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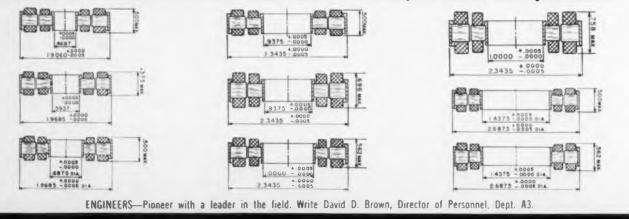
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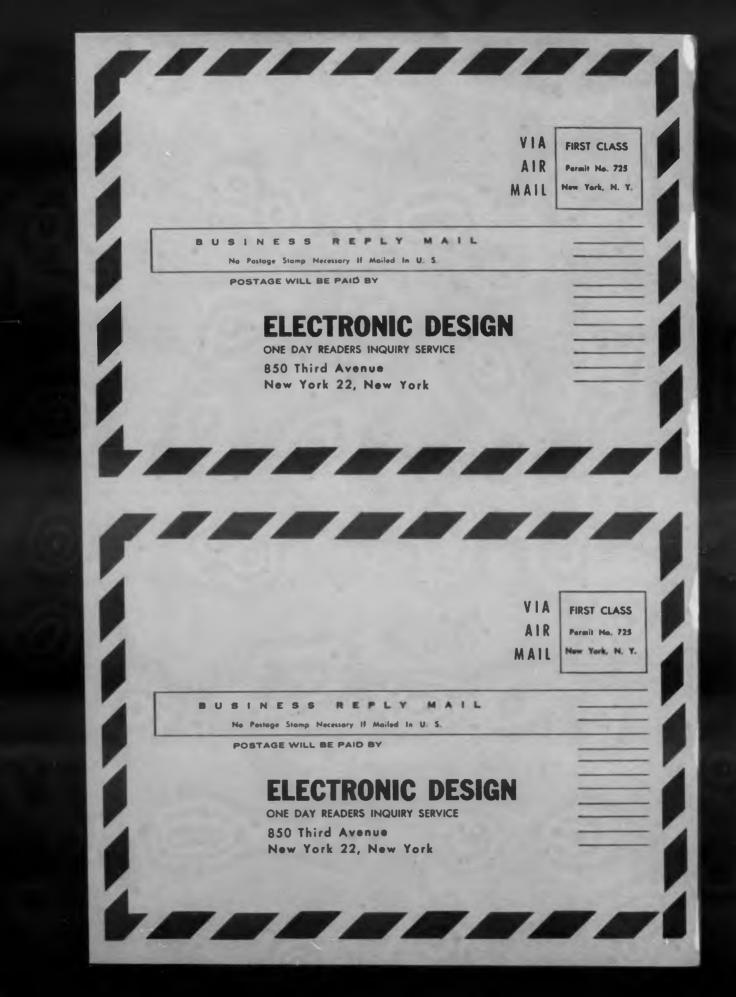
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#### Radar in the Sun

Combining business with pleasure is especially satisfying when the business is itself a pleasure. Earlier this month, ED editor Alan Corneretto enjoyed such a situation during a business-vacation trip to Puerto Rico. One scheduled stop—the Advanced Research Project Agency's ionospheric research facility at Arecibo—turned out to be the highlight of the Puerto Rican trip.

As his article on p 8 of this issue indicates, the scope of this radar is overwhelming. Deep in semitropical wilds, swarms of workers are building a reflecting dish 1,000 ft in diameter. The dish sits in a much larger bowl, over which three towers rise about 300 ft from adjacent hills. The sight of this installation taking form in near-jungle is impressive. So is the concept of a radar this size, which originated with Dr. W. E. Gordon of Carnell University.

Dr. Gordon foresaw the usefulness of a radar antenna in which beam mobility would be traded advantageously for resolution. Unlike similar research instruments, the dish near Arecibo will not move; this makes its huge size possible. However, the radar's feed will be mobile enough to provide a conical, though narrowangle, beam of useful dimensions. Use of a natural depression in Puerto Rico's limestone hills is adding to the savings made possible by the fixed design of the dish.

Although strikes, unusual rainfall, and drainage difficulties have delayed the project, Carnell engineers are confident that the huge radar, able to transmit 2.5-megawatt pulses, will be completed and will make major contributions to knowledge of the ionosphere. In passive operation, as a radio telescope, the dish and its ultra-low-noise receiver are expected to be useful in a variety of radioastronomy experiments.



Surveying part of the Arecibo radar installation are, from the left, Dr. W. E. Gordon of Cornell University, originator of the project; L. M. LaLonde, project engineer; and Alan Corneretto ELECTRONIC DESIGN news editor.

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# **Transducers Needed to Spur Process Control**

Visitors at ISA Show Hail Advantages of Electronic Approach, But Industry Must Still Rely on Hydraulic, Pneumatic Systems

#### Thomas E. Mount West Coast Editor

**O** N-STREAM analysis for process control is still hampered by a lack of suitable transducers, judging from comments at the Instrument Society of America show in Los Angeles, Sept. 11-15.

Electronic closed-loop systems appear to show great promise, but only in a few instances are they available to the process industries.

John E. Witherspoon of Rocketdyne, the conference program coordinator, said most current process-control systems use hydraulic or pneumatic techniques, even when automatic sampling of the process is available.

The fast response, ease of operation, and reduced accessory equipment, such as compressors, make all-electronic systems desirable, industry spokesmen said. In many processes, however, transducers suitable for automatic control have been lacking. The quantitative analysis of a batch of chemicals in process often is a tricky, lengthy business, frequently susceptible only to indirect techniques, it was agreed.

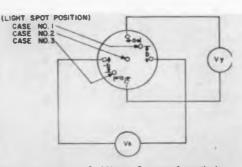
As an example of an all-electronic closedloop system, Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., Pasadena, Calif., showed its Model 26-212 high-speed process chromatograph. Designed for chemical processing—such as petroleum refining, food processing, nuclear reactor control, and drug manufacturing the system performs continuous quantitative analyses and controls the composition of the chemicals being manufactured.

Chromatographic techniques comprise the sampling of the process stream, stratification of its components according to their boiling points, and quantitative detection of these components. The last is done with a detector, such as a thermal conductivity cell, electrical conductivity detector, or flame ionization.

David Fraade, director of marketing for Consolidated Electrodynamics, said also suitable to closed-loop control techniques are:

Mass spectrography, automatic titration,





Two versions of Micro Systems' radiation tracking transducer, with and without lens system, are shown at left. The principle of operation of the device is illustrated above. With the light spot in the positions shown for three possible cases the following signals would be generated: Case No. 1:  $V_x = a$ ;  $V_y = b$ . Case No. 2:  $V_x =$ O;  $V_y = O$ . Case No. 3:  $V_x = -a$ ;  $V_y = -b$ . moisture detection, trace oxygen analysis, trace sulfur detection, refractometry (for fractional distillation processes), viscosity (where vibration-pattern changes in a vibrating reed are detected), and ultra-violet and infrared detection (for measuring the absorption characteristics of chemicals).

Three manufacturers offer increasingly sophisticated photoelectric transducers this year. Micro Systems, Inc., Pasadena, Calif., showed a line of radiation-tracking transducers designed to detect the position of visible-to-near-infrared radiation simultaneously in two axes. Giannini Controls Corp., Pasadena, Calif., demonstrated a photoelectric potentiometer, dubbed Photopot by the company.

A newly formed company, Data Sensors, Inc., Gardena, Calif., offered a photoelectric accelerometer with low (0.5 per cent) nonlinearity and 0.5 per cent hysteresis. The accelerometer uses two phototransistors, a microminiature tungsten light source, and a cantilever pendulum acting as a shutter. As the transducer is accelerated, the cantilever end is displaced, changing the amount of light intercepted by the phototransistors.

Micro Systems' radiation-tracking transducer comprises a circular silicon solar cell with four opposed contacts on the periphery to delineate the x and y axes. A spot of light focused on the center of the cell causes a lateral flow of current from the center to the circumference.

Applications for the device are said to be in space-communications system alignment, missile-launch alignment, solar and lunar reference sensors for satellite orientation, gyro pickoff, and automatic high-speed autocollimation.

The Giannini photoelectric potentiometer uses a light beam as a wiper arm. The light beam causes semiconductor material, which bridges a gap between a conductor and a resistance element, to become conductive. As the light travels the length of the semiconductor-filled slit, the potentiometer's output changes. Because of the lack of friction, long life is expected for the device.

#### Remote Instrumentation In Oceanography Described

A marine sciences technical session at the show covered oceanographic-measurement theory and problems of remote instrumentation and telemetry. Leon D. Carver, president of Hiac Corp., Claremont, Calif., described the application to the measurement of turbidity of a system for the automatic counting and sizing of particular matter in fluids. The technique originally was developed for detecting and measuring contaminants in oil.

A tiny light beam passes through a small stream of sample fluid. Each time the beam is interrupted by a particle the signal is changed and the particle is counted. Particles as small as five microns can be counted.

Turbidity indirectly is a measure of ocean turbulence and mixing. The system also is useful, Mr. Carver said, for biological science. Organisms of a given size can be "seen" multiplying or diffusing through the water.

The oceanographic tower off Mission Beach, San Diego, was described by William Armstrong of Naval Electronics Laboratory. In addition to the standard recording instrumentation and meteorological equipment, the tower measures internal, belowsurface waves. This is done by measuring the level of thermoclines with a thermistor sensor at the end of a line. As the wave passes, the thermocline rises; the extent of its rise is a measure of the size of the wave.

To measure ocean-wave forces on offshore structures, **Dr**. Thomas Russell of California Research Corp. used eight force dynamometers, a wave gage (a vertical resistance wire). recording instruments, and programing units.

Thomas Ward of Telemetering Corp. of America described what is said to be the first practical application of pcm/fm/fm telemetry to oceanography.

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# Stretch's Utilization In Business Explained

CEIR Hopes to Use Computer Profitably on Small Problems

**E**XPECTED usefulness of the IBM 7030 Stretch computer for business data processing was described at the 16th National Meeting of the Association for Computing Machinery in Los Angeles, Sept. 5-8.

William V. Crowley of the Corp. for Economic & Industrial Research, Inc. (CEIR) gave an optimistic appraisal of the potential of the Stretch machine for simultaneous processing of many business problems. CEIR plans to install two of the machines at its computing centers despite failure of the computer to achieve original design objectives.

Stretch was designed by International Business Machines Corp. for complex problems demanding large arithmetic capacity, such as the hydrodynamics problems involved in nuclear work. The first machine was built for the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, N. M. Mr. Crowley told his audience that the machines can be used profitably for hundreds of smaller problems simultaneously. Small companies will rent processing time on them from the CEIR center for research, design, and planning.

Mr. Crowley asserted that a Stretch system will perform 800 times the operations that could be performed by an IBM 650 for less than 30 times the cost of the 650, or about \$1,700 per hour. This comparison was based on arithmetic speeds alone.

"The economics of Stretch-type computers can be demonstrated as much more advantageous than several large-scale computers operating side by side," Mr. Crowley said, adding: "Many of the problems of the future will not be solvable on anything but computers of Stretch-like capacity."

Mr. Crowley asserted that the technical and theoretical communications problems formerly associated with centralized computing operations have been virtually solved.

He went on: "Computer program knowhow and computer system management skill now exist to make this type of operation feasible and successful. Very few organi-

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zations will have enough of these computerrequiring problems at any one time to justify the buying or leasing of such a large machine for the organization's use only."

The audience took a "wait-and-see" attitude toward Mr. Crowley's estimate.

Stretch was to be delivered to Los Alamos in June, 1960. Due to difficulty-primarily with the half-microsecond memory, which has been discarded in favor of a 2.18-usec memory-the delivery was delayed until December, and finally to April, 1961. IBM reportedly reduced the price of Stretch from \$13 million to \$8 million.

Only 10 Stretches are to be built-those that were on order last March-an industry source said. IBM declined to comment on this report.

According to Bengt Carlson, director of computer operations at Los Alamos, Stretch was placed in operation in the middle of May, and has done well since. The system is slower than had been anticipated three years ago, Mr. Carlson said. Depending on programing, Stretch may be 25 per cent or more slower than specifications called for, he estimated. In other types of problems it works just as fast as was anticipated, Mr. Carlson said.

Stretch has a high degree of precision. Word length is the equivalent of 14-1/2decimal digits.

"Through-put" for Stretch is said to be relatively limited. Programing, Mr. Crowley said, will solve this difficulty.

## **Counter Totals Patterns**



Latest version of numa-rete pattern counter developed at the University of Illinois uses a 20-by-20 matrix of photocells as its retina. Threshold-logic circuitry senses n-ness and drives indicator tubes to show count of separate patterns that prevent overhead light from reaching photocells. Response is instantaneous for any combination of a convenient number of patterns.

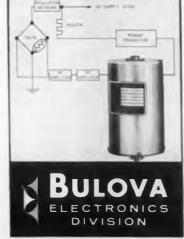
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# **Design of Project Defender Radar Probe on Schedule**

Giant Facility in Puerto Rico to Aid Ionospheric Study; Snags in Building 1,000-ft Dish Delay Opening to Spring



**Spherical surface** over which a metal mesh will be laid has diameter of 1,000 ft and is several hundred feet deep. Cable-supporting tower rises 250 ft above hill overlooking reflector dish. Tower is one of three to support line feed hanging from a network of cables.

## Alan Corneretto

**B**Y EARLY next spring, the huge 430-mc radar being built near Arecibo, Puerto Rico, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency of the Defense Department should be collecting data on electron density in the ionosphere.

This is an estimate made in Arecibo earlier this month by scientists of Cornell University's Center for Radiophysics and Space Research, the prime contractor to the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory for design and construction of the radar system.

The installation is part of Project Defender, designed to minimize danger from missile attack.

Difficulties in transforming a Puerto Rican valley into a 1,000-ft-diam, meshlined dish have postponed operation from July of this year to 1962, but design of the electronic equipment is proceeding according to plan, Cornell scientists report.

Although the 1/6-deg beam transmitted by the radar will be able to cover the sky only within 20 degrees of zenith, the facility is expected to be useful for experiments involving the major planets, the moon, and some space vehicles. This is in addition to its primary tasks of measuring the variation of electron density with height, the fluctuations of electron density at fixed heights, and electron temperatures and magnetic-field strengths at various heights.

#### Aperture Surface Tolerance Poses Challenge of Design

The fixed spherical reflector of the radar will be fed by a line feed supported above it on a rotating azimuth truss. The feed will be capable of all types of polarization and will fully illuminate the aperture, which is to have a radius of curvature of 870 ft and a surface tolerance of +0.1 ft. Achieving this tolerance is expected to be one of the main structural-design problems connected with the project.

Design goals for the transmitter include: a peak power output of 2.5 megawatts at 430 mc, and an average power of 150 kw, with pulse-to-pulse stability of 0.2 db. Cw power is expected to be 100 kw. Frequency stability of the primary 1-mc oscillator source is designed to be 2.5 parts in 10° over periods from 1 sec to 1 hr. Frequency deviation of the rf output from the source frequency is expected to be less than 3 cps. Pulse lengths of 2 to 10,000  $\mu$ sec are to be available with a repetition rate of 1 to 1,000 pps.

