive on new plant and equipment. The other is the administration's recent executive order setting up a labor-management advisory committee, which will be charged with encouraging productivity gains, advancing automation and promoting wage-price stability.

While trumpeting the blessings of automation, the new Administration is encountering mounting pressure to come to grips with technological unemployment. Some sort of federal program has been promised to help retrain workers whose jobs have been made obsolete.

The House Committee on Education and Labor will soon receive a special report on unemployment caused by automation. The report, prepared at the President's request by Rep. Elmer J. Holland (D, Pa.), is certain to dramatize the issue. As one example, Mr. Holland will report the loss of 50,000 jobs through automation in the radio-television industry.

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS FIRMS comprise one of five growth industries, whose future location requirements will be studied in the hope of attracting new plants to depressed areas. The Commerce Department has contracted this study to Arthur D. Little, Inc. The Scientific Instrument Industry is another to be evaluated for the same purpose, with Stanford Research Institute making the study.



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Thermal Fatigue and G-E 6-to-70 Ampere Rectifiers

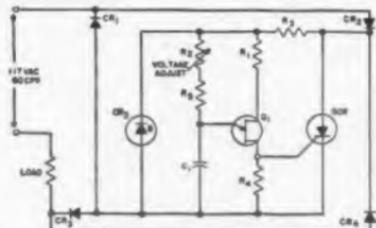
We've been advertising for some time now that G-E rectifier joints offer you freedom from thermal fatigue because only hard solder is used on the internal joints. Well, Bill Gutzwiller has an application note that covers the whole thermal fatigue story in detail, and gives you a better idea of why the use of hard solder is so important to you. For instance, he points out that thermal fatigue is a problem that is not limited to odd-ball applications. Junction temperature variations (or excursions) can occur any time the load changes. It takes time, of course, but repeated temperature cycling is sure to kill off soft solder joints. But G-E hard solder silicon rectifier cells are still going strong at 70,000 cycles... without a single failure due to thermal resistance deterioration.

Here's another interesting point Bill makes: just two 100°C thermal excursions from ambient to rated load each hour would ruin the best soft solder rectifier tested in less than six months. The worst one wouldn't last a week.

If you'd like a copy of Bill's application note, drop us a line and ask for "Thermal Fatigue and the G.E. 1N2154 Medium Current Silicon Rectifier." Write to Section 23C1.

The tremendous reception given Thyrector diodes in informal presentations recently has caused quite a stir. The Thyrector diode is by far the least expensive and most effective device today for protecting silicon rectifiers and silicon controlled rectifiers from high transient voltages.

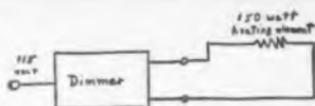
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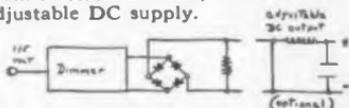
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R ₂ ... 100K, Linear Pot	SCR ... G.E. C11B
R ₃ ... 3.3K, 5 Watt	CR ₁ thru CR ₄ ... G.E. 1N1495
R ₄ ... 47 Ω, 1/2 Watt	CR ₅ ... 1N1527, 20 Volts
R ₅ ... 3.3K, 1/2 Watt	Q ₁ ... 1 Watt Break-Down Diode
Q ₁ ... G.E. 2N1671A	

G-E Vac-u-Sel selenium bridge rectifier regulator 6RSX762 combination is available to replace CR₁ through CR₄ and CR₅. It sells for approximately \$4.00.

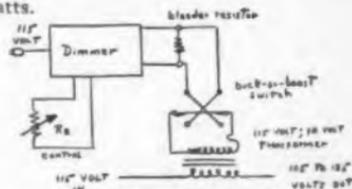
The circuit shown is a full wave phase controlled rectifier. The unit is not only a fine lamp dimmer, but it demonstrates the versatility afforded by General Electric SCRs. For example, it can be used as a general purpose control simply by substituting other types of loads for the lamp.



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NEWS

MADT Transistor Operates to 5 KMC With 14 db Gain, 8 db Noise at 1 KMC

A laboratory prototype MADT transistor has been operated to 5 kmc in tests at Philco Corp.'s Lansdale Div., Lansdale, Pa.

The experimental transistor exhibited gain of 14 db at 1 kmc with 8 db noise, and 21 db with 4 db noise at 420 mc, according to Dr. C. G. Thornton, director of research and development for the Lansdale Division.

The development brings closer the possible application of transistors in UHF space communications, particularly in the 1 to 4 kmc region, according to Philco.

Optimization of electrode geometry is the factor permitting the high oscillation frequency to be attained. The electrodes are about 1-1/2 mils in diameter, with a base width of 0.03 mils.

Army Vibration-Acoustic Analyzer Speeds Handling of Missile Data

A new vibration and acoustic analyzer, providing a significant increase in the amount of data that can be transmitted on the same telemetry channel, was used successfully in a recent Army missile test.

Developed by the telemetry branch of the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency in cooperation with Gulton Industries of Princeton, N.J., the missile-carrier analyzer handles five channels of vibration data. It puts the data into final usable form before transmitting them from the missile to the ground station.

With conventional systems, which transmit total vibration data, much time is required to process only a small amount of the desired information.



Vibration and acoustic analyzer, developed by Army in cooperation with Gulton Industries, operates at a frequency of 2,000 cps. Power requirement is approximately 75 ma.

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Major uses for Silastic RTV include potting, filling, and encapsulation of electronic components and assemblies. Since it is a liquid, Silastic RTV pours easily to form a void free, rubbery mass around components. Available in several grades, Silastic RTV has set-up times ranging from several minutes to hours. Encapsulated parts can be handled in 24 hours, filled parts in even less time.

As a seal against humidity and salt water spray, Silastic RTV is used by Automatic Power, Inc., Houston, Texas to embed all tube sockets, connections, electronic components and wiring in the chassis of the control panel for their Dies-L-Air Automatic Warning Signal. This interchangeable control panel monitors operation of the entire warning signal system — including a diesel engine driving an integral air compressor, an air system, the control circuitry and air blast horns. Used to alert sea traffic to the presence of off-shore drilling equipment, reliability requirements for Dies-L-Air are continuous — and most critical during storms when the unit is being whipped by corrosive salt water spray and lashed by wind-driven rain. By sealing the control chassis with Silastic RTV, Automatic Power, Inc., has assured the reliability of electronic components.

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New Burroughs B5000 Computer Built For ALGOL, COBOL Use

The B5000 computer introduced by Burroughs Corp., Detroit, is designed especially for use with ALGOL and COBOL, the standard simplified computer programming languages.

The medium scale, solid-state computer will rent for \$13,000 to \$50,000 a month, depending on size. It will sell for prices ranging from \$540,000 to \$2 million. First deliveries are expected in 18 months.

Provisions for multiprocessing are also to be built into the new computer, so that several completely independent programs can be run simultaneously.

Addition time for the new computer is 3 μ sec. The machine operates in fixed or floating point modes. It can also use either words or individual characters as the basic logic unit. Both business and scientific data can be handled by the machine with equal ease, according to Burroughs.

New Direction-Finder for Army



Pinpoint artillery firing accuracy and improved battlefield mobility are possible with ABLE (Autonetics Base Line Equipment), the Army's new portable, gyroscope direction finder. Basically a precision gyrocompass, ABLE determines true north to less than 30 sec of arc in less than 20 min operating time. Under old surveying methods, artillery base lines sometimes took hours or days to establish. ABLE is in production at Autonetics Div., North American Aviation, Inc.

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1 Million-W Switching in 30 Nsec Reported in Diode Experiment

Semiconductor diodes were used to switch 1 million w in 30 nsec during recent experiments at the Shockley Transistor Unit of Clevite Transistor, Palo Alto, Calif.

The power was believed by Shockley to be the greatest ever switched by semiconductors in such a short rise time.

According to Dr. William Shockley, head of the unit, some 40 4J200 four-layer diodes were connected in series to switch 100 amp at 10 kv. The pulse duration was 4 µsec and the rate "one or two pulses a second," Dr. Shockley said.

"The network," he added, "could be operated at several thousand repetitions per second, such as would be required for radar."

Turn-Off Time Is Faster Than That for Gas Tubes

The 30-nsec rise time compares favorably with typical times possible with vacuum tubes—about 100 µsec—and with the 30-to-50-nsec rise times obtainable from hydrogen thyratrons. Turn-off time for the diode network, however, is from 2 to 8 µsec—better than gas tubes' 10 to 50 µsec.

The Shockley setup, experimental thus far, seems particularly well-suited to driving klystrons, traveling-wave tubes and high-power magnetrons. No heater power would be required in portable battlefield radar, thus increasing battery life from 8 to 24.

The sharp turn-off time is said to be valuable in radar where the pulses are closely spaced, such as in applications requiring a tracking radar to send pulse-coded information simultaneously with its tracking function.

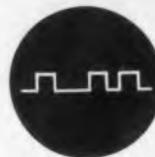
Diodes Driven at 5 Times Their Rated 200-v Peak

Diodes used in the breadboard, which will be featured in Shockley's booth 2118 at the IRE show in New York, are metal-encased, top-hat diodes. Rated at 200-v peak, the 4J200's were actually driven at five times their rated voltage. Specifications call for a turn-on time of 0.1 µsec; the 30-nsec rise time was observed empirically in the breadboard. Rated reverse breakover voltage of the diodes is 60 per cent of the nominal switching voltage, while holding current is rated at 9 to 45 ma. Power rating is 300 mw.

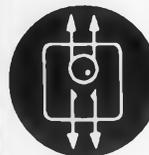
Dr. Shockley said the switching diodes could be packaged in 6 or 7 cu in. and could be somewhat lighter than gas or vacuum tubes. No heater power would be required for the package.

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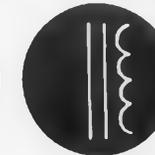
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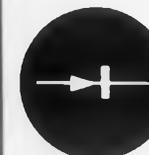
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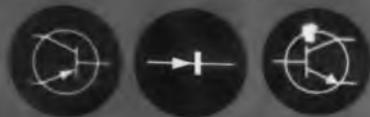


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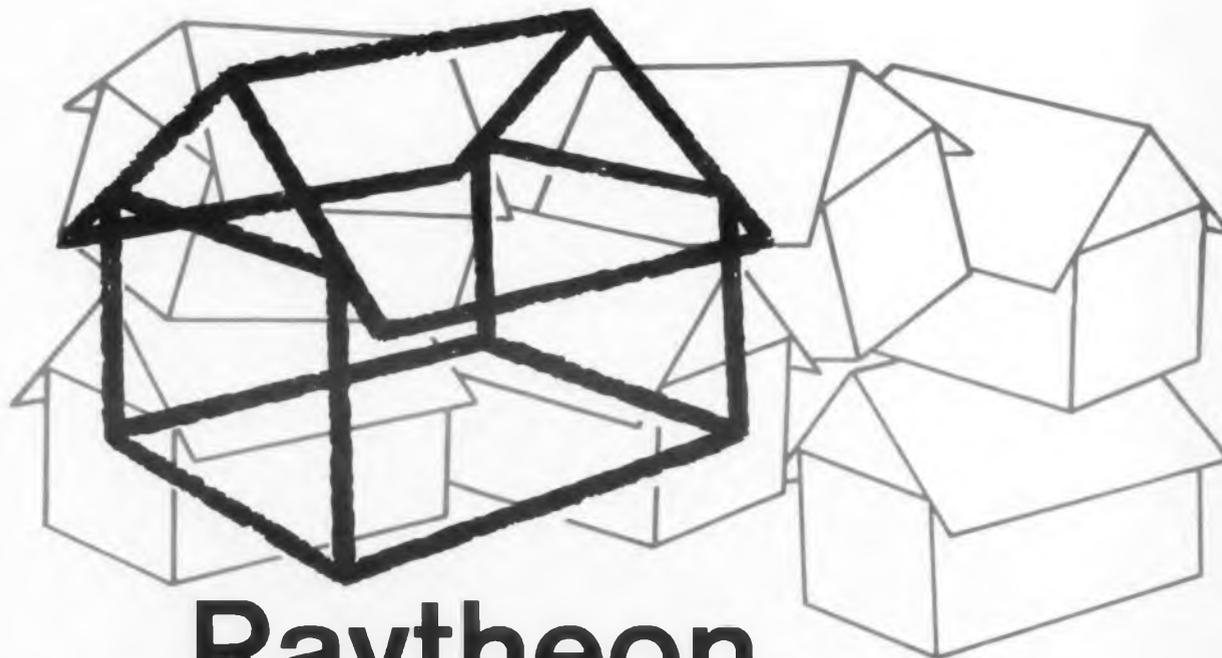
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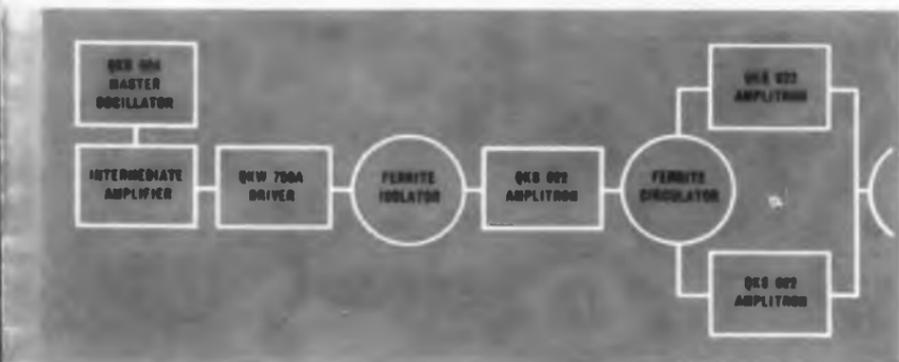
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New microwave tubes for broadband, high-power S-band MOPA chains



QKW 750A TWT has 20 db nominal gain and 100 kw nominal peak power to drive Amplitrons in MOPA chains. Duty cycle is .015 for pulsed operation over the 2,900 to 3,100 Mc range. A similar tube, the QKW 782, covers the 2,700 to 2,900 Mc range. *Circle 201 on Reader Service Card.*

QKB 921 BWO is the master oscillator. This tube in conjunction with an external delay line feedback, provides an extremely stable frequency signal over the 2,700 to 3,200 Mc range. Tubes with similar characteristics are available through X-band. *Circle 202 on Reader Service Card.*



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A new concept in master oscillators permits the precise determination and stabilization of frequency. Thus, the MOPA chain is ideally suited to high-duty-cycle, frequency diversity applications employing fully coherent MTI, pulse compression and pulse-to-pulse frequency shift.

Tubes with similar performance characteristics are also available for MOPA operation in other frequency bands. For complete technical details on this new microwave technique and comprehensive brochure, write to Microwave and Power Tube Division, Raytheon Company, Waltham 54, Massachusetts.



Two QKS 622 pulsed type Amplitrons* in parallel operation produce 6 megawatts of power output over the 2,900 to 3,100 Mc range at efficiencies of 75% to 80% and duty cycles as high as .005. The QKS 783 is a similar Amplitron that covers the 2,700 to 2,900 Mc range. *Circle 203 on Reader Service Card.*

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High Power CW X-Band Circulators

Raytheon's Special Microwave Device Operations announces a new line of high-power ferrite X-band circulators which may also be used as isolators in conjunction with suitable auxiliary loads.

The typical unit illustrated is the model CXH2 covering 10.0 to 10.6 kMc with a continuous power rating of 10 kilowatts. Isolation is 20 db minimum, insertion loss is 0.25 db maximum and VSWR is 1.15.

Used as an isolator, the unit will handle continuous power levels up to 10 kilowatts with a front-to-back ratio of 60:1.

For complete details on this and other significant developments in microwave ferrite devices, please write to Special Microwave Device Operations, Raytheon Company, Waltham Industrial Park, Waltham 54, Massachusetts.

High power X-band circulator CXH2.
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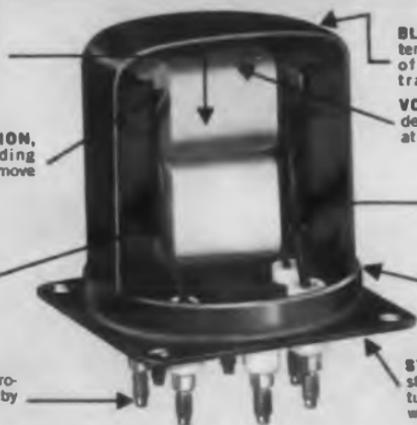
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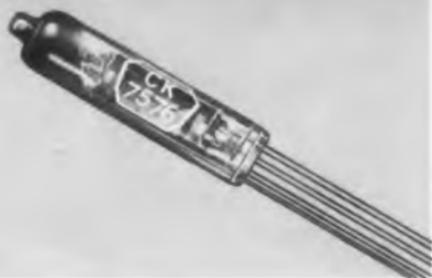


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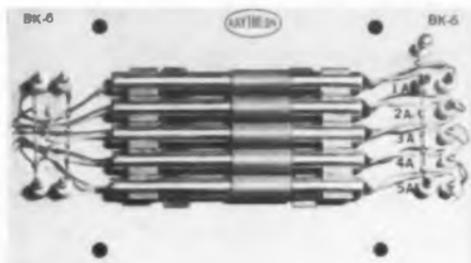
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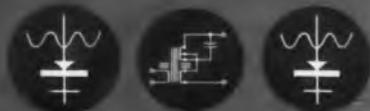


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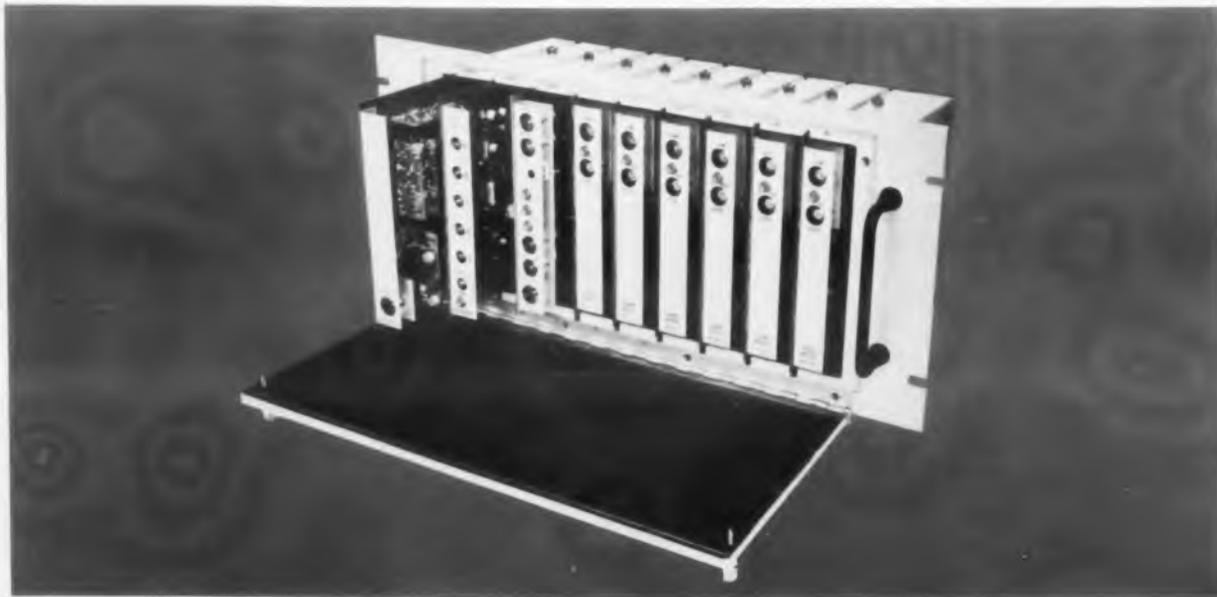
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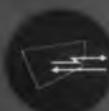
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Convention director is Dr. John V. N. Granger, president of Granger Associates, Palo Alto, and show director is Calvin K. Townsend, vice president of Jennings Radio Manufacturing Corp., San Jose, Calif.

Don Larson continues as manager of WESCON, which will be held this year in San Francisco. Aug. 22-25.

New Polaris Guidance Planned



A Mark II inertial guidance system for an advanced, 2,500-mile version of the Polaris missile is under development by a team of 300 engineers and technicians at Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Instrumentation Laboratory. Shown inspecting the Mark I system, used in the present 1,200-mile version and a 1,500-mile Polaris now in development, are Ralph Ragan, left, deputy associate director of the Laboratory, and David Hoag, right, assistant director. These two head the Mark II system team.

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The 621 offers full scale current ranges of 10^{-11} to 10^{-4} ampere, while the 620 covers from 10^{-11} to 10^{-5} ampere. Both instruments measure signals below one micro-microampere with speed and ease.

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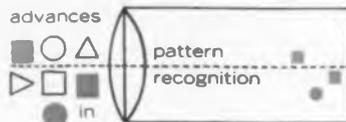


MODEL 621 Line-Operated Electrometer, shown with Shielded Test Lead, is also available as rack Model 621R shown above.



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Advanced Concepts Studied for Pattern Recognition

Survey Indicates Many New Systems in Early Hardware Stages—Variety of Approaches Taken

Alan Comeretto

News Editor

DESIGNERS are widening their efforts to develop general-purpose pattern-recognition systems and are producing a stream of intermediate developments based on advanced concepts. The systems and devices under consideration represent many approaches to efficient, versatile pattern recognition.

Some conclusions can be drawn about the

efforts to date. Any major appraisal would find:

- More organizations than generally supposed are conducting research in perceptron types of systems.
- This research is part of a growing investigation of neural-net devices and systems.
- Use of digital techniques and general-purpose computers is gaining favor.
- Many specialists consider the problem of pattern recognition to be one of learning and be-

lieve its solution is dependent on advances in adaptive-system and heuristic-programming techniques. Pattern recognition work is also linked to the growing activity in bionics.

- The first useful machines will be straightforwardly designed and nonadaptive. Some of these, the prepared-image readers, already exist.
- Achievement of general-purpose pattern recognition is considered many years away and will come gradually.

Many Organizations Conducting Research in Neural-Net Systems

Many groups conducting pattern-recognition research are building neural-net systems based on the concept of the original perceptron at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory. This group includes Burroughs, Aeronutronic, the University of Illinois, Philco, and Stanford Research Institute. At the Cornell laboratory a Mark II perceptron is in early development.

Some of these organizations and others, including MIT in Cambridge, Mass., are exploring the problems of pattern recognition with perceptron-type computer simulations.

Other companies, notably Bell Telephone Laboratories, Lockheed, Radio Corporation of America, and General Electric, are using neural-net devices, similar to those basic to perceptron systems for research in pattern-recognition systems that do not use perceptron-type logic. Telefunken in Germany is reported to be building an entire general-purpose computer using neural nets.

Other hardware models using advanced concepts are being built. However, several groups, including International Telephone and Telegraph and the University of California, are developing novel systems based on correlation techniques. At Manchester University in England a system

is being designed for a flying-spot-scanner input expected to code the patterns it scans. Such a scanner is in use at Bell Telephone Laboratories in this country.

Waveform and Speech-Recognition Research Also Being Pursued

At General Electric, Schenectady, N.Y., and at the University of London adaptive filters have been constructed that are able to recognize waveforms of varying types. The GE filter will converge automatically on any waveform in its range. The London University filter must be taught, but it can be made to recognize a sine wave in noise after about 50 teaching runs.

Speech has been recognized with specially built equipment at many organizations: International Business Machines, Bell, Stromberg-Carlson, ITT, Kyoto University, Japan, and the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories. Litton Industries is sponsoring a speech-recognition program that has reached the hardware stage.

Computer Programming Considered Powerful Approach to Recognition

All the systems mentioned above make use of specially designed hardware and all are, or are

expected to be, relatively versatile—to be teachable to some degree. Adaptive behavior, however, may be achieved by programming computers—either general-purpose or special machines.

Some proponents of this technique expect that it will prove the most practical method. MIT, GE, IBM, and Lincoln Laboratories are working to develop versatile computer programs for general pattern-recognition problems.

Such programs, hopefully, would develop features for themselves that would help recognize patterns. A surprisingly large effort is being made to develop heuristic programs.

This type of program, in addition to containing much information about specific problem areas, has routines enabling it to deal adaptively with the unexpected. This contrasts with the traditional algorithms of most programs, which are written by designers able to anticipate every possible path needed to process a problem.

The combination of heuristic programming and list-processing languages, which provide easy access to data in complex list situations, is expected to be a powerful part of the next generation of pattern-recognition systems.

The conditional-probability computers, which are designed to operate somewhat like the brain,



Mark I perceptron, now moved to Cornell University, first full-scale learning machine used for pattern recognition, is prototype for smaller versions in many organizations. Mark II now in design at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory will be special-purpose digital computer programed for threshold logic. Elements shown are transistor-driven relay circuit that operates as association units.

are another approach to recognition. Based on the original model developed at England's National Physics Laboratory, a simpler version is being built at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Canadian model is intended for pattern-recognition research related to industrial-process control. These computers are designed to overcome some of the limitations of analytical-type systems. Stromberg Carlson engineers are considering building a conditional probability computer for use in speech-recognition research.

A type of conditional probability program has been written for an IBM 709 at MIT's Lincoln Laboratories. It has successfully identified sloppily, hand-printed letters. The simulated system is adaptive, in that it learns from the input data, and it is parallel processing, reserving its decision until all comparisons are made. In effect, the system is size and position invariant. It does not require normalizing of patterns.

Nonadaptive Systems Developed For Character and Other Recognition

The hardware and programing systems described above include some degree of learning in their operation. Another large effort is dedicated

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to producing pattern recognizers that are fixed in their behavior. These, which include the RCA, IBM, Farrington, Briggs, Solartron, Rabinow, Baird-Atomic, and National Data Processing optical readers, use fixed-logic, template-matching, or correlation schemes to achieve recognition.

Other systems, including a Bell Laboratories handwriting reader, a Maxson celestial-pattern recognizer, a Space Electronics Corp. optical correlation system for photo processing, and the ITT and Cambridge Research Laboratories speech recognizers, are fixed recognition systems that are

finding useful applications in other than character reading.

Special Tools from Research Incorporate Novel Electronics

Another class of devices is resulting from the effort to automate pattern recognition. This consists of all the aids and special-purpose tools used to facilitate research and development. (See p 42) Philco, which is intensively investigating cathode-ray-tube system inputs and outputs in its recognition work, has developed elec-

tronic-gun circuitry and crts having tubes for resolutions equivalent to about 6,000 TV lines.

The company has also built an M-1 special-purpose computer with easily changed connections as an aid in the simulation of pattern-recognition systems.

Aeronutronic engineers have built a small perceptron, or learning network, and are constructing a medium-scale version to test a magnetic integrator element for Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory's perceptron program. These elements are intended to replace the W-units or

Pattern-Recognition Approaches Varied and Hard to Classify

The pattern-recognition systems being researched cannot be divided easily into categories. Techniques such as analog and digital operation, serial and parallel processing, predetermined and random organization, element matching and feature matching and computer-program and special-hardware implementations are used in many combinations in the systems being developed. In some designs the techniques are fundamental to the approach, in others they are not.

Three General Approaches, But Systems Blend Methods

If it were not for the mixing of techniques, systems could be divided into three groups:

1. Analytical methods, in which a pattern is analyzed into parts for processing and generally requires the storage of image characteristics.

2. Conditional-probability methods, in which features are analyzed and stored but are compared with new patterns on a probabilistic rather than absolute basis. This recently developed method is not yet receiving much attention.

3. Perceptron methods, in which patterns are either considered as a whole (or gestalt) or by some invariant properties they possess.

However, many systems, particularly those designed for general-purpose use, incorporate elements of more than one of these approaches.

Another way of considering, but not of classifying, systems is to distinguish between those that make an *a priori* analysis of patterns to be detected and those in which a given action and its result are determined *a posteriori*, so that op-

erations continue on the basis of past experience.

In the *a priori* approach, common to many analytical or template-matching and correlation types of recognition systems, features are programmed into the system so that characteristics that distinguish the input patterns from each other are used to narrow the task of recognition. A pattern tree or other scheme is then used to make the final decision.

In this approach, reports C. A. Rosen of the Stanford Research Institute, the main challenge is to provide positive recognition of a limited number of primitive characteristics in the presence of noise, distortions, and misregistrations.

In the *a posteriori* approach, followed in variable network designs, like perceptrons, individual bits of data are not considered definitive, and the processing techniques determine which are to control recognition. After many operations have been defined, they are applied to representative input material, for which the correct decisions have been independently obtained.

This permits assignment of weights relating every operation to every output. The importance of any operation therefore is determined *a posteriori* from typical rather than from ideal input data. Once the weights have been assigned, the data from new inputs are processed by the weights to produce a value for each possible output. The decision is based on which value is largest or whether one or more exceed predetermined thresholds.

This decision is generally not made until all processing is completed. This feature is a charac-

teristic of parallel-processing systems. This type of processing, which is used in most perceptrons, lends itself well to the *a posteriori* approach.

The *a priori* types are generally serial and relatively simple systems. They use decision logic, stored features, or templates and correlation techniques, or combinations of these to process patterns. To operate, these systems generally depend on memory storage of explicit descriptions of target patterns.

This characteristic reduces system flexibility because of the difficulty of allowing for all distortions, translations, transformations and other variables in the character and presentation of an image to be processed.

Pattern Properties Studied For More Flexible Systems

To gain more flexibility than that afforded by prototype-derived pattern-recognition systems, other approaches have been developed. One of the most promising appears to be the manipulation of properties of a pattern. Many researchers are studying the fundamental characteristics of patterns hoping to abstract key features that would give more information than that already analyzed.

It appears that in nature much image processing occurs in periphery components of the main processing organ. This is believed accomplished by the manipulation of key pattern properties that are invariant under many transformations and other distortions. In electronic analogs of biological retinal systems, input stages that are, in effect, property filters bear a good part of the processing load.

The development of bionic hardware, such as

synaptic junction elements of the original perception.

Another tool designed for pattern recognition research is Bell Laboratories' generalized scanner. This is basically a flying-spot scanner that can be programmed. It is used with a general-purpose computer that simulates recognition logic. The combined system reportedly permits any character-recognition method to be studied.

Many of the systems and devices mentioned above use novel concepts in pattern recognition and are described in the following pages.

simulated neurons or threshold switches, complements the concept of property filters and has made hardware models of neural-net systems practical at this time. Because of their threshold action and their suitability for digital and analog circuits and parallel processing schemes, neural-net systems are being used more and more in pattern-recognition research.

Some specialists believe that these systems, which are able to handle Boolean and other logics, will prove the most practical for pattern-recognition work.

Both neural-net systems and conventional digital computers are being programmed to enable them to generate useful features, such as properties, processing procedures, and decision sequences. In such systems, the connections of the neural elements or digital logic circuits become signal paths that are either reinforced or made difficult so that experience is acquired, making possible a somewhat adaptive performance.

New Statistical Methods Hold Promise for Pattern Recognition

Pattern-recognition programming, especially of conventional digital computers, is being attempted with the latest statistical methods. Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology believe that sufficiently powerful statistical techniques might prove the best tools of all for pattern recognition.

Conditional-probability computing systems, in which patterns are compared with stored data by probability-theory techniques, appear to be a compromise that uses to advantage the merits of template-matching and analytic systems and computer-program systems.

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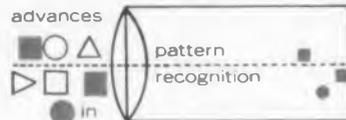
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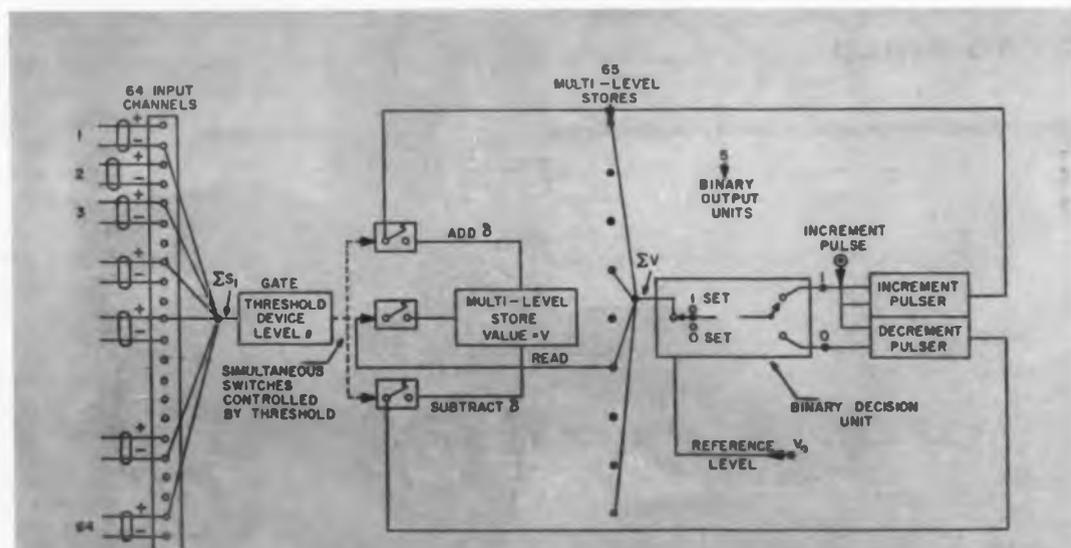
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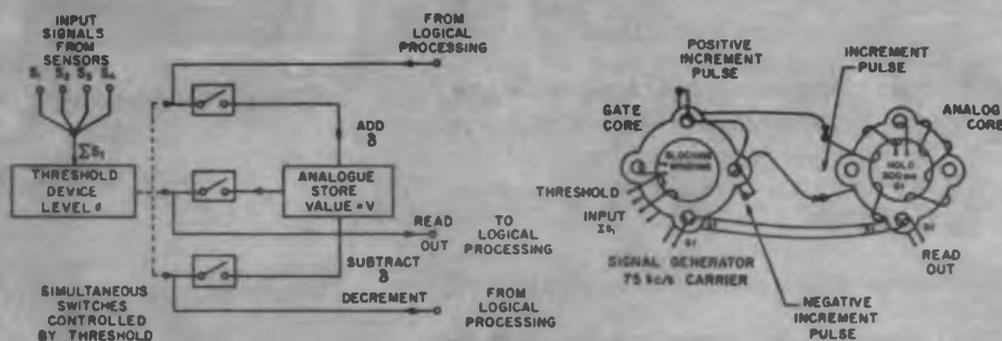
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SRI Testing Feasibility Perception For Signal Corps Photo Reader



Small, parallel-connected learning machine for pattern recognition studies is undergoing first tests at Stanford Research Institute. System is designed to operate with multiaperture magnetic cores as threshold logic and analog storage elements. Connections are now random and logic is of perceptron type. However, nonrandom connections are planned as well as use of other types of logic. Unit is feasibility model for larger version desired by Signal Corps for photointerpretation work. Research is part of larger SRI program looking toward eventual application of microcomponents built by electron-beam etching techniques and SRI's photoprocessing technique for removing redundant information from photographs.



Basic element of SRI's experimental perceptron is the neural simulation consisting of two multiaperture ferrite cores with windings and a diode. The simulation shown is the equivalent of the block diagram of the basic perceptron circuit. In this circuit, inputs from the sensors are summed to generate an input signal that is compared with a threshold. If the input signal is greater than the threshold, the three normally open make-and-break contacts are closed and the unit is active. A signal level proportional to the stored weight is read out from the store and processed by subsequent threshold-logic elements. On the basis of the subsequent processing, the analog store may receive either an increment or a decrement to its store. The multiaperture devices lend themselves to this operation and meet the requirement that inactive units remain isolated from the active system and do not have their stored weights changed as long as they are inactive.

At Stanford Research Institute, Palo Alto, Calif., tests are just beginning on a perceptron-type pattern recognizer built for feasibility studies of various concepts and devices. The institute's program is being supported by the Signal Corps under an 18-month study contract in the hopes that a fairly large version of the machine capable of useful work like photo interpretation will result.

The SRI system is designed for parallel processing and for the use of a set of compatible magnetic components. Institute researchers have found a way to use multiaperture magnetic cores, designed originally for digital logic, for threshold logic and for analog storage. These elements form the basic components of the system, where they are used as multilevel storage, in gating functions, in controlling threshold level and for summation.

First stage of the system is an 8 x 8 array of photocells in which power level is about 5 ma at 0.4 v per element. Eventually some form of pre-scanning, either graphical or electronic will be included in the input system.

The multiaperture-core neural simulations operate in 65 gate circuits that simultaneously sample data from the photocell array and sum about 10 of the cells. Summed outputs to the gate circuit are compared with threshold levels so that the circuits for which the threshold has been exceeded will become active. One of 65 multilevel elements stores signals for each circuit that is activated.

Learning Controls Signal Amplitude; Decision Units Sum Signals

Amplitude of each signal depends on the information learned by the machine. Each of the stores has 20 useful levels. Output from them is sampled by five decision units, each of which sums its set of signals for comparison with a reference level. If the sum is greater, the decision unit shows a one, if less, a zero.

Learned information is introduced into the multilevel stores without difficulty. Initially all the stores are half full, and the reference signal against which the decision unit makes its comparison is set equal to the average summed input resulting from presentation of an image.

Inputs to the decision units are transferred from the output circuits of the multilevel stores

to a switch bank that provides signals corresponding to a selected, arbitrary output code. Pulse generators that are controlled by the decision units are tied back to the multilevel stores by increment and decrement circuits, and some of these have active gates selected by the input pattern.

The "1" and "0" pulse generators in each channel control reciprocal sets, so that when an increment button is pressed, the active units that are tied to a "1" channel—when a "1" has been set for that binary—receive an increment to their stores. Alternatively, the store receives a decrement.

This is the perceptron logic that has been wired into the feasibility model for its first tests. Connections are random and there are 32 binary output codes.

In the original perceptron, multilevel storage was done by motor-driven potentiometers; in the Mark II storage will be handled by magnetic integrators being designed by Aeronutronic. These units are versions of the company's biax cores.

The SRI neural simulations consist of only two standard ferrite cores, several copper windings and a diode. However, they provide compatible input-output connections and power gain. They are said to be an excellent coupling element for the multilayer logic systems that form part of neuron simulations.

Other Perception Systems Designed

The Mark II perceptron, just reaching the hardware stage at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Buffalo, N.Y., will be faster and less complicated physically than its predecessor, which has been moved to Cornell University. The Mark II is designed as an all-digital system. It will be essentially a general-purpose computer programmed for neural-net logic.

Input will be serial, but arithmetical processing will be parallel. Printed-circuit-board A-units will be interconnected, which was not a feature of the analog Mark I. Processing speed is expected to be as high as 10 kc, which could result in recognition time of 1 second per pattern. A drum with a 4- μ sec read-write cycle and a 250-kc bit rate is planned as the memory.

A similar perceptron is under construction at Burroughs Corp., Paoli, Pa. Called Albert I, this system, like the Mark II perceptron, is a specially designed general-purpose computer programmed with special instructions to process by neural-net logic. It is almost complete and is expected to be debugged and ready for its first tests sometime this summer. Its primary function is to aid re-

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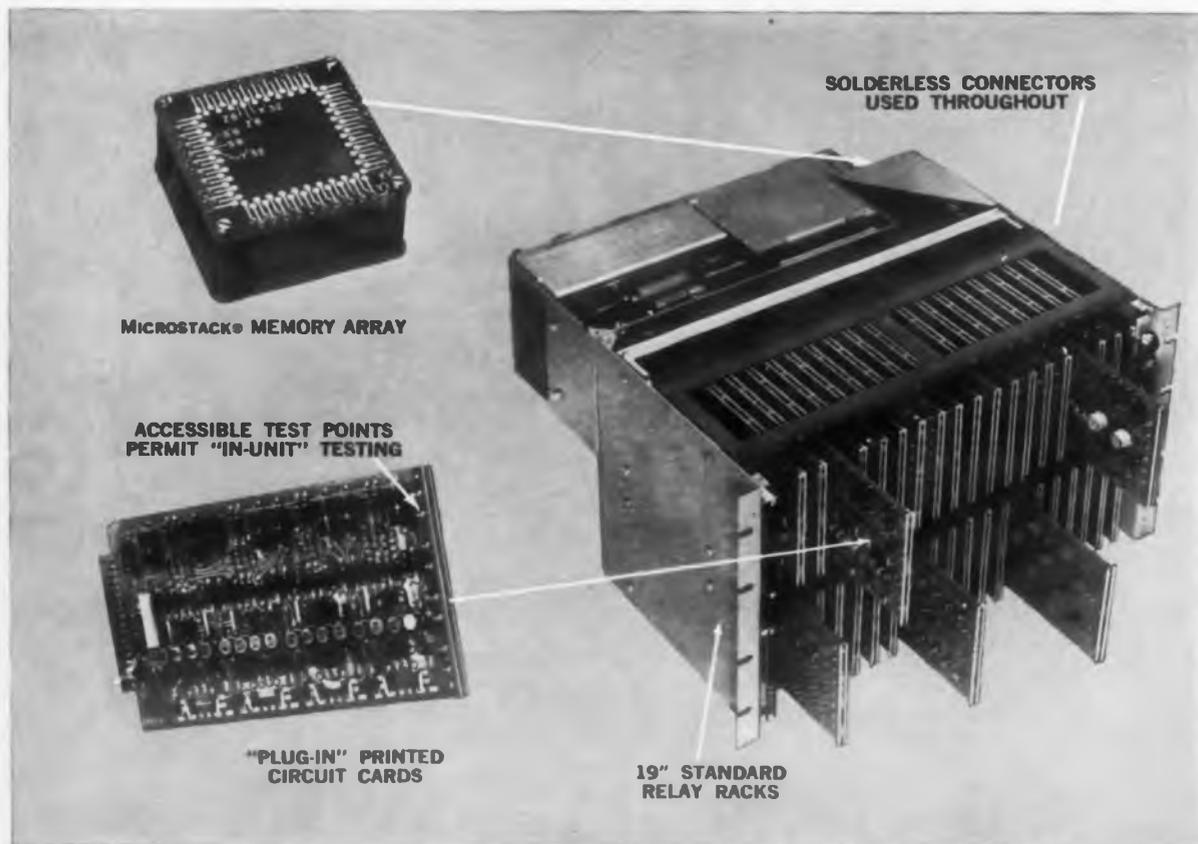
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The system was originally developed as a simulation of Cornell's perceptron but is now all digital and has cross-coupled A-units. Company engineers have developed a ferrite-core neural simulation for a later version. Albert I uses flip-flop circuit-board neural elements.

Another digital recognition system is nearing completion at Stromberg-Carlson, Inc., Rochester, N.Y. A distributed-state response model like the perceptron, but fundamentally different because of the use of a novel type of variable-network theory, this system incorporates variable nets that are represented symbolically in the digital logic of the system's organization. This organization is implemented by a magnetic storage drum.

Like other perceptron-class recognizers, the system will operate on a reward-punish basis, with stimuli building paths through association elements to favor taught responses.

The system is essentially a special-purpose digital computer. Input is provided by a flying-spot scanner with 1,024-bit resolution. Flip-flop circuit-board construction is used.

A simplified simulation of the system on an IBM 650 recognized hand-made drawings. Performance of the actual system is expected to be better than that of the Mark I perceptron.

Although some researchers are not optimistic about the future role of perceptrons in pattern recognition and are critical of their performance so far, improved performance of these systems seems assured. The development of magnetic integrators and multiaperture cores for use in threshold logic circuits, where they afford efficient driving without the need of transistors or other active devices, is expected to result in more powerful logics and more efficient systems. Aeronutronic, Stanford Research Institute and Burroughs are developing such elements.

Optical elements for neural nets may prove of great benefit to perceptron systems. General Electric is building an elaborately connected neural simulation that consists of electroluminescent cells and photoconductive layers. It will be used by Wright Air Development Div. in the

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investigation of new neural-net systems.

RCA has constructed pattern-recognition devices that use similar optoelectronic cells in neural-net arrangements. These cells use photoconductivity and electroluminescence to achieve thresholding, inhibition, standard-pulsing and the other characteristics of neural simulations. The elements are optically coupled to each other in matrices.

At RCA an optoelectronic pattern recognizer has been built that duplicates the four types of property filtering believed to occur in the frog's eye.

At Armour Research Foundation, Chicago, researchers are investigating ways of combining optical fibers with photochromic globules in pattern-processing systems.

Italian Researcher Increasing Number Of Optimal Weighting Values in A-unit

New horizons for perceptrons are being explored by Prof. A. Gamba of the University of Genoa, Italy. Professor Gamba has constructed equipment to support his theory that perceptron A-units would contribute more to efficient system operation if they were able to store more than one optimal weighting value each. In most current perceptron designs each A-unit stores only one value—the best single function of the optimal value that aids in applying experience to new decision making through reinforcement.

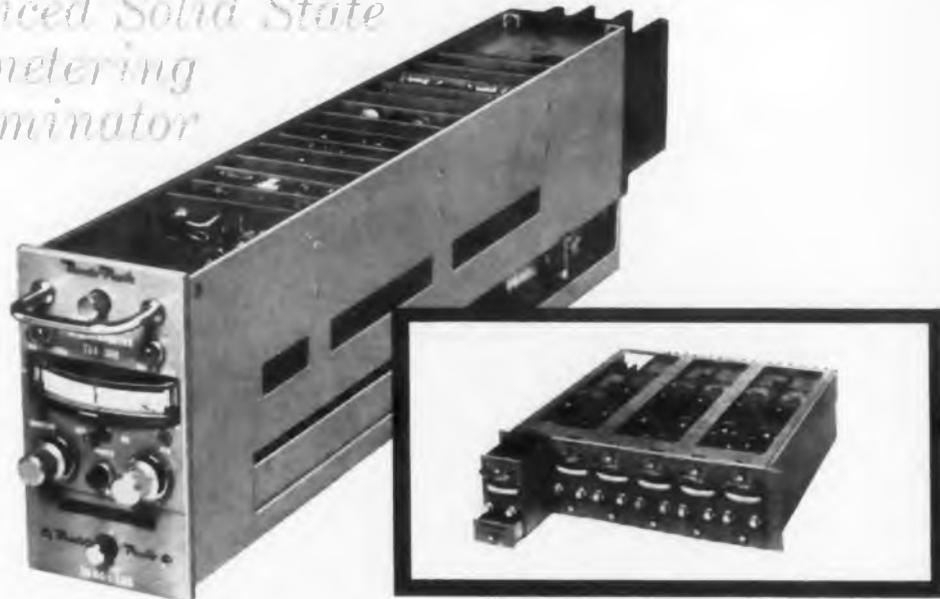
Professor Gamba is also investigating the possibility of correcting the threshold of each A-unit. This would help in choosing the criterion that activates the A-unit usefully. Threshold correction would help avoid the inefficiency of having many A-units active for most pattern-recognition tasks.

A perceptron of novel design that incorporates these concepts has been described by Professor Gamba. In it the threshold of an A-unit triggers a beam of light to one or the other side of a film strip, according to whether or not it is active. Different classes of patterns correspond to different regions along the strip. If an equal number of patterns of each class is shown during the training period with equal exposure time for each pattern, the density of grains in each region could be made directly proportional to one of the factors determining the most useful criterion for a decision.

Series of A-units could be arranged in a rectangular plate, with each vertical strip being an A-unit and each horizontal row corresponding to a class of patterns. A pattern to be recognized would be compared with the total amount of plating in the activated regions of the horizontal rows. The A-units that are more uniformly plated would have their thresholds changed so that another training sequence could be made.

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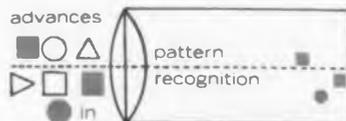
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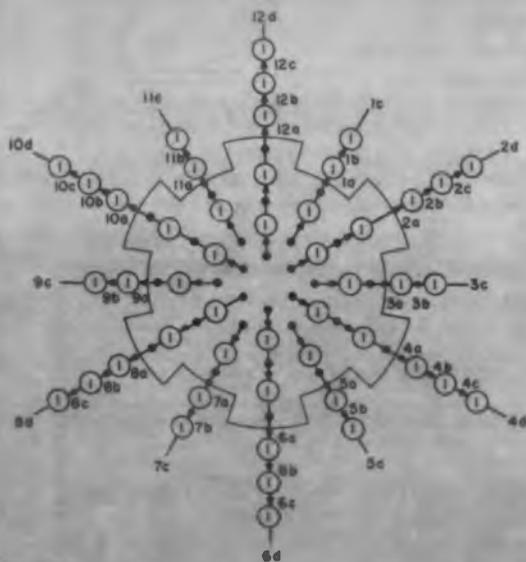
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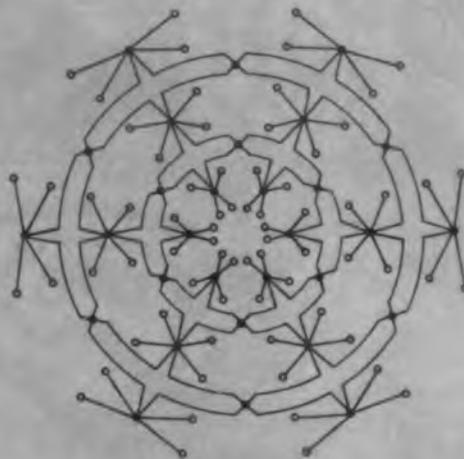
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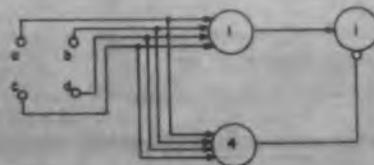
Neural-type elements of pattern-recognition system proposed by Prof. J. R. Singer, University of California, operates as (a) simple delay which provides a standard output pulse after a delay; (b) an "and" circuit that provides standard pulse after appropriate input lines have been stimulated within specified time; (c) an "or" circuit that acts like (b) but requires only one pulse to obtain an output pulse from the circular delay element; and (d) a bridge circuit, which provides a standard delayed pulse when one input line is stimulated and the other is not during an interval—the small circle on line *b* indicates an inhibitory input and the arrow on all lines *a* indicates a stimulating input. Numbers in circles denote pulses required to obtain an output pulse from circular delay element.



