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Warming of the Cold War in the last few weeks has cast the spotlight on two areas where design breakthroughs are needed
One requirement is a simple, inexpensive gadget to warn everyone in the nation of imminent danger on a moments notice. The other is for many elements of a complex nuclear weapons test-monitoring system.
Civil defense officials, queried by Electronic Desigi: after President Kennedys speech on the Berlin crises, say they are looking for a simple, solid-state receiver that can be plugged into any electrical outlet to pick up national warning signais from local power stations. Suitable signal generators have already been designed and are to be used in a statewide test in Michigan.
Details of the pianned tests and requirements for receivers to pick up signals on power lines are spelled out in the story on p 12 .
Whether signals from electric pow. er stations will be the final choice as a national emergency warning system is, of course, nol definite until tests are completed. Also, the Government has not thus far allocated any R \& D funds for industry for a new receiving system.
Detection of nuclear explosionsunderground, surface or high-altitude - presents much more formidable design problems. Scientists testifying before Congress have painted a rather pessimistic picture of present detec tion capabilities. A summary of their testimony, outlining progress to date and needs for the future, appears in a story beginning on $p 8$.


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# Bright Future Seen for Silicon Strain Gages 

## Gage Factors of Over 100 and High Outputs Without Amplifiers Provided-Need for Compensation Requires Design Ingenuity

Thomas E. Mount<br>West Coast Editor

$P$IEZORESISTIVE strain gages using silicon elements appear to have a promising future in the design of many control, monitoring and telemetry systems.
Although few transducers and stress-measuring devices utilizing silicon strain gages are now on the market, most manufac turers of these instruments are actively investigating the potential of these elements. Some of the reasons for high interest in the new gages are:

- Gage factors are well over 100, compared with about 2 for conventional wire types (gage factor is defined as $\Delta R / R \div \Delta L / L$, were $R$ is resistance and $L$ is length ).
- Voltage outputs are on the order of volts rather than millivolts, so that amplifiers can be eliminated in many applications.
- High-temperature operation is possible.
- The gages can be made very small.
- High flexibility is provided.
- Hysteresis is negligible, and the gages have almost no zero drift.

Balanced against these significant advantages, the designer finds many difficulties in using the elements in sensing devices. Nonlinearity is a problem, because $\Delta R$ is not small in comparison with $R$. Silicon, both $p$ and $n$ types, has a large positive temperature coefficient of resistance.

Two kinds of semiconductor strain gages are in use today, both made of silicon-the filamentary type and the die type. Best known is the filamentary type, produced by such companies as Micro Systems, Inc., Pasadena, Calif.; Century Electronics Div., Tulsa, Okla., Tang Industries, Inc., Waltham, Mass., and Kulite-Bytrex Corp., Newton, Mass.

P or n - type silicon crystals are cut into thin, flat wires to become the stressed element in the strain gage. Some companies have experimented with growing silicon whiskers, but this technique has fallen into disrepute and is considered impractical.

The best slicing orientation for p-type
silicon is in the 111 direction; for n-type it is optimum in the 100 direction. Sensitivity to stress is greatest when the filaments are cut in these planes.

The silicon strips are bonded to a thin, flat "carrier"-an epoxy-glass substrateand terminals attached to the ends. In use, the strain gage, carrier and all, is bonded with a stiff epoxy to the member under test. As the member bends, the silicon wire is stressed and its resistance changes. With p-type silicon, the resistance increases; with n-type, it decreases.

By plastering a p-type strain gage on one side of a member to be bent and an n-type on the reverse side, one gage would be pulled, the other compressed, and output doubled.

Die-type strain gages consist in a silicon die diffused onto a substrate. At Fairchild Controls Corp., Los Angeles, where bonded strain-gage pressure transducers are manufactured using silicon dice made by Fairchild

Semiconductor Div., diffusion of the element is said to give greater control over the impurity levels and resistivity of the silicon.

As for the silicon high-temperature coefficient of resistivity, there are several good techniques for self-compensation, according to Robert E. Talmo, general manager of Micro Systems, Inc.
"The temperature coefficient is positive for both $p$ and $n$ - type strain gages," he says. "By using a Wheatstone bridge circuit with a p-type, 111 strain filament in conjugate bridge arms with an n-type, 100 filament, the bridge remains in balance over a wide temperature range."

Other techniques include using a dummy gage on an unstressed sample of the test material, wired in conjugate bridge arms with the active gage.

A thermistor network used in series or parallel with the active gage, such that the equivalent resistance change of the active

## Semiconductor Strain-Gage Applications-Present and Future

Semiconductor strain gages will be used in many types of transducers and strain sensing elements in the near future, according to workers in this field.

The most common use at present is for pressure transducers. However, ELECTRONIC DESIGN learned of plans to use these sensitive elements in accelerometers, force and displacement transducers, load cells, and bending beams for electronic scales. Here are some examples of recently announced or planned units:

- A displacement transducer designed by Micro Systems, Inc., measures up to 2 in. displacement with 2 -v readout, or 1 mv per mil. The meter reads to 0.1 mv , giving 0.0001 -in. precision.
- A high-frequency pressure cell, with a 100-ke natural frequency, will be described at an Instrument Society of America Show next month in Los Angeles by Dr. Anthony Kurtz, of Kulite-Bytrex Corp.
- A pressure transducer with 5-v output,
without using an amplifier, being offered by Dynisco Div., American Brake Shoe Co., Cambridge, Mass., is said to avoid the use of thermistors or semiconductor doping for temperature compensation. Both of these compensation methods reduce sensitivity: Accuracy is said to be 1 per cent
Pressure transducers on the market are of two basic types-bonded and unbonded Bonded strain gage transducers ordinarily have one or more filaments bonded directly to the pressure-sensing diaphragm, Curvature of the diaphragm causes stress of the filaments. Micro Systems' new subminiature, one-quarter-in.-diam pressure transducer is constructed in this way, as are those made by Tabor Instruments, Century, Dynisco and others.

The type produced by Fairchild Controls has a rod protruding from the center of the diaphragm that exerts a bending moment on a cantilevered beam. The beam has a number of diffused silicon dice bonded to it for strain-sensing.


Subminiature pressure transducer marketed by Micro Systems, Inc., contains four silicon filaments as strain sensors, arranged in a Wheatstone bridge. Output is 2 v with a pressure range of 0.100 psia.
bridge leg as a function of the temperature is minimized, will also help.

The sensitivity coefficient of resistance in silicon strain gages is about ten times that of wire-type gages.

Compensation techniques for this effect in clude using a single or a half-active bridge as an asymmetric bridge, with two of the bridge arms higher in resistance than the active arms. A thermistor and resistive shunt network may be placed at the bridge location and wired into the legs, such that the supply voltage at the bridge is made to increase at the same rate as gage factor decreases.

Constant current sources also keep temper ature effects down over a wide range.

Another problem in the use of semiconductor strain gages is the disparity between the thermal coefficient of expansion of the strain gage and the test material. This also can be compensated for by using thermistors in the bridge circuit.

Hysteresis in semiconductor strain gages is said to be very small. This is a mechanical effect: as the filament is elongated, its resistance changes in one direction; as it is returned to its original state, the resistance change should return along its original path. With silicon strain gages, this is very nearly true. Power dissipation across the strain gage contributes to this effect. For this reason many engineers prefer bonded strain gages to unbonded: heat is dissipated through the member under test. - -


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## NEWS

> Electron Multiplier Uses Semiconductor Dynode

Continuous Strip of Oxide Coating Replaces Multi-Element Structure

## Alan Corneretto

News Editor

A
SIMPLE semiconductor strip is used in place of a conventional dynode structure in a magnetic electron multiplier developed by Bendix Corp., Detroit.
According to Bendix engineers, the advantage of the high-resistance strip over the usual dynode multiple-element structure is its simplicity; it does not have better secondary emission. However, the semiconductor dynode may be exposed to air without harm.
The new dynode resulted from an effort to achieve a better means of ion detection for time-of-flight mass spectrometers. In conventional magnetic electron multipliers used for this type of spectrometer, detected particles hit a cathode and liberate electrons. The electrons strike a succession of dynodes, each of which yields secondary emission greater than unity. The electrons are directed from dynode to dynode by the action of a crossed electric and magnetic field.
The resistance-strip electron multiplier developed by Bendix consists of a field surface and a dynode surface spaced a few millimeters apart. Particles enter at one end, generating electrons that are collected by an anode at the other end. Although the same potential difference is applied across the long dimension of each surface to obtain the same potential gradient, the actual gradient of the


Resistance-strip magnetic electron multiplier with novel dynode structure consists of two surfaces-one coated with a metol-oxide semiconductor-phrough which electrons are generated in a cycloidal path by a particle striking a cathode at one end. Anode of left collects amplified beam. Diagonal equipotential lines control paths of secondary-emission electrons.


Strip dynode multiplier can be built with crossedfield gates, so that the output beam can be electronically switched to any of several channels.
field strip is maintained more positive than the dynode-strip surface. This provides suitable equipotential lines in the volume between the surfaces. A uniform magnetic field surrounds the entire structure.

## Secondary-Emission Electrons Travel

## Cycloidal Path Along Dynode Strip

An electron released from rest at any point along the dynode travels in a cycloidal path along the equipotential line on which the electron originates. The electron strikes the dynode before completion of the first cycle with an impact energy corresponding to the difference in potential between the points of origin and impact. The multiplier is designed to make this energy large enough for second ary-emission ratios greater than unity. Released secondary electrons travel the same way

The cathode surface that incoming particles strike may be either a continuation of the semiconductor dynode strip or a surface made from a conductor, Bendix researchers report. The surfaces between which the electrons travel may be made either of an insulating base coated with a semiconductor or of material with proper volume resistivity for convenient operation, the researchers say.
The structure may also be bent to form a cylinder, a right angle or other shape. If desired, the anode may be replaced by a set of crossed-field gates, permitting the output beam from the multiplier to be electronically switched in a few nanoseconds to any one of several channels. Cross-talk would probably be insignificant. And not only could the multiplier be time-shared by use of cross-field gates, but the signal in each channel would pass through the same multiplier and receive equal amplication

Bendix expects that subnanosecond rise times may be achieved with a resistance-strip magnetic electron multiplier. This would reportedly require use of a grid to shield the anode from displacement current. - -


As succeeding generations of missiles penetrate the curtain of space that penetrate the curtain of space that separates Earth from other planets, the importance of electronic guidance, control and airborne telemetry systems becomes obvious. For, without new engineering design techniques to provide reliable communication and control, the most advanced missile is but a bird in a gilded and very expensive cage.

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# U.S. to Press Hunt for Better Nuclear Detection System 

Three-Pronged RED Effort, Using Land, Sea and High-Altitude Sensing Equipment, Will Seek to Identify Bomb Detonations


#### Abstract

John J. Christie Washington Editor

PROJECT Vela, the three-part R\&D program for improving means of detecting and identifying underground and high altitude nuclear-bomb explosions in the world, will move ahead despite a setback in Geneva test-ban negotiations. The expected resumption of nuclear blasts by the United States for the purpose of improving detection will enable scientists to evaluate a number of theories, as well as research using chemical and high-explosive detonations, since the moratorium on nu-clear-bomb tests. However, some 20 scientists, in recent testimony before the Congressional Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, have warned that only modest improvements in techniques and instrument capabilities can be expected in the forthcoming tests. They are generally agreed that several more years of costly research in the physical sciences and electronics will be required to come up with optimum detection systems, unless some unexpected breakthroughs occur.

\section*{Present Nuclear Control System}

Is Not Completely Foolproof Dr. Richard Latter, a member of the Rand Corp.'s research council and a leading technical adviser in the Geneva negotiations, summed up the limited capabilities of the control system under consideration at Geneva in these terms: "For atmospheric and underwater tests, it has a good capability of detecting and identifying nuclear tests above about one kiloton. For underground tests, large tamped explosions are detectable, but large decoupled explosions are not. For space tests unshielded explosions are detectable, but large shielded explosions are not."

The Vela program, under the supervision of the Defense Dept.'s Advanced Research Projects Agency, now involves 11 separate Government agencies, and there are currently more than 100 R\&D contracts which


are in effect with universities and private concerns.

Vela Uniform, the program for improving detection and identification of underground nuclear explosions, is by far the biggest part of the undertaking at this stage. It accounts for 80 or more of the current R\&D contracts. Construction of a network of prototype seismic stations, with elaborate supporting facilities, and the resumption of nuclear testing will move Vela Uniform into the spotlight in fiscal 1962.

## Construction Starts This Year <br> On 4 'Geneva-Type' Station

Work is already underway on a prototype seismic detection network that will be analogous to the international control system proposed in 1958 by the Geneva conference of experts. Construction will start this year on four "Geneva-type" stations, similar to one in operation at Lawton, Okla., since October, 1960. The new stations will be in California, Oregon, Montana and Utah, spaced at about 600 miles.

The network will also include two larger and more advanced stations, incorporating improvements recommended by the U. S. panel of experts. The panel set higher goals for nuclear test-ban policing following the discovery that initial Western proposals were based on highly inadequate and inconclusive data.
Other facilities will include one capable of conducting "control systems headquarters" studies and tests. There will also be a center for evaluating sub-surface detection systems.

It is planned to equip one Geneva-type station with several "pre-prototype" instruments developed under the Vela Sierra program for ground-based detection of highaltitude atomic explosions.
Vela Hotel, the program for development of a satellite detection system, has led to design of new X-ray, gamma-ray and neutron detectors.

Following are some of the highlights of
work underway in each of the three Vela programs:

## VELA UNIFORM

Development of identification criteria for distinguishing between natural and manmade seismic events continues as the major objective.

Efforts to solve the identification problem are devoted for the most part to improving the means of measuring and interpreting seismic signals. A number of new techniques and instruments for this purpose will be tested in the forthcoming series of underground nuclear explosions.

Among noteworthy programs is a study by the U. S. Geological Survey of seismic propagation paths and regional travel times in the California-Nevada region. An all-transistorized seismic-ref raction system, designed and built by the Southwestern Industrial Electronic Co., covers a range of frequencies from 1 to 300 cps and can record voltages, the largest of which is more than 1,000 times as great as the smallest. The system, reported to have extremely low internal noise, records on both magnetic tape and film.
According to Dr. Charles C. Bates, chief of the Vela Uniform program, the system's magnetic tapes can be played back through a variety of filters to permit extraction of extremely weak signals not detectable by conventional seismic-refraction systems. He expressed belief that the system had "many potential applications in nuclear-test detection and studies of small earthquakes and after-shocks."

## New Computer Programs Expected <br> Along with Digitized Seismograms

Once nuclear testing is resumed, it is also believed that a number of new computer programs and digitized seismograms will aid in developing new knowledge about seismicwave propagation phenomena. Among developments are these listed by Dr. Bates:
"A family of surface response curves generated by typical explosion wavelets with

## Three Steps to Nuclear Detection

 foolproof system for detecting all nuclear explosions in the world is composed of three programs. They are:Vela Uniform-Detection of under. ground and underwater detonations.

Vela Sierra-Ground-based detection of high-altitude detonations.

Vela Hotel-Satellite detection of high. altitude detonations.

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 than conventional communications-adaptedvarying depths and geology; the improvement of time resolution of closely spaced or overlapping seismic wave arrivals of direct and surface-reflected waves from various sources by the application of inverse filtering techniques; and the determination of the amount of energy that should be contained in the shear-wave phases of a wave train from various types of seismic sources.'

Supplementing efforts to improve identification of seismic signals are new programs to determine if electromagnetic waves generated by underground explosions are detectable at $\AA$ distance of several hundred miles.

Thus five research projects are underway in sub-surface electromagnetic propagation. Also, plans have been made to have Edgerton, Germeshausen \& Grier, under technical direction of the Rome Air Development Center, generate large electromagnetic signals in a tunnel cut into granite and measure the signals at varying distances.

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The problem of achieving better detection lies in improving instrument capability for detecting weaker signals. "Instrument improvement," Rand Corp.'s Dr. Latter told the Congressional committee, "requires more knowledge about microseismic noise which interferes with detection."
"We must," he said, "find out the principal sources of this noise and learn its detailed nature. In this way we hope to design more optimal instruments."

Vela scientists are generally agreed that seismometer arrays and deep-hole seismometers both offer opportunities for further improvement. Although in a preliminary stage, the deep-hole technique may be capable of greater improvement than the arrays

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far has been limited to arrays of $\because()$ detectors and that there was sufficient improvement in signal-to-noise ratio to warrant attempting larger arrays. It was noted that more elaborate filtering processes should also enhance the effectiveness of arrays.

The initial station in the prototype seismic network-the one at Lawton-has an array of 10 short-period vertical seismometers at intervals of about $3,000 \mathrm{ft}$.

New theoretical array studies have been completed, and Texas Instruments has begun developing new hardware that will be tested in the prototype seismic network. This will include a 30 -seismometer array. In testifying on the outlook for the array experiments, Dr. Carl Romney, assistant technical director of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, declared:
"On the basis of reasonable models of signals and noise, it has been concluded that an improvement on the order of $(\underline{N})^{0.5}$, where $N$ is the number of seismometers, or better over a two-to-three-octave pass band can be achieved in a practical system. This means that an array having 30 seismometers could detect signals $7 . \overline{5}$ times smaller than could be detected by a single seismometer; similarly an array of 100 seismometers could, in principle, detect a signal 14 times smaller than could be detected by a single seismometer."

One big disadvantage of the arrays is the large amount of space they occups. An array of 30 , for example, will require a 3 -sq-mile area.

Three research contracts have been let on the deep-hole approach and three contracts for development of seismometers. An Air Force program last summer proved, on the basis of non-nuclear detonations, that smaller signals could be detected by the deep-hole method. The problem now is to develop instruments that can operate efficiently at great depths for long periods and to determine the optimum geologic environments for installing deep-well detectors.

Three types of ocean-bottom seismographs are under development for exploring the possibility that low seismic background noise levels may prevail on the ocean fionr.
As to the nature of signal and background noise level, Dr. Bates testified that "a transition is also underway from complete dependence on photographic recording to supplementary recording on slow-speed magnetic tape for greater dynamic range, ease of
digitalization, immediate playback through special filters and suitability for electronic data processing." He also noted that "improvements have been made in long-period seismographs, so that they become stable in the field within a matter of hours, not days."
"Improved long-period galvanometers, filters, timing devices and amplifiers, both photo-tube and solid-state, are also well along in the development stage," Dr. Bates said.

Higher Yield of Seismic Data
Requires New Processing Systems
The Vela Uniform program will result in an output of seismic data far in excess of what is produced at present. Thus some 14 contracts have been let for improved data processing, analysis and display techniques. Texas Instruments, for example, has a \$1.4million contract for seismometer array data processing.
Dr. Bates testified that "high-speed" computer techniques are being attempted with good success for spectral analysis, determination of energy spectra through auto-correlation techniques, and objective analysis of the polarity of first motion."

Optical techniques that may be capable of quickly correlating a large number of channels of analog seismic data are under investigation at the University of Michigan. The university and Bell Laboratories are also taking the acoustical approach "to determine whether the human auditory system has the capability to distinguish between time-compressed seismic signals from underground explosions and earthquakes at comparable distances."

## VELA SIERRA

The program for ground-based detection of high-altitude nuclear explosions involves investigation of three possible detection and identification media: visible light and air fluorescence; radio frequency signals; and the effects of radiation and nuclear debris on the earth's atmosphere and magnetic field.

Here again, Vela scientists are confronted with the familiar problems of distinguishing between natural and explosion signals and of coping with background noise.

Prototype equipment built for detection of air fluorescence has shown promising results. The fluorescent method is based on the fact that much of the energy of an upper air nuclear blast is released as X-rays. Tests have led to confidence that approximately $1 / 4$ per cent of the X-ray energy that enters the atmosphere is converted to light a 3,914 A in the upper atmosphere.
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# Wanted-Civil Defense Receiver 

Officials Hope for Solid-State Device<br>For Receiving Signals Over Power Lines

CIVIL Defense officials are looking for a new solid-state receiver for tuning in power line Near (National Emergency Alarm Repeater) signals. No funds for research are available, however, so that any development work will have to be financed by individual companies.

Near utilizes a $240-\mathrm{cps}$ signal generator at power sub-stations to warn civilians in a given area of impending enemy attack. A continuous warning signal of 2 or $3-\mathrm{min}$ duration is intended to be received in homes. Provision for coded signals can be built into the system.

A statewide test of Near is planned in Michigan, and if successful there, the system will be extended to other areas. But needed are home receivers that are cheaper and more reliable than the electromechanical plug-in buzzer alarms now available. No Government funds have been allocated for the receivers, however. R\&D and marketing is being left to the initiative of individual companies.

Last Jan. 30 the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization issued a set of preliminary requirements for prospective manufacturers of receivers, noting that firm specifications would be established after further systems studies have been completed.

## Must Have Operating Life Of 5,000 Cycles, or 5 Years

The receiver, which must be designed for an operating life of 5,000 complete cycles, or five years, must be operable on a minimum 240 -cycle signal of $1-\mathrm{v}$ rms with a line voltage of 100 to $130-\mathrm{v}$ rms, 60 cps . Ambient noise at 60 cps and its harmonics
must be considered in the design.
The range of the $240-\mathrm{cps}$ signal voltage amplitude found at the $155-\mathrm{v}$ power receptacle is between $1-\mathrm{v}$ rms to 6-v rms, depending on network load conditions and proximity of the receiver to the Near inductors. Signal voltages below $1-\mathrm{v}$ rms are not considered adequate for receiver operation in the warning system.

The Near signal of 240 cps can be expected to be held to $\pm 0.4$ cycle. Receivers will operate within specified limits with any $240-\mathrm{cps}$ to $60-\mathrm{cps}$ phase relationship.

The receiver must be designed to operate with a signal of $240 \mathrm{cps}, \pm 1$ cycle, at a minimum of 1 v . Its combined selectivity must be such that it will reject $130-\mathrm{v}$ rms of $60 \mathrm{cps}, 10-\mathrm{v}$ of 180 cps , and $10-\mathrm{v}$ of 300 cps .

Reliable operation must be achieved within the range of $1-\mathrm{v}$ to $6 \mathrm{-v} \mathrm{rms}$ signal frequency. The receiver may not operate on a signal having an amplitude of $0.5-\mathrm{rms}$ or less.

The total audio output of the alarm at 10 ft must be not less than 85 db . The alarm must have a distinctive sound to permit ready identification, and the loudness level may be independent of the $240-\mathrm{cps}$ signaling frequency amplitude.

The receiver must be designed to plug into any energized $115-\mathrm{v}$ ac receptacle normally found in the home.