A low-noise receiver, using an electronbeam-type parametric amplifier in its front end will have two channels (one for reserve) and a noise figure of less than 2 db. The receiver front end will be about 1,400 ft from the main 30-mc if amplifier. Gain stability of the equipment is expected to be 0.2 db. Because system accuracy will be important during operation, a single 1-mc stable oscillator will control the receiver local oscillators, transmitter, and clocks.

The feed is being designed to yield a gain of not less than 60 db in the secondary pattern, with sidelobes more than 17 db below the main lobe, and polarization crosstalk below 30 db. Bandwidth will be at least 1 mc. Though the feed, which will hang from tower-supported cables about 430 ft above the reflector surface, will weigh less than 5 tons, the entire feed-supporting structure will weigh about 450 tons. The feed



**Receiver for ionospheric** radar probe has parametric amplifier front end, left, which helps hold noise figure for the equipment to about 2 db.

is being designed to operate in 30-mph winds and to survive 140-mph hurricanes.

#### Range-Gate Integration System Stumps Designers

Signals received by the system will be processed by a data-recording and processing subsystem which includes range-gate integrating circuitry for recording electron density versus height, and a spectrum analyzer for determining electron temperature versus height. The Cornell scientists report that design of the range-gate integration system is a problem they have not yet solved.

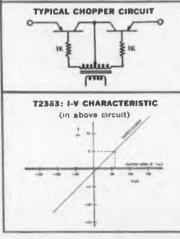
The receiver feeds a system of 100 gates, which are controlled to be open in sequence for periods varying from 2  $\mu$ sec to 10 millisec to receive pulses reflected from various sections of the ionosphere. Signal levels of the returning pulses vary over a large dynamic range, from about 10 mv at noise level to 10 v. The problem of designing a single type of gate to handle both the low-strength, ultra-short pulses, and the strong-

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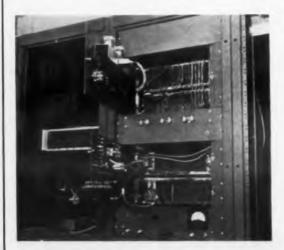
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er, longer pulses is delaying completion of the range-gating portion of data-processing system.

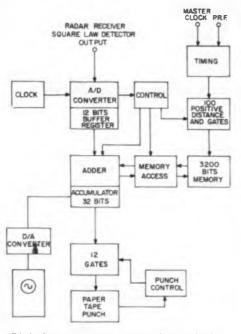
Transistor gates so far designed by the Cornell scientists introduced errors in the form of spikes in the gated output signals. Diode gates turned out to be nonlinear at low signal levels. A four-transistor gate required two pairs of matched diodes and a balanced drive-signal system. These introduced critical adjustment problems and the likelihood of errors in the output signals. No single circuit so far has operated satisfactorily over more than about 60 per cent of the range desired, the scientists said.

#### Digital Technique, Dual Range-Gate Sets Weighed

Under consideration as a solution is the expensive approach of building two sets of range gates, and a somewhat novel digital technique. Dr. T. E. Talpey, and M. A. Feyjaő, participating in receiver and dataprocessing design on the project, have proposed that an analog-to-digital converter digitize the output of the receiver for storage in a very fast memory as an increment to a number stored there as a result of previous pulses. Because the range slots are to be spaced as close as 2  $\mu$ sec, the entire sequence of digitizing, reading out of the



Data-processing section of system has punch-control circuitry, top; digital clock showing Nixie tubes; an analog-to-digital converter, shown open; and a log-arithmic amplifier to compress the 30-db dynamic range of incoming signals so they can be handled by an analog-to-digital converter.



**Digital range-gate system** in rough-idea form is being proposed by Cornell engineers at Arecibo. System would take signals from radar receiver after they were reflected from ionosphere and digitize them for integration in a fast memory. There would be 100 slots spaced 2 µsec apart. The system would permit integration of a million pulses.

memory, adding, and inserting back into the memory, would have to occur in less than  $2 \mu \text{sec}$ .

Whether analog range gating or the proposed digital method is used, the subsystem will be, in effect, a special-purpose computer. Eventually, the project engineers report, a general-purpose computer probably will be provided for data processing at the facility.

If the Arecibo facility were equipped with suitable peripheral equipment it could be used for a variety of radio-astronomy experiments, as well as its primary tasks.

Dr. W. E. Gordon of Cornell, the project director, said the facility could be used to study the spectrum and polarization of solar bursts between 10 and 20 mc, measure the spectrum and polarization of bursts from Jupiter from 15 to 25 mc, make two-wave length comparison of radio sources, make interferometric observations, and partially track deep space probes.

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# **Electron Beams Form PN Junctions**

Automation Based on Programed Video Signals May Eliminate Masking and Etching Processes



Electron-beam equipment for junction formation, developed by CBS Laboratories, operates mostly in the range below 15-kv beam potentials. Beams down to 1/2 mil at 100- $\mu$ a beam current can be produced by the machine. Further studies are needed to optimize beam energy, substrate temperature, and other factors to make feasible automatic production of devices by this technique.

#### Robert Haavind Chief News Editor

AUTOMATED production of semiconductor devices and microcircuitry with electron beams controlled by video signals appears feasible with techniques now under development. Control of the beams by programed video signals might eliminate masking and etching methods now used to make semiconductor devices.

Diodes that are said to have excellent electrical characteristics have been produced in a vacuum chamber at CBS Laboratories, Stamford, Conn., by alloying aluminum onto n-type silicon with an electron beam. Researchers hope that by refining the technique they can also make useful diffused junctions.

Aside from the possibility of automated production, the electron-beam method should have the following advantages:

• Cleaner junctions because of low impurity concentrations in a vacuum chamber and the surface cleaning effect of the beam.

• Faster production—diode microjunctions have been formed in 30 seconds.

• Finer control of junction location and area, if feedback devices are developed.

• Other vacuum techniques, such as thinfilm deposition or electron-beam welding and micromachining, could be used in conjunction with the CBS technique.

#### Feedback System For Beam Positioning Needed to Achieve Automation

One of the important steps needed for automation of the electron-beam method is development of a feedback system for controlling beam position on a substrate. In present work, beam position is controlled visually by the color difference between areas under and surrounding the beam. This suggests an optical feedback system. Since optimum beam energies and substrate temperatures have not yet been determined, however, it is possible that the color difference will not be great enough for this approach.

As a further test of the electron-beam

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method, CBS researchers plan to produce a more complex structure, similar to a planar transistor. Before techniques can be optimized, however, much further data—such as best beam energies, impurity materials, and substrate temperatures—must be determined. The studies have been conducted under a year-long \$55,000 contract from the Army Signal Corps. The contract recently was renewed for another year at \$50,000.

The electron beams used in the CBS approach are operated mostly in the range below 15 kv. Other research organizations have been exploring the uses of electron beams for microcircuitry with beams of higher potential. For example, the Zeiss machine, licensed by Hamilton Standard Div. of United Aircraft Corp., operates in the range over about 25 kv. This range is suitable for welding contacts or micromachining, according to Alexander P. Ramsa, physicist with CBS Laboratories. However, lower energies are necessary for forming junctions.

#### Vacuum Chambers Likely In Manufacturing Devices

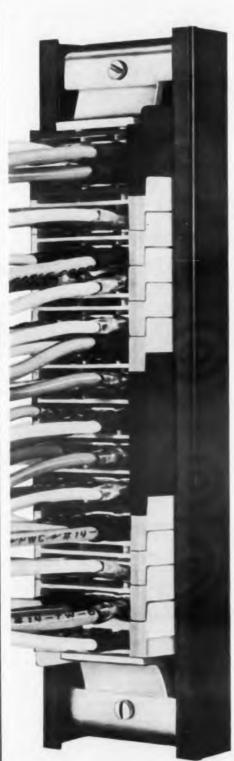
Manufacturing equipment based on electron-beam techniques probably would consist of vacuum chambers with guns of varying energy ranges directed at the processing area. Automatically controlled micro-manipulators and timing and sensing devices also would have to be developed.

One area that needs further study, Mr. Ramsa said, is the choice of doping materials for use in electron beam-formed junctions. Aluminum was chosen for the CBS experiments because of its low vapor pressure.

Other desirable dopants, such as antimony or bismuth, have higher vapor pressures and might be distilled out of the processing chamber by the vacuum system. These materials might be usable if they are combined with other elements, such as tin, to form binary alloys.

Another possibility, which may be explored later, is the use of ion beams to perform doping. The doping material would be used to form the ion beam directed at a semiconductor substrate. Ion guns suitable for such experiments are in development at CBS Laboratories, although they are presently being used for other projects.

Dr. Reinhart W. H. Engelmann has been working with Mr. Ramsa on the electronbeam processes. Dr. Harold Jacobs of the Signal Corps Laboratories and Mr. Ramsa hold two basic patents on the formation of semiconductor junctions by beam techniques.



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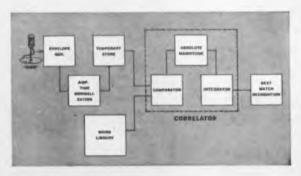
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# BULOVA ANALOGUE TECHNIQUES APPLIED TO PATTERN RECOGNITION

Bulova teams of unusually creative electronic scientists and engineers play an ever increasing role in the state of the art advances in analogue techniques. Consider the nature and application of these Bulova techniques as they relate to spoken word recognition.

Advances in digital techniques used in pattern recognition have tended to obscure the prior art of analogue pattern recognition. Work with the analogue approach was successfully applied to the matching of maps and similar data as early as 1950. However, since that initial success, no major new application to these principles has developed.

At the present time, pattern recognition has taken on a much broader area of application than previously and is now applied to such things as automatic readers, spoken word recognition and photographic interpretation... Bulova Research & Development Laboratories is extending this analogue approach to these modern requirements; the first effort is being devoted to spoken word recognition.



Spoken word recognition can serve two functions: (1) it can be used for coding to conserve transmission bandwidth or (2) as automatic vocal control. Although both are concerned with analysis, the major difference between these applications is that only the bandwidth reduction problem involves synthesis.

One of the analogue approaches to word recognition assumes the use of a standard word library in the form of waveforms. The comparison of a waveform derived from a spoken word and the library word results in recognition. The concept, as shown in the diagram, utilizes waveform duration and amplitude normalization, a form of cross correlation and criterion of best match. Experimental equipment, consisting basically of clased loop tape recorders and necessary electronic analogue computing equipment, has been set up for evaluation of this analogue technique. The first tests as performed on speech waveforms, compared envelopes. The comparison was based on obtaining the

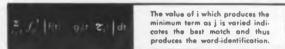
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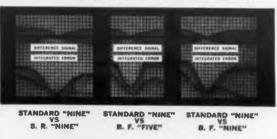
absolute magnitude of the difference between the spoken word waveform and the library waveform. The minimum of the integral of this difference establishes the choice. In other words, the criteria is a best match based on



As shown in the block diagram, the envelope is placed in temporary storage after amplitude and duration normalization. Repetition of the input envelope results in the generation, out of the correlator, of the series



Tests of this system have been performed in our laboratory with encouraging results. The attached figures are recordings of the correlator output as a function of correlation time for the two words "nine" and "five". Each pulse amplitude is proportional to the magnitude of the difference integral and it can be seen that a significantly better match is obtained for "nine" vs "nine" as compared to "nine" vs "five".



The reliability of any speech recognition technique depends on the degree of independence of the identifying parameter on the information property of speech. It is the intent to apply the analogue matching technique to various envelope characteristics of speech to test the efficiency of this approach relative to this criterion. Envelopes can be developed which are proportional to amplitude, frequency, zero crossings and their derivatives. Experimental evaluation of these envelopes will lead to a simple, real-time, spoken word recognizer.

Bulova developments in the fields of electronics and analogue techniques offer significant advances in the state of the art to meet the growing needs of both industry and the Military.



# NEWS

# Minuteman May Chart New Reliability Techniques

Many of the novel techniques used to produce the electronics portion of the Minuteman intercontinental missile may find their way into standard use in electronic design. Two in particular—worst-case circuit design and reliability improvement through failure analysis and corrective action—may have important effects in the electronics industry. The impact of these techniques was analyzed by Dr. W. J. West, reliability director at Autonetics Div., North American Aviation, Inc., Downey, Calif. Autonetics is the Air Force's prime contractor for most of the missile's airborn electronics equipment.

Dr. West reported at the fall meeting of the Electronic Industries Association, in New York City, Sept. 11-15, that Autonetics is adopting worst-case design based on Monte Carlo analytical techniques throughout the company's design centers.

The methods used by Autonetics are based on extreme derating, wide component tolerances and use of cooling. The company's circuit designers have a budget of reliability, which their circuits may not exceed, but within which reliability may be distributed as desired.

#### Parts Suppliers Subject To Close Quality Control

According to Dr. West, one of the keys to achieving component reliability is the detailed failure analysis and the effective corrective action to improve a parts supplier's production techniques. This often involves retraining of production workers.

In order to take effective corrective action, however, the prime contractor must examine the procedures used by the supplier inside the supplier's plant. Though some companies may resist this, permitting inspection goes a long way toward assuring reliable parts, Dr. West said. He believes that corrective action, combined with the many other inspection, documentation, and analysis techniques, could enable a company new to the Minuteman program to manufacture parts different from those in the program but at least as reliable. This would take about a year, he said.

For a special report on reliability see p 33 of this issue of ELECTRONIC DESIGN.

## Ford Widens Industry Stake With Acquisition of Philco

Acquisition of Philco Corp. by Ford Motor Co. combines two organizations with important roles in space electronics as well as moving the auto-maker into other branches of the industry.

Ford's Aeronutronics Div., Newport Beach, Calif., among other space assignments, is developing the capsule to be landed on the moon from the Ranger spacecraft. This work is being done under a Jet Propulsion Laboratory contract.

Philco's Western Development Laboratories, Mountain View, Calif., is associate prime contractor for electronics in the Midas satellite program, and also is known to be working on the Samos surveillance-satellite system.

Philco's other activities in the semiconductor, computer, radio and television, and appliance fields now give Ford a heavy stake in the industry as a whole.

## **CBS Sells Plant, Quits Transistor Production**

Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. has sold the last manufacturing facility of its CBS Electronics division.

The company has announced the tentative sale to Raytheon Co. of its recently opened transistor and diode plant at Lowell, Mass. The plant operated only about six months. Earlier this year Columbia closed its operations at Danvers and Newburyport, Mass., and at Windham, Me.

CBS Electronics Laboratories Div., Stamford Conn., will continue operating, the company says.

### **GE Enters Signal-Diode Competition With PEP**

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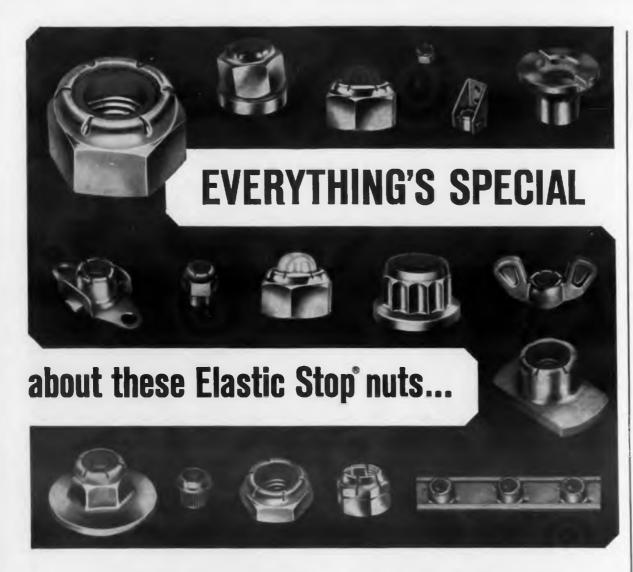
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## NEWS

# Atlas Computer Uses New Logic Approach Ferranti System Has Fast Fixed

Store of Wire Mesh, Ferrite Rods

THE Atlas asynchronous computer-designed to run several programs concurrently while appearing as a single-program system to its simultaneous users-is described as the world's most powerful by its producers, Ferranti, Ltd., Hollinwood, England.