Network of logic elements is designed to transform 36 optic fibers into delay space. Each unit of length for an image transforms into a specified unit of time. Dark disks represent optic fibers, and cogshaped borderline represents outer boundary of delay transformer. Delay space lies outside this line. Image of a circle would be recognized by a coincidence of all even or all odd radials.



Input of system would be network of 72 photoreceptors differentiated four at a time and also in clusters of 16. Solid black circles represent 36 optic fibers to carry differentiated signal pulses. Entire system was designed to operate as closely as possible to a biological image processing organ. It would be used as input to computer in which stored patterns would be available for comparison.



Output from four photoreceptors can be combined with this circuit to obtain an output signal if one, two or three receptors are stimulated, but not if all four are stimulated. In a practical system this differentiator would emphasize image borders.

A parallel-processing, analog symbol and character system has been designed by Prof. J. R. Singer, University of California, Berkeley, as an input to a computer decision system. The system, for which logic arrangements are still being worked out, was designed to operate as closely as possible to the way a human recognition system is believed to function.

One of the principles basic to the electronic analog is that a group of transformations exist that will map a figure along manifolds of neurons in a way that leads to size-independent recognition response. Figure-size invariance, some tilt invariance, and majority decision have been designed into the system.

It would operate this way: an image would be projected on an array of photoreceptors, and would be differentiated and transformed by logic circuitry. The image would then appear in delay space, where the activation of specific lines analogous to nerve fibers would denote specific images.

In the delay space that Professor Singer describes, a symbol would be stretched in a very organized dilatation. This consists of projecting the symbol in an incrementally increasing size, while preserving shape, along a set of axes that are pulse carriers. Each pulse on a line carries one resolved element of the symbol and the pulse travels out on the line at a speed related to the propagation characteristics of the lines and delay elements. These would be primarily pulse-regeneration and synchronizing systems.

In recognizing a circle with the arrangement of receptors and delay-space logic elements shown in the drawings, the recognition circuit consists of a coincidence of all the even or all the odd radials.

Features of the system, which may coincide with biological features, are:

- All photoreceptors would be active for an interval, then would relax while the image is processed. This may be analogous to recovery time in neurons.
- Large images would be recognized more rapidly than small ones—they traverse fewer delay elements.
- Outline drawings may be more readily identified than silhouettes.
- It appears as though all symbol recognition would have to be designed to use previously stored recognition circuits to reduce the number of elements needed.

■ Recognition of an image larger than the outermost ring of receptors would be difficult without resizing.

■ There would be tradeoff among the number of recognizable symbols, the degree of allowed tilt and the distortion of each image.

■ Stimulation time of photoreceptors would be generally much smaller than recognition time.

Optical Matcher Designed

A pattern-recognition system that works by optically matching images to be recognized with miniature stored images is under development at Space Electronics Corp., Glendale, Calif. Several engineering models of portions of this system have been built with the support of the Wright Air Development Div.

The system, called Simicore, for simultaneous multiple image correlation, works this way:

A received pattern passes through a bundle of fiber optics or through a mosaic of lenses and is multiplied many times so that it focuses on an array of images recorded on a plane. Each of the stored images is a pattern to be recognized. All may be the same image in different orientations or degrees of distortion.

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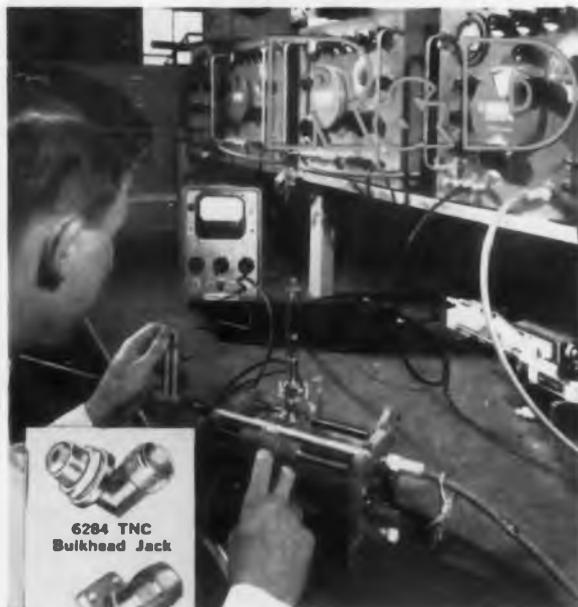
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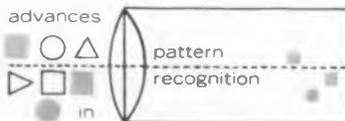


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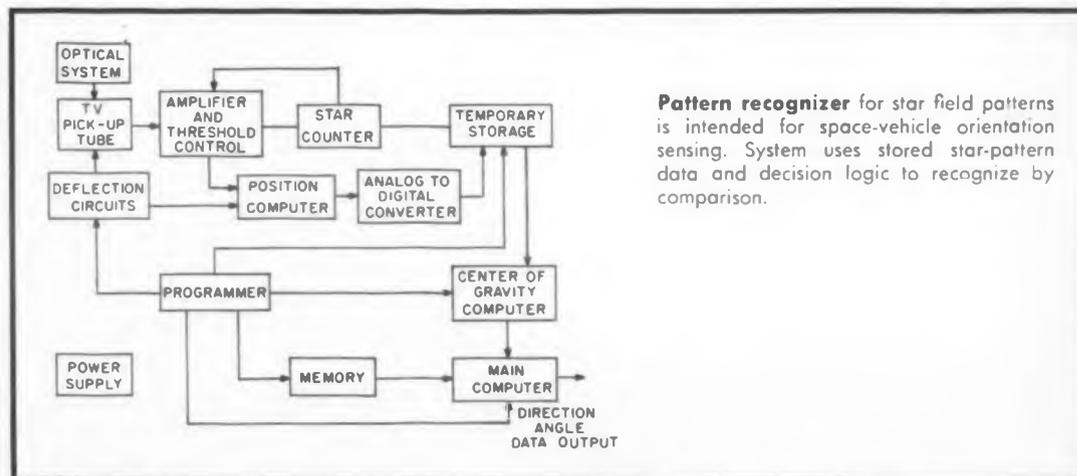
Celestial Pattern Recognizer Would Use Stored Star Fields

Engineers at W. L. Maxson Corp., New York City, have designed a pattern recognizer for sensing orientation of a vehicle in inertial space. The system would recognize patterns of stars by comparing them with patterns in its memory.

In operation, an optical system would focus a sector of the celestial sphere on a vidicon pickup. Deflection circuits would supply signals for scanning and would provide coordinate information for each star during scan. An amplifier would provide thresholding for selecting stars of appropriate brightness. A counter would use a shaped signal to establish the number of stars of the selected brightness.

Star count information and encoded position information would be obtained in blocks and stored in a programmer-controlled buffer store. The programmer would also sequence the processing of recognition and the computation of direction angle. This would be done by a center-of-gravity computer and a main computer, respectively. The programmer would also control withdrawal of reference data on individual stars from the memory.

Maxson believes that the system could be designed to weigh less than 36 lb and use less than 200 w when on. With redesigned logic it could be expected to operate adaptively, reports Maxson.



Pattern recognizer for star field patterns is intended for space-vehicle orientation sensing. System uses stored star-pattern data and decision logic to recognize by comparison.

Many Approaches Pursued in Developing Pattern Recognizers for Speech

Among the companies that have developed equipment for speech recognition are Stromberg-Carlson, ITT, IBM, Tokyo University, Japan, and the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories. Each system uses different principles.

Among the most elaborate programs is that at Stromberg-Carlson's Rochester, N.Y., laboratories, which is based on processing of speech formants, the resonances in the vocal track. These have a slow rate of change and therefore carry a relatively large amount of information about what is being said. This work is part of an important program of bandwidth compression, which it is hoped will result in eliminating redundant information from transmitted speech.

The company has also developed a speech synthesizer with which speech sounds are mechanically generated. A sophisticated five-function control for this synthesizer has been designed.

At ITT Federal Laboratories, several different pattern-recognition programs are underway. In Palo Alto, Calif., a system of speech identification based on phonemic definitions has been used successfully. It identified about 90 per cent of 40 speakers, who in one test spoke the letter "E" and later repeated it. The system requires that the speech be recorded on tape, analyzed for phonemic definitions and be compared with the previous patterns to establish the definition. Dif-

ferences in the sounds made by different speakers are analyzed and only those providing sufficient differentiation are used as guides.

Palo Alto Laboratory is also working on a program of pattern-classification techniques with the long-term objective of developing a machine that will learn without having to be taught. Studies in the fields of adaptive techniques, statistical decision theory and pattern classification are now underway under partial sponsorship of government agencies. Included in this program is work on word recognition using optical correlation techniques, this work is underway at the company's San Fernando laboratories.

Basic speech characteristics are also the basis of one of several speech-recognition devices built at IBM, San Jose, Calif. Programed logic circuitry enables the system to discriminate between voiced, unvoiced and fricative sounds in two arbitrary forms, weak and strong. The digits 0 through 10 have been identified when spoken by many speakers.

Simple differences in energy level permit classification of strong and weak speech. But sophisticated modulation-envelope analysis is used to distinguish between voiced, unvoiced and fricative sounds. A phase-shifting network provides the envelopes.

Template matching is the basis of the speech and speaker recognition system built at the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, Bedford, Mass. The templates are made from words spoken to the system. They are plottings of the energy in 18 frequency bands in samples taken from speech every 0.02 sec and formed into word lengths.

Samplings are taken by a vocoder spectral analyzer in analog form and converted to binary digits for storage in a medium-size drum-memory computer. The templates, once stored, can be used several ways. When the system is programed to recognize a speaker who has been prerecorded, the computer compares the stored templates with those constructed from the new speech.

AFCRL researchers are writing programs that will enable the system to adjust whatever masks it happens to have stored so that new ones do not have to be made for a speaker of unusual speech characteristics.

In addition to recognizing words and identifying speakers, the system has been programed to give answers to arithmetical problems asked in plain speech.

A phonetic typewriter built at Kyoto University types letters when monosyllables are spoken. Accuracy of the system, which uses 3,000 transistors and 6,000 diodes in its logic, is about 70 per cent.



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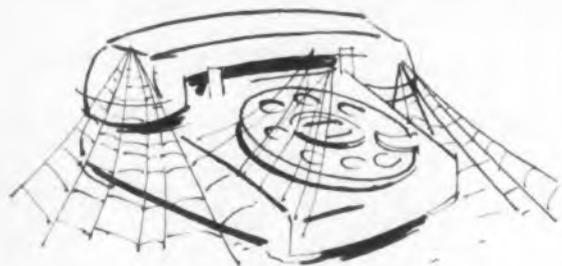
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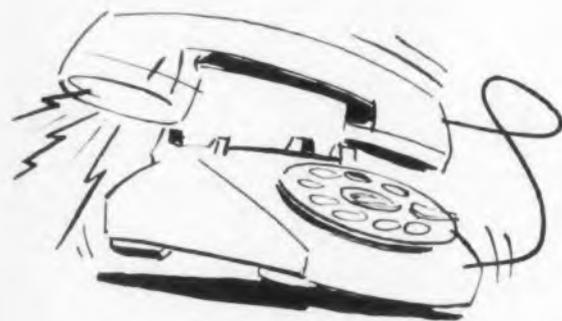
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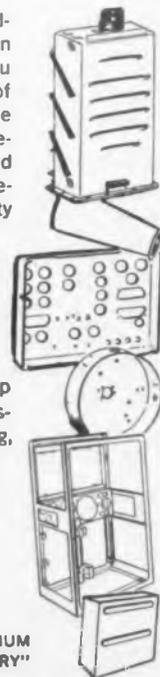
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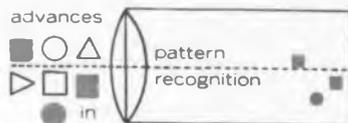


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Systems Built to Recognize Signal Waveform Patterns

Another form of pattern processing—waveform recognition—is being investigated. General Electric researchers at Schenectady, N.Y., have developed a filter that picks limited-bandwidth, fixed-waveform signals of high-level additive noise. The adaptive waveform recognizer is able to do this whether the waveform is known or not.

The device is being considered for classified defense applications, where it would be useful in analyzing returns from surveillance systems.

In essence, the system operates by converging to become a matched filter for whatever signal is passing through. Its basic feature is its ability to alter its memory.

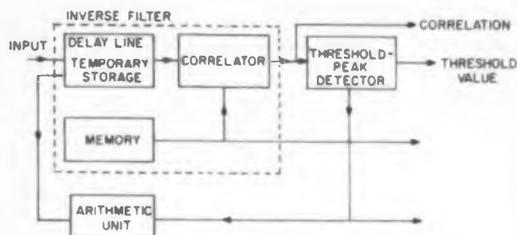
Once the filter's memory contains an arriving waveform, a portion of the system converges to the matched filter. But conditions needed to initiate convergence are more severe than those required for detection of a known waveform by a predesigned filter.

The filter continuously correlates arriving waveforms with a waveform in its memory—the one for which it is a matched filter. When correlation is great enough, the system alters its memory so that the stored waveform is a weighted average of the previous contents of the memory and the input, and it increases the amount of correlation needed to alter the memory.

When no signal is present, the filter operates



Adaptive waveform recognition system is able to pick limited-bandwidth signals out of high-level additive noise. System consists of four racks in background and paper tape recorder for monitoring performance.



Adaptive system for recognizing waveform patterns is able to pick limited-bandwidth signals out of high-level additive noise. Temporary delay line memory and main capacitor memory can change their contents so that the filter becomes a matched filter for the waveform being processed. Delay line memory holds incoming signal while it is compared in segments with contents of main memory. Products of segments are multiplied and totalled in arithmetic unit and compared by threshold peak detector to determine how closely incoming signal is matching stored values.

Arithmetic unit continually triggers switching of input signal segments from delay line to main memory.

in equilibrium and the contents of its memory change randomly and continuously. If a fixed waveform arrives randomly and the filter's memory contains a large enough component of the signal, the filter preferentially accepts, in a statistical sense, samples containing that waveform, and convergence begins. Then the accuracy of the concept of the waveform in the filter's memory and the degree of correlation required for acceptance of an input simultaneously rise.

An elaborate, adaptive analog computer that functions as an adaptive filter is being tested at the University of London. Its designers call the system a universal nonlinear filter, predictor and simulator. It can be made to operate as an adaptive filter by training it on a record of a noisy process, together with a target record that contains only the signal.

It is taught as a predictor by taking as the target function a value of the stochastic process advanced by a certain time interval beyond the last value that goes into the input.

To simulate an unknown system, the simulator is trained by feeding it with the input of the system to be simulated at one end and presenting it at the other end with its output as the target function. The simulator will make itself into a model of the system and, in addition, will make it possible to read off the nonlinear transfer function of the system from the final setting of the coefficients displayed on the simulator.

The entire filter consists of many cabinets of components, among which are 80 novel piezo-magnetic analog multipliers that can perform over 1,000 multiplications per second with no more than 0.5 per cent error. After debugging, the system will be put to useful engineering work in recognizing, predicting, and simulating.



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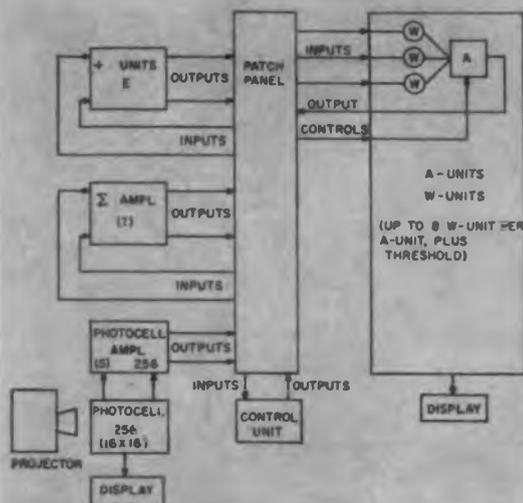
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This medium-scale learning network of the perceptron type is under construction at Aeronutronic Div., Ford Motor Co., to test design of the company's biax-type magnetic integrators, which are intended for Cornell Aero Labs' perceptron program.

System input is an automatic-advance slide projector that will display an image on a 16 x 16 photocell raster about 6 in. sq. Eventually about 500 magnetic integrators, which correspond to the W-units of the Cornell perceptron, will be included, although first tests will be made with fewer installed. Sixty A-unit neurons will be included eventually. Output is a bank of indicator lights. The unit's A-units can be interconnected in single-layer or complete cross-coupled arrangements. Also included are fixed linear-logic elements that may be interconnected to perform operations appropriate to particular environmental patterns.

The summing amplifiers (I-units) are fixed-weight, linear-logic elements analogous to the S-to-A interconnections in the CAL perceptron. They consist of a discriminator and two sets of summary resistors.

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The A-units are the decision and amplifying elements corresponding to either A or R-units in the perceptron.

The W-units consist of the magnetic integrator mentioned above and its transistor switch. They are designed to operate with a plus and minus logic level. The units are mounted on plug-in cards and will be parallel-connected to each A-unit in groups of up to eight.

The Aeronutronic system is an outgrowth of a smaller, one-neuron learning machine constructed previously (see p. 45). Both units were designed to solve Boolean-logic problems. The company hopes that the current model will be successful enough to allow design to proceed on a larger version that would do useful work.



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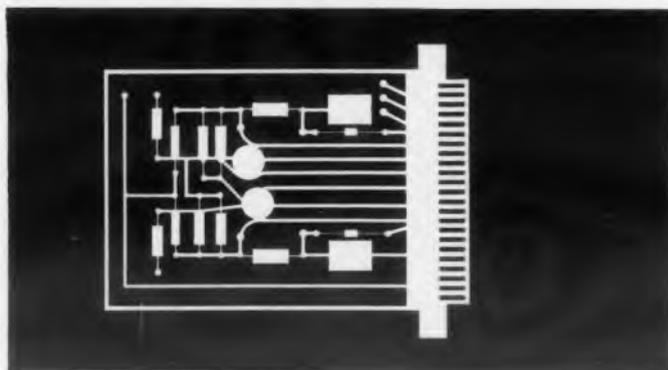
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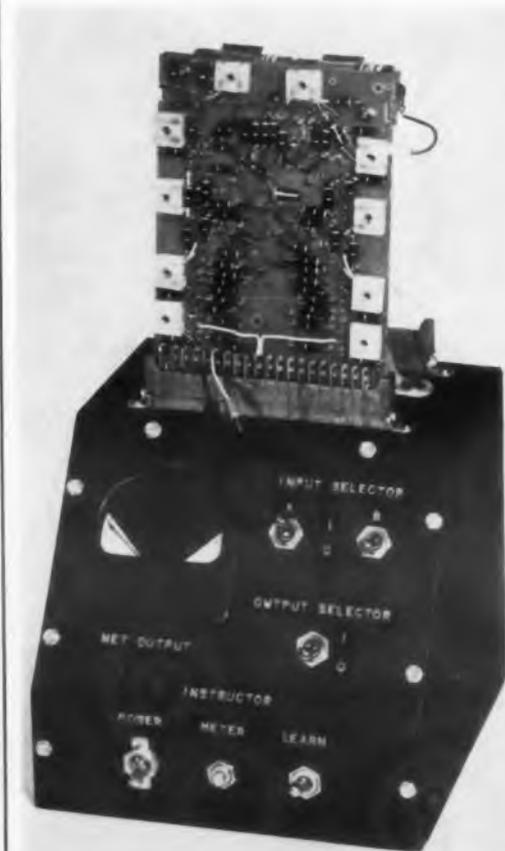
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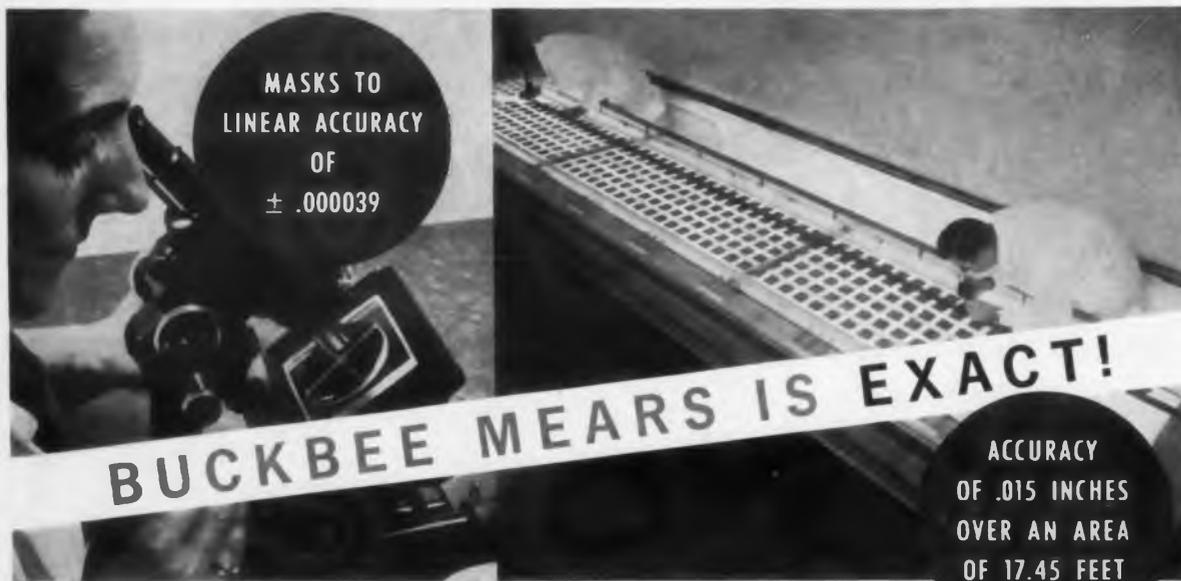
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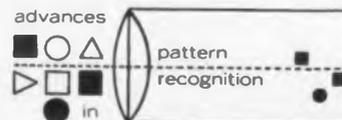
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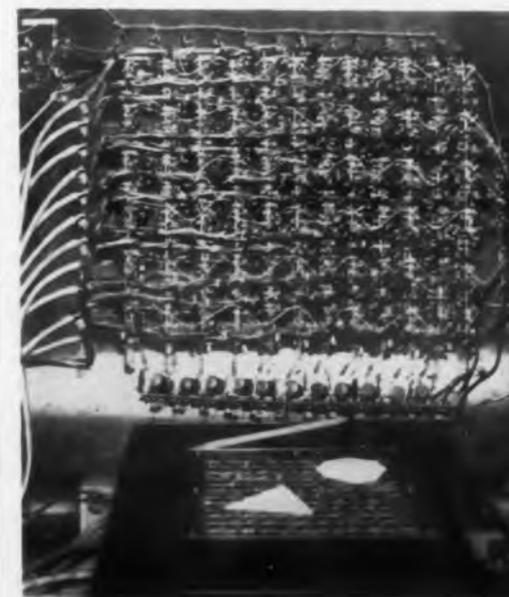
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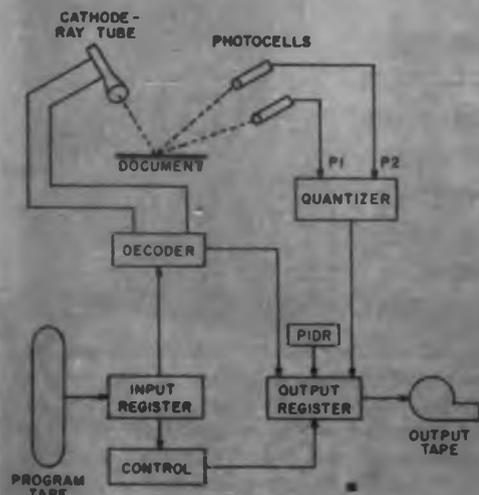


Control unit for speech synthesizer at Stromberg-Carlson controls five functions useful in speech synthesis: three formants, intensity, and pitch. Carriage moves along pattern of tracks to control equipment that switches oscillators on and off.



Recognizer developed at University of Illinois was designed to exhibit property filtering. System is able to sense the "n-ness" of whatever is laid on photocell matrix.

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Generalized scanner built at Bell Telephone Laboratories is used as an input to an IBM 704 in pattern-recognition studies. Capable of complex scans, the system can move its scanning spot to any of 10,000 points in a 100 x 100 array in a field variable from 1/8 x 1/8 to 3 x 3 in. The scanning spot moves in a constant time, 200 μ sec, from any point to any other. Points are specified by a sequence of coordinates as a function of time. Two photocells and associated pickup circuitry give the scanner two-color capability. Basic equipment is a DuMont Dual Opaque flying spot scanner.

What Lies In the Future?

It is hard to predict the extent of use of pattern-recognition machines once they emerge from the laboratory.

Certainly one of the most important initial applications will be in computer input. Not only written data, but images and other special forms of data might also be entered into logic circuits by the use of pattern recognizers. Internally, computers could use pattern recognition to sort and collate information automatically.

Analysis of reconnaissance information is envisioned as an important military application of the concept. Many complex military systems might make use of various pattern-recognition schemes to automatically direct integrated control systems at lightning speeds.

But beyond some of these obvious uses, there lies an area where the imagination can only guess at the future. Pattern recognizers could well be a key element in the automated society that is already beginning to take shape.



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The new system will replace to a large extent manual checkout procedures now in use.

Random-Access Memory Employs Multiaperture Ferrite Cores

A high-speed, random-access memory, capable of nondestructive readout and nonvolatile storage, employs multiaperture ferrite cores and fully transistorized circuitry.

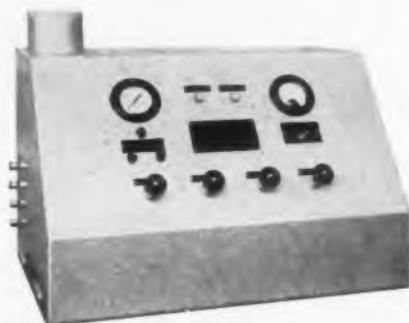
Developed by the Westinghouse Electric Co. at Baltimore, Md., the 1,024-word prototype has operated at 0.6- μ sec cycle time with an access time of 0.20 μ sec. The model and its memory-core stack, drivers, switches, timing circuitry, and sense amplifiers have operated successfully at temperatures ranging from -25 to +100 C.

As an extension of the development, Westinghouse is building a 4,096-word, 50-bit electrically alterable, nondestructive and nonvolatile instruction memory with tape-loading equipment.

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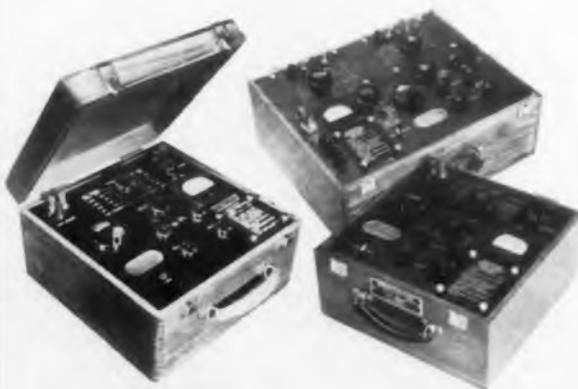


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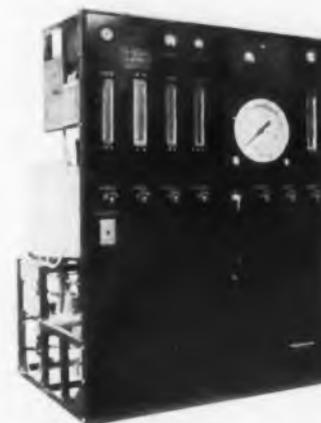


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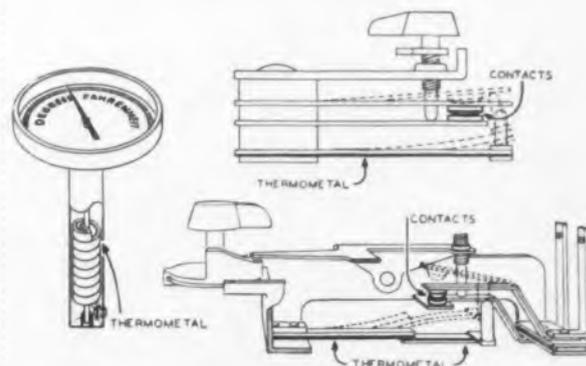
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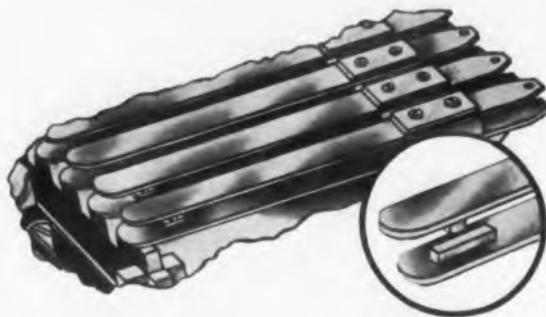


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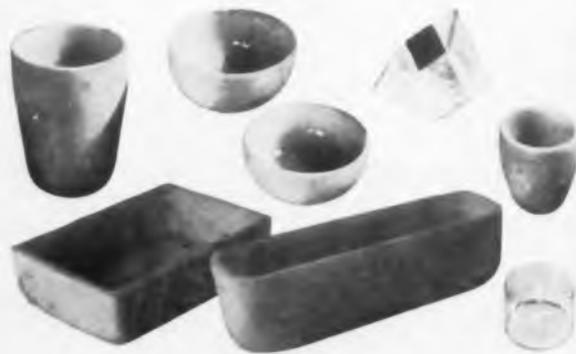


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Environment Testing Lab Nears Completion at Redstone

A new laboratory for environmental testing of missiles and their components is nearing completion at the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency installation at Huntsville, Ala.

Technicians will be able to expose test items, ranging from tiny missile components to complete missiles up to 36 ft long and 8 ft in diam., to a full spectrum of environmental conditions.

The test cells with walls at least a foot thick, are of concrete reinforced with steel.

Situated in an isolated area at the Restone Arsenal, the new facility will be available for testing missiles or components of Government services and agencies and industrial missile contractors.

Geodetic Position System To Be Tested in Satellite

An electronic system capable of determining geodetic positions anywhere on the earth is slated for use in this month's Transit III-B test firing.

The system, called SECOR (Sequential Collation of Range), was developed by the Cubic Corp. of San Diego.

SECOR consists of a miniature 7-lb transponder, to be carried aboard the 36-in Transit III-B sphere, and four ground stations. An orbit at 500-mile altitude, using a Thorable-Star vehicle for launching, is scheduled for the test.

Four SECOR ground stations, which can be transported by helicopter, will measure distance by sending and receiving signals through the satellite transponder. With three of the ground stations situated at surveyed points, the precise position of the fourth can be computed with resectioning techniques.

Each ground station determines its distance from the satellite by first transmitting a frequency-modulated, continuous-wave signal, which is received and rebroadcast by the transponder. During transmission the ground station measures and records the phase shift between its transmitted signals and those received from the transponder. To permit compensation for errors introduced by ionospheric refraction of the SECOR signals, the transponder replies on two different frequencies.

The four ground stations interrogate the transponder, in sequence, for 12-1/2 msec. Dynamic smoothing of the distance-information allows interpolation, to provide the equivalent of simultaneous sightings by all stations. Data-handling ground station equipment provides real-time recording of binary range data.



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THREE SIMULATORS duplicating space-vehicle operation and expected environments are being built by the Astronautics Div. of Chance-Vought, Dallas. Completion is expected within a few months.

A flight simulator, to be used in research and development and for pilot training, will demonstrate earth orbiting and landing, moon and interplanetary flights, satellite rendezvous missions, lunar parking orbits, and lunar landings and launchings.

The pilot's compartment will move in three directions to duplicate maneuvers. The pilot will



Space environment simulator (CVPR-2997), as depicted in scale model, will test payloads nearly 8 ft in diam by spinning and rotating them to duplicate their positions relative to the sun.



Manned space flight simulator (CVPR-2996) will demonstrate earth orbiting and landing, moon and interplanetary flights, satellite rendezvous missions, lunar landings and launchings.

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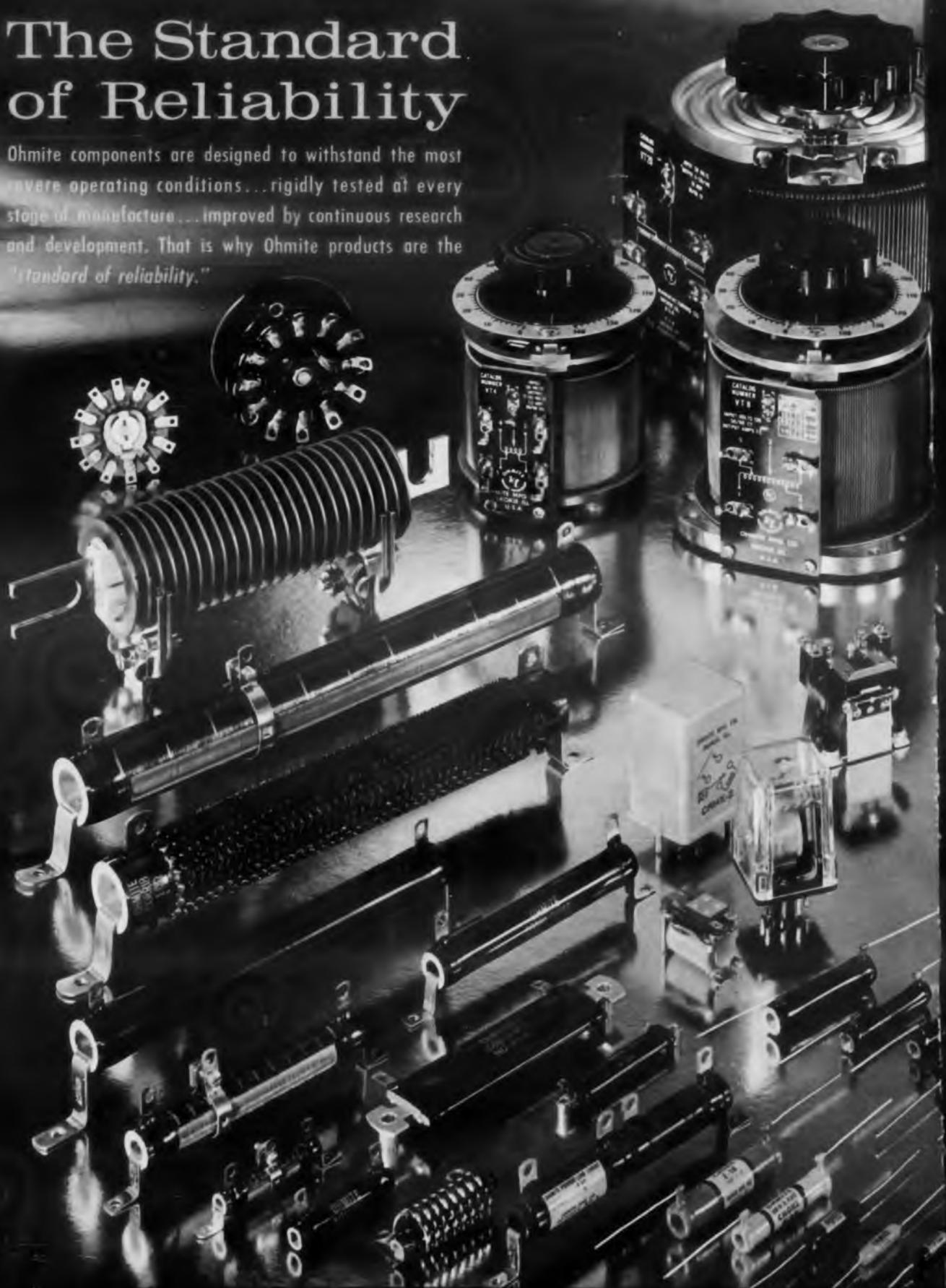
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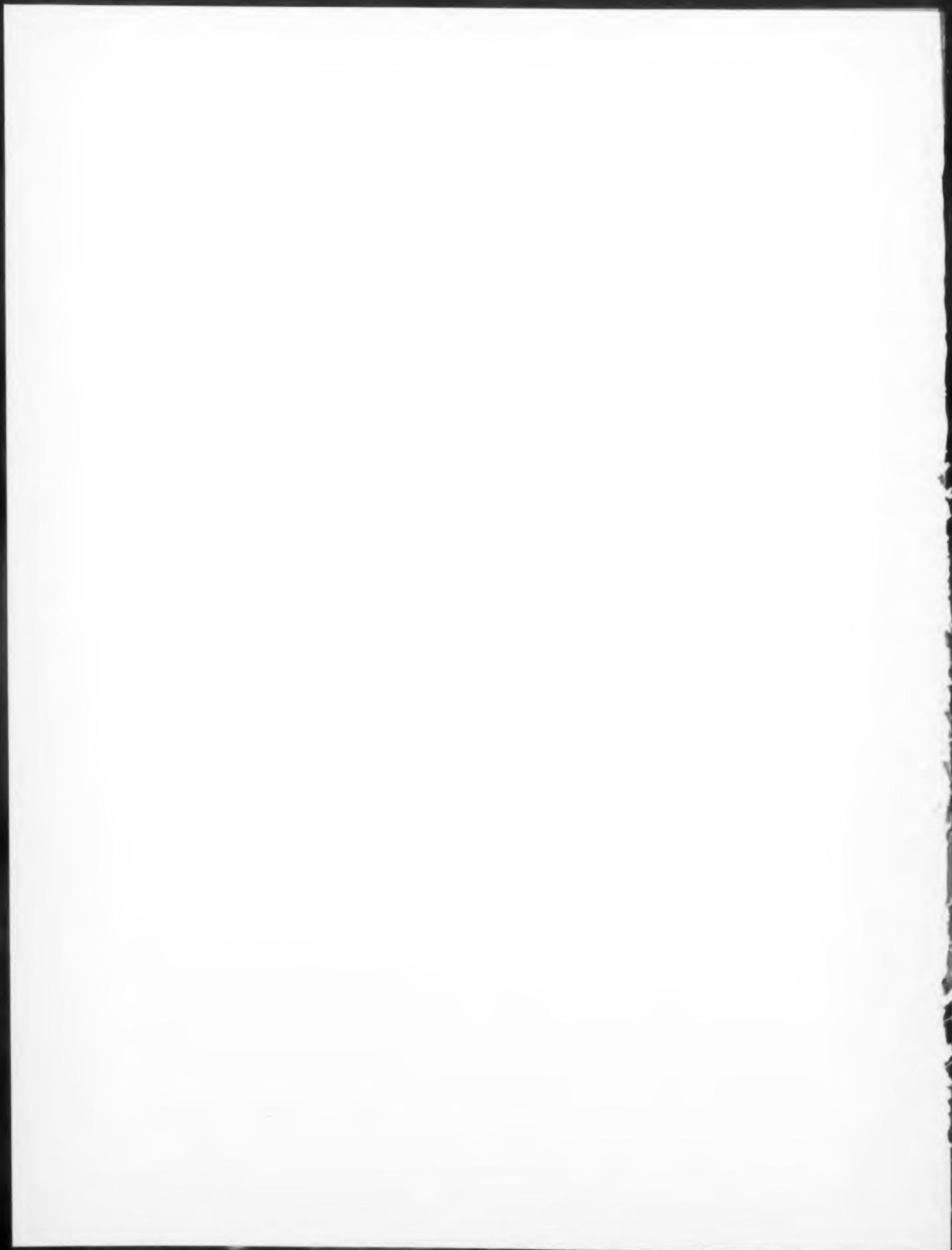


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This simulator will be able to handle space payloads nearly 8 ft in diam. It will spin and rotate them to duplicate positions relative to the sun. Each test will run for weeks, if required.

Automatic Control Simulator Will Integrate Systems

The third simulator, called ACES, will be used for the development and testing of automatic control systems for both manned and unmanned space vehicles. Basically an R&D tool, ACES will help develop and integrate the systems for stabilizing or controlling satellites and vehicles in space. It will use reaction controls, inertia wheels and similar devices. ■ ■

Intense Bursts of Soft X-Rays Are Produced by EGG X-Ray Tube

A novel X-ray tube reported capable of producing extremely intense bursts of soft X-rays has been designed, developed and tested by Edgerton, Germehausen, and Grier, Inc., of Boston, Mass.

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Telemetry Standards Group Starts Four-Pronged Task

A Telemetry Standards Coordination Committee has begun work under the direction of the executive body of the National Telemetry Conference, held recently in Chicago.

The committee chairman, A. E. Bentz of the Sandia Corp., outlined the task as follows:

- To determine the standards in existence.
- To determine the technical adequacy of planned and existing standards.
- To determine the need for additional telemetry standards.
- To promulgate any new standards.

The committee consists of fourteen members—seven from industry and seven from government—and in addition has a representative from each professional engineering society of the conference. The professional engineering societies represented are ISA, IAS, IRE, ARS, and AIEE.

GE 'Neutron Telescope' Measures Atomic Reactor Steam Output

A neutron telescope has been developed to permit nuclear engineers to measure steam output of a portion of an atomic reactor through thick walls.

The device, developed by Samuel Untermeyer II, consultant at the Vallecitos Atomic Laboratory, Pleasanton, Calif., a component of General Electric's Atomic Power Equipment Dept., is mounted above the core of the reactor.

Mr. Untermeyer described the neutron telescope as basically a fast neutron counter, in a special tube, which can measure small differences in the steam output of selected fuel channels in the reactor. It can be aimed accurately at a fuel channel from a distance of 20 ft or more, and will count fast neutrons coming up out of that section of the reactor through 6 ft of water and several inches of steel.

From the number of fast neutrons coming out of the reactor, the engineers can tell how much steam that part of the reactor is making.

Since water acts as a block to the passage of fast neutrons, if the reactor is not producing a lot of steam bubbles, the number of neutrons counted by the neutron telescope will be small. If the reactor is producing a lot of steam, fast neutrons can pass through easily.

According to Mr. Untermeyer, the device provides reactor operators some of the same information as present instrumentation, and is very sensitive to changes in local exit steam conditions in the reactor caused by movement of the control rods.



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Tiny New Cryostat Cools

Novel Tunnel-Diode Power Supply Also Described at Winter PGMIL

A NEW cryostat system designed for military applications, and described as the smallest ever announced for its capacity, measures less than 1 cu ft and weighs 30 lb, including a 25-lb compressor.

The cryostat proper weighs 2 lb, according to its inventor, K. W. Cowans, Hughes Aircraft Co., Los Angeles. It uses a two-stage Claude-type thermodynamic cycle followed by Joule-Kelvin cooling.

The system's small size is mainly a result of the special tubing used, into which extremely fine helical fins are cut. A pitch of 0.006 in. for a fin 0.0008 in. thick is said to be possible with the production techniques used.

Eliminating the usual bulky valve train also contributes to the unit's small size. This is done by using "a unique mechanical cycle in which the valves are actuated within the engine solely by engine motion."

The sealing problem is said to be solved with a device that affords essentially perfect sealing with very low friction and long life. The seal is reportedly good for operation at 10 K.

"For an essentially no-mass load like an array of infrared detectors," reports Mr. Cowans, "cool-down is effected within 30 minutes after 1.5 kw of power is applied to the system."

An external power supply is required with the cryostat. Design net capacity is 0.5 w at 4.2 K, which is the temperature of liquid helium.

The new cryostat was one of several developments reported at the Second Winter Convention on Military Electronics, in Los Angeles. Also described at the conference was a tunnel-diode power supply in which a linear and a switching regulator are combined by tunnel diodes.

Another highlight of the meeting was the reports on results achieved by the AGREE (Advisory Group on Reliability of Electronic Equipment) reliability program, which confirmed indications of success apparent at the recently held symposium on reliability and quality control (*ED* Feb. 1, 1961, p. 12).

Cooler Comprises Two Units, Cryostat Proper and Compressor

The cryostat described by Mr. Cowans, who developed the device in Hughes' infrared laboratory, consists of two units, the 2-lb cryostat proper and a compressor with motor, filter,

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chamber volume and all interlocks. In it, high-pressure gas enters a counter-current heat exchanger and is cooled by an oppositely flowing stream, which flows through an adiabatic expansion engine and does work. The work done in the engine is transferred outside the cryostat, leaving the gas with less enthalpy and making it colder.

The expended gas is injected into the exhaust side of the exchanger to cool the incoming gas after cooling the load.

Because a gas at a temperature close to its critical point will cool to a lower temperature when it is allowed to expand from a higher temperature to a lower one through a throttling valve, one of these is used in the next stage to replace the engine. After several exchanges the gas is at 18 K and is cold enough for Joule-Kelvin cooling.

Last section of the system is a Joule-Kelvin cryostat with its cold end at 4.2 K.

Operating life of the first generation of production units is said to be 3,000 hr. with servicing required every 200 hr. Further development is expected to give the system essentially unlimited life, with servicing required no oftener than 1,000-hr intervals.

Linear and Switching Regulator Combined in Tunnel-Diode Supply

An unconventional regulator was also described at the conference. In this device, a linear and a switching regulator are combined by tunnel diodes to overcome the disadvantages of either type used separately.

Hughes engineer R. P. Farnsworth reported that the device can supply 350 w of "quality power" at better than 90 per cent efficiency. At no load, the dissipation of the supply is said to be less than 300 mw.

The unit reportedly combines the good transient response and zero dc output resistance of nonlinear switching regulators with the low ripple and good load transient response of linear regulation.

A tunnel-diode voltage is used in the regulator to control a transistor switch directly. Normally a bias voltage would be used for this purpose.

Testimonials on the success of AGREE procedures in significantly boosting reliability figures were delivered during the meeting by both Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N. J., and Hoffman Electronics Corp., Los Angeles. ■ ■



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A high-temperature hermetic sealing material has resulted from a new manufacturing process for synthetic mica-glass ceramoplastics.

According to the maker, Mycalex Corp. of America, Clifton, N.J., Supramica 620-BB will act as a sealing agent for metal joints at temperatures up to 1,200 F. The new material has electrical and precision-molding characteristics similar to the company's previous glass-bonded mica compositions.

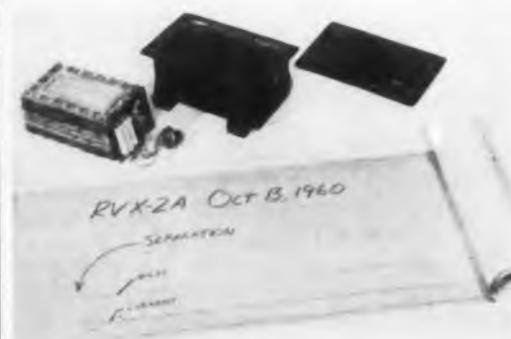
In the new process the glass portion, the weak link from the temperature standpoint, has been improved. Synthetic mica is "in effect" grown inside the glass during melt solidification.

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Helium leakage rates as low as 2×10^{-10} cc/sec were claimed by Mycalex.

Unfortunately the sealing operation must be performed at too high a temperature to be used directly with semiconductors. However Mycalex says it has made diode seals for the B-58 program by forming the 620-BB seal before the semiconductor is in place and then finishing the encapsulation with a fast spot weld.

GE Fuel Cell Passes Space Test



Back from space after performing successfully in an RVX-2A re-entry vehicle is this experimental fuel cell. The experiment was conducted recently over the Atlantic Missile Range to determine whether or not the cell would operate normally in zero gravity. Telemetered information (transcribed on the paper roll above) indicated that the fuel cell had operated for the full 30 min of flight time with no fluctuation in voltage and current. Developed by General Electric Co., Philadelphia, the oxygen-hydrogen cell uses platinum electrodes, solid electrolyte and an ion-exchange membrane.

New Radio System Conquers 'Noise Barrier' on Carriers

A new radio communication system for aircraft carriers overcomes a traditional "noise barrier" in communications between the flight-control center and flight-deck crews.

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Advanced Vibration System



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EDITORIAL

Cash for Creativity

How to make engineers more creative has been the subject of a number of articles appearing not only in this publication, but others as well. Theories of creative process have been described and blocks to creativity—emotional, cultural, mental, etc.—have been analyzed. The hope has always been the same—if the way to create is clear, we can all be creative.

Of late, a little-discussed factor has been proposed that may do more to trigger creativeness than all our theories, all our attempts to build creative climate. Cash may be the answer.

Several large companies have announced substantial cash awards to engineers who are granted patents on inventions. Last year NASA awarded \$3,000 to Dr. Frank T. McClure for his invention of a satellite Doppler navigation system.

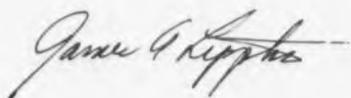
One might hastily conclude the originator of a patentable idea was being justly rewarded for the money-making potential of his idea. The more significant reason, to us, is the incentive of cash to spark innovation. This view disregards the worth of the idea in terms of future earning to the company holding the patent. Actually, because of rapid obsolescence today, patents are of dubious value to the holder. While they may be more than just a "license to sue," no clear case can be made out to prove the company that holds many patents is more successful the one that doesn't.

The cash bonus for a patent, then, is reward for the creative process at work. If a company elects to use the patent office as the judge of who warrants a reward, that is one way.

We would like to suggest another. Let engineers themselves pick the person or persons deserving recognition.

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Detector Circuits for Sequential Checkout Systems

In any missile system there are many discrete functions that must be monitored to ensure proper missile operation. These checks are generally performed just prior to missile firing and must be done in a rapid sequence. The circuits presented here, or their related types, can perform almost all the necessary checks in a missile ground-checkout system. These circuits would send a "go-no-go" sense command to a sequential operator or malfunction bus.