Midwest Research Institute of Kansas City, Mo., which developed the prototype $240-\mathrm{cps}$ signal generator that was tested successfully a couple of years ago, has undertaken a survey of Michigan's power grid to
determine where the generators will be placed for the statewide test.
The generators for the Michigan test will be manufactured by General Electric's Rome, Ga., plant.

The $240-\mathrm{cps}$ fourth harmonic of the $60-\mathrm{cps}$ system frequency was chosen for Near, according to R. I. Kopan of Midwest Research and T. J. Twomey of GE, "because it is readily generated through the use of asymmetrically biased magnetic cores, is transmitted efficiently over power networks, and is not normally found as ambient potential."

Both series-connected and shunt-connected Near generators have been developed. However, the shunt type has been selected on the basis of experiments indicating that it provides greater signal coverage and compatibility with the power system.
The shunt system uses inductors connected between phases of the power system, with full voltage impressed on the line-connected windings, according to Mr. Kopan and Mr. Twomey. Shunt inductors inject harmonic current in all directions from the generator into each phase of the three-phase system and produce a voltage across the system impedances.
The first home receivers have been made by the AC Spark Plug Div. of General Motors Corp.

## Funds Allocated to Evaluate

## And Expand Near System

Of the $\$ 10$ million earmarked by the United States for Near in fiscal 1962, a total of $\$ 1.5$ million will be used for signal generators and for testing services to evaluate the Michigan system. The remainder is to go for installation of Near networks elsewhere.

The Administration also seeks $\$ 9.3$ million for procurement of radiation monitoring instruments for fall-out shelters and communications equipment for the Civil Defense warning network.

Of about $\$ 15$ million budgeted for R\&D in fiscal 1962, a small amount will be devoted to improvement of fall-out monitoring devices and to make them easier to read and interpret. - ■

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As to direct optical systems, Dr. William Ogle of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory testified that at this time Los Alamos scientists "feel that about $10^{-1}$ of the energy of a megaton device will come out as visible light in perhaps $30 \mu \mathrm{sec}$ and that this is the major signal."

Four Direct Optical Channels
Are Being Evaluated by U. 5 .
Four typical channels of a direct optical system are under evaluation at Los Alamos.

Dr. Ogle explained: "We also propose to study natural backgrounds with one extended range channel; that is, a channel that has larger optics and sees a smaller proportion of the sky and hence has a higher signal-tonoise ratio."

With present photomultipliers, an actual system of this type would be far too complex. requiring something like 20,000 channels. However, it was noted that larger area multipliers were now under development that would allow construction of an extendedrange direct optical system with a more reasonable number of channels.

Possibilities for employing radio-detection equipment now hinge on the riometer, the electromagnetic pulse generated by a detonation and the use of back-scatter radar.

As to the riometer, a sensitive receiver for observing continuous radiation from above the earth's atmosphere, analysis of effects expected from a nuclear detonation indicate that the rapidity of onset should be less than 1 sec . The corresponding time for natural events is 30 sec to several minutes. Thus, according to Lt. Comdr. D. E. Chandler, Sierra program chief, "development of instruments capable of resolving the rapid time history of the observed signals is being carried out."
"Prototype riometer instruments capable of adequate resolution time are being operated to determine whether, in fact, signals with rapid variation do occur naturally," Comdr. Chandler added.

The nature of the electromagnetic radio frequency pulse is far from well-understood and is still the subject of a number of theoretical studies. As to backscatter radar, "a fundamental difficulty," Comdr. Chandler pointed out, "is in clearly defining what would be specified as a signal resulting from a nuclear test."
"The second difficulty," he went on, "lies
in designing equipment capable of performing the required measurements. The specific effort being carried out in the Vela Sierra program deals with a conceptual design of appropriate instruments."

Analysis of the expected effects on the ionosphere of a high-altitude nuclear detonation indicate that changes in propagation time should result and should enable discrimination to be made between natural and man-made causes.

## VELA HOTEL

A comprehensive study of X-ray, gammaray and neutron detector designs has been made over the last two years, together with research as to the anticipated effects that radiation backgrounds will have on them. Electronic logics have also been developed for interpreting signals from the detectors. A design freeze is scheduled for no later than Sept. 1.
A series of piggyback flights for instrument packages are planned on various balloons, satellites and probes. The plans, described at the Congressional hearing by Dr. B. P. Leonard of Aerospace Corp., call for a double-decker spacecraft to be launched into an elliptical orbit of from 50,000 to 75,000 nautical miles.

Spaced uniformly over the surface of the satellite will be 10 X-ray detectors, thin domelike plastic fluors extending out from the vehicle. "This arrangement makes a number of them visible from any direction in space," explained Dr. Harold V. Argo of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in his testimony. The plastic fluors absorb the X-rays and convert their energy into visible light. The light pulse is then collected and measured by standard photomultiplier tubes.
"The photomultipliers have to be shielded from the sunlight, and this is done by placing a thin cover of beryllium or aluminum over the dome-shaped plastic fluors," Dr. Argo noted. "This shield has to be thin enough that it doesn't absorb the soft X-rays, yet still be opaque to sunlight."

There will be seven different bias levels, or sensitivity levels, built into the electronics to measure the intensity of the pulses.
Six gamma-ray detectors will be spaced uniformly about the satellite and probably beneath the surface skin.

The neutron detector will consist of two or more adjacent $\mathrm{BF}_{3}$ neutron counters, surrounded by a common moderator of 10 lb of $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$. These will be inside the satellite shell. - -

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## Narrow-Band TV Uses Pseudo-Random Scan

A system of narrow-band telecasting under development at Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn uses a pseudo-random scan technique and long-persistance phosphors in passing a useful picture through a 45-kc channel.

Resolution of the system, developed by Prof. Sid Deutch, is said to appear equivalent to that of a conventional system, although only one-quarter as many picture elements are used. However, because a slowscan and long-persistance phosphors are used, frames require 1.6 sec to fade. Because of this, quick-moving images leave a ghost. In demonstrations of a closed-circuit version of the system, the mouth of a person shown speaking appeared blurred.

Scan rate of Professor Deutch's system is 20 cps horizontally and 2.25 kc vertically. A conventional 4-mc TV system in the U.S. uses a $15.75-\mathrm{kc}$ and $60-\mathrm{cps}$ scan.

## Fine Scan Is Imposed on Coarse

One to Minimize Flicker
To prevent flicker at 45 kc , the spot, while moving in its coarse scanning pattern, moves rapidly within an area of about $1 / 32 \mathrm{sq}$ in. in \& pseudo-random pattern of 32 positions. A complete fine scan takes 1.6 sec .

In the closed-circuit demonstration system, a yellow long-persistance screen is also used to reduce flicker. A modified vidicon of about 300 lines resolution picks up programs from a conventional TV receiver. These are passed through the pseudo-random scan circuitry to a monitor a few feet away.

Four synchronizing signals are required. One of these would be a pulse sent at 1.6 -sec intervals to reset five multivibrators in the receiver to zero. These bistable units generate five square waves that produce the random scan.


Pseudo-random scan sequence of proposed narrow-band TV syslem norrow-band by numbers. is shown by numbers.
Thirty-two positions of the spot fit in an area of about $1 / 32$ sq in., which moves in regular scanning pattern as pseudo-random scan ocpseud
curs.

The other sync signals required are: a $2.25-\mathrm{kc}$ vertical sync pulse; a $20-\mathrm{cps}$ horizontal sync pulse; and a 45 -kc sine-wave sync signal.

Professor Deutch believes the system may be feasible for transoceanic telecasts. In such an application, multipath problems might require that the signal be sent over several channels. Signals would be received by a master diversity receiver and televised to home receivers. Studies are under way to determine the best modulation method.
The system was originally developed at Polytechnic for recording classroom lectures, where the camera was stationary and the only rapid motion was that of the instructor. The advantage of the system was its saving of recording tape.

## 'Magnetically Clean' Laboratory To Be Used for Navy Testing

A "magnetically clean" laboratory has been built for the Naval Engineering Experiment Station at Annapolis, Md.
Including virtually nonmagnetic construction materials and the ambient earth's field, the laboratory has a relative permeability of less than 1.02 for a radius of 288 ft .
According to Navy spokesmen, one of the most important problems at the new facility is quick location and accurate identification of major magnetic field sources within a field-producing item, such as various types of shipboard electric equipment.
The Magnaflux Corp. of Chicago, a subsidiary of General Mills, Inc., installed the nondestructive electronic test gear and magnetic field measuring devices. The equipment is based on design and instrumentation by Dr. Friedrich Foerster of Reutlingen, West Germany.

## Air-Traffic Control System Uses Prerecorded Voice Command Sign

A semiautomatic air-traffic control system using digitally selected pre-recorded voice commands has been delivered for evaluation by the Federal Aviation Agency.
The system, received at the FAA's National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center in Atlantic City, N. J., handles up to 18 inbound and six outbound aircraft. A computer evaluates the information needed to bring the planes to a safe landing; it issues vector commands, so they will arrive at the airport in properly timed sequence rather than all at once.

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## NEWS

## Small Optical Pickoff Made for Exotic Gyros

Autocollimator Method Said to Give<br>High Resolution in Two-Axis Unit

AMINIATURE, two-axis autocollimator has been designed to serve as an optical pickoff for air-suspended, spherical rotor gyroscopes.
Resolution of the new device, termed Optag (Optical Pickoff Twin Axis Gyro), is 0.05 arc-sec rms, according to its developer, the Perkin-Elmer Corp., Norwalk, Conn. The complete pickoff, including light source, optics and photodetectors, is contained in a cylinder only 1 in . across and 2 in . long. The cylinder weighs 9 oz .
Optical precession pickoffs, which impose no reaction torque on the gyro rotor have long been favored for air-suspended and oth er exotic gyros, such as cryogenic, electrosta tic and magnetically suspended types. Optag could be employed successfully in all, PerkinElmer believes.

Optag includes a microlamp incandescent light source, reflective optics, a truncated sensing prism and four lead sulfide photodetectors. Light is reflected from a small


Operating scheme of Optag pickoff. When gyroscope mirror is centered, light is reflected into sensing prism. When gyro precesses, mirror tilts and reflects ligh from sides of prism into lead sulfide detectors.

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Disassembled Optag pickoff. Arrow indicates nose of sensing prism surrounded by four lead sulfide detectors. A flat-field Schmitt objective lens is housed in metal cylinder at left.
plane mirror on the gyroscope rotor, mounted normally to the spin axis.
When the gyro precession is zero, the reflected light passes entirely through the clear nose of the sensing prism. Any spillover is equally divided between the two photodetectors serving each sensing axis. When precession occurs, the mirror is no longer precisely normal to the optical axis; some light falls on the sides of the sensing prism and is reflected into the photodetectors. The resultant error signals are then amplified and applied to torquing servos that maintain the gyro case in accurate alignment with the rotor.

## Light Weight and Reliability

Dictate Choice of Design
The selection of one light source for the entire system and two detectors per sensing channel was dictated by the need for light weight and reliability. In general, incandescent lamps are the bulkiest, most powerhungry and least reliable components in such a system. The lamp itself employs a square filament consisting of four rectangular tungsten coils. The filament is 0.030 in . sq, slightly larger than the nose of the sensing prism on which it is imaged to prevent discontinuity of illumination.

The lamp is operated at a de-rated voltage for greater reliability and thus has a color temperature of only $2,150 \mathrm{~K}$. This, in turn places its peak spectral output in the 0.5 -to2 micron range and calls for lead sulfide detectors and reflective optics.

Optics are quartz and the housing is Invar to assure low but equal thermal expansion of Optag components. - -


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## WASHINGTON AREPORT

## A PROBLEM OF COMPETITION IN SPACE

Earliest possible development of a commercial satellite communications system apparently has been assured by a series of Governmental actions that have resulted in:
(a) the formation of a committee of international carriers to draft proposed plans for a joint venture, and
(b) the assumption of strong technical leadership by the Na tional Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The Federal Communications Commission, in authorizing the carriers to propose a joint charter no later than Oct. 13, reaffirmed an earlier decision not to permit ownership participation by aerospace and electronics manufacturers. Despite a strongly worded directive that acceptable provisions be made for competitive bidding, not only in the procurement of hardware and services but also in the R\&D stage, the commission has failed to allay fears that competition cannot be fully safeguarded. Moreover the Justice Dept. has indicated that it shares these misgivings.

NASA has put the competitive outlook in a somewhat better light as a result of the stringent patent provisions in its agreement with AT\&T for launching and tracking, on a reimbursable basis, at least two and possibly four experimental satellites for the company in 1962. These unprecedented provisions give NASA royalty-free licenses to any invention conceived of or reduced to practice under the contract, even though no direct Government financing is involved. Moreover NASA may make any of the royaltyfree licenses it obtains available to manufacturers. The RCA contract to develop and build NASA's Project Relay experimental satellite will further strengthen the agency's patent position.
NASA's Role as a Catalytic Agent in space technology is by no means confined to patent rights and licensing. Under the AT\&T agreement, for example, the space agency also requires that the company report the results of experiments and provide test and evaluation data that might have a bearing on other programs and that NASA can turn this over to other firms.

It is noteworthy how closely the NASA approach resembles the thinking of the Justice Dept., as expressed in testimony by Assistant Atty. Gen. Lee Loveinger before the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. In reference to an all-carrier joint venture, he said:
"Provision should also be made so that no company could gain control of the system through ownership of patents. . . . The department believes that all inventions developed under Government contracts, or in projects supported in significant part by Government contracts, should belong to the Government. . . . There should be an exchange of licenses under relevant patents among companies participating in the development, ownership or operation of the satellite communications system, and between such companies and the government."

This and other testimony calling attention to risks of monopoly in the operational stage, if not in the developmental period, has aroused growing Congressional dissatisfaction with the proposed all-carrier joint venture. However, it is highly unlikely that any counter proposal for Government participation in the ownership and operation of a U. S. satellite communications system will prevail.

## GOVERNMENT DATA-PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

Federal agencies offer a number of challenging requirements for complex data-processing and data-retrieval systems. Few can equal the problems posed by the Patent Office, which has under consideration a number of ambitious systems proposals to whittle down its notorious backlog of pending applications.

Latest agency to turn to electronic data-processing is the Federal Communications Commission, beset by serious backlogs in some phases of its operations. The FCC has provided systems specifications to 14 computer manufacturers, whose bid proposals are due by Sept. 29. The general-purpose computer and peripheral equipment will be standard. But programing requirements are complex. Electronic data-processing operations are scheduled to begin in mid-1963.

A shortage of engineering manpower has been a chronic problem for the FCC. Thus a prime objective is to eliminate manual computation of radiation patterns, contour predictions, channel studies, etc. A variety of administrative functions will be transferred to electronic data-processing, including the scheduling of pending applications and renewals, the compiling of details about existing and proposed ownership of stations, analysis of data for rate making, and posting, retrieving and assimilating data for the legal staff.

## NEW PRESSURE TO boost SUbCONTRACTING

The subcontracting practices of prime contractors and their major subcontractors will be subjected soon to scrutiny by examiners of the Small Business Administration.

An industry-Government task force will assist SBA in devising procedures under which contractors' files would be monitored to determine whether they were wholeheartedly complying with regulations designed to give small firms a maximum opportunity to bid for work.
SBA acknowledges that the Defense Dept.-which is committed to a 10 per cent increase in small-business awards in fiscal '62NASA and other agencies are making a much stronger effort than formerly to increase subcontracting opportunities. But it contends that better enforcement of these good intentions is in order. SBA also believes that its probing may lead to stronger regulations on subcontracting.

Among other measures to be considered by the SBA task force is a proposal for setting up regional data-processing centers that would give procurement officials and prime contractors access to meaningful and up-to-date data on small-firm capabilities.

Sole-source procurement and limited invitations to bid are frequently defended on the ground that qualified small firms are too difficult to locate. Small firms complain that they lack the manpower and means of ferreting out opportunities for subcontracts.
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## Well Stacked?

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## Moon Vehicle Set For Launch

Most complicated space vehicle ever built for the U. S. space program is the Ranger I, designed to test control systems on an initial shot some 500,000 miles into space. Later versions of Ranger will make landings on the surface of the moon or planets. An earth-sun sensor orientation system and new "blue" solar cells are among the specialized electronic units carried on the space vehicle.


"Blue" solar cells are used in this Ranger panel builr by Hoffman Electronics Corp. The cells are designed to allow a greater percentage of sunlight toward the blue end of the spectrum to contribute to the energy conversion. The shift is rather small-down to 0.62 from 0.67 microns at the 80 per cent point on the response curve and down to 0.48 from 0.53 microns at the 50 per cent point, with about the same red response, according to Hoffman's random sampling. But the added blue response is at the peak energy portion of the solar spectrum. The improvement is attributed to the use of a thinner top layer over the semiconductor junction in the cells. This panel provides about 90 w , using 4,340 silicon cells, and weighs 19 lb , Hoffman reports.

Passive temperature control of the Ranger spacecraft is provided by varying surface finishes. Gold plate, white paint and polished aluminum are used to balance the thermal effects of extreme cold on the space side of the vehicle and intense heat on the side facing the sun. The directional antenno is partially extended below the vehicle, and solar-cell paddles are in position for receiving radiation from the sun.


Ranger is prepared for packing in the nose of an Agena-B Atlas booster combination Soiar-cell paddles are pulled into an upright position, and the 4 -ft parabolic directional an tenna is tucked up tightly underneath the ve hicle structure.


Complexity of Ranger systems is illustrated by this detailed view of the vehicle's parts. More than 1,500 industrial and educational organizations have contributed to the Ranger program.

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## NEW PRODUCT

## Versatile Crimped Connector For Miniature Coax Cable

A highly versatile crimp-type snap-locked modular HYFEN ${ }^{\text {a }}$ connector for miniature coaxial cable has been introduced by the Omaton Division of the Burndy Corporation, Norwalk, Connect. This modular HYFEN offers the facility of simple removal of individual snap-locked contacts or gang disconnect.


Both inner and outer contacts are crimped to the conductors, simplifying a previously complicated and difficult process. In addition this process eliminates many of the parts formerly used, and also eliminates any heat in the connection process. The result is a reliable coax connection, easily and quickly installed.

The new plug-and-receptacle unit will presently connect RG195U and $=24$ shielded miniature coax cable. Connectors for other sizes of miniature coas will be available soon.

Connector frames, of die-cast anodized aluminum, accommodate three, five, or eight inserts, snapped in from either front or back. Inserts for coax cable, of glass-filled diallyl phthalate, accommodate up to 21 contacts. A plug or receptacle insert may hold male or female contacts, or they may be intermixed. Coax cable inserts and standard wire inserts ( 35 contacts) may be mounted in the same frame.

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## NEWS

## Island Tested as Antenna With Special R-C Bridge

Radiation tests to determine the usefulness of Deception Island, in the Falklands, as an antenna have been made with specially designed R-C bridge. The bridge has a frequency range of 2 to 20 kc and capacitance and resistance ranges of 0 to $10 \mu$ and 0 to $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.

As an antenna, the island, of the southern coast of Argentina near the Antarctic, would test the characteristics of interference in the very-low-frequency region. The 10 -mile-diam, horseshoe-shaped island would be wired as an insulated slot and the surrounding sea used as the long-wave antenna for the radiation of artificial interference. This is considered easier than building a long-wave antenna in the Antarctic for frequencies around 5 kc . The wavelength at this frequency is 60 km ; an efficient antenna for $\overline{5}$ ke would have dimensions in miles.

## Project Is Part of RFI

Propagation Studies
The project is a result of the discovery that lightning generates interference at vif and the interference propagates along the earth's lines of magnetic force. Tests in which artificial interference was transmitted north to south have already been carried out; Deception Island is to be used for transmissions from south to north.

A 600 -ft-high ridge circles the island. For the radiation tests. two sets of five telephonegage wires were strung from the top of the ridge 20 yd into the sea. Radiation resistance was measured where the two sets of wires met at the summit-the point from which transmissions are to be made.

The R-C bridge was built by Marconi Instruments of Hertfordshire, England, to specifications of Prof. M. G. Morgan of Dartmouth College. Professor Morgan was the originator of the idea to use Deception Island as an antenna.

## Bridge Is Straightforward;

Has 5 Per Cent Accuracy
The instrument is a straightforward R-C bridge with balanced terminals, independent of ground, and a measurement accuracy of $\pm 5$ per cent. The two ratio arms comprise a variable decade capacitor of 11 uf maxi-


How R-C bridge for 2 to 20 kc was used in measuring radiation resistance of island. Instrument was placed at summit of $600-\mathrm{ft}$-high ridge. Wires from it were strung 20 yd into sea.
mum, in parallel with a series arrangement of three calibrated variable resistors totaling $11.1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.

The bridge and transformers to isolate it from an external oscillator and a low-consumption, transistorized amplifier detector were housed in a simple aluminum box. Power was supplied by a $6-\mathrm{v}, 20 \mathrm{amp}-\mathrm{hr}$ accumulator and two $120-\mathrm{v}$ batteries. - -

## Disk Files Designed For Honeywell Computer

Random-access storage equipment, using magnetic disks, has been designed by Minne-apolis-Honeywell's Electronic Data Processing Div. for the Honeywell 400 mediumscale computer.
Four models are available, ranging from a minimum capacity of 24 million alphanumeric characters to a maximum of 96 million.
The capacity of the four units is as follows: Model 460-1, six disks, 24 million characters; Model 460-2, with 12 disks, 48 million characters: Model 460-3, with 18 disks, 72 million characters, and Model 460-4, with 24 disks, 96 million characters.
Average access time to any item in the file, regardless of file size, is approximately 100 msec , Minneapolis-Honeywell reports. Maximum access time is given as 170 msec .

The minimum random-access storage and control unit ( 24 million characters) will rent for $\$ 2,900$ a month. The sale price will be $\$ 140,000$. The maximum unit ( 96 million characters) will rent for $\$ 6,200$ a month and sells for $\$ 260,000$.

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## NEWS

## Ultrasonic Blood-Flow Meter Developed at London Hospital

A device for measuring blood flow in a human vessel ultrasonically has been developed at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, England.
The system works by transmitting $3-\mathrm{mc}$ pulses generated by a quartz crystal across a patient's blood vessel. A second crystal transducer is positioned opposite the transmitting unit. The length of time taken for a pulse to traverse the blood vessel is measured by a ramp generator.

A miniature computer compares the difference in velocity between pulses traveling in opposite directions. By using this information, it can determine the blood-flow rate and direction.

## Paper on Automatic Controls Wins NEC Award of Merit

A paper that has caused significant changes in automatic controls over the last decade has earned for its author the Award of Merit of the National Electronic Conference. The award has been made only once before in the conference's 17-year history.