The computer is said to execute nearly one million commands per second, to have an access time of 0.3  $\mu$ sec to its fast fixed store, and to be able to add 48-bit, 40-digit numbers in about 1  $\mu$ sec each. It is said to cost between \$8 million and \$10 million.

Atlas was designed jointly by Ferranti and Manchester University, where installation of the first commercial system is nearing completion. Another Atlas has been ordered by the National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science at Harwell, England.

Ferranti reports that the Atlas computer depends primarily on logical design rather than novel hardware for its performance. The most significant electronic innovation in the system, Ferranti says, is a fast fixed store consisting of woven wire mesh into which ferrite rods are inserted to represent digits. This memory has an access time of  $0.3 \ \mu$ sec and contains 8,192 48-bit words in the standard size. The fast fixed store can be increased to store a theoretical maximum of more than 262,000 words, the company says. It holds frequently required commands.

The fast store is one of four large memories having different access times. The several stores appear as one memory to the user because of the computer's logical organization, which permits transfer of information between different levels of storage by system routines implemented by appropriate hardware.

#### 'Extra Codes' Usable With Basic Information

Atlas is operated by a relatively simple command code of the single-address type, supported by "extra codes" which provide entry to built-in subroutines. The "extra codes" may be mixed with basic instructions without complications, Ferranti says, and



Farrite-rod, wire-mesh memory of experimental version of Atlas computer contains fixed instructions and computes on basis of information supplied by slower memories in system. Its access time is said to be 0.3 µsec. An Atlas designer, Dr. R. L. Grimsdale, Manchester University, adjusts a ferrite rod in wire matrix.

without endangering other programs being run simultaneously. The "extra-code" subroutines are stored in the ferrite-rod fast memorv.

The Atlas includes a "fast-carry adder" to ensure that the speed of addition is not hampered by carryover propagating from one digit to the next, the company says.

Another feature of the system's logical design is the method used to transfer information between the various stores as required. Built-in subroutines, commanded by the "extra codes," shift required information automatically according to a "page-address" system. In this system, numbers are identified by being in a particular shock, called a page, rather than by addresses signifying physical positions in the stores. The pages have no fixed location; they are moved from one location to another, according to which is needed in the high-speed store for current computing.

The computer is transistorized. Standard data-processing languages such as Fortran and Algol may be used with Atlas, the company says.

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# NEWS

## **Army Tests New Computer** For Use In Combat Areas

A new member of the Army's FIELDATA family of combat-area data processors is undergoing evaluation tests at Fort Monmouth, N. J., Signal Research and Development Laboratory.

Called the Informer, the general-purpose computer will aid intelligence, logistics and personnel operations. It was built by International Business Machines Corp.

Informer is housed in a 2-1/2-ton truck and can be driven over broken terrain in all weather.

The computer's central processing unit, main memory, and power supply take no more space than a five-drawer filing cabinet. Informer requires no air-conditioning. The central processor is said to operate from -25F to  $\pm 125$  F and in up to 97 per cent humidity. The unit's solid-state components can withstand up to 7.5 g, IBM says.

## **Computer and Tape Operate** X-Ray Diffraction System

By programing a computer to operate a special X-ray diffractometer, researchers at Bell Telephone Laboratories hope to obtain more than 17,000 crystallographic readings a day. An experienced X-ray crystallographer can obtain manually only about 3,000 readings a day, according to Bell.

In Bell's system, called Pexrad (Programed Electronic X-ray Automatic Diffractometer), such information as crystal lattice constants, wavelength of the X-ray beam and instrumental constants are fed to a computer on punched cards, along with a compiling program. The computer generates a magnetic tape, from which a punched paper tape is made. This tape controls the motors that rotate the crystal and receiving scintillation counter of the diffractometer and permits an X-ray beam of proper wavelength to irradiate the crystal for sufficient time.

The intensity of the beam diffracted by the crystal is measured and recorded on punched tape. The crystal is automatically rotated to the next position and the process is repeated. The punched tape from the sys-



Almost completely automatic X-ray diffractometer is operated by punched tape, of the type held here by Dr. S. C. Abrahams, who developed the new system at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, N. J.

tem is converted to a magnetic tape and fed back into the computer, which integrates the intensities, corrects for various factors, and prints out correct data.

#### Franklin Institute Opens Science Research Service

A Science Information Service has been organized by The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. The service will aid industry and scientific institutions on R&D projects, primarily by providing extensive literature searches.

The service will offer searches in any area of mathematics, engineering, physics, chemistry and industrial processing. The service will handle bibliographic compilations, annotated bibliographies, abstracts of articles, current-literature monitoring and translations.

## Poll Shows Increased Reliance on Standards

Increasing reliance on standards and standardization programs is indicated in a poll of 67 companies by the American Standards Association.

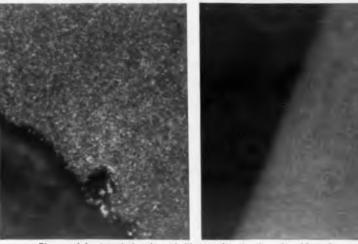
All responding companies said their standards activities had helped lower costs. The 15 companies giving specific data reported savings of up to 20 per cent of gross income.

Two-thirds of the firms said standardization is being extended, and many indicated wide use of company standards committees.



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# Polish semiconductors scratch-free with 99.98% pure alumina powders



**Photo at left:** A typical as lapped silicon wafer, showing edge chip, prior to finishing. (Magnified 42.X). **Right:** Complete polishing with LINDE alumina abrasives leaves edge of silicon and wafer scratch-free. (Magnified 144X).

The surfaces of the semiconducting wafers used in the new high-speed mesa switching transistors and planar diodes must have a superior surface finish, flatness, and parallelism—prior to final etching and diffusion. This effect is now being achieved in full production with high-purity alumina abrasives produced by LINDE.

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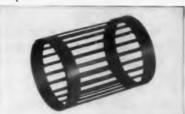
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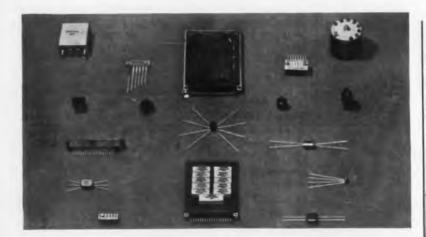
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# REPORT

Albert Warren Washington Editor

#### ELECTRONIC HIGHWAY DETOURED

Fully automatic highways are not just ahead for American motorists, despite the demonstrated feasibility of electronic controls of automobile speed, spacing, and stops. This was the consensus even of visionaries among experts at the World Traffic Engineering Conference in Washington.

For one thing, O. K. Norman of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads said, it would cost \$75,000,000 to build a 100-mile stretch of electronic highway with roadside installations and devices attached to cars. For another, he pointed out that all but 5 per cent of trips on American roads run less than 15 miles. Mr. Norman said that such a distance does not justify expensive gadgetry to keep traffic safely in line at 100 mph.

The Bureau of Roads has been playing with the electronic-highway idea, but Mr. Norman reported that it might be five years before any experimental start is made. "It is unlikely that the great monetary investments needed will be forthcoming for a long time to come," he told the conference, at which 31 countries were represented.

Speakers at the meeting agreed, however, that other applications of electronics—such as television controls and computer estimates of vehicular flow—are not only efficient but also can be money-saving. Summing up a series of papers on electronic traffic devices used or planned in the U. S., Great Britain, France, Germany, and India, Baltimore's traffic commissioner, Henry A. Barnes, said: "This type of equipment is no longer considered a gadget." Barnes reported that in his own city electronics had yielded such an increase in street capacity to handle traffic that some new construction projects had been postponed for at least ten years.

#### AIA CAMPAIGNS FOR ARMS-SPECIFICATIONS REVOLUTION

The Aerospace Industries Association wants to eliminate "obsolete" military material and design specifications which, it asserts, retard technology. Spokesmen for leading electronics, aircraft, and propulsion contractors have been caucusing in Washington preparatory to dispatching an AIA modernization mission to the Pentagon. Their plan is to carry the campaign to Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara through Assistant Secretary Thomas D. Morris. They hope a joint AIA-Pentagon task force will be mobilized to attack chronic specification and paperwork problems.

Immediate AIA objectives: (1) Selection of specific weapon projects for intense review. (2) Stake-outs of areas to determine where costs can be reduced and lead times shortened. (3) Scrapping of outmoded contract documents. (4) Consolidation of service specifications for the same equipment. (5) Elimination of "obsolete" requirements that hamper design, thus limiting progress in techniques.

Ultimately, the AIA seeks a revolution in Pentagon policy so that performance specifications will replace detailed initial material and design blueprints as main contract criteria.

The AIA complains that the paperwork-bound rigidity of the present Pentagon system not only gives contractors headaches but also inhibits inventors. A common case in point: if a manufacturer is so bold as to make a change from specifications, it isn't enough for him to prove that his improvement will work. He must also justify why he didn't follow the obsoleted specifications in the first place.

#### RADIO EXPLORES AGE-OLD MYSTERY OF BIRD FLIGHT

Electronics finally may solve a question that has gone unanswered through science's centuries: How do birds navigate with such astonishing precision? The answer could be that they are equipped with physiological devices that react, radar-and-compass-like, to changes in the electromagnetic flux.

Science's latest—and possibly promising—exploration into the mystery of bird flight has been undertaken by the Office of Naval Research, using new radio apparatus developed by Philadelphia's American Electronic Laboratories. Already a 20-mile trip by a homing pigeon to its loft in Philadelphia has been recorded on an elaborate chart providing precise directional data for triangulationplotting of the bird's exact flight pattern. Researchers of ONR's Biological Orientation Program hope that from this start they can work up a sophisticated system of sensory devices to monitor birds' reactions to magnetic and other environmental changes.

The electronic tool in the initial experiment is a radio unit, weighing less than an ounce, which is strapped to the pigeon. Powered by three mercury-button cells, it has a transistorized oscillator and amplifier with a 1-mw output. Trailing from the package and below the pigeon in flight is a 40-in. half-wave dipole antenna whose first eight inches are stiffened with a fiberglass rod to guard against wing interference. Two specially designed receiving stations, including direction-finding, high-gain Yagi antennas on rotating pedestals, pick up the pigeon's flight signals.

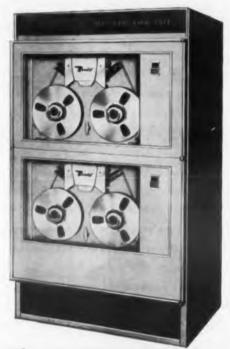
Many explanations of bird navigation and the homing instinct have been advanced. None has been proven. Other hypotheses in addition to the electromagnetic-response theory: (1) Birds somehow react to the Coriolis-effect phenomenon attributed to the earth's rotation. (2) They just observe landmarks and guide themselves accordingly. (3) They chart their courses by taking readings on the sun and moon.

#### **TELEVISION IMAGES IN THE DARK**

A new image-intensifier orthicon tube developed by the Radio Corp. of America for the Army Corps of Engineers gives field commanders clear pictures of operations at night—without exposing troops to lights. Demonstrated to newsmen at the Association of the United States Army meeting in Washington, the RCA tube amplifies dim skyglow 100,000 times, bringing otherwise-invisible troops and objects to television screens. In an earlier test at Fort Story, Va., night amphibious landings were observed with clarity far back from the shoreline.



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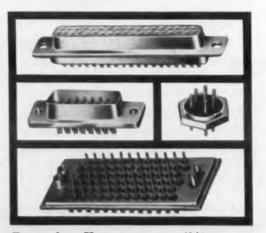
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# TV Comparator Permits 300-Fold Magnification



**Close-up of** television-comparator monitor shows full-screen view of postage stamp, printed-circuit disk, and pin head. Magnification is about 10 to 1.

Magnification of up to 300 times is possible with a novel television comparator that permits examination and precise measurement of tiny solid objects.

The closed-circuit TV system enables an operator to inspect components such as transistors, resistors, diodes, microminiature wafers, watch parts, and subassemblies. The unit also can be used to examine live biological specimens and standard laboratory slides.

Using a single aircraft-type control stick, the operator can position the image on the screen and change its magnification through the entire range without loss of focus.

The TV comparator, made by GPL Division of General Precision, Inc., is being shown with a companion device—a microfilm televisor.

The company says the microfilm readout device permits a greater range of magnification than ever before, even at great distances.

## Time-Sharing System Studied for FAA Use

A proposed air-traffic-control communication subsystem that would permit voice and data time-sharing on one channel is under study by the Federal Aviation Agency.

Known as ACCESS (Aircraft Communications Electronic Signaling Service), the concept was developed jointly by Motorola, Inc. and General Precision, Inc. It has the twofold objective of drastically curtailing the volume of voice communications between pilots and ground controllers and of better organizing essential voice communications.

A simple encoder-decoder unit represents a basic module, to which input and output equipment may be added, depending upon the desired degree of participation in digital communications.

Motorola is responsible for the design of the so-called MADE (Minimum Airborne Digital Equipment) box. This encoder-decoder unit, weighing 6 lb, is to cost about \$1,361. It could be used with a low-speed printer, costing about \$300.

The ACCESS system, using phase-shift keying modulation, will handle digital information within the audio bandwidth available in existing vhf, uhf and hf equipment. A data rate of up to 1,200 bits per sec is reported feasible.

## **Flight Tester Delivered**



This pressure generator, said to be the first operational unit of its type, has been delivered to Republic Aviation Corp. for air-data-computer testing of its F-105 fighter. The unit, designated Master Air Data Computer Automated Tested (MADCAT) was built by U.S. Science Corp., a subsidiary of United Industrial Corp. The portable ground-support equipment converts electrical analogs to precise pressure outputs. It can be used to simulate flight conditions of air speed, altitude, air temperature, and anale of attack.

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**NEWS** 

# Diamonds, Borazon Made Semiconductive in Lab

Semiconducting diamonds of the p-type, and both p- and n-type borazon (cubic form of boron nitride with hardness equal to diamonds and similar structure) have been produced in the laboratory.

If practical applications are achieved, these materials promise high reliability in extreme environments.

Both materials were made semiconductive by the addition of controlled amounts of impurities by researchers at General Electric Co.'s Research Laboratory, Schenectady, N. Y.

Since both p- and n-type semiconductors will be needed for devices, work is continuing on the development of n-type diamond. The diamonds are made semiconducting by adding impurities, such as boron, beryllium or aluminum, at high temperatures and pressures to a mixture of graphite and a catalyst used by GE to make diamonds.

Either p- or n-type borazon can be grown onto a seed crystal of the opposite type, forming pn junctions. Beryllium is used to produce p-type borazon, and several materials, such as sulfur, silicon, many organic compounds, and potassium cyanide, can be used to get n-type.