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SENSING a function level and determining whether it is within its active range of operation is one of the primary functions of a checkout detector. After this determination is made a signal must be sent to the command bus for sequential operation. This would be in the form of a go-no-go command.

Some of the more commonly used sensing circuits are null detectors, level detectors, phase discriminators, and verification amplifiers. These circuits will perform almost all the required

functional checks in any missile ground-checkout system. Of course, whether the missile and ground components are digital, analog, or as is generally the case, a combination of both, will determine the class of detector circuit used. However, they can be designed to perform any of the following operations:

1. Determine the rotation of a missile in an azimuth alignment system with respect to its vertical axis, and determine when missile rotation is complete.
2. Send and receive guidance information to perform sequential operations.
3. Determine if the guidance integration scheme is functioning properly.

4. Verify servo voltages and stability.
5. Check the guidance engine cut-off system.
6. Remove components during active tests.
7. Send ready-complete commands.

Phase Detector Uses Servo Reference Voltage

By monitoring a servo-motor voltage, the phase detector can be used to determine missile rotation and direction, and whether missile rotation is complete. Typically, the missile function will be driven by an analog-to-digital converter servo loop. The motor control voltage of a remotely located repeater loop will have a one-bit error signal of, say, 10 v ac. This voltage is fed to the

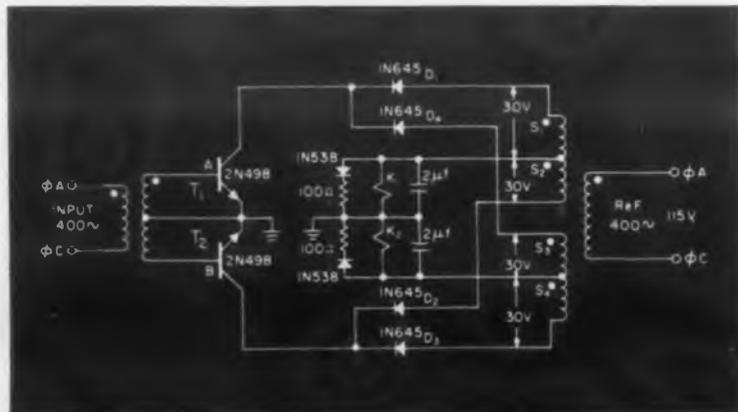


Fig. 1. Phase detector matches phase relationship between reference voltage and monitored function.

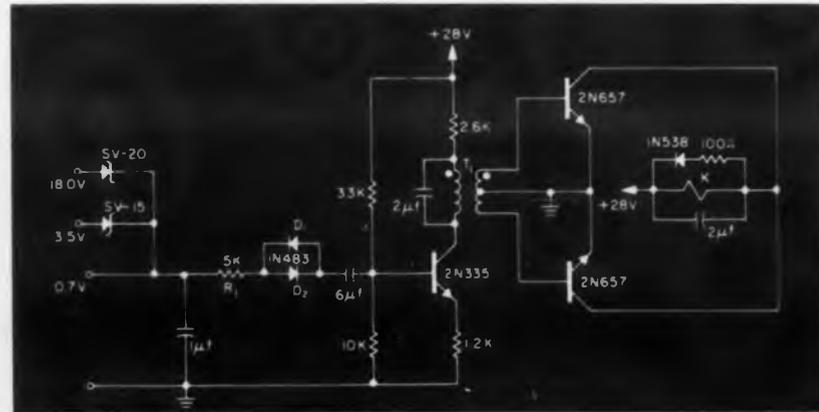


Fig. 2. Null detector is basically a transistor amplifier with full-wave rectification for relay operation.

phase detector, Fig. 1, and its phase relation to the reference voltage is detected.

Briefly, the circuit works in this manner: When the base of transistor T_1 and S_1 both become positive, T_1 conducts through diode D_1 and relay K_1 . During this half-cycle, transistor T_2 is cut-off because of the negative signal at its base. On the second half-cycle T_1 and S_1 become negative cutting off T_1 while T_2 and S_2 become positive. T_2 then conducts through D_2 and relay K_2 . If a phase reversal should take place transistor T_1 and S_3 would become positive simultaneously, and conduction would take place through T_1 , D_1 , and relay K_2 for one half-cycle. On the second half-cycle T_1 and S_3 become negative while T_2 and S_4 become positive, and T_2 would conduct through D_3 and K_2 . When the input signal is zero neither relay is conducting.*

The relay contacts of this circuit can furnish the go-no-go command for the next sequence.

This is a simple circuit that requires only one external supply voltage. The detector is limited only by the current capabilities of the transistors. The input transformer can be designed to operate the circuit at any voltage level. However, if a zero null is required, the transistors must be biased. If biasing is not used, the secondary voltage of the input transformer must be approximately 1v for the transistors to conduct and the relays to operate. Phase balance depends on transistor matching. This can be improved by connecting a diode from the center-tap of the input transformer to the emitter legs. In turn, the input signal level must be increased to compensate for the voltage drop across the diode. Diode matching is not as important, since this would change the relay coil voltage very little. The secondary voltage of the reference transformer is determined by the transistor rating and the relay coil pick-up voltage.

Null Detector Senses Set Input Levels

Null detectors are probably the most common sensing devices in sequential systems. Their range of operation is limited only by the input circuitry. The null detector shown in Fig. 2 was designed to operate at levels of 0.70, 3.5, and 18.0 v ac. This circuit is a basic transistor amplifier with full-wave rectification for relay operation. The diodes, D_1 and D_2 , are used so that the amplifier will not conduct until at least 1/2 v is present at the input. This will also sharpen the zero null point.

The voltage detection level is less than the breakdown level of the Zener diodes. This is due

* De Sautels, Albert N., "Transistorized Phase Discriminators," American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Communication and Electronics, No. 29, pp. 20-21, March 1957.

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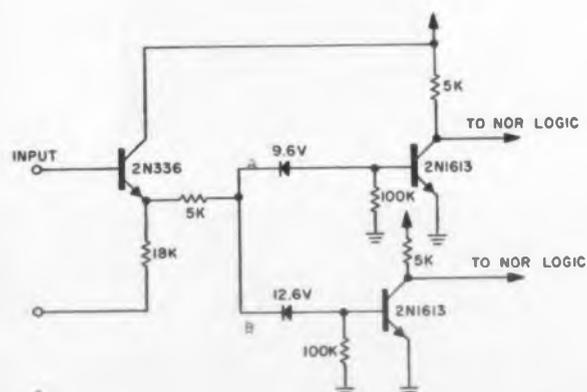
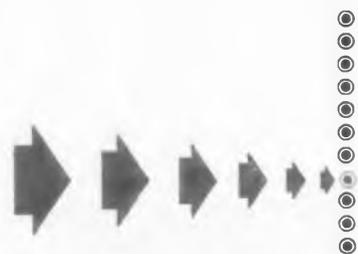


Fig. 4. Detector of Fig. 3 can be temperature-compensated by inserting voltage regulators after emitter-follower input stage.

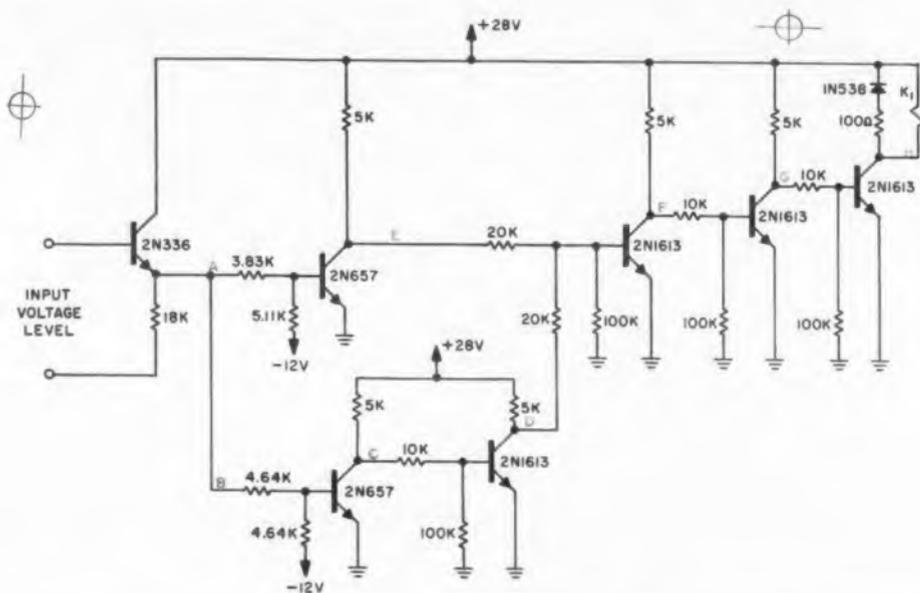
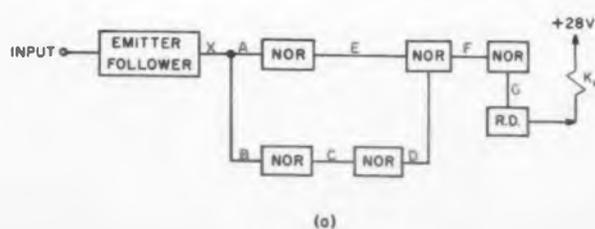


Fig. 3. Sample level detector provides no-go command if voltage level is below 11 v or above 14 v.



A=1 WHEN $x \geq 11$ VOLTS
B=1 WHEN $x \geq 14$ VOLTS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1

Fig. 5. (a) Block diagram presents logic circuit elements of level detector of Fig. 3. (b) Truth table for level detector.

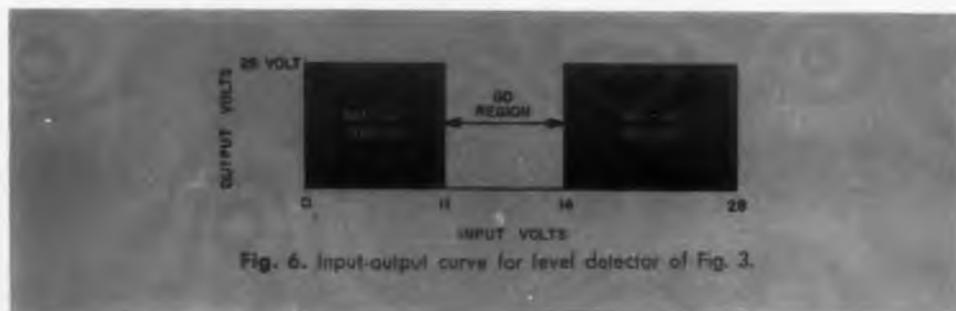


Fig. 6. Input-output curve for level detector of Fig. 3.

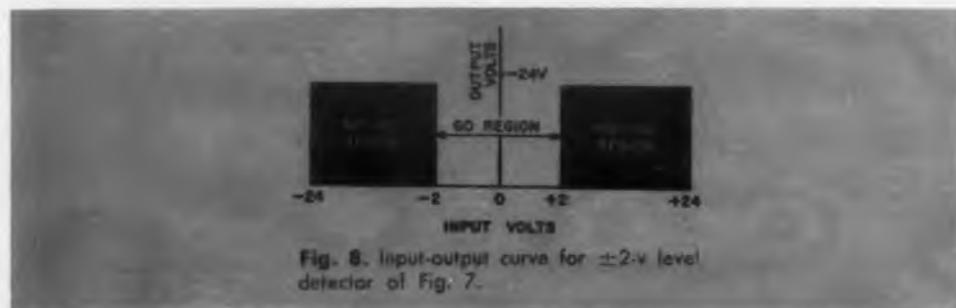


Fig. 8. Input-output curve for ± 2 -v level detector of Fig. 7.

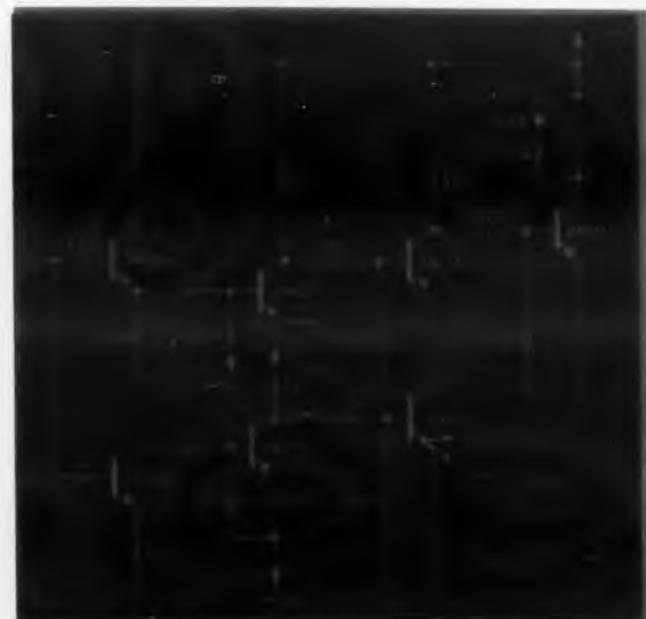


Fig. 7. Level detector monitors plus and minus voltage levels. Circuit shown is for ± 2 v.

to the voltage drop across the input resistor and the fact that the diode regulators do not have a sharp breaking point. If the Zener voltages were decreased and the resistance of R_1 increased, the circuit would not operate as sharply. Transformers could be used at the inputs to detect almost any voltage level.

When the proper testing point is switched into the circuit, the relay will be energized if the point is above the specified input level. There will be a certain tolerance due to variations of the transistor with temperature and relay pick-up voltage deviations. However, for the more exact checks, compensation can be used.

Level Detector Monitors Within Set Limits

Various sub-systems must be checked to see that they are within their range of operation. These checks could be used, for example, to indicate integration accuracy, integrator zero drift, or pre-setting accuracies. If the integrator is electro-mechanical, the sensing voltage would be, in most cases, a dc level from a control potentiometer. This can be detected by simple NOR logic.

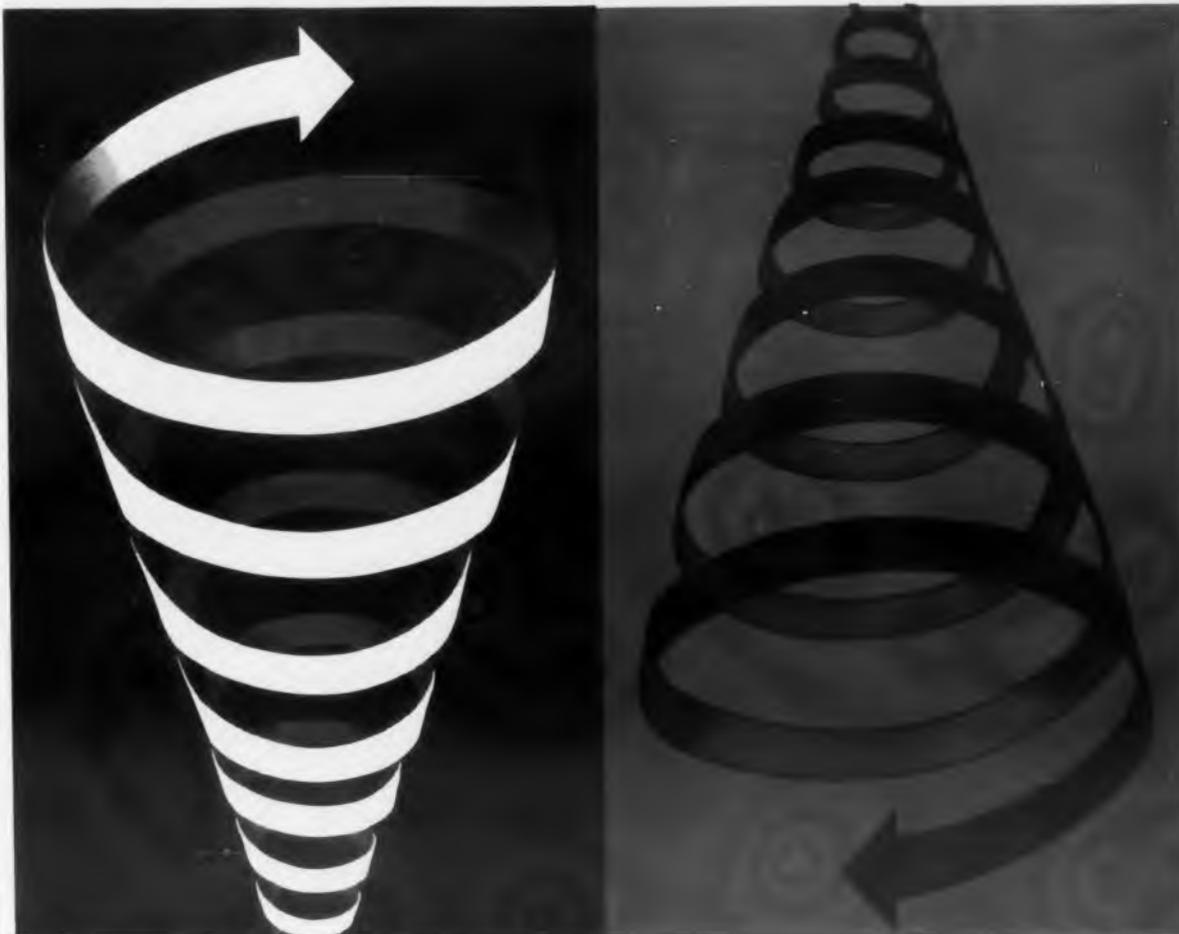
For example, suppose it is necessary to detect a voltage range from 11 to 14 v and provide a sequential command. If the voltage level is below 11 v or above 14 v, a no-go command is sent to the malfunction bus. This can be done by the circuit shown in Fig. 2. This type of circuit is very temperature sensitive. However, the sensitivity can be reduced by using voltage regulators of 9.6 v and 12.6 v as shown in Fig. 4. The circuit block diagram and truth table are shown in Fig. 5, with the input-output curve presented in Fig. 6.

In some instances it is necessary to detect a plus and a minus voltage level, such as -2 v and $+2$ v. This can be done by the circuit of Fig. 7. The logical structure of this circuit is similar to that shown in Fig. 5. The input-output curve is shown in Fig. 8.

This circuit will be somewhat temperature sensitive but this can be compensated for by using sensistors or diodes.

Each circuit has an emitter follower input circuit for high input impedance. If diodes are used in the next stage as shown in Fig. 4, the input impedance will be decreased. However, this will not occur until after circuit operation has begun. A series resistor could be used and the voltage would remain almost the same since it is at a low current level.

The circuit tolerance could be made to operate within ± 2 per cent over a wide temperature range if switching transistors with a very low saturation resistance, such as a Fairchild 2N1613, and temperature compensation were used. ■ ■



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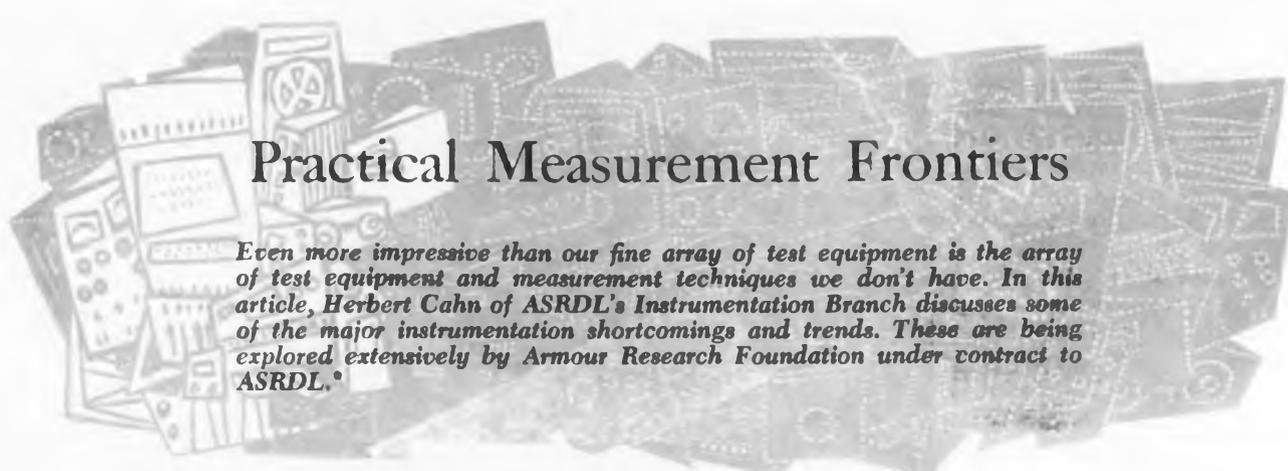


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Practical Measurement Frontiers

*Even more impressive than our fine array of test equipment is the array of test equipment and measurement techniques we don't have. In this article, Herbert Cahn of ASRDL's Instrumentation Branch discusses some of the major instrumentation shortcomings and trends. These are being explored extensively by Armour Research Foundation under contract to ASRDL.**

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THE INCREASING use of more and more complex electronic equipment in military communications, weapons, and support systems has resulted in increased pressure on instrumentation people, not only to keep pace with these advances, but to stay ahead of them. Devices for testing, aligning, and calibrating such equipment must have accuracies and stabilities at least an order of magnitude better than the gear on which they are used.

They must deliver or receive appropriate modulations, gates, synchronizations, and other required signals, and should be versatile in terms of application to a wide variety of equipment and situations. Wide frequency range and large dynamic-range equipment is needed. Trouble-free instrumentation circuitry is highly desirable as is operational simplicity.

A few references to major instrumentation trends are worthwhile. One of these trends centers around low-noise system development. Considerable activity exists today both directly and indirectly concerned with circuit design using parametric amplifier principles, tunnel diodes, masers, and similar devices.

Some of the techniques apply to room-temperature operation; others have low-temperature requirements. All have the advantage over more conventional circuitry in that the noise figure of systems in which they are used is significantly

better. Such techniques are worth considering, both from their potential application in advanced instrumentation, and from the requirements they will place on the equipment that must measure their performance.

An important trend relates to complex operational and advanced communication and guidance systems. These systems are extending over wider frequency ranges, as in the case of fire-direction radars; higher powers in the case of communication links, radar, and scatter systems; and to higher-precision circuitry; in the case of satellite and missile electronics.

Requirements for nanosecond pulse generation and performance exist. More rigid frequency, phase, and gain stability are necessary. High-performance reliability with, in some cases, zero allowable down time, must be achieved. The need to pre-test such equipment and future generations of such equipment accurately and swiftly is obvious.

Serious 'Know-How' Gaps Mark Test-Equipment Needs

Frequency Selection. One of the most serious gaps in the art of rapidly programed automatic testing of electronic equipment is the inability to select, by a practical means, the one required signal from among the infinitely large range of possible frequencies, levels, and waveforms.

This signal, for checking one point in the range of a radio receiver, for example, is but one of the multitude of check points which must be within the capability of a general-purpose, automatic tester. The connection of the signal generator to the equipment under test through the programmer is impractical using present techniques.

Noise Content. Another signal-source limitation, noise content in low-level alternating signals, is a continuing problem that has come to be taken more or less for granted. The uncertainty of the extraneous frequencies, or noise, which engineers

must always deal with in the microvolt region, results in rather crude measurement devices so far as accuracy is concerned.

Frequency Instability. A further weakness of signal generators is their frequency instability. It is desirable that signal-source oscillators be at least 10 times better than the radio receivers for which they provide test signals. At the present time, they are of the same order of magnitude, making them of questionable value, at best, for such tests as frequency drift and selectivity.

Modulation Gap. Modulation poses a severe problem in signal generators covering the frequency range from 400 to 600 mc. Below 400 mc, lumped-constant techniques are suitable. Above 600 mc, distributed-constant techniques are used effectively. But between 400 and 600 mc, there are no practical modulation techniques for military generators.

Signal Generator Calibration. With regard to calibration of signal generators, a severe shortcoming has been recognized for years, but no practical field solution is yet in sight. This problem is the detection and accurate measurement of very small rf and microwave signals at levels which represent the smallest detectable signals of standard military radio receivers.

A substantial effort has been made in recent years to solve this problem, but engineers are only now arriving at the completion of the first laboratory model of a super-cooled bolometer used in a sensitive bridge circuit which will enable them to measure small fractions of a microvolt with reasonable accuracy, that is, within about 3 per cent up to 1 Gc.

Progress in microcircuitry has been rapid. Less than two years ago, Texas Instruments announced the first Solid Circuits and created quite a stir at the IRE convention. Designers are now forced to think in terms of testing and maintaining complete circuits as the smallest testable and replaceable elements in future equipments.

* More detailed information on the projects covered in this article and on other investigations being conducted at Armour Research Foundation is given in "Instrumentation and Measurement Techniques Study, DA 38-039 SC-78269," which is available from the Armed Services Technical Information Agency.

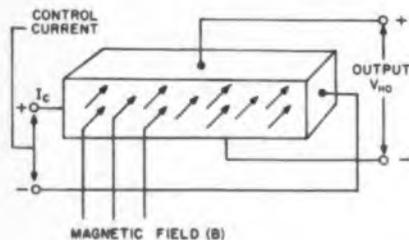


Fig. 1. Typical Hall generator develops a voltage which is a product of a magnetic field and a perpendicular current flow in a semiconductor.

RF Quality of Tubes and Semiconductors. The radio-frequency quality of electron tubes and solid-state devices is critical in many applications. General-purpose tube and transistor test sets deal only with static and low-frequency performance, frequently indicating as an acceptable component one which is, in fact, a poor or even inoperative component for an rf circuit. While there is considerable improvement in both tube and transistor test-set design, the important measurement of rf quality is still a problem.

Programming automatic and semiautomatic testers to control rf signals has seen little progress in recent years though dc and audio signals are easily programmed. Perhaps an entirely new approach to rf-signal generation could be used, for example, recorded rf signals.

The best magnetic video tape is inadequate for this purpose, but the new thermoplastic recording may soon extend the range well up into the spectrum. Fifty mc have already been shown theoretically possible with this new method.

Other problems demanding attention include:

- Calibration of delay lines.
- Measurement of rf power without absorption of power.
- Correlation of intermodulation distortion with harmonic distortion.
- Measurement of amplitude modulation, especially below 10 per cent.
- Measurement of amplitude distortion on an rf carrier.
- Measurement of transmitter splatter or spurious low-amplitude signals very close to the output frequency.
- Simplification of both test equipment and test methods.

New Components and Methods May Boost Equipment Performance

Much work has been concerned with galvanomagnetic effects (namely Hall effect and mag-

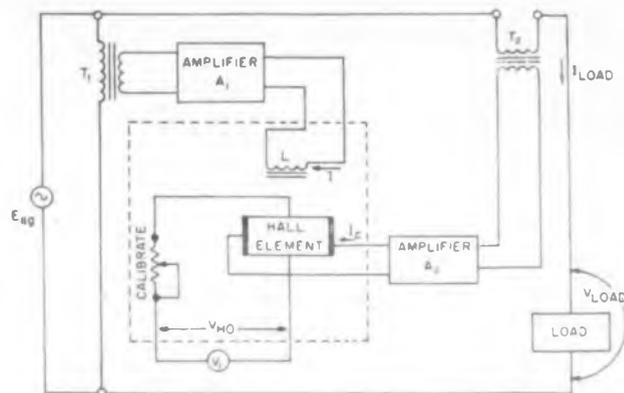


Fig. 2. Experimental audio wattmeter uses a Hall device as a current-voltage multiplier.

netoresistance) and various applications of the back-biased junction diode.

Since these devices and techniques may be used in new test instruments, it is well worth describing six of the areas showing considerable progress.

1. Magnetoresistance. This effect represents a change in the resistance of a material when a magnetic field is applied across the material. It is most significant in the intermetallic semiconductors, such as germanium or indium antimonide. The effect may have application in amplification, oscillation, and variable attenuation.

2. Voltage-Variable Capacitors. Back-biased silicon diodes provide a change in capacitance with applied voltage. Such devices have previously been considered in oscillator-tuning applications. Their capabilities have been investigated in more sophisticated phase-modulation and single-sideband modulation systems.

3. Parametric Amplifiers. These amplifiers are low-noise devices employing voltage-variable capacitors. Emphasis is being placed on broadbanding techniques.

4. Gas-Discharge Phenomena. Many effects have been noted by interacting an electron gas (plasma) with microwave energy. In particular, the gaseous medium can serve as an attenuator, a modulator, or a phase shifter. Other applications are possible.

5. Digital Frequency Control. To improve signal source compatibility with automatic system-test facilities, it is desirable to be able to control frequency by digital means. Methods are currently under consideration.

6. Hall-Effect Devices. These devices develop a voltage which is a function of current flowing through them and a magnetic field in which they are placed. The voltage is developed in a plane at right angles to both the applied current and the field as shown in Fig. 1. Extensive work is now under way to find practical circuit applica-

tions for the Hall effect which has been known since 1879.

Optimistic Emphasis Centers on Hall Devices

Since the development of intermetallic semiconductors, in which Hall voltages are of sufficient levels to be considered usable, Hall devices have become very important. Magnetic-field sensors, rf mixers, squarers, and analog multipliers are but a few of the Hall devices which have been considered.

Most devices employing the Hall effect have approximately the same semiconductor material requirements. Basically, the ideal material should have a high electron mobility and a large energy gap, and both of these parameters should remain constant. For a specific material to possess a high mobility and a large energy gap simultaneously is incompatible from a practical viewpoint. Intermetallic semiconductors offer the best compromise for at least a partial solution to this problem. Two of the more common commercially manufactured materials used as Hall generators are indium antimonide and indium arsenide.

The Hall effect has been found to be a true product device; it multiplies the control current by the perpendicular component of magnetic field without introducing measurable distortion components. This feature lends itself to a variety of useful applications. A few of the major devices which are either under investigation or have been investigated are as follows:

Wattmeters. Two separate investigations are being conducted on Hall-effect wattmeters—one type for use in the audio-frequency range, and the other for measurement of microwave power. Both types feature simplified circuitry of the envelope type (as opposed to average) and use a minimum of moving parts.

The audio wattmeter is potentially compact, lightweight, and reliable. A transmission-type of wattmeter may be developed by using the Hall effect as a true multiplier. The basic block diagram of such an instrument is shown in Fig. 2. Transformers T_1 and T_2 monitor the load voltage and current, respectively. The Hall voltage is proportional to power, and hence proportional to the product of the current output of amplifiers A_1 and A_2 and the cosine of the angle between the load voltage and current. Hence the millivoltmeter V_1 can be calibrated in terms of power.

A microwave power meter uses the Hall effect to make the measurement we now make with calorimeters, bolometers, and water-cooled devices. Though much previous work has been accomplished on this type of wattmeter, present effort has to do with increasing the measurable power range of this device. Fig. 3 shows the construction of the essential element of this

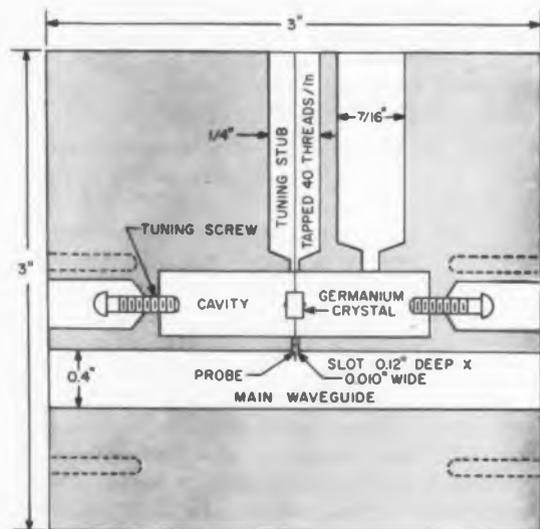


Fig. 3. Front views of a microwave power meter using the Hall effect. The unit is less than 1-in. deep.

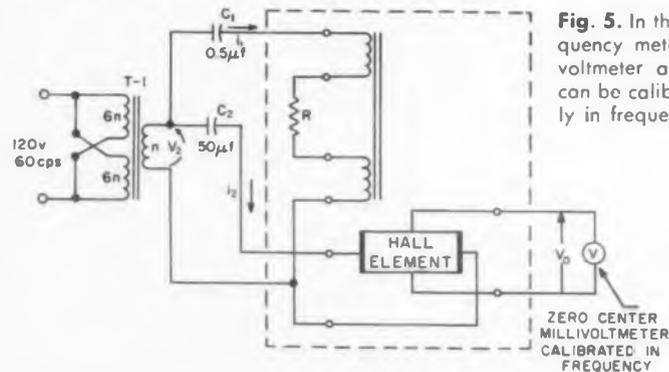


Fig. 5. In this 60-cps frequency meter, the millivoltmeter at the output can be calibrated linearly in frequency.

particular type of microwave power meter.

Self-Balance Bridge. Another application of the Hall effect is in a self-balancing bridge. This bridge, which is nearly independent of signal voltage and gain changes, has sufficient output power to drive a recording voltmeter. The unusual features are complete absence of contacts and, of course, freedom from vibration, shock, and acceleration effects.

This self-balancing resistance bridge has been developed using a Hall device as a continuously variable ratio-arm bridge. A simplified block diagram of the complete system is given in Fig. 4.

A 10-kc sine-wave oscillator furnishes a signal to the resistance bridge and provides a reference signal for a synchronous detector. A selective amplifier raises the level of the bridge error signal before the signal is applied to the synchronous detector.

The amplified output of the synchronous detector develops the magnetic field for the Hall device. The polarity of the feedback loop is chosen to make the error signal tend to reduce the bridge unbalance. The voltage developed

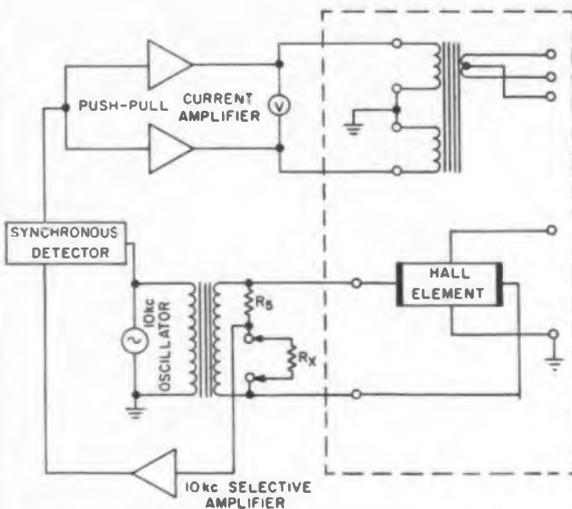


Fig. 4. Self-balancing resistance bridge uses a Hall device as a continuously variable ratio-arm bridge.

across the field coil of the Hall device provides an indication of resistance change.

The bridge has been shown to be virtually insensitive to oscillator-level variations. An increase in oscillator output voltage of 100 per cent gives a change in output signal of only 2 per cent.

Frequency Meter. A rather simple and reliable method of measuring frequency in the neighborhood of 60 cps is shown in Fig. 5. In this circuit diagram, capacitor C_1 is series resonant with the excitation coil at 60 cps; C_2 delivers about 400 ma through the Hall element at the nominal line voltage of the system.

It can be shown that the component of the Hall output V_0 will take on the shape of a discriminator characteristic with the zero output at 60 cps. The output voltage will be, to a good approximation, a linear function of frequency deviation. Hence the millivoltmeter may be calibrated linearly in line frequency.

After suitable amplification the dc output signal can be used to control the fuel flow to an engine driving a generator to effect direct fre-

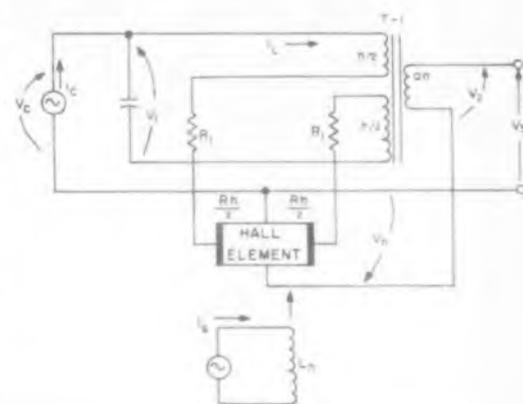


Fig. 6. Phase modulator provides reasonably linear phase deviation over a 100-deg range with a 100-gc carrier.

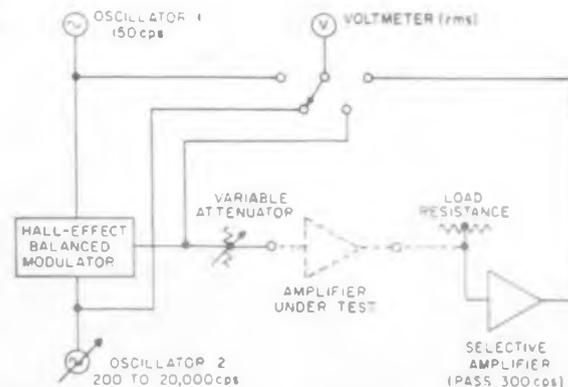


Fig. 7. Intermodulation tester uses a voltmeter and a selective amplifier as a tuned voltmeter to give a direct indication of per cent intermodulation distortion.

quency control. Such a frequency control would be more reliable than the more conventional Wien-Bridge frequency controlling meter used in large generating stations, as control would be obtained with no electromechanical device in the system except the fuel valve.

Direct Frequency Modulator. Using a Hall element in the feedback loop, a transistor-oscillator system provides a reasonably linear frequency deviation in response to variations in a dc control current. In this direct, fm system, an oscillator feeds a constant carrier frequency to a Hall device whose output drives a constant-current source. The current source feeds back to the oscillator through another Hall device.

Frequency deviations above and below the carrier frequency are achieved as both the magnitude and polarity of the Hall dc control current are varied. Essentially, the Hall effect, in conjunction with the constant-current source, acts as a variable reactance, shifting the signal polarity from either plus or minus 90 deg. The modulator gives a reasonably linear transfer characteristic over a deviation range of about 5

per cent of the center frequency.

Phase Modulator. A second modulation technique is a rather simple, two-stage-cascade, phase modulator. Shown as Fig. 6 is the circuit configuration capable of providing reasonable linearity over a phase deviation of plus and minus 50 deg when using a carrier frequency of 100 kc. Theoretical considerations indicate that satisfactory results can be achieved up to 1 mc with such a circuit.

If a carrier current is applied to the Hall element and a signal current is applied to the excitation coil, the Hall device will function as a balanced modulator. A separate, parallel-resonant circuit may be used to increase the carrier current through the Hall element. A small secondary, wound on the same core as the coil of the parallel-resonant circuit, can furnish the required quadrature carrier component, and a series connection of the Hall-output terminals and the secondary will provide the phase-modulated output voltage.

Intermodulation Distortion Measurement. A novel intermodulation distortion measuring method has been made feasible by the Hall principle. This device, shown in Fig. 1, performs as an essentially distortionless, balanced modulator throughout the audio-frequency spectrum.

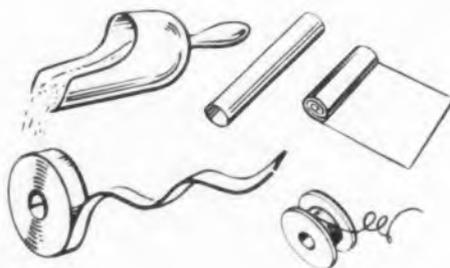
If a fixed, low-frequency, sine-wave current of, for example, 150 cps is applied to the excitation coil of the Hall device, and an arbitrary, single-frequency, sine-wave signal, adjustable throughout a frequency range of 200 to 20,000 cps, is applied to the Hall element, the output signal developed by the Hall device will have two sidebands. The difference between the frequencies of the two sideband components is constant at 300 cps; twice the value of the 150-cps modulating frequency.

If the output voltage of the Hall device is used as the signal source for an amplifier under test, a selective voltmeter, tuned to respond to signals of twice the modulating frequency, can be calibrated directly in per cent intermodulation distortion. This system permits the rapid measurement of intermodulation distortion on a point-by-point basis throughout the audio spectrum. If desired, it can be adapted to give a continuous recording of intermodulation distortion as a function of frequency.

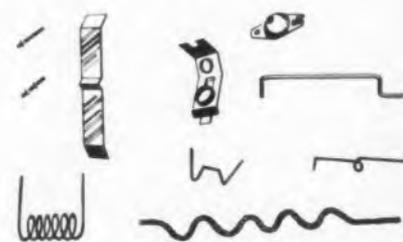
These few examples are intended to give a quick picture of the effort being performed under a particular contract program, but, more than that, they are intended to indicate a direction which farsighted instrumentation people must take. It is only by way of such advanced thinking that the developments in fields of physics, materials, chemistry and other areas can be most expediently applied to the over-all measurement program. ■ ■

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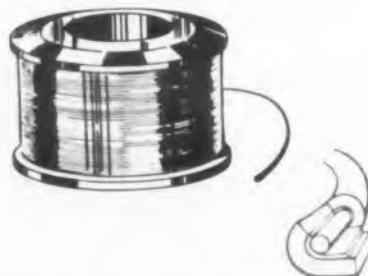
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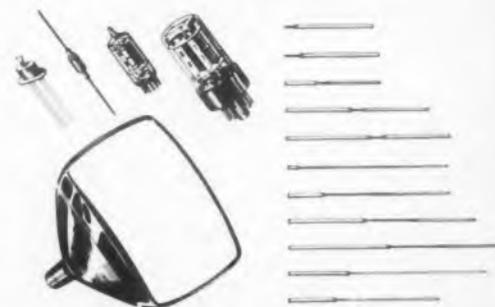
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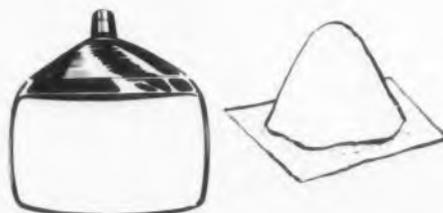
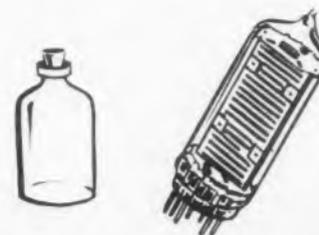


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All-Pass Networks — Part 4

Reduce Ripple and Rise Time

The all-pass network shows another face in this article, as a corrective network to reduce ripple and improve rise time. Here, in the fourth article in Mr. Lubkin's series on all-pass networks, he shows how to predict ripple level and how to design corrective all-pass networks. The concluding article in this series will deal with guidelines and pitfalls in using all-pass networks.

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IT IS useful to know, in advance, what level of ripple is to be expected from a given network and how the network can be designed to reduce ripple. Ripple and overshoot are important parameters of a network's response.

Ripple is seldom desirable, because many circuits will not work properly if the ripple is excessive. Nearly all digital circuits require that the ripple not exceed a certain level if reliable operation is to be maintained. All-pass networks can be invaluable for corrective filters in this application, since they can be used to reduce ripple and rise time simultaneously.

Fig. 1 shows typical pulses having ripple and overshoot. The percentage ripple is defined as the percentage ratio A_2/A_1 in the figure; the percentage overshoot is defined as A_2/A_1 .

Low-Pass Network Considerations Can Be Extended to Bandpass Nets

We will consider low-pass systems in this article, as in the previous ones in this series, but the results can be extended to bandpass systems as well. If the network amplitude characteristic, A , and phase, ϕ , are expanded in a power series, the resulting expressions will be of the form

$$\begin{aligned} A &= e^{-(a\omega)^m} + \dots \\ \phi &= \omega + (b\omega)^n + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

In Eq. 1, the amplitude characteristic is m th order maximally flat, and the phase is n th order maximally flat. (In the previous article, for the same equation, we would have said that the delay was $(n-2)$ the order maximally flat. Here, as in many other places, people working in slightly different fields use the same terms for somewhat different concepts.)

If the system bandwidth is restricted, so that Eq. 1 describes the network, then ripple will be minimized when phase distortion is zero. The ripple increases monotonically with phase dis-

ortion, i.e., as phase distortion increases, the ripple never decreases. A network having zero ripple must have zero phase distortion and a gain which falls off as the square of frequency.

This implies an attenuation of 12 db/octave beyond cutoff, and corresponds to a second-order Butterworth characteristic. If the attenuation is increased so as to fall off as the fourth power of frequency (24 db/octave), corresponding to a fourth-order Butterworth filter, the minimum ripple is slightly more than 5 per cent.

When the network has no attenuation, as in all-pass systems, there will always be overshoot and ripple. For $n=3$, the overshoot is 27 per cent; for $n=5$, it is 21 per cent; and for $n=7$, it is 14 per cent.

These values are for a single section and get progressively worse in cascade, so that some form of attenuation is essential. Overshoot percentages greater than about 10 per cent are considered very high, and networks are not normally expected to operate with signals having so much overshoot.

The relative importance of phase and amplitude distortion in ripple control is illustrated in

Table 1. Ripple as a Function of Δ

m	n	Limits on Δ	% Ripple
2	3	$0.3 < \Delta < 15$	$12 + 10 \log \Delta$
4	3	$0.6 < \Delta < 7$	$17.5 + 10 \log \Delta$
2	5	$0.15 < \Delta < 25$	$12 + 5 \log \Delta$
4	5	$0.2 < \Delta < 10$	$18 + 5 \log \Delta$

Table 2. Overshoot as a Function of Δ

m	n	Limits on Δ	% Overshoot
2	3	$0.2 < \Delta < 5$	$30 + 35 \log \Delta$
4	3	$0.3 < \Delta < 7$	$36 + 35 \log \Delta$
2	5	$0.04 < \Delta < 7$	$29 + 20 \log \Delta$
4	5	$0.2 < \Delta < 5$	$33 + 23 \log \Delta$

Fig. 2. It shows the impulse response of a network with perfect phase (n is infinite) but with severe amplitude distortion (m is infinite), and one with perfect amplitude (m is zero) but with severe phase distortion ($n = 3$).

The latter network is all-pass. The fact that the perfect phase response is much better than the perfect amplitude response points up the necessity of good phase response, and illustrates one of the dangers in careless design with all-pass filters.

Phase Distortion at Amplitude Cutoff Determines Per Cent Ripple

The most important parameter determining the ripple response of a network is the phase distortion at amplitude cutoff, Δ .

For a network described by Eq. 1, Di Toro¹ has shown that

$$\Delta = \left[\frac{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)}{a/b} \right]^n \quad (3)$$

where Γ is the gamma function. Other methods are readily available for determining Δ .

$$\Gamma(n) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} e^{-x} dx$$

is tabulated in many references.

Tables 1 and 2 show the dependence of the ripple and overshoot percentages on Δ for various network types, and the limits over which the tables hold. The overshoot is calculated for the response to an impulse; the ripple is calculated for the response to a step.

There is no simple formula for extending the table, since in general, there is no solution in mathematically closed form. Solutions must be calculated for each specific case and the calculations are quite lengthy.

The tables show that the ripple at $\Delta = 1$ is substantially independent of n , i.e., if the phase distortion at amplitude cutoff is one radian, then, as far as ripple is concerned, it does not make much

difference what the distortion is at other frequencies. (The network must, however, be described by Eq. 1 if the statement is to be valid.) If the amplitude response drops rapidly after cutoff, as it should to obtain good rise time, the ripple obtained should not prove excessive for many uses.

If Δ is much greater than one radian at amplitude cutoff, both ripple and rise time will suffer, and the network will have rather poor characteristics. If better ripple control is desired, the gain must drop slowly and yet must be small at moderate values of phase distortion. (Amplitude cutoff must occur when the phase distortion is much less than one radian.)

This implies greater rise time, so the designer must strike a balance between rise time and ripple for his particular application. Note that only the amplitude response is affected. The gain must drop slowly for low ripple and must drop rapidly for low rise time. Low phase distortion minimizes both ripple and rise time.