Donald C. McDonald, engineering vicepresident of Sola Electric Co. of Chicago, a division of Basic Products Corp., has won the award for his paper on "Nonlinear Techniques for Improving Servo Performance." The paper, which was read at the 19.50 conference, is regarded as a departure from conventional theory. It opened the field of time-optimal control.

A certificate of award and a check for $\$ 750$ will be presented to Mr. McDonald Oct. 9 at the National Electronics Conference, International Amphitheatre, Chicago.

## High-Frequency Magnetron <br> Developed for Air Force

A backward-wave magnetron with a 10.8 to $-15.0-\mathrm{kmc}$ tuning range has been developed for the Air Force to extend the frequency coverage of microwave communication systems. Presently available magnetrons operate at frequencies up to about 11 kmc , Sylvania says.

The units were developed by the Microwave Div. of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., New York City.

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## Aerovox Puts 2-Year Warranty On Capacitors and Resistors

A two-year warranty on resistors and capacitors has been announced by Aerovox Corp., New Bedford, Mass.

This is a departure from the usual oneyear warranty set by most components manufacturers. Aerovox said the cost of its components would not increase, although manufacturing and production costs have risen with stricter quality control.

## Computer Control to Regulate Louisiana-to-N. J. Gas Pipeline

A solid-state control system is planned to regulate the flow of natural gas in a pipeline network from Northwest Louisiana to New Jersey.

The control equipment will be furnished by Control Data Corp., Minneapolis. In the initial installation a master station and three satellite stations will be joined by a common digital-computer language operating over microwave channels. The complete system will comprise 128 satellite stations and a computer at the master station.

The gas pipeline is operated by Texas Eastern Transmission Corp., with numerous lateral lines and loops from the main line.

The master control center will be at Shreveport, La., and the first three satellite stations at West Monroe. La. ; Danville, Ky., and Berne, Ohio.

## Power Sent by Remote Control



A remote-controlled supervisory system is controlling the transmission of power for the entire Pittsfield, Mass., area. Remote operation of three substations is accomplished with a solid-state master control unit at one substation in Pittsfield. The equipment, developed by General Electric Co.'s Medium Voltage Switchgear Dept. of Philadelphia, provides for station operation, five alarm functions, two position indications, and frequency telemeter readings for voltage and vars.

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# San Francisco: Golden Gate To Electronic Research 

WESCON Delegates Will Find Many Laboratories Pursuing Studies In Solid State, Microwaves, Information Handling and Other Areas

## Thomas E. Mount

West Coast Editor
NQUISITIVE engineers attending the forthcoming Western Electronics Show and Convention will find the San Francisco area a thriving center of electronic research.

Intensive studies are under way today in solid state, microwaves, information handling and other branches of the industry. WESCON is scheduling field trips to representative laboratories for those engineers who are interested.

An examination of the problems being probed by researchers will disclose such typical ones as these:

## Solid State

Shockley Laboratories, Palo Alto, is growing ultra-pure silicon crystals to study imperfections in silicon p-n junctions. Researchers are using the Dash process originally developed at General Electric to grow the crystals. Diffusion "constants" have been found to be inconstant-or, as the researchers call them, "diffusion coefficients"-and R\&D manager Rudolf Biesele points out that "the whole area of semiconductor technology is a peculiar blend of science and art."
"We keep finding areas of art that have heretofore been labeled 'science,'" he says. "These areas that are not really under control are the ones that have been plaguing industry. It is these areas of sorcery we are attacking."

## Impurities in Starting Materials <br> Limit Solar-Cell Performance

From some of the work on imperfections in junctions, it now appears that many of the compromises that have been forced on solar-cell manufacturers are caused by the quality of their starting materials-the semi-
conductor crystals they process into solar cells. Tests on solar cells show efficiency differences due to stray impurities, possibly precipitation materials established during heat treatment.

To check the efficiency over the surface of a given solar cell, Shockley researchers etched several mesas on the surface. Lower efficiencies were fowind on the periphery of the cell, higher ones in the center, and highest of all under the contacts to the solar cell.

Other research, conducted principally by Dr. Adolph Goetzberger, provided an answer to the last anomaly. Some glasses, formed on the surface of the silicon during processing, and some metals, like the nickel contacts, act as efficient "getters." In this sense the getters act as blotters for impurities.

More imperfections examined by Dr. Goetzberger include "pipes"-shorts through the middle layer in transistors. These are caused by dust settling on the transistor n -layer before the p-layer has been diffused on. Silicon dice left exposed to dust show

## 'Fertilized' Transistors Grow Annoying 'Pipes'

Puzzled Shockley Laboratories researchers engaged in transistor studies noticed a sudden high incidence of "pipes"-undesirable imperfections-on silicon wafers one day.

The difficulty was traced to a pile of manure dumped near an open window to await spreading on the plant's lawn. The large amount of phosphorus in the fertilizer ruined the batch of silicon transistors.

Processing of materials in closed atmospheres has solved this contamination problem for Shockley.


Light emission in solid state materials is observed by Dr. Adolph Goetzberger of Shockley Laboratories through an avalanche light emission analyzer. Much of the research activity in the San Franciseo area is concentrated on solid state phenomena.
pipes, and the greater the duration of exposure, the more pipes. Phosphorus, even in small quantities, is a prodigious pipemaker.

The obvious solution to the problem of pipes is make the semiconductors in a controlled environment. At Shockley the phos-phorus-diffusion furnaces are even walled off from the other fabrication furnacesaverage content of phosphorus in a pipe is $10^{4}$ atoms, half a micron in size-and airconditioning filters have 1 -micron interstices.

Some results from the study of dislocations indicate that two or more doping materials should be used in the manufacture of solar cells instead of one. Dr. Ham Queisser discovered that a boron atom diffused into a semiconductor causes strain and slippage, since the boron atom is much smaller than the silicon atoms. He theorizes that the use of two doping materials one larger than the crystal atom, one smaller-would alleviate the strain and prevent dislocations.

Other programs in effect at Shockley include studies of how surface conditions influence silicon diffusion. It turns out that diffusion 1 micron below the surface is quite different from that on the surface. This effect had no importance in earlier days, since relatively thick layers were used in semiconductors, but the trend in modern devices


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## IBM Laboratory Is Pursuing

## Variety of Solid-State Studies

Elsewhere in the solid-state field IBM Research Laboratory at San Jose, a division of International Business Machines, is looking into photochemistry, surface studies and films, and resonance physics, such as nuclear magnetic resonance, electron paramagnetic resonance and quantum electronics. Dr. John Michaelson is heading a team investigating photochemistry and other problems originally extracted from the imagestorage field. Among the phenomena he is concerned with are the absorption, storage and transfer of energy, photodecomposition of organic solids, energy transfer to various impurity atoms in solution, and the phosphorescent state of solids.

Lockheed Missiles and Space Div. maintains a major research center in the Stanford Industrial Park. Palo Alto. There Dr. Herbert N. Leifer is working with the University of California on magnetic effects, thermoelectric effects, spin waves in thin ferromagnetic films and the magnetic properties of rare earth materials. A spin-echo electron paramagnetic spectrometer shows promise for the study of fast-access ( $10^{-8}$ sec ) memories. Information is stored in atomic lattices.

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Atmospheric breakdown as a function of air density is studied in a microwove transmission project al Stanford Research Institute. Microwave energy directed into evacuated plastic chamber, left, breaks down at a certain power level creating bright spots to appear. Inset shows waveform observed at breakdown. Above, Dr Tetsu Morita, in charge of the project, operates oscilloscope used in breakdown studies.

## Microwaves

At Stanford Research Institute, Palo Alto, a radiation systems group under Dr. Tetsu Morita is working to determine at what power level the atmosphere breaks down as a function of density and therefore of altitude. The group has set up a spherical transparent chamber and pumped it out to $a$ few millimeters of mercury. A parabolic microwave antenna, mounted outside the chamber, focuses pulses of microwave energy through the wall into a small spot near the center of the sphere. If the electric field is above a critical value, the rarified air breaks down, forming a pattern of brightly glowing spots. Information is obtained on the breakdown field strength as a function of altitude; it represents an upper limit to the power that may be transmitted through the atmosphere.

Dr. Morita is also studying a missile reentry problem. During re-entry antennas are subjected to a partially ionized atmosphere. The presence of free electrons in sufficient number will lower the power-handling capabilities of the antennas. To investigate this effect, Dr. Morita has set up an artificial plasma generator. He puts an antenna into the flame and checks communications.

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## NEWS

ducted by the aerophysics group at Stanford Research Institute. Radars under development indicate the possibility of locating rain on a ppi and simultaneously gaging the amount of rainfall by the density of the echo. Such a weather radar could measure the precipitation with quantizing techniques and record all rainfall in an area of 100 miles' diameter.
Prototypes of broadband ( 25 per cent) traveling-wave parametric amplifiers have been built by the microwave group under E. M. Theodore Jones. The device could find application as a pre-amplifier on receivers, since it would obviate tuning.
Another development of this group is an up-converter, narrowband parametric amplifier with less than $1-\mathrm{db}$ noise. The group is also concerned with the design of strip lines and electronically tunable filters.
Meanwhile researcher Philip Carter at Stanford Research Institute is studying the use of ferrites in parametric amplifiers. He has designed very-high-frequency parametric amplifiers using garnets.

## Information Handling

The Advanced Systems Development Laboratory in San Jose has concentrated considerable effort on data-transmission research. Engineers there have built many modulator-demodulator subsets and have connected computers to telephone lines in seeking to get to the root of problems. A radio link has been set up between the laboratory and IBM in Tucson, Ariz., to experiment with error-detection codes.
The division is also examining the technological and systems implications of data storage and retrieval. Image storage, as exemplified by IBM's recently announced Walnut File designed for the Counter Intelligence Agency, was developed in this division. With an optically demanding system like Walnut, the specification of lens design and measurements becomes important; close understanding between "optickers" at American Optical Co., for example and "electronickers" at IBM is necessary.
In computer research. pattern recognition and threshold switching takes precedence. At Lockheed Missiles and Space Div., Palo Alto, Dr. David G. Willis is studying artificial neurons-multiple-input, single-output devices. Various weighted functions may be
input to the neuron, or the weighting factors may be implemented within the neuron. The results of these studies will be used in scheme and pattern recognition, hybrid logic and normal logic.

## Energy Sources

With a view toward thermionic energy conversion, researchers at Varian Associates, Palo Alto, are studying plasma synthesis. If a plasma can be generated cheaply-with low expenditure of electrical power-then low temperature ( $1,000-1,500 \mathrm{C}$ ) emitters can be fabricated instead of the $2,500 \mathrm{C}$ presently needed for tungsten or tantalum.

Low density, magnetically confined discharges are under investigation at Varian, with the goal of eventual high-power controlled fusion. Former research in this area resulted in ion gages, ion pumps (the VacIon) and upper-atmosphere instruments.

## Communications

In communications. Dr. Joachim Muehlner of Lockheed Missiles and Space Div., Palo Alto, is carrying out research in broad band carrier modulation and demodulation techniques, statistical communications theory and oceanographic instrumentation. The instrumentation laboratories under Dr. Muehlner developed pressure, temperature and voice instrumentation for the deep-diving Trieste bathyscaphe.
The electromagnetic sciences group at Stanford Research Institute, Palo Alto, is designing antennas for specific purposes. Current work concerns vlf antennas for submarine communications, including the design of a large, flat-top, top-loaded stub antenna for 15 kc .

A corollary of this work is being carried on in the radio systems group at the institute. Work has been done detecting lightning and direction-finding lightning bursts with 1-cps modulation.

## Behavioral Psychology

Representative of the wide range of today's electronic research. techniques in behavioral psychology are being investigated at Varian Associates, Palo Alto. The findings will have application in teaching machines and educational aids.

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## Electrostatic Printer Promises Versatility

An electrostatic printer that can print on virtually any material without pressure contact has been developed by the Stanford Research Institute. Paper, cardboard, cloth and wood are among the materials that lend themselves to the new printing method, thus far experimental.
The Electrostatic Printing Corp. of San Francisco has been set up to exploit the machine.
In operation, it charges a 200 -mesh stain-less-steel screen to about $1,500 \mathrm{v}$. The paper or other material to be printed on runs in back of the screen, and backing up the paper is an electrode of opposite polarity. Dry-ink-and-resin dust is brushed by a rotating orlon brush into the screen, where the dust particles acquire a charge. Then they are attracted to the rear electrode and are fixed to the paper.

Fixing is accomplished by baking the paper a short time in an oven. This process limits the resin and makes it adhere to the substrate.
The printer is said to show promise of extremely high quality reproduction. The 200 -mesh screen, which in operation is masked by the image that is to be reproduced, could result in easy and inexpensive reproduction of 200 -screen photographs for newspapers and magazines. Two-hundred-


Detailed electrostatic printing on plywood and corrugated cardboard is examined by Jerome Flax, president of Electrostatic Printing Corp.
screen half tones are twice as fine and detailed as standard magazine photographs

According to Virgil Barta of the Institute, the electrostatic printer should cost 50 percent less than standard printing presses and weigh only half as much. Greater control of the printing process is possible with the machine: the density of the ink, for example, can be varied by changing the amount or duration of voltage, so relief printing is possible. This capability should provide a new graphic arts dimension.

Another advantage claimed for the electrostatic printer is that both sides of the paper can be printed, since the ink-and-resin dust can be charged to either polarity. Current techniques call for drying one side before printing on the other.

## Traveling Technical Exhibit To Cover 7 Areas in East

A traveling technical show, featuring the latest developments of seven instrument manufacturers, will call this fall at seven East Coast points.

All of the booths at this second annual Electronic Instrument Manufacturers Exhibit will be manned by company engineers, who will provide information on calibration and measurement problems.

This year's show will be sponsored by General Radio Co., West Concord, Mass.; Lambda Electronics Corp., Huntington, L. I., N. Y.; Non-Linear Systems, Inc., Del Mar, Calif.; Panoramic Electronics, Inc., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. (formerly Panoramic Radio Products); Sensitive Research Instrument Corp., New Rochelle, N. Y.; Tektronic, Inc., Beaverton, Ore., and Trio Laboratories, Inc., Plainview, L. I., N. Y.

The areas that the Show will visit are:

- Syracuse, N. Y., Sheridan Inn, Sept. 21, noon to 7 pm .
- Norwalk, Conn., Norwalk Motor Inn, Sept. 25, noon to 7 pm
- Roosevelt Field, L. I., N. Y., Sagamore Room, Sept. 27-28, noon to 8 pm .
- Cedar Grove, N. J., The Towers, Oct. 2, noon to 7 pm .
- Philadelphia, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Oct. 3-4, noon to 8 pm.
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#### Abstract

Leading aerospace electronic manufacturers have found welded modules made on Hughes welding equipment to be the answer to baffling component packaging problems. These welded modularized packages give

Reliabilty: fracture tests prove welded joints are from 4 to 20 times stronger than soldered connections. Contour Flexibility: Components can be arranged so final package is shaped to almost any configuration desired.

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Engineers at Radiation Incorporated, Melbourne, Florida, describe this Melbourne. Florida, describe this equipment as the "heart" or an analog to digital converter. Included are a 175 KC tree-running multivibrator and e synchronizer. This compact layout. they explain, allows circuit interconnections to oe very short, an imfrequency operation. Additional advantages cited were space and weight savings plus rigid environmental requirements.


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Ryan Electronics. Ryan Aeronautical Company. San Diego, Calitornia em. ploys insulative waters, point-to-point wiring and Hughes voltage regulated welders to assemble high density modules like the one shown above. This one contains a pulse generator crystal oscillator and single flid-flop. Ryan engineers report that over-all ponents per cubic inch in this par. ticular application.


## GIIIIIIID

Engineers at General Dinamics Engineers at General Dynamics, Astronaulics, San iego, have selected Hughes welders for production of modules like the one shown above. The unit pictured is part of a pre-launch gyro rotation checkout system used on missiles bult by the firm. Hughes voltage regulated welders were selected to provide the enact repeatability needed
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the laboratory was reached during a test, and the ultimate capability of the magnet is still unknown.
As the electrical current passes through the ribbon, the magnetic field is produced in a 1 -in. diam by 2 -in.-long aperture at the center of the device. Samples of various materials, such as metals and semiconductors, can be placed in the aperture to determine the effect of the magnetic field on their structure. Radical changes can be made in the characteristics of materials by magnetic realignment of atoms and electrons.

Engineering development of the magnet was carried out with the support of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

## Tube Filaments Kept Warm When New TV Sets Are Off

Tube filaments are kept warm when television sets are turned off in a new TV line introduced by Westinghouse Electric Corp.

The new feature, called "Instant On" TV, is provided by switching a half-wave rectifier into the filament supply circuit when the set is turned off, according to Westinghouse engineers. This cuts heater voltage to half its normal value. When the set is turned on again, full ac power is supplied to the tube heaters.

Since actual voltages are not critical while the set is off, low-cost semiconductor rectifiers can be used to provide rectification.

Keeping filaments warm while TV' sets are off, so that picture and sound are turned on instantly, is also expected to extend tube life by reducing surge currents.

## NASA Considers Ion Engines For Propelling Space Vehicles

Electrostatic ion engines are under consideration by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for use in satellite propulsion units and deep-space probes.

The engines use electro-magnetic fields to expel electrically charged particles from an opening. High exhaust velocities can be produced while still maintaining low engine temperatures.
NASA has selected the Astro-Electronics Division of the Radio Corp. of America for developing and testing experimental engines.

## POSITIVE SERVO SYSTEM STABILITY

## ...now possible because Beckman velocity-damped servomotors replace complicated rate-feedback systems!

Stability is one of the major probems facing today's servo systems designer. A damping technique of some type must be used when it is important that motors follow high gain input signals without oscillagain input signals
tion or instability.
What's the best method of achieving stability? Helipot's answer is the Velocity-Damped Servomotor with unique advantages over any other damping technique. These units introduce viscous friction, or damping, into the servo system by greatly simplified and extremely reliable electro-mechanical means.
Compare this to the damping gener ator. Velocity-damped servomotors can be used in nearly $80 \%$ of the applications where motor-generators are now being used. These new Helipot units eliminate amplifier feedback channels as well as the null voltage and phasing problems associated with motor-generator feedback loops. And velocity-damped units are more reliable, lighter in weight smaller in size, and lower in cost. Let's examine the facts.


Here's what happens. The figure above plots position against time assuming a step input. It illustrates the difference in settling time between a standard servomotor and a Beckman Velocity-Damped ServomoBeckman Velocity-Damped Servomo-
tor. Note that the velocity-damped tor. Note that the velocity-damped
unit, while not reaching its position as fast as the servomotor, does dampen out much sooner.
JUST HOW DOES VELOCITY-DAMPING WORK?
A magnetic damper section, consisting of a low inertia drag-cup integral
with the motor shaft and two fixed permanent magnets, is attached to the servomotor in much the same manner as a generator. Currents are induced in the cup as it rotates around the magnets. The force exerted on the cup results in a retard ing torque, or damping effect, on the motor shaft.
And this is adjustable damping. It's possible because polarity between the two magnets is variable, provid ing a means by which the total forces due to induced currents can be exernally controlled. Even with the ernally in the damp can easily be adjusted by setscrew and locknut.

WHERE CAN VELOCITY-DAMPED UNITS REPLACE MOTOR-GENERATORS?
The damping effect of velocitydamped units is directly proportional to speed in the same way that generators produce a feedback voltage pro portional to speed. It follows that the two are theoretically interchangeable in position servo application.
And they are-up to $80 \%$ of the time Their use is limited only where more damping is required than can be ob tained from the two magnets. The factor here is one of physical size alone.

## WHAT SPECIFIC ADVANTAGES DO

 VELOCITY-DAMPED UNITS HAVE?You'll find that Beckman velocity. damped servomotors have 7 big plusses when compared to motorgenerators. Take a look.

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## NEWS

## Space Chamber to Test <br> Venus Craft and Others

A $\$ 4$-million space chamber has been ordered for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to test the design of space craft. The first vehicle to be tested in it will be the Mariner A, designed for a mission to Venus.
The simulator will be a cylindrical, stainless steel tower, 80 ft 4 in . high and 27 ft in diameter. The lower part will house space vehicles for testing; the upper will contain a unit capable of reproducing the sun's rays and concentrating them on the surface of the space vehicle.

A special optical system will be designed for the solar simulator by Bausch \& Lomb of Rochester. It will consist of 150 compact arc mercury xenon lamps, each lamp using $2-12 \mathrm{kw}$ of power and each with a 16-in. reflector.

Tests will determine among other things the absorptivity and reflectivity of material in the space vehicle to the sun's rays. The test results will help avoid frying or freezing of electrical components and batteries.

A three-stage pumping system will create an atmosphere similar to that of outer space.


Test chamber for space vehicles, as planned by Consolidated Vacuum Corp. Outer space atmosphere will be simulated by a three-stage pumping system. A mirror system (upper chamber) reproduces the sun s energy. Light from mercury lamps shines down on parabolic mirror and reflects upward to hyperbolic mirror.

In the first stage seven large compressors, ordinarily used to run a supersonic wind tunnel, will remove part of the earth's atmosphere in the chamber. Then vacuum blowers and roots vacuum pumps will take over. Finally giant oil-diffusion pumps will complete the evacuation. At this point the chamber will simulate conditions at approximately 250 miles above the earth.

The contract for the space chamber was awarded by Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology to Consolidated Vacuum Corp., Rochester, N. Y. Consolidated Vacuum, a subsidiary of Bell \& Howell Co., is nearing completion of a similar facility for Lockheed Aircraft Corp.

## New Computer Program Evolved For Language Translations

A new computer program for the automatic translation of languages has been developed.

Unlike specialized disk-file and random-access-searching techniques, now under way, the new method is a mathematically developed progression that can be used with any general-purpose computer. It was demonstrated in Washington, D. C., on an IBM 7090 computer.

With the new technique, called Unified Translation System. Russian has been translated into English at 60,000 words an hour. Any languages can be translated from one to another, if one is Indo-European.

Machine Translation, Ltd., developer of the program, says translation speed can be increased by switching to a speedier computer. By the end of the year, the company predicts, translations may be a million words an hour with an IBM Stretch computer.

## Video Systems in Production For Air Force Titan ICBM

Sixty closed-circuit TV cameras and 48 monitor screens are being produced for Air Force ICBM Titan program.

The video systems will televise critical in-silo missile functions-including fuelingand relay information to underground control centers.
The systems are being produced by Sieg. ler Corp.'s Hallamore Div., Anaheim, Calif., under contract to the Martin Co., Baltimore, prime contractor on the Titan program.