The method for producing semiconducting diamonds was developed by Dr. Robert H. Wentorf, Jr., of the GE Research Laboratory, and Harold P. Bovenkerk, of the GE Metallurgical Products Dept.

Dr. Wentorf, who developed the original process for making borazon, also developed semiconducting borazon.

#### Accuracy Is Our Policy . . .

In the news story "Thin-Film Hall Device Is Nearing Production," which appeared in the Aug. 2, issue, p 6, the open-circuit output sensitivity was incorrectly called the Hall coefficient. The sensitivity is the Hall constant, divided by the film thickness. Further, the article implied that conventional units require more input power. Actually, thin film units require higher power inputs, but at the same time give higher output voltages for the same input current and magnetic field strength.

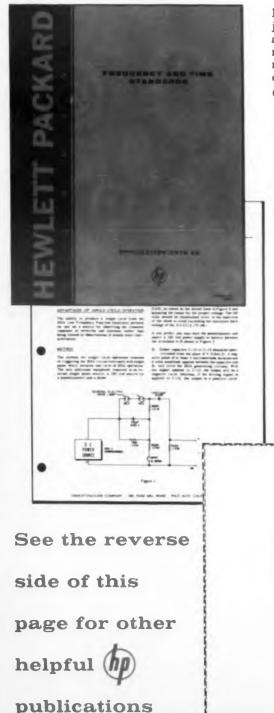
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## Firm to Share Use Of Optical Scanner

An arrangement has been made between Minneapolis-Honeywell and Farrington Manufacturing Co. of Needham Heights, Mass., for use of Farrington optical scanning-reading equipment on Honeywell electronic-dataprocessing systems.

Honeywell, under the arrangement, will incorporate Farrington optical scanners as a customer option in its EDP systems to provide an automatic on-line input for the Honeywell 800 and 400 systems.

Farrington electronic reading machines scan ordinary business documents and instantaneously translate the numeric or alphanumeric information into business machine language for output on punched cards, punched paper tape, or magnetic tape.

Three basic series of optical scanners produced by Farrington are:

• Document Reader Series—Scanner reads numeric or alpha-numeric on card or paper stock.

• Page Reader Series—Scanner reads whole pages of numeric or alpha-numeric data.

• Self-Punching Series—Scanner reads numeric information on unpunched tabulating cards and punches the information back into the same card.

## **GE Gets Flowmeter Calibrator**



Two flowmeter calibration stands, capable of measuring up to 150,000 and 15,000 lb per hr, respectively, have been installed in General Electric Co.'s new flowmeter laboratory, West Lynn, Mass. Repeatability accuracy of both is 0.1 per cent. Temperatures up to 365 F and down to -72 F can be duplicated to test fluids. The new facility will test GE's industrial and aircraft true-mass flowmeters.

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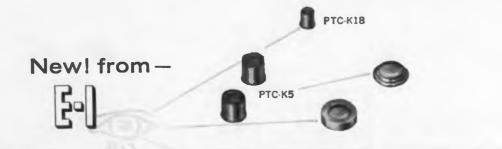


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## NEWS

## Recessed Wafers Support Circuits

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A "MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD" approach to microminiaturization, which uses presently available micromin components, yet is adaptable to deposited circuits and molecular electronic techniques, has been developed by Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc., Canoga Park, Calif.

The recently announced system employs Fotoceram wafers on which the designer can mount conventional micromin circuit elements or which can be imprinted with molecular circuits. The wafers are arranged in stacks by means pressure connectors.

Components lie in cavities preformed into the board and are joined with coplanar leads running along the surface of the board. The connectors are integral with the board and can be mounted on all four sides and in any component area. Boards may be connected in any plane. An entire system can be built up from such wafers without interconnecting wires.

#### Improved Cooling, High Density Packing Claimed

Each wafer stack is said to embody builtin natural convection channels for improved cooling. Maximum power dissipation for circuits using this technique is cited as 3.5 kw per cu ft. Packing density of 250,000 elements per cu foot is claimed for complete subassemblies, with higher densities attainable on individual wafers.

Other advantages reported for the tech-



**Typical function board** configuration possible with Thompson Ramo Wooldridge micromin technique. Note recesses in wafers to accept components. The wafers can be connected along any edge and in any plane, according to the company.

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**One-piece connector** used in Thompson Ramo Wooldridge micromin system is shown with microtransistor. Pencil point provides scale.

nique include high environmental tolerance and maintainability. Company spokesmen note that the arrangement of wafers and connectors permits more test points than do conventional printed circuits. Each subsystem can be tested individually before installation and defective wafers can be replaced with a simple tool.

Thompson Ramo officials state that the new technique is ready for production. The cost is said to be about one and a half times that of conventional techniques (assuming equal component costs).

## Coating Process Permits Controlled Use of Metals

Experimental work in coating various substrates has led to a technique for coating conductive or light-transmissive thin films on plastic or glass substrates.

The technique, developed by Halex, Inc., of El Segundo, Calif., involves deposition of substrates with high-abrasive and corrosionresistant characteristics to produce both controlled light transmission and conductivity on one surface. The process can be applied both to continuous rolls and discrete sections, according to Halex.

Previously, only relatively soft or lowmelting substances could be used in coating mylar or glass substrates; now it is possible through a high-vacuum process to deposit metals such as platinum tantalum, niobium and nichrome in a manner that minimizes the effects of fractional distillation, the company said. As a result, Halex reports that it is able to deposit these thin films on substrates of a wide variety of geometries with an end product of controlled electric conductivity and light-transmissiveness on the same piece of substrate material.



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## NEWS

**Encoder Readied for Weather Duty** 



A photoelectric encoder mated to a standard Kollsman Altimeter Setting Indicator, left, is shown with digital readout test equipment, right. The equipment, designed by Kollsman Instrument Corp., Elmhurst, N. Y., for a nuclear weather station will transmit barometric-pressure data in digital form twice in a 17-sec period at 3-hr intervals. The station, developed for the Atomic Energy Commission by Martin Co., is scheduled for shipment shortly to northern Canada. (See ED, Aug. 2, p 34).

## Carburization Cuts Electron Emissions

A process that suppresses emission from portions of cathode surfaces and auxiliary electrodes has been developed by Philip Metalonics of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

The company says the patented technique, which consists of surface carburization, is useful in generating electron beams of special shapes and in preventing electron emission from cathode supports and auxiliary electrodes close to the cathode. Normally, it is difficult to achieve these objectives because most metals become activated by cathode evaporation and migration products.

Emission from barium-activated dispenser cathodes is reduced by one to three orders of magnitude in the normal operating range of 900 to 1,200 C, the company says. The effect can be achieved at still lower temperatures when cathode evaporation rate is low, for instance in the case of auxiliary electrodes used in conjunction with oxide-coated cathodes.

According to the company, the technique also has been used successfully for generating hollow beams, of disk-shaped grids, accelerating anodes, beam focusing and guard electrodes.

Cathodes having beam focusing or guard electrodes now can be produced as a single structure. The method is reported to be effective in eliminating emission from molybdenum end hats in magnetron cathodes.

## Solar Generator Designed To Power Irrigation Pump

A solar-thermoelectric generator designed to power a water pump may find economical application in arid underdeveloped lands.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., in cooperation with the Solar Energy Laboratory of the University of Wisconsin, has built and tested a 50-w power plant.

The company now is developing a 200-w unit. This power plant, it is reported, could pump enough water from a depth of 20 ft to irrigate about four acres of land at the rate of 24 in. of water a year.

Westinghouse says a 200-w plant also could supply the personal needs of 1,200 persons on the basis of 5 gal of water per person a day.

To provide the stated amounts of water, the company says the generator would have to work 10 hr a day for 250 days a year, allowing for about a third of the year for inclement weather.

The generator, weighing just over 16 lb, has a peak operating  $T_{\rm H} = 593$  C and  $T_{\rm c} = 65.5$  C.

Kurt Katz, senior engineer at the Westinghouse new-products laboratories, described the thermoelectric generator last month at the United Nations Conference on New Sources of Energy in Rome.

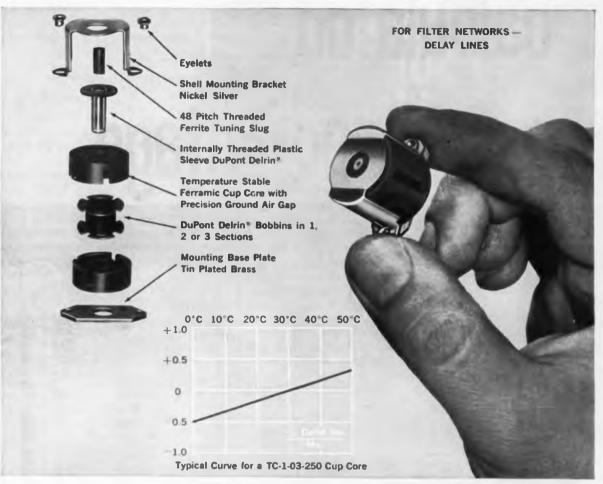
## **Tracker for Astronaut**



This quad-helix steerable array antenna, being checked by G. R. White, Project Mercury manager for Bendix Corp. of Los Angeles, will aim itself automatically as the manned Mercury space craft comes within range, then receive telemetered signals from space. A global network of 18 National Aeronautics and Space Administration stations, employing such antennas, will receive some 90 channels of telemetered data, maintain two-way communications, and transmit groundcontrolled backup of the craft's control functions.

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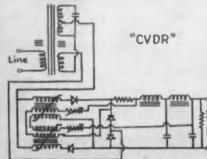
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# EDITORIAL

## **Reliability Is a Function of Attitude**

Reliability has been the single most-talked-about subject in the electronics industry for 10 years. It holds an all-time top record. Yet, unreliability is still the chief fault of equipment being produced. Why all the talk and so little action?

The most common answer is, "we don't put our money where our mouth is." When it gets down to greater reliability or greater costs, the latter, as a limiting factor, comes first.

Those who have achieved high reliability know that spending money is not the whole answer. Whether you achieve reliability or not depends on "do you really mean it." Regardless of whether your product is Minuteman or a TV set, to get reliability you have to want it. Reliability, if it is to be achieved, must become almost a personal religion. Like a virtue, it can be talked about endlessly but a state of virtue only comes by living it. Reliability has to be uppermost in one's set of values if it is to become meaningful.

North American Aviation, Inc., learned on the Minuteman Program that you can't readily get followers of the new religion by conversion—not unless these persons could be totally "reborn" again, to draw an analogy from Christian theology.

New plants, new assemblers, new foremen, new outlooks, have proved vital. Assemblers and foremen with ingrained habits often can't acquire the new perspective that is needed. In many instances, "assembly lines" must be broken up into a series of single stations where multiple operations are performed and then thoroughly checked by tests. The procedure often calls for a new plant layout. To achieve reliability, each person involved must know what he is doing in every detail and he must be able to link his actions such as dropping a component on the floor—with final system reliability.

Fortunately deliberate, costly individual steps in achieving reliability can result in lower final costs. A higher reliability transistor often costs an equipment producer less because he has fewer rejects during final test. A high-quality TV set can produce greater profit for a manufacturer because customers will pay more for a service-free set.

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Performance characteristics demanded in today's and tomorrow's military weapons and space programs can only be achieved by complexity. Yet complexity for performance gains is certain to be accompanied by a loss in operating time due to component failures and assembly defects due to the sheer number of parts and manufacturing steps involved.

To illustrate the reliability problems facing designers of complex electronic systems, consider the almost unbelievable demands placed on the individual component. From preliminary estimates conducted on a satellite electronic system, no less than 95 per cent certainty of three years mean-time-between-failure (MTBF) is acceptable. Based on the use of 10,000 components in such a system (a conservative estimate), a failure rate of 0.0002 per million hours is required of each part; another way to express this is a MTBF of 508,009,000 hours for each component! As another example, the electronic control and guidance system for the Minuteman missile has an initial objective of 7,000 hours MTBF; this has been likened to running 30,000 TV sets for a year without a single failure. Several orders of magnitude improvement in systems MTBF must be achieved over present-day equipment performances.

The efforts of the Department of Defense in establishing the Ad Hoc Study Group on Parts Specifications Management are outlined in "Parts Specifications Management—The PSMR-1 Report," p 34. In addition, the activity of government and industry groups to implement the recommendations is discussed.

The theory and objectives of reliability testing are detailed in "Reliability Testing and its Applications to the TACAN-AGREE Program," authored by Dr. A. L. Floyd of Hoffman, see p 38. Dr. Floyd, as Director of Reliability, was responsible for achieving the

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following reliability gains in the first test of AGREE-reliability demands: 700 per cent increase in equipment reliability, 10 times improvement in performance and, for added measure, 30 per cent decrease in unit price. The task is detailed in his article.

What functions should a reliability group perform? How can bickering and timeconsuming arguments between the reliability group and engineering, production and control be kept to a minimum? Dr. R. W. Hull, V.P. and Director of Reliability for General Instruments, outlines the duties and responsibilities of the reliability group and also spells out management's role in backing up the group. The organization details are covered in "The Reliability Group: Its Duties and Responsibilities," p 54.

Industrial consultant Dorian Shainin, V.P. and Director of Reliability of Rath and Strong, Inc., details the technique of "Variation Research," p 60 a tool for improving process and product quality. By means of well-planned statistical experiments, defects can be forced to expose themselves.

A list of "Military Standards and Specifications on Reliability" is included on p 66 to provide a working guide to the design engineer engaged in defense contracts.

Finally, to illustrate how absurd reliability prediction techniques can be, Carl O. Holmquist, Capt., U.S.N., provides a magnificent account of the probabilities and statistics encountered with a hammer-nail combination. See how close you can come to predicting the "Over-all Reliability of a Long Established System – The Hammer and Nail," p 52.

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## Parts Specifications Management for Reliability-

The PSMR-1 Report: Its Contents and Present Status

"Parts Specifications Management for Reliability (PSMR-1)", more commonly termed the "Darnell Report," created considerable interest when released in the summer of 1960. The background leading to the report preparation, its contents and the efforts of industry and government to put its recommendations in effect are described.

IGHLY reliable components offer an excellent start for the manufacture of a complex electronic system. Recognizing the needs for adequate parts specifications without frustrating delays and for their dissemination to design and logistics groups as rapidly as possible, the Department of Defense sponsored the Ad Hoc Study on Electronic Parts Specifications Management for Reliability. The study group's recommendations were distributed in July, 1960 and created considerable comment among parts manufacturers and their customers. Among the top questions receiving attention was, "How will the recommendations be implemented?"

Before attempting to answer this question, the background and contents of the study report will be outlined.

## Background Lending to the Study Program

In the AGREE report of June 1957, Task Group 5 recommended a complete review of the parts specification program. The Ad Hoc Study on Parts Specifications Management for Reliability was established in July, 1958 and the first meeting was held in October, 1958 with Mr. Paul S. Darnell of the Bell Telephone Laboratories and Consultant to Office, Secretary of Defense, serving as chairman. The study group consisted of a balanced team of military and industry members experienced in parts, electron tubes, semiconductors, equipment and systems design. The joint military-industry representation was deliberately planned to insure consideration of both the manufacturer and customer. The study was concerned only with electronic components; mechanical parts were not included.