Cascading Sections Gives Ripple-Rise-Time Compromise

One can obtain a better compromise between ripple and rise time by cascading sections. Part 3 of this series (*ED*, Feb. 15, 1961, pp 44-47) showed that the delay-to-rise-time ratio of a delay line can be improved by cascading if the individual sections are good enough. The same is true for the ripple. If Δ is the phase distortion at amplitude cutoff for one section, and Δ_T that for a cascade of q identical sections, then

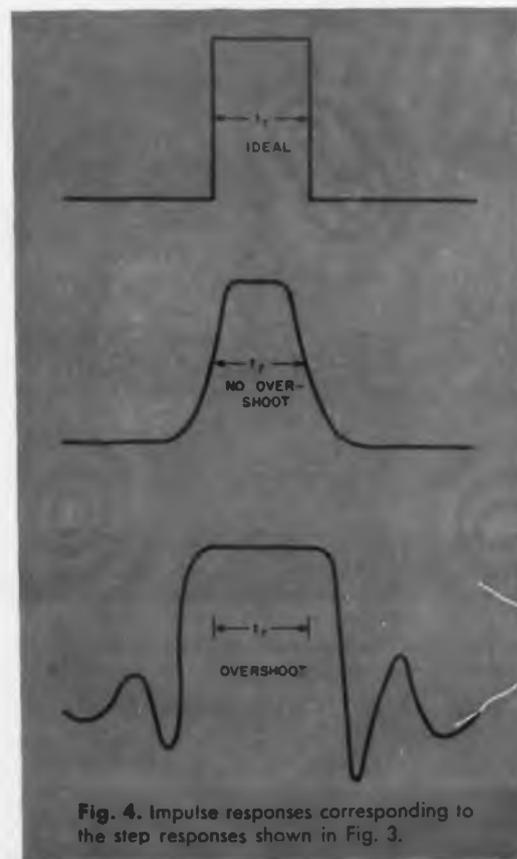
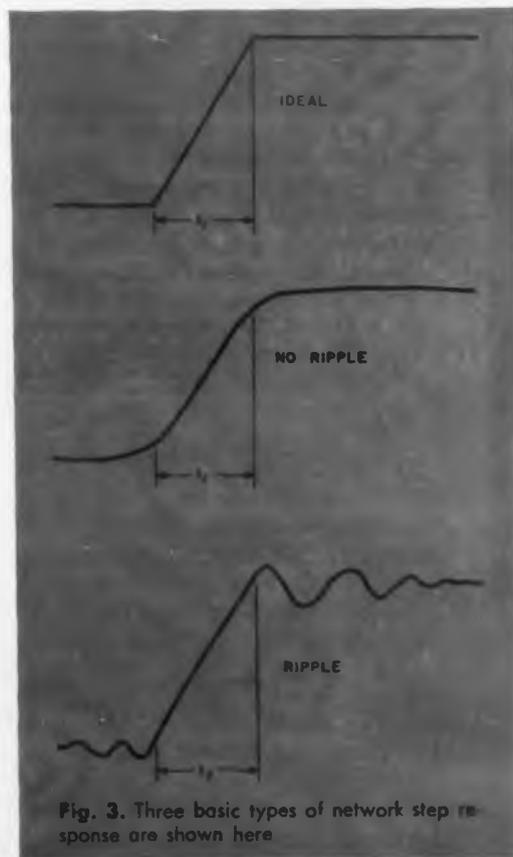
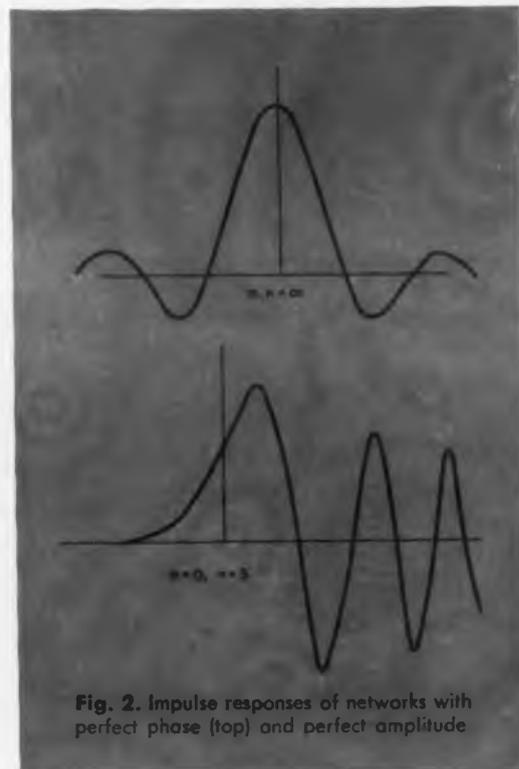
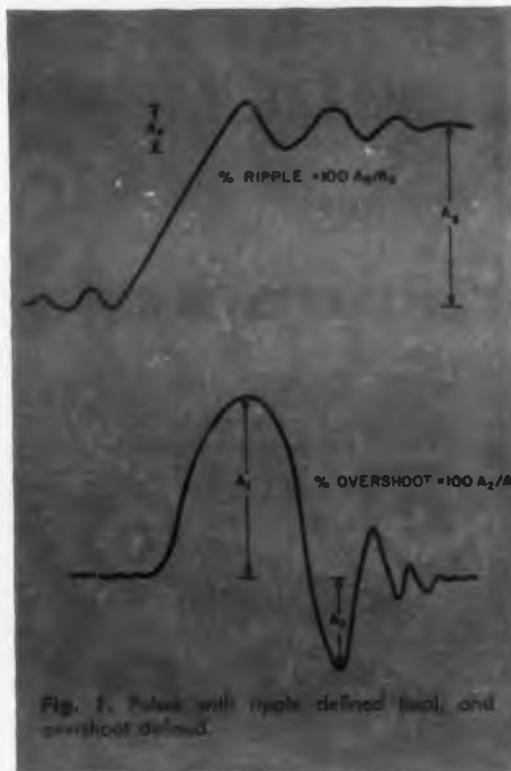
$$\frac{\Delta_T}{\Delta} = q \binom{m-n}{m} \quad (4)$$

If too much attention has been paid to getting good amplitude response, and $m > n$, then the ripple will increase as the number of sections increases. If, on the other hand, attention has been paid to the phase response, and $n > m$, the ripple will decrease. (Note that m is even and n is odd, so the two can never be equal.)

As an illustration of the importance of good phase, if $m=4$ and $n=3$, then cascading 10 sections will increase the ripple by 2.5 per cent of the amplitude of the step response. Adding an all-pass network to increase n to 5, but still keeping Δ the same, will decrease the ripple by the same 2.5 per cent. The all-pass network can be used to reduce Δ and hence reduce the ripple and rise time even more.

Complete Ripple Control Offers Disadvantages Too

Another example of the conflict between good rise time and low ripple is shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Fig. 3 shows three possible responses to a step,



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all having the same rise time: an idealized response, a response with no ripple, and a response with a good deal of ripple. Fig. 4 shows the impulse responses corresponding to the step responses in Fig. 3.

The ripple-free response requires a very good and very narrow impulse response. This, in turn, requires a wide bandwidth with either real poles or a great many properly spaced complex poles. (An RC, RL, or Unipole network has real poles.) The impulse response containing overshoot is broad and contains oscillations, indicating that a narrow bandwidth and complex poles are satisfactory.

We can obtain quantitative data which show how much is lost by trying to eliminate all ripple. The filter producing the idealized impulse response shown has a transfer function

$$F = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2} \omega t_r}{\frac{1}{2} \omega t_r} e^{-\omega t_d} \quad (5)$$

where t_r is the width of the impulse response and t_d is the delay between input and output. This network has linear phase to the first zero at $\omega t_r = 2\pi$. The amplitude cut-off frequency of this filter is

$$\omega_c = 3.78/t_r$$

If the network had unity gain to ω_c and zero gain at higher frequencies, with the same phase shift, the network would have a rise time equal to $t_r/2$ with a ripple of 5 per cent. In this case, half of the bandwidth has been used to eliminate a 5-per-cent ripple.

Ripple-Free Networks Make Inefficient Lines

If the step response of a section has no ripple, the impulse response is always positive (i.e., it has no overshoot) and can be treated mathematically as a probability density function. Then, by the central-limit theorem, the impulse response of a large number of identical sections in cascade tends towards a normal distribution curve. This curve is the familiar Gaussian bell-shaped curve.

The mean-time value of the over-all response is the sum of the mean-time values of the individual responses. This says that the system delay is the sum of the delays of each section. This should come as no great surprise. The variance of the sum is the sum of the individual variances, so the standard deviation of the sum is the square root of the sum of the squares of the individual standard deviations. (Remember that we are treating the impulse response as if it were a probability density function.)

Since we have a large number of identical sec-

tions, the output wave shape is independent of the network, and the standard deviation is proportional to the rise time of the step response. But from the above, for identical sections, the standard deviation, and hence the rise time, is proportional to the square root of the number of sections.

This is a very important result. It shows that if we wish, for instance, to design a delay line without ripple, then the delay-to-rise-time ratio increases as the 0.5 power of the number of sections. This means that the design is very inefficient, and that a great many more sections are needed to make a delay line of a given quality than if we were to optimize the line for minimum rise time and accept a few per cent ripple.

Transmission Lines Make Poor Delay Lines

The behavior just described can be observed in transmission lines. A transmission line behaves like an infinite cascade of infinitesimal low-pass filters. The impulse response is Gaussian and the rise time increases as the square root of the line length. The delay is, of course, proportional to the line length.

As can be expected, transmission lines perform very poorly as delay lines, and delay-to-rise-time ratios exceeding 10 are very rare. Transmission lines (distributed-parameter delay lines) are widely used as low-quality delay lines because they are much cheaper than low-quality lumped-parameter lines.

All-Pass Networks Make Effective Ripple Reducers

One of the most effective ways of reducing the ripple of a network is to add an all-pass network to linearize the phase shift. This has no effect on the amplitude characteristic so it can be invaluable where the amplitude characteristic must be preserved, as in i-f strips. Ripple can be reduced to about 10 per cent in the manner. Further reductions will require modification of the amplitude response.

The ripple amplitude can be reduced below 10 per cent by improving the phase response and then cascading sections. This is a preferred method if very sharp cutoffs are required.

If extremely small values of ripple are required, then bandwidth and rise time must be sacrificed. In some cases it may be necessary to increase the system bandwidth by more than 100 per cent to obtain low values of ripple. ■ ■

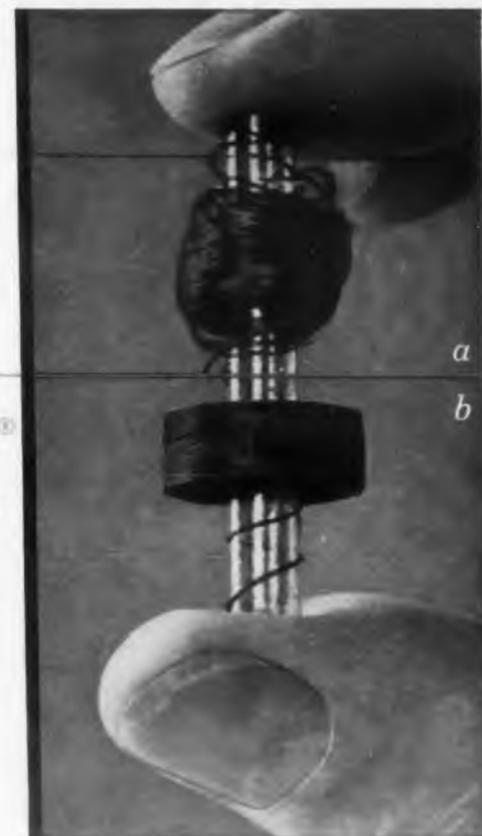
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Engineer's Guide to Dust Hoods and Dry Boxes

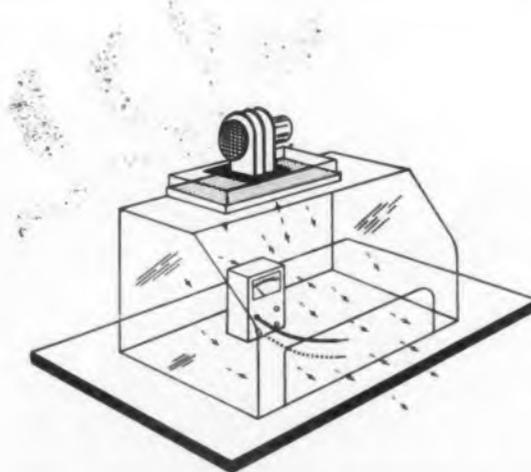


Fig. 1. Air is drawn into the hood through a filter which removes dust particles down to 0.5 microns in diameter.

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MICROSCOPIC dust particles and minute quantities of moisture can seriously affect the operating characteristics of subminiature components. To protect components against contamination by dust and moisture, they must be assembled under an environmental hood. For the engineer who wishes to design his own environmental hood, this article will point out the design criterion used by commercial dust hood and dry box manufacturers. For the engineer who wishes to purchase a manufactured environmental hood, this article will provide the knowledge necessary to specify equipment which will adequately meet his needs.

A dust hood, see Fig. 1, filters room air and provides a working environment for the assembly of components which are sensitive to dust. A blower at the top of the hood forces room air through a filter and into the cabinet. The flow of filtered air out the front of the cabinet prevents contaminated room air from entering. Tests have shown that a worker walking in front of a dust hood can create 50 ft per min backwash of air. Output of filtered air, therefore, should be a minimum of 50 feet per minute.

The front opening of a dust hood must be wide enough to permit easy access to all parts

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of the hood and high enough to accommodate a worker's arms comfortably. Standard dimensions for the opening are 30 in. wide and 6 in. high. If the opening is increased, the volume flow must also be increased to maintain the same degree of protection. When a larger opening is essential, a larger blower must be used.

Considerations In Determining Filtered Air Requirements

Several factors have to be considered in determining minimum flow of filtered air. Will there be movement in and out of the dust hood? Are the components themselves dust generators? Is air in the work area still, or is there a lot of air movement? Laboratory areas where gasses are burned off and areas with air conditioning often require velocities as high as 80-100 ft per min to prevent contaminated air from entering.

When cleanliness requirements can be reduced, it is an easy matter to increase air flow with a less dense filter. If cleanliness requirements cannot be reduced, a higher speed motor and blower combination are necessary to combat air currents in the room.

Standard dust hood filters made of glass wool will take out dust particles down to half a micron. A filter developed during the war for the Atomic Energy Commission, called an "absolute" filter, will remove 99.97 per cent of the particles down to 0.3 of a micron. Engineers have a tendency to specify an "absolute" filter simply because it is the best available and not necessarily because they always require this high degree of filtration.

Since filter costs vary considerably, selecting a better filter than necessary is an expensive luxury. Fiberglass filters which remove particles down to 0.5 microns are about \$16 per dozen. In contrast, an "absolute" filter removes particles down to 0.3 microns and costs about \$60-\$80 per filter. The life of a filter depends solely on the contamination of the air it is filtering. As an approximation, a fiberglass filter might last three or four weeks and an "absolute" filter about six months.

It is interesting to note that, up to a point, the dirtier a filter becomes, the more efficient it is at removing particles from the air. Of course, the drawback is that a dirty filter reduces air flow to a point where air coming out the front of the hood does not have sufficient force to prevent room air from entering.

The most common methods for determining when to change the filter are visual inspection, thermo-anemometer testing and a pressure gage. As a fiberglass filter becomes clogged, it changes in color from a normal pink to grey,



Fig. 2. Dry box provides a dehumidified atmosphere for components which are moisture sensitive.

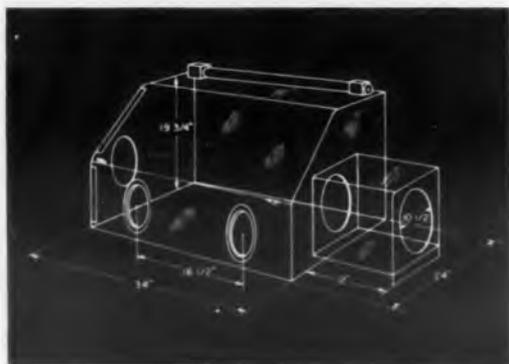


Fig. 3. Dimensions of a dust hood or dry box are based on a compromise length for a human arm. An average person can just barely reach all parts of the box. Room must be left for test equipment.

indicating a new filter is required. A therm-anemometer measures air velocity. When air velocity drops to a predetermined level, for instance 50 cu ft per min. a new filter pad must be installed.

A third method for determining when to change the filter is to place a low-range pressure gage in the plenum chamber above the filter. The pressure above a new filter is approximately 7-10 of an inch of water. As the filter becomes clogged, the pressure increases and can be used as an indication of when to replace the filter.

Dust-producing operations performed under a hood require an increase in filtered air flow to sweep the dust out quickly and efficiently.

A dry box is a chamber for performing operations which must be moisture-free. Fig. 2 shows a typical dry box with an air lock on the right, a drying train on top of the hood and a recirculating pump to the left. Since most of the chemi-

DUST HOOD AND DRY BOX APPLICATION CHART

Requirement	Equipment	Possible Applications	Comment
Moisture Control	Dry Box	Micromin components and semi-conductors	Source of dry air being purged into the box should be drier than required in the box to compensate for moisture contamination through the rubber gloves. If a dew point of -70 F is required inside the box, the dry air supply should have a dew point of -100 F.
Dust Control	Dust Hood or Dry Box (if source of dry air is precleaned)	Precision components	A good dry box will not have openings to the outside. Any dust inside the box therefore cannot be blown out. The box and the purging air must be clean initially when a dry box is used for dust control.
Inert Gas Control	Dry (Glove) Box	Oxygen sensitive materials	When inert gas is used, tightness and the rate of purging to compensate for leaks are critical.
Temperature Control	Dust Hood or Dry Box with thermo-static control on heat source (Fig. 7)	Gyros	If a dust hood is used, the front opening should be sealed and iris entry ports used to reduce the amount of heat required. Temperature range is 140 F to 160 F, ± 2 F. Above 160 F a metal hood must be used.
UV Control	Dust Hood or Dry Box made of amber plexiglass	Photolithographic etching of semiconductors	Amber plexiglass filters all light transmitted in the ultraviolet region below 5,000 A. Natural UV radiation in daylight does not enter the box and a UV source inside the box will not hurt the operator's eyes.
Chip Control	Dust Hood	Balancing gyros	Gyros are balanced by grinding away excess metal. Performing the grinding operation under a dust hood with the blower reversed prevents the metal chips from contaminating the clean room.
Fume Control	Dust Hood with or without a filter	Venting noxious fumes during semiconductor manufacture	Blower is reversed and room air sucked into the hood and exhausted through a window or the plant's fume system.

icals used to desiccate air are dusty materials, it is important that the recirculating pump be equipped with a good filter to prevent the dust from entering the hood. To prevent oil or other lubrication vapor from entering the hood, a pump with a diaphragm compressor which does not require lubrication should be used. Oil vapor is just as detrimental to most micromin components as water vapor.

Operator Must Be Able To Reach All Parts of Box

The dimensions for both dry boxes and dust hoods are based on a compromise length for a human arm. As shown in Fig 3, the depth is 24 in., the height is 19-3/4 in., and the length 34 in. These dimensions permit an average person to just barely reach all parts of the box. Standard dry box gloves are 27 in. long. When the cuff is folded over the arm port, the glove is approxi-

mately 24 in. long and will just reach to the rear of the cabinet.

A natural tendency is to design dust hoods and dry boxes too small. It is usually desirable to store frequently used tools and test equipment inside the hood so that they will be as dry and as dust-free as the components they are being used on. A careful analysis of the operation which is going to be performed and the auxiliary equipment necessary inside the box should be made before specifying a size smaller than the box shown in Fig. 3.

In designing a dry box, careful attention must be given to the positioning of doors, latches and controls. If door latches cannot be comfortably reached through the arm ports, there will be a tendency to leave the air lock doors open. Sixteen inches between centers of the arm ports is a comfortable distance for most people.

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Fig. 4. Vacuum oven inside the air lock contains components which have been baked dry. The components are taken from the air lock into the dry box where they are hermetically sealed. Bubbles in the glass bottle indicate the air lock is being constantly purged with clean dry air.

most comfortable position is when the arms hang naturally from the shoulder and are bent at a 90 deg angle at the elbow. If the ports are too high or too low, the user's arms are under a constant strain and will quickly become fatigued. The height of the ports, of course, depends on the height of the bench or chair and not on the construction of the hood.

When the operation in a dry box requires a lot of lateral arm motions, elliptical ports are better. Inside dimensions of elliptical ports are approximately 10 in. by 6-1/2 in.

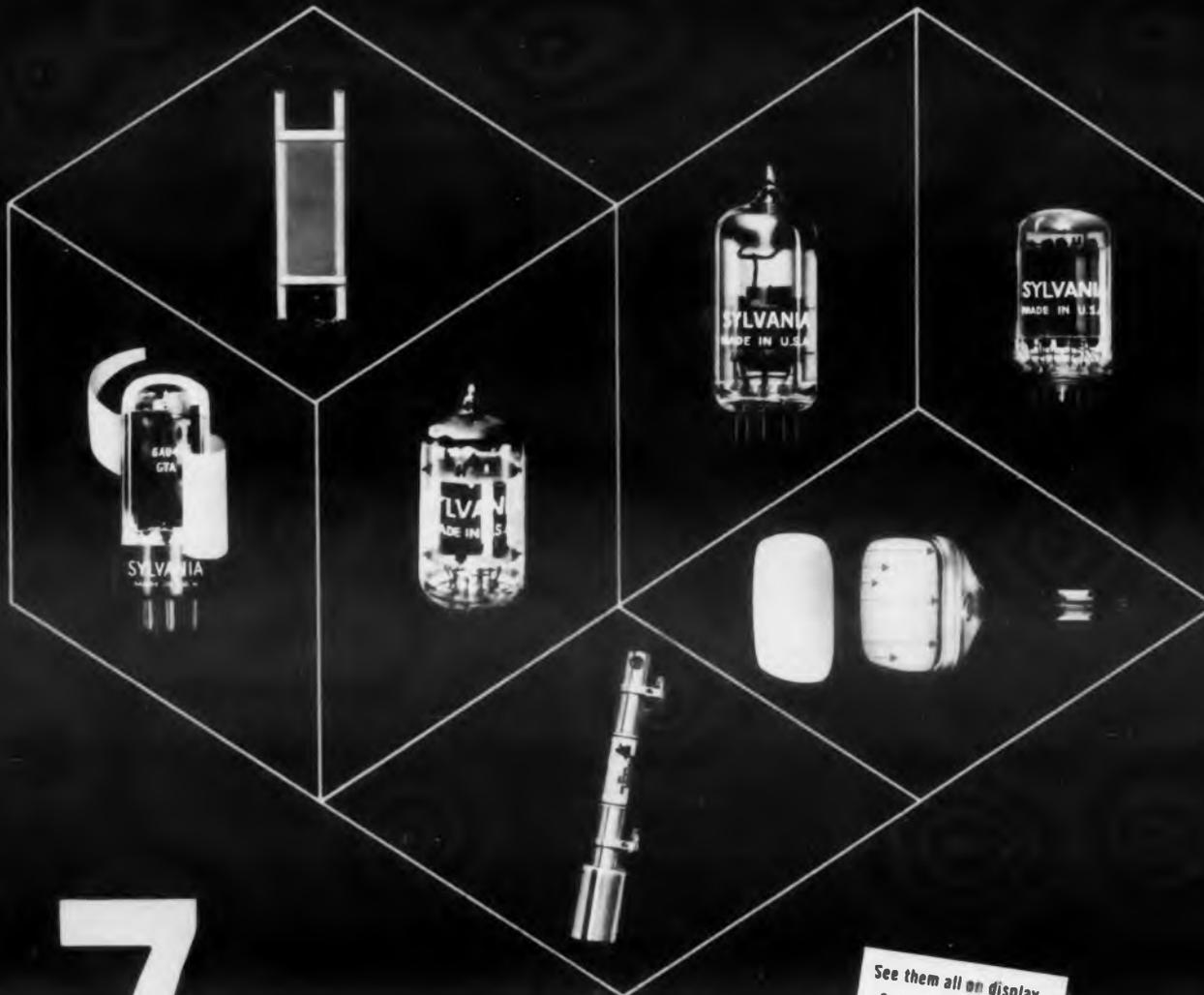
Each dry box should be equipped with gas-tight doors for admitting new parts and materials. One of the doors should be equipped with an air lock, as shown in Fig 4, which can be flushed with dry gas before the door to the dry box is opened. If a vacuum oven is used in conjunction with a dry box, it can also serve as the air lock provided it has a door on both ends.

Magnetic catches are easier to operate than positive acting latches on the doors but do not provide as tight a seal. It is also better to hinge the door at the side so that it does not have to be held open while parts are being removed. The number of openings should be kept to a minimum, however, since each time a gasket is inserted between an opening and a door there is a potential source of leakage.

A standard dry box with an air lock is essentially a piece of R&D environmental equipment. It can be designed, however, so that the various elements—the center section of the hood, the end panels and the air lock—are each built and assembled separately. A system consisting of any number of dry boxes with dust hoods and air locks interspersed can be easily assembled when the sections are designed

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The most frequent problems encountered by engineers who design their own dry box and have it built by the model shop are: poor seals on the doors, placing the air lock in a position which cannot be conveniently reached from inside the hood, and placing controls inside the box which cannot be adjusted without coming out of the rubber gloves.

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Commercial dry boxes are available with a desiccant system which can dry room air down to a dew point of about -40 F. For lower dew points, either a dry gas or larger external air drying equipment is necessary. Moisture content of air with a dew point of -40 F is 188 parts per million. At -100 F the moisture content is 3 parts per million.

The transistor industry generally specifies air from a dryer with a dew point of -100 F. This insures that a dew point of -70 F is maintained inside the box. Instruments are available which measure dew points of -100 F but their adjustment is very critical and it is difficult to check their accuracy. As inaccurate as it may seem, many manufacturers depend on the reject rate to tell them if the desired dew point is reached.

Because of the very small size of the components assembled in a dust-free environment, it is often desirable to perform some of the operations under a microscope. A rubber scope port can be placed in the front of the hood so that the stage of the microscope is inside the hood and the eyepiece outside. The eyepiece fits through a small hole in the rubber sheet stretched across the port. The rubber has enough flexibility to allow a focusing travel of about two inches and fits tightly around the microscope to prevent dust or moisture from entering.

Plexiglass Is Generally Best Material

Plexiglass is the most common construction material for dust hoods and dry boxes because of its transparency. However, if it is necessary to use cleaning solvents, fluids, or chemicals which are not compatible with plexiglass, the hood should be made of metal.

Amber-colored transparent plexiglass should be used when photolithographic etching is performed under the hood with ultraviolet light. The amber-colored plexiglass protects the worker's eyes from sunburned corneas and also protects UV sensitive components under the hood from ambient UV light. ■ ■



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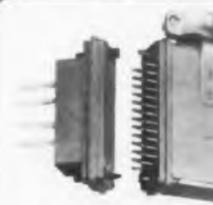
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A configuration of the STL Rubidium Frequency Standard, designed for space use has been flown in ballistic missiles and in spacecraft as part of the instrument package.

Light Source Is Rubidium 85

Atomic resonance, recognized as the most stable frequency base, is the fundamental principle of the device. The basic frequency reference is an optically pumped rubidium cell.

Optical pumping, the process of redistributing the atoms among the energy states of rubidium is effected in the fre-

quency standard by irradiating a rubidium 87 cell with light of a properly tuned, very narrow frequency band. The light source is a rubidium 85 vapor discharge lamp excited to luminescence by a helical coil wound around the lamp and carrying rf current supplied by a transistorized oscillator.

Redistribution Replaces Energy

When the cell is illuminated by microwave energy of a proper frequency a further redistribution of the atoms occurs and tends to replenish some of the energy levels depleted by the optical pumping. The pumping process must now continue indefinitely at an increased rate. When the microwave energy is at exactly the proper frequency, the pumping light transmitted through the cell is at a minimum.

In the STL standard, the microwave energy is derived from a crystal oscillator at 6,834 mc, the resonant frequency of rubidium 87, and supplied to a resonant frequency cavity containing the gas cell. The frequency of the crystal oscillator is electronically controlled by a signal from a photo detector sensing the transmitted light to maintain it at a frequency which keeps the light transmission of the cell at a minimum.

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Manufactured by Hewlett-Packard Co., 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif., the five-digit counter uses a storage transfer stage and a set of storage binaries to provide the continuous display. Input signals are gated to count binaries in the usual manner. Their outputs are fed through the storage transfer to the second set of binaries, which controls the display through a decoding matrix.

During storage, a multivibrator prevents any change in the storage binaries even though the state of the count binaries is changing. On completion of a

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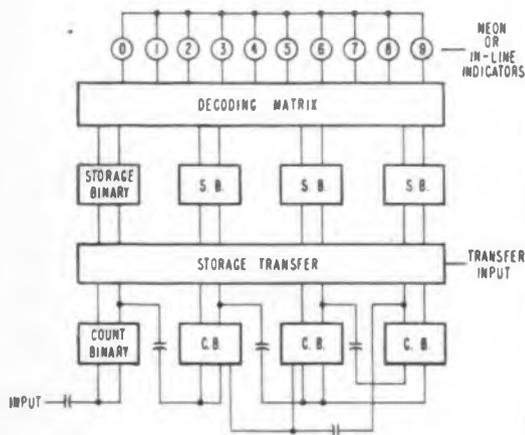


Diagram shows count-binary, storage-transfer, and storage-binary arrangement.

are arranged for easy maintenance access. Front panel height is 3-1/2 in. Plug-in module construction increases instrument versatility and simplifies maintenance. The counter has low-power consumption, and can operate with full accuracy over a wide temperature range.

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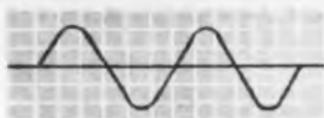
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Is Capable Of 0.01 Duty Factor

The A-15132V1 is a fixed-tuned, ultra-high-frequency oscillator cavity intended

for pulsed transmitter service in compact airborne equipment. It provides a minimum peak power output of 100 w and is capable of operation at 0.01 duty factor. It may be mounted in any position and has an ambient temperature range of -55 to +75 C.

Accurate frequency settings can be made over the 30-mc tuning range of the oscillator. This is accomplished through the use of two tuning screws. With both screws at maximum frequency, setting the desired frequency may be tuned approximately with either screw. The exact frequency may then be tuned with the second screw which acts as a vernier adjustment.

Electrical specifications for the unit are: heater voltage, 6 v $\pm 5\%$; heater

current, nominal, 0.280 amp; frequency tuning range, 1,090 mc \pm 15 mc; rf coaxial output terminal characteristic impedance, 50 ohms.

Maximum ratings for Class C service are: peak positive-pulse plate-supply voltage, 1,250 v max; peak negative grid-bias voltage, 100 v max; plate dissipation, 7.0 w max; pulse duration, 1.5 μ sec max; duty factor, 0.01 max.

Extensive test results, Mr. Gipslis of the Electron Tube Div. of the Radio Corp. of America, stated, have demonstrated that this lightweight oscillator meets, with considerable safety margin, all transponder application requirements.

Inductive Feedback Is Employed

The plate power efficiency that can be expected from this pencil tube at L- and lower S-band frequencies in pulsed plate service is an efficiency of approximately 40 per cent at 1,100 mc in an optimized adjustable test cavity. The maximum peak-power output at this frequency is approximately 1.35 kw.

In the design of the L-band oscillator, an inductive feedback is employed similar to that successfully used for radio-sonde pencil tube-and-cavity units. The grid disk of the pencil tube is supported within the cavity by means of a special grid disk clip. The open spaces around this clip form an inductive feedback path. In addition, probes are used for fine feedback control. This design permits the feedback circuit to be properly optimized for each particular frequency in the L-band.

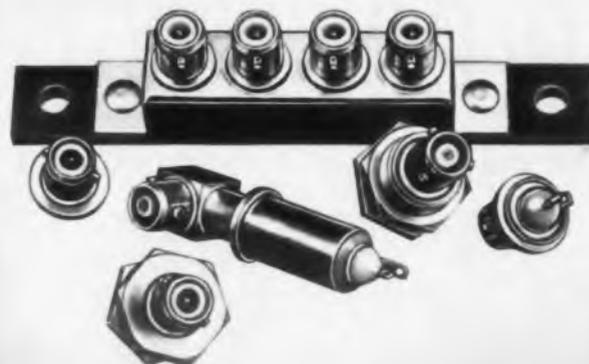
Additional features of the oscillator assembly include a temperature sensitive frequency compensator, adjustable power probe for varying the output coupling a frequency-adjustment screw, and all-mica insulation for high-voltage breakdown resistance and best dielectric properties.

The entire unit is compact in size but does not require special cooling in operation because of the low-power drain and low dissipations of the pencil tube.

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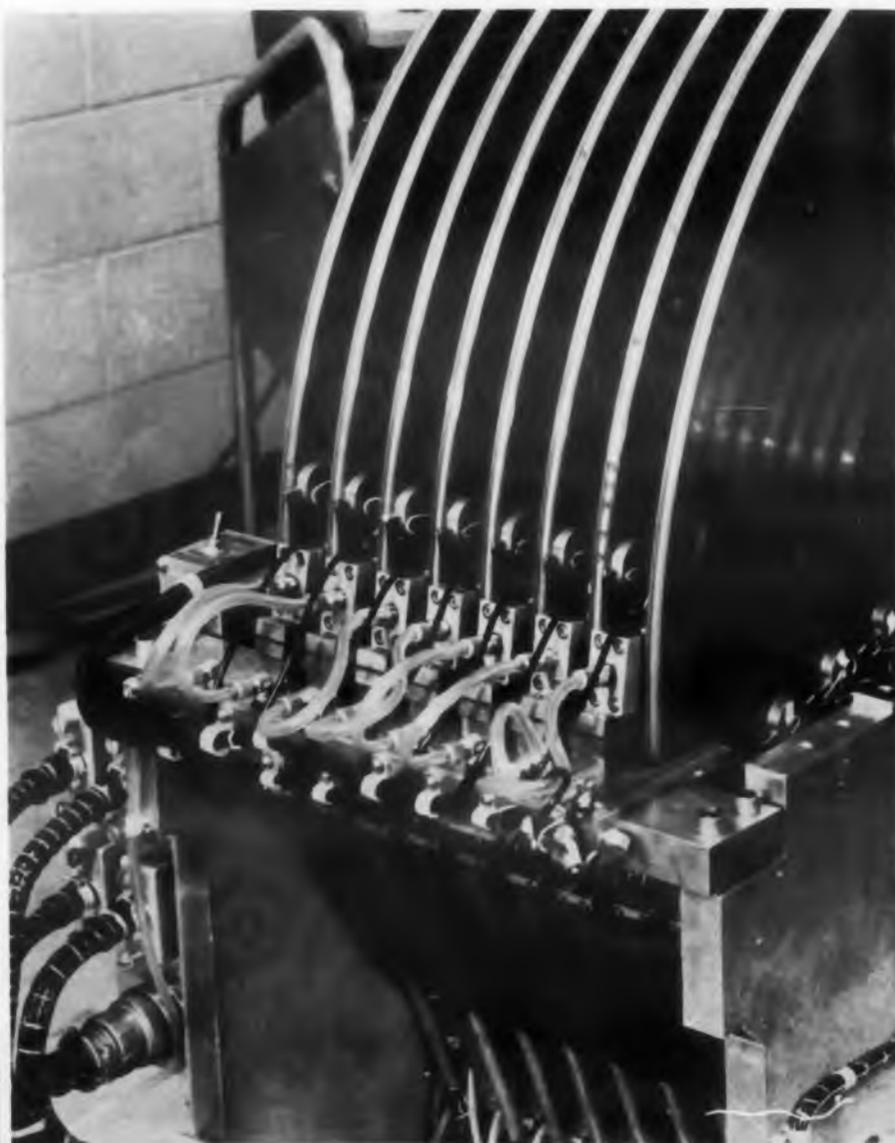
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random access, very large storage, and low cost. Cost per bit ranges from 1/10 cent for the smallest file (with a single disk) down to 1/40 cent for the largest (with 20 disks).

The maximum-capacity, 20-disk file allows one to read or write 40 bits simultaneously. Bryant guarantees zero drop-outs and a minimum signal-to-noise ratio of 32 db.

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Aerodynamic read/write heads, 240 of them, serve the 240 frequency zones on the 40 disk surfaces. Each head floats within 1.2 mil of the microfinished surface of a rotating disk. Forty headmounting bars, each holding six heads, are driven in unison by a single hydraulic positioner mounted on a base plate. The individual heads are selected electronically.

The head positioner is a hydraulic system of a digital, open-loop type. It is addressed by a 7-bit binary signal from a customer's control unit. The positioner can repeat each of the 128 discrete data-track positions in each frequency zone to within 1 mil without adjustment for long intervals.

A 7-bit digital transducer generates information on the actual head position at any time. This information can be compared with the address information to generate a position-verification signal.

Additional positioners can be incorporated in the disk file to reduce access

time and increase flexibility. Or, the number of heads per disk surface can be changed.

Individual heads require write-current pulses of about 125 ma with durations of about 1.0 μ sec. The read voltage from a head is at least 10 mv at the innermost track for disk rotation at the recommended 900 rpm.

The file is available with disks rotating at 900 rpm or 1,200 rpm. The unit can operate in temperatures from +35 to +100 F. It requires no external cooling.

With its associated positioner and power supply, the file occupies a single cabinet about 50-in. long, 40-in. wide, and 60-in. high. The complete assembly weighs about 1,700 lb.

Delivery on the series 4000 disk files is about six to nine months. Prices depend on quantity and configuration. For example, the model 4010 (with a single disk), costs \$41,000 for one and \$32,000 in quantities of 10 or more. The model 4200 (with 20 disks), costs \$140,000 as a single unit and \$110,000 in quantities of 10 or more. Basic price for the electronics—either serial mode or four-bit parallel—is about \$15,000.

For more information on this high-speed, random-access file, turn to the Reader-Service Card and circle 254.

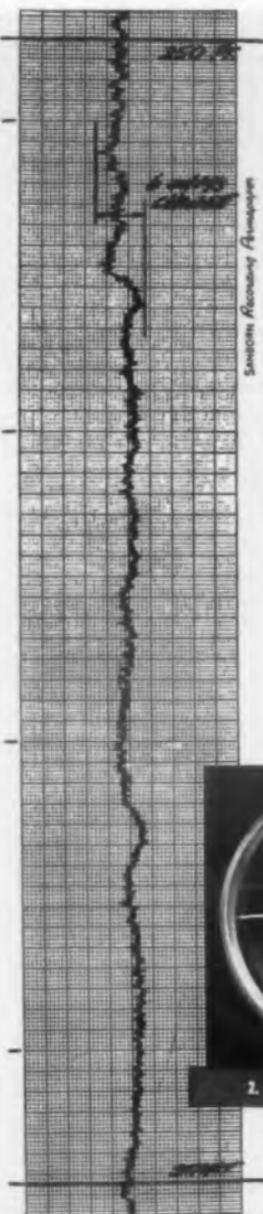
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New and Improved Products Await Your Inspection at the IRE Show

In January ELECTRONIC DESIGN queried manufacturers who planned to exhibit at this year's IRE Show. We asked them to highlight the special features of the new products they would display. The answers are summarized here. More details and technical data are contained in the New Products Department, p 86.

Arthur W. Solda
Technical Editor

THE IRE Show will exhibit many New Products along with improved versions of products previously available. An ELECTRONIC DESIGN questionnaire, distributed in January, requested manufacturers to highlight the special features of the products they will show. The response indicates that design engineers will be presented with products that are more reliable, more compact, and have more special features and usage. We have summarized the answers we received and the following paragraphs contain brief descriptions of some of the products; more detailed information is available in the New Products Department, p 86.

Instruments

Measurement. In this category are many new and improved units. An entire family of transistorized counters only 3-1/2 in. high and enclosed in modular cabinets for bench or rack-mounting use are offered by Hewlett-Packard. These instruments are designed to provide the utmost in reliability and operating convenience.

Better measurement accuracies, less power consumption and small space requirements are the outstanding features of the transistorized vlf phase comparator made by Specific Products.

A semiautomatic calibration feature incorporated in the Keithley Instruments megohm bridge speeds the standardization and calibration of resistors in the range of 10^3 to 10^{15} ohms.

Recorders. An instrument recorder and reproducer manufactured by the Mincom Div. of Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co. has a bandwidth of 200 cps to 300 kc at 60-in.-per-sec speed, using analog modules. Built-in calibration allows the recorder to be preadjusted to the incoming signal amplitude.

A computer format recorder, shown by Epsco, Inc., is all-transistorized and features compatible gapped recording of continuous analog data. The basic mechanism is simpler and has a three-times faster memory than units previously offered.

Combined use of their X-Y recorder and line-follower by the F. L. Moseley Co. made possible the transport delay simulator being shown at the Show. It will reproduce any time delay encountered in a process control or experimental laboratory situation.

New concepts in speed control, tape-handling and compactness are incorporated in the magnetic tape recorder and reproducer being displayed by the Sangamo Electric Co. It can be changed from reel to loop operation without rehandling the tape or making any changes in the transport.

Subassemblies

Amplifiers. The dc operational amplifier displayed by Micro Gee has better drift and linearity characteristics and is more convenient to use than models previously offered by the firm.

High continuous rated power output of 75 w and a gain of 1,000 v per v are the features of the Diehl Manufacturing Co.'s vacuum tube servo amplifier. Their transistor servo amplifier measures 1-7/8 in. long and 2-in. in diameter. It has no measurable phase shift in 20-cps pass band for a 60-cps carrier.

Components

Resistors. Miniature size, rugged construction and reliability are the outstanding features of the series of resistors announced by the Pyrofilm Resistor Co. Long-term stability of 2% per year is ensured by new sealing and coating techniques developed by Pyrofilm.

Unique panel mounting designs have been designed into the ultraminiature series of trimmers by Spectrol Electronics Corp. All case styles are sealed to meet MIL specifications.

Capacitors. Higher operating temperatures and more capacitance in smaller packages are the goals of the industry. Erie Resistor Corp. has developed an enamel-coated capacitor 0.320 in. long and 0.125 in. in diameter which has a capacitance of 2 to 56 pf with operating temperatures to +125 C. A variable temperature coefficient capacitor is available in fixed capacitance

values of 2.0 to 12.0 pf from JFD Electronics Corp. These units can be tuned to provide any temperature coefficient between -500 and +500 ppm per C.

Designed for use in high-reliability systems such as missiles and nuclear equipment, the fusion-sealed series of moisture resistant glass capacitors offered by the Corning Glass Works has had the range of capacitance quadrupled. They are guaranteed to exceed MIL-STD-202A moisture requirements by a factor of four.

Transducers. For direct use with digital computers, DeJur-Amsco has developed a complete line of transducers with true digital output. These devices reduce over-all size and increase the reliability of instrumentation systems. They produce results which can be directly stored and used in digital computers.

Crystals. The vacuum-sealed, hard-glass micro-module crystal unit shown by McCoy Electronics Co. is claimed to be the smallest ever produced and vacuum-sealed in hard glass. Long-term frequency stability is 5 times better than that of conventional metal types.

Transistors. Motorola is introducing a complete TO-3 package power transistor line. A new "low-silhouette" type container will make possible valuable space savings in printed-circuit-board sandwich-type equipment.

Tubes. Designed by the Amperex Electronic Corp. for frequencies up to 200 mc, a new forced-air-cooled triode being shown has a specially processed platinum grid. This development has resulted in low-drive power requirements.

Relays. Long term reliability was the goal of the Automatic Electric Co. when they designed their new mercury-wetted contact relay. Over a billion reliable operations with complete freedom from contact bounce and maintenance are claimed.

Switches. Control Switch Div. of the Control Co. of America will announce the development of a T switch in a hermetically sealed steel case. It is 0.787 in. in length and weighs only 7 g.

Rectifiers. So compact that it can be placed at the point of use, the medium-power-range silicon

bridge rectifier developed by the Semiconductor Div. of Syntron Co. eliminates the need for long dc power runs from the rectifier to the equipment it supplies.

Materials

Wire. Temperature requirements have played a big role in the development of wire products to be shown at the Show. Phelps Dodge has a "Polyester" type magnet wire which has been modified to avoid the heat shock of earlier wires of this type. There is no heat or solvent shock at Class F operating temperatures. A magnet wire rated for Class H temperature service is offered by the Tensolite Insulated Wire Co. Tests of this wire have shown a life in excess of 10,000 hr at 240 C. Cut-through resistance is in excess of 400 C.

Greater long-term stability, coupled with a negligible temperature coefficient change after winding and processing are the results of improvements made to Karma resistance wire by the Driver-Harris Co.

Resins. Many resins with new or improved characteristics are being introduced by several companies this year. Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. will announce a one-part, fully flexible, Class F epoxy resin which exerts little, if any, pressure on imbedded parts.

Visual inspection of circuits and components within embedded or encapsulated assemblies is permitted by the use of Dow Corning's transparent, flexible silicone resin encapsulant.

The flexible, thermal shock resistant epoxy resins prepared from a dimer acid offered by Union Carbide Chemicals Corp. exhibit good combinations of tensile strength and elongation. Self-extinguishing epoxy casting resin, suited for potting components and systems requiring fire-retardant capabilities will be among the resins shown by Emerson and Cuming, Inc.

Printed Circuit. In this category, flame-retardant plastic laminates are offered for printed-circuit applications by the Synthane Corp. The outstanding feature here is the combination of unusual arc-resistance, room-temperature punching and flame-retardance.

The American Lava Corp. has developed a thin, flat, strong ceramic for substrate and micro-ceramic applications. They can furnish this material with dimensionally accurate holes, slots, serrations or other designs.

Electralab Printed Electronics Corp. will show for the first time its Dielox printed circuitry. This represents a new concept in the use of substrate materials and circuit deposition techniques, utilizing dielectric oxides on prefabricated metal bases. Continuous operation at temperatures in excess of 900 F is claimed for this printed wiring. ■ ■

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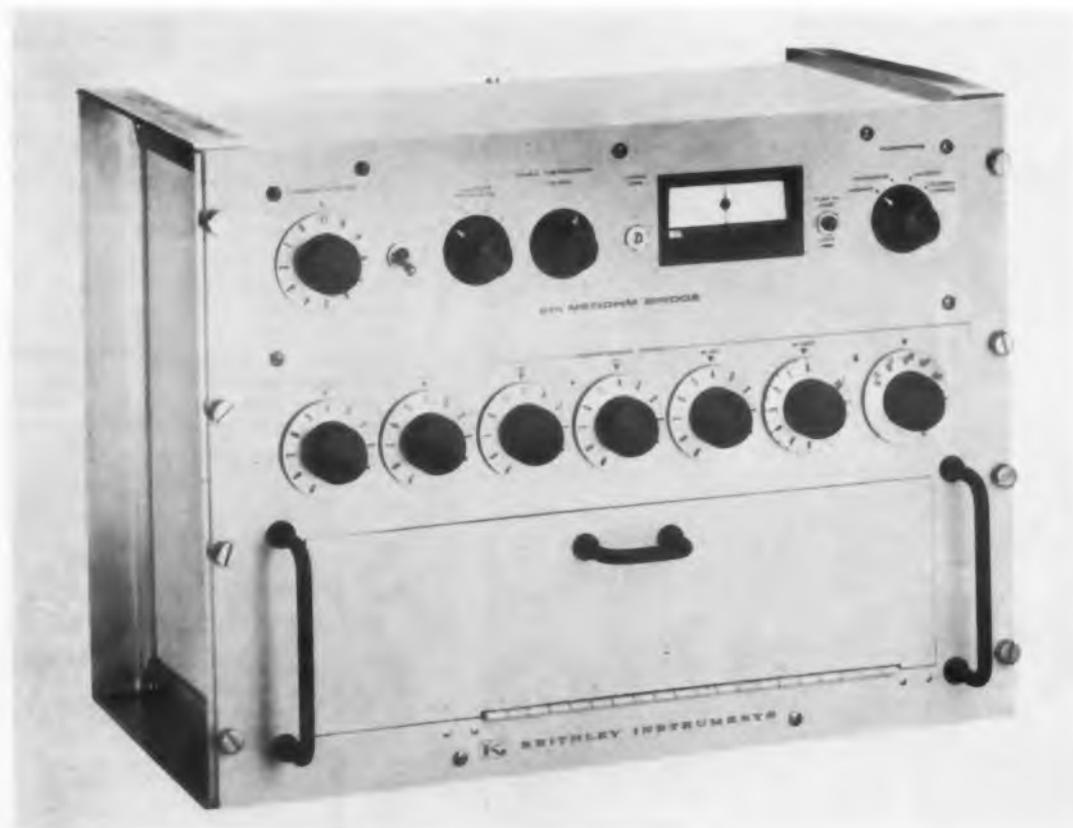
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Megohm Bridge Calibrates High Resistances

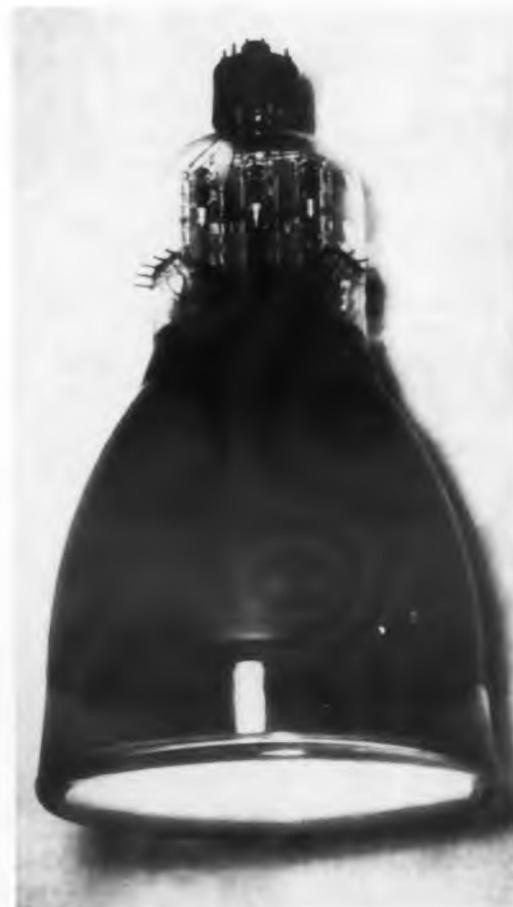
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The 515 megohm bridge is designed for the calibration and standardization of resistors in the range of 10^3 to 10^{15} ohms. It is also suitable for measurement of resistor voltage coefficients, leakage, and insulation resistances. Accuracy is 0.05% to 1.0%. A semiautomatic calibration feature and direct reading speed operation. The measuring compartment, shielded against stray pickup, will hold resistors up to 8 in. long and 2 in. in diameter. A stable electrometer null detector is used. Bridge potentials up to 10 v are supplied by an internal power source.

Keithley Instruments, Dept. ED, 12415 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 6, Ohio.
Price & Availability: \$1,500; 120-day delivery.

See at Show Booth 3920.

Featuring products to be displayed at the IRE Show.



Multi-Trace Cathode-Ray Tube Provides Triple Display

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A multi-trace cathode-ray tube, type SC-3061 has three independently controlled electron guns capable of producing three simultaneous displays. The 10-in. tube is available in a variety of phosphors, is electrostatically focused and deflected, and has an astigmatism-control electrode. Deflection factors, at 5-kv anode potential, are about 130 v per in. horizontal and 70 v per in. vertical. Scan width is about 8-1 2 in.; traces are 1-3/8 in. apart on a common vertical line.

Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Dept. ED, 730 Third Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

Availability: Engineering samples.

See at Show Booth 2322-32, 2415-25.