## STACKPOLE matches every requirement

If you have a burning yearning for improved resistor dependability coupled with on-time deliveries, here's a hot tip:
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In Production Stackpole Coldite $70+$ Resistors re-
main one of the easiest components to solder either by dip or iron. They're the only resistors having leads that are solder dipped-not once, but twice-in addition to the usual tin coating. That's why leads stay smooth and tarnish free even after months in storage.
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Stackpole Coldite $70+$ Resistors are available in MIL-R-11 Type RC-20 (1/2-watt), Type RC-32 (1-watt), and Type RC-42 (2-watts) . . . in all standard resistance values, and at ordinary resistor prices.

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Similarities worth noting between the two: a similar high-temperature binder system. famous "SCOTCH" BRAND high potency oxides, a similar ability to resist tremendous speeds, pressures and temperatures while providing high resolution.
Let's look at the record of "Scotch" brand Video Tape and see what message it has for the user of instrumentation tape. On a standard reel of video tape like that shown here, some $11 / 2$ million pulses per second must be packed to the square inch-on a total surface area equal to the size of a tennis court. The tape must provide this kind of resolution while defeating the deteriorating effects of high speeds. pressure as high as
 10,000 psi and
tures up to $250^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

The fact is that video tape must be essentially perfect. And it's a matter of record that thus far only the 3 M experts have mastered the art of making commercial quantities of video tape that consistently meet the demands of the application.
Significantly, the high-temperature binder system developed for "Scotch" Video Tape is first cousin, only slightly removed, to that used in the Heavy Duty Tapes. It's this special feature that has given Heavy Duty Tapes their exceptional wear life.

The moral emerges: for tape that provides the best resolution of high and low frequencies under the severest conditions, turn to "Scotch" brand Heavy Duty Tapes 498 and 499.

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## Automatic Atomic Plant Slated For Sea and Remote Land Uses

A portable, self-regulating atomic power plant to generate electricity under the sea or in remote land areas is being developed by General Dynamics Corp. of San Diego.

The small "package" plant is designed for long-term, unattended operation at generating capacities up to $2,000 \mathrm{kw}$. Dr. Frederic de Hoffmann, president of the company's General Atomic Div., said the plant would be applicable to undersea operation as a power source for naval defense systems. On land it might provide electricity for military, weather or communications stations in polar regions, he said.
The plant will be equipped with homogeneous fuel and moderator elements of urani-um-zirconium hydride. In some applications thermoelectric elements might be employed for direct conversion of the reactor's heat into electricity

Test Unit Checks BMEWS Returns


Digital returns from the Air Force's Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS), a 3,000 -mile radar system, are checked on a test console, operated here by a Sylvania engineer. The console monitors Detection Radar Data Take-Off computers, which are linked to BMEWS. The computers, developed by Sylvania's Data Systems Operations Div. ot Needhom, Mass., accept analog inputs from radar receivers, convert them to aigital form and determine whether a legitimate target exists. Total time between detection by radar in northern Cancda, analysis and display at the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., is 8 to 10 sec


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## EDITORIAL

## A Quake or a Blast? Challenge for Electronics

Accustomed as we are to expecting the almost impossible from electronic detection-the spotting of flying targets thousands of miles away by radar, the sensing of rocket plumes by IR. the communicating of intelligence via a bounce off Venus-it is a bit disturbing to realize our seismographs can't tell an earthquake from si nuclear blast. Furthermore, an earthquake can effectively shield the detection of a following nuclear blast, according to recent testimony given to the Congressional Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. Clandestine firings could be timed to follow earthquakes thereby violating test banning agreement without fear of being caught (unless inspection of sites causing the seismic disturbance is freely permitted--something the USSR has not been willing to (lo so far).

The immediate questions are: Are engineers failing to solve this instrumentation problem? Are we doing enough research? There is little hope for disarmament agreement if detection and inspection are not technically feasible.

The answer on the surface seems to be, "yes." Project Vela, under the direction of the Advanced Research Projects Agency, seems to be going along as planned. Scientists reporting on progress at the Congressional hearing claimed information and answers would come faster if nuclear testing were resumed, but did not blame lack of funds or administration policy. Progress, they say, is not startling because so much basic information about the earth's geography and space's properties still has to be gathered. But accustomed to the faster answers we get from fields where emphasis is heavy, we wonder if the progress is adequate.

The broad research challenge before our profession today is no less than the control of the world crisis. Twenty engineers and scientists, several prominent in the control and instrumentation fields believe that a warproof world is not inconceivable.* They feel that if our national strategy is one of prevention of war rather than defense, deterrence, or destruction, our detection, informationgathering and information-processing facilities can be developed so that a worldwide "War Safety Control" organization is politically possible.

Visionary, perhaps beyond imagination such concepts are. More "experts" will say "impossible" than "possible." To make the "possibles" our true prophets, we need heroes of both the Billy Mitchell caliber who can see the new strategy and the unnamed engineer who may improve the seismograph.


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# Determining Permissible Dissipation For Silicon Power Transistors 


#### Abstract

Calculation of the maximum allowable power dissipation of transistors can be time consuming when different types, under different operating conditions and duty cycles are used in a piece of equipment. A handy design guide, complete with tables and nomograms, is provided and a typical example is worked out to illustrate the procedure.


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The reliability of equipment using silicon transistors is heavily dependent on the permissible dissipation allowed for each transistor type. Calculations for maximum allowable dissipation can be quite involved since different types may be used in various applications with unequal duty cycles. A straightforward and convenient procedure is outlined, with nomograms to aid the designer; stability factor and signal distortion considerations are included to prevent thermal runaway and reduce nonlinearities.
Determining Permissible Dissipation of Silicon Transistors
Junction-Temperature Limits: Transistor manufacturers usually specify a maximum junction temperature for each type to prevent overheating of the junctions and resultant damage to the transistor. For most commercially available silicon transistors, this temperature limit is either 175 or 200 C .

Because of the difficulty of measuring junction temperatures, it is more convenient for equipment designers to work with maximum allowable transistor dissipation for the maximum ambient temperature expected in a particular application. Such dissipation values can be calculated from the maximum thermal resistance and typical thermal time constant of the transistor, the maximum thermal resistance of the heat-sink arrangement (if one is used), and the specific requirements of the application.

Thermal Resistance: Table 1 shows the various steps involved in the calculation of maximum permissible transistor dissipation ( $P_{\mu_{A x}}$ ) for a particular application. The first step is to determine the maximum thermal resistance ( $R_{r_{\mu_{\triangle X}}}$ ) for the application.

Values of thermal resistance for transistors and heat sinks are obtained from manufacturers' published data (representative data appear in Tables 2. 3, and 4). For applications not involving heat sinks, the maximum thermal resistance is the maxi-


Fig. 1. Nomograph relating pulse duration, duty cycle and ambient operating temperature to maximum dissipation.
mum junction-to-free air thermal resistance ( $R_{r^{\prime}{ }_{y I X}}$ ). For heat sink applications, the required thermal resistance $\left(R_{\tau_{M_{1 X}}}\right)$ is the sum of the maximum junction-to-case thermal resistance for the heat sink arrangement.

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R_{T_{M A X}}=R_{1_{M A X}}+R_{2_{M A X}}+R_{3_{M A X}}
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where $R_{T_{\text {MIX }}}=$ maximum thermal resist ance of application,
$R_{i_{\text {MUZ }}}=$ maximum junction-to-case thermal resistance of transistor,
$R_{2_{M A X}}=$ maximum heat sink thermal resistance,
$R_{3_{M A X}}=$ maximum insulation - and contact thermal resistance.

Use of the Rating Chart for Pulse and Switching Applications: After the maximum thermal resistance is determined the rating chart (Fig. 1) is used as follows:

1. Locate the point at which the quotient of the pulse duration ( $t_{0}$ ) and the typical thermal time constant ( $\tau_{1}$ ) meets the specified duty cycle.
2. Draw a line horizontally to the left to the dividing line between ambient temperature and $t_{0} / \tau_{1}$.
3. From this intersection, next draw it diagonal line parallel to those shown, to the vertical coordinate for the applicable ambient temperature.
4. Finally, read the value of $P_{y_{A X}} R_{T_{B A A}}$ corresponding to the intersection of the diagonal with the coordinate for the ambient temperature.
Using the Rating Chart for Continuous Applications: $P_{\mathbf{w A X}_{1}} R_{T_{M A P}}$ is obtained by locating the intersection of the top diagonal line (the one for which duty cycle =1) with the coordinate for the applicable ambient temperature.

The maximum permissible dissipation ( $P_{\text {MAX }}$ ) is obtained by dividing $P_{\text {EAX }^{\prime}} R_{T_{\text {MAX }}}$ by the maximum thermal resistance.

## Determination of the <br> Circuit Stability Factor

For applications in which thermal runaway is a consideration, the maximum permissible dissipation determined may be excessive. To insure that thermal runaway is prevented, the use of an adequate circuit stability factor $(S)$ is required.
(continued on $p$ 4 6 )

Table 1. Sequence of Steps Required to Calculate the Maximum Permissible Transistor Dissipation.

| Item to be Calculated Name and Symbol | Data Required |  |  |  | Formula |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Name | Symbol | Units | Source |  |
| Maximum Thermal Resistance ( $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}_{\text {MAX }}}$ ) | Maximum Junc-tion-To-Case Thermal Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{IMAX}^{\text {I }}}$ | C/w | Transistor Data Sheet (Table 2) | Free Air Applications: $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}_{M \Delta X}}=\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}_{3}^{\prime}}$ <br> Heat Sink Applications: $\begin{aligned} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}_{M A X}} & =\mathrm{R}_{1_{M A X}} \\ & +\mathrm{R}_{2_{M A X}} \\ & +\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{S}_{M A X}} \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Maximum HeatSink Thermal Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\text {IMAX }}$ | C/w | Material Data Sheet (Table 3) |  |
|  | Maximum Insulation-andConstant Thermal Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}_{\text {max }}}$ | C/w | Material Data Sheet (Table 4) |  |
| Maximum Permissible Transistor Dissipation ( $P_{\text {max }}$ ) | Pulse Duration | $\mathrm{t}_{0}$ | sec | Determined by Application | Use Rating Chart (Fig. 5) |
|  | Thermal Time Constant | $\tau_{1}$ | sec | Transistor Data Sheet |  |
|  | Ambient Temperature | T, | C | Determined by Application |  |
|  | Maximum Thermal Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\text {TMAX }}$ | C/w | Determined Above |  |
| Stability Factor to Prevent Thermal Runaway (S) | Collector-toEmitter Voltage | $V_{\text {ce }}$ | $v$ | Determined by Application |  |
|  | Maximum Thermal Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}_{\text {MAX }}}$ | C/w | Determined Above |  |
|  | Maximum Collector Cutoff Current | $\begin{aligned} & \left(\mathrm{I}_{\text {сво }}\right) \\ & \mathrm{MAX}_{\mathrm{T}_{J}} \end{aligned}$ | amp | Transistor Data Sheet |  |
|  | - | K | - | See Reference in Article |  |
| Stability Factor to Limit Distortion (Sd) | Allowable Percentage Change in Collector Current |  |  | Determined by Application | $\mathrm{S}_{4}=\frac{\mathrm{I}_{\text {c }}}{100}$ |
|  | Collector Current | $I_{\text {c }}$ | amp | Determined by Application |  |
|  | Change in Collector Cutoff Current (over the operating temperature range) | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {cbo }}$ | amp | Determined by Application |  |



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The maximum collector-cutoff current at the highest junction temperature presented by the application must be known or determined before the maximum allowable stability factor may be calculated.
Maximum Junction Temperature: If the maximum junction temperature ( $T_{J_{M A X}}$ ) is not known, it is possible to form the approximation:

$$
T_{J_{X A X} X}=T_{\Lambda_{\Psi A X X}}+\left(R_{T_{U A X X}}\right)\left(V_{C E}\right)\left(I_{E}\right)
$$

where $T_{J_{X A, I}}=$ maximum junction temperature for application,
$T_{A_{\text {YAX }}}=$ maximum ambient temperature for application,
$R_{T_{M A X}}=$ maximum thermal resistance of application.
$V_{C E}=$ collector-to-emitter voltage,
$I_{E}=$ emitter current.
Maximum Collector-Cutoff Current: If the technical data bulletin issued by the transistor manufacturer contains a curve for maximum collector-cutoff current as a function of junction temperature, no further calculation is necessary. However, a curve for typical collector-cutoff current as a function of junction temperature, often given in published
data, will also be of aid to the circuit designer if the following procedure is used:

1. From the technical data for the transistor type, obtain the typical and maximum collector-cutoff current values measured at the specified maximum junction temperature.
2. From the curve, obtain the typical collector-cutoff current at the desired junction temperature.
3. Approximate the maximum collectorcutoff current at the desired junction temperature by use of the formula:

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\left(I_{C B O_{M A X} X}\right) T_{J}=\frac{\left(I_{C B o_{M A X}}\right) T_{J_{X A X}}}{\left(I_{C B O}\right) T_{J_{M A X}}}\left(I_{\text {cBO }}\right) T_{J}
$$

where $\left(l_{C B o_{M A X}}\right) T,=$ maximum collectorcutoff current at the desired junction temperature,
$\left(I_{C B O_{H A X}}\right) T_{J_{J_{A X}}}=$ maximum collectorcutoff current at maximum junction-temperature rating,
$\left(I_{\text {ono }}\right) T_{J_{J_{A X X}}}=$ typical collector-cutoff current at maximum junction-temperature rating,

Table 2. Values of Thermal Constants for Various Transistors.

| Type | Maximum Junc. tion Or Case Temperature (C) | Typical Thermal Time Constant ( $\tau_{1}$ ) sec | Maximum-Junc tion-To-Free Air Thermal Resistance ( $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}_{4 \Delta \mathrm{X}}}$ ) C/w | Maximum-Junc. tion-To-Case Thermal Resistance ( $\mathrm{R}_{\mathbf{1 m a x}}$ ) C/w |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2N497 | 200 | 0.01 | 200 | 35 |
| 2N656 | 200 | 0.01 | 200 | 35 |
| 2N1067 | 175 | 0.008 | 100 | 15 |
| 2N1068 | 175 | 0.008 | 100 | 15 |
| 2N1069 | 175 | 0.01 | - | 3 |
| 2N1070 | 175 | 0.01 | - | 3 |
| 2N1092 | 175 | 0.008 | 225 | 75 |
| 2N1479 | 200 | 0.01 | 200 | 35 |
| 2N1480 | 200 | 0.01 | 200 | 35 |
| 2N1481 | 200 | 0.01 | 200 | 35 |
| 2N1482 | 200 | 0.01 | 200 | 35 |
| 2N1483 | 200 | 0.01 | 100 | 7 |
| 2N1484 | 200 | 0.01 | 100 | 7 |
| 2N1485 | 200 | 0.01 | 100 | 7 |
| 2N1486 | 200 | 0.01 | 100 | 7 |
| 2N1487 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |
| 2N1488 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |
| 2N1489 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |
| 2N1490 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |
| 2N1511 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |
| 2N1512 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |
| 2N1513 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |
| 2N1514 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |
| 2N1700 | 200 | 0.01 | 200 | 35 |
| 2N1701 | 200 | 0.01 | 100 | 7 |
| 2N1702 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |
| 2N1703 | 200 | 0.012 | - | 2.33 |

$\left(I_{\text {сво }}\right) T_{J}=$ typical collector-cutoff current at desired junction temperature.

Stability Factor: The maximum allowable value of the stability factor ( $S$ ) for prevention of thermal runaway is given by the following expression:

$$
S=\frac{1}{2.3 K V_{C E} R_{T_{X A X}}\left(I_{C B G^{\prime} \nmid X X}\right) T_{J}}
$$

where $S=$ maximum allowable stability factor for prevention of thermal runaway,
$V_{o s}=$ collector-to-emitter volts,

$$
K=\frac{\log I_{C B O_{1}}-\log I_{C A O_{2}}}{T_{J_{1}}-T_{J_{2}}}
$$

The constant $K$ is determined from a line drawn tangent to the curve of typical collector-cutoff current at the point representing the maximum expected junction temperature for the application. Then,
$T_{L_{1}}=$ junction temperature at a point on the tangent line.
$T_{J_{2}}=$ junction temperature at a second point on the tangent line.
$I_{C B O_{1}}=$ typical collector-cutoff current corresponding to first point on tangent line.
$I_{\mathrm{ChO}_{2}}=$ typical collector-cutoff current corresponding to second point on tangent line.
Safety Check: For any single transistor circuit using linear circuit elements in the bias network, thermal runaway is prevented by calculating a value of $S$ which is greater than the sum of the dc current transfer ratio or dc current gain ( $h_{F E}$ ) and unity (i.e., $S>\mathrm{h}_{\text {P }}$ $+1)$. In this type of circuit, $S$ can only assume values from 1 to $h_{F E}+1$.
Distortion: In some cases, a stability factor smaller than that calculated above may be required to reduce signal distortion in the application. This lower stability factor $\left(S_{d}\right)$ is calculated as follows:

$$
S_{d}=\frac{I_{c}}{100 \Delta I_{C B O}}
$$

where $\quad S_{d}=$ maximum allowable stability factor for limiting allowable percentage change in collector current.
$I_{c}=$ operating collector current for application,
$\Delta \boldsymbol{I}_{C B O}=\mathrm{ch}$ ange in collector-cutoff current over the operating temperature range.
(continued on $p 48$ )


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Fig. 2. Typical collector current characteristics of several transistor types. $\mathrm{A}=2 \mathrm{~N} 1487,2 \mathrm{~N} 1488$ 2N1489, 2N1490, 2N1511, 2N1512 and 2N1513. $B=2 \mathrm{Nl} 483,2 \mathrm{~N} 1484,2 \mathrm{~N} 1485$ and 2 N 1486 . C $=2$ N1479, 2N1480, 2N1481 and 2N1482.


Table 3. Thermal Resistance As a Function of Heat Sink Dimensions

| Material | Copper |  |  | Aluminum |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mounting Position | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{I N} \\ & \text { N } \\ & \text { N } \\ & \text { 우 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{0} \\ & \stackrel{y}{4} \\ & \stackrel{y}{0} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M } \\ & \text { C} \\ & \text { N } \\ & \text { 운 } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Thickness (Inches) | $\frac{3}{16} \quad \frac{3}{32}$ | $\frac{3}{16}$ | $\frac{3}{32}$ | $\frac{3}{16}$ | $\frac{3}{32}$ | $\frac{3}{16}$ | $\frac{3}{32}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^1][^2]When the stability factor value needed to limit distortion is lower than the stability factor value required to prevent thermal runaway, $P_{\text {yax }}$ must be reduced to assure satisfactory operation.

## Example Illustrating <br> \section*{Design Procedure}

A 2N1482 transistor is to be used in a single-pulse application with a pulse duration ( $t_{0}$ ) of $5 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{sec}$. The dc collector-toemitter voltage $\left(V_{C E}\right)$ is 25 v , the dc emitter current is 45 ma , and the maximum ambient temperature reached is 100 C . The transistor is clamped (making firm contact) to a $0.003-\mathrm{in}$. thick Teflon-coated glass-cloth insulator which separates the transistor seating surface from a copper heat sink. The heat sink has an area of 9 sq in . and a thickness of $3 / 16 \mathrm{in}$., and is horizontally mounted.

1. As shown in Table 1, the first value calculated is $R_{T_{X_{A} X}}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
R_{1_{\text {MAX }}} & =35 \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{w} \text { (from Table 2) } \\
R_{2_{\text {MAX }}} & =5.75 \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{w} \text { (from Table 3) } \\
R_{3_{\text {MAX }}} & =1.25 \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{w} \text { (from Table 4) } \\
R_{T_{M A X}} & =R_{I_{\text {MAX }}}+R_{2_{\text {MAX }}}+R_{3_{\text {HAX }}} \\
& =35+5.75+1.25 \\
& =42 \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{w}
\end{aligned}
$$

2. The next value determined is $P_{\text {wis }}$.

$$
\tau_{1}=1 \times 10^{-2} \text { (from Table } 2 \text { ) }
$$

$$
t_{0} / \tau_{1}=\frac{5 \times 10^{-4}}{1 \times 10^{-2}}=5 \times 10^{-2}
$$

From Fig. 1, at the point $t_{0} / \tau_{1}=5 \times 10^{-2}$, locate the intersection of this point and the duty cycle of 0.0001 (the lowest available duty cycle is used because only a single pulse is to be applied). $\left(P_{y_{A X}}\right)\left(R_{\tau_{M A X}}\right)$ is approximated as 58 at an ambient temperature of 100 C .

$$
P_{M A X}=\frac{P_{M A X} R_{T_{M A X}}}{R_{r_{M A X}}}=\frac{58}{42}=1.38 \mathrm{w}
$$

3. Calculation of stability factor. The maximum junction temperature ( $T_{/_{M A S}}$ ) may be approximated as:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& T_{J_{M A X}}=T_{A_{M A X}}+R_{r_{M A X}}\left(V_{C E}\right)\left(I_{E}\right) \\
& T_{J_{M A X}}=100+(42)(25)(0.45)
\end{aligned}
$$

$=150 \mathrm{C}$ (This figure is the maximum junction temperature reached for this application and not the maximum rating for the junction).

Draw a line tangent to curve $C$, as illustrated in Fig. 2 (2N1482 curve) at 150 C. Select additional points such as 75 C and 125 C and calculate $K$.

Table 4. Table of Maximum Insulation and Contact Thermal Resistance ( $\mathrm{R}_{\text {sus }}$ ).

| Insulator | Thickness (In.) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Ramax}_{\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{W}} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Insulator | - | 0.4 |
| Anodized |  |  |
| Aluminum | 0.016 | 0.4 |
| Anodized |  |  |
| Aluminum | 0.125 | 0.5 |
| Mica | 0.002 | 0.5 |
| Mica | 0.004 | 0.65 |
| Mylar | 0.003 |  |
| Glass Cloth (Teflon-coated) | 0003 | 1.25 |

Highly conductive silicone lubricant applied between mating surfaces. Note that values may vary among manufacturers.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& K=\frac{\log I_{C R O_{1}}-\log I_{\mathrm{CHO}_{2}}}{T_{J_{1}}-T_{J_{2}}} \\
& =\frac{\log 3-}{125-} \frac{.0 .15}{75}=2.5 \times 10^{-2} \\
& \left(I_{C A O_{M A X}}\right) T,=\frac{\left(I_{C B O_{M A X}}\right) T_{J_{M A X}}}{\left(I_{C R O}\right) T_{J_{M A X}}} \cdot\left(I_{C R O}\right) T, \\
& \left(I_{C B I_{H i Y}}\right) T_{J}=0.12 \times 10^{-4} \frac{(750)}{60} \\
& =1.5 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{amp} \\
& S=\frac{1}{2.3 \cdot K \cdot V_{C E} \cdot R_{T_{M A X}} \cdot\left(I_{C B O_{M A X}}\right) T_{t}} \\
& =\frac{\mathbf{1}}{2.3\left(2.6 \times 10^{-2}\right)(25)(42)\left(1.5 \times 10^{-4}\right)} \\
& =100
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Limiting distortion. Since the collector current is 45 ma and the maximum allowable change in collector current is equal to 5 per cent, then:

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{d} & =\frac{I_{e}}{100 I_{\text {cBo }}} \\
& =\frac{5(45)}{100\left(150 \times 10^{-3}-20 \times 10^{-3}\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

$S_{d}=17.3$
In a case of this type, the stability factor is determined by the distortion limitations rather than by thermal runaway. - -

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# Equations Help Determine Operating Points Of Stabilized Transistor Amplifiers 

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WHETHER a transistor amplifier circuit, designed from a published schematic, will perform satisfactorily, can be determined by finding the operating points of the transistors. Often, the circuit will not yield the same results as the original designer obtained. This may be due to component variations, or to changes the engineer has had to make in the circuit values.