The following areas were covered in the study:

1. Specification of reliability of parts in terms of failure rate as a function of time. Test procedures and means to determine compliance with the level specified.

2. Survey of methods used to prepare and coordinate parts specifications.

3. Review of Qualification Approval testing requirements and procedures.

4. Evaluate the adequacy of test requirements with respect to reliability demands and quality control procedures.

5. Establish a program for the exchange of technical characteristics and test data on components.

6. Establish means to develop and disseminate design guides and parts application data (including failure rate data) as a function of circuit application severity level and environment.

## What the Darnell Report Is

Report PSMR-1 Parts Specifications Management for Reliability) contains the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Study Group and was distributed to government agencies and industry in July, 1960. (The PSMR-1 is often called the Darnell Report since Mr. P. S. Darnell headed the study group.) Volume I, intended primarily for management, relates the recommendations offered by the five task groups engaged in the effort. Volume II, for use by specification writers, covers the concepts and objectives of failure-rate requirements, procedures for incorporating reliability assurance provisions into parts specifications and means of preparing design and procurement documentation for military parts; also included are three prototype specifications (for paper dielectric capacitors, relays and electron tubes.)

The principal recommendations contained in the PSMR-1 include:

1. Establish a high-level government-industry advisory group on management of electronic parts specifications to plan and direct an effective program on a continuous basis.

2. Shift ASESA (Armed Services Electro-Standards Agency) to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (S & L); this would provide at office, Secretary of Defense level, centrally directed support of the electronic parts specification program.

3. Change the format for specifications to embrace reliability levels, life test plans and environmental limits. Also modify Qualified Approval procedures, acceptance inspection sampling plans and request certified test data be included with shipped individual lots. Finally, procedures are outlined to limit the total time required for specification preparation and printing to 26 weeks maximum; presently, it is possible for similar work to take a year and a half before completion.

### What the Darnell Report Is Not

Despite the intensive efforts of all involved in the study, it is obvious that many problems are still to be solved. Therefore, it is of equal importance to recognize the limitations of the PSMR-1.

1. The PSMR-1 is not the last word in parts specifications management. It is a solid foundation upon which a more complete and encompassing program can be built.

2. The prototype specifications contained in Volume II are intended to familiarize the specification writer with the principles established. Items in the prototype guides may require revision to make use of the latest available techniques.

3. The PSMR-1 is not a reliability document but rather a recommendation on procedures related to how to specify reliability —high or low level—and procedures to keep the specifications on a timely basis.

4. Last, and obvious, the PSMR-1 is not the solution to the parts reliability problem. The specification effort must, of necessity, be supported by a strong program of research and development in the parts area and the capability of industry to produce units to high reliability levels.

## How is the Government Implementing the Darnell Report?

The Ad Hoc Study provided recommendations of prime importance for achieving high reliability. High reliability is needed for our military missiles, to safely transport an astronaut into space, to keep our defense communication nets in constant operation and maintain the alertness of our radar warning systems. The recent activity of the DOD, Navy, Army and Air Force to incorporate the Darnell Report recommendations is quite encouraging.

Navy, Bureau of Ships: ARINC Research Corp. is under contract to provide improved semi-conductor specifications, including reliability and life-test sampling procedures, based on analysis of data collected from semiconductor manufacturers, equipment manufacturers and government laboratories. Modes of failure and their distribution, failure prediction techniques, and the most efficient sampling plan to attain high consumer confidence at low testing costs are of prime interest. In addition, ARINC is carefully scrutinizing data involving the application of semi-conductor devices.

The Bureau of Ships has adopted the PSMR-1 prototype format for the preparation of tube specifications. Taking the lead for the DOD, the Bureau of Ships has initiated the revision of capacitor specification in accordance with PSMR-1 recommendations and other specifications to be reworked include those for connectors, relays, resistors and transformers. In addition, the recently released MIL-STD-242 (Navy) "Electronic Equipment Parts—Selected Standards" includes application curves with failure rates plotted for certain parts categories.

Army Signal Corps: The Signal Corps, acting for the DOD and with the cooperation of Battelle Memorial Institute, has revised MIL-R-10509B (except for small lot provisions) to the PSMR-1 principles.

Air Force: The Air Force Systems Command has issued instruction that all AFgenerated specs follow the PSMR-1 concept. Gentile Air Force Base is including failurerate requirements and sampling plans in new tube purchase specifications. The Air Force has also indicated that data accumulated from the Minuteman reliability program will be entered on PSMR-1 format specifications when available.

**DOD:** Following the release of the Darnell Report, a planning group was set up to resolve problem areas and schedule the necessary implementation. The group consisted of representatives of the office, Director of Defense, Research and Engineering, office, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Installation and Logistics and the military departments. The status of progress resulting from a series of weekly meetings is as follows:

1. The Dept. of Defense has initiated the revision, on a priority basis, of selected specifications for items for which reliability requirements are urgently needed. All new specifications developed by the DOD will contain reliability requirements as recommended in the report. One of the basic objectives of the program to revise or develop new specifications is the establishment of specifications binding upon all military departments and the reduction of single-service specifications.

2. The recommendations contained in the report pertaining to the organization for the management of specifications have been given extensive consideration and an organization structure to achieve the objectives is now under consideration.

3. Qualification approval procedures in the M-205 Manual are being revised in accordance to PSMR-1 suggestions. Products will be qualified to specific failure-rate levels and remain on the Qualified Products List (QPL) only on the basis of continuing to meet the stated life test requirements; the passing failure-rate level will be posted along with the product on the QPL. Also, clearance has been obtained to permit distribution of EIA, AIA, IRE, PGRQC and the ASQC are jointly sponsoring a symposium on "Specifying Reliability in Semiconductor Device Specifications," Oct. 25 and 26. The conference will be held at the Dept. of Interior Auditorium, 18 and C Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C. Mr. Paul Darnell will moderate a panel discussion on "What Price Reliability?"

The Minuteman ICBM program, with an initial objective of a 7,000-hour MTBF for its guidance and control system, represents an enormous reliability challenge. With the component reliability program entering its second year of study, considerable information relating to parts reliability has been collected. ELECTRONIC DESIGN will soon report the results stemming from the Autonetics division of North American Aviation, Inc. and the 11 component manufacturers involved.

QPL's to parts users and manufacturers rather than solely to parts users.

4. Changes in the M-200 Series Manuals (DOD standardization manual) to the PSMR-1 recommendations have been drafted and are in the process of tri-service coordination.

5. A MIL-STD document has been prepared to extend contractual requirements for technical data and documentation on parts not fully identified under military standards and specifications. The document is undergoing tri-service coordination while, at the same time, comments are being solicited from industry.

6. A detailed study of existing reliability assurance plans for small lots is under way to develop an effective solution to a difficult problem. The effort is being coordinated with various JEDEC groups of EIA.

7. A guide manual for specification writers is being completed and will be circulated among industry groups.

In addition, a program is being developed to educate and train inspectors on the concepts of sampling plans and procedures. A draft of a tri-service specification for a single elapsed-time indicator standard has been

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finished and is awaiting approval. Finally, it is planned that a time limit of 12 weeks maximum will be set for the preparation or revision of a specification, excluding printing time.

## Industry's Efforts in Implementing the Darnell Report

Industry groups, such as the Electronics Industries Association (EIA) and the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), after close examination of the PSMR-1, endorsed and supported the recommendations contained. Private companies engaged in complex system deliveries had already been involved in specifications management and had been following procedures similar to those outlined in the PSMR-1. Industry's progress in implementing the PSMR-1 can be summarized as follows:

**EIA:** The Military Products and Parts divisions have provided helpful comments on possible problem areas to be resolved. JEDEC Tube and Semiconductor groups JT-5 and JT-11 are considering the adoption of the Ad Hoc Study Prototype Specification format and contents. The JT-11 group is working closely with the military and industry on improved sampling plans; also in progress are steps to include LTPD (Lot Tolerance Per Cent Defective) figures in new specifications to provide greater customer confidence. These, and other JEDEC efforts, are expected to result in device quality as well as improved specifications.

The EIA M5.2 Reliability Group is collecting parts failure rate data to include in a design-guidance handbook. All companies involved in equipment and component manufacturing have been asked to contribute their data to assist the project. Plans are for the Government to print the handbook and to of-

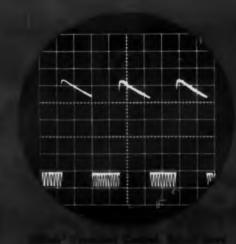
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fer it at the cost of printing to all interested parties.

AIA: The Aerospace Industries Association's Electronic Equipment Technical Committee (EETC) has approved the principles of the PSMR-1 and is in strong support of the recommendation to establish a central group at DOD level to integrate the reliability activity.

Private Companies: Many of the complex systems contractors, including Lockheed, GE Missile and Space Div., Bell Labs, Westinghouse and Hoffman, are already using techniques of PSMR-1 and some have developed specifications similar to the PSMR-1 prototypes; efforts are underway to conduct an exchange of PSMR-1 prepared specs rather than duplicate efforts by several companies on the same spec. Many component manufacturers are engaged in the preparation of specifications for their parts in accordance with the PSMR-1 prototypes. Another trend to the Darnell Report recommendations is the growing number of "certified reliability" ads and brochures offering customers full test data with delivered lots as proof of compliance to stated specifications.

Despite the slow, but steady, progress in the implementation of the PSMR-1, many pitfalls lie ahead. Companies must be prepared to invest in new or improved facilities for testing, manufacturing processes may require extensive revisions to meet stated requirements and a well-planned education and training program for all levels of personnel must be initiated. However, for want of an "easier" way, the concept of high-reliability components to produce a high-reliability system must be strictly adhered to. The benefits to be gained are obvious—the penalty likewise does not require elaboration.



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# Reliability Testing and Its Application to the TACAN-AGREE Program

The first major electronic equipment produced in accordance with the Department of Defense's AGREE reliability procedures was the AN/ARN-21C Airborne TACAN built by Hoffman. Dr. A. L. Floyd, responsible for achieving the 150 hr MTBF for production units containing over 5,600 electrical and mechanical parts, first describes the fundamentals of reliability testing; then the design guides and results achieved for the TACAN program are outlined.

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ELIABILITY has often been criticized R for "too much talk, too little action." As an excellent rebuttal, consider the achievements resulting from Hoffman's redesign of TACAN airborne navigational equipment, resulting from a well-planned reliability program: reliability was improved by 700 per cent, performance raised by a factor of 10 and, for added measure, at a 30 per cent decrease in unit cost. To further emphasize the reliability feat, the TACAN equipment was the "guinea pig" selected as the first electronic equipment to comply with the DOD AGREE (Advisory Group on Electronic Reliability) Task Group 3 requirements. TACAN equipment that had been built during the first seven years of production provided a MTBF of only 17 hr (when tested to AGREE environmental stresses). This figure was raised to 150 hr MTBF by (1) following design procedures stemming from reliability studies, (2) testing and removing

design causes of failure such as switching transients and misapplication of devices, (3) carefully monitored quality control procedures and (4) reliability testing and failure analysis with follow-up corrective action.

## **RELIABILITY TESTING**

Reliability testing implies determining the reliability of some given equipment, theory or procedure. The first question that must be answered before the test begins is "What is reliability?" In general, reliability means the degree of confidence held that the application of the equipment or theory under consideration will be successful. This definition can be further specialized to the following: reliability is the probability of performing a specified function under given conditions for a specified time interval.<sup>1</sup> By this definition of reliability, three parameters affect reliability: (1) The item under consideration and its tasks; (2) the "given conditions" and (3) the time interval. Thus, when testing for reliability, all of these parameters must be specified and their effect upon the test generally evaluated.

The discussion that follows will be centered on electronic equipments and components, although the concepts are applicable to all reliability tests. For any electrical items being operated under "given" conditions," forces are exerted upon the equipment and can cause failure. All of these forces, i.e., temperature, voltage, vibration, time, test procedure, can be combined into one resultant force or stress capable of causing failure. For the present discussion, this force will be identified as the force of mortality, F(t), and considered to be a function of the electrical item's total life time.

For a large sample of items operating under "given conditions", the force of mortality can be determined by the following procedure: All of the items are placed in operation and a continuous record kept of the number of items that have not failed, i.e., survivors S vs time. Experiments indicate that a continuous analytical function can be fitted to this data by use of the following definition: Force of mortality is equal to the number of units that are operating, that is

$$F(t) = -\frac{1}{S} \frac{ds}{dt}$$

t = the total life time of the units (1)

The above equation can be integrated between limits as follows:

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} F(t) dt = - \int_{S_1}^{S_2} \frac{1}{S} ds = \ln S \Big]_{S_1}^{S_2}$$

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$$= \ln \frac{S_2}{S_1} \text{ or } S_2 = S_1 e^{-\int_{t_1}^{t_2} F(t)dt}$$
 (2)

Eq. 2 thus gives a method of computing the number of units surviving vs time interval.

Considering now the definition of reliability, the reliability of the equipment to perform a mission successfully, in a time interval given by  $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$ , is the probability of selecting a unit out of the sample,  $S_1$ , that will not fail. This is, by definition, the ratio of the number surviving,  $S_2$ , at  $t_2$  divided by the sample size  $S_1$  at  $t_1$ 

$$R = \frac{S_2}{S_1}$$
  
or  $R = e^{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \mu(t)dt}$  (3)

Thus, if the force of mortality function is known for a given item operating under the "given conditions," the reliability of the item to perform successfully a mission over any time interval can be computed by Eq. 3. In particular, if the force of mortality, F(t), is a constant, F, Eq. 3 reduces to

$$R = e^{-F\Delta t} \qquad (4$$

Under the condition of constant force of mortality, the exponent F in Eq. 4 is usually identified as the failure rate for the item and is related to the inverse constant, mean time between failures, T, or mean time to failure, by

$$F = \frac{1}{T} \tag{5}$$

It has been demonstrated that, if the force of mortality, F(t), is known for a given item operating under given conditions, all reliability information can be calculated by Eq. 3. It should be emphasized that the force of mortality varies considerably with the "given conditions" as well as with item life time. The purpose of all reliability testing is the determination of information about the force of mortality for the given item operated under "given conditions."

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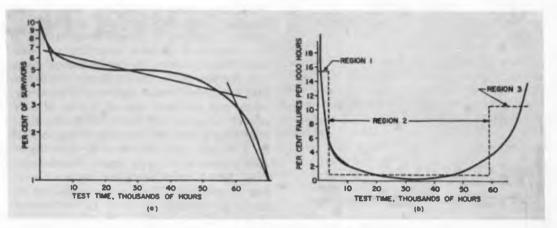


Fig. 1. Typical test data for test-to-failure on individual components. If a large sample of components is operated over a period of time under specified test conditions, the curve in (a) will relate the number of survivors vs time. Three regions of failure are indicated by the straight lines approximating the curve. In (b), the three regions of failure are shown when the number of failures is plotted against time. Region 1 represents early failure due to random effects, region 2 indicates the life span and region 3 shows the wearout period.