Vacuum Coaxial Relays Handle 15 kw at 600 mc

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Vacuum transfer relays enable these coaxial devices to handle up to 15-kw peak power at 600 mc. Some models weigh only 11 oz. and range in size from 3-1/4 to 4-1/16 in. high. Vacuum guarantees permanently low contact resistance that does not change even if the relay is accidentally switched under load. The vswr is 1.05:1 max, stable in any environment; isolation is 30 db min at 400 mc. Type RC43 LCA1 has a power rating of 1 kw average, 15 kw peak at 600 mc. Relay actuation is available with 24- or 115-v dc solenoids; four models accommodate a variety of standard coaxial connectors.

Jennings Radio Manufacturing Corp., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 1278, San Jose 8, Calif.

Price & Availability: \$200 to \$230; 30 to 45 days.

See at Show Booth 1802-04.



Trigistor in TO-18 Package Simplifies Binary Circuits

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Types 2N892 through 2N901 provide complete on-off control at a single base input, enabling binary functions with one active element per stage. The number of auxiliary components is reduced; practical logic levels down to 1 ma are possible. The pnpn devices are housed in a TO-18 package. The series combines ratings to 200 v with inputs on the μ a level. All units are subjected to 100% acceptance testing, and MIL-S-19500 capability is assured.

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SM 160-1M	0-160 0-1	SM 160-1MX
SM 325-0.5M	0-325 0-0.5	SM 325-0.5MX

5 1/4" PANEL HEIGHT

SM 14-15M	0-14 0-15	SM 14-15MX
SM 36-10M	0-36 0-10	SM 36-10MX
SM 75-5M	0-75 0-5	SM 75-5MX
SM 160-2M	0-160 0-2	SM 160-2MX
SM 325-1M	0-325 0-1	SM 325-1MX

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SM 36-15M	0-36 0-15	SM 36-5MX
SM 75-8M	0-75 0-8	SM 75-8MX
SM 160-4M	0-160 0-4	SM 160-4MX
SM 325-2M	0-325 0-2	SM 325-2MX

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Optional 0.1% or 0.01% regulation:

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HB 6M	0-325 0-600	HB 60M
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PR 38-15M	0-38	0-15
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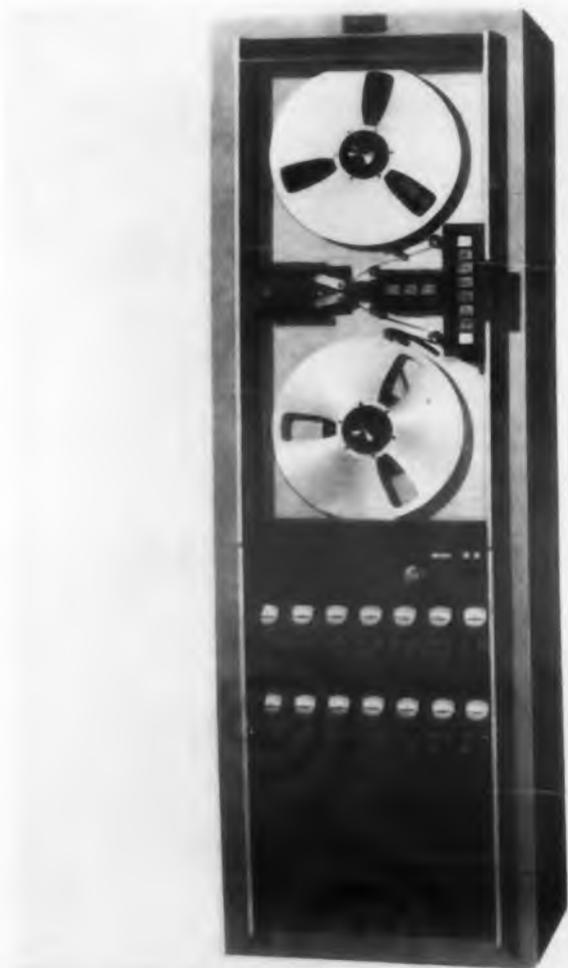
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Mincom Div., Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 2049 S. Barrington Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif.

Price & Availability: On request; 60-day delivery.

See at Show Booth 3243.



**Crystal Frequency Standard
Stable to 5 Parts in 10 Billion**

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The model 105A ultra-stable oscillator is a 5-mc frequency standard with a guaranteed stability of five parts in 10^{10} per day. A single-stage oven houses the crystal and all components of the oscillator and temperature control circuits. Output is sine wave, 0.25 v rms; output impedance is 50 ohms. Power requirement is 100 ma at 100 to 140 v ac, 45 to 70 cps. The unit contains power supply, standby batteries, and provision for four plug-in dividers with outputs of 1 mc, 100 kc, 10 kc, and 1 kc.

Hermes Electronics Co., Dept. ED, 75 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge 42, Mass.

Price & Availability: \$4,150; 90 days.

See at Show Booth 3038-39.



**Integrating Digital Voltmeter
Is Fully Programmable**

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The average values of steady or varying dc signals up to 1 kv are measured by the model 2401 over preselected, crystal-determined sample periods. Reading resolution of 1 part in 10,000 for a 100-msec sampling period is provided, with an accuracy of $\pm 0.05\%$ min. Floating input, guarded against common-mode pickup, can be operated up to 500 v above chassis ground. The meter may be used in high-speed data acquisition from multiple sources, integration of analog inputs, and frequency measurement to 300 kc. Binary-coded decimal output is provided.

Dymec Div., Hewlett-Packard Co., Dept. ED, 395 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif.

Price & Availability: \$3,750; 12 weeks.

See at Show Booth 3205-15.



Ceramic-Metal Spark Gap Handles 10,000 Amp

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Designed as a replacement for hydrogen thyratrons in crowbar applications, the ceramic-metal GP-12 triggered spark gap has a hold-off capability of 25 kv, and will handle peak currents in excess of 10,000 amp. The hermetically sealed device has low triggered energy requirements, and a fast follow-through time after application of the trigger pulse. Diameter is 3-1/2 in., height 2-1/2 in.

Edgerton, Germeshausen & Grier, Inc., Dept ED, 160A Brookline Ave., Boston 15, Mass.

Price & Availability: On request.

See at Show Booth 3244.



Miniaturized Delay Line Has 40:1 Time Ratio

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Delay line model 37-74 has a delay time to rise time ratio of better than 40:1, in a case size of less than 3-1/2 cu in. Delay time of the miniaturized unit is 2.5 μ sec \pm 5%; rise time is 0.07 μ sec max. Attenuation is 2 db max, and impedance is 500 ohms. Temperature coefficient is less than 50 ppm per deg C, over a range of -55 to 125 C. The line is tapped as required. Case measures 2 x 2-5/8 x 5/8 in.

ESC Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 534 Bergen Blvd., Palisades Park, N.J.

Availability: 4 to 5 weeks.

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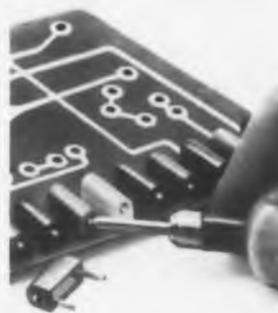
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Hewlett-Packard Co., Dept. ED, 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif.

See at Show Booth 3205-15.

Color Coder

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Wire may be color-coded in stripes or whole colors with this color-coding device. User needs to stock only a single wire color, adding the stripe or color as the wire is stripped with automatic equipment.

Artos Engineering Co., Dept. ED, 2757 S. 28th St., Milwaukee 46, Wis.

See at Show Booth 4108.

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Electronic Instruments Ltd., Herman H. Sticht Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 27 Park Place, New York, N.Y.

Price & Availability: \$2,480; 90-day delivery.

See at Show Booth 3236.

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Subminiature



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Erie Resistor Corp., Dept. ED, 644 W. 12th St., Erie, Pa.

Availability: In sample quantities.

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

Availability: 56 to 70 days.

See at Show Booth 3512-18.

Diode Multiplier

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Reeves Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, East Gate Blvd., Roosevelt Field, Garden City, N.Y.

See at Show Booth 1305-07.

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Kenfel & Esser Co., Dept. ED, Hoboken, N. J.

See at Show Booth 4506.

Transport Delay Simulator

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Range is 4 sec to 32 min



Any time delay encountered in a process control or experimental situation may be reproduced by the model 2D-5 transport delay simulator. It consists of a controller, a standard X-Y recorder, and an optical line follower. Delay time may be varied in steps from 2 to 32 min, or continuously from 4 sec to 7 min. Slopes up to 80 deg can be tracked to within 0.05 in. at speeds through 15 in. per min. An alarm circuit detects errors up to 0.1 in.

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

Price & Availability: \$4,300; 90 days.

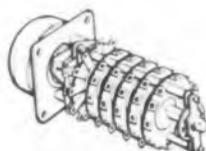
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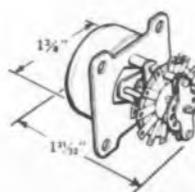
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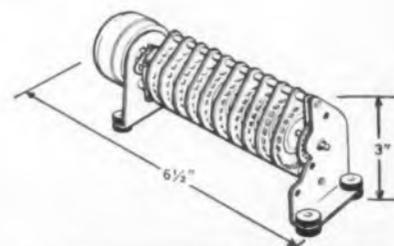
BASIC INFORMATION



Functions as a power operated remote control circuit selector or stepping switch.



Smallest switch is size 2E with 1 to 4 switch wafers.



Largest standard switch is size 5S with 1 to 10 switch wafers, foot, flange or panel mounting.



8 position



24 position



1 circuit, 12 positions



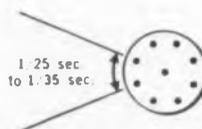
3 circuits, 4 positions each



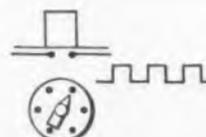
Switch wafers available with 8, 10, 12, 18, 20 or 24 positions.

Circuitry of wafers is flexible. For example 12 position wafer can be one circuit with 12 positions or 3 circuits with 4 positions each.

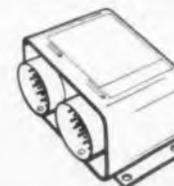
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Optimized Devices, Inc., Dept. ED, 564 Franklin Ave., Thornwood, N.Y.
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 See at Show Booth 3060.

Alarm Unit

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San Diego Scientific Corp., Dept. ED, 3434 Midway Drive, San Diego 10, Calif.
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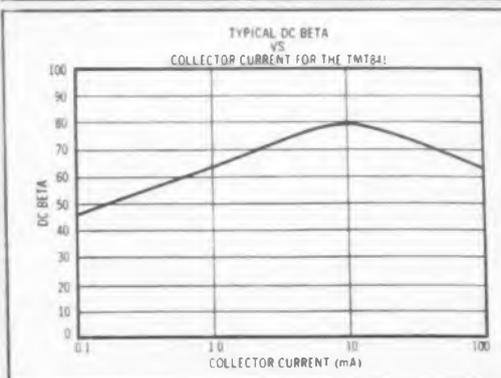
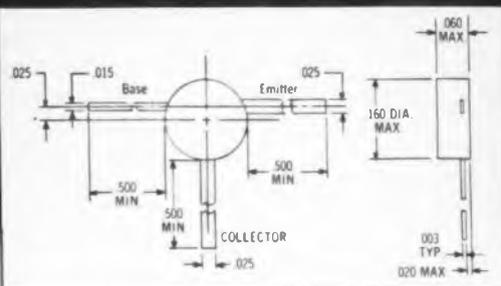
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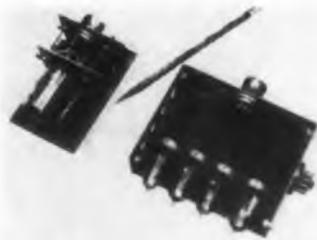
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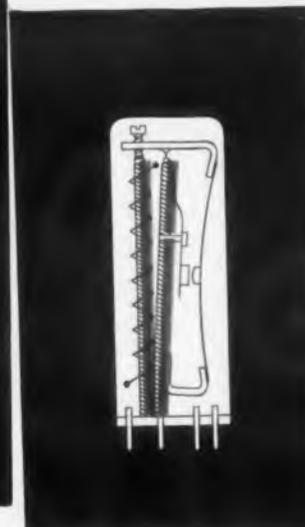
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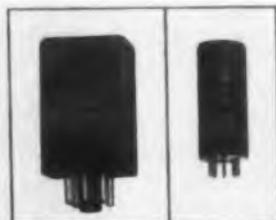
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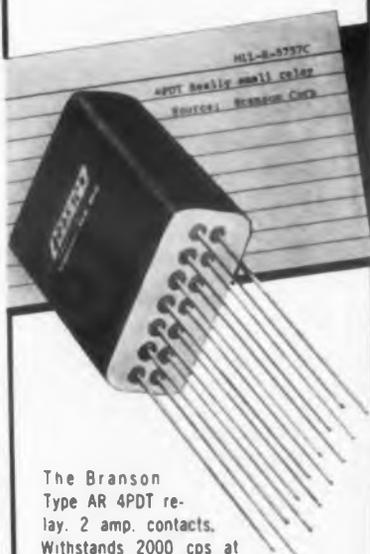
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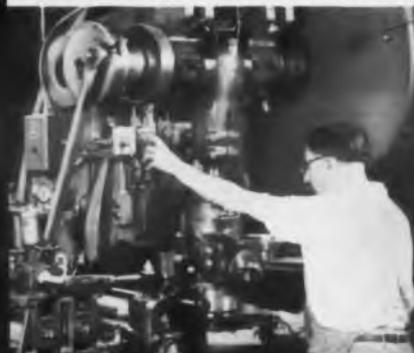
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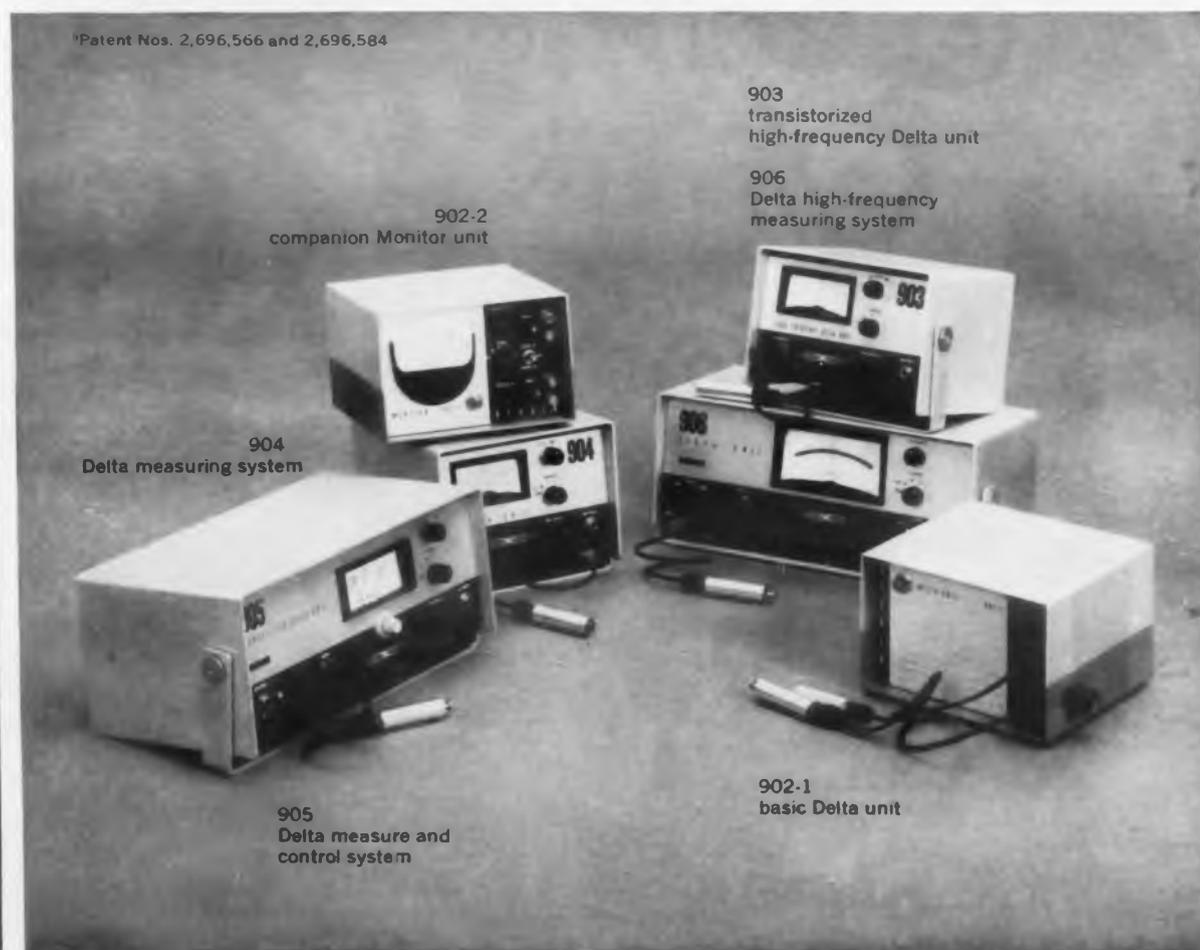
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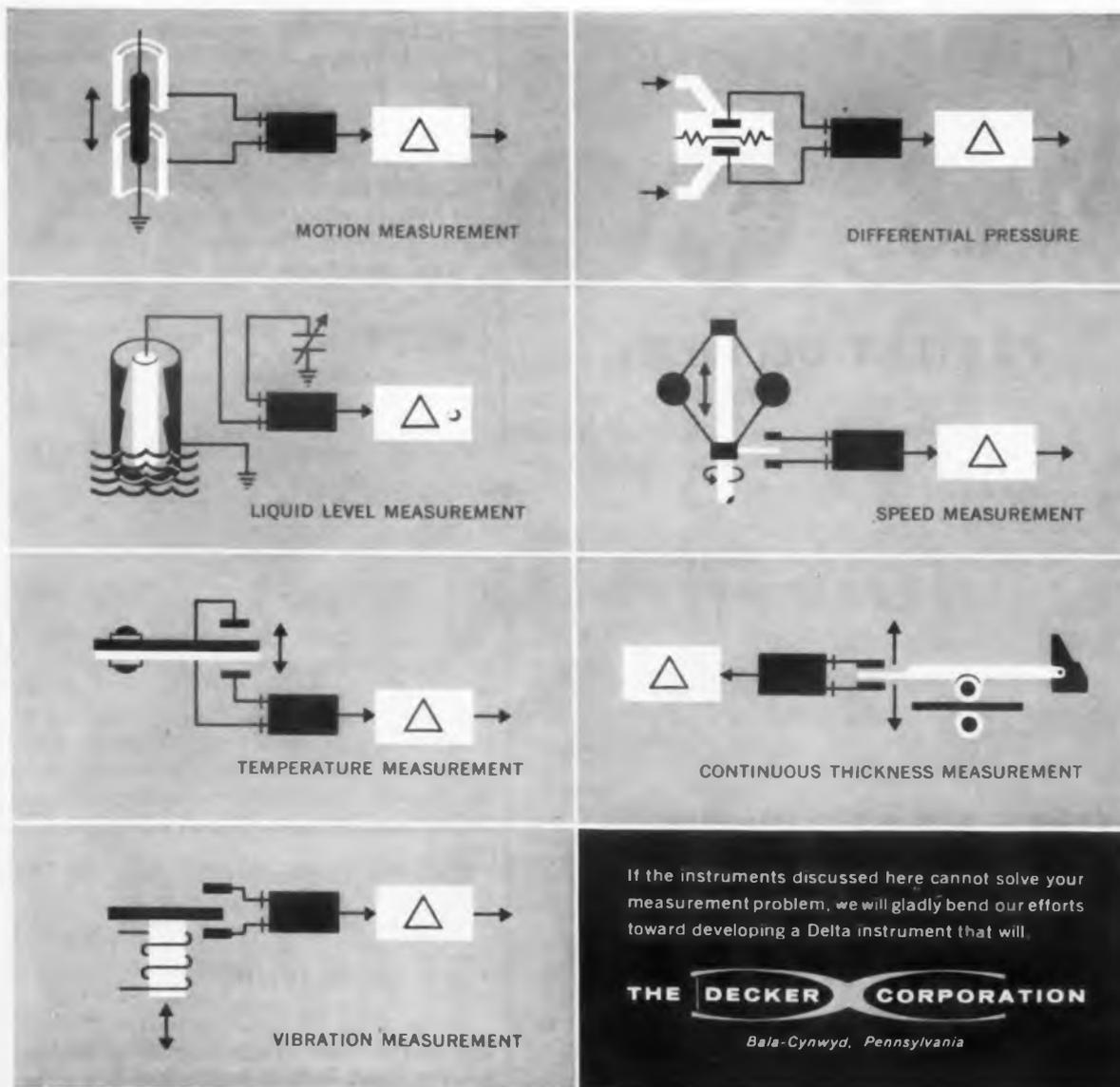
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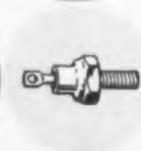
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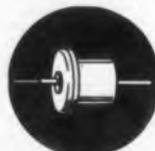
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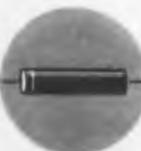
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Keithley Instruments, Dept. ED, 12415 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 6, Ohio.
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Gear Reducer

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Planetary type



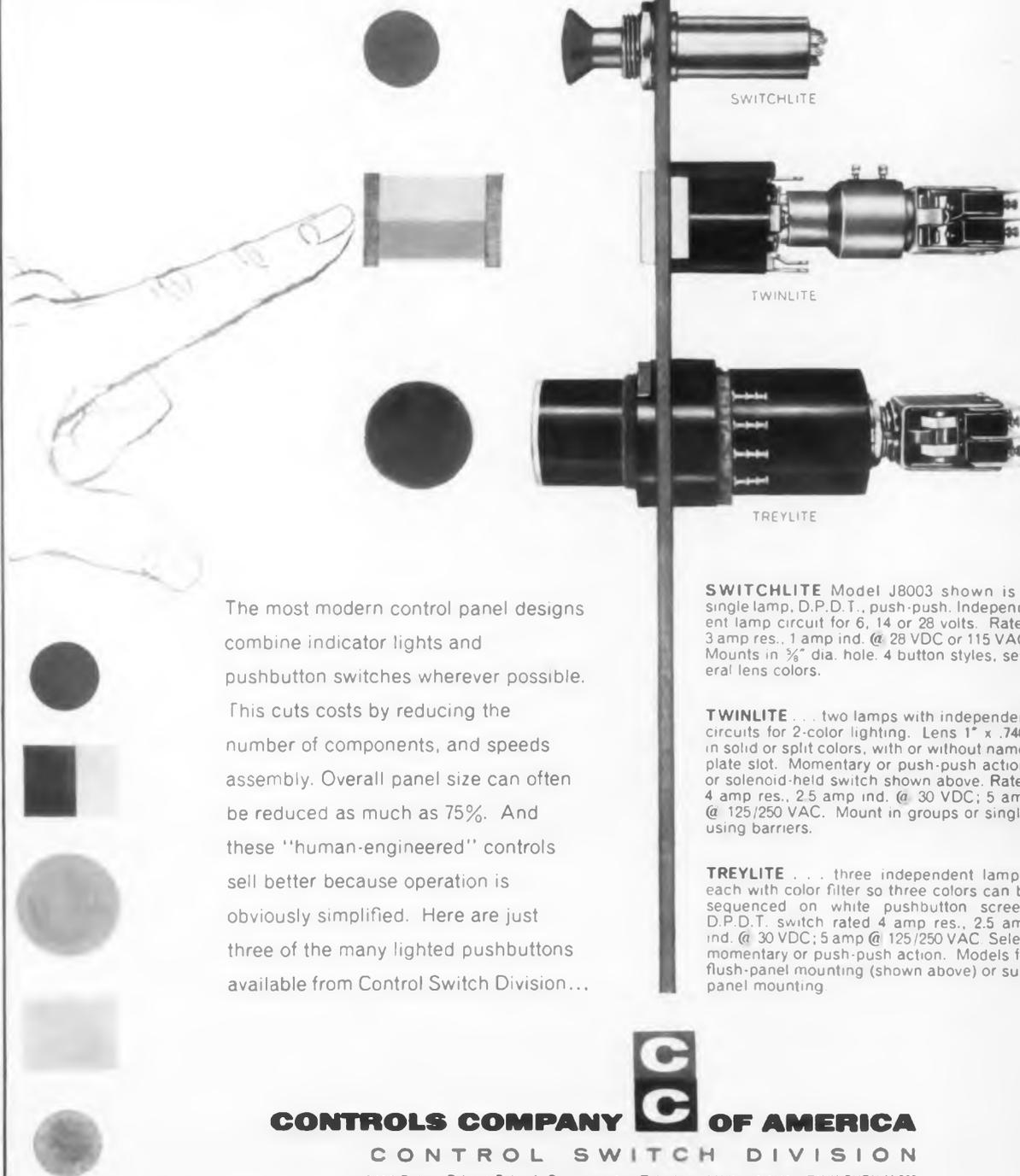
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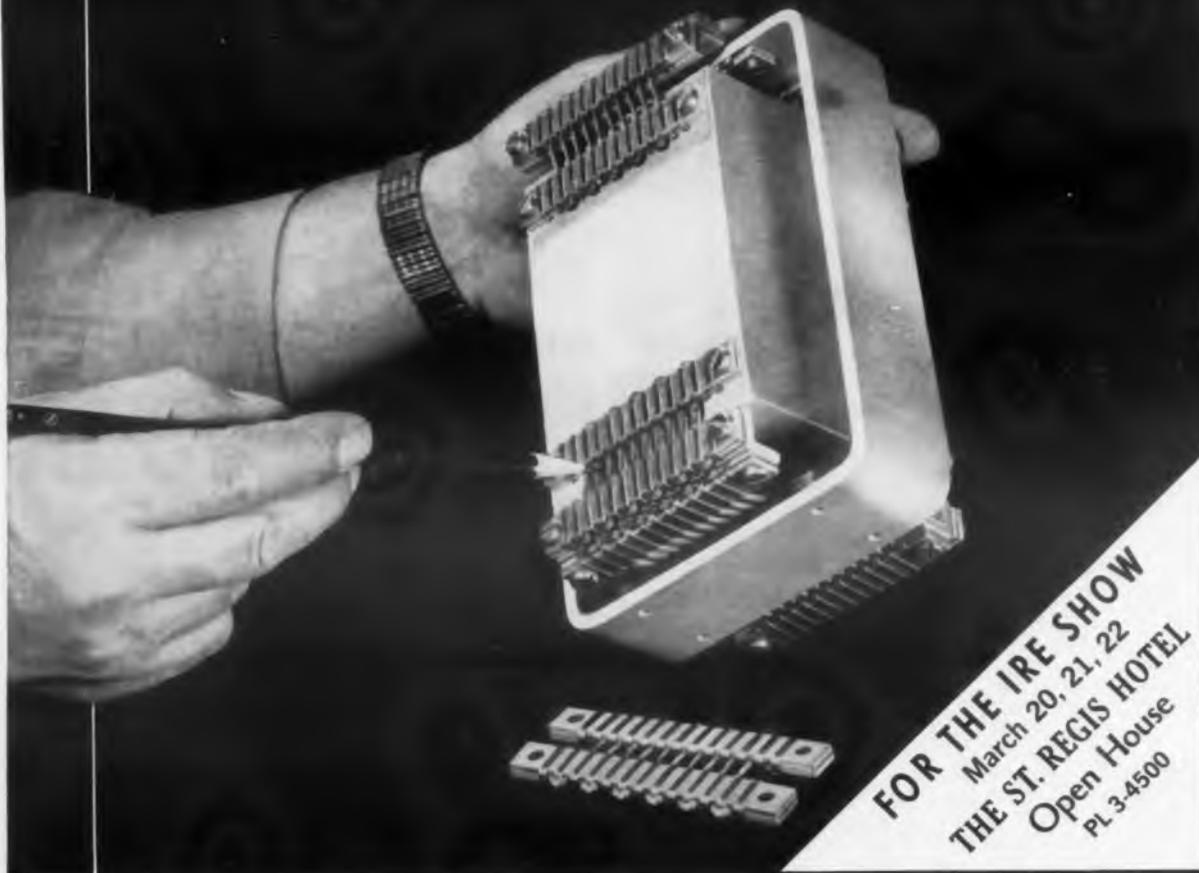
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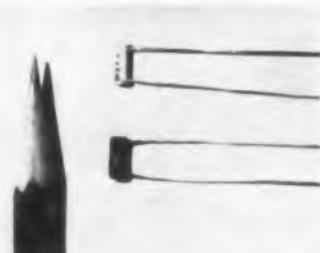
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Eric Resistor Corp., Dept. ED, 644 W. 12th St., Erie, Pa.

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	10K	± .5%
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1-3/32"	1K	± .5%
	10K	± .5%
	50K	± .5%
2"	1K	± .25%
	10K	± .25%
	50K	± .25%
3"	1K	± .5%
	10K	± .5%
	50K	± .5%
2"	5K	± .25%
	20K	± .25%
	50K	± .25%
3"	5K	± .1%
	20K	± .1%
	50K	± .1%
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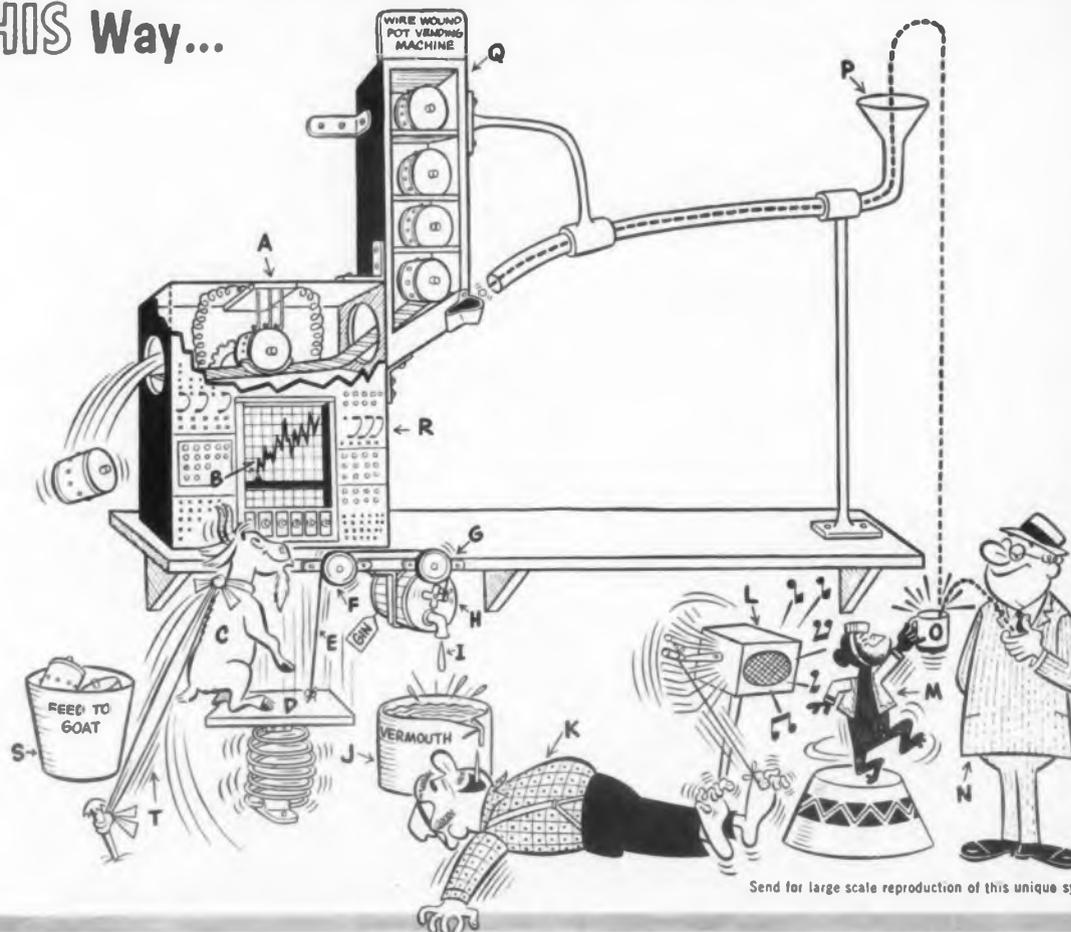


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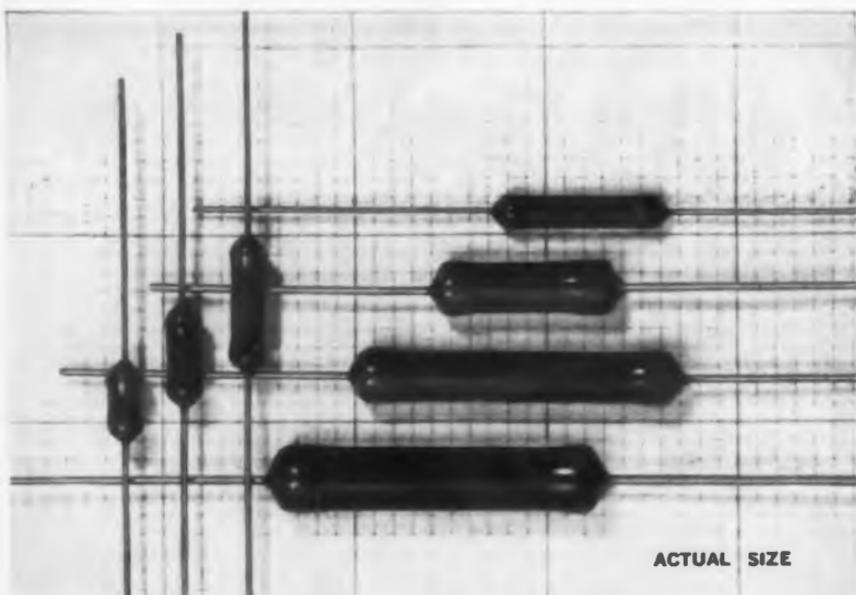


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4	4X	0.1	15,000	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	
5	5XM	0.1	20,000	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	
7	7X	0.1	25,000	1	$\frac{3}{16}$	
10	10XM	0.1	50,000	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	
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Elco Corp., Dept. ED, M St. below Erie Ave., Philadelphia 24, Pa.

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Emerson & Cuming, Inc., Dept. ED, Canton, Mass.
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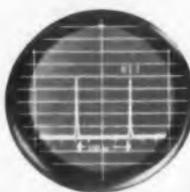
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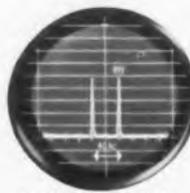
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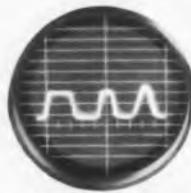
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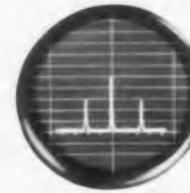
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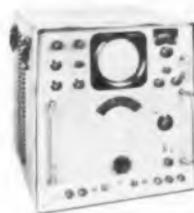
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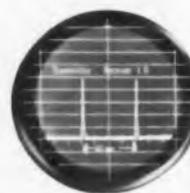
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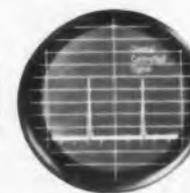
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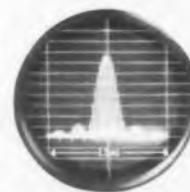
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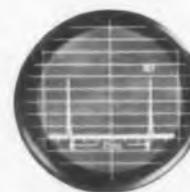
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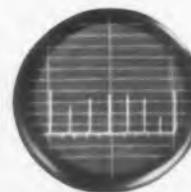
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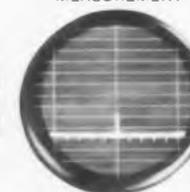
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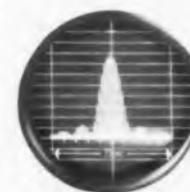
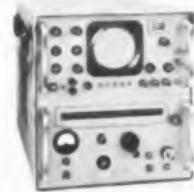
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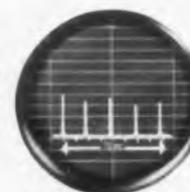
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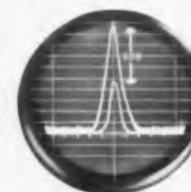
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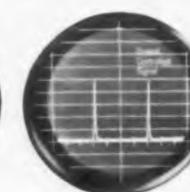
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Synthane Corp., Dept. ED, Oaks, Pa.

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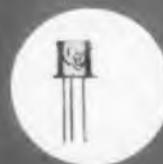
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t_{on} (nsec)	$I_{B(1)} = 3$ ma $I_{B(2)} = -1$ ma	11 (TYP)	10 (TYP)	35	40	35
t_{off} (nsec)	$I_C = 10$ ma	22 (TYP)	25 (TYP)	75	75	75
t_{on} (nsec)	$I_{B(1)} = 40$ ma $I_{B(2)} = -20$ ma	12 6 (TYP)	12 6 (TYP)	NO SPEC	NO SPEC	NO SPEC
t_{off} (nsec)	$I_C = 100$ ma	40 18 (TYP)	45 23 (TYP)	NO SPEC	NO SPEC	NO SPEC
$V_{CE(sat)}$	$I_B = 1$ ma $I_C = 10$ ma $T_A = +170^\circ\text{C}$	0.35 v	0.35 v	No High Temp. Guarantee (0.19 v MAX. @ 25°C)	No High Temp. Guarantee (0.4 v MAX. @ 25°C)	No High Temp. Guarantee (0.4 v MAX. @ 25°C)
I_{CEX}	$V_{CE} = 10$ v $V_{BE} = +0.35$ v $T_A = 100^\circ\text{C}$	30 μ a	30 μ a	No Guarantee	No Guarantee	10 μ a (MAX.) @ $V_{BE} = +0.25$ $V_{CE} = 20$ v $T_A = +125^\circ\text{C}$

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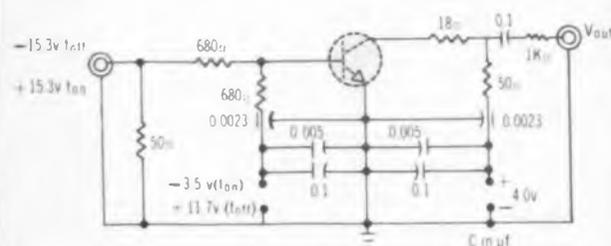
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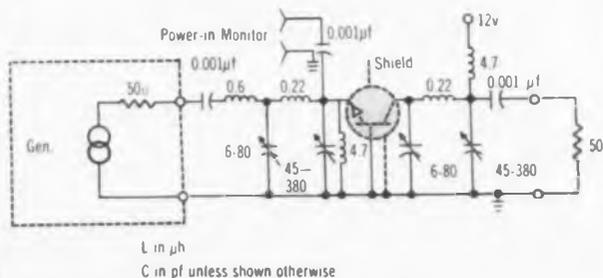
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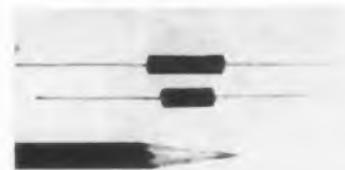
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Erie Resistor Corp., Dept. ED, 644 W. 12th St., Erie, Pa.

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Driver-Harris Co., Dept. ED, Harrison, N. J.

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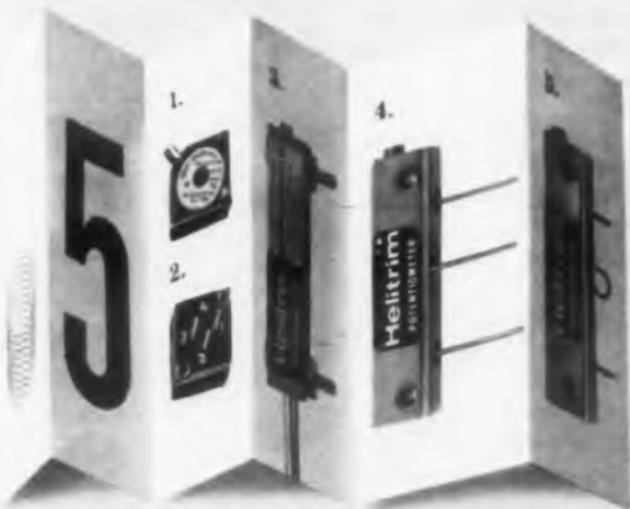
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Mycalex Corp. of America, Dept. ED, 125 Clifton Blvd., Clifton, N.J.

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Vinyl Tape 596

Pressure sensitive

Electrical tape No. 66 is a pressure-sensitive vinyl plastic tape designed for continuous operation at Class A conditions. It is a black, polyvinyl chloride film coated on one side with an acrylic polymer adhesive. The adhesive resists heat, oil, solvents and plasticizers. Specifications are: thickness, 11 mils; tensile strength, 35 lb per in. of width; electric strength, 11,000 v; insulation resistance, 1×10^6 meg.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 900 Bush Ave., St. Paul 6, Minn.

Availability: 30 days.

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Push-Button Switch 587

Is lighted

Lighted push-button switch C6-137 is a 4pdt, solenoid-held unit. Electrical rating for the switch is: 5 amp at 125/250 v ac; 4 amp at 30 v dc resistive; 2.5 amp at 30 v dc inductive. Solenoid current is rated 0.038 amp at 18 v dc or 0.060 amp at 30 v dc.

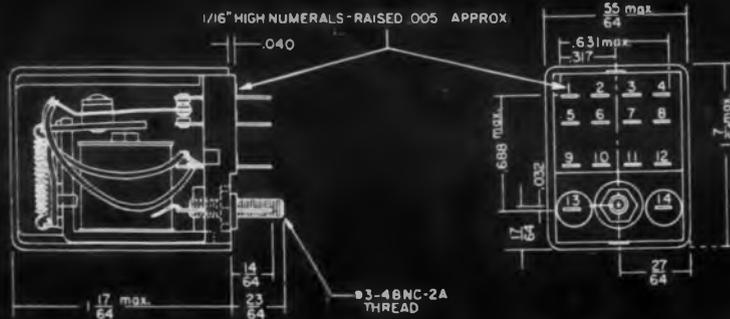
Controls Company of America, Control Switch Div., Dept. ED, 1420 Delmar Drive, Folcroft, Pa.

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CONTACTS:

Arrangement: 4 Form C, 2 Form Z.

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Rating: 3 amps @ 30 volts DC or 115 volts AC resistive for 100,000 operations.

COILS:

Resistance: 11,000 ohms max.

Temperature: Operating Ambient: -45°C . to $+70^{\circ}\text{C}$.

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TIMING VALUES:

Nominal Voltage @ 25°C .	Max. Values
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Power Supply

591

Solid state

Solid state power supply model TP3-100 measures 6-1/2 x 5 x 5 in. Output is -28 v dc, adjustable ± 1.5 v at 1.5 amp; 9 v dc at 0.050 amp. Ripple is 0.010 v rms max; response time is 0.05 msec.

Diehl Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, Somerville, N.J.

See at Show Booth 1913-15.

Toggle Actuator

588

Has three positions

Model A3-98-T7 is a 4pdt toggle actuator with 3 positions: off, maintained and momentary. Rating is 6 amp at 125/250 v ac; 2.5 amp at 30 v dc inductive; 6 amp at 30 v dc resistive.

Controls Company of America, Control Switch Div., Dept. ED, 1420 Delmar Drive, Folcroft, Pa.

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McMillan Industrial Corp., Dept. ED, Ipswich, Mass.

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Servo Amplifier

590

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Automatic Electric Co., Dept. ED, Northlake, Ill.

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Transparent Encapsulant

610

Silicone resin



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Dow Corning Corp., Dept. ED, Midland, Mich.
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Clevite Corp., Clevite Electronic Components Div., Dept. ED, 3405 Perkins Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. See at Show Booth 2622.

Silicon Rectifier 555

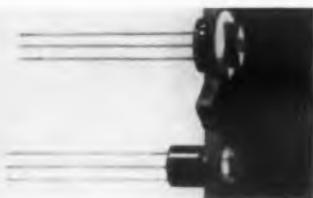
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Syntron Co., Semiconductor Div., Dept. ED, Homer City, Pa. See at Show Booth 2525.

Ultraminiature Trimmers 646

Resistance to 20 K



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A - 750 Mw Rated Basic Series (88 Closer Tolerance Types Also Available)				C - 3.5 Watt Rated Basic Series (88 Closer Tolerance Types Also Available)			
1N1507	3.9	35	14	1N1588	3.9	150	2.6
1N1508	4.7	30	12	1N1589	4.7	125	2.3
1N1509	5.6	26	5.2	1N1590	5.6	110	1.4
1/2 1N1510	6.8	22	1.5	1N1591	6.8	100	.58
1N1511	8.2	18	1.5	1N1592	8.2	80	.5
1N1512	10	15	1.8	1N1593	10	70	.7
1N1513	12	12	2.8	1N1594	12	50	1.4
1N1514	15	10	5	1N1595	15	40	3.4
1N1515	18	8	9	1N1596	18	35	6
1N1516	22	6	19	1N1597	22	30	9
1N1517	27	5	50	1N1598	27	25	13
B - 1 Watt Rated Basic Series (88 Closer Tolerance Types Also Available)				D - 10 Watt Rated Basic Series (88 Closer Tolerance Types Also Available)			
1N1518	3.9	50	9	1N1599	3.9	500	.84
1N1519	4.7	40	8.5	1N1600	4.7	400	.68
1N1520	5.6	35	5.5	1N1601	5.6	350	.3
1N1521	6.8	30	1.6	1N1602	6.8	300	.2
1N1522	8.2	25	1.1	1N1603	8.2	250	.25
1N1523	10	20	1.5	1N1604	10	200	.55
1N1524	12	15	2.4	1N1605	12	170	.95
1N1525	15	13	5.4	1N1606	15	140	1.5
1N1526	18	10	11	1N1607	18	110	2
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American Lava Corp., Dept. ED, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Availability: 5 to 6 weeks.

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Delivers 450 cfm

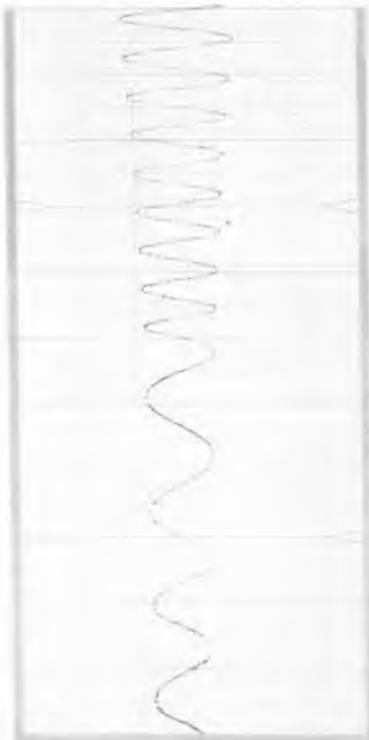


The Twinpax cabinet flushing fan delivers 450 cfm in free air, or 400 cfm at 0.1 in. static pressure. The assembly requires 5-1/4 in. of vertical space in a standard rack cabinet. The twin fans are noise-insulated; impingement-type filter is washable. Power requirement is 208 v, 60 cps, 3-phase, or 115 v, 60 cps, 1-phase. Military environmental specifications are met.

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NEW PRODUCTS

AT THE IRE SHOW

Pulse Transformer 559

In transistor size

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Polyphase Instrument Co., Dept. ED, E. 4th St., Bridgeport, Pa.
See at Show Booth 2839.

Servo Amplifier 592

Transistorized

Transistorized servo amplifier model TA006-OA-100 measures 1-15/16 in. x 2-in. OD. It is capable of driving 60 or 400 cps servomotors. Power output is 10 w max, unmounted, no heat fins, or 4 w max, mounted, with 1/4-in. heat fins. Input impedance is 30 K Ω min; gain is 1,000 v per v, nominal.

Diehl Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, Somerville, N.J.

Availability: 60 days.

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Ultra-Stable Oscillator 593

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Hermes Electronics Co., Dept. ED, 75 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge 42, Mass.