If the circuit is actually built, the operating points can be easily found. However, if this is not practical, they can be determined, relatively simply, using only the circuit diagram and a set of transistor curves.

Fig. 1a shows a stabilized amplifier circuit that uses both voltage and current feedback. $V_{c e}, \beta$, resistance values and transistor characteristics are assumed to be given. From basic circuit theory, the following equations can be written:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \boldsymbol{I}_{\boldsymbol{B}}=\boldsymbol{I}_{\boldsymbol{r}}-\boldsymbol{I}_{A}  \tag{1}\\
& \boldsymbol{I}_{\boldsymbol{E}}=\boldsymbol{I}_{C}+\boldsymbol{I}_{B}  \tag{2}\\
& \boldsymbol{I}_{C}=\boldsymbol{\beta} \boldsymbol{I}_{B} \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

Also:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{I}_{\boldsymbol{F}}=\boldsymbol{V}_{\mathrm{cb} / \boldsymbol{R}_{\boldsymbol{F}}} \cong \boldsymbol{V}_{c e / \boldsymbol{R}_{\boldsymbol{F}}} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $V_{c e}=V_{c b}+V_{c b}$
and $\boldsymbol{V}_{e b} \ll \boldsymbol{V}_{c e}$ and $\boldsymbol{V}_{c b}$
then $V_{c e} \cong V_{c b}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{A}=I_{\varepsilon} R_{\varepsilon} / R_{A} \text { if } V_{e b} \cong 0 \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

A dc load line is drawn on the characteristic curves, with $R_{L}(\mathrm{dc})=R_{L}+R_{\mathrm{E}}$. In an assembled circuit, since the quantity $\boldsymbol{V}_{c e}$ is easiest to measure, the next step is to

[^3]find equations to solve for $V_{c e}$ Once $V_{c e}$ and the load line are determined, the values of $I_{c}$ and $I_{B}$ can be determined from the characteristics.

The loop equation is written as:

$$
V_{c c}=\left(I_{c}+I_{F}\right) R_{L}+V_{c e}+I_{E} R_{E}(6)
$$

Using Eqs. 2, 3, and 4, Eq. 6 becomes
$V_{c c} \boldsymbol{R}_{F}=\boldsymbol{R}_{F} I_{B}\left(\beta R_{L}+\beta R_{R}+\boldsymbol{R}_{E}\right)+V_{c e}\left(\boldsymbol{R}_{F}+\boldsymbol{R}_{\ell}\right)$
Since $\beta R_{L} \gg \beta R_{E}+R_{E}$ and $V_{c e} R_{F}$ is usually greater than $V_{c e} R_{L}$, then:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{V}_{c c} \boldsymbol{R}_{F} \cong \boldsymbol{I}_{F}\left(\beta \boldsymbol{R}_{L} \boldsymbol{R}_{F}\right)+\boldsymbol{V}_{c e} \boldsymbol{R}_{F} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$


(a)


Fig. 1. (a) Equations for determining the operating point are derived for this stabilized amplifier which uses both voltage and current feedback. (b) Operating point is determined in text for circuit with the typical values shown.


Fig. 2. (o) Equations are also derived for amplifier which uses current feedback only. (b) Operating point is determined for circuit with these typical values.

Substituting Eqs. $\pm$ and 5 into Eq. 1

$$
V_{r e} R_{A}=I_{B}\left[R_{\varepsilon} R_{F}(\beta+1)+R_{A} R_{F}\right]
$$

Equating for $I_{R}$, Eqs. 8 and 9 can be solved simultaneously for $V_{c e}$.

## Examples Illustrate Method <br> For Stabilized Amplifier

We will show how the equations are used by applying them to the circuit of Fig. 1b. For this circuit the following information is given:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& Q=2 \mathrm{~N} 696 V_{r r}=45 \mathrm{v} \beta=20 R_{l}=6.2 \mathrm{~K} \\
& R_{\varepsilon}=1.05 \mathrm{~K} R_{1}=4.3 \mathrm{~K} R_{\digamma}=16 \mathrm{~K}
\end{aligned}
$$

Substituting these values into Eqs. $X$ and 9 , yields:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 45 \times 16 \times 10^{3} \cong I_{B}(20 \\
& \left.\times 16 \times 10^{3}\right)+V_{V} \times 16 \times 10^{3} \\
& V_{\text {ee }} 4.3 \times 10^{3}=I_{B}\left[1.05 \times 10^{3} \times 16\right. \\
& \times 10^{3}(20+1)-4.3 \times 10^{2} \times 16 \\
& \left.\times 10^{3}\right] \quad(9) \\
& V_{c e}=19.9 \mathrm{v}
\end{aligned}
$$

This circuit was constructed in the laboratory and the measured value of $V_{H}$, was found to be 18 v .

Fig. 2a shows a circuit that uses current feedback only. The solution here differs from the multiple feedback circuit in that the value of $I_{B}$ must be found before solving for $V_{c e}$. Again, from basic circuit theory, the following equation can be written:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \boldsymbol{I}_{B}=\boldsymbol{I}_{\boldsymbol{r}}-\boldsymbol{I}_{A}  \tag{10}\\
& \boldsymbol{I}_{\boldsymbol{E}}=\boldsymbol{I}_{C}+\boldsymbol{I}_{B}  \tag{11}\\
& \boldsymbol{I}_{\Gamma}=\beta \boldsymbol{I}_{\boldsymbol{n}} \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

Also:

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{F}=\left(V_{r e}-I_{k} R_{E}\right) / R_{r} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

because $I_{c} R_{L}=V_{c e}+I_{E} R_{E}-V_{c e}$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { and } & I_{V} R_{F}=V_{b c}-I_{c} R_{L} \\
\text { if } & V_{b c} \cong V_{c e} \\
\text { then } & I_{V} R_{F}=V_{c e}-I_{E} R_{E} \\
& I_{A}=I_{E} R_{E} / R_{A} \tag{14}
\end{array}
$$

Again, the first step is to draw a dc load line on the characteristic curves.

From Eqs. 10 to 14:
$I_{n}=\frac{V_{n} R_{A}}{R_{A} R_{r}+R_{k} R_{Y}+R_{K} R_{A}+\beta\left(R_{E} R_{A}+R_{\varepsilon} R_{\ell}\right)}$ Next.

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{c c}=\boldsymbol{I}_{c} \boldsymbol{R}_{L}+\boldsymbol{V}_{c t}+\boldsymbol{T}_{E} \boldsymbol{R}_{E} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

U'sing Eqs. 11 and 12, Eq. 16 becomes:

$$
\boldsymbol{V}_{c e}=\boldsymbol{I}_{\beta}\left[\beta \boldsymbol{R}_{L}+\boldsymbol{R}_{E}(\beta+1)\right]+\boldsymbol{V}_{c e}
$$

These equations are now applied to the circuit of Fig. 2b. This circuit has the following parameters:
$Q=2 \mathrm{~N} 696 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{cc}}=45 \mathrm{v} \beta=20 R_{L}=6.2 \mathrm{~K}$ $R_{k}=1 \mathrm{~K} R_{A}=9.1 \mathrm{~K} R_{l}=75 \mathrm{~K}$
Substituting in Eq. 15, vields:

$$
I_{H}=0.167 \times 10 \mathrm{amp}=0.167 \mathrm{ma} .
$$

Using this value of $I_{E}$ and substituting in Eq. 17 rields:

$$
V_{c \ell}=20.7 \mathrm{v}
$$

The circuit was constructed in the laboratory and the measured value of $V_{c e}$ was found to be $2: 2 \mathrm{v}$.

The methods discussed are not limited to the circuits illustrated. These circuits were chosen because they represent the most complex cases. If any of the circuit elements are omitted, it is an easy matter to simplify the current and loop equations and then proceed with this method of solution.

Note that the calculations are based on the typical value of $\beta$ given by the manufacturer. Checks can be made using both minimum and maximum values to obtain two additional operating points on the load line. If a transistor meets manufacturer's specifications (and in almost all cases it will) all operating points would lie between the two points determined bv these $\beta$ values. - -

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ALTHOUGH a complete circuit analysis and design equation derivation are not necessary to design tunnel diode oscillator circuits (Part 1, August 2, pg. 40), details concerning frequency limitations and fine points of operation can be gained by such investigation.

Analysis of the "Series-Type"
Oscillator Circuit
To really understand the frequency limitation of the tunnel diode oscillator; both the starting and the steady-state condition of the


Fig. 1. Variation of $g_{d}$ (solid curve) superimposed on the controversial E-1 funnel diode characteristic (dotted line). Note that the average value $\left|g_{d}\right|$ is smaller than the initial "small signal" value $\left|g_{d i}\right|$ and decreases further as the signal swing is allowed to increase due to reduction in $R_{t}$.
circuit must be analyzed.
Since the "series" circuit will reach higher frequencies, first consider this circuit. The initial response to a small signal excitation is given by: ${ }^{3}$
$S^{2} L C_{d i}+S\left(R_{t} C_{d i}-L g_{d i} \mid\right)+\left(1-R_{i} g_{d i}\right)=0$
(10)
where $g_{d i}$ and $C_{d i}$ are the initial small signal values of $g_{d}$ and $C_{D}$ respectively and $R_{t}$ is the total real part of the circuit impedance. Eq. 10 can be solved for $S$ :

$$
S_{1,2}=\sigma_{1} \pm j_{\omega_{1}}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{1, j}=-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{R_{i}}{L_{T}}-\frac{g_{d i}}{C_{d i}}\right) \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\pm\left[\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{R_{t}}{L_{T}}-\frac{g_{d i}}{C_{d i}}\right)^{2}-\frac{1-R_{t} \mid g_{d i}}{L_{T} C_{d i}}\right]^{1 / 2}
$$

a growing solution can be obtained if $\sigma_{1}>0$. This condition is satisfied if either or both of the following inequalities hold:

$$
\begin{align*}
L_{\tau} & >\frac{R_{i} C_{d i}}{\left|g_{d i}\right|}  \tag{12a}\\
R_{1} & >\left|R_{d i}\right| \text { where }\left|R_{d i}\right|=\frac{\mathbf{1}}{\left|g_{d i}\right|} \tag{12b}
\end{align*}
$$

For sinusoidal growth, condition 12a holds and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{L_{T} C_{d i}}>\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{R_{t}}{L_{r}}+\frac{g_{d i}}{C_{d i}}\right)^{2} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Design equations and several typical examples of tunnel diode oscillators were presented in Part 1 (August 2 issue, pg. 40). In Part 2, a complete analysis of the starting and steadystate conditions are discussed and the derivation of the design equations presented. Also included are details on two practical circuits-a wireless fm microphone and a crystal oscillator.

The initial frequency of oscillation $\omega_{1}$ is given by:
(14)
$m_{i}=\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{R_{i}}{L_{T}}-\frac{g_{d i}}{C_{d i}}\right)^{z}-\left(\frac{1-R_{i} \overline{g_{d i}}}{L_{t} C_{0 i}}\right)}>0$
or $f_{i}$
$=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{R_{i}}{L_{T}}-\frac{g_{d i}}{C_{d i}}\right)^{z}-\left(\frac{1-R_{.} g_{d i}}{L_{T} C_{d i}}\right)}>0$
The steady-state frequency $\omega_{0}$ differs however, from $\omega$, because of the nonlinearities of the negative conductance characteristics of the diode, where

$$
\begin{align*}
& \omega_{*}=\sqrt{\frac{1}{\left(L_{s}+L_{z}\right) \bar{C}_{d}}-\frac{\overline{g_{d}^{2}}}{\bar{C}_{d}^{2}}} \\
& \omega_{*}=\sqrt{\frac{1}{L_{r} \bar{C}_{d}}-\frac{R_{1}^{2}}{L_{\tau}^{2}}}  \tag{15}\\
& f_{*}=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{L_{r} \bar{C}_{d}}-\frac{R_{r}^{2}}{L_{r}^{2}}}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\bar{R}_{d}$ and $\bar{C}_{d}$ are average values of $\Gamma_{d}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { and } C_{d} \text { and } R_{t}=\frac{L \bar{g}_{d}}{\bar{C}_{d}} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

In other words the starting frequency is dependent on the small signal parameters, while the steady-state frequency differs from the starting frequency and is determined by time average values of $g_{d}$ and $C_{i}$.

It should also be noted that in order to
start to oscillate, $\sigma_{1}$ should be positive,
$\sigma_{1}=-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\left|g_{d i}\right|}{C_{d i}}+\frac{R_{t}}{L_{r}}\right)>0$
and the oscillations should build up in the fairly linear negative resistance region until it spreads into the positive resistance regions of the nonlinear characteristic. In the positive resistance regions, $g_{d}$ is positive and $\sigma_{1}$ becomes negative; hence damping takes place and the amplitude of the oscillation will reach a limiting "steady-state" value.

As the oscillation passes through the nonlinear region, harmonics are generated and relaxation oscillations can take place. However, if $\sigma_{1}$ is a small positive value, the oscillation build up is small and a small decrease in negative conductance can make $\sigma_{1}=0$, thus making the oscillation almost sinusoidal.

For steady state oscillations:

$$
\frac{\bar{g}_{d}}{\bar{C}_{d}}+\frac{R_{t}}{\bar{L}_{T}}=0
$$

which restates Eq. 16.
Graphically this is shown in Fig. 1.
$g$ vs time is equal to:
$g_{d}(t)=g_{0}+g_{1} \cos \omega t+2 g_{2} \cos 2 \omega t+\ldots \ldots$.
If we assume (to a first approximation) that $g_{d}=g_{0}=$ an average steady-state conductance, this value is determined by:

$$
!!_{1}=!_{t}=\frac{R_{t} \bar{C}_{t}}{L_{T}}
$$

As $R_{t} \bar{C}_{d} / L_{T}$ is made smaller, the average negative conductance becomes smaller and the swing of $g$ larger and hence the oscillation becomes nonsinusoidal.

Conversely, to produce sinusoidal oscillations the average value of $g_{d}\left(\left|\bar{g}_{d}\right|\right)$ must be close to the initial value ( $g_{d_{1}}$ ) hence:
$R_{t}$ should be only slightly smaller than $g_{d i} L_{T} / C_{D}$.

The highest frequency that can be attained by any tunnel diode oscillator circuit is the resistive cut-off frequency:

$$
f_{r o}=\frac{g_{d}}{2 \pi C} \sqrt{\frac{1}{R_{\mathrm{a}}\left|g_{d}\right|}-1}
$$

since above this frequency there is no real part of the negative resistance left and the device becomes passive (at $f_{r o}$ ). However to oscillate, the imaginary part of $|\boldsymbol{Y}|$, must be brought to zero also. The highest frequency

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Fig. 3. A variation in tunnel diode oscillators is this crystal controlled stage.
at which this can be achieved is the so-called "self resonant frequency".

$$
f_{x 0}=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{L_{s} C}-\frac{g_{d}{ }^{2}}{C^{2}}}
$$

where $C$ is the tunnel diode capacity, $L$, the inductance of the diode, its package and its leads (if any). For large signal "steadystate" oscillations; however, $g_{d}$ is not the value given as the small signal parameter ( $g_{d i}$ ) but an average value:
$g_{d}=g_{0}+g_{1} \cos \omega t+2 g_{2} \cos 2 \omega t$.
determined by $R_{t} \bar{C}_{d} / L_{s}$.
To increase the operating frequency to the limit, $R_{t}$ becomes $R_{s}$ and $L_{T}=L_{s}$ thus the smallest negative conductance becomes:

$$
\bar{g}_{d_{\min }}=\frac{\boldsymbol{R}_{s} \overline{\boldsymbol{C}}_{t}}{\boldsymbol{L}_{s}}
$$

The highest frequency of oscillation (without trying to tune out the internal minimum value of $L_{8}$ ) is then given by:

$$
f_{O R C_{\max }}=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{L_{\cdot} C_{d}}-\frac{R_{*}{ }^{2}}{L_{*}{ }^{2}}}
$$

[Note that at this frequency all the power is dissipated in the series resistance $\boldsymbol{R}_{6}$ and no power is available from the diode.]
and the general expression for the steady state oscillator frequency of the series circuit can be written as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{o s c}=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{L_{T} C_{D}}-\frac{R_{v^{2}}}{L_{T}}} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

For a given inductance this frequency can only be increased by reducing the tunnel diode capacitance for a given conductance
(hence increasing $g_{d} / C$ ratio), or reducing $R_{i}$.

Hence for any given diode, operating near the inflection point ( point of maximum -g) $\boldsymbol{R}_{\ell}$ is the only parameter in the circuit that can be used to further increase the oscillating "steady-state" frequency. If we go back to the "steady-state" condition to Eq. 16, where:

$$
R_{i}=\frac{L_{r} \bar{g}_{d}}{C_{d}}
$$

we note that reducing $R_{t}$ forces the average negative conductance to decrease. The maximum available sinusoidal power from the diode can be approximated as:

$$
\left.P_{\ldots \prime}=\left(\frac{V_{v}-V_{p}}{2 \sqrt{2}}\right)^{2} \cdot \right\rvert\, \bar{g}_{d}
$$

Hence as we increase the oscillator frequency, the maximum available power output is reduced, since the voltage swing will be less than $V_{p}-V_{p}$, the average value of the negative conductance is decreased and finally $R_{t}$ is decreased.
Two Practical Tunnel Diode Oscillator Circuits
FM Transmitter: A practical application of the "series-parallel" oscillator circuit is demonstrated in Fig. 2 by a simple micropower fm transmitter.

Operation may be best explained by separating the circuit into two portions. Part A is the basic "series-parallel" tunnel diode oscillator whose frequency is primarily determined by the resonant circuit in the cathode. Resistors $R_{1}$ and $R_{2}$ provide a stable low impedance anode voltage of approximately 150 mv . Capacitor $C_{1}$ is the rf bypass for the anode.
(continued on facing page)

Part $B$ is a transistor emitter follower stage to amplify the audio signal from the microphone. The amplified audio is fed through capacitor $C_{2}$ to the anode of the tunnel diode. Fm modulation is accomplished by the audio signal instantaneously changing the anode bias. Since $d i / d v$ is not linear in the negative resistance region, the negative conductance changes with bias. As can be seen from the self-resonant frequency equation, $f_{r n}$ is a function of $-y_{d}$ and therefore the resonance of the circuit is affected. Fm deviations of $\pm 75 \mathrm{kc}$ are readily obtainable with this type of circuit.

The transmitter shown in Fig. 2 has been successfully used as a wireless portable microphone. Its great advantage is that it allows complete mobility on the part of the speaker, and, of course, has no wires or cords. When used with an average fm receiver having a sensitivity of $10 \mu \mathrm{v}$, an operating range well in excess of 100 feet can be obtained.

Crystal Controlled Oscillator: The circuit in Fig. 3 works basically as per the previous description with the exception of the criteria for $R_{\mathrm{t}} . R_{1}$ and $R_{2}$ are identical and are chosen to be about twice the value required for $R_{t}$.