#### General Nature Of The Force Of Mortality

Considerable experience has been accumulated on the nature of the force of mortality. Before designing a reliability test, the effect of test procedure on the force of mortality curve should always be evaluated. The simplest type of force of mortality is associated with unrepairable or unmaintainable units. Typical examples might be electrical components such as resistors, capacitors, and vacuum tubes. If a large sample of such components is placed in operation (on reliability test) under given conditions, a record of per cent survivors (components that have not failed) vs time will give a curve similar to that shown in Fig. 1a. This curve can be approximated by three straight lines representing three regions of failure mode. The first region is called the early failure period and represents high failure rates due to "random" effects. The third region is called the wearout period. Fig. 1b, shows the force of mortality curve corresponding to the failure data of Fig. 1a. The three regions of failure mode are shown by the dotted line. Obviously, one of the tasks of reliability workers is to reduce region 1, early failure period, to a minimum portion of the total life span of the unit. The unit manufacturer accomplishes this through quality and process controls. The unit user reduces the effect of region 1 by screening processes which overstress the units so that defectives are removed, or by unit burn-in. The second reliability mission is to increase the life span of region 2 and decrease the absolute value of the average failure rate experienced. This is usually accomplished by engineering techniques and is generally a function of design or material choice.

The force of mortality for complex equipments not maintained—i.e., missile or satellite equipments—is very similar to the force of mortality for individual components although the absolute values are shifted due to the complexity. However, many equipments are designed, used and reliability tested where maintenance is considered a part of the "general condition" of operation of the equipment. For purposes of the present discussion, only repair type maintenance will be considered as most reliability tests do not allow use of preventive maintenance. Reliability test procedures for equipments consist of selecting an adequate sample—the

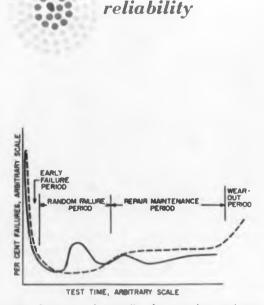


Fig. 2. Force of mortality for complex equipment. The solid curve represents the idealized form where the failure of components other than the one reaching wearout is low. The dotted line indicates the more realistic case where several components approach wearout at about the same time. method of selection to be discussed in a following section-and placing the sample of equipments on test. When an equipment fails, it is repaired and placed back in test. As the sample size remains constant, the force of mortality is directly proportional to the number of failures occurring per unit time. Usually during the initial phases of the test, the force of mortality is very similar to that for the individual components. However, as the test proceeds, one component or component category will reach its wear-out region long before the remaining components do. This will cause the force of mortality to rise. However, through repair maintenance these failed components are replaced with new components. These new components initially go through an early failure period, then a random period, and finally again to the wearout period.

Thus the force of mortality rises and falls with each cycle the failing components goes through. However, due to statistical variation of time of failure, the width of the rise in the force of mortality caused by the wearout of one component increases with each cycle until finally the force of mortality remains almost constant with life time. The solid-line curve of Fig. 2 shows this effect in

		Stress	Levels	
Environmental Conditions	L (Light)	M (Medium)	H (High)	X (Extreme)
Temperature	25 ± 5 C (68 F to 86 F)	40 ± 5 C (95 F to 113 F)	54 C to +55 C 54 C to +55 C	-65 C to +71 C* (-85 F to 160 F)
Vibration	None	$25 \pm 5$ cps at $\pm 0.5$ in. max amplitude	Same as M	Same as L
On-Off Cycling	3 hr "on" plus long enough to stabilize at both high and low temp by actual measurement.	Same as L	Same as M	Same as L
Input Voltage	Nominal so long as within equipment specified voltage range.		Same as M	Same as M

• The extremes of temperature will be governed by the latest applicable specifications.

idealized form where the failure of components other than the one reaching wearout is very low and the wearout period is rather sudden.

In most cases the wearout period onset is slow and several components start this period at about the same region in time. The dotted curve of Fig. 2 shows the usual effect on the force of mortality of repair maintenance of equipment. As can be seen by Fig. 2, four idealized periods of failure for equipments can be defined; early failure period, random failure period, preventive maintenance period and wearout period where maintenance becomes excessive. In improving equipment reliability through remedial action, obviously the analysis of the causes of initiation of the repair maintenance period is most important. Also, test specification for reliability acceptance testing must consider the effects of these four periods of failure.

#### Factors Influencing Environmental Conditions of a Reliability Test

In reliability testing of components or equipment, the environmental conditions, part of the "given conditions," greatly affect the force of mortality for the item under test. If the reliability test is designed to give information on the force of mortality function for a component or equipment in use, the complete reliability test should exactly reproduce the expected environmental conditions. There are many reasons why this is not generally done. One reason is that the cost of complete environmental duplication is extremely high; second, it is desirable to reduce the time required to complete a reliability test.

In general, it is not necessary to completely duplicate all used environmental conditions when performing a reliability test on components or equipments to determine information about the force of mortality under use conditions. Failure analysis of defective components and equipments indicate that only a relatively few environmental conditions contribute any major part of the force of mortality. Thus valid reliability tests may be performed by only simulating the contributing conditions. Most failures that occur can be traced to mechanical or chemical causes which result in catastrophic or performance

## Table 1. Companison of Stress Levels Outlined by the AGREE Procedure

for Reliability Testing of Electronic Equipment.

## degradation failure in parts or components. Thus it is necessary to simulate in a reliability test only those conditions that would accelerate mechanical or chemical changes. These include temperature, temperature cycling, vibration and/or shock, on and off cycling, electrical stress such as voltage, and atmospheric conditions, such as humidity. Considerable effort has been expended in order to standardize and minimize the number of environmental conditions required to determine the force of mortality function for given components and equipments. The TR-59-416-1<sup>(2)</sup> report on components usually limits these conditions to approximately two. For button mica capacitors, covered in MIL-C-10950B, the failure rate is assumed to vary only with voltage stress and temperature. However, it should be remembered that these restrictions are valid only if the force of mortality, i.e. failure rate, is truly affected by these environmental parameters only. For instance, certain designs of paper capacitors, MIL-C-25A, have force of mortalities that are strongly affected by vibration. If tests are performed without this stress, erroneous results will be obtained.

### Standardization of Environmental Test Conditions A Pressing Reliability Need

For electronic equipments, considerable effort has been made to define and standardize the environmental conditions affecting the force of mortality function. For general military electronic equipment, the AGREE, in their report on "Reliability of Electronic Equipment" set four standard levels of environmental stress for reliability testing of electronic equipment. These are Level L, for laboratory equipment; Level M. for mobile and shipboard equipment; Level H, for most airborne equipment; and Level X for extreme environmental use of equipments. Four environmental conditions are outlined; operating temperature, temperature cycling, vibration, and operating voltage. Table 1 presents a comparison of these stresses.

The above environmental stresses appear to be adequate for most general applications of military electronic equipment. However, certain equipments that experience peculiar stresses—i.e., dropped from aircraft—must

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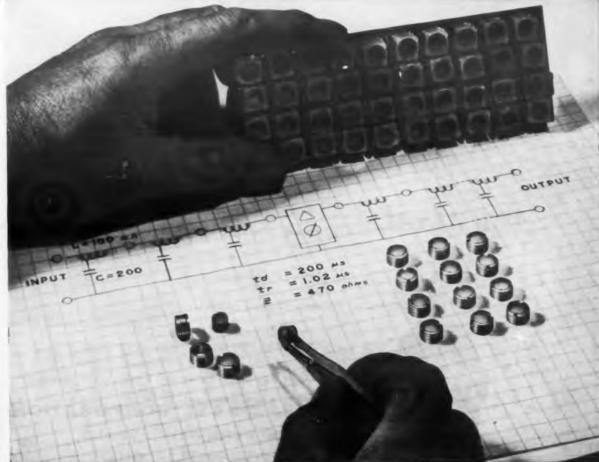
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have these stress levels modified to include all effective environmental stress. Equipments in this latter category are usually single-use equipments where maintenance is not considered part of normal operation.

There are definite advantages to standardizing environmental stress conditions for reliability tests. The only way that reasonably accurate comparison of the reliability for different components and equipments can be made is from test results using identical environmental conditions. At present there appear to be few industry-wide accepted standards for environmental reliability test conditions. One of the most pressing reliability requirements today is standardization of environmental test conditions for reliability tests.

In addition to reliability testing under simulated environmental conditions, sometimes it is desirable to accelerate reliability testing by increasing the environmental stress conditions that contribute to the force of mortality. The interpretation of accelerated reliability test data in terms of actual reliability test data is usually difficult. However, in many cases the cause of failure of an item can be related to one or two parameters. In such cases, the complete force of mortality over the life of the item under test can be approximated in a short test time by performing several reliability tests simultaneously under increasing levels of the stress parameter causing the failure. The most usual effect of increasing stress causing failure is to decrease the time required for onset of the wearout period. If all of the failures are caused by the stress parameter being varied, the same number of failures will occur between the start of test and start of wearout. Thus, the force of mortality will have a higher value due to this compression in time. For items under test that have constant force of mortality, failure rate, over extended periods of time, proportional coefficients can be determined for the life-time contraction due to excess stressing. Thus the force of mortality can be approximately evaluated over the life of an item by performing several reliability tests at different

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levels for short periods of time and reducing the data to the desired stress level by proper expansion of the time scale. Extreme care must be exercized in this type of testing to be sure that the stress being varied represents the only cause for failures under consideration.

## Establishing Sample Size and Unit Operating Hours for Statistical Test

Two parameters must be considered in the statistical design of a reliability test. The first parameter is the sample size of equipments or units tested. The second is the unit operating hours tested. In general, these two parameters are not independent and usually two or more tests are performed to determine the necessary information concerning the "force of mortality" of an equipment lot. However, for purposes of discussion, the following premise will be followed: The sample size of equipments tested is determined primarily from consideration as to how accurate reliability information obtained from reliability test on the sample represents the reliability status of the equipment universe from which the sample is taken. The second sampling consideration, total equipment operating hours, determines how accurately the reliability information derived from the test represents the reliability status of the sample itself. Each of these considerations will be discussed separately.

The use of these statistical design concepts is best demonstrated by an example. For purpose of this example, assume that an idealized universe of equipments can be assumed to be designed and constructed such that the early failure period is of zero time length and the onset of wear is of infinite time length. Further, assume that in the random period, each equipment has a constant failure rate; the constant is not necessarily the same for all equipments but is approximately distributed in a random manner about some mean value. Now assume that a reliability test is to be run for accepting the universe of equipments based upon a reliability test data obtained from a sample from the universe. As this is to be an acceptance test on these equipments, the con-



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How come? Just how reliable are reliability figures anyway? Let's shake ourselves free of the emotion of claim and counter-claim and look at the logic of methodologies. The paradox exists because of basic differences in the different approaches used to reach a final value. In order to reach that final reliability figure, several assumptions must be made. One can be conservative or liberal in the assumptions he chooses to use. Thus, the 2.0% figure may be based on conservative assumptions, the 0.001% on liberal assumptions.

Now that you've come this far, let's dig in deeper. Obviously, a raw reliability figure is not enough — and should not be accepted on face value alone. We should ask what assumptions were made in reaching that figure. What assumptions should one look for? The following are the basic ones:

1. DEFINITION OF FAILURE: Just how is failure defined? Is it so strict as to call any deviation from initial values, however slight, a failure? Is it so liberal as to call any device which still passes current an acceptable one? You can see that the definition of failure becomes a screening system. How coarse or fine one makes that definition is a variable which affects the final reliability figure.

2. FAILURE RATE OVER THE COURSE OF TIME: Here is where one gets hung on the horns of dilemma. What normally happens is that data is taken for a base period of time (usually 1000 hours) and extrapolated. A good family of devices doesn't provide enough failure data in any reasonable length of time for a valid fit to any of the mathematical models of failure rate distributions. What happens then is that the reliability people make one of two assumptions. They may assume a constant failure rate . . . or they may assume a decreasing failure rate. The differences are much like academic arguments, one chooses his side according to his persuasion. The underlying dilemma is that the same set of data can give us two radically different failure rate values . . . depending on which assumption is used. It suffices to say that the constant failure rate assumption is the conservative one. 3. CONFIDENCE LEVEL: The statisticians will talk about the confidence level of the figures provided. Let's take the mystery out of the term. While the mathematicians will take exception to our forced simplification, after a moment's reflection they'll agree. A 90% confidence level, in the long run, means that 90% of the shipments will meet the specified standards and a 60% confidence level means that only 60% will get through. If that is what is wanted, an extra decimal place or two can be squeezed into that reliability figure by reducing the confidence level. The higher the confidence level, the more conservative the resulting reliability statements will be. 4. TESTING PROCEDURES: Just where are the test points? How many and which parameters are to be observed? To what stresses are the devices carried? What methodologies are used? We don't mean to imply that one approach is intrinsically superior to another. But we do mean to say that given exactly the same device, one can get different results according to the testing procedures used. Sometimes the differences can be quite gross. In comparing reliability data, one can't go wrong asking just how conservative or liberal the testing procedures are.

5. ARTIFICIAL ACCELERATION FACTORS: The rack lifetesting used to determine reliability values is basically accelerated testing. In "normal" use, devices are not usually subjected to similar strains. Some vendors use the test data exactly as derived. In order to make the failure rate look better, others choose to apply an artificial acceleration factor. Their justification is that such a factor equates the data to normal usage. Obviously, using the the data as derived is the conservative procedure.

6. WHICH QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES: Most of the commonly used lot acceptance procedures for semiconductors follow Mil. Std. 105. But an alternate is permissible — MIL-S-19500B, Method B. This is the Lambda  $(\lambda)$  concept which specifically limits customer risk. The consumer specifies reliability assurance at a fixed confidence level and shifts the risk to the producer. In terms of the consumer's viewpoint, the Lambda  $(\lambda)$  approach is the conservative one.

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ditions for acceptance must be defined before the test is designed. In setting down these acceptance limits the values given by Task Group 3 of AGREE<sup>1</sup> will be followed although other limits could be applied.

The use of a particular equipment dictates a required reliability or, by Eqs. 4 and 5, a required mean time to failure (MTBF). This will be symbolized as  $T_2$ . The first decision that must be made is what percentage of equipments in the universe can have a mean time to failure less than  $T_2$  for acceptance of the universe. Obviously, if zero were the choice, all equipments would have to be tested. Uusually this is not desirable so that some other value is chosen. Following AGREE recommendations, assume this value to be 10 per cent. The third consideration is the degree of confidences, in the test results, that the MTBF determined by the sample test is truly greater than  $T_2$ . This cannot be 100 per cent as this would imply that all equipments would be tested for their entire life span. Task Group 3 of AGREE has set this confidence value at 90 per cent (B = 0.9). The above considerations are called user or customer considerations. Numerical values were taken from Task Group 3 recommendations although any other values might be chosen if circumstances dictated. The user considerations set forth the conditions determining that the universe should not be accepted.

The preceding information is sufficient to permit design of a reliability test. It fixes the equipment sample size and the total accumulated operating hours sample size. First, a test will be designed based upon these assumptions. Then a second group of simplifying conditions, called producer considerations, will be proposed and a second reliability test (a sequential test) designed to demonstrate the test time can be markedly reduced.