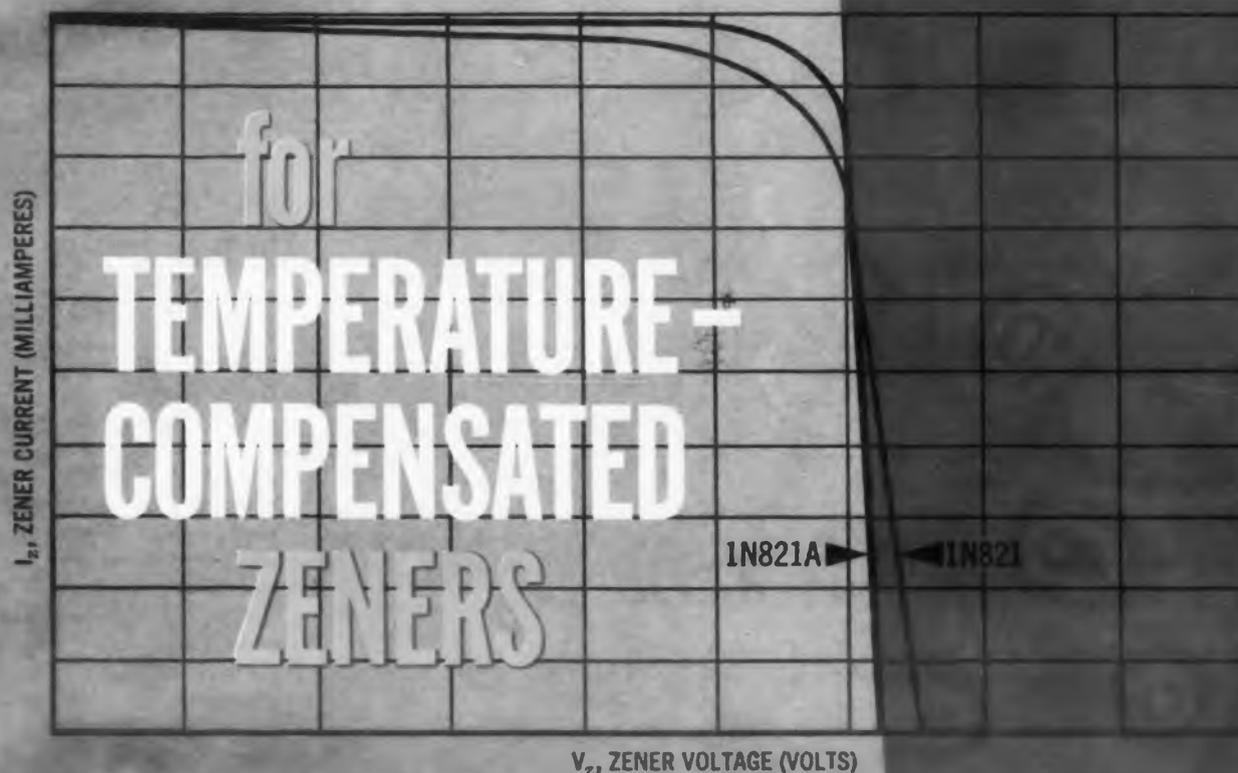
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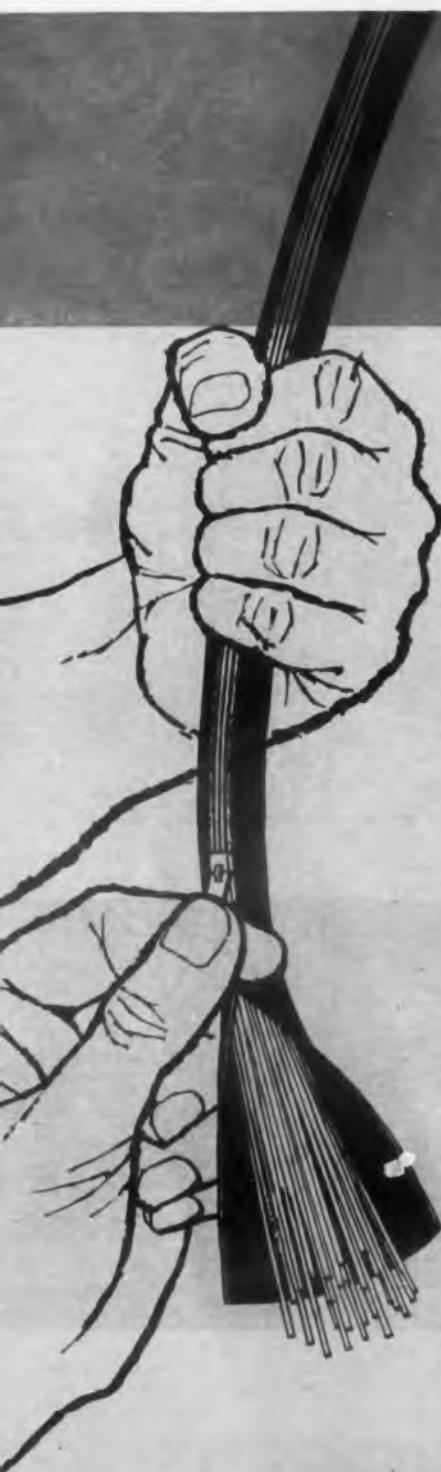
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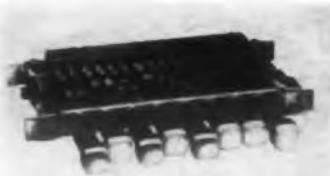
With four message areas, this placard indicator performs the function of a group of indicator lights. The compact device measures 4-3/4 x 1-5/16 in. The one-piece lens is removable for lamp insertion. Legend is amber when lit, black when unlit. Four separate lamps and lamp circuits are used.

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Indicator Light

In small size



Measuring 1-5 8 in. over-all, this indicator light has a cylindrical lens 0.425 in. in diameter which accommodates up to three stamped digits. Lamp cartridge is replaced from panel front; voltage ranges from 1.35 to 28 v. Neon cartridges are available. The assembly mounts in a 3 8-in. hole.

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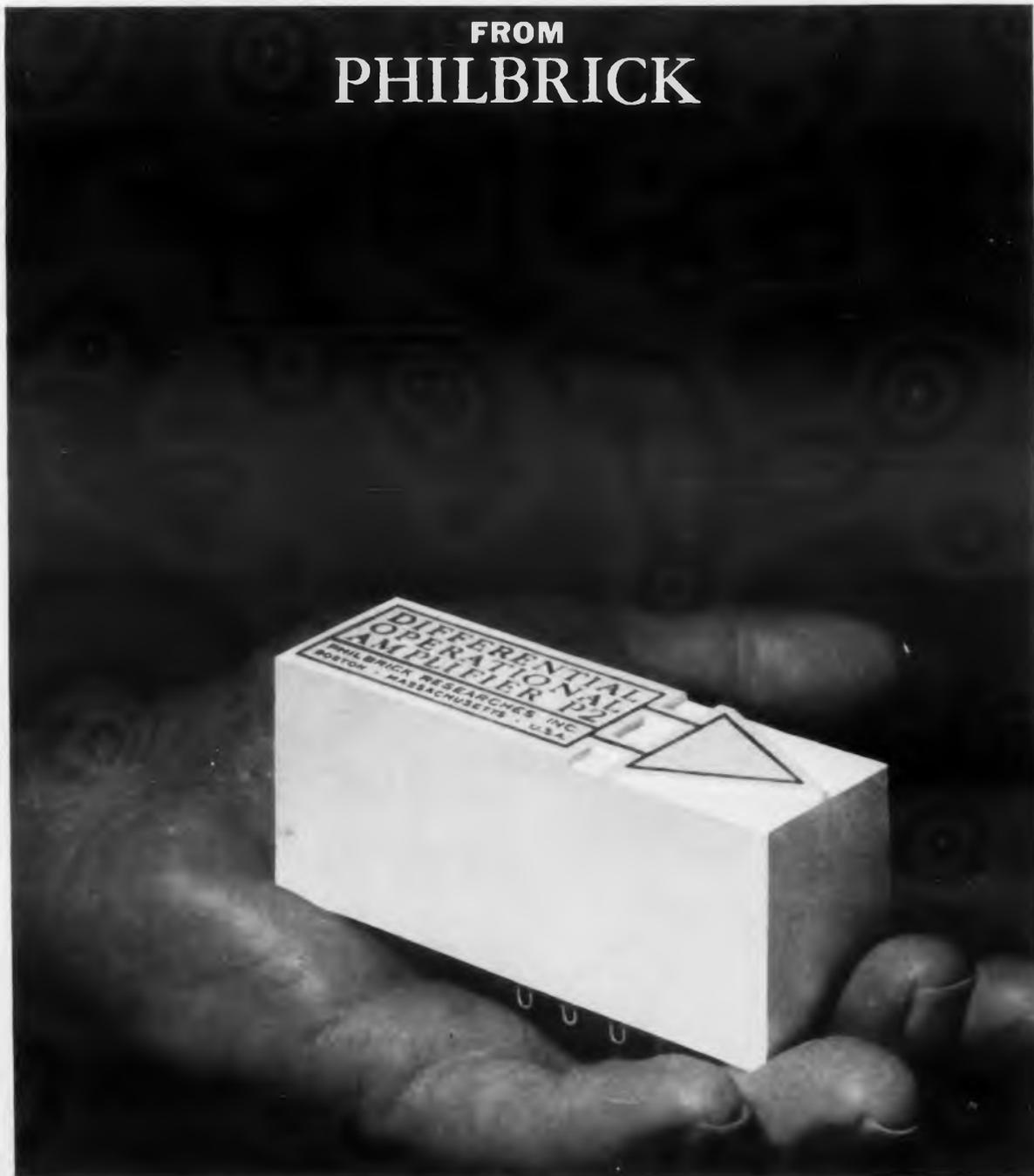
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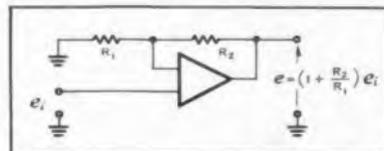
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Input:	Tolerable common mode signal level range: ≈ 200 volts	
Admittance	600 $\mu\Omega$	
Current: (at room temperature)	2×10^{-11} amp	10^{-10} amp
Drift: (referred to inputs) (20°-45°C.)	2 mv	5 mv
	typically less than 100 μV in 8 hours at constant temperature	
Bandpass:	Small signal — unity open-loop gain at 75 kc	
	Large signal — output becomes amplitude limited at 1 kc	
	Output range will be reduced by 12 db/octave above 1 kc	
Power requirements:	≈ 15 vdc at less than 11 ma (worst case load)	
MECHANICAL		
Dimensions:	4" L x 1 3/4" W x 1 1/16" H plus 3/8" additional clearance for terminals	
Mounting:	3 1/2" centers, 2 holes for No. 8 screws (furnished with unit)	
Weight:	Mounted: 11 oz. Packed: 1 lb.	
Enclosure:	Potted, cast aluminum case	

For aid with your applications and for a demonstration of P2's capabilities, write, wire or phone Philbrick or your nearest Philbrick representative.

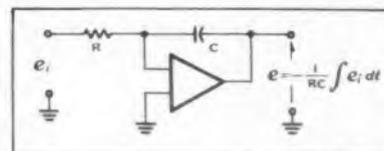
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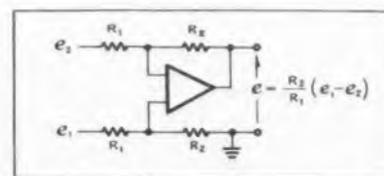


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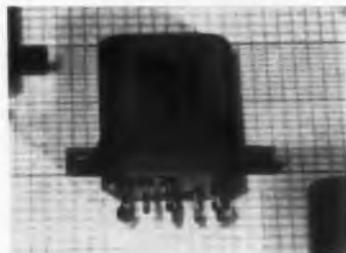
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Gain	30K minimum
Input Imp.	a) No measurable phase shift in 20 cps passband for 60 cps carrier; b) Less than 10 phase shift in 100 cps passband for 400 cps carrier
Phase Shift	0.13 volts, input shorted
Noise	-28 ± 2 volts DC at 600 amp; +9 ± 1 volts DC at 0.15 amp
Power Req.	



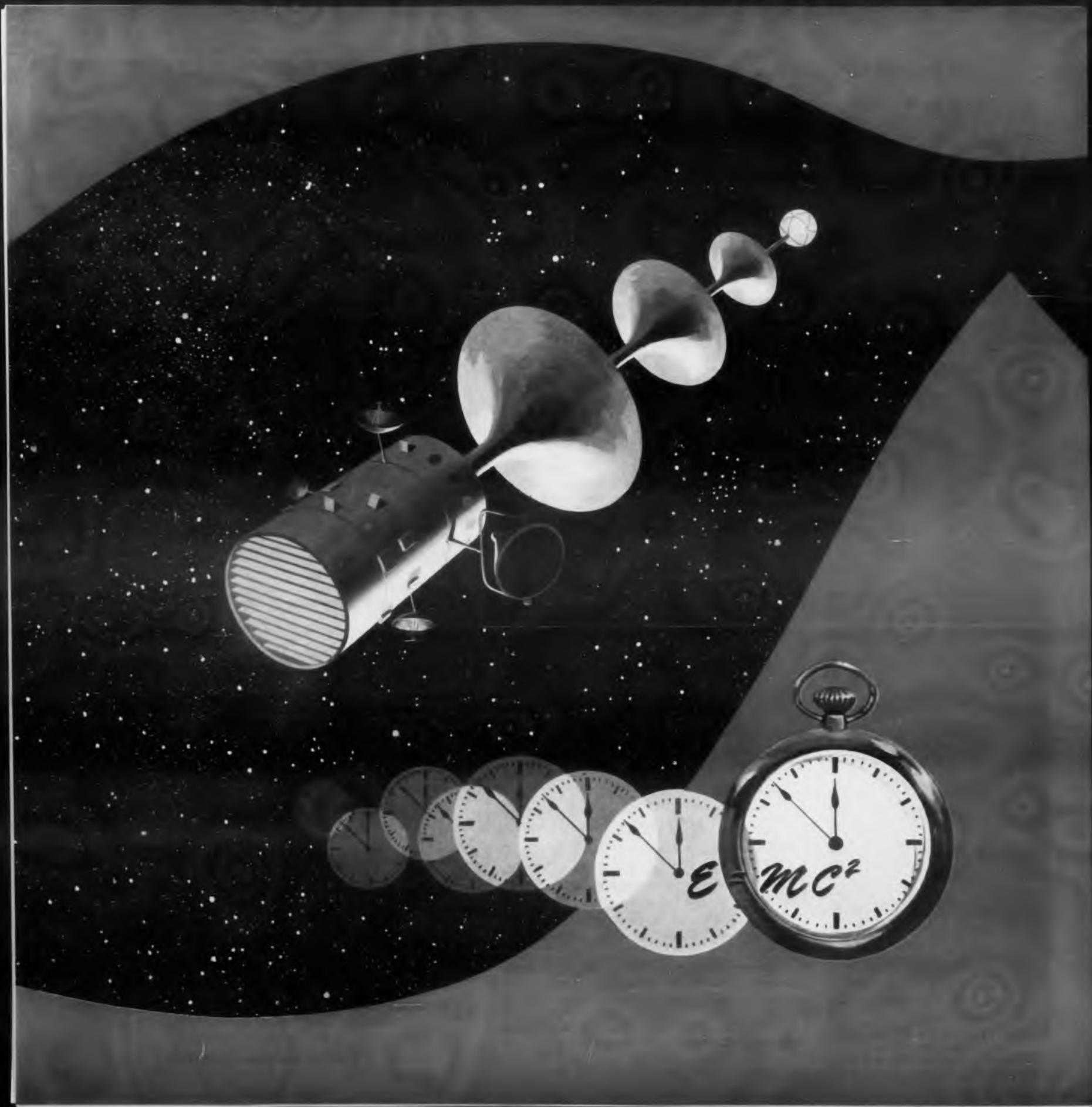
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Universal Manufacturing Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 1168 Grove St., Irvington, N.J.

See at Show Booth 4004-05.

Interlock Switch

567

Is cheat-proof



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Control Switch Div., Controls Co. of America, Dept. ED, Folcroft, Pa.

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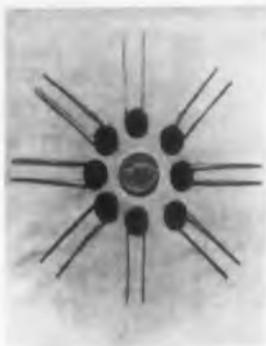


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Continental Connector Corp., Dept. ED, Woodside 77, N.Y.

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Crimp Tools

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Cannon Electric Co., Dept. ED, 3208 Humboldt St., Los Angeles 31, Calif.

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Rack/Panel Plugs

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With crimp contacts



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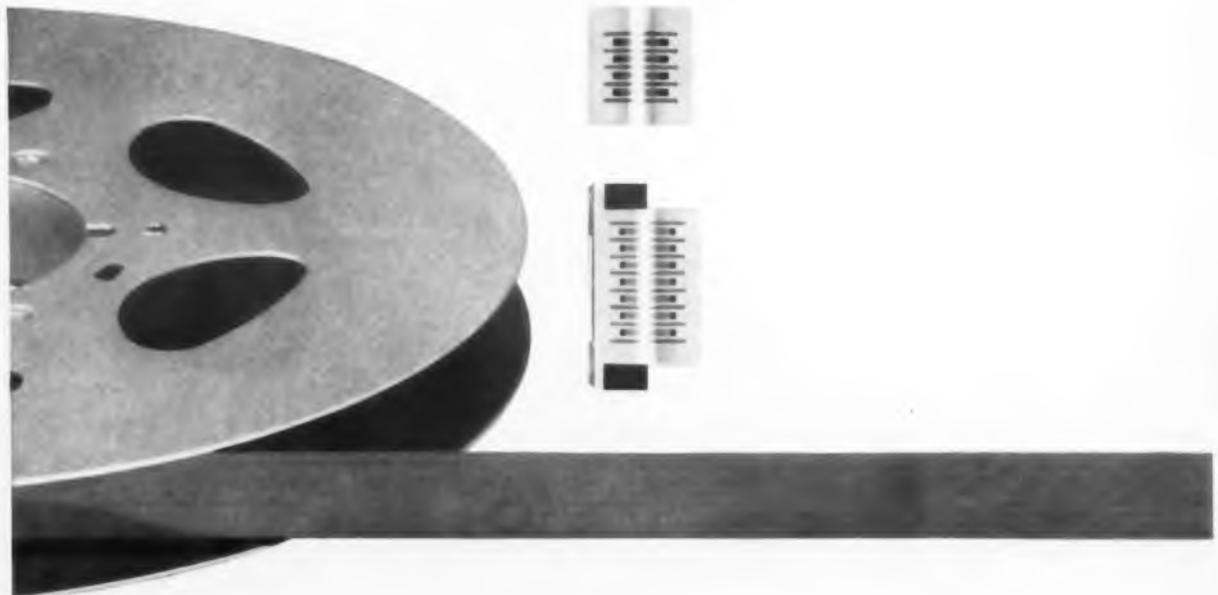
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Airpax Electronics Inc., Seminole Div., Dept. ED, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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Availability: 3 to 4 weeks.

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Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Dept. ED, Wayne and Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa.

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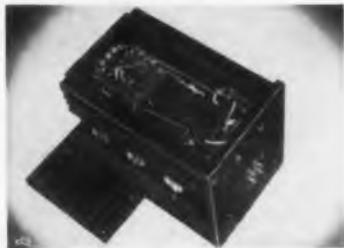
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Kaiser Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 1160 Monroe St., Union, N.J.

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Cincinnati Sub-Zero Products, Dept. ED, 3932 Reading Road, Cincinnati 29, Ohio.

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General Controls Co., PIC Automation Controls Div., Dept. ED, 8078D McCormick Blvd., Skokie, Ill.

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General Thermoelectric Corp., Dept. ED, Princeton, N.J.

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National Ultrasonic Corp., Dept. ED, 111 Montgomery Ave., Irvington 11, N. J.

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Sorensen & Co., Inc., Dept. ED, Richards Ave., South Norwalk, Conn.

Pressure Transducer 422

Variable reluctance type

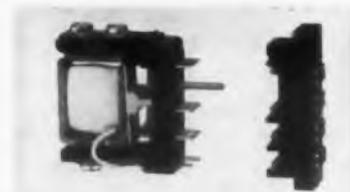


Model CP49 combines a variable reluctance pressure transducer and a dc-energized carrier-demodulator in a single package. Ranges are 5 to 10,000 psi, gage, differential, or absolute. Overpressure is 700 psid or 200% of range; zero shift with line pressure is less than 1% full scale. With an output of 0 to 5 v dc, the unit is regulated against input voltage changes from 25 to 30 v dc. Linearity is within 1/2%, hysteresis within 1/2%. Ambient temperature is -65 to 250 F.

Pace Engineering Co., Dept. ED, 13035 Saticoy St., North Hollywood, Calif.

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For computer use



The director is a wire-contact relay designed to set up circuits in the logic or arithmetic section of computers. The 4pdt relay has contacts rated at 3 amp, and an operating time of 5.5 msec max. Coil voltage is 20 to 115 v dc. Plug-in terminal and mating terminal block eliminate soldering.

Essex Wire Corp., RBM Controls Div., Dept. ED, Logansport, Ind.

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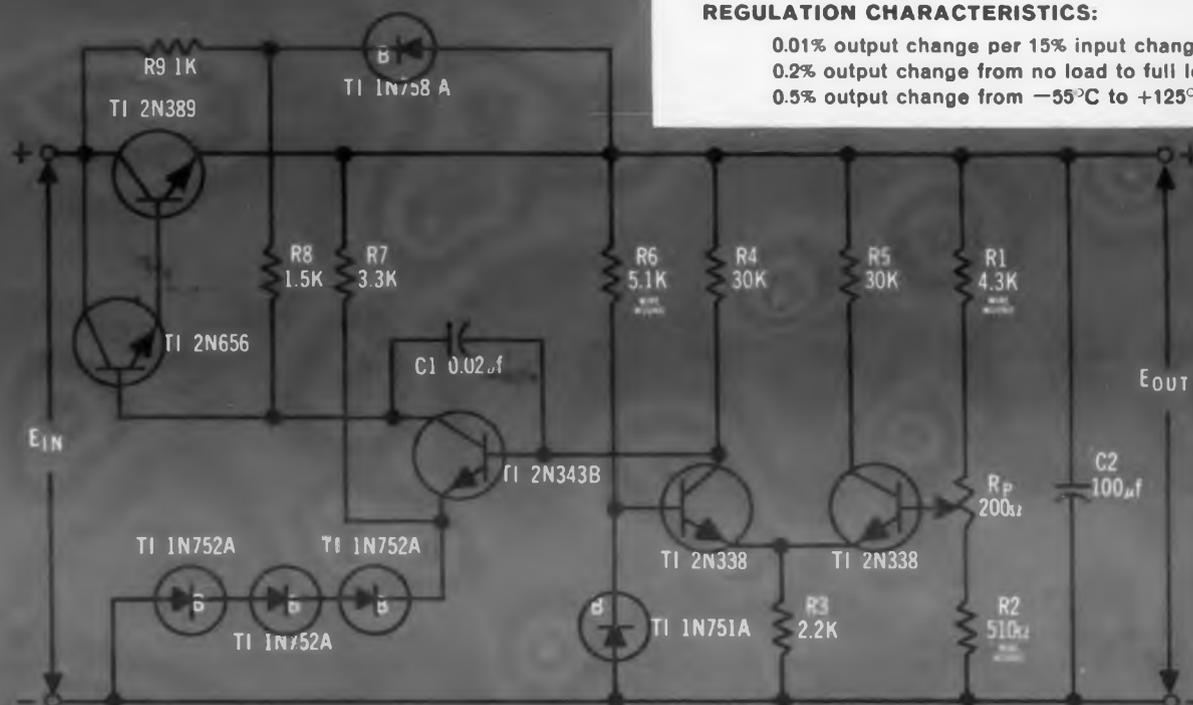
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Packard Bell Computer Corp., Dept. ED, 1905 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif.

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Eldorado Electronics, Dept. ED, 2821 Tenth St., Berkeley 10, Calif.

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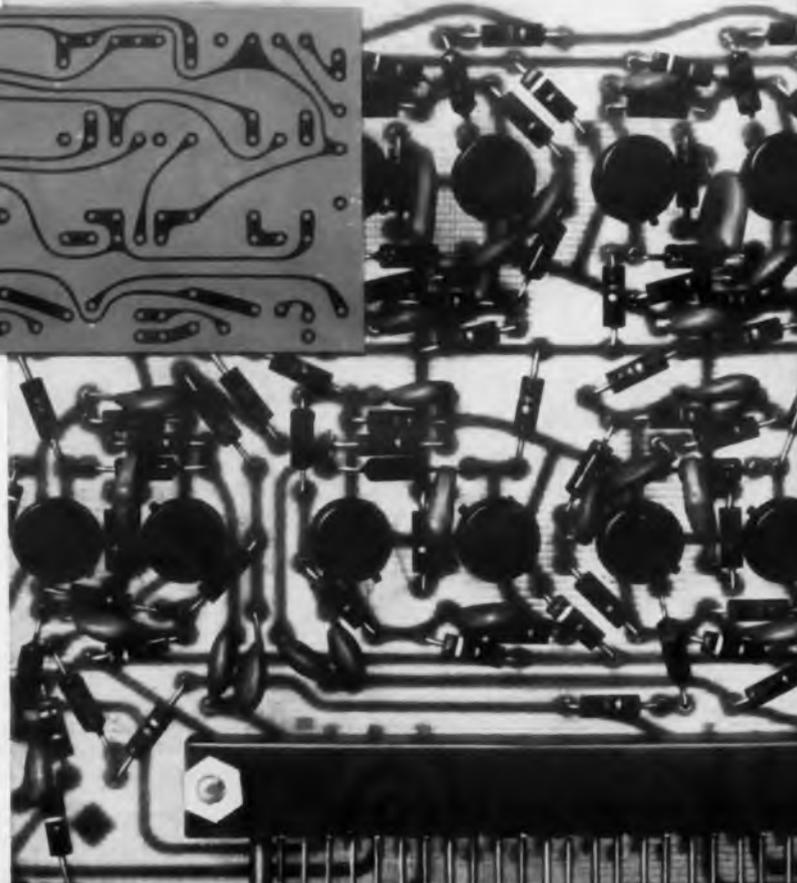
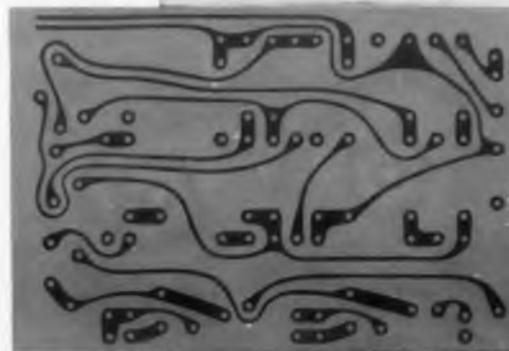
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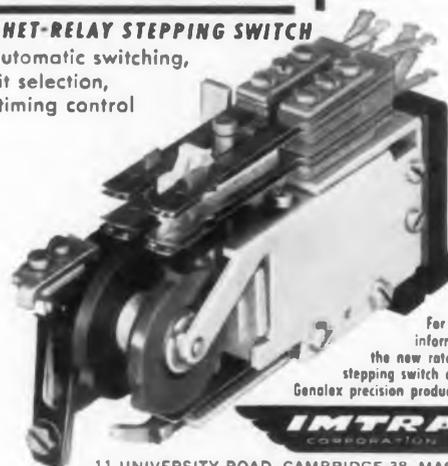
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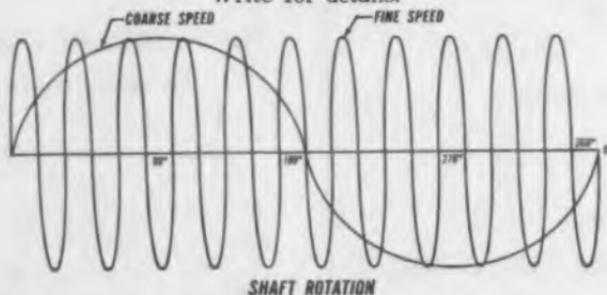
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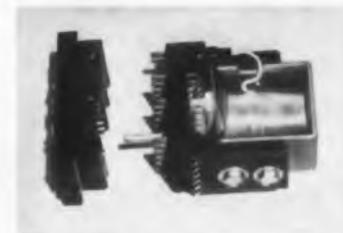
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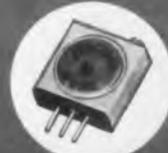
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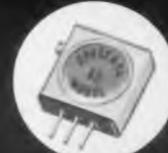
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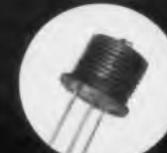
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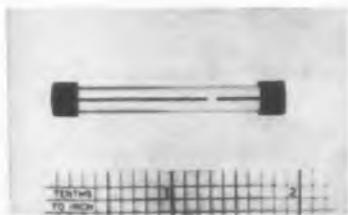


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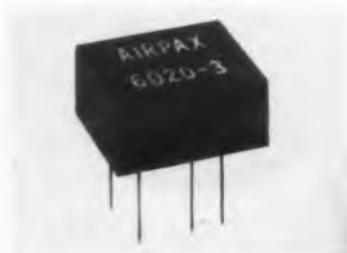
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Globe Industries, Inc., Electronics Div., Dept. ED, 525 Main St., Belleville 9, N. J.

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379

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Clary Corp., Dept. ED, 408 Junipero St., San Gabriel, Calif.

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Resistance Meter

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0 to 200 milliohms



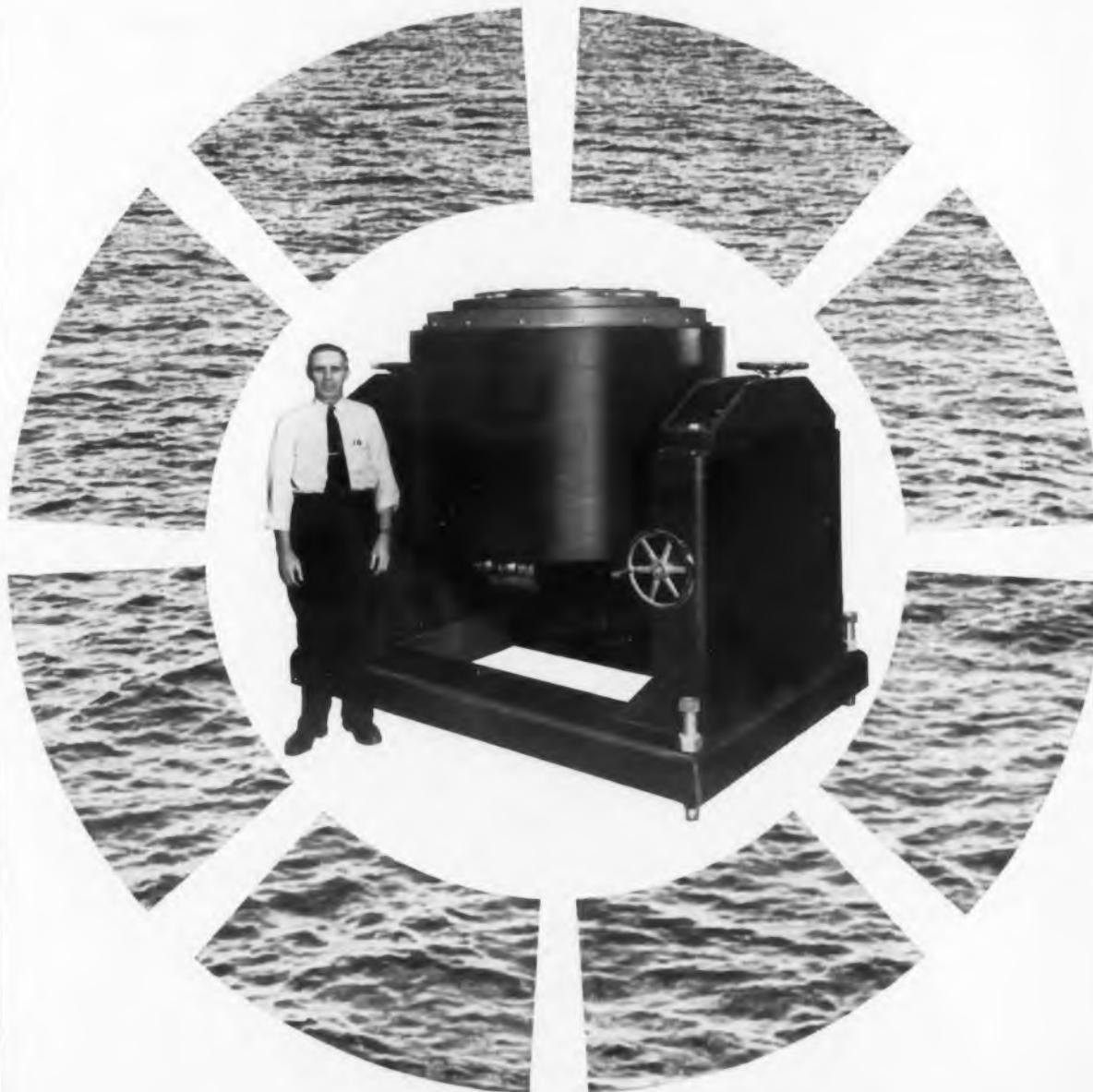
Designed for testing printed circuit boards and cable assemblies, this circuit resistance meter has a range of 0 to 200 milliohms. A safety circuit protects meters from overload damage. The solid-state device is permanently calibrated, and may be operated from 115/230 v, 50/125 cps, or from 30 v dc power supply. It measures 8 x 10 x 8 in. and weighs 11 lb.

Lytle Corp., Dept. ED, 1404 San Mateo S.E., Albuquerque, N.M.

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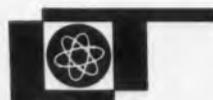
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For satellites



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Avco Corp., Electronics & Ordnance Div., Dept. ED, Cincinnati 15, Ohio.

Digital Module

503

Half-adder circuit



A half-adder digital building-block module, model 1281 is used in systems where it is necessary to compare the outputs of flip-flops and registers. One in a series of modules, it consists of 2 identical circuits, each of which performs a comparison function.

Harvey-Wells Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 14 Huron Drive, Natick, Mass.

Price: \$125.

Availability: Delivery from stock.

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498

With variable slope



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JFD Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 6101 16th Ave., Brooklyn 4, N.Y.

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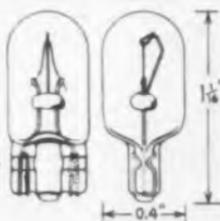
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TV Zoom Lens

618

A newly designed dc motor for remote control of the Mark VI zoom lens has no rf noise and is claimed to be more than 10 times as quiet as the most silent motors of the size. A plastic cover hermetically seals the armature. Zoomar, Inc., Dept. ED, 55 Sea Cliff Ave., Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.



Mercury-Wetted Relays

619

These mercury-wetted relays are available in self-contained units for mounting on circuit boards. The switch capsule is potted in a plated steel enclosure for mechanical protection and magnetic shielding. Switch capsule may be model HC, standard, or model HGS, super-fast. C. P. Clare & Co., Dept. ED, 3101 Pratt Blvd., Chicago 45, Ill.

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Push-Button Station

620

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Delay Lines

621

All-metal, 2-in. diam delay lines of the 8810 series are continuously variable, distributed constant units with delay times of 1 μ sec to 0.1 μ sec. Rise time is less than 10% of total delay time. Ambient temperature range is -55°C to 80°C . Beckman Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, 2500 Fullerton Road, Fullerton, Calif.

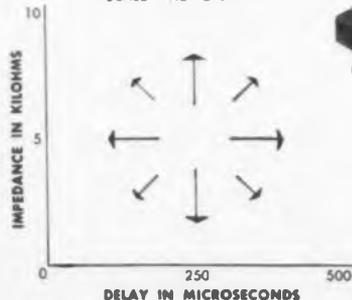
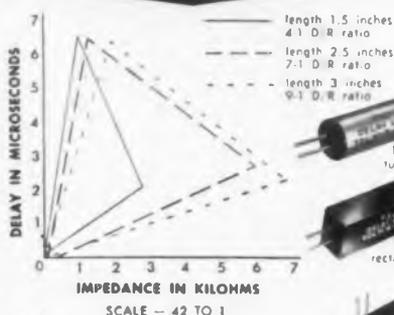


Low-Drain Solenoids

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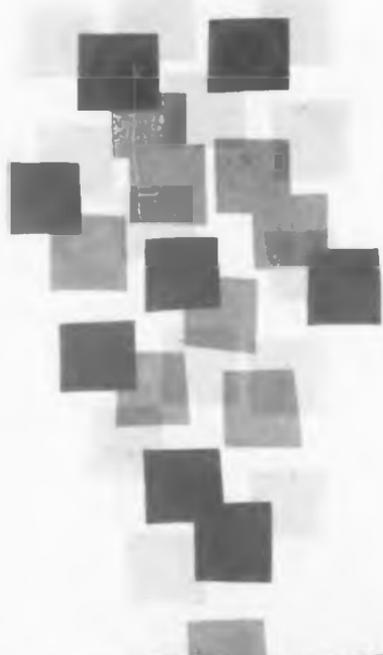
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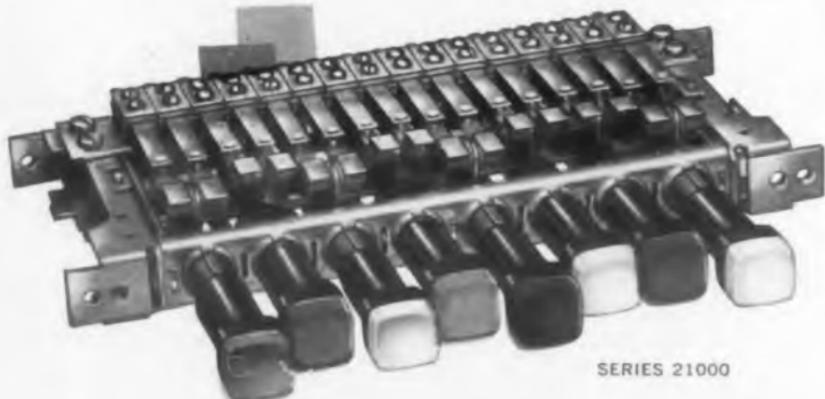




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521

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Daystrom, Inc., Weston Instruments Div., Dept. ED, 614 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark 12, N.J.

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430

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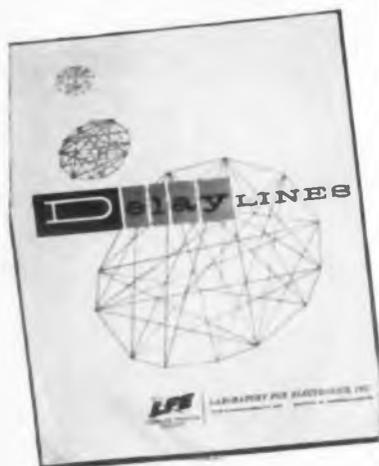
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Sonotec Inc., Langevin Div., Dept. ED, 503 South Grand Ave., Santa Ana, Calif.

Synchro Assembly

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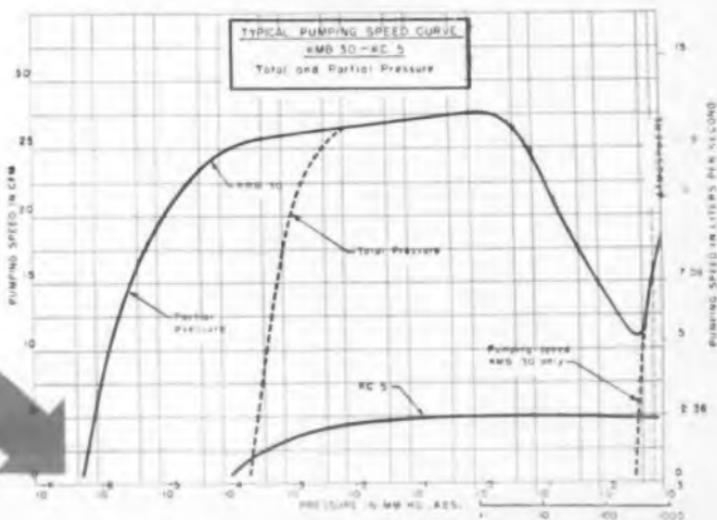
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Kahn Research Laboratories, Dept. ED, 81 S. Bergen Place, Freeport, N. Y.

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438

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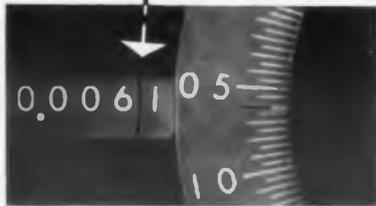
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481

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Servo-Tek Products Co., Dept. ED, 1086 Goffle Road, Hawthorne, N.J.

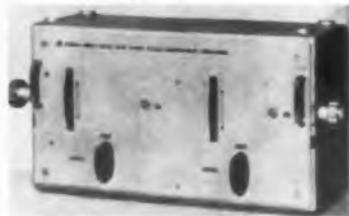
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Attenuator

484

Range is dc to 3 Gc



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392

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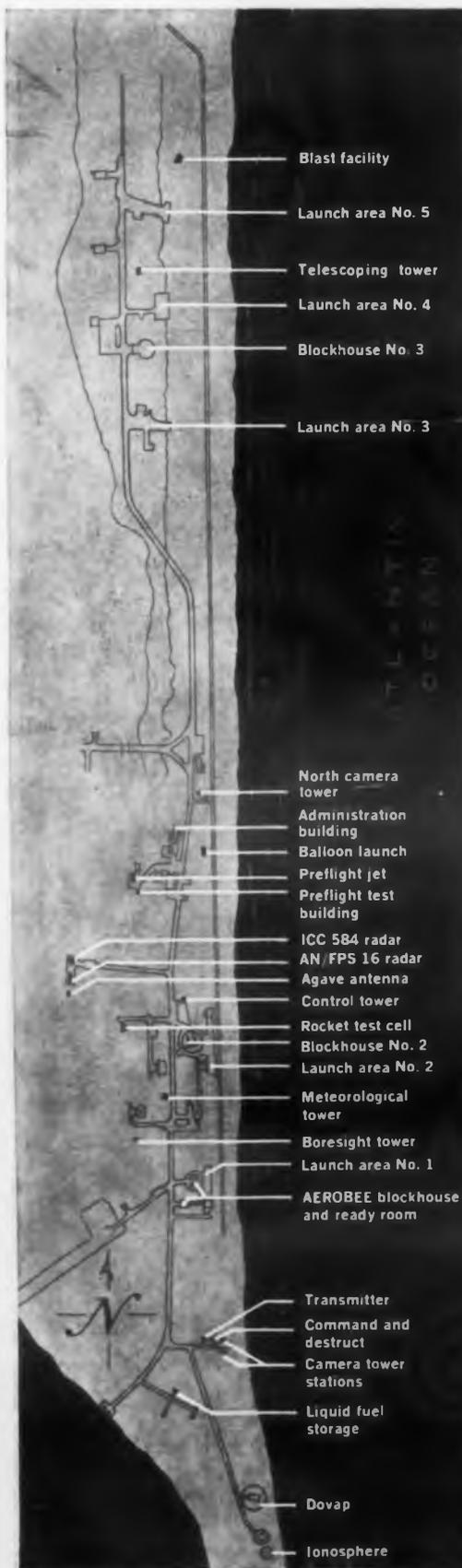


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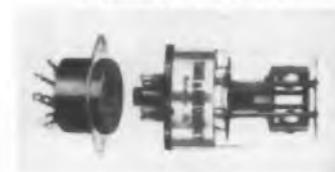
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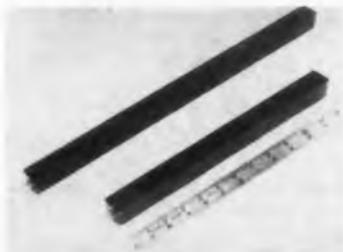
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Binary Electronics Co., Dept. ED, Bldg. E, 824 E. Walnut Ave., Fullerton, Calif.

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Drum System

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For delay and memory



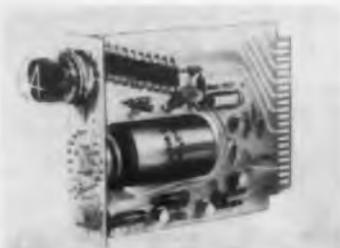
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Electron-Ohio, Inc., Dept. ED, Box 9527, Solon, Ohio.

Decade Counter

365

Plug-in module



The DC-114 has a shielded Beam-X switching tube and a Nixie readout mounted on a single plug-in module. Designed for frequencies to 110 kc, it provides visual readout and 10 individual constant current outputs for printing, gating, or presetting. A transistor driving circuit is used to activate the 50,000-hr life switching tube. Input is 12 v.

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

Price: \$100.



The new NLS 481A digital voltmeter features both plug-in stepping switches and a snap-out readout that virtually eliminate use of a solder gun or other tools in servicing. Note the "finger-control" leverage bars for easy switch removal.



Applications include production testing, instrument calibration, laboratory testing, receiving inspection.



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Although the 481A features exclusive plug-in stepping switches previously found only on higher cost NLS digital voltmeters, it sells for only \$1,525, complete. Delivery is from stock - 15 days are required if stocks are temporarily depleted. NLS will continue to manufacture the 481 in volume for customers who have standardized on this instrument or where initial price is more important than the long-term savings in servicing offered by the 481A.

A statement of policy: The 481A - like other new NLS instruments to be announced in the coming months - is not a "pie-in-the-sky" instrument or prototype. It has long since undergone complete testing and is now in volume production to assure you prompt delivery of a fully-tested, quality instrument.

See the new NLS 481A at IRE, Booth 3041-42.



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413

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483

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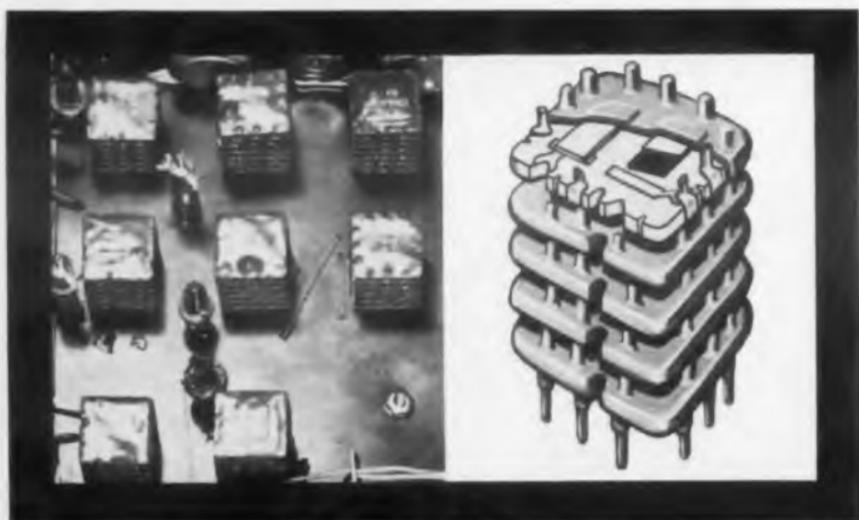
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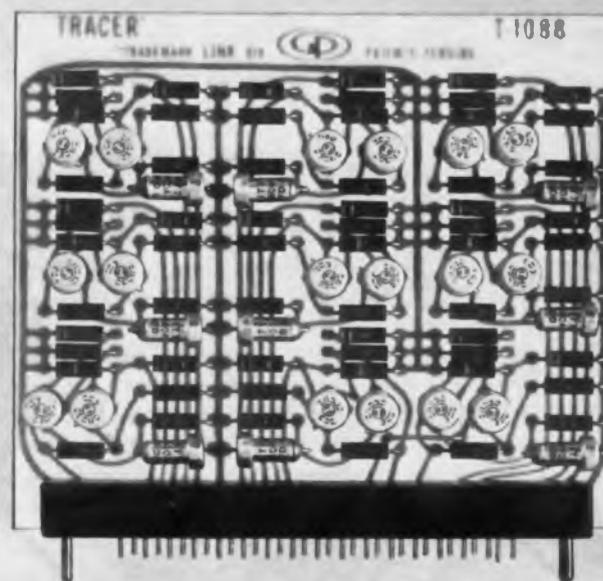
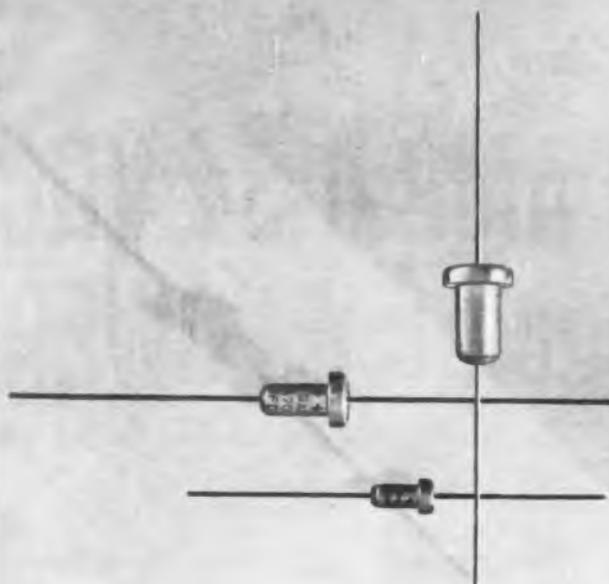


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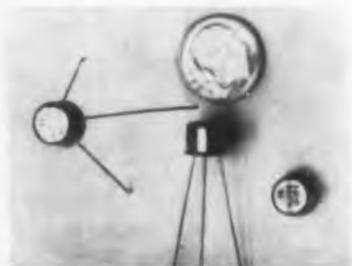
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Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc., Technical Information Center, Dept. HVM, Dept. ED, 5005 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, Ariz.

Availability: Production quantities.

Trimming Potentiometer

368

Sealed in plastic



A sealed, all-plastic multi-turn potentiometer, the model 3010 has high-humidity resistance. It can be potted without danger of leakage. Resistances are 10 to 100 K; power rating is 1.0 w at 70 C. Operating temperature is 175 C max and temperature coefficient is 70 ppm max. The 0.1-oz unit measures 1-1/4 x 1/4 x 5/16 in.

Bourns, Inc., Trimpot Div., Dept. ED, 6135 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif.