As a result, oscillations are not possible "off resonance". At resonance however, the crystal becomes a short circuit and $R_{1}$ is in parallel with $R_{2}$, essentially halving $R_{t}$. This new value of $\boldsymbol{R}_{t}$ permits the circuit to oscillate freely at a frequency accurately governed by the crystal. - -

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## Equation Derivation

"Series-Parallel" Oscillator Circuit

Looking only at the series combination of the tunnel diode and the source impedance shown in Fig. 2:

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z_{1}=R+\frac{1}{j_{0} C_{1}-g_{.1}}=\frac{\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)+j_{0} R C_{1}}{j_{\omega} C_{1}-g_{d}} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:

$$
R=\frac{R_{1} \times R_{z}}{R_{1}+R_{z}}+R_{n}
$$

The admittance $Y_{1}$ is thus equal to
$\boldsymbol{Y}_{\mathbf{t}}=\frac{\mathbf{1}}{Z_{1}}=\frac{j_{\omega} C_{1}-g_{d}}{\left(1-R \cdot y_{d}\right)+j_{\omega} R C_{1}}$

$$
=\frac{-g_{d}\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)+\omega^{2} R C_{1}^{2}+j_{\omega}\left[C_{1}-R \cdot g_{d} C_{1}+R g_{d} C_{2}\right]}{\left(1-R g_{d}\right)^{2}+\omega^{2} R^{2} C_{1}{ }^{2}}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
Y_{1}=\frac{\omega^{2} R C_{1}^{2}-g_{d}\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)}{\left(1-R g_{d}\right)^{2}+\omega^{2} R^{2} C_{1}^{2}}+\frac{j_{\omega} C_{1}}{\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)^{2}+\omega^{2} R C_{1}^{2}} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

The total admittance $Y_{T}$ is equal to $\boldsymbol{Y}_{1}+\boldsymbol{Y}_{z}$.

$$
\boldsymbol{Y}_{T}=\frac{\omega^{2} R C_{1}{ }^{2}-g_{d}\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)}{\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)^{2}+\omega^{2} R^{2} C_{1}^{2}}+\frac{j \omega C_{1}}{\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)^{2}+\omega^{2} R^{2} C_{1}{ }^{2}}-\frac{j\left(1-\omega^{2} L C\right)}{\omega L}
$$

For sinusoidal oscillations then, the conditions are
(21)

1) $R_{e}\left[Y_{T}\right]=0$

22a)
2) $\boldsymbol{I}_{m}\left[\boldsymbol{Y}_{r}\right]=0$

22b)
For condition 22a, $R_{e}\left[Y_{T}\right]=0, \omega^{2} R C_{1}{ }^{2}$ must be made equal to $g_{d}\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)$ in which case

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega^{2}=\frac{g_{d}\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)}{R C_{1}{ }^{2}} \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

hence $\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right){ }^{2}+\omega_{2}{ }^{2} R^{2} C_{1}{ }^{2}=\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)^{2}+\boldsymbol{R} \cdot g_{d}-R^{2} g_{d}{ }^{2}=\mathbf{1}-\boldsymbol{R} \cdot \boldsymbol{g}_{d}$
Then for condition 22b, $I_{m}\left[Y_{T}\right]=0$, rewriting Eq. 23 and adding $L C_{1}$ on both sides we obtain:

$$
L C_{d} g_{d}=R C_{1}{ }^{2}-L C \cdot g_{d}\left(1-R \cdot g_{d}\right)
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
R C_{1}=L g_{g_{1}}\left[C\left(1-R g_{1}\right) C_{1}\right] \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

Rewriting the frequency determining equation (per Eq. 23)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega^{2}=\frac{1-R \cdot g_{d}}{L\left[C\left(1-R g_{d}\right)+C_{1}\right]}=\frac{1}{L\left[C+\frac{C_{1}}{1-R \cdot g_{d}}\right]} \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

Eq. 26 shows the relationship of frequency to its determining components as

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{0}=\frac{1}{2_{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{L\left(C+\frac{C_{1}}{1-R \cdot g_{d}}\right)}} \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

To establish the effect of $g_{d}$ on the frequency,

$$
1-R \cdot g_{d}=\frac{\omega^{2} C_{1}{ }^{2}}{\omega^{2} C_{1}{ }^{2}+g_{d}{ }^{2}}
$$

which when substituted into Eq. 26 becomes:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\omega^{2}=\frac{1}{L\left[C+\frac{\left(\omega^{2} C_{1}{ }^{2}+g_{d}\right)^{2} C_{1}}{\omega^{2} C_{1}{ }^{2}}\right]}=\frac{\omega^{2} C_{1}}{L\left(\omega^{2} C C_{1}+\omega^{2} C_{1}{ }^{2}+g_{d}{ }^{2}\right.} \\
\therefore \omega^{2} L C_{1}\left(C+C_{1}\right)=C_{1}-L g_{d}{ }^{2} \\
\omega^{2}=\frac{1}{L\left(C+C_{1}\right)}-\frac{g_{d}{ }^{2}}{C_{1}\left(C+C_{1}\right)}  \tag{28}\\
\text { Hence } f=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{L\left(C+C_{1}\right)}-\frac{g_{d}{ }^{2}}{C_{1}\left(C+C_{1}\right)}}
\end{gather*}
$$

or

Summarizing the above analysis, it follows that for stable, sinusoidal oscillations, $R_{T}$ must be made equal to (or slightly smaller than)

$$
R_{T}=\frac{g_{d}}{\omega^{2} C_{1}{ }^{2}+g_{\sigma^{2}}{ }^{2}}
$$

and the operating frequency is

$$
f_{0}=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{L\left(C+C_{1}\right)}-\frac{g_{d}{ }^{2}}{C_{1}\left(C+C_{1}\right)}}
$$

It should be pointed out that the diode inductance $l_{\text {s }}$, and resistance $R$, have been neglected in this analysis as they will, in general, be small compared to the external lumped constants. At higher frequencies, these parameters cannot be neglected without introducing serious errors.


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Prototype quantities of the "zero TC" lines will cost $\$ 300$ to $\$ 500$. Delivery normally starts at six weeks but some lines are available off the shelf. Quantity prices will be lower and, on a per-bit basis, should make the glass lines competitive with magnetostrictive wire lines.

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Astro Dynamics, Inc., Dept ED, Second Ave., Northwest Industrial Park, Burlington, Mass. P\&A: \$0.75 up; stock.

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Wornow Process Paint Co Dept. ED, 1218 Long Beach Ave., Los Angeles 21, Calif.

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For factory test and checkout of guidance and similar systems, the model 141 cooling package delivers a coolant flow variable between 0.2 and 1.6 gal per min and maintains a temperature setting from 32 to 80 F within $\pm 1$ degree. Cooling load is variable from 100 to $2,700 \mathrm{w}$. Unit includes automatic and manual controls and measures $36 \times 48 \times 48 \mathrm{in}$.

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Alloyd Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 37 Cambridge Parkway, Cam bridge 42, Mass.

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Automatic level control line amplifier, model LRA-40C, has a $54-$ to $88-\mathrm{mc}$ bandwidth. Gain at channel 6 is 40 db . Recommended input level is +9 dbmv . Noise figure is 7.5 db . Frequency re sponse is $\pm 0.25 \mathrm{db}$. Input and output impedance are 75 ohms Tubes are rated at $10,000-\mathrm{hr}$ life time.

Entron, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O Box 287. Bladensburg, Md.

Pulse Counter


Bi-directional pulse counter, series DZ, operates at 25 pulses per sec. Counter either adds or subtracts, according to instructions, and indicates numbers below zero by a negative sign. A set of electrical contacts closes when counter reaches zero; these when counter reaches zero; these
may be used for control purposes. Device has six digits, each $3 / 16$ in. high, and push-button zero reset.

Presin Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 2014 Broadway, Santa Monica, Calif. P\&A: \$62.50; from stock.
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## Glass Capacitors

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Moisture-proof, fusion-sealed glass capacitors meet military requirements for life and environmental testing. The CYFM-20 has capacitance range from 560 to $3,300 \mathrm{pf}$ at 500 v and 3,600 to 5.100 pf at 300 v . Capacitance range of the CYFM- 30 is from 3,600 to 6,200 pf at 500 v , and from 6,800 to 10,000 pf at 300 v .
Corning Glass Works, Public Relations Dept., Dept. ED, Corning, N. Y.
Price: CYFM-20, $1,000 \mathrm{pf}, \pm 10 \%, \$ 0.52 \mathrm{ea}, 1,000$.
See at Show Booth 1820-22.

## Multiple-Frequency Generator

554
Up to 30 outputs ranging from 5 cps to 100 kc are provided by the model 878 precision multiple-frequency generator. Amplitude is adjustable from 0 to 10 v peak to peak, stable within $1 \%$ over 24 hr . Distortion is less than $1 \%$ at all frequencies. Modular oscillators are contained in an aluminum case measuring 21 x $17 \times 7-1 / 2$ in.

Chalco Engineering Co., Dept. ED, 15126 S. Broadway, Gardena, Calif.
See at Show Booth 2703.

Resonant Relays

Tuning-fork resonant relays are made for selective calling or remote control systems. Their vibrating reeds are activated only at their resonant frequency, from 50 to $1,565 \mathrm{cps}$. Also available are tuning-fork oscillator stabilizers, made to stabilize the oscillators which generate the tones to activate the resonant relays.
Stevens-Arnold, Inc., Dept. ED, 7 Elkins St., South Boston 27, Mass.
Price: Relays, \$15.60; stabilizer8, \$2s.60.
See at Show Both 2522-24.

Panel Meters
537


These 3-1/2-in. panel meters, model 1931, are available as ammeters, milliammeters, microammeters, and voltmeters. Instruments accurate to $2 \%$ have lance-type pointers and conventional scales; models with $1 \%$ accuracy have a knife-edge pointer and mirror scale. Units have either shielded or unshielded mechanisms.
Daystrom, Inc., Weston Instrument Div., Dept. ED, 614 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark 12, N. J.

See at Show Booth 2907-21.

## Miniature Integrated Circuits

558
A gate and half-shift register have bodies resembling transistors, with eight leads. Called Micrologic elements, the devices consist of transistors and resistors diffused into a silicon chip. Units dissipate 30 mw and operate from -55 to +125 C.

Fairchild Semiconductor, Dept. ED, 545 Whisman Road, Mountain View, Calif. Price: $\$ 120$ each in small quantities.

See at Show Booth 814-16.

## Function Assembly

538


Potentiometer clutch cluster assembly obtains output information following a prescribed highly nonlinear mathematical function. Four clutch-brake ganged potentiometer assemblies are coupled to a common drive shaft. Full potentiometer rotation is accomplished by 10 turns of the drive shaft. Assembly is shielded against environments.
Technology Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 531 Main St., Acton, Mass.
See at Show Booth 1506-08.

Power Resistors


Noninductive precision power resistors are available rated from 1 to 40,000 ohms with tolerances from $0.05 \%$ to $5 \%$. Power ratings are $1 / 2 \mathrm{w}$ through 10 w . Series N resistors have axial leads, and series NR resistors have radial leads. Units operate to 350 C and meet MIL-R-26 specifications for abrasion, salt-spray, and humidity.
Omtronics Mfg. Co., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 1419, Peony Park Station, Omaha 14, Neb. P\&A: $\$ 0.60$ to $\$ 1.75$; one to three weeks.
See at Show Booth 4216.

## Strain Gage Transducer

Available from 0-30 to $\mathbf{0 - 5 , 0 0 0}$ psi, this semiconductor strain gage transducer handles overpressures of $300 \%$ and has a $4-\mathrm{v}$ dc output. Temperature error is less than $2 \%$ per 100 F . Linearity is $0.5 \%$; hysteresis is $0.2 \%$; total error band is $1 \%$. Unit measures $2-1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. in diameter and $1-3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. long, weighs less than 1 lb , and operates from 0 to 250 F .

International Resistance Co., Dept. ED, 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa.

See at Show Booth 2307-11.

## Transistor Tester



Continuous monitoring of applied voltage and leakage current is provided by the model STC-1001-P transistor tester. Emitter current is variable from 1 to 30 ma dc . Applied voltage is up to $2: 30 \mathrm{v}$ dc, and leakage current up to 10 ma is measured. Unit can measure ac gain of transistors, leakage of capacitors, and reverse characteristics of Zener and rectifier diodes.

Plug-In Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, 1416 Lebanon Road, Nashville 10, Tenn.
Price: $\$ 150.00$
See at Show Booth 4505.


Energy integrating dc power supplies, series PI-9000, use a switching circuit to take energy from the ac line in discrete pulses. A fastresponse time regulator system senses the load requirements and its own internal loses to control input power by varying pulse amplitude. Typical specifications are: output, 2 to 28 v , 0 to 2 amp dc; regulation, $0.5 \%$; ripple, less than 20 mv .

Power Designs, Inc., Dept. ED, 1700 Shames Drive, Westbury, N. Y
See at Show Booth 2705.

## Coaxial Directional Couplers

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Operating from 0.3 to $11 \mathbf{G c}$, the series 430 coaxial directional couplers have 3 -to- 1 frequency range operation. Providing 10 to 30 db coupling, with minimum directivity of 15 to 20 db , units are rated from 50 to $1,000 \mathrm{w}$ forward power, 10 kw peak.

PRD Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 202 Tillary St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y.

See at Show Booth 2109-10.
Transistor Test Sockets


With reversible contacts which double the life of the sockets, these transistor test sockets withstand about two million insertions. Type TS-187 is rated at 300 C ; type TS-187A is rated at $1,500 \mathrm{C}$. Sockets have guide holes to direct transistor leads to the contacts.
Atlantis Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 451, Garland, Tex.
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Wyle Laboratories, Dept. ED, El Segundo. Calif.

Trimmer Potentiometers 403
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Rocker Solenoid Co., Dept. ED 140 N. Marine Ave., Wilmington, Calif.


For data monitoring at telemetry stations, the model 5500 decommutator is a portable unit with a 90-channel capacity. The instrument selects and reads data from any single channel of standard pam, nrz, or pdm telemetry signals. Unit measures $7 \times 14-1 / 8$ $x 19$ in., and is made for rack or cabinet mounting.
The Ralph M. Parsons Co., Electronics Div., Dept. ED. 151 S. DeLacey Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

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Hysol Corp., Dept. EI), Olean, N. Y.

Strain Indicator
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Metrix, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O Box 68:3, Walnut Creek, Calif.


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## Polystyrene Capacitors

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Sprague Electric Co., Dept. ED, 347 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass.
See at Show Booth 1904-08.

## DC Power Supply

561
Rated at 0 to $36 \mathbf{v}, 0$ to 10 amp , the model 510A power supply operates in either constantvoltage or constant-current modes. Both modes are continuously adjustable. Voltage regulation is $0.5 \%$; current regulation is $5 \%$; efficiency is about $75 \%$. Device uses siliconcontrolled rectifiers.
Harrison Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, 45 Industrial Road, Berkeley Heights, N. J.
P\&A: 5850.00 ; 10 to 30 days.
See at Show Booth 1008-10.
DC Amplifier


Solid-state de amplifier, type 106, is a singleended unit isolated from the chassis ground. Fixed gain settings of $1,2,5$, and 10 are offered, with a variable control of $+120 \%$ of each setting. Output is $\pm 10 \mathrm{v}, \pm 100 \mathrm{ma}$, from dc to 10 kc . Impedance is 500 K input, 0.25 ohms output. Output through a plug-in damping network for galvanometer matching is provided.

Neff Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 2211 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, Calif.

See at Show Booth 108.

## Temperature Control Units



Using thermistor probes in a bridge circuit, the Varicycle temperature control units can activate an external relay. Model SCD-1002-P has no meter, while model SCD-1003-P (illustrated) has an indicating meter accurate to $2 \%$. Device is transistorized. Bridge uses 6.3v ac excitation.
Plug-In Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, 1416 Lebanon Road, Nashville 10, Tenn.
Price: $\$ 65.00$ and $\$ 125.00$.
See at Show Booth 4505.

## Line Amplifier

555
For telephone intercommunications systems. the model 883 compression line amplifier is of modular, plug-in construction. Inputs handle one dynamic microphone and up to 40 carbon microphones. Second input has a $120-\mathrm{db}$ power gain and agc. Output is $4 \mathrm{w}, 3.5 \%$ maximum distortion. Frequency response is $\pm 3 \mathrm{db}$ from 200 to $3,500 \mathrm{cps}$.
Chalco Engineering Corp., Dept. ED, 15126 S. Broadway, Gardena, Calif.

See at Show Booth 2703.

## Power Film Resistors



Noninductive power resistors, type PMF, are said to be available at higher resistance values than wirewound units. Rated at 3 to 4 w, units can handle 10 times rated power for 5 sec , with average change less than $0.25 \%$. Dielectric strength is over 1 kv rms. Resistors have silicone-type coating which withstands solvents and temperatures over 275 C .
International Resistance Co., Dept. ED, 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa.

Price: $\$ 0.05$ each for 1-K units.
See at Show Booth 2307-11.

Automatic Diode Tester


Made to test $\mathbf{4 , 5 0 0}$ diodes per hour, the model T-501A automatic diode tester performs 12 tests on each unit. Test times are variable from 20 to 200 msec . Applied voltage is 1 kv dc max; leakage current has a resolution limit of $10^{-10}$ amp. Forward currents of $1 \mathrm{amp} \max$ are provided; voltage drops as high as 7.5 v can be measured. Accuracy is $\pm 1 \%$.

Atlantis Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 451, Garland. Tex.

See at Show Booth 4508.

## Frequency-Period Counters

Operating from dc to 100 mc , the series 700B frequency-period counters are completely transistorized. Sensitivity ranges from 0.25 to 1 v rms. Decimal point is automatically located. Countertimers, frequency-period meters, time interval meters, and counter-controllers are included in the line.

Computer-Measurements Co., Dept. ED. 12970 Bradley Ave., San Fernando, Calif.

See at Show Booth 1524-25.

Turret Attenuators


Operating from dc to $\mathbf{3 0 0} \mathbf{m c}$, the type TA75 turret attenuator has 0 to 50 db settings in $10-\mathrm{db}$ steps, and the type TB- 75 provides 0 to 10 db attenuation in $1-\mathrm{db}$ steps. Accuracy of both units is $1 \%$ or 0.1 db at 100 mc . Vswr is 1.05 at 100 mc . Insertion loss is 0.1 db max; power rating is 0.25 w . Impedance is 75 ohms. Units weigh 24 oz.
Telonic Industries, Inc., Dept. ED, 60 N. First Ave., Beech Grove, Ind.
Price: \$95.00.
See at Show Booth 2813-15.


Heat-shrinkable sleeving insulates diode and transistor cases. Known as Thermofit, the sleeving is preformed to fit standard cases. It is slipped over the semiconductor case; the bottom is heated, shrinking it to form a skintight encapsulation. Sleeving, available in several plastic materials, can encapsulate virtually any shape.

Rayclad Tubes, Inc., Dept. ED, Redwood City, Calif.

Slip Ring and Brush Block
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Bearing mounted, 24-circuit, slip-ring and brush block-assembly meets environmental and material requirements of MIL-E-5272B and MIL-5400C. Rings are coin gold with $4-\mu \mathrm{in}$. finish engaged by spring temper, highly polished round wire Paliney 7 brushes. Diameter over dust cover is 1 in . Life is over 120 million revolutions.

Airflyte Electronics Co., Dept. ED, 535 Ave. A, Bayonne, N. J.
Availability: stock.
Tape Punch and Verifier


For 5, 6, 7 or 8 -channel systems. Model D875 code-tape punch and verifier consists of an alpha-numeric keyboard, a paper-tape punch, a tape reader and interconnecting control circuitry. The keyboard is similar to the IBM card-punch keyboard.

General Instrument Corp., Systematics Div., Dept. ED, Hawthorne, Calif.
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Varian Associates, Dept. ED, 611 Hansen Way, Palo Alto, Calif.
Price: $\$ 345$ to $\$ 495$.
See at Show Booth 2009-17.

Traveling-Wave Tube


Low-noise traveling-wave tube operates from 2 to 4 Gc. Designated type HA-89, the tube has less than 5 db noise over parts of the band, with a $25-\mathrm{db}$ small-signal gain and over $10-\mathrm{mw}$ saturation power output. Operated broadband, the unit has an $8-\mathrm{db}$ noise figure and $20-\mathrm{db}$ gain. Unit measures 19-7/8 in. long and 1-5/16 in. in diameter. Focusing solenoid weighs 21 lb .

Huggins Laboratories, Dept. ED, 999 E Arques Ave., Sunnyvale, Calif.
Availability: 6 to 8 weeks
See at Show Booth 2308-10.

Phase Meter


Providing $0.1 \%$ phase resolution, the model 300 X phase meter is a direct-reading device
operating between 8.2 and 12.4 Gc. Frequency coverage is over 10 to 1 . Five meter ranges read from 0.6 to over 90 deg separation. Input signals can differ as much as 20 db in amplitude. Servo output for feedback control is provided.

Wiltron Co., Dept. ED, 717 Loma Verde Ave. Palo Alto, Calif.

See at Show Booth 1212.

Reflex Klystron


For microwave-relay applications, the model VA-244B reflex klystron is a conduction-cooled unit said to be extremely stable with low distortion and long life. Device tunes from 6.5 to 7.3 Gc and, as a transmitter, produces 1 w average power output. As a local oscillator, the tube will produce $50-\mathrm{mw}$ outputs. Unit weighs 1 lb .

Varian Associates, Dept. ED, 611 Hansen Way, Palo Alto, Calif.

See at Show Booth 2009-17.

## Traveling-Wave Tube

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This low-noise, ppm-focused traveling-wave tube, model HA-60, operates from 7 to 11 Gc. In the 8 - to 11 -Gc range, noise figure is 17 db max, small-signal gain is 25 db min. and saturation power output is 10 mw min. The tube requires 106 cu in . of mounting space and weighs $4-3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$.
Hugxins Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, 999 E. Arques Ave., Sunnyvale, Calif.

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International Resistance Co., Dept. ED, 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa. P\&A: Series DM, \$0.20; EM, \$1.00; s weeks.

Test Set


Repeatability of about $0.01 \%$ is achieved by the model EC101 test set. The instrument tests such parameters as ac voltage, potentiometer shaft position, and resistance. When device under test reaches a predetermined value, a neon light fires, actuating, if desired, a relay. Instrument can fire at a predetermined deviation from a central value. Unit has four channels.
Elasco, Inc., Dept. ED, 5 Prescott St., Roxbury 19, Mass.
PRA: about \$250; 6 to 8 weeks.
Disk Capacitors
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Wang Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, Natick, Mass
P\&A: $\$ 1,500 ; 4$ to 5 weeks.

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

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

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Pasco Products Div., Borg-Warner Corp., Dept. ED. 247100 N. Miles Bled., Bedford. Ohio.

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International Resistance Co., Dept. ED, 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa.

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

Power Supplies


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Veeder-Root Inc., Dept. ED, 70 Sargeant St., Hartford 2, Conn

## Program Board Kits

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Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. Dept. ED, 25 Broadway, New York 4, N. Y

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Avtron Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 10409 Meech Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio.

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

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DC Motor
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Hoover Electric Co., Dept. ED, 2100 S. Stoner Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif.

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## Limit Switch



Snap-acting limit switch is available in dou-ble-pole form with two normally open, two normally closed contacts. Operating head types include button, plunger, and roller-lever operated forms.
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Emerson Electric Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 8100 Florissant Ave., St. Louis 36, Mo.

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## in RCA-6BH3, 17BH3, and 22BH3 half-wave vacuum rectifiers for TV damper service

Design your new TV horizontal-deflection damper circuits around one of these new novar rectifiers, and you'll get better performance at less cost, thanks to economical novar design and the revolutionary RCA Dark Heater.

High performance, low-cost novar construction-These BH3 types are stellar members of RCA's new novar line of large, all-glass, integral-base receiving tubes that outperform at less cost other high-dissipation receiving tubes of any base configuration and T9 or T12 envelope. BH3's are rated to withstand a maximum peak-inverse plate voltage of 5500 volts; they can supply maximum peak plate current of 1100 ma and maximum dc plate current of 180 ma .
These tubes embody the advantages of novar design, the only all-glass, integral-base receiving tube design featuring:
Larger internal lead diameter-for strong cage support and high thermal conductivity for highly effective heat dissipation.

Wider pin spacing ( $0.172^{\prime \prime}$ )-minimizes chance of voltage breakdown: hence greater reliability,
Pin length of $\mathbf{0 . 3 3 5 " - f o r ~ f i r m ~ r e t e n t i o n ~ o f ~ t u b e ~ i n ~ s o c k e t . ~}$ Pin-circle diameter of $0.687^{\prime \prime}$-allows use of both T9 and T12 envelope.
RCA Dark Heater-additional assurance of high reliability. REVOLUTIONARY RCA DARK HEATER-Each of these tubes features the new RCA Dark Heater... one of the most significant contributions to tube technology in years. The Dark Heater operates at greatly reduced temperature, as much as $350^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$ below the 1500 to $1700^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$ of conventional heaters. The required cathode temperature is reached with the heater operating at approximately $1350^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$. Result: longer heater life: reduced chance of heater failure: heater-current stability on life; reduced ac $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{K}$ leakage and hum: improved mechanical stability: greater safety factor in established $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{K}$ voltage ratings.
For additional information on novar types, see your RCA Field Representative or write Commercial Engineering, Section H-18-DE-: RCA Electron Tube Division, Harrison. N. J.