**Choice of Equipment Sample Size:** The choice of sample size from the universe by the preceding consideration must be such that, if the universe has 10 per cent of the equipments below  $T_2$  MTBF, the test will show to 90 per cent confidence these defec-

tives. Thus, the sample size can be computed such that no defective is allowed, one is allowed, etc., by the usual quality control techniques applying laws of probability. First calculate the minimum sample size such that if no defectives are found, then 90 per cent of the time the number of defectives in the universe is less than 10 per cent. Let p be the probability of picking a good equipment out of the universe; let q be the probability of picking a defective equipment out of the universe. By applying the binominal limit law, the relative probability of obtaining 0, 1, 2, 3 defectives is given by evaluating the terms of the expansion

$$(p+q)^{n} = p^{n} + npq^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}p^{n-2}q^{2} + \cdots$$
 (6)

Thus for a sample size n, the probability of having no defectives is  $p^n$ , the probability of one defective is  $np^{n-1}q$ , etc. The test criteria is that this probability must be less than 10 per cent (i.e., 100% - 90%). Thus the sample size for no defectives is given by

$$0.1 = p^n = 0.9^n \text{ as } p = 0.9$$
  
or  $n = 21.75 \approx 22$  (7)

If one defective is to be allowed, then the second term must be evaluated for n as above. Thus a sample size can be determined  $n \approx 59$ ; the minimum sample size to be tested is 22.

Choice of Operation Hour Sample: In designing the statistical part of the reliability test, it is necessary to determine the number of operating hours to run vs number of failures experienced to assure to a 90 per cent confidence that the equipment has a true MTBF greater than the prescribed value  $T_2$ . The 10 per cent risk of passing equipment with less than  $T_2$  MTBF is called the consumer risk. Is designing the test, it is desirable to set a second risk called the producer risk. That is if the true MTBF is  $T_{1}$ where  $T_1 > T_2$  which is the risk that the equipment will be rejected by the test. The ratio of  $T_2/T_1$  is usually called the discrimination ratio. This can be set at any value: however, the recommendations of AGREE assure that it is 2/3. The producer risks can

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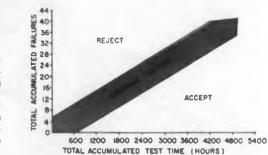
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Fig. 3. After the reliability test conditions are established, the equipment is run and failures are plotted against operating time. By use of the reliability test criteria curve (MTBF == 150 hr in the curve shown), a decision to either accept, reject or continue tests can be made.



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#### 1. Resistors

Composition: (In general MIL-R-11A). Operate less than 50 per cent wattage.

Film: (In general MIL-R-10509A). Operate less than 75 per cent of rated wattage. The circuits employing them should be capable of satisfactory operation when the resistance values vary  $\pm 2.5$  per cent of the rated value for 1 per cent resistors.

Wirewound, Accurate and Power: (In general MIL-R-93A and MIL-R-26B). Operate less than 40 per cent of rated wattage.

2. Capacitors

DC Paper: (In general MII.-C-25A). Operate less than 55 per cent of rated voltage.

Silvered Mica: (In general MIL-C-5A). Operate less than 55 per cent of rated voltage.

Foil Mica: (In general MIL-C-5A). Operate less than 65 per cent of rated voltage.

Button Mica: (In general MIL-C-10950). Operate less than 75 per cent of rated voltage.

*Ceramic:* (In general MIL-C-20A and MIL-C-11015). Operate less than 40 per cent of rated voltage.

Variable Ceramic: (In general MIL-C-81). Operate less than 40 per cent of rated voltage.

**Tantalytic:** Very little data available. However, where practicable double case capacitors should be used. Review use with reliability engineers.

3. Transformers and Coils.

Class B Insulation: Maximum hot spot temperature rise should not exceed 20 C. Specified Insulation: (5,000 hr life at

170 C). This specification is Class T insulation. The maximum hot spot temperature rise should not exceed 50 C. 4. Relays (excluding Choppers).

Sensitive: (Contact current 100 µa to 1.5

Sensitive: (Contact current 100  $\mu$ a to 1.5 amp, coil power less than 0.1 w).

- Employ relays with a 90 per cent survival for 50,000 operations.
- Use between 90 and 10 per cent rated contract current.
- Maximum number of contact sets used should be less than six.

General Purpose: (Contact current 100  $\mu$ a to 10 amp. coil power above 0.1 w).

- Employ relays with a 90 per cent survival for 50,000 operations.
- Use between 90 and 10 per cent of rated contract current.
- Maximum number of contact sets used should be less than 10.

**Power:** (Contact ratings above 10 amp). Same as for General Purpose.

5. Switches and Plugs.

Use standard practices with quality connectors.

6. Tubes (In general MIL-STD-200 types) Diodes: Operate below 90 per cent of full

power. Maintain heater voltage between 90 and 100 per cent of rated value. *Triodes:* Operate below 90 per cent of

full power. Maintain heater voltage between 90 and 100 per cent of rated value.

Tetrodes and Pentodes: Operate below 80 per cent of full power. Maintain heater voltage between 90 and 100 per cent of rated value.

*Thyratrons:* Avoid use. Where required, use will be reviewed by reliability engineers.

7. Semiconductors-Diodes.

Germanium: Not satisfactory for ARN-21C.

Silicon: Operate below 50 per cent of rated wattage.

Selenium Rectifiers: Not recommended although they can be used where necessary below 15 per cent of rated wattage. 8. Crystals.

Stay within specification limits for operation at 125 C. be set such that 90 per cent confidence will exist in the test result that the equipment will not be rejected if the true MTBF exceeds  $T_1 = 3/2 T_2$ . This additional information would now allow calculation of the actual number of operating hours required such that an accept decision could be made if the failures experienced were less than some value "a" and a reject decision if the failures were greater than "a + 1." However, the actual MTBF may be considerably less than  $T_2$  or considerably more than  $T_1$ .

In this case, the test time might be considerably shortened if the decision to accept or reject were based on a difference of more than one failure. The design could be constructed this way except that this information is not known until after the test is completed. However, the test can be designed such that the total test time is not fixed; instead, the data obtained during the test is analyzed as it is obtained to determine if sufficient data has been accumulated to reach a conclusion on test results to the confidence required. When a decision can be made, the test is then stopped. This type of test is called a sequential test. In the sequential test, three possible decisions can result after each analysis; in the case under discussion they are: (1) the MTBF is greater than  $T_1$ , (2) the MTBF is less than  $T_2$ , (3) not enough information is available for a decision, continue the test.

Associated with decision 1-2 are the consumer and producer risks discussed. Let  $\alpha$  be the risk that the decision is made that the MTBF is greater than  $T_1$  when, in fact, the MTBF is less than  $T_2$ , consumer risk for this case.  $\alpha = 1 - 90$  per cent = 0.1. Let  $\beta$ be the risk that the decision will be that the MTBF is less than  $T_{\pm}$  when, in fact, the MTBF is greater than  $T_1$  (producer risk), for this case  $\beta = 0.1$ .

The customary method for carrying out the sequential test is to make a "likelihood ratio" calculation with each variable observation. The "likelihood ratio" is defined as

$$L = P_2/P_1 \tag{8}$$

where  $P_1$  is the possibility that the MTBF is  $T_2$ . Epstein and Sable' have shown that the risk will not be exceeded if when

H, is accepted  $L \leq \beta/1 - \alpha$ 

 $H_2$  is accepted  $L \ge 1 - \beta/\alpha$  (9)

By the present test assumption,  $P_1$  or  $P_1$ , the probability of experiencing N failures in a given time with  $T_1$  or  $T_2$  MTBF is given by a Poisson distribution—as indicated below:

$$P_{1} = \frac{\left(\frac{t}{T_{1}}\right)^{*}e^{-t/\tau_{1}}}{n!}$$
  
or  $P_{2} = \frac{\left(\frac{t}{T_{2}}\right)^{*}e^{-t/\tau_{2}}}{n!}$  (10)

Thus the likelihood ratio "L" for n failures in operating time to is given by

$$L = P_z/P_1 = \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2}\right)^n e^{-\left(\frac{1}{T_2}, \frac{1}{T_1}\right)t}$$
(11)

Thus combining Eqs. 9 and 11, the following conditions for continuing the test decision are

$$\frac{\beta}{1-\alpha} > \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2}\right)^n e^{-\left(\frac{1}{T_2}-\frac{1}{T_1}\right)t} > \frac{1-\beta}{\alpha}$$
(12)

This inequality can be transformed as the following

$$\frac{-\ln \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha} + n\ln \left(\frac{T_i}{T_i}\right)}{\frac{T_i}{T_i} - 1} > \frac{t}{T_i} > \frac{-\ln \frac{1-\beta}{\alpha} + n\ln \left(\frac{T_i}{T_i}\right)}{\frac{T_i}{T_i} - 1}$$
(13)

Substituting values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $T_{\perp}$ , this becomes  $T_{\perp}$ 0.81  $ln + 4.4 > t/T_{\perp} > 0.81 ln - 4.4$  (14)



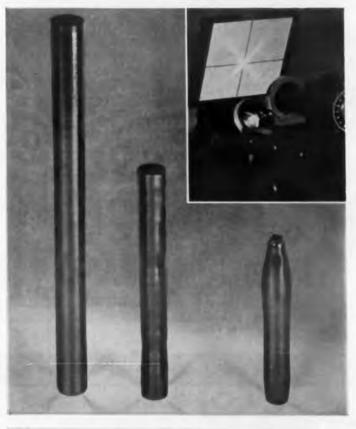
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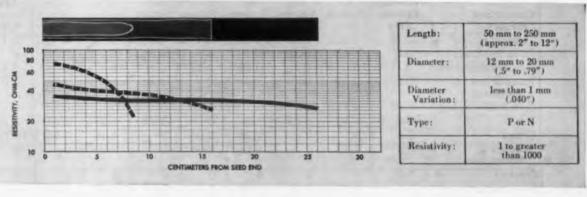
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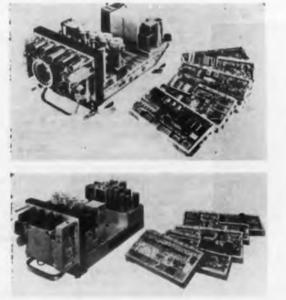


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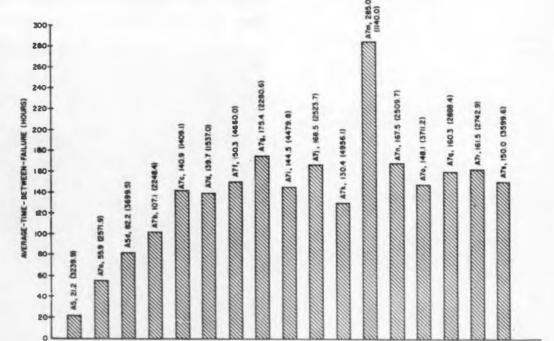


Fig. 6. Average time between failures experienced for RT-220C equipment; the reliability requirement specified a MTBF of 150 hr.

## Table 2. Failure Rates for Components of RT-220 Production Units.

Component Category	(a) Predicted Failure Rate	(b) A7f Failure Rate	(c) A7g Failure Rate	(d) A7i Failure Rate	(e) A7j Failure Rate	(f) A7k Failure Rate	(g) A7m Failure Rate	(h) A7n Failure Rate	(i) A7o Failure Rate	(j) A7q Failure Rate	(k) A7r Failure Rate	(l) A7s Failure Rate	(m) Composite Failure Rate	(n) Adjusted Failure Rate
Capacitors	0.08	0.51	0.17	0.09	0	0.16	0.54	0.16	0.11	0.41	0.87	0.55	0.32	0.15
Fixed Resistors	0.09	0.13	0.13	0.13	0	0.06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.06	0.03
Variable Resistors	0.15	0	0	3.96	2.33	0	0	0	3.17	0	2.14	0	1.27	0.32
Transformers & Inductors	0.27	0.83	0	1.64	0	2.46	0	2.91	0	0.84	2.66	2.03	1.31	0.52
Coils & RF Chokes	0.08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.09	0
Tubes	3.8	1.48	3.79	1.54	0	1.74	3.93	2.06	3.25	0.59	2.51	0.48	1.94	1.94
Relays	2.3	0	0	2.24	3.97	0	4.56	3.98	10.78	6.92	0	0	2.96	2.96
Switches & Connectors	0.2	1.13	0	1.18	1.04	0	3.60	0	0	0	0	0	0.57	0.14
Crystals	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.27	0.29	0.22	0.06	0.06
Semiconductors	1.0	0.77	3.13	2.40	5.67	2.53	1.63	2.13	0.96	2.47	1.30	2.48	2.21	1.29
Misc. Electrical Parts	1.5	0	0	0	2.48	1.25	0	6.65	4.50	5.77	0	13.85	3.59	3.59
Workmanship	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.02	0	0.02	0.03	0.03

All failure rates in %/1,000 hr. reliability testing Thus the equipment is accepted if  $t/T_1$  is greater than the number calculated on the left and rejected if less than the number on the right. Fig. 3 shows this relationship in graphic form.

Thus all that remains is to run the equipment under the prescribed operating condition and plot failures vs operating time. By observing the region in which the curve falls, a decision on whether to accept, reject or continue tests can be made.

## **TACAN-AGREE PROGRAM**

The Military Products Div. of Hoffman Electronics Corp. has been carrying out reliability tests on the airborne TACAN Equipment, RT-220 (see Fig. 4) under Task Group 3, Stress Level H. AGREE Procedures since December 1958 (See Table 1). The first test was on RT-220B Equipment which was not designed for Stress Level H. The later test was on RT-220C equipment which was designed for Stress Level H. The theoretical MTBF of the RT-220C at Stress Level H was greater than 200 hr. The statistical design of these tests was identified to the previously discussed design. The contract requirement for MTBF, T, was 150 hr. Throughout these tests, each failure experienced was investigated to determine the cause of failure and, where possible, corrective action was implemented to prevent the failure.

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Fig. 6 shows the average time between failures experienced for each test, most probable time between failures. This is due to the effect of the early failure period. The equipment sample size for these tests was 7 for the A5 series of tests and 48 for the A7 series of tests. As can be observed by this figure, the average time between failures appears to level off between 140 and 160 hr. This leveling does not necessarily represent an ultimate limit of the design or state-ofthe-art. The leveling off represents primarily the limit of data available for control and corrective action provided by the test. Had the test been run on the same statistical basis with an MTBF goal of say 250 hr, more test time would have been accumulated on



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#### Failure Rates Experienced For Each Component Category

Table 2 shows the failure rates experienced for each component category listed. Some categories have been combined into one general category for simplification. The first column gives the design estimates for failure rates after testing the RT-220B equipment. The last two columns give the average failure rate achieved over all satisfactory tests and the average failure rate that could have been achieved if the corrective actions had been incorporated on all tests before the test was run. Thus, the last column gives an estimate of the best achievable failure rate as a result of data and corrective action gathered on this series of tests.

#### Conclusion Based On TACAN Experience

As a result of experience on the TACAN program, several general conclusions seem to follow. These are:

- 1. Designing equipment according to reliability design data available at start of the project did not in itself result in meeting the reliability requirements, although it was necessary in the chain of reliability activities.
- Testing and removing design causes of failure—i.e., such as transients during switching, misapplication of tubes, etc. —did not alone result in meeting the reliability requirement.
- 3. Quality control procedures are not capable of determining that component parts used in building and equipment are satisfactory for reliability requirements if any reasonable economic limits are considered. However, this reliability goal did not require such controls.