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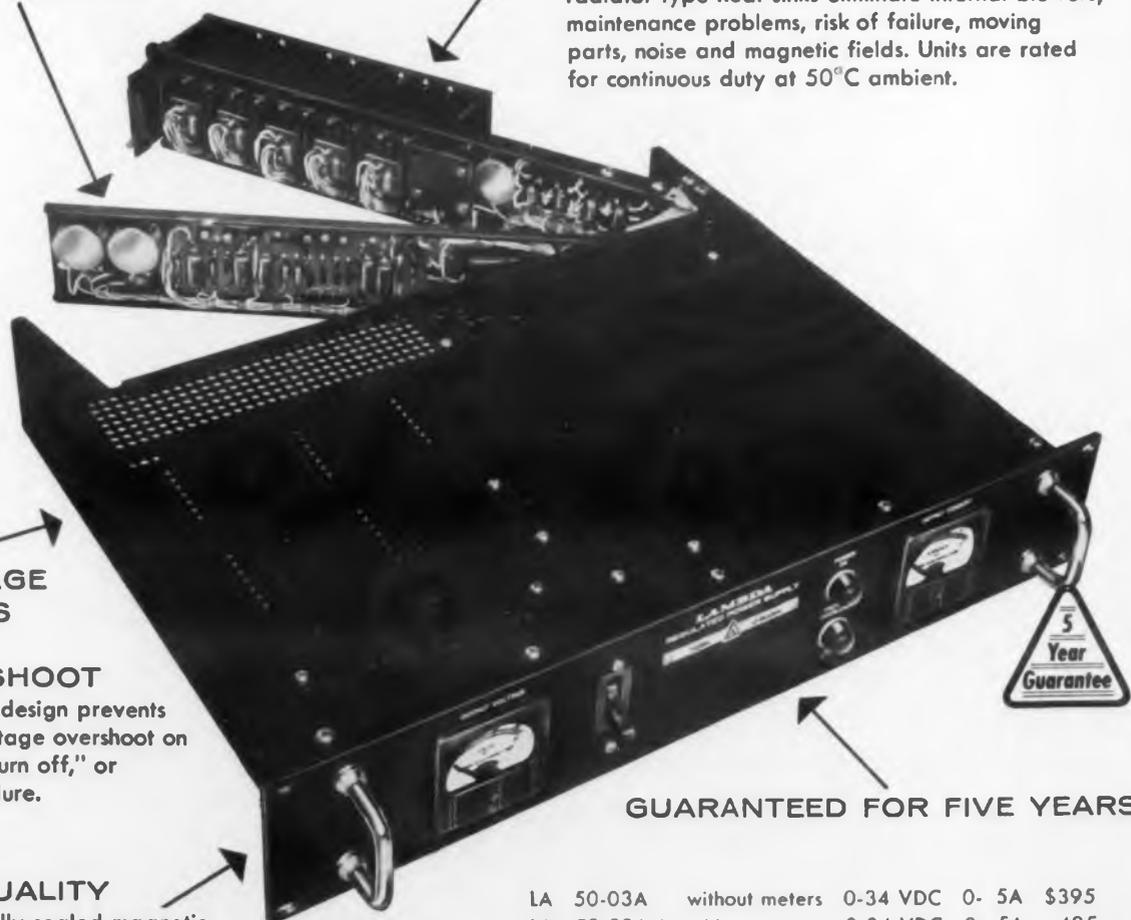
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Model	Voltage Range ¹	Current Range ²	Price
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LA 50-03AM	0-34 VDC	0-5A	425
LA100-03A	0-34 VDC	0-10A	510
LA100-03AM	0-34 VDC	0-10A	540
LA200-03A	0-34 VDC	0-20A	795
LA200-03AM	0-34 VDC	0-20A	825

¹The output voltage for each model is completely covered in four steps by selector switches plus vernier control and is obtained by summation of voltage steps and continuously variable DC vernier as follows:

MODEL	VOLTAGE STEPS
LA 50-03A, LA 50-03AM	- 2, 4, 8, 16 and 0.4 volt vernier
LA100-03A, LA100-03AM	- 2, 4, 8, 16 and 0.4 volt vernier
LA200-03A, LA200-03AM	- 2, 4, 8, 16 and 0.4 volt vernier

²Current rating applies over entire output voltage range

Regulation (line)	Better than 0.05 per cent or 8 millivolts (whichever is greater). For input variations from 100-130 VAC
Regulation (load)	Better than 0.10 per cent or 15 millivolts (whichever is greater). For load variations from 0 to full load.
Transient Response (line)	Output voltage is constant within regulation specifications for step function line voltage change from 100-130 VAC or 130-100 VAC
Transient Response (load)	Output voltage is constant within regulation specifications for step-function load change from 0 to full load or full load to 0 within 50 microseconds after application.
Internal Impedance	LA 50-03A less than .008 ohms LA100-03A less than .004 ohms LA200-03A less than .002 ohms
Ripple and Noise	Less than 1 millivolt rms with either terminal grounded.
Polarity	Either positive or negative terminal may be grounded.
Temperature Coefficient	Better than 0.025 %/°C
AC INPUT	100-130 VAC, 60 ± 0.3 cycle ³ LA 50-03A 360 watts ⁴ LA100-03A 680 watts ⁴ LA200-03A 1225 watts ⁴

³this frequency band amply covers standard commercial power lines in the United States and Canada.
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CONTROLS:

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Remote Sensing	Provision is made for remote sensing to minimize effect of power output leads on DC regulation, output impedance and transient response.

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Size	LA 50-03A	3½" H x 19" W x 14¾" D
	LA100-03A	7" H x 19" W x 14¾" D
	LA200-03A	10½" H x 19" W x 16½" D
Weight	LA 50-03A	55 lb Net 85 lb Ship. Wt.
	LA100-03A	100 lb Net 130 lb Ship. Wt.
	LA200-03A	140 lb Net 170 lb Ship. Wt.
Panel Finish	Black ripple enamel (standard). Special finishes available to customers specifications at moderate surcharge. Quotation upon request.	

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Beckman Instruments, Inc., Berkeley Div., Dept. ED, 2200 Wright Ave., Richmond, Calif.

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DIT-MCO, Inc., Electronics Div., Dept. ED, 911 Broadway, Kansas City 5, Mo.

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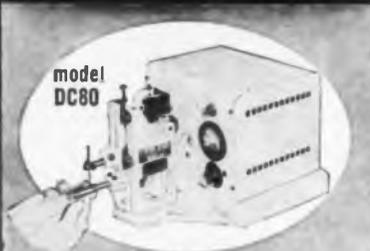
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Lynch Communication Systems Inc., Dept. ED, 695 Bryant St., San Francisco 7, Calif.

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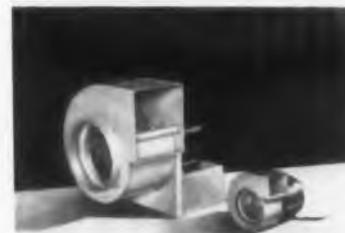
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Electronic Designs, Dept. ED, 2311 Farrington St., Dallas 7, Tex.

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

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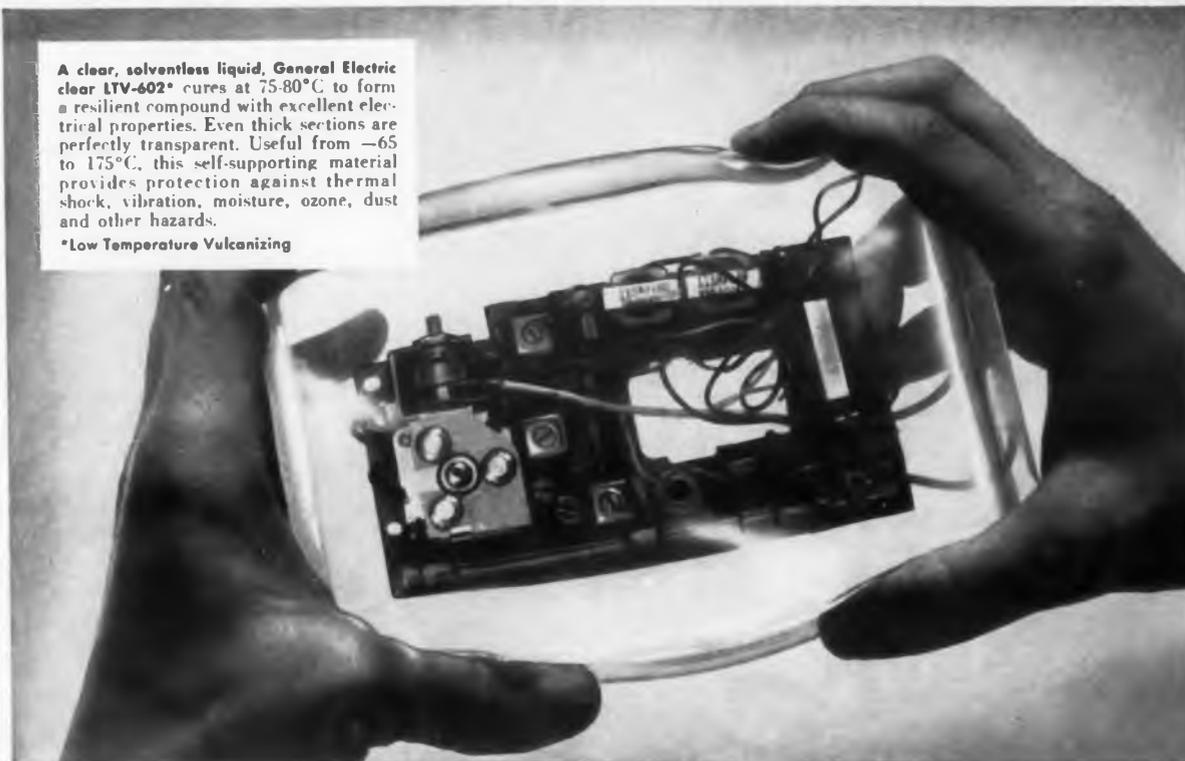
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LTV-602 is the newest addition to the broad line of G-E silicone potting and encapsulating materials which also include the RTV silicone rubbers. For more information, write to General Electric Company, Silicone Products Department, Section Waterford, New York.

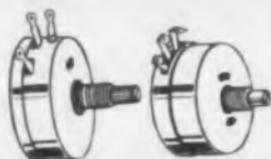
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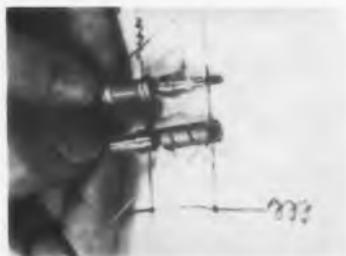
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Temperature Engineering Corp., Dept. ED, Riverton, N.J.

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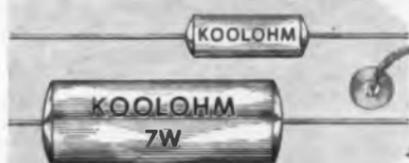
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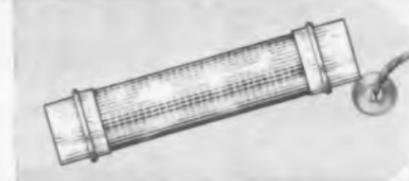
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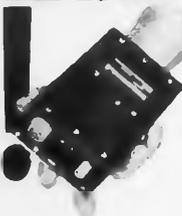
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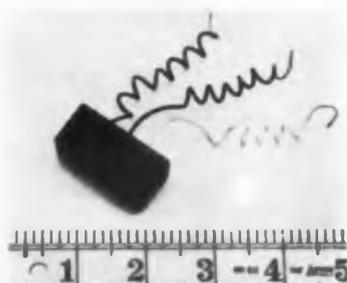
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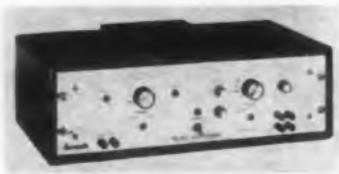


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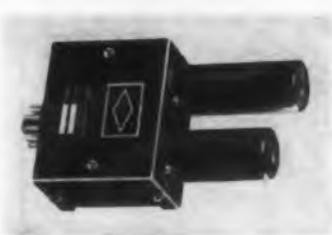


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Magnetic Research Corp., Armour Stabvolt Div., Dept. ED, 3160 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.

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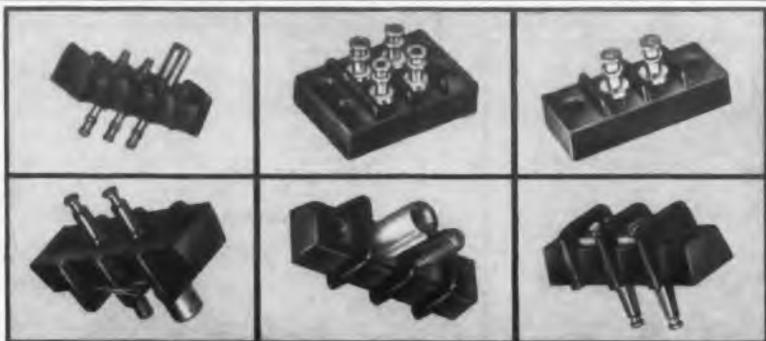


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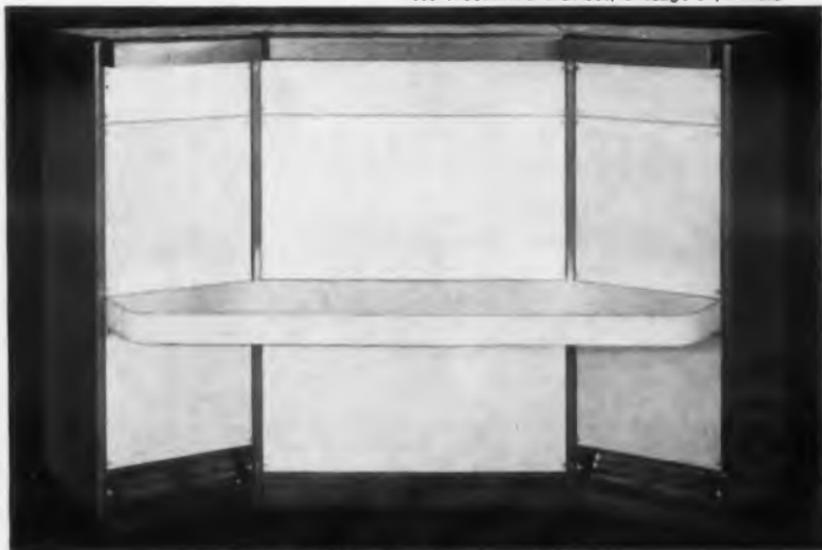
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Information on Vernistat a.c. potentiometers for design engineers

TERMINAL CONFORMITY—THE RAINBOW AT THE END OF THE POT

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IMPEDANCE

The input voltage of the Vernistat looks into a very high impedance because the autotransformer consists of many turns of wire around a high-permeability core. The load, however, looks back to a very low impedance, because output impedance of the Vernistat is determined mainly by the resistance of the interpolating pot. Hence, as far as the load is concerned, the impedance of the autotransformer never goes above a few ohms.

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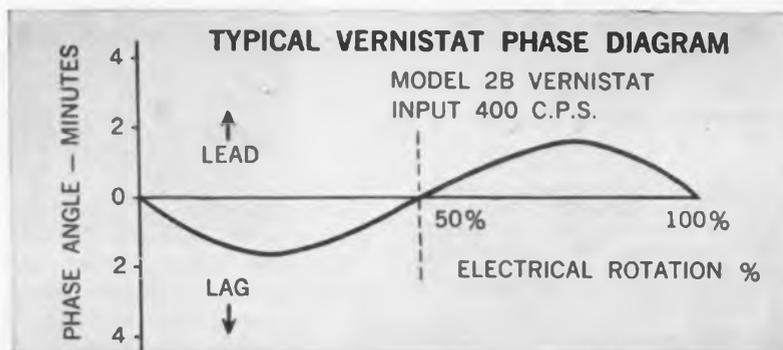
about 1.4% will result. This obviously is ruinous to system accuracies requiring a linearity of $\pm 0.1\%$ — a common figure in analog computer and servo work. With the same 500 K load, a Model 3B Vernistat goes to the head of the class with a maximum loading error of only $\pm 0.008\%$.

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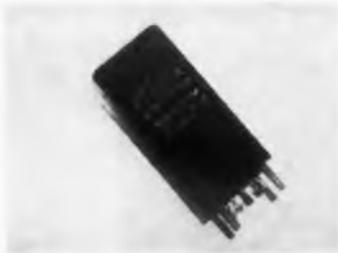
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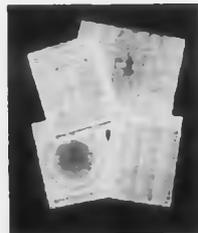
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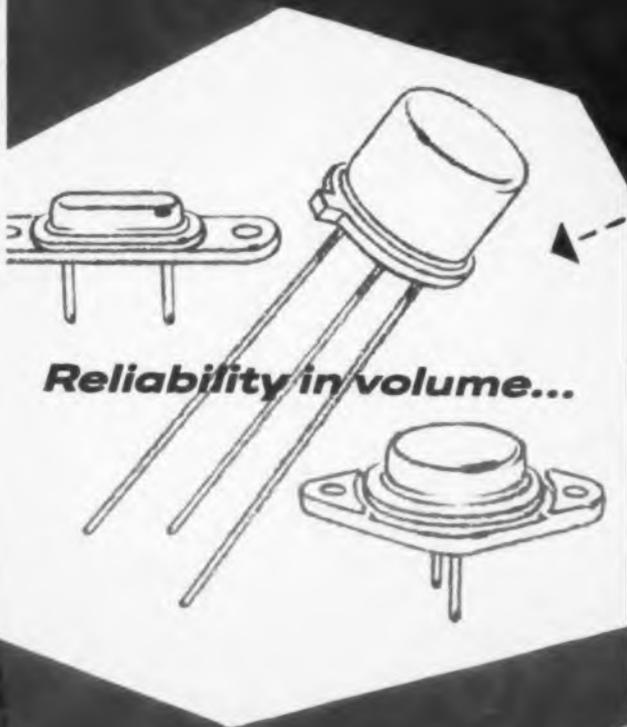
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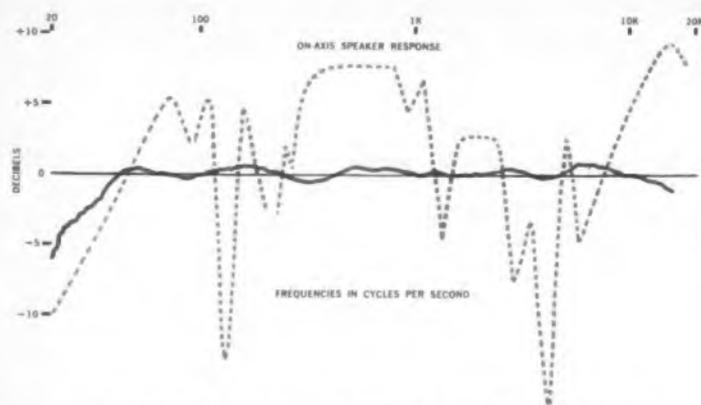
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New transistorized speaker-amplifier system sets high standards in fidelity

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By ROBERT CHASE — Applications Engineer Clevite Transistor

Utilizing servo feedback techniques, this new integrated sound reproducing unit treats the amplifiers loud speaker and enclosure as one electromechanical-acoustic network. The frequency requirements of this feedback system would have required prohibitively expensive output transformers had tubes been used. Inherent properties of power transistors that makes them suitable for output transformerless design made a reality of what was formerly considered an uneconomical but ideal acoustic theory.

The degree of success in this design is clearly shown by the curves that compare the pressure response of this system with a high quality, low efficiency speaker driven by a quality tube amplifier. The total technical specifications of this achievement are too detailed to be presented here. Crosby Telelectronics of Syosset, Long Island, New York, has become exclusive sales and manufacturing agent for this system. This firm can supply all details.

Key elements in this design were power transistors incorporating precise electrical characteristics and extreme reliability. These were found in the Clevite 2N1761 units.

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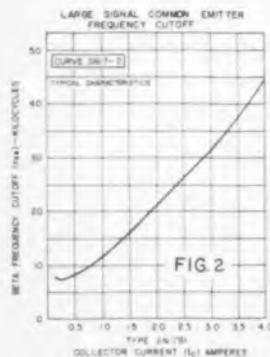


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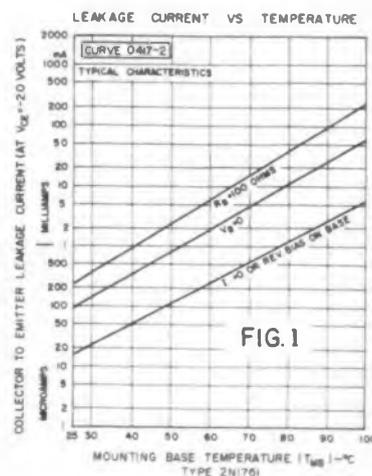


FIG. 1

Clevite type 2N1761 (see chart). These are relatively new, fully specified at high temperatures to allow stable, predictable operation in DC coupled circuits. Figure 1 shows leakage current versus temperature for various common emitter operating conditions. The Clevite Spacesaver transistor exhibits low phase shift at high audio frequencies, allowing its use in systems having large amounts of negative feedback. Frequency response of the 2N1761 versus collector current is shown in figure 2.

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Electrical Characteristics	Symbol	Measurement Conditions	2N1761			Units
			Min	Max	Max	
D.C. Current Gain	β_{DC}	$I_C = 0.5 A$ $V_{CE} = -2.0 V$	80	100	150	
Base Input Voltage	V_{EB}	$I_C = 3.0 A$ $I_B = 200 mA$		0.5	1.0	Vdc
Collector to Emitter Saturation Voltage	$V_{CE(SAT)}$	$I_C = 3.0 A$ $I_B = 300 mA$		0.3	0.7	Vdc
Large Signal Cutoff Frequency	f_{β}	$I_C = 1.0 A$ $r_c = 500 \Omega$ $V_{CE} = -2.0 V$	10	15		Kc
Thermal Resistance	R_{θ}			1.4	2.5	$^{\circ}C/W$
Collector to Base Breakdown Voltage	BV_{CBO}	$I_{CBO} = 3.0 mA$	80			Vdc
Emitter to Base Breakdown Voltage	BV_{EBO}	$I_{EBO} = 3.0 mA$	20			Vdc
Collector to Emitter Saturation Voltage	$V_{CES(SUS)}$	$I_C = 500 mA$ Shorted Base $V_{EB} = 0$	65			V
Collector to Emitter Saturation Voltage	$V_{CE(SUS)}$	$I_C = 500 mA$ Open Base $I_B = 0$	55			V
Collector Cutoff Current	I_{CBO}	25 $^{\circ}C$ 40 Vdc 10 Vdc 100 Vdc		4.0	3.0	mA
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Aero Data Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 12780 B Western Ave., Garden Grove, Calif.

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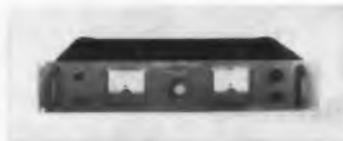
Westinghouse Lamp Div., Dept. ED, MacArthur Ave., Bloomfield, N.J.

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Harrison Laboratories Inc., Dept. ED, 45 Industrial Road, Berkeley Heights, N.J.

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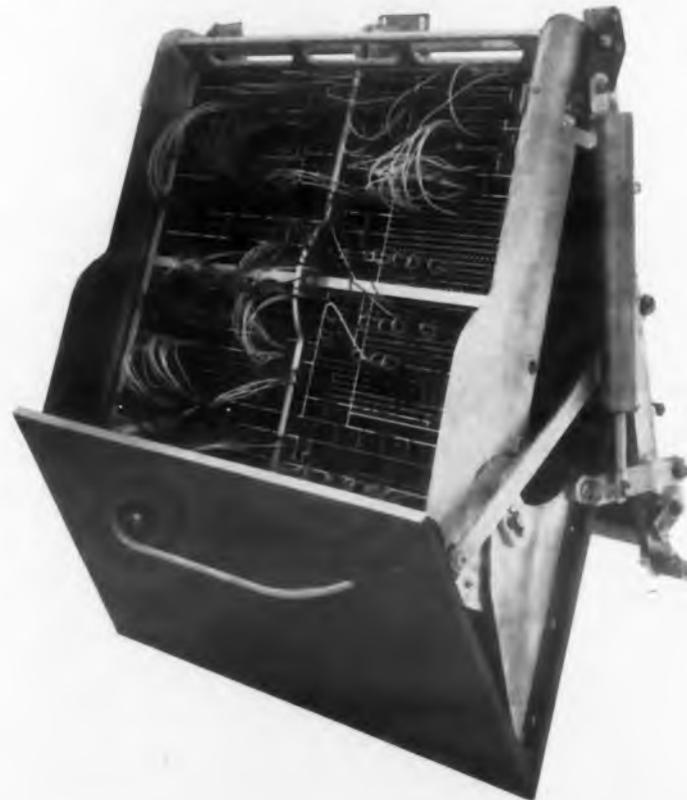
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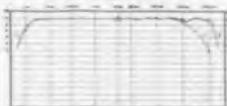
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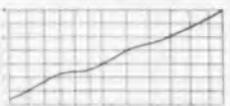
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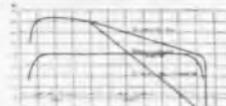
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Instrument Panels And Dials 261

This eight-page, two-color catalog, No. K, describes complete facilities for producing instrument panels and dials, including finishing, engraving and silk screening. It illustrates new pantograph engraving machines with a driving head for calibrating to an accuracy of one-minute. Also described are facilities for production or job-lot enameling, painting, and iridizing to MIL or customer specifications. Technical Enameling Co., 1208 Isabel St., Burbank, Calif.

Microwave Instrumentation 262

This eight-page brochure is entitled "Microwave Instrumentation." It describes the firm's line of twt amplifiers, microwave oscillators, power-leveling systems, solenoid and electrostatically focused amplifiers, and solenoids for twt's and bwo's. Menlo Park Engineering, 711 Hamilton Ave., Menlo Park, Calif.

Current Transformers 263

This four-page data sheet describes the firm's line of ac-to-ac current transformers. These units control, measure, or protect high-power circuits and are suitable for use in the electrical systems of aircraft and missiles. Specifications, dimensional drawings and typical linearity curves for the 876 and 875 units are given. Arnold Magnetics Corp., 6050 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.

Precision Waveguides 264

Waveguides and precision tube forming for electronic, aviation and aerospace applications are described in this eight-page, illustrated brochure. Dimensional diagrams, specifications and typical applications are given. A description of manufacturing facilities for forming aluminum, stainless steel, copper, brass, inconel, silver and magnesium is included. F. C. Kent Corp., 135 Manchester Pl., Newark 4, N.J.

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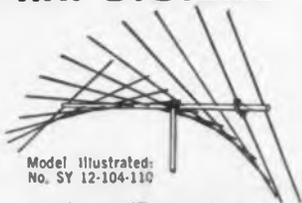
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Electronics Catalog

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Direct-Writing Oscillograph 265

Bulletin CEI-321, four pages, describes model 440 Ultragraph, a direct-writing oscillograph. Features and specifications data are given. Century Electronics & Instruments, Inc., P.O. Box 6216, Pine Station, Tulsa 10, Okla.

DC Power Supplies

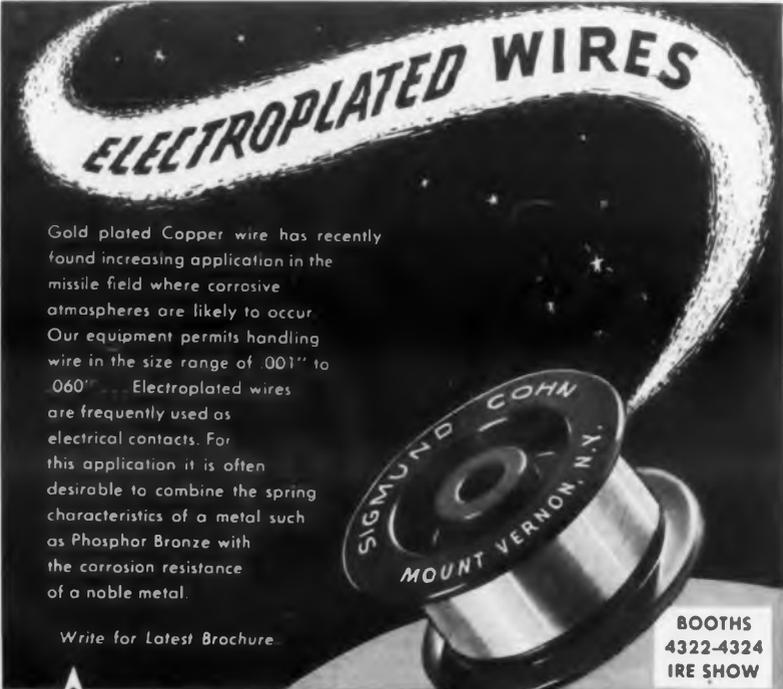
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Bulletin GED-4184, eight pages, describes the firm's standard line of transistorized dc power supplies for missile GSE systems, helicopter- and jet-aircraft power systems, computer installations and nuclear applications. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N.Y.

Semiconductor Products

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This 12-page brochure describes the firm's complete line of industrial and military semiconductor products. It lists such key specifications as breakdown voltage, current capacity, operating temperatures, and power dissipation. Included are germanium power transistors, audio and switching transistors, silicon and germanium-mesa transistors, silicon rectifiers, and silicon Zener diodes. Information concerning the firm's "Meg-A-Life" reliability program, which makes "military equivalent" semiconductor devices available to commercial users of transistors, is given. Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc., 5005 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, Ariz.



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NEW LITERATURE

Increment Computers 268

Eight-page bulletin No. 2154M2 describes the firm's variable increment digital computer (GEVIC). Guidance and navigation application in air and space vehicles, missiles and portable surface-based equipment is explained. The bulletin also describes a conditional variable increment computer (CVIC) and tunnel diode, thermal and cryogenic GEVIC units. Graphs and diagrams are included. General Electric Co., Light Military Electronics Dept., 600 Main St., Johnson City, N.Y.

Wirewound Resistors 269

Catalog No. 14-RE, 20 pages, describes the firm's line of wirewound resistors including encapsulated- and bobbin-type units. Performance characteristics, illustrations, and size rating charts are given. Microminiature units for printed-wiring applications are included. Aerovox Corp., Cinema Engineering Div., 1100 Chestnut St., Burbank, Calif.

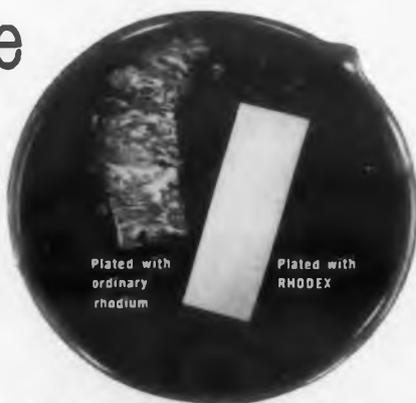
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Instrument Brochure 270

Instrument summary brochure No. 2, 20 pages, gives specifications on pressure transducers, position instruments, accelerometers and instrument systems. Applications, features and operating principles are included. It also contains a brief description of the firm's engineering, production, quality control and environmental testing departments. Bourns, Inc., Instrument Div., 6135 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif.

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Specially Engineered Lamps 272

Eight-page bulletin 1106-R gives specifications of specially engineered lamps. Dimensional drawings, range of voltages, current capacities and light output on many lamps for use in instrumentation, computers, electronic equipment, surgical instruments and other specialized functions, are given. Chicago Miniature Lamp Works, 1500 N. Ogden Ave., Chicago 10, Ill.

Electric Control Systems 273

Bulletin E74-1, four pages, describes and illustrates the 720 solid-state electric control systems designed to produce process variable outputs. Applications include power plants, atomic and nuclear plants, and marine installations. Block diagrams and component illustrations are given. Bailey Meter Co., 1050 Ivanhoe Road, Cleveland 10, Ohio.

Microwave Multiplier 274

Bulletin EM-4A two pages describes model FM-4A microwave frequency multiplier, a phase-locked oscillator that can transfer the accuracy and stability of a vhf driver into the microwave region of 500 to 30,000 mc. The instrument can be used with the firm's models FM-3, -6 and -7 as a driver. The unit measures and generates frequencies with accuracy and stability equal to that of the driving source. Specifications and illustrations are given. Gertsch Products, Inc., 3211 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.

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1960 "Idea of the Year" Award To Be Made First Day of IRE International Convention

Contributor to receive \$500 for outstanding idea published during the sixth anniversary of Ideas for Design

THE recipient of ELECTRONIC DESIGN's 1960 Design of the Year Award, for the outstanding idea appearing in the Ideas for Design section, will receive \$500 in cash and a plaque on March 20, upon the occasion of the opening of the 1961 IRE International Convention.

The winner will be named in the March 15 issue of ELECTRONIC DESIGN. ELECTRONIC DESIGN's editorial staff has been reviewing and analyzing all ideas published in Ideas for Design in 1960

and will make its decision early in February. Ideas are being evaluated on the basis of their usefulness and ingenuity.

The 100 most valuable ideas appearing in 1960 are being published in book form and will be available for inspection and purchase at ELECTRONIC DESIGN's booth at the IRE show in the New York Coliseum.

Since the inception of Ideas for Design in 1954, ELECTRONIC DESIGN has published more than 600

clever and useful ideas submitted by its engineer-readers. It has been a very popular department from the start.

The Seventh Anniversary Design of the Year Award will be \$1,000 cash, to be given in March, 1962. Rules governing the eligibility of ideas and the judging for this award follow on this page. Note that the payment for each idea has been raised and a Most Valuable Idea of Issue award of \$50 has been added.

Announcing The Seventh-Anniversary Awards

Idea of the Year Award \$1,000 cash

Most Valuable Idea of Issue Award \$50 cash

For each Idea for Design published \$20 cash

NOW entering its seventh year, the Ideas for Design department of ELECTRONIC DESIGN has triggered a steady flow of useful tips and suggestions for design engineers.

To stimulate an even greater outpouring, the editors are pleased to announce the new Seventh Anniversary Awards for Ideas for Design. We hope that they will enable us to publish a greater number of Ideas in every issue.

The new awards give you a chance to earn as much as \$1,050 for a single Idea for Design. For the first time, ELECTRONIC DESIGN is offering \$50 Most Valuable Idea of Issue Awards and a \$1,000 Idea of the Year Award. The least any published Idea can earn is \$20.

Here is how you can qualify for a Seventh Anniversary Award:

Submit an Idea for Design on the accompanying application blank. Your entry will be judged for publication by an Editorial Review Board, made up of ELECTRONIC DESIGN's staff of technical editors.

Once your Idea is published, you are in the running for the \$50 Most Valuable of Issue Award. The judging of this award is up to our readers. Every Idea for Design published will carry a key number, which will appear on the ELECTRONIC DESIGN Reader-Service Card. Readers merely circle the key numbers of Ideas they feel have merit. There is no limit to the number of choices any one reader may make. As a "judge," you may find that two Ideas or three have equal merit; you may vote for all.

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the Idea for Design suggests a solution to a problem of your own, is usable either immediately or in the future, or stimulates your thinking toward new solutions to problems. Then vote.

The Idea receiving the most votes from all readers wins \$50 as the Most Valuable of Issue. All other Ideas in same issue get a minimum of \$20.

The Ideas voted "Most Valuable" are then eligible for the year's grand prize of \$1,000. The single Idea to receive the award will be chosen from among these by ELECTRONIC DESIGN editors.

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SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

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Rules For Awards

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Ideas suitable for publication should deal with:

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2. new design techniques
3. designs for new production methods
4. clever use of new materials or new components in design
5. design or drafting aids
6. new methods of packaging
7. design short cuts
8. cost saving tips

Awards:

1. Each Idea published will receive an honorarium of \$20.
2. Ideas judged Most Valuable of Issue will receive \$50.
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Pulse Technique Measures Power Transistor DC Parameters

Power transistor dc parameters can be measured accurately at low junction temperatures with a simple laboratory setup of usually available equipment. The measuring method applies short-duty-cycle pulses to the transistors and uses a Tektronix 575 curve tracer and a differential amplifier. Because of the short pulses, little power is dissipated in the transistor and the junction temperature remains near ambient. Elaborate heat sinking is thus obviated.

The pulser is set, at 300- μ sec pulse width, 60 pulses per second, to synchronize with the power-line frequency. A trimmer at the rear of the

pulser chassis allows synchronization adjustment so that the pulses occur at the peaks of the line-current sine wave, as in Fig. 2. The droop in collector voltage on the leading and trailing edge of the pulse is less than 0.4 per cent.

The curve tracer is used in the ordinary manner, with the pulse system substituted for the internal base-step generator. This requires that the "Zero Current (Open Circuit)" switch on the curve tracer be in the "up" position. A simple jig may be bent from sheet metal or stiff wire for this purpose, or the switch itself may be modified. The curve tracer display is a small "pip" in-

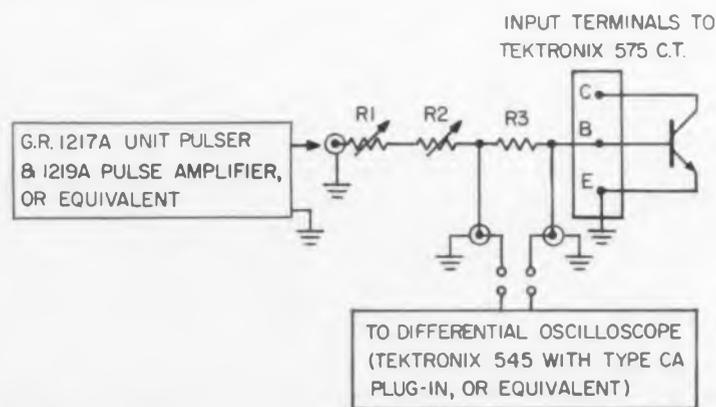
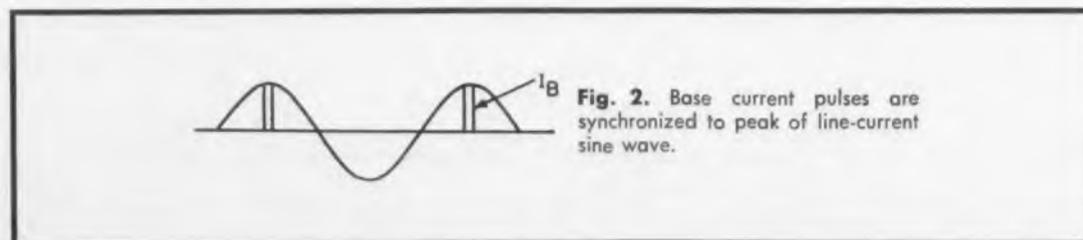


Fig. 1. Basic components of measuring set-up are pulse generator, transistor curve tracer and differential oscilloscope.



stead of the usual complete trace.

Resistors $R1$ and $R2$, Fig. 1, are used to adjust the base-drive pulse. They are typically 1 meg and 10 K. Other series resistors may be substituted if necessary. Resistor $R3$ is a 1 per cent resistor whose value is a convenient multiple of 10, depending on the current to be measured.

Examples For 2N1722 Transistor Illustrate Measurement Steps

The following examples show the steps involved in making a set of measurements for a 2N1722 silicon power transistor.

1. Measure h_{FE} , where $V_{CE} = 4$ v and $I_C = 3$ amp.
 - A. Set curve tracer horizontal scale knob to 0.5 v/div.
 - B. Set curve tracer vertical scale knob to 500 ma/div.
 - C. Simultaneously adjust the horizontal sweep voltage and $R1$ or $R2$ on the test jig until the pip on the crt of the curve tracer is located at 4 v and 3 amp.
 - D. Read I_b from the pulse height shown on the differential oscilloscope.
2. Measure V_{BE} , where $V_{CE} = 4$ v and $I_C = 6.3$ amp.
 - A. Perform steps, A, B, and C as outlined in the h_{FE} test.
 - B. Turn curve tracer horizontal knob to "Base Volts."
 - C. Read V_{BE} on horizontal scale.
3. Measure $V_{CE(sat)}$, where $I_C = 3$ amp and $I_B = 0.3$ amp.
 - A. Set I_B to 0.3 amp by adjusting $R1$ and $R2$ and reading on the differential oscilloscope.
 - B. Set curve tracer horizontal scale knob to "Collector Volts."
 - C. Set curve tracer vertical scale knob to 500 ma/div.
 - D. Adjust the horizontal sweep voltage until the pip on the curve tracer crt lies on the $I_C = 3$ -amp line.
 - E. Read V_{CE} on the horizontal scale.

The separate differential oscilloscope may be eliminated, at the cost of some convenience, by using one pair of the differential input terminals at the rear of the curve tracer. When the control knob is then turned to "Ext," input pulse height will be indicated by a straight line along one of the crt axes.

Results obtained using this test method were found to compare very favorably with those obtained by the manufacturer on his production test equipment.

James M. Doherty, Texas Instruments Inc., Semiconductor Components Div., Dallas, Tex.

Cathode-Follower Coupling Yields High Gain Bandwidth

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Here's a circuit configuration which can provide voltage gain bandwidths of over 650 mc. Low capacitive loading of the cascode amplifier, Fig. 1, by the direct-coupled cathode follower permits a high plate load resistance, and hence high gain, in the cascode stage. Capacitive loading of a following stage is virtually eliminated by the low output impedance of the cathode follower.

If low-noise, high-transconductance dual triodes are used, this circuit can be readily applied to amplifying low-level signals.

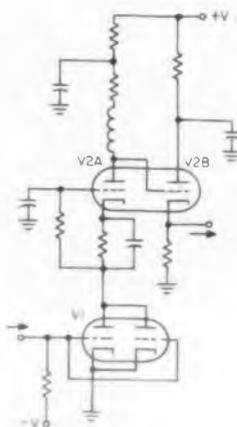


Fig. 1. Voltage gain bandwidths of over 650 mc can be obtained with cathode-follower coupled to cascode stage.

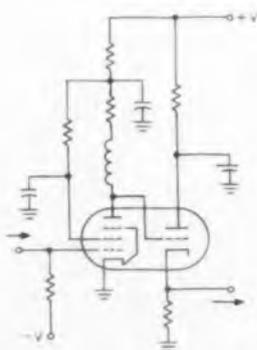


Fig. 2. With a single pentode-triode tube, gain-bandwidth is still high, but somewhat decreased.

The circuit of Fig. 2 yields somewhat less gain-bandwidth, but uses only a single pentode-triode vacuum tube.

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Try This For Noise Figure Measurements

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The noise figure of a system can be measured using only the following equipment: a) a power meter, b) two attenuators, c) a noise source, d) a switch.

The circuit is set up as shown in Fig. 1. The

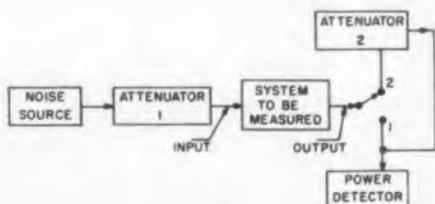


Fig. 1. System noise figure is measured by setting calibrated attenuator 2 at 3 db and switching it into and out of system.

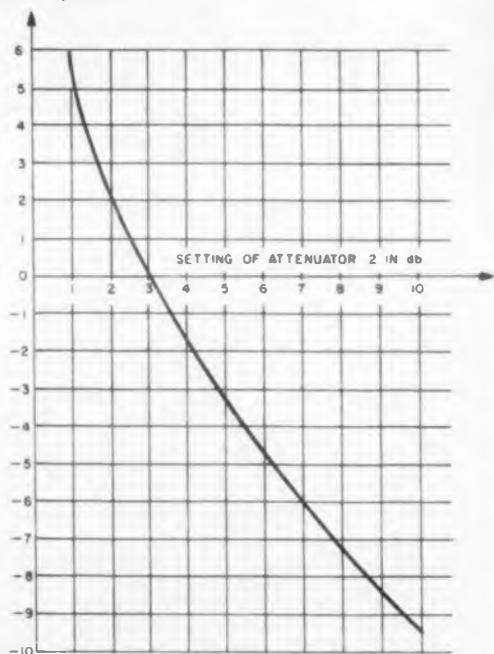


Fig. 2. Correction factor C can be found from curve when attenuator 2 is set at value other than 3 db.

switch is set on position 1 and attenuator 1 is set for more than 60 db. The power meter will indicate the noise being generated by the system with zero input. This indication is noted.

Attenuator 2 is then set to 3 db and the switch is put on position 2. The power meter will now indicate half of its initial reading. Next, the power meter's needle is brought back to its original reading by decreasing the attenuation presented by attenuator 1 to the noise source.

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With the value in db of the noise power output of the noise source (call it Y), the noise figure F of the system is given by:

$$F = Y - X \quad (1)$$

However, if the system detects input signals by heterodyne action, 3 db must be subtracted from Y before it is put into Eq. 1.

This measurement can also be made by using attenuation values from 1 db to 10 db for attenuator 2. For values other than 3 db for attenuator 2, the noise figure F (found from Eq. 1) must have a correction factor, C db, added to it. This factor may be found from Fig. 2, where it is plotted as a function of attenuator 2's setting.

Thus the noise figure for any value of attenuator 2 (from 1 db to 10 db) is:

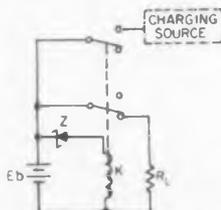
$$F' = F + C \quad (2)$$

Lawrence Silverman, Microwave Engineer, W. L. Maxson Corp., New York, N. Y.

Relay-Zener Circuit Protects Nickel-Cad Batteries 748

When individual nickel-cadmium cells are used to make up a battery, excessive discharge may cause permanent damage to some of the cells. This occurs because all of the cells do not have identical capacities. The lower capacity cells become completely discharged while other cells are still capable of delivering volt-amperes. Thus, the cells which are discharged first, reverse polarity, gas profusely, and blow up. The circuit shown can protect the battery by recharging it when danger signs are near.

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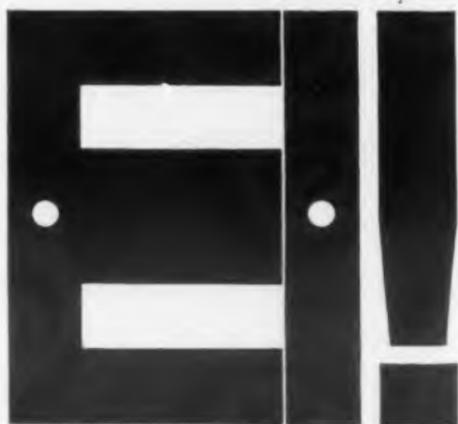


If individual nickel-cadmium cells reverse polarity after discharging, relay K is activated and battery is recharged.

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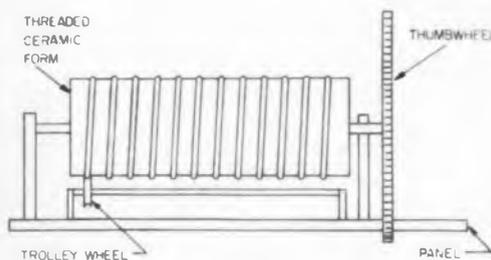


Fig. 1. Adjustable tank coil from ARC-5 transmitters can be converted into a precision pot. (Or, if the coil is unavailable, the pot can be built from the materials shown.)

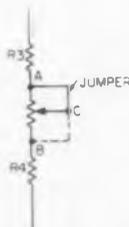
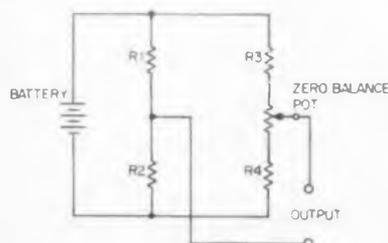
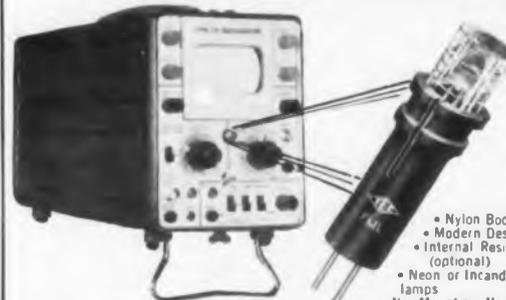


Fig. 2. If pot does not have sufficient range for zero-balancing, Wheatstone Bridge can be modified as in (a) or as in (b). Jumper is connected from either A to C, or from B to C, whichever permits the Bridge to be balanced.

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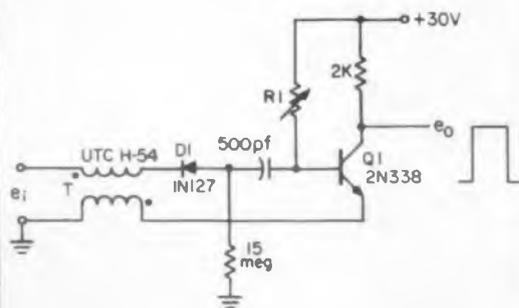
If, when used in a Wheatstone-bridge circuit, the improvised pot does not have sufficient range for zero-balancing, the copper wire may be removed and replaced with wire of suitable resistance. Before changing the wire, however, one should try balancing the bridge with the pot connected first as in Fig. 2a or as in Fig. 2b.

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Transistor Q_1 is biased on, almost to the saturation point. As long as the input voltage is positive, diode D_1 is reverse-biased and the transistor continues to conduct.

As soon as the input reaches zero going negative, the diode is forward biased and the transistor begins to cut off. This change in emitter current is coupled back to the base through pulse transformer T . Since the feedback is negative with respect to the emitter, Q_1 is cut off further. The result is an output pulse with a fast rise time. Its amplitude can be adjusted by changing the value of the bias resistor R_1 .

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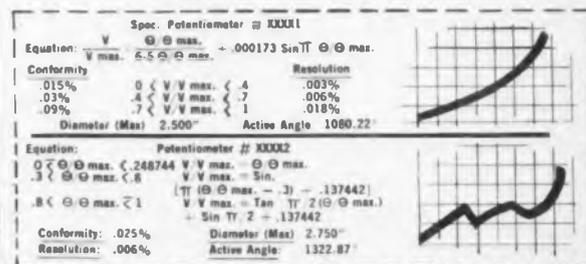
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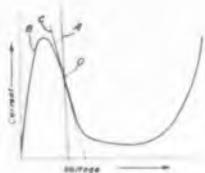
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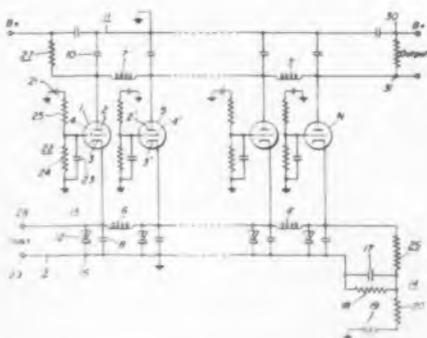
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Patent No. 2,959,708. J. Sharpe (Assigned to EMI Ltd.)