The Most Trusted Name in Electronics


Warning of accidental grounds on power lines is provided by the Brunt ground detector and alarm. Indicator lamps for each of three phases $\operatorname{dim}$ or go out when a ground occurs. An alarm sounds and a red light flashes. Instrument is in a steel cabinet measuring $16 \times 8 \times 8 \mathrm{in}$. and weighing 14 lb .

Parr Mfg. Corp., Dept. ED, 40 Austin St., Newark, N. J.

## Strain Gages

573
Silicon strain gages. For biomedical instrumentation. transducer applications and experimental stress analysis. Line of 29 gages includes lengths from 0.05 to 0.5 in ., with resistances from 120 to 1.000 ohms and gage factors from +120 to -100 . Temperature range is -320 to +650 F .

Micro Systems Inc., Dept. ED 319 Agostino Road, San Gabriel, Calif.
Price: from $\$ 80.00$ to $\$ 98.00$ for a package of four.

## Chopper



Low-noise electromechanical chopper, model 43, withstands $100-\mathrm{g}$ shock and temperature range of -65 to +100 C . Noise is at random level. Drive is 6.3 v , $400 \mathrm{cps} \pm 40 \mathrm{cps}$. Dwell time is 65 deg; signal level, 10 v dc max at 2 ma max. Contacts are spdt. Coil leads, brought out at top of can. have electrostatic and electromagnetic shielding.

Airpax Electronics, Inc.. Dept. ED, Cambridge, Md,
P\&A: $\$ 49.00$ each, 1 to 6: 2 to 3 weeks.

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## GENERAL ELECTRIC INDUCTROL ${ }^{\circledR}$ VOLTAGE REGULATORS . .

## Where reliable voltage control is a MUST

Atlas, BMEWS, Bomarc, Corporal, Minuteman, Nike-Hercules, Nike-Zeus, Tartar-here, reliability may mean survival . . . and dependable voltage control is a must. That's one reason why General Electric Inductrol voltage regulators are an integral part of all these systems.
This reliability can be vitally important to your application, too whatever your voltage control requirements. Reliability is inherent in the simple induction principle of this advanced regulator design. There are no tubes to replace, no sliding brushes to wear out. no associated d-c power supply to maintain.
For full information, see your nearby G.E Sales Engineer. Or write for GEC-1 150 to General Electric Co., Section 457.05, Schenectady 5. N. Y. Voltage Repulator Products Section, Pittsfield, Mass.

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## Newest-8mallest High Voltage Capacitors

Compact configuration, lighter weight and extremely low noise are features deserved by design engineers seeking smaller, more reliable high voltage capacitors.

BWE Series epoxy tube capacitors are designed for applications as AC and DC power supply ripple filter capacitors, voltage doubler circuits and blociang capacitors. Basic construction is similar to the Mil-C-14157 Hi-Rel Spec and meets environmental test conditions of Mil-C-25. Rectangular shaped, non-metallic case eliminates need for large ntand-off terminals. The BW wrap and fill version is available for similar applications in less stringent environments.

Up to $30,000 \mathrm{~V}$ operation with standard capacity from .001 to 2 mfd . Standard capacity tolerance $\pm 20 \%$ (also available to $\pm 1 \%$ ). Competitively priced against other less sophisticated versions. Technical information and test data available upon request.

> Specification:

Operating Temperature: $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Insulation Resistance: $\quad 30,000 \mathrm{M} \Omega \mathrm{min}$. @ $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Dissipation Factor: $1.0 \%$ max. @ $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Test Voltage: $200 \%$ of rated voltage

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## NEW PRODUCTS

## Tuning-Fork Oscillator

Accurate to $\pm \mathbf{0 . 0 1 \%}$, tuning-fork controlled silicon transistor oscillator model TF-120 provides signals at 240 to $1,200 \mathrm{cps}$. Output is sine wave greater than 1 v rms with 600 -ohm load. Stability is $\pm 50 \mathrm{ppm}$ per day. Temperature range of the encapsulated unit is -55 to +85 C . Input power is $28 \mathrm{v}, 8 \mathrm{ma}$.

Solid State Electronics Co., Dept. ED, 15321 Rayen St., Sepulveda, Calif.
P\&A: $\$ 225$ to $\$ 250 ; 5$ to 6 weeks.

## Limit Stop



Adjustable electrical limit stop 321A can be set from 20 to 370 deg , and can be overridden without damage. Operating torque is 0.5 oz -in., capacity $5 \mathrm{amp}, 250 \mathrm{v}$ ac. Differential angle is minus 4 deg, each end of travel.

Gap Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, S. Main St., Newtown, Conn.
P\&A: \$19.85, 25 to 49; one week.

## Gyro Test Fixture



Dynamic tests are performed on rate gyros, integrating gyros, and accelerometers by the model FR01 test fixture. A turntable on a precision right-angle mounting base has speeds variable from 1 to over 25 cps . Slip rings provide eight connections. A switch indicates table position, permitting phase measurements.

Humphrey, Inc., Dept. ED. 2805 Cannon St., San Diego 6. Calif.
Price: Less than $\$ 3,000$.


## L\&N's 4232-B High Precision Guarded Wheatstone Bridge measures to 11,111 megohms

Already, standardizing laboratories are using this L\&N Wheatstone Bridge as their prime measuring instrument for all d-c resistance measurements. In the manufacture of high quality resistors, it is being used for making accurate measurements on a semi-production basis.
Unique design features, never before obtainable in a bridge of this accuracy, include guarding to prevent errors resulting from leakage during adverse humidity conditions, and rheostat dial values direct-reading in digits.
List No.-4232-B High Precision Guarded Wheatstone Bridge.
Range-1 ohm to 11,111 megohms.
Ratio Arms-Plug and block controlled. Values: 1, 10, 100, 1000, 1000', 10,000, 10,000 and 1100.0100 ohms.
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Portable thermocouple potentiometer, model 1331 HG , measures temperatures from -450 to $+3,200 \mathrm{~F}$, with a minimum temperature span of 250 F . Accuracy is $0.5 \%$. Instrument is held in the hand. and a two-foot thermocouple probe is inserted into the test area. Device is made to test ovens, furnaces, and salt pots. No experience is required to operate.

Pyrometer Service Co.. Inc. Dept. ED, 348 River Road, North Arlington, N. J
Price: $\$ 109.50$.

## CRT Accessories

For display applications. Cath-ode-ray tube accessories made to standard and custom designs include deflection yokes, convergence coils, and magnetic shields. All models are available with supports for tubes with 2-in. neck diameter.
General Dynamics/Electronics, Information Technology Div., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 2449, San Diego, Calif.

Shaker Drivers


Two systems deliver 3 and 5 kva for driving electrodynamic shakers. Model RP-5/6-C has a power output of 5 kva , and model RP-3/4-C, 3 kva. Frequency range is 5 cps to $10 \mathrm{kc}, \pm 1 \mathrm{db}$. Console requires 7.7 sq ft of floor space.

Ling Electronics Div., LingTempo Electronics, Inc., Dept ED, 1515 S. Manchester, Anaheim, Calif.
Availability: Immediate.
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## Metalized Bond Now Over 15,000 PSI

Advanced metalizing and brazing techniques at Coors now produce bond strengths better than 15,000 psi. Test parts, as shown above, are being considered for standard ceramic-to-metal test specimens by ASTM. These Coors test parts are run with each group of customer parts to guarantee specifications. Coors is presently metalizing and brazing parts of large mass and complex design. using these high strength techniques. For the newest techniques in high temperature, high strength ceramic-to-metal assemblies, write for Technical Data Sheet No. 0500. "How Ceramic-To-Metal Seals Are Made"- or call your nearest Coors Regional Sales Manager: West Const, William s Smith. Jr., EM 68129. Redwood Ciily. Camf: Miowest. John E. Marozeck, FR 2-7100. Chicago, M1: CENTRAL. Donald Dobbins, GL 4.9638. Canton. Ohio;
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## NEW PRODUCTS



For missile applications, series 4501 pressure switch weighs 0.1 lb and operates at atmospheric pressures from 15 to -1 psia. Life is greater than 10,000 cycles. The switch, spdt, actuates at 7 psia nominal pressure. Contact current is 100 ma at 28 v dc. Elements are enclosed in a sealed case.

Colvin Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, 364 Glenwood Ave., East Orange, N. J.

Mercury Arc Lamp

High-pressure mercury arc lamp. PEK 200, is a $200-\mathrm{w}$ unit with an average brightness of 25,000 candles per sq cm. Light output is 9,300 lumens.

PEK Labs, Inc., Dept. ED, 4024 Transport St., Palo Alto, Calif.
P\&A: \$49.00 each; from stock.
Connectors
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Hermetic-sealed connectors, series PS, are made for missile and nuclear radiation applications. Receptacles have No. 20 contacts with five inserts. Units operate continuously at 80 F, for short terms at 1,200 F. Pressures of $1,200 \mathrm{psi}$ at $1,000 \mathrm{~F}$ are withstood. Insulation resistance is 100,000 meg.
Physical Sciences Corp., Dept. ED, 389 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

## Good things come in pairs

Hughes Semiconductors now brings you 2N1131 and 2N1132 PNP double-diffused mesa silicon transistors... plus advanced "A" versions of both types.
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For further infornation contact your nearest Hughes Semiconductor sales offce or Hughes authorized distributor Or write Hughes Semiconductor Division, Marketing Lepartment, Newport Beach, California.


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Panel-mounted voltmeters, models 301-1 and 303-1, have $3-1 / 2$ and $2-1 / 2$ in. meters respectively and extend $6-1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. behind the panel. Units are self-contained, including power supply, and are housed in aluminum cylinders. Meters are transistorized, and are said to have high-frequency response. Temperature range is -55 to +55 C .
Trio Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, Plainview, L. I., N. Y.

Transfer Switches


Mechanically held automatic transfer switches are made in $1,200,1,600$. and 2.000 amp sizes. The two- and three-pole switches are rated to 600 v ac, 250 v dc. Relay provides transfer to emergency source when voltage on any phase drops to $70 \%$, retransfer to normal source at $90 \%$.

Automatic Switch Co., Dept. ED, Florham Park, N. J.

Digital Modules


Delay multivibrator and pulse shaper DM-30 contains three independent monostable multivibrators. Pulse duration can range from 0.7 to $200 \mu \mathrm{sec}$, or up to several seconds with external capacitors. Model DM-30A also provides a means of continuously varying or trimming pulse width. The $1-\mathrm{mc}$, plug-in devices use NOT-AND logic.

Computer Control Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 983 Concord St., Framingham, Mass.
P\&A: DM-30, \$97; DM-30A, \$127; stock.

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## NEW PRODUCTS

Ovens


For precision instrumentation. Resistors, capacitors, networks, crystals, and similar precision components can be maintained at constant temperatures by these ovens. Controlled temperatures up to 500 F are available with power requirements from $1 / 5$ to 3 w per sq in. of exposed surface. Solidstate proportioning and thermostatic controls are available.

Spec-Tronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 13901 Saticoy St., Van Nuys, Calif.

## Memory System

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For general purpose digital computers. The 8,000 character, 56 bits per character memory has a cycle time of $6 \mu \mathrm{sec}$; access time of $2.5 \mu \mathrm{sec}$. The system contains 448.000 GC MC-140 ( 50 mil ) memory cores. Temperature range is 15 to 40 C , with no temperature compensation required. The unit is completely self-contained.

Indiana General Corp., General Ceramics Div., Dept. ED, Keasbey, N. J.

## Connector Cap

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Printed circuit connectors are protected from dirt, dust, debris, and moisture by this environmental cap. The cap is permanently bound to the connector, and forms a tight seal about the printed circuit board, which can be inserted and removed repeatedly. Cap is made of silicone and type $\mathbf{E}$ neoprene.
Modular Electronics, Dept. ED, 6211 S. La Brea Ave., Los Angeles 56, Calif.
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## Neutron Generator



Provides 14 mev neutrons. Powered by a stabilized 125 kv source, the generator produces a continuous mono-energetic $14-\mathrm{mev}$ neutron flux of $10^{y}$ neutrons per sec , and a pulsed 14 mev flux of $10^{\circ}$ to $10^{10}$ neutrons per sec by a deuterium-tritium reaction. Requires 110 v ac power.

Philips Electronic Instruments, Dept. ED, 750 S. Fulton Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

## Shift Registers

Thin magnetic film shift regis. ters consist of nickel and iron deposited on $1 \times 3$ in. substrates. Magnetic fields applied to the film in the proper sequence cause dipoles within the film to orient in a manner so as to process the information. Information is read out at the far end of the film. without involving intermediate amplifiers. Units available have amplifiers. Units available have
23-bit capacity and yield a $2-\mathrm{mv}$ output signal.
Servomechanisms, Inc., Dept. ED. Santa Barbara. Calif.

Reperforator Comparators


Error tape is eliminated with this reperforator comparator. mod el HPC. Tapes generated for check-out systems and devices are compared with original tapes. Machine can produce $5,6.7$, or 8 level tape at 60 codes per sec. Military specifications are met
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ED, Melbourne, Fla.

Hofiman now offers a line of precision potentiometers


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wirewound units - backed by an outstanding record of company reliability.

## NEW PRODUCTS

## Punch-Verifier



Universal code punch and verifier model D875 handles 5, 6, 7 , or 8 -channel tape, any code structure. The system consists of a standard alpha-numeric keyboard, a paper tape punch, tape reader, and interconnecting control circuitry. It will operate at any speed up to 20 characters per sec.

General Instrument Corp., Systematics Div., Dept. ED, Hawthorne, Calif. Availability: 90 days.

## Connectors



From 15 to 30 amp currents are handled by these terminal blocks. Connectors have from 2 to 20 stations and accommodate from 10 to 30 gage wire. Breakdown voltage is $4,000 \mathrm{v}$ between terminals and 5,000 between terminals and base. Units are molded of Lexan polycarbonate resin.
Camblock Corp., Dept. ED, Natick, Mass.

## Panel Meters



Precision 0. to $50-\mathrm{ma}$ dc panel meters have an anti-parallax mirrored scale and accuracies of $1 \%$. Sensitivities of 10,000 to 20,000 ohms per volt are available. Special scales can be produced to customer specifications.
Airpax Electronics, Inc., Seminole Div., Dept. ED, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Availability: One week.


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## sign of superiority in digital voltmeters

If you measure or record voltage, consider the broadening applications of digital voltmeters as indicated by these examples. The NLS instruments shown here... and the thousands of others in action today... tell a story of acceptance that is three-fold:

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2. NLS digital voltmeters have been proved in use by many of the most discriminating companies in the electronics and ailied industries
3. Most of these firms have specified NLS again and again. some owning more than fifty instruments... evidence of the acceptance of NL.S. as well as the usefulness of the product it manufactures.

Our point: it makes sense to contact the most experienced manufacturer of digital voltmeters to meet your measuring and data logging needs. Select from the world's most complete line ... by purpose...by price. NLS offers 16 basic models - all with exclusive features - from a low-cost "Industrial" type instrument to a $\$ 6,150$ allelectronic DVM that makes 200 readings per second. For the most complete and authoritative information available on DVMs, contact your local NLS office or rep, or write NLS.

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A closed-circuit television camera, the Minicamera, is 9 in . long and 3 in . in diameter. It operates without special protection despite noise and vibration. Camera is sealed against dust, and ventilation is not required. Picture quality is said to equal that of standard-sized cameras.
Fairbanks, Morse and Co., Electronics Div., Dept. ED, 100 Electra Lane, East Station Yonkers, N. Y.

Time-Delay Relay


A 5- to $10-\mathrm{sec}$ memory circuit prevents this time-delay relay from recycling in a power failure. Standard time delay is 180 sec , adjustable. Contacts are rated at 2.5 amp resistive, with spdt standard and other arrangements available. Military environmental and rf-interference specifications are met

Accutronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 403 N. Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, Calif Availability: 2 to 3 weeks.

Capacitors


Stability of capacitance during lifetime and temperature change is said to be high with these Oxsil capacitors. Increase in capacitance at 125 C is $0.35 \%$ over the 25 C measurement. Operating temperature range is -65 to +150 C. Capacitance ratings are 100 to 330 pf, 50 to 150 wvdc, $5 \%$ to $20 \%$ tolerance. Axial-lead and radial-lead styles are available.

Sprague Electric Co., Dept. ED, N. Adams, Mass.


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## NEW PRODUCTS

## Reversible Gearmotor



Constant-torque gearmotors are instantly reversible, compact, have a low sound level and provide output speeds from 0.3 to 550 rpm . Torques up to 250 in.-lb are developed. Input is 115 v , single-phase or 220 v , three-phase. Units can be mounted in any position.

New England Gear Works, Inc., Dept. ED, South End Road, Southington, Conn.

## Flame-Resistant Laminate

590
Self-extinguishing epoxy-glass laminate is available in standard and printed-circuit copperclad varieties. Designated No. 11587, the new FR-4 laminate has good machining properties and good electrical properties under humid conditions. Sheets are 36 -in wide with lengths of 36,48 , and 72 in . Thicknesses range from 0.010 to 1.000 in .

General Electric Co., Laminated Products Dept., Dept. ED, Coshocton, Ohio.

## Isolators

592
Power rating is 75 kw cw . In WR-975 waveguide size, two isolators provide 15 db minimum isolation over a total bandwidth of 240 me, each isolator covering approximately half the band. Insertion loss is 0.8 db max; vswr is 1.10 max. Coolant is water and coolant temperature is 140 to 150 F .

Airtron, Div. of Litton Industries, Dept. ED, 200 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Plains, N. J.

## Handles



Instrument, equipment, and cabinet handles are available in standard and custom specifications. Materials include brass and aluminum. A choice of plating is offered.

Galaxy Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 5458 E. Century Blvd., Lynwood, Calif.

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P\&A: \$1,250: 45 days.

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Pacific Coast Electronics, Marketing Dept., Dept. ED, 2457 Chico Blvd., S. El Monte, Calif.
Price: $\$ 15.90$ to $\$ 35.00$.

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Magnetic amplifier, transistor regulated laboratory power supply model MTR 28-100 has an output of 24 to 32 v dc at 100 amp . Dynamic regulation is $\pm 0.5 \%$ line and $\pm 2 \mathrm{v}$ load. Static regulation for line and load is $\pm 0.1 \%$. Ripple is 20 mv rms. Overloads and short circuits can be sustained indefinitely.

Perkin Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 345 Kansas St., EI Segundo Calif.

## Magnetic Pickup

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Wyle Laboratories, Dept. ED, EI Segundo, Calif.

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Pacific Semiconductors, Inc., Dept. ED, 12955 Chadron Ave., Hawthorne, Calif.
P\&A: \$3.15 to \$8.60, 100 to 999; stock.

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Converts photographic data to digital form. Accuracy is $\pm 3 \mathrm{mi}-$ crons or $\pm 0.01 \%$ for static measurements, $\pm 6$ microns or $\pm 0.02 \%$ for dynamic measurements. Digital error rate is less than one error of 2 microns per 2,000 readings. Magnification is 12x: screen area is $24 \times 24 \mathrm{in}$.; resolving power is 100 lines per mm .

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Tridea Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED. 1020 Mission St., S. Pasadena, Calif.

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Radio Corp. of America. Dept. ED, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y.
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Availability: from stork.

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Digital Design Corp., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 21, Clay, N. Y.
P\&A: $\$ 185.00$; stock to 6 weeks.
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Cordomatic Reels, Dept. ED, 1724 W. Indiana Ave., Philadelphia 32, Pa

Inclinometer
357


Made for oceanographic research, the model 109 inclinometer measures tilt angles from 5 to 35 deg. Tolerance is 1 deg max. Device operates under turbulent conditions, and in temperatures from 0 to 110 F .

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Gertsch Products, Inc., Dept. ED, 3211 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.
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Alpha Scientific Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 333, Berkeley 1, Calif.

P\&A: \$1,875; from stock.

## Cabinets

The Shadow Cabinet, illustrated, has removable front, rear, and bottom panels. Four sizes are available. The Contour Utility Cabinet. not illustrated, has a one-piece steel body with curved lines. Available in six sizes.

Bud Radio. Inc., Dept. ED, 2118 E. 55th St., Cleveland 3, Ohio.

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Notifier Corp., Dept. ED, 3700 N. 56th St., Lincoln 4, Neb.

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Technical Information Dept., Beckman Scientific and Process Instruments Div., Dept. ED, Fullerton, Calif.


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Motorola Military Electronics Div., Dept. ED, 8330 Indiana Ave., Riverside, Calif.
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Pre-programing patchboard provides from 200 to 600 contacts. Pre-programed panel is engaged with rear frame assembly by a lever which is operated with one hand. Patchboard may be mounted vertically or horizontally.

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Harowe Servo Controls Inc., Dept. ED, Mount Road, Lenni Mills, Pa.
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370
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Hughe: Aircraft Co., Dept. 92-10 Dept. ED, P. O. Box 90904. Airport Station, Los Angeles 45, Calif.

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PIC Design Corp., Dept. ED, 477 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, L. I., N. Y. P\&A: \$45 to \$75; 10 days.

## Rack and Panel Connector

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Statham Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, 12401 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 64, Calif.

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ITT Corp., Industrial Products Div., Dept. ED, 15191 Bledsoe St., San Fernando, Calif.

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Develop-Amatic Engineering, Dept. ED, 923 Industrial Ave. Palo Alto, Calif.

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Guidance and Control Systems Div., Litton Systems, Inc., Dept. ED, Woodland Hills, Calif.

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Hopkins Engineering Co., Dept. ED, 12900 Foothill Blvd., San Fernando, Calif.

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Nanmac Corp., Dept. 11, Dept. ED, P. O. Box 8, Indian Head, Md.

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Texas Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 5012, Dallas 22, Tex.
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374
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Radar Relay, Inc., Dept. V, Dept. ED, 2322
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Advanced Structures Div., Telecomputing Corp., Dept. ED, P. O Box 150, Monrovia, Calif.

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Premier Metal Products Co., Dept. ED, 337 Manida St., New York 59, N. Y.

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Microdot Inc., Dept. ED, 220 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena, Calif.

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437
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Hughes Aircraft Co., Dept. 92-10, Dept. ED, P. O. Box 90904, Airport Station, Los Angeles 45, Calif.

Plug-In Attenuators 359


Made for the firm's de amplifier model 112A, these four plug-in attenuators provide amplification and phase-inversion. Model 112A-A provides phase-inversion and gain steps of 0 to 1,000 with accuracy of $0.5 \%$ to 2 kc . Model $112 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{B}$, non-inverting, provides gain, dc accuracy of $\pm 0.001 \%, 0.1 \%$ at 2 kc . Model $112 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{AO}$ is the same as model $112 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{A}$, but with an operational switch for connecting an external network. Model 112A-O is an empty plug-in chassis with circuit boards.

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Capitron Div., AMP Inc., Dept. ED, Elizabethtown, Pa.