- 4. Reliability testing and failure analysis with corrective action in all phases of company activities associated with the TACAN, RT-220C, (design, production engineering, material procurement, production testing, etc.) resulted in an equipment meeting the reliability requirement.
- 5. The final reliability achieved was limited by the degree of testing performed on completed equipments for reliability control and corrective action applied as a result of testing rather than design, state-of-the-art, quality control, etc.
- 6. Testing according to the AGREE statistical requirements for 150 hr MTBF on an equipment having approximately 1,000 electrical components provided sufficient data for reliability control and corrective action to achieve the reliability goal after six tests or a total of approximately 25,500 operating hours. This is 170 multiples of the MTBF specified.

These conclusions are based upon the experience gained with one type of equipment under conditions of medium volume production. Obviously, the experience gained on this equipment will result in a different approach to reliability for future equipments. However, reliability control by exception—i.e., through failure experience—appears to be the most practicable and economic means of achieving a specified reliability goal at this time.

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## Reliability Analysis of A Long Established System-



Are reliability analyses a bit unrealistic when compared to actual field results? Capt. Holmquist, author-lecturer on the reliability of Navy weapons systems, is concerned with the many absurd conclusions stemming from shaky assumptions and questionable data. To prove that "rigged" assumptions and erroneous data can prove almost anything, Capt. Holmquist presents a short analysis on the over-all reliability of the hammer-nail combination. He has applied the same line of logical reasoning used in weapon systems studies. Try to quess the over-all reliability before reading the article.

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A HAMMER and its associated component, a nail, are considered by a majority of people to be an exceptionally reliable combination or system. Carpenters with various degrees of skill use the hammer and nail in construction work daily in all parts of the country. Our buildings and houses stand as a national monument to the reliability of the hammer and the nail in construction. This should be sufficient proof for anyone, be he scientist or layman, that this system is without a doubt the epitome of reliability in our modern age.

Since the hammer and nail are a combination which is real and, hence, subject to mathematical analysis and the science of statistics and probability, it is possible to investigate rigorously the system reliability of the hammer and nail combination. In this present enlightened age of scientific achievement, it is common knowledge that mathematics is an exact science and that results obtained by formulae are, *a priori*, also exact.

Let us investigate, with conventional mathematical rigor, the over-all system reliability of a hammer in driving a nail. The theory of probability is used extensively throughout the analysis. All data employed have been obtained from unquestionably reliable sources and have been checked, rechecked and rerechecked. The data are considered to be the most accurate available in this country at the present time.

## Indisputable Data of Paramount Importance in Analysis

In investigating hammer and nail reliability, the following basic formula is used. Notation used in this formula is defined in the paragraphs following the formula.

$$P_{sh} = P_{ah} imes P_{fh} imes P_{h_1 b} imes P_{h_2 b} imes P_{ho} imes P_{ah} 
onumber \ imes P_{fn} imes P_{hn}$$

 $P_{sh}$  is the over-all system reliability of a hammer in driving a nail. The purpose of this investigation is to establish rigorously the reliability of this system.

The first term of the right side of the equation  $(P_{ab})$  is defined as the probability that an average man owns a hammer. Obviously, a man cannot drive a nail without a hammer. A house-to-house survey of the entire country shows that 37.3 per cent of the eligible working force of this country owns a hammer. Hence,  $P_{ab} = 0.373$ .

 $P_{lh}$  is defined as the probability that the average man can find a hammer when he needs it. Experience has shown that ham-

mers, like many other things, are easily lost or misplaced. If there are children around the house, the problem increases in complexity. An extensive survey shows that 30 per cent of the time that a hammer owner looks for a hammer, he cannot find it immediately because it has been lost or misplaced. Hence,  $P_{th} = 0.70$ .

The term  $P_{h_1b}$  is defined as the probability that the handle will not break during the operation of driving a nail. Everyone knows that hammer handles are made of extremely tough and durable wood; hence, the probability of breakage is very low.  $P_{h_1b}$  is assigned a value of 0.98.

The term  $P_{h_2 b}$  is the probability that the hammer head will not break during the hammering operation. Here again the head of a hammer is made of extremely durable metal, usually steel, and the probability of breakage during the operation is extremely low.  $P_{h_2 b}$ is confidently assigned a value of 0.99.

 $P_{ho}$  is the probability that the head of the hammer will not fly off during the hammering operation. Extensive surveys have shown that this failure occurs quite often, at times with disastrous results.  $P_{ho}$  was found to have a value of 0.97. However, because of the serious nature of this type of failure, this factor should be given double weight, or  $P_{ho} = 0.97 \times 0.97 = 0.94$ .

The next term,  $P_{an}$  is defined as the probability that the average man will have a nail to complete the hammer-nail system combination. It is obvious that a man who has not bothered to supply himself with a hammer probably will not bother to obtain nails for the operation either.  $P_{an}$  must, therefore, be equal to  $P_{ah}$ , or  $P_{an} = 0.373$ .

 $P_{ln}$  is the probability that the average man cannot find a nail even though he owns some. A nation-wide survey has shown that a man normally has 53 times as many nails as hammers in the average household. Obviously, it is much easier to find one of 53 articles than one particular article. After a series of rigorous mathematical analyses, it has been determined that the average man can find a nail 92.1 per cent of the time, or,  $P_{In} = 0.921$ .

The last term  $P_{hn}$  is defined as the probability that the average man can hit a nail successfully with a hammer. Statistics gathered from governmental sources show that only 7.2 per cent of the working force of America is composed of skilled carpenters and, hence, have experience in hitting nails with hammers. A sampling system has been used to determine the probability that the average inexperienced man can hit a nail with a hammer on the first try without bending the nail, missing the nail, etc. The results of this sampling show that approximately 75 per cent of the time the average man can be expected to hit a nail with a hammer. Considering that 93 per cent of the men of this country are unskilled in hammering,  $P_{4n}$  obviously has a value of  $0.93 \times 0.75 = 0.696$ . This is the only value used in this analysis which is considered to be estimated and not rigorously defensible, since it is based on a sampling process and not on a broad survey.

#### The Over-all System Reliability Is Rather Surprising

Substituting the above rigorous values into the above likewise rigorous formula, one obtains a rigorous value of 0.057 for  $P_{sk}$  as follows:

 $P_{sb} = rac{0.373 imes 0.70 imes 0.98 imes 0.99 imes 0.94}{ imes 0.373 imes 0.921 imes 0.696 = 0.057}$ 

Therefore, this analysis has proved that the over-all system reliability of a hammer in driving a nail is only 5.7 per cent. It is obvious from this evaluation, which is considered conservative, that the reliability of this system must be improved or the future building program of this country will be seriously endangered.

#### Recommendations Based on the Results Of the Rigorous Analysis

It is strongly recommended that an extensive research and development program be initiated to (a) improve the reliability of the hammer-nail combination, or (b) devise a new system to fill the requirement which has improved reliability. It is further recommended that an ad hoc committee be formed to consider this problem and recommend a course of action to be followed to remedy this gross inadequacy.

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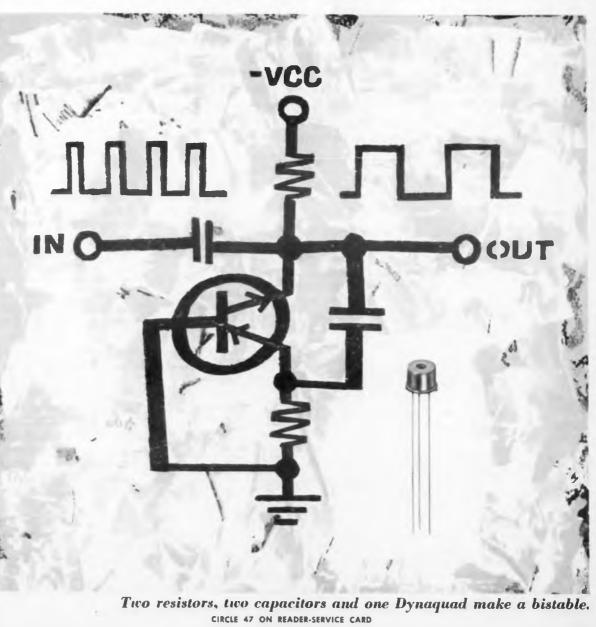
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# The Reliability Group: Its Organization and Responsibilities

Much has been written on the urgent need for reliable systems and devices. How does a company supplying components for missile and guidance systems create a reliability group to work in harmony with engineering, quality control and production? Dr. Hull, who has labored through the problems involved in organizing such a staff, outlines the duties and responsibilities of a reliability group—and management's obligation to the group.

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**R** ELIABILITY groups, responsible for reporting the efforts of engineering, production, test and quality control, are subject to sharp criticism since misinterpretation of intentions can upset personalities and projects. For this reason, the formation of a reliability group, its responsibilities and its management merit considerable attention during initial organization planning. Large and small companies alike cannot afford the costly and aggravating losses which may stem from poor cooperation between all groups responsible for the development and production of reliable, high-yield devices and products.

### Honesty in Exposing Failures Key to Effective Reliability Program

A considerable number of technical papers and articles have illustrated the need for high-reliability in missile and space programs; the lurid prospects predicted as a penalty for faulty military security have been dramatically outlined. Much of the burden for achieving high reliability falls on the shoulders of the component manufacturer. High reliability parts form the backbone of a highly reliable system.

First let us consider the value of reliability to a component manufacturer. To improve his component quality may cost more than his present engineering effort. Extra test facilities may be required; extensive plant modernization or production machinery improvements may be needed. Such expenses cannot be undertaken without some guarantee that the improvement in product quality will justify the cost and risk. In other words, there is a right reliability for the job. Some of this cost rightly belongs to the manufacturer of the component, who will benefit by higher yields and more output product per input dollar. The customer, in turn, receives an improved product.

When a company embarks upon a reliability program, it is first and foremost embarking upon a program of honesty, both within itself and in its dealings with its customers. There must be a sincere desire on the part of each individual to accomplish in reality the goals that have been set. Many reliability programs, costing millions of dollars, have fallen short of their mark because a test operator or supervisor was afraid to make a defect known. All personnel involved in a reliability program must be urged to practice strict honesty in all details, no matter how small. No problem, reliability or any other type, can be solved without first admitting it exists.

The reliability programs presently being conducted on a number of components have as their goal improvements of the general order of 1,000 times. Such an enormous improvement is possible with a program that progresses systematically from step to step. correcting each source of error, each accident, each weakness in design. First, a test program is prepared to ferret defective components, then special tests are run to find hidden or incipient defects. Each defect is analyzed to ascertain its cause as well as means to remove it from the final product. As each major defect is understood and removed, defects of less frequent occurrence become apparent and are, in turn, reduced. Thus, a reliability program involves gradual. measurable accomplishments to steadily upgrade the quality level of a product.

## Reliability Group Must Work With, Not Under, Other Groups

An ambitious reliability program requires a properly organized group to carry on the detailed work and coordinate its many phases. This new group will work closely with engineering, production, quality assurance, testing, customer liaison, and marketing. To properly and completely discharge its functions, it must not be subservient to any of these other basic company necessities. Instead, the reliability group must act as an advisor to all of them and must establish and maintain close cooperation in order to solve mutual problems.

Owing to the many areas of responsibility in which the reliability group will work, it is desirable that it have direct responsibility to top management. In fact, this direct responsibility is the best method of demonstrating to customers that the reliability

group can function in an unbiased manner. In the case of a company with several plants or divisions, the reliability group should be responsible to the plant or division management whose product is to be investigated. If a reliability group is to work at more than one plant, it is necessary to organize an onthe-scenes staff at each plant to oversee and carry out various phases of the program. Management must indicate to all departments concerned the importance of the reliability program to the over-all company structure. Furthermore, it must be made clear that findings of the reliability group will not be used as a weapon to penalize sections contributing to product defects. Instead, procedures will be devised to reduce these failings. Definite budgetary procedures must be established at the time the program is undertaken to pay for the costs incurred in setting up new test facilities.

#### **Organization of an Effective Reliability Group**

Different requirements prevailing in different companies may slightly alter the details pertaining to a reliability group. However, the general pattern is shown in Fig.1. Note that the reliability group reports directly to the manager, as do the other groups contributing to product design and production. The quality control group is separated from the reliability section.

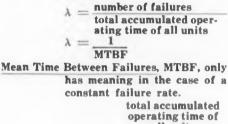
In some instances, a satisfactory organization has been built up with quality control and process control reporting to the reliability group. This arrangement is particularly advantageous in cases where the entire plant product is to fall under the reliability program. In this way, the best possible liaison exists between the sources of data and their analysis. In addition, there is an occasional need for compromise in quality, not brought about by lack of diligence but rather the result of having set too optimistic a goal; sometimes the customer requests a trade-off in quality to step up delivery. With process control and quality control linked closely with the reliability group, an intelligent course of action on quality compromise can be quickly outlined and put into action.

The difference between quality control and reliability functions is worth special note. Quality control is concerned entirely with compliance of an item or group of items to a specification. Reliability is concerned with the capability of an entire product or production line. It may not be necessary to

## **Glossary of Common Reliability Terms**

Reliability,	R or Probability of Survival,
	$P_{B}$ is the probability that a
	component will perform in a specified manner under speci-
	fied conditions for a specified length of time.
-	length of time.

- Reliability Engineering is the exercise of the scientific and technical disciplines, techniques, and skills necessary to achieve reliability objectives.
- Confidence is the likelihood that a given statement is true (usually expressed in per cent)
- Failure Rate,  $\lambda$  or Hazard is the probability of failure per unit of time for all components still operating at a given time (usually in per cent failure per 1,000 hr). If the failure rate is constant.

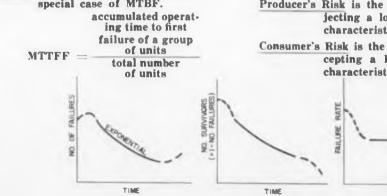


all units  $\mathbf{MTBF} =$ number of failures MTBF =

Mean Time to Failure, MTTF, is used with equipment (usually one-shot) and is similar to MTBF. total operating time of a piece of  $MTTF = \frac{cumber of failures}{number of failures}$ equipment

occuring during this time Each failure is assumed to be repaired so that the earlier condition of reliability is restored.

Mean Time to First Failure, MTTFF is a special case of MTBF.

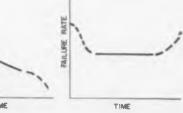


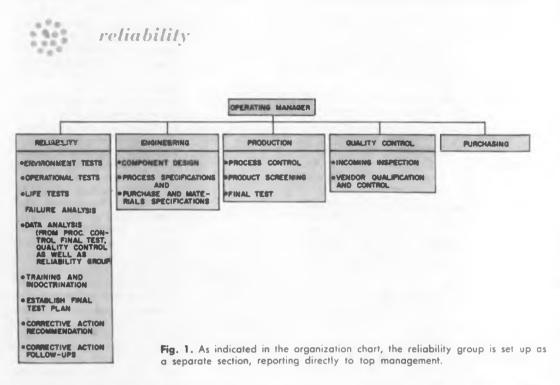
Mean Life is a general term covering both **MTBF and MTTF.** 

- **Exponential Distribution of failures means** that the distribution of the number of failures with respect to time may be expressed  $P_s = e^{-\lambda t}$ , (t = time) and the failure rate  $\lambda = \text{constant.}$ The onset of the constant failure rate may be delayed, in which case the distribution is called delayed exponential. Test data is generally insufficient to demonstrate conclusively whether or not the failure rate is constant when it is very small. Fortunately the errors caused by assuming a constant failure rate are generally not serious when small failure rates are