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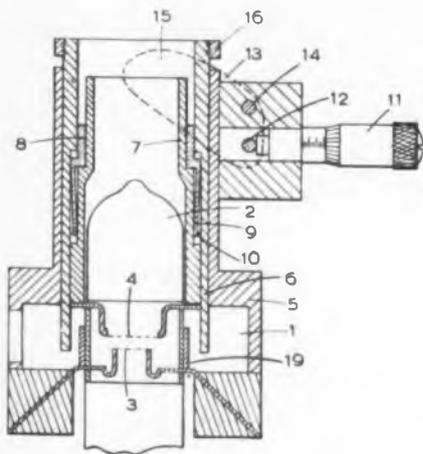
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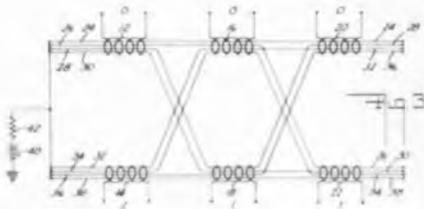
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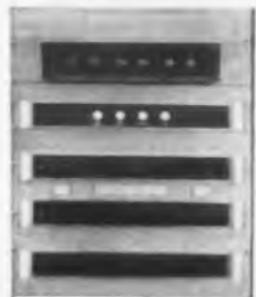
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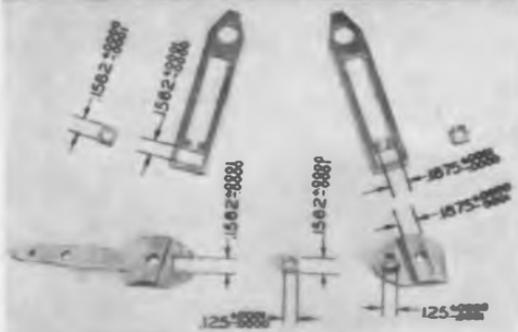
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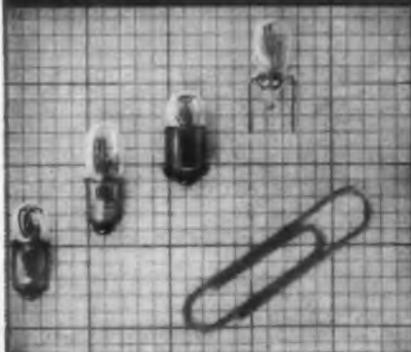
W. R. Bennett, McGraw-Hill Book Co., 330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N.Y., 288 pp, \$10.00.

How noise originates in electrical circuits, the terms in which noise is described, how it is measured, and how circuits may be designed to minimize undesirable effects from noise are discussed in this newly published text. It describes in qualitative and quantitative terms the physical nature of various important noise sources, including thermal agitation or resistance noise, shot noise in vacuum tubes and semiconductor junctions, noise from spontaneous emission of electromagnetic radiation, and noise in gas discharges. Fundamentals needed for analyzing basic sources of

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Infrared Radiation

Henry L. Hackforth, McGraw-Hill Book Co., 330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N.Y., 303 pp, \$10.00

Presented in this volume is information on infrared radiation, the laws of physics by which infrared devices operate, sources of radiation, methods of transmission, and the analysis and design of infrared systems. With a minimum of mathematics, many illustrations and practical examples, the book explains the versatility and inherent possibilities of infrared. It also describes hundreds of applications in many fields, ranging from optical system and medical devices to specialized instruments for satellites. Very recent material is presented on

infrared artificial sources, research in wavelength transmission, new optical materials and systems, recent types of detectors, and new types of infrared instruments. Included is a special treatment of spectroscopy, particularly in its application to science and industry.

Neutron Detection

W. D. Allen, Philosophical Library Inc., 15 E. 40 St., New York 16, N.Y., 260 pp, \$10.00.

This volume is aimed at those who, with some background knowledge of nuclear physics and particle detectors, require a more detailed knowledge of the main methods of neutron detection.

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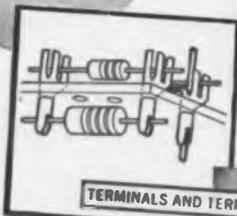
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Philip Cutler, McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N.Y., 454 pp, \$8.00

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Analog Computation in Engineering Design

A. E. Rogers and T. W. Connolly, McGraw Hill Book Co., Inc., 330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N.Y., 250 pp, \$16.00.

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John Sunier, Gernsback Library, Inc., 154 W. 14 St., New York 11, N.Y., 160 pp, \$2.95.

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SELECTIVE amplifiers with RC or LC filters in the feedback loop are used extensively at low frequencies as substitutes for tuned amplifiers. The frequency characteristics of the two types are almost the same near the resonant or quasi-resonant frequency but there is an essential difference between the two at large deviations from resonance. Although the gain of a tuned amplifier diminishes monotonically with increasing deviation from resonance, the gain of a selective feedback amplifier approaches unity. This adversely affects its operation and reduces its immunity to interference.

The difference in the amplitude characteristics also brings about a difference in the phase characteristics. In tuned amplifiers the phase of the gain approaches 90 deg with increasing deviation from resonance, but approaches zero degrees in feedback amplifiers.

The gain of a feedback amplifier is given by:

$$\frac{U_2}{U_1} = K = \frac{K_0}{1 + \beta K_0} \quad (1)$$

where β is the transfer function of the filter in

the feedback loop and K is the open-loop amplifier gain (assumed to be real and independent of the frequency).

Many of the minimal RC and LC circuits used in feedback loops satisfy the relation

$$\beta = \frac{p + iy}{s + iy} \quad (2)$$

where $y = \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega}$ (ω_0 is the resonant frequency)

This value for β is substituted into Eq. 1 and the following transformation is made:

$$K = \frac{K_0}{1 + \frac{p + iy}{s + iy} K_0} = \frac{K_0 (s + iy)}{s + pK_0 + iy (K_0 + 1)}$$

$$= \frac{K_0}{K_0 + 1} + \frac{K_0^2}{K_0 + 1} \cdot \frac{s - p}{s + pK_0 + iy (K_0 + 1)} \quad (3)$$

$$K = \frac{K_0}{K_0 + 1} + \frac{K_0^2 (s - p)}{(K_0 + 1) (s + pK_0)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + iy \frac{K_0 + 1}{s + pK_0}}$$

The second term of Eq. 3 is identical to that for the gain of a tuned amplifier with $Q_e = (K_0 + 1) / (s + pK_0)$, while the first term

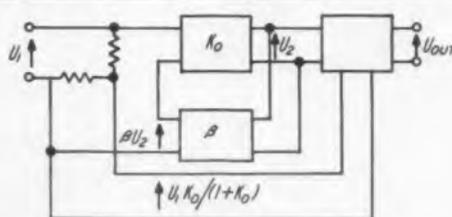


Fig. 1. Block diagram of a circuit which alters frequency-phase characteristic by subtracting $U_1 K_0 / (K_0 + 1)$ from amplifier output U_2 .

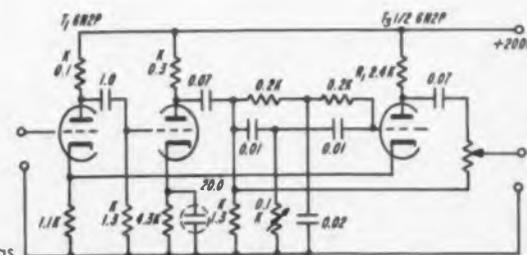


Fig. 2. Operating principle of the circuit of Fig. 1 was tested using this amplifier, which has a subtraction network at the input, in the feedback loop.

causes the difference between the frequency characteristics of the two types of amplifiers.

Circuit Alters Frequency-Phase Characteristic

The simplicity of the form of Eq. 3 suggests a way to eliminate these differences, that is, to subtract from the output U_2 of the amplifier a voltage $U_1 K_0 / (K_0 + 1)$. This causes the first term of Eq. 3 to disappear. A block diagram of a circuit that accomplishes this is shown in Fig. 1.

The operation of the circuit is self-evident. The output of the bucking network is:

$$U_{out} = U_2 - \frac{K_0}{K_0 + 1} U_1 = U_1 \left(K - \frac{K_0}{K_0 + 1} \right)$$

Substituting into Eq. 3 the ratio U_{out}/U_1 we obtain:

$$\frac{U_{out}}{U_1} = K_s = \frac{K_0^2 (s - p)}{(K_0 + 1)(s + pK_0)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + iy \frac{K_0 + 1}{s + pK_0}} \quad (4)$$

This is identical with the expression for the transfer function of a tuned amplifier with resonant gain:

$$K_s = \frac{K_0^2 (s - p)}{(K_0 + 1)(s + pK_0)} \approx \frac{1 - \frac{p}{s} - \frac{1}{K_0}}{1 + \frac{p}{s} K_0} K_0 \quad (5)$$

and equivalent gain:

$$Q_s = \frac{K_0 + 1}{s + pK_0} \quad (6)$$

This method of improving the frequency-phase characteristic of a feedback amplifier is not unique, nor is it the best method. Let us write down the difference between the voltages U_2 and βU_2 :

$$U_{out} = U_2 - \beta U_2 = U_2 (1 - \beta) = U_1 \frac{K_0}{1 + K_0} (1 - \beta)$$

where the voltage βU_2 is taken from the output of the filter, Fig. 1. Inserting Eq. 2, we obtain:

$$\frac{U_{out}}{U_1} = K_s = \frac{K_0 (1 - \beta)}{1 + \beta K_0} \quad (7)$$

$$K_s = \frac{K_0 \left(1 - \frac{p + iy}{s + iy} \right)}{1 + \frac{p + iy}{s + iy} K_0} = K_0 \frac{1 - \frac{p}{s}}{1 + \frac{p}{s} K_0} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + iy \frac{K_0 + 1}{s + pK_0}} \quad (8)$$

$$K_s = K_0 \frac{1 - \frac{p}{s}}{1 + \frac{p}{s} K_0} \quad (9)$$

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The operating principle of the circuit of Fig. 1 was experimentally tested, using the amplifier shown in Fig. 2. A simplified bucking circuit was used. The plate circuit of the cathode follower T_3 (which serves no purpose in the conventional circuit) was used to reverse the phase of the voltage βU_2 on the grid of T_3 . The resistor R_1 was chosen to make the transfer function equal to unity. The voltages U_2 and βU_2 are then summed at the center tap of R_2 , with an over-all attenuation by approximately a factor of two. This shortcoming is offset by the fact that an additional tube was not necessary. A symmetrical double-T RC filter is used in the feedback loop. The amplitude-frequency characteristics for the compensated and uncompensated amplifiers are shown in Fig. 3. A comparison of the curves shows that, with the $R_1 R_2$ compensating network, selectivity improves by at least 20 db. The curves could not be plotted over a wider dynamic range because the signal became masked by noise from the audio oscillator.

The circuit of Fig. 1 is more suitable for single-tube circuits in which the input and output voltages are out of phase. The subtraction network can therefore be replaced by an addition circuit,

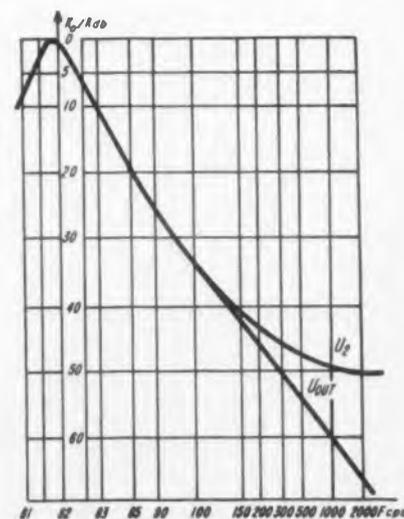


Fig. 3. Amplitude-frequency characteristics of compensated, U_{out} , and uncompensated, U_2 , amplifiers.

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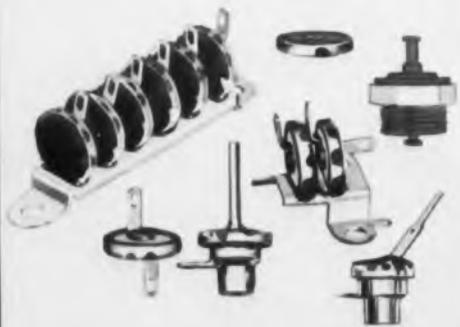


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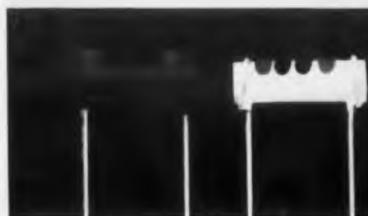
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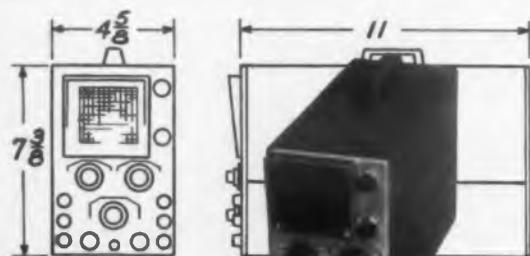
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When a current pulse, $i(t)$, with duration T is impressed on a parallel RLC circuit, the voltage response is given by:

$$v(t) = \frac{\omega_0}{\omega_d C} e^{-\alpha t} \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \sin(\omega_d t + \phi + \delta); t > T$$

where

$$\omega_0^2 = 1/LC \quad \omega_d^2 = \omega_0^2 (1 - 1/4Q^2) \quad \alpha = \omega_0/2Q$$

$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \alpha/\omega_d \quad \phi = \tan^{-1} A/B$$

and

$$A = \int_0^T i(t) e^{\alpha t} \cos \omega_d t dt$$

$$B = \int_0^T i(t) e^{\alpha t} \sin \omega_d t dt$$

The amplitude of the pulse spectrum at $\omega = \omega_d$, except for the exponential factor, is proportional to the "amplitude," $\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$. In general, the errors due to approximation can be analyzed and the pulse spectrum can be inferred from the tuned circuit response.

Let us now consider the active filter circuit shown in the figure. For the feedback network:

$$R_3 = R_1 R_2 / (R_1 + R_2) \quad a = R_2 / (R_1 + R_2)$$

$$\omega_0^2 = 1/R_n C_n \quad n = 1, 2, 3.$$

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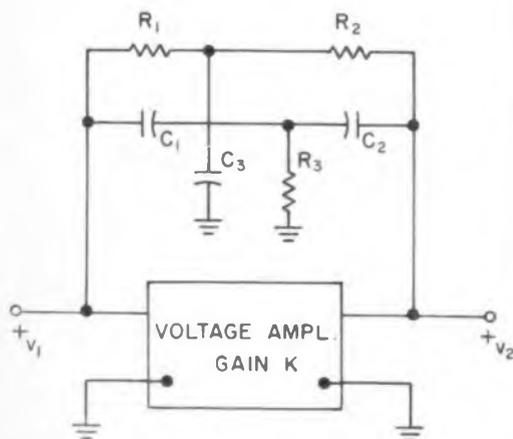


Fig. 1. High-Q active filter can be used in low frequency spectrum analyzer.

Denoting by K the gain of the amplifier without feedback, the relevant parameters are:

$$n\alpha_1 = \omega_0/(K+1), \quad 2Q = \omega_0/\alpha_1$$

$$\omega_0^2 (1 - 1/4 Q^2) = \omega_d^2 \quad \beta_1 = \tan^{-1} \alpha_1/\omega_0$$

The voltage output, with the input voltage a pulse of duration T is:

$$v_2 = F e^{-\alpha_1 t} \omega_0 \sqrt{A_1^2 + B_1^2} \sin(\omega_d t + \phi_1 + \beta_1); t > T$$

where

$$A_1 = \int_0^T v_1(t) e^{\alpha_1 t} \cos \omega_d t dt$$

$$B_1 = \int_0^T v_1(t) e^{\alpha_1 t} \sin \omega_d t dt$$

$$\phi_1 = \tan^{-1} (A_1/B_1)$$

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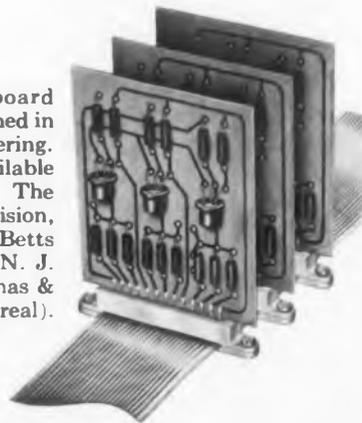
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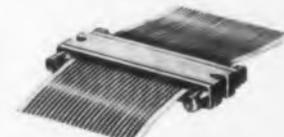
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$$P_T = e^{-T\lambda} = e^{-T/T_m}$$

so that if λ does equal 0.004, the probability that 10 hr will elapse before failure is $e^{-0.04}$ or 0.96.

For equipment in cascade, the over-all survival probability is the product of the individual prob-

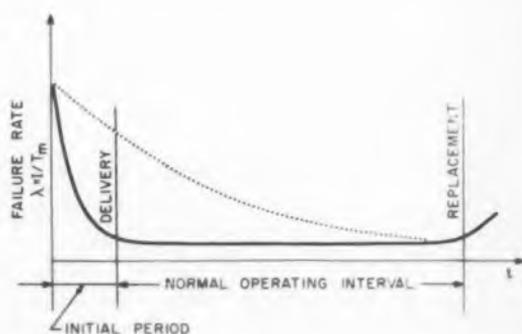


Fig. 1. Failure rate as a function of time for electronic equipment.

Table I. Failure rates, λ , of U.S. and German components. (Germ. Ind. Standards, Class II). Values of λ are per million hours.

Type of Equipment	T - hrs.	P_T - %	T_m - hrs.	λ	N	λ_{comp} hr.
Radio Receiver	1 000	37	1,000	10^{-3}	200	5×10^{-6}
Portable Radio	200	80	1,000	10^{-3}	500	2×10^{-6}
Mobile Radio	200	80	1,000	10^{-3}	1,000	1×10^{-6}
Underwater Amplifier	80,000	90	8×10^5	1.25×10^{-6}	50	2.5×10^{-8}
Large Computer	10	98	500	2×10^{-3}	10^5	2×10^{-8}

Table II. Proposed Reliability Standards

Component	U.S. 1950	U.S. 1955	German (est.)
Resistors	3.8	0.41	1.5
Capacitors	3.7	0.81	1.5
Relays	6.7	5.6	6
Transformer and Coils	2.9	0.47	1
Connectors	19.0	3.6	9
Switches	6.0	12.0	12
Tubes	160	55	100
Mean, excl. tubes	4.3	1.1	2

abilities. When identical devices, each with a probability P are in parallel, the over-all probability is, for n redundant items:

$$P_p = 1 - (1 - P)^n$$

To realize the improved probability of such "parallel" equipment, the switching apparatus must have high reliability. This is necessary because it appears in series with the parallel combination and its probability is multiplied by P_p .

While the failure rates of U.S. equipment is known with some precision, only estimates are available for German apparatus. Table I illustrates the great progress which the U.S. has made in reliability.* If the values from this table are applied to a radio receiver, it is found that the mean operating time, T_m , for the U.S. equipment was 140 hr in 1950, 460 hr in 1955. A corresponding piece of German equipment had an estimated T_m of 250 hr.

Table II lists the reliability standards proposed for a variety of equipment. In each case the operating time T , with the desired survival probability P_s , are shown. The mean trouble-free operating time T_m and the equipment failure rate are found from these values. Dividing λ by the estimated number of components, N , yields an estimated failure rate per component, λ_{comp} .

Abstracted from an article by H. J. Frundt, *Nachrichtentechnische Zeitschrift*, Vol. 13, No. 11, Nov. 1960, pp 524-528.

Note: A conference on reliability was held in Stuttgart on May 5 and 6, 1960 under the auspices of the "Nachrichtentechnischen Gesellschaft (VDE)." While "proceedings" are not available, four papers were published in the Nov. 1960 issue of *Nachrichtentechnische Zeitschrift*. These papers are entitled: "Technological Measures for the Improvement of Reliability," "Life Time Investigations on Capacitors," "Effect of Humidity on the Electrical Characteristics of Capacitors" and "Poor Reliability of Electronic Equipment and its Causes" (Abstracted above).

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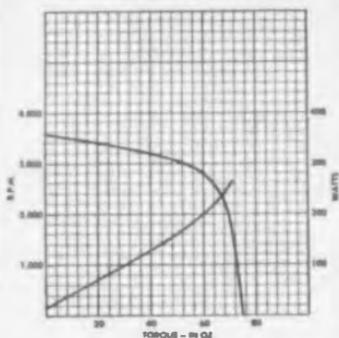


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OPERATIONAL amplifier accuracy depends on resistor and capacitor tolerances, as well as on such amplifier characteristics as zero output balance. The measuring equipment needed to check these factors directly is generally unavailable to users of desk and other types of small analog instruments. Indirect methods for quantitatively checking various sources of error can be devised by solving certain problems using simple "standard" circuits.

Two nominally identical circuits are used for checking the static accuracy of components. Each circuit, Fig. 1, solves the equation:

$$\frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + \omega^2 v = 0; v(0^-) = v_0 \quad (1)$$

so that:

$$v = v_0 \cos \omega t \quad (2)$$

The radian frequency is determined by the time constants of the integrators and the multiplying factor of the sign changer, that is:

$$\omega^2 = k_1 k_2 \alpha; k_{1,2} = 1/(R_{1,2}C); \alpha = R_0/R_1$$

If the reciprocal time constants and the scale factor are subject to small errors:

$$k_1 = k_{10}(1 \pm \epsilon_1); k_2 = k_{20}(1 \pm \epsilon_2); \alpha = \alpha_0(1 \pm \epsilon_3)$$

then the maximum difference in frequency between the two circuits is approximately:

$$\Delta f = f_0 (|\epsilon_1| + |\epsilon_2| + |\epsilon_3|) \quad (3)$$

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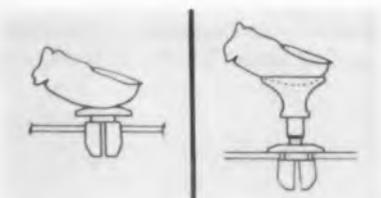
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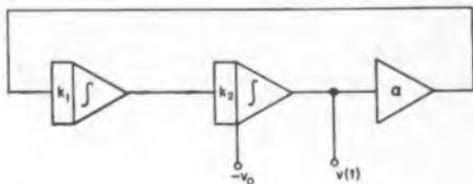


Fig. 1. Circuit for determining the static accuracy of analog computer components.

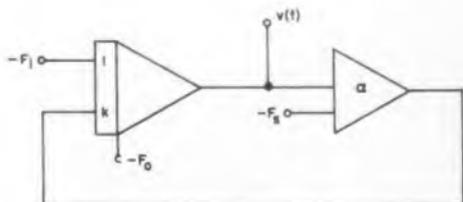


Fig. 2. A circuit for determining null errors.

Errors in integration due to capacitor losses and finite amplifier gain, as well as errors in adders, can also be detected by the circuit of Fig. 1. With identical integrators such errors lead to the damped response:

$$v = v_0 e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega t \quad (4)$$

Measurement of the logarithmic decrement can be used to judge the factors influencing dynamic accuracy.

To test the zero input error as well as the error caused by grid current, the (unstable) circuit of Fig. 2 is used. With e denoting the null voltage of an amplifier referred to the input terminals, i_g the grid current, R_i the input impedance, R_f the feedback resistance of the sign changer and R_c the feedback resistance of the integrator in the initial condition position, the null errors are:

For N sign changers

$$F_s = e \left(1 + \sum_1^N \alpha_i + R_0/R_i \right) - i_g R_0$$

For N integrators

$$F_s = e \left(\sum_1^N k_i + 1/R_i C \right) - i_g C \text{ and } F_0 = 2e - i_g R_c$$

In the circuit of Fig. 2 with $\alpha = 1$ the approximate solution is

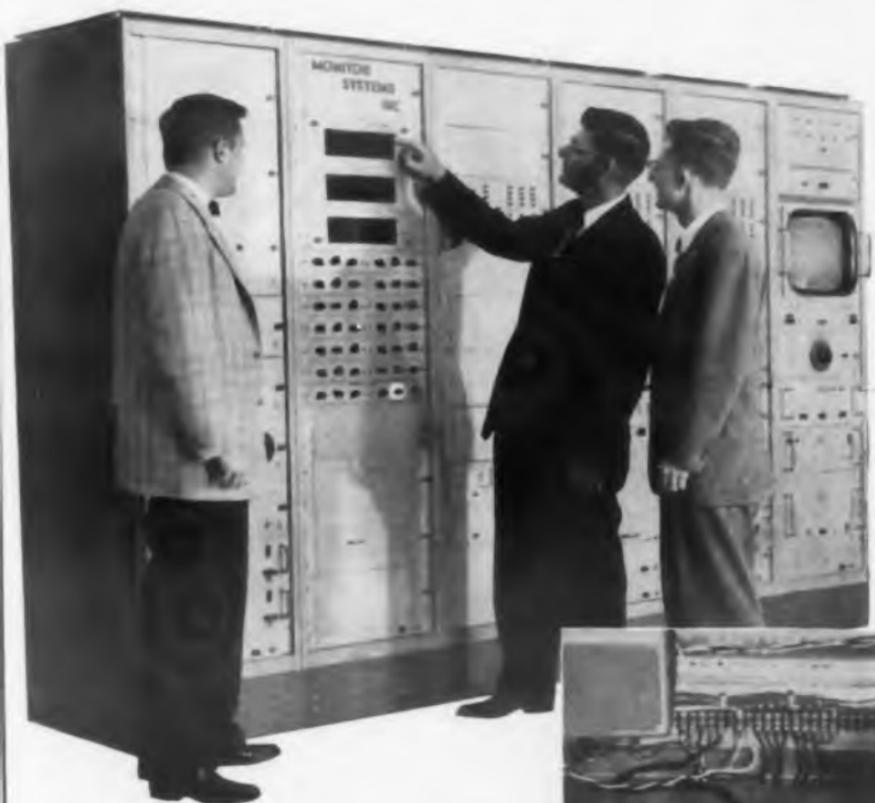
$$v(t) = e^{t} [F_0 - F_s + F_i/k] \quad (5)$$

The quantities in the brackets of Eq. 5 can be evaluated by permitting $v(t)$ to reach a predetermined value and measuring the corresponding time.

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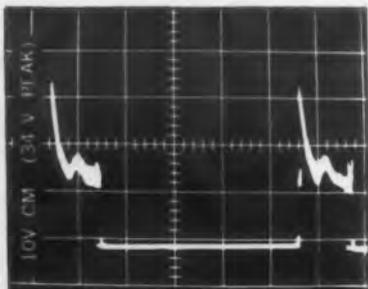
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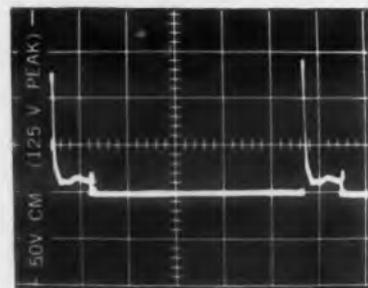
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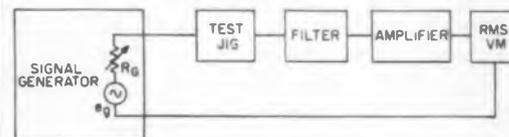


Fig. 1. Noise factor test circuit.

Designing Transistor

LOW-NOISE transistor amplifiers can be designed more easily if certain noise data are available to the designer. For a given transistor, these data include:

1. The relationship between generator resistance, R_g , emitter current, I_e , collector-to-emitter voltage, V_{ce} , and noise factor, F .
2. F as a function of frequency,
3. F as a function of temperature,
4. Minimum and maximum limits on F , and
5. Gain and bandwidth versus current level.

The noise factor F is defined as the ratio of the total noise power per unit bandwidth (at a specified frequency) appearing at the output terminals to the power per unit bandwidth at the output if the network were noiseless. A test circuit for measuring F is shown in Fig. 1. Here, F is defined as

$$F = \frac{e_o^2}{e_n^2 G^2} \quad (1)$$

where e_o^2 = square of the total true-rms noise voltage indicated by the meter with $e_g = 0$,

e_n^2 = square of the rms thermal noise voltage (open circuit) generated by R_g , and

G = over-all voltage amplification between the signal generator, e_g , and the rms voltmeter.

For low noise applications, the selected transistor should have a high f_a , a high h_{fe} , and a low I_{c10} to maximize its performance in the shot noise region. Data is then gathered for the transistor parameters listed (1 to 4) above. Figs. 2 and 3 plot the relations between the transistor's



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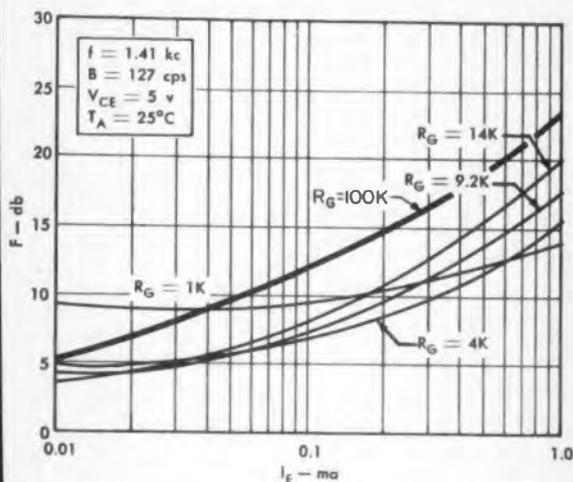


Fig. 2. Noise factor F vs emitter current I_E .

Low-Noise Audio Amplifiers

noise factor, emitter current, and generator resistance. Average values for several 2N338 transistors are used.

How To Design A Low-Noise Amplifier

The three-stage low-noise amplifier of Fig. 4 can be designed with the aid of the data given above and an additional equation relating the transistor's noise factor and the noise factor of the amplifier. Known as Friis' formula, this equation is:

$$F_A = F_1 + \frac{F_2 - 1}{G_1} + \frac{F_3 - 1}{G_1 G_2} \quad (2)$$

where F_A = noise factor of the amplifier,

F_1, F_2, F_3 = noise factors of each transistor measured at their actual operating bias and impedance levels.

G_1, G_2 = available power gains of the first and second stages.

All noise factors must be of the same type and measured at the same frequency and bandwidth conditions. In most low-noise applications, the contribution of noise from the third stage can be neglected, thus simplifying the above equation to:

$$F_A = F_1 + \frac{F_2 - 1}{G_1} \quad (3)$$

The amplifier of Fig. 4 was driven with $R_G = 5.6$ K. The data in Fig. 2 shows that a first-



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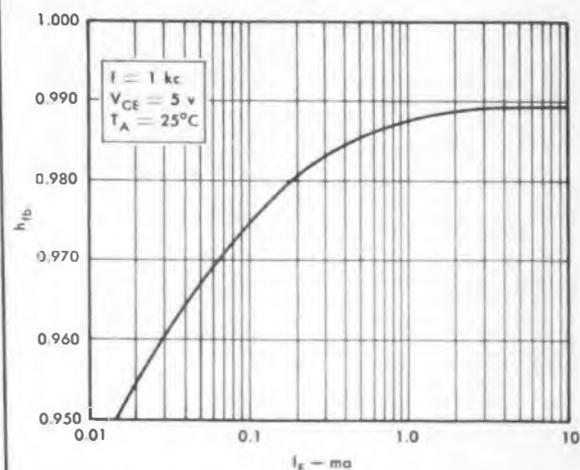


Fig. 3. Hybrid parameter h_{ib} vs emitter current I_E .

stage noise figure of 5 db ($f = 1.41$ kc) can be achieved if the transistor is biased at $I_E = 20 \mu\text{a}$ and $V_{CE} = 5$ v. Fig. 3 shows that an approximate $h_{ib} = 0.955$ can be expected. Resistor values chosen for the bias network are determined by bias stability factors, where:

$$S_1 = \frac{\delta I_C}{\delta I_{CBO}} = \frac{R_B + R_E}{R_B(1 + h_{FB}) + R_E} \quad (4)$$

$$S_2 = \frac{\delta I_C}{\delta V_{BE}} = \frac{h_{FB}}{R_B(1 + h_{FB}) + R_E} \quad (5)$$

$$S_3 = \frac{\delta I_C}{\delta h_{FB}} = S_1 I_{E0} \quad (6)$$

where: R_B = Thevenin's equivalent resistance of base bias supply, and

R_E = external dc emitter resistance.

The total collector current change is equal to the sum of the individual changes. The effect of the base divider network and any unbypassed emitter resistance will always increase the minimum transistor noise factor for a given bias condition, F_{min} , and will increase or decrease the value of R_G required to give this minimum, R_{Gopt} . If the following conditions are satisfied, however, this effect will be negligible. These conditions are:

- $R_B/R_G > 10$
- $R_e/R_G < 0.1$ (R_e is the unbypassed emitter resistance)

The second stage is operated at $I_E = 100 \mu\text{a}$ and $V_{CE} = 5$. The generator resistance seen by this stage is equal to the parallel combination of the base-bias network and dc collector load

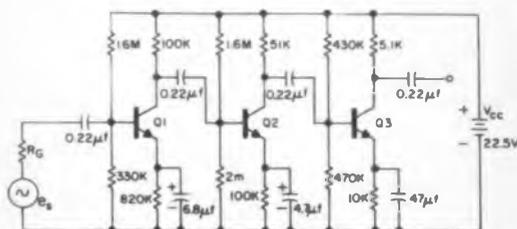


Fig. 4. Low-noise three-stage amplifier.

resistance of the first stage. This results in $R_G = 100$ K for the second stage. Fig. 2 gives an approximate F equal to 12.34 db. Referring to Eq. 3:

$$F_A = F_1 \quad (7)$$

$$\text{if } \frac{F_2 - 1}{F_1} \ll F_1 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{In this application: } \frac{F_2 - 1}{G_1} = 0.1 F_1 \quad (9)$$

This was considered a great enough difference for the noise of the second stage to be neglected. The gain of the first stage necessary to satisfy this condition is $G_1 = (F_2 - 1)/0.1 F_1$. Inserting the known values of F_1 and F_2 gives:

$$G_1 = \frac{17.2 - 1}{0.1 (3.16)} = \frac{16.2}{0.316} = 51.3 = 17.1 \text{ db}$$

The first-stage gain requirement can be reduced if the generator resistance seen by the second stage is nearer optimum. The obvious method is to use transformer coupling. If RC coupling is used, a small dc voltage drop across R_1 will help. Another method is to bypass part of R_1 to ground.

The remaining amplifier design is straightforward unless some type of feedback is employed for ac stability. The effect of feedback on the noise factor and its optimization depend on the particular application. This topic is covered in various references.

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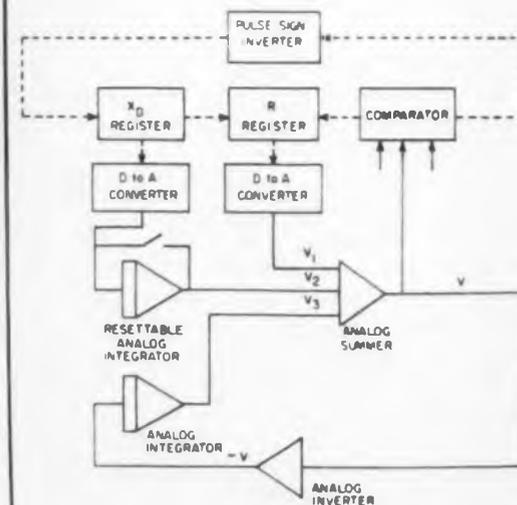
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Analog-Digital Unit Proposed by NBS

COMBINING analog and digital operation yields the advantages of both—high speed and continuous representation of the variable with the analog system, and high precision and dynamic range with the digital system.

The National Bureau of Standards has been investigating a differential analyzer that uses both systems.

Developed by H. K. Skramstad, of the Bureau's data-processing systems laboratory, the proposed



Block diagram shows how proposed analog-digital system could be used to solve the differential equation $dx/dt = \Delta x$.

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analyzer appears to be naturally applicable to simulating dynamic problems in missile or aircraft design studies.

So far, an integrator and a multiplier have been designed. In general, they consist of one or more of the following units: an input digital register, a register for accumulating digital results, a digital-to-analog converter, a conventional analog integrator, a resettable analog integrator, an analog summer, and a comparator.

These basic units can be constructed from electronic digital and analog circuits commonly used at present. Analog-to-digital converters are not required for this system.

The analyzer is designed so the time period Δt in which numbers in the digital registers do not change is as small as possible and consistent with component limitations. This yields the maximum number of such periods. The greatest speed and precision are realized, of course, with smallest Δt .

However, Δt must be long enough, not only to permit full-scale excursions of the various analog voltages, but also to fit within the bandwidth limitations of the operational amplifiers. Improving the amplifier characteristics will help reduce Δt . Even with present components, however, the precision in solving problems can be increased by a factor of 10 to 100 over conventional analog methods.

Work has begun recently on breadboard models to evaluate the system. These circuits will contain 2 integrator and 2 multiplier units that can receive voltages from other units.

Digital registers and digital-to-analog converters will be constructed from transistorized digital packages. The analog components will have 8-bit plus sign input and accumulating registers, and an analog reference of 10 v. They will operate with a Δt of 1 msec or less.

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Steps of a Career Center: (1) When you arrive at the Career Center you will be given one of its standard registration forms. (2) An advantage claimed for the Centers is that an engineer has to fill out only one form to contact all the participating firms. (27 will be at the IRE.) (3) When you turn in your registration, which indicates your experience and the job desired, you are given your code number. (4) Your registration form is retyped by the Center's clerical staff with your code number substituted for your name. Mimeographed copies of this "objective and anonymous" form are then circulated to each of the participating firms. (5) While you wait to see if your number will be called by one of the firms, you can look over their employment literature displays. (6) You check the blackboard to see if your number has been called for. Actually most of the engineers leave as soon as they have handed in their registrations and then call in by phone to see if their numbers have been called. (7) When your number is called, you go to the appointment desk to find out which firm wants you. At this point you are in the position of knowing who the firm is but they still don't know who you are, according to the Center. You don't have to go any further if you don't care to. (8) The company learns who you are for the first time when you announce yourself at its room. The company interview rooms are in a different part of the center (often different floors of the hotel) from the registration area. (9) The pay-off: After the screening by the professional recruiter, you sit down and talk with one of the company engineers. In evaluating a Career Center, the question you must ask yourself is: could you have arrived at this final meeting by any more efficient path?

A new form of trade-show recruiting has taken its place among the smoke-filled company hotel suites. The "Career Center," which will be one year old when it is held during this year's IRE show, is an attempt to organize the engineer-employer scramble into a by-the-numbers "clearing house" operation. Engineers report that it works best for the man out fishing but less well for the man who knows what he wants.

Robert H. Cushman
Technical Editor

TWO-THOUSAND of the engineers attending this year's March IRE show in New York are expected to register at the Career Center, operated by Careers, Inc.

The pictures and descriptions elsewhere on this page explain what the center is. But for the engineer attending the show the questions are: Should I register? Why?

A survey of the pros and cons of this recruiting phenomenon produces three categories of engineers: the man who "yes," by all means should register; the man who "maybe" should register; and the man who "no," should not register.

'Yes': If You Want to Explore

If you have come to the end of opportunity in your present job classification but don't know where the next step is, you should register at the center. Registering will cost you nothing, and your talents, recorded on a simplified resume form, will be shown to the companies paying for the center (27 are expected to do so at this year's IRE show). You will remain anonymous during this selection process, for Careers, Inc., has a clerical staff that retypes your resume and substitutes a code number for your name.

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'Maybe': If You Want To Check Your Status

If you like your present job but have been working for one firm so long that you don't have any idea of what other companies would think of you, then you should at least consider taking

advantage of the Career Center. In that case it's mainly a matter of finding the time during the show week.

William Douglass, head of Careers, Inc., says he has no objection to engineers using his service for personal job-status surveys. He admits there is nothing to prevent the ultra-cautious engineer from putting a fictitious name on his resume and then have his wife carry it over to the center. The engineer could phone in to see if any company had posted his number.

'No': If You Know What You Want

If you are one of those fortunate engineers who know just where they are going, particularly if you have achieved some professional stature in your field, you probably should not bother with the Career Center. You will be better off using more direct channels. If you have not developed such channels already, a show is an excellent place to start. This is not to suggest that the show should be misused simply for job-seeking purposes. But use the technical sessions, the exhibitions, and the private hotel suites to learn more about the technical work that companies in your field are doing and how the management of those companies thinks.

'Yes' and 'Maybe' Tend to Predominate

Most of the engineers who have registered at the Career Center at past shows have been in the "yes" and "maybe" categories—men with four to seven years' experience, earning \$8-12,000 yearly. However, there have been some notable exceptions. There were the two \$25,000-a-year men who registered at the center last fall during the American Rocket Society show in Washington, D.C. One of these men was a vice president with a large, well-known electronics company.

Interestingly enough, engineers who have used past Career Centers appear more enthusiastic about them than the companies. Most of the firms don't like being "regimented" into the same mold, according to Mr. Douglass. The engineers on the other hand—at least those in the "yes" category—like the systematized approach. ■ ■

The photographs were taken by ED at the recent center held in New York at the time of the AIEE and American Physical Society meetings. That center was in the top two floors of the Hotel New Yorker. The center for the IRE show in New York will be larger and will be held in the Henry Hudson Hotel across the street from the meeting exhibition at the Coliseum. H. F. Anderson, a recruiter for a West Coast company participating in the center was the "engineer."

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Stock options are better than year-end bonuses for holding key personnel, according to Fred How of Cadillac Associates Inc., Chicago. Mr. How said his employment firm had found that lack of stock options are the most frequently stated reason for executives leaving a firm and one of the best lures to attract executives to other firms.

Of interest to engineers is the news that some firms are also using stock options for their key engineers. One senior engineer told *ELECTRONIC DESIGN* that the availability of a stock-option plan was the deciding factor in his recent job change.

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The professional attitude towards engineering is encouraged at Newark College of Engineering, Newark, N.J. In a recent issue of the college publication, "NCE Today," the growth of the professional outlook was described in terms of the trends in student dress as he approached graduation.

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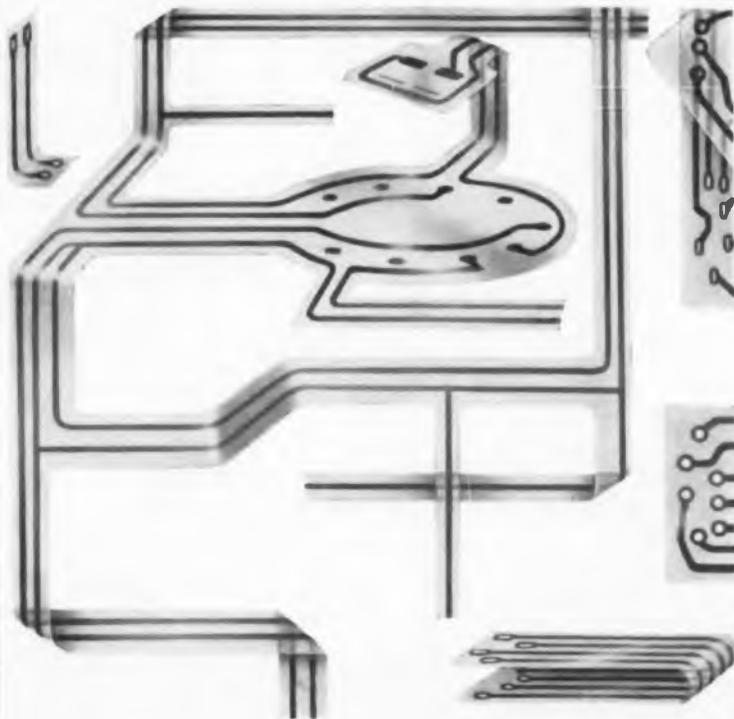
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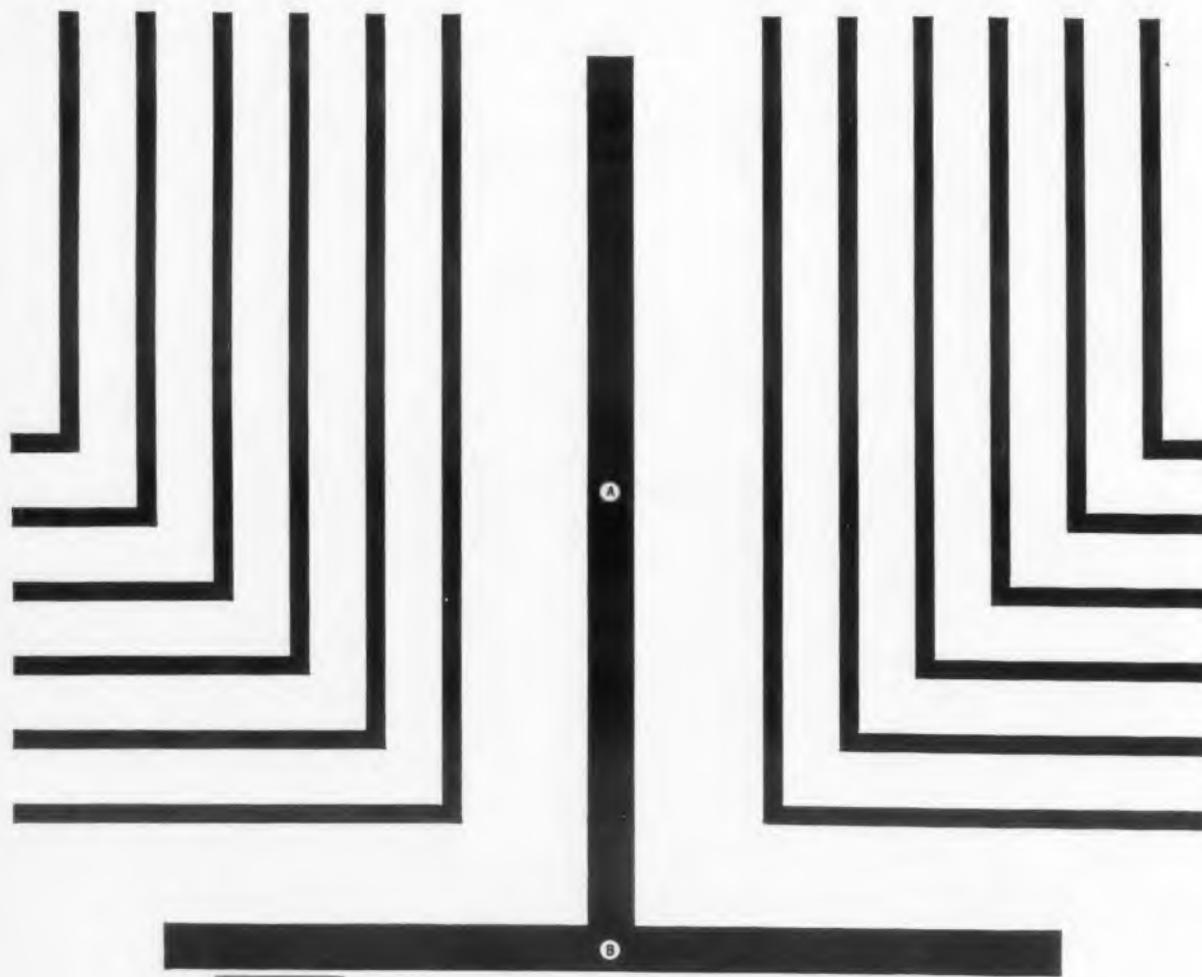
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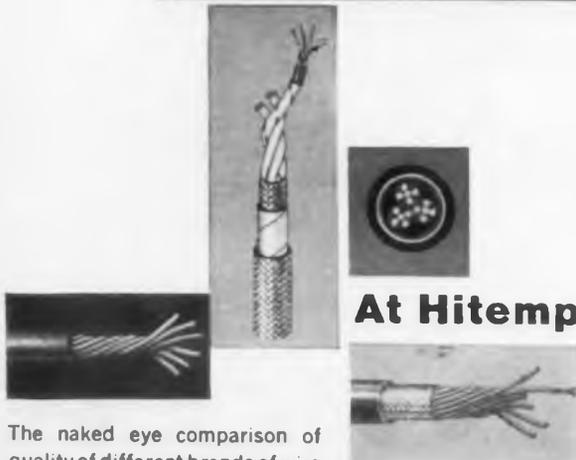
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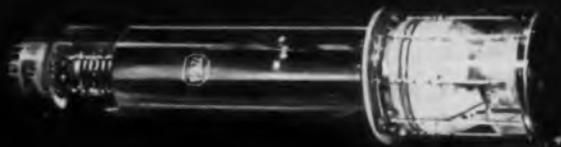
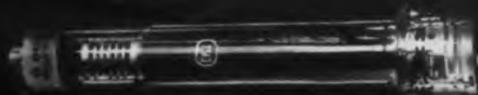
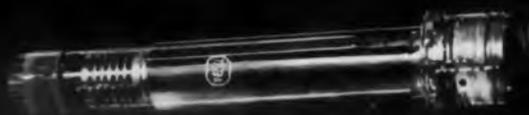
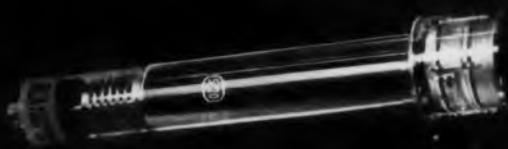
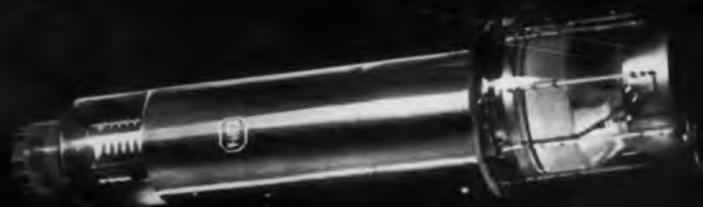
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