## Thermocouple Material 408

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Temptron, Inc., Dept. ED. 7030 Darby Ave., Reseda, Calif.

Console Frame
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Omega Precision, Inc., Dept. ED, 757 N. Coney Ave., Azusa, Calif.

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Kelvin Electric Co., Dept. ED, 5907 Noble Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.

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dbm -An expression of power in decibels with respect to a reference of 1 mw. Thus, 1 w corresponds to a level of +30 dbm .
$d b_{R S}$ - This term, "db above reference noise", is used to express noise levels with respect to the United States standard reference noise power level of 90 db below 1 mw at 1 kc .
dba -The unit of measurement obtained from the Western Electric 2B noise set, in widespread use in the United States. This meter contains a weighting function known as FIA, a filter network designed to yield measurements which are representative of the actual disturbing effect of noise upon the listener. Therefore, it is limited to speech use only. One thousand cycles is the reference frequency of the FIA network. This corresponds to the 1,000 -cycle test tone normally used in the United States. When measuring random noise in a standard voice channel, a reading obtained from this weighted instrument will be 3 db less than one obtained from an identical unweighted instrument. Identical readings will be obtained, however, for the single frequency, 1.000 -cycle test tone.

Psophometric EMF_-Noise is commonly measured in Europe by means of a psophometer which gives a reading of the psophometric voltage, $\boldsymbol{V}$, when connected across 600 ohms. This reading is one half of the psophometric electromotive force, $E$, because by definition, the source has a 600 -ohm internal resistance. An FIA-type weighting network is incorporated in the instrument. However, since it is customary in Europe to use an 800-cycle tone at zero level as a reference, the weighting curve is shifted to an 800 -cycle reference frequency.
The use of the nomogram, next page, is illustrated by the following examples:
A. Test Tone Measurements:

This measurement involves a single frequency only and the weighting function of the noise meter (if used) will have no effect. This assumes that the test frequency is compatible with the unit's reference frequency.

1. A $1-\mathrm{mw}, 1,000-\mathrm{cps}$, test tone signal developed across 600 ohms is equivalent to 0 dbm or 85 dba .
2. A $1-\mathrm{mw}, 800-\mathrm{cps}$ tone across 600 ohms is equivalent to 0 dbm or $1,600 \mathrm{mv}$ of psophometric electromotive force $E$. The psophometric voltage $V=E / 2=800 \mathrm{mv}$.
B. Noise Measurements:
3. 1 mw of white (random) noise in a voice channel developed across a 600 -ohm load is equal to 82 dba.
4. 38 dba of random noise in a voice channel at a 0 dbm reference signal level point is equivalent to a signal to noise ratio of $85-38=$ 47 db weighted. Or, 38 dba is equal to 47 dbm and $0-(-47)=$ 47 db signal to noise ratio. - -
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Butyl-base high-voltage insulation is described in this 48-page brochure, No. 1131. General physical and electrical characteristics of the insulation are given. A removable booklet gives data on the firm's line of cables. The Okonite Co., Passaic, N. J.

## Microwave Tubes

261
Traveling-wave tubes and backward-wave oscillators are described in this eight-page short-form catalog. Illustrations, brief descriptions, and typical operating characteristics are included. Hughes Aircraft Co., Microwave Tube Div., 11105 Anza Ave., Los Angeles 45, Calif.

## Plugs and Jacks

262
A line of plugs, jacks, patch cords, and receptacles are described in 16-page cata$\log$ No. 70. Physical specifications and dimensional drawings are included. Cambridge Thermionic Corp., 445 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass.

## Oscilloscopes

263
An oscilloscope, a waveform monitor, and a color-television vectorscope are described in this 16 -page booklet. Specifications, performance characteristics, and waveform displays are included. Tektronix, Inc., P. O. Box 500, Beaverton, Ore.

## Transformers

A line of single-phase, three-phase, and phase-changer dry-type transformers are described in this 36 -page catalog. Photographs, wiring diagrams, specifications and prices are included. Atlantic Transformer Co., 8330 Hegerman St., Philadelphia 36, Pa.

## Switches

265
Standard push-button, lever, and turn switches are described and illustrated in this four-page catalog, No. 200-61. Electrical ratings and dimensions are given. Donald $P$. Mossman, Inc., Brewster, N. Y.

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## NEW LITERATURE

## Silicones

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# Feed-Through Filter Elements Suppress VHF Resonances 

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Recently published, Essentials of Dielectromagnetic Engineering by H. M. Schlicke (John Wiley \& Sons, \$9.50) is written for the electronic engineer interested in applying magnetically soft ferrites and high-e dielectrics, such as barium titanate. These materials are classed as dielectromagnetics.

Following a systematic theoretical investigation (Chapter I) of the effects of high permeability and permittivity, the text discusses the properties of real dielectromagnetics (Chapter II). Applications are divided into lumped circuit elements (Chapter III), distributed circuit elements (Chapter IV), and (in Chapter V) some classes of unique applications such as non linearity, nonreciprocity, and utilization of losses.

The material presented here is taken from Chapter IV, Section 9 which describes techniques for suppressing electromagnetic resonances in high-e dielectric bodies.

FEED-THROUGH filter elements are extremely useful for eliminating interference, feedback and radiation in the very high-frequency ranges (vhf, uhf, up to microwaves). They replace the conventional capacitor which cannot be used to shunt or filter out frequencies in these ranges.

The very high dielectric constant of barium titanates, stannates, etc., reduces the wavelength in these electrically very dense materials to between 1 and 10 per cent of its value in air. Thus, at very high and ultra-high frequencies, even small dimensions, say in the order of magnitude of 1 cm , constitute half a wavelength for electromagnetic waves. This can very easily cause resonance phenomena in the dielectric bodies.

For a $0.005 \mu \mathrm{f}$ ceramic disk capacitor (leads parallel to each other, length measured from rim of capacitor), the following series
resonances occur because of the lead inductance:
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Lead length (mm) } & 2 & 5 & 10 & 20 & 30\end{array}$ $f_{r} \quad 31 \quad 19.5 \quad 16 \quad 12.7 \quad 10.5$ At frequencies above $f_{r}$ the reactance of the capacitor becomes inductive and consequently increases with further increase in frequency.
Hence, special "feed-through capacitors" are necessary to bar inductances in the shunt branch. An equivalent circuit of such a capacitor is shown in the figure. The unit should be designed so that:

1. $\left(Z_{21}\right)$ is small at high frequencies. Ideally $Z_{21}$ should be infinite at low frequencies and zero at high frequencies.
2. Magnetic coupling between the input and output circuits is eliminated, or the highfrequency, short-circuiting effect of $Z_{21}$ is lost.
The second condition is met by mounting the feed-through capacitor-via its outer electrode-in a metallic shield so that the input and output terminals protrude on opposite sides. This shield forms part of the enclosure containing the high-frequency source. The shielded enclosure of the oscillator must be free of leaks to prevent radiation coupling at very high frequencies. Hence, joints of the metallic enclosure must be soldered or folded. Holes or slots in the shield may be required for ventilation or adjustment.

The better the feed-through filter, the more it is necessary to eliminate radiation through these slots or holes. If this is not done the filter element is bypassed by radiation cou-


Impedance representation of a feed-through filter copacitor.
pling and hence is superfluous. These ventilation openings can be made impenetrable up to microwave frequencies by extending them into metallic tubes acting as waveguides below cutoff. Neglect of these precautionary measures may-particularly above 100 mc falsify the measurement and operation of the feed-through elements.

Apparently misled by the smallest of the dimensions involved, quite a number of engineers try to establish performance criteria for feed-through capacitors by measuring the input impedance, that is, by measuring $Z$, $+Z_{21}$. However, two-pole measurements of these elements are wholly irrelevant. Only four-pole measurements are significant. $Z_{\text {, }}$ $+Z_{21}$ does not define $Z_{21}$, the shunting element of interest, any more than the sum of two numbers gives information about one of the summands.

In calculating high- $\varepsilon$ ceramic filters, transmission line theory is indispensable. Since the phase measure is increased by $\sqrt{e}$, the characteristic impedance is reduced by $1 / \sqrt{\varepsilon}$. (For example, if a coaxial structure of a characteristic impedance of $Z_{c}{ }^{*}$ $=50$ ohms is filled with a dielectric of $\varepsilon$ $=4,900$, the characteristic impedance $Z_{c}$ becomes $50 / 70 \mathrm{ohms}=0.719 \mathrm{ohm}$ ).

High- $\varepsilon$ dielectrics have rather low $Q_{e}$ (electrical quality factor) values at very high frequencies. Consequently, the low $Z_{c}$ in conjunction with a low $Q_{\text {e }}$ will condition rather low impedance values, even under resonance conditions. Hence, a simplified approach is permissible, as will be shown now.
In contrast to conventional filter theory (where impedance matching is important), in high- $\varepsilon$ ceramic feed-through filter elements, only $Z_{21}$, the transfer or coupling impedance, is significant. This is because the load impedance is normally larger than $Z_{c}$.
Furthermore, because of the low impedance levels of $Z_{1}, Z_{2}$, and $Z_{21}$, constituting the equivalent T-network (the black box in the figure) of the filter element, the series impedance $\mathbf{Z}_{4}$, purposely placed in front of the filter element is also much larger than $Z_{1}$ and $Z_{z} . Z_{\theta}{ }^{\prime}$ is the sum of $Z_{0}$ and $j_{\omega} L$, the inductive lead reactance. $Z_{1}$ is nearly always negligible compared to $Z!$. It would only have to be considered for the first maximum of $Z_{21}$. where it is $2\left|Z_{* i}\right|$, and then would be of consequence only if $Z$, were small. In the investigation of feed-through filter elements, then, only the term ( $Z_{21}$ ) need be investigated. The filtering performance (attenuation) is defined by the voltage division proportional to $\left(Z_{s}\right) /\left(Z_{21}\right)$. $=-$

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Herb Seidman, Systems Engineer, Daystrom Control Systems, La Jolla, Calif. If this Idea is valuable to you, give it a vote by circling Reader-Service number 732.

## Added Stage Protects

 Regulator From High VoltageThe fairly-common voltage regulator shown can be protected from excessive power supply voltages by adding the circuitry indicated in brackets. This extra transistor stage protects the regulator in the event that a short occurs and the supply voltage exceeds the $V_{c E}$ (mas) of the transistors.

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## Emitter-Follower Stabilizes Two-Transistor Regulator

A conventional two-transistor voltage regulator, Fig. 1a, can be made more stable if an emitter-follower is added as shown in Fig. 1b.

In the conventional unit, a decrease of the input voltage, $V_{1}$ will decrease the voltage drop across $R_{1}$. Consequently, both the collector and base current of $T_{1}$ will drop. This means that output voltage $V_{2}$ will also decrease slightly.

An increasing load current will lower the output voltage because the base current of $T_{2}$ requires a decrease of the collector current of $T_{1}$. If the base current of $T_{1}$ is derived partly from $V_{1}$ a decrease of the collector current can be obtained without a drop of $V_{2}$. This is accomplished with resistor $\boldsymbol{R}_{5}$. The adjustment of $R_{\mathrm{s}}$ can be made to compensate for the effect of $V_{1}$ (minimum dc variation and ripple) or to compensate for the total decrease of $V_{2}$ (zero output impedance).

The circuit of Fig. 1b allows these to be made more nearly equal because the emitterfollower reduces the loading of $T_{1}$ by the base current of $T_{2}$. In many cases, this emitter follower will be required to increase the output current range.

Since $R_{3}$ is not \& part of a feedback lonp. it does not affect the stability of the circuit.

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In the usual ac amplifier, Fig. 1a, the

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Low-level unipolar pulses can be ampilified by circuir $a$, through either resistance or capacitance input. However, atrenuation and rise-time problems are eliminated if $R_{2}$ is returned to the 一 E supply through the pulse source as in circuit $b$.
resistors $R_{1}, R_{2}, R_{e}$, and $R_{L}$, are chosen to yield the desired gain, operating point, and stability. The signal is usually introduced through a capacitor or a resistor. If a resistor is used, an appreciable amount of signal attenuation can occur because $R_{2}$ must be made small for reasons of temperature stability. If a capacitor is chosen, the amplifier becomes sensitive to pulse duration as well as to input rise time.

Both of these difficulties can be overcome if the circuit of Fig. 1 b is used instead. Again $R_{1}, R_{2}, R_{e}$ and $R_{L}$, are chosen consistent with good design procedure, as if $R_{2}$ were to be returned directly to the $-E$ supply. However, it is returned to the $-E$ supply through the pulse source. This yields the following advantages:

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Joseph Albert Pecar, Design Engineer, Department of Defense, Washington, D. C. If this Idea is valuable to you, give it a vote by circling Reader-Service number 740.

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was excited in a series resonant mode. A capacitor, $C_{b}$, was used in a phase-bucking circuit to null out the crystal shunt capacitance $C_{8}$. Load resistance $R_{1}$ was chosen so that the loaded $Q$ would not be appreciably lower than the crystal open-circuit Q. Crystal modes were rejected by placing a conventional LC resonant circuit of appreciably lower $\mathbf{Q}$ in series with the crystal filter.

In the final circuit, the filter skirts and spurious crystal modes were kept more than 60 db below the resonant peak. Loaded crystal $Q$ was 10,000 , and the insertion loss, 6 db .
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## Sine-Wave Modulator Uses 742 Complementary Transistor Pair

When a sine-wave modulator is required, one satisfactory technique is to use a chopper modulator followed by a band-pass filter. But, where only moderate linearity is required, and small size and low phase shift is necessary, a complementary modulator can perform quite adequately.

A complementary modulator is shown in the figure. Used with a demodulator that supplies the dc signal, the circuit can replace bulky electromechanical devices in providing quadrature rejection for multi-input servo amplifiers.

The circuit makes use of the ac current gain, $h_{l e}$ versus emitter current variation of a complementary pair of silicon transistors. The linear modulation characteristic is constructed from the individual $h_{10}$ vs $I_{e}$ plots of the transistors. A common bias point, selected midway between the points of greatest average slope, determines the composite characteristic of greatest gain. This characteristic is proportional to the over-all transfer characteristic.

The transistors are connected with pushpull base excitation current and parallelcancelling ac collector current. The dc input terminal is at the virtual-ground point on the dc base bias resistor network.

With 0 vdc input, equal ac currents flow in the transistor collector circuits and cancel at the output. With a positive dc input, the npn transistor is biased harder.

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(a) Sine-wave modulator uses complementary transistors to yield moderate linearity, small size and low phase shift.


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(b) Linear modulation characteristic is constructed from $h_{f e}$ vs $l_{e}$ plots of the transistors.
load. The pnp transistor, with reduced dc base current, contributes less ac load current. With the instantaneous base excitation polarities as shown, the output voltage is zero-phase ac. With a negative dc input, the pnp transistor provides the greater gain and the output is $\pi$-phase.

For the circuit shown, a $4-\mathrm{v}$ dc input into the $200-\mathrm{K}$ input impedance provides 0.4 v rms output into the $3.3-\mathrm{K}$ load. By selecting transistors, nulls of 1 mv can be obtained.

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## Tropospheric Propagation

The results of studies performed on the short-term variability of tropospheric signals received over within-the-horizon paths are presented in this report. The data given were obtained from measurements over propagation paths in the Pacific Coast region of Southern California, and the continental region of Eastern Colorado. Fadeouts are analyzed as a function of carrier frequency, path characteristics, and meteorological parameters. Also included in the report is an evaluation of fadeouts observed over a path using a mountain peak as a diffracting knife-edge-like obstacle between transmitter and receiver. Prolonged Space-Wave Fadeouts in Tropospheric Propagation, A. P. Barsis and M. E. Johnson, National Bureau of Standards, Feb., 1961, 72 pp, \$2. Order PB 161589 from OTS, Washington 25, D. C.

## Unfurlable Antennas

An unfurlable antenna is broadly described as a device which can be unfolded to form a large antenna. Research was concerned with the design of unfurlable antennas for satellites and other space vehicles. A number of relatively large antennas were shown to be suitable. A series of demonstration models was built to show the feasibility of construction techniques and types of radiators suggested by the theoretical studies. Study and Design of Unfurlable Antennas, J. R. Barewald, A. T. Cole and others, Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Sunnyvale, Calif., May, 1961, 138 pp \$10.50. Order AD-255287 from OTS, Washington 25, D. C.


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## Broadband Antennas

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## Ferrite Duplexers

An experimental switch was constructed using tapered transitions instead of quarterwave transformers in coupling from rectangular guide to the circular guide of the switch at parts 1 and 2. Some improvement in vswr was noted, but improvement was also obtained by a reworking of the quarter wave transformers. Recent improvements in Y-circulator bandwidth led to a reconsideration of the possibility of switching a Ycirculator. Characteristics of a recent Y -circulator are given. Broadbanding of a high power isolator by cascading ferrite sections having different demagnetizing factors was also investigated. Some bandwidth improvement was obtained. Ferrite Duplexing Devices, R. A. Henschke, Melabs, Palo Alto, Calif., May 1961, 15 pp, \$2.60. Order AD255700 from OTS, Washingotn 25, D. C.

## Bandpass Amplifiers

Formulas are derived which give the output waveforms of multi-circuit amplifiers, having an arbitrary number of stages, for an input consisting of carrier frequency modulated by a unit step function. Many numerical results which make clear the transient characteristics of multi-stage amplifiers are also presented. A Contribution of the Transient Characteristics of a Frequency Bandpass Amplifier, Yoshiro Moriwaki, Microwave Research Institute, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, N. Y., May, 1961, \$3.60. Order AD-255546 from OTS, Washington 25 D. C.

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## Phase Shifters

Two general phase-shifting techniques were investigated, both of which employ semiconductor elements. The first approach is the step or incremental phase-shifting device which provides for discrete changes in phase. The second phase-shifting approach is a continuously variable one which provides for a greater flexibility in phase control. Both the semiconductor material and the circuit problems involved in each of these two approaches were explored in some detail. Phase Shifter Study Program. Kenneth E. Mortenson and Charles Howell, Microwave Associates, Inc., Burlington, Mass., May, 1961, 22 pp, \$4.60. Order AD255990 from OTS, Washington 25, D. C.

## Negative Resistance Circuits

The characteristics of the pnpn triode and the pnpn thyristor, and the capacity of the devices as a function of dc bias were investigated. Negative resistance devices were simulated using transistor pairs of opposite polarity types. Circuits using the properties of the triode and the thyristor were designed, built, analyzed, and evaluated. These circuits include a free-running pulse generator, a triggered pulse generator, a saw-tooth generator, a two thyristor flip-flop, and one thyristor flip-flop. Circuit Applications for Negative Resistance Semiconductor Devices, $R$. C. Ricci, Massachusetts Inst. of Tech., Cambridge, Mass., May, 1961, $38 \mathrm{pp}, \$ 8.10$. Order AD-255840 from OTS, Washington 25, D. C.


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## 'Engineering' Your Sales Talk


#### Abstract

Technical sales are often made best by engineers. But when an engineer is "dragged" in to make the presentation to the customer, the result can be more damaging than enlightening. Here are tips to help you sell your company-and yourself. The author, a speech instructor, has coached engineers in effective presentation.


Roy S. Azarnoff
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AVE you seen this happen? Monday morning a request comes in for a technical sales presentation to a customer on Tuesday. Twenty engineers throughout the plant are phoned in desperation. Finally three willing "bodies" are found. Whether they are qualified or prepared is another matter.

Later, aboard an airliner flying to the customer, the three hastily draw up plans. For want of a better approach, the three-hour presentation is divided into three parts, with the bravest man taking the first hour.
About what? To whom? For what purpose? There is no time for these details.

The next day, at the presentation, the three discover they have neglected one thing: what the customer is interested in. The customer discovers this, too, even before the first hour
is up. The next Monday morning that three men from engineering must be produced for a Tuesday presentation you can be sure it won't be the same three!

On the other hand, a situation like this can be a happy affair when the members of the team know enough to first take these preparatory steps:

- Analyze the customer.
- Isolate the basic message.
- Prepare verbal aids.
- Prepare visual aids.
- Plan the staging and question-and-answer period.


## Know Your Audience and Why <br> It Is Interested in the Product

Analysis of the customer's wants is the first step. To determine what should be said, you must first know your audience. Technicians, engineers and scientists already familiar with the subject do not want to be insulted or bored with too many generalities. Managers primarily interested in what a product will do, how much it will cost and when it can be delivered, do not want too many technical details. Often both these groups will be in your audience.


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In a large presentation, Raytheon's William A. Hands makes a "systems" type presentation to a more formal group.

Questions you should be able to answer about your listeners in advance include:

- How much do they already know about your topic?
- What professional skills do they represent?
- How much authority do they have in their company?
- With what organizations are they affiliated?
- What sources of product information do they have?
Your basic message will fall into three categories: an idea, a product or an image.

An Idea: You might be called upon to explain the concept of a new weapons system proposed by your company. You might be asked to outline an industrial-control system concept. You will have to show the audience what the problem is and how the idea leads to a solution.

A Product: You may be called upon to explain a product made by your concern. The listeners want to know what the product is, how it works, how it is put together, its important properties, the limits of its use, and, finally, why they need it.

An Image: Suppose you want to demonstrate your company's leadership in technology. You could describe the research being done at your plant for future products, the current market position of your company's products, or you could point out the "firsts" your company has introduced in the past.
Working out several basic messages in advance will allow you to select (on your feet) the best approach for the audience you find yourself facing.

## Even 'Obvious' Sales Situations May Call for Flexible Approach

To organize the basic message, decide first on your primary purpose. Is it to inform, to inspire, or to persuade?

Suppose that the purpose of the talk is to convince a high-fidelity equipment manufacturer that your company's transistors should be used in place of the tubes he has been using so successfully for some time. Your purpose is to educate this firm to the fact that your company's transistors will perform in such a way as to update the high-fidelity product line.

That is the bare technical situation for your proposal. You may think: "Any engineer can plainly see that this firm would be foolish not to switch over to transistors at this time!" But before you rush off to put these "obvious" facts before this company, fortu-


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nately you stop and go through the steps previously outlined for analyzing the customer.

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If your message were only for the older engineers, you could probably concentrate on explaining recent developments in transistors and the new types of circuitry for hi-fi sets. However, since you have learned that management will be in your audience and your survey has shown further that the management is non-technical, you must start at a rather elementary level. (At the same time you must politely let the engineers in the audience know that you are not trying to insult their knowledge.)

The basic outline should guide you in developing your basic sales-education message. For example, explaining the steps in transistor production gives you the opportunity to convince the customer's "old-line" management types that transistors are by now well out of the laboratory stages and that they are being produced by mature production techniques that will assure this company of a reliable, economical, continuing supply. - -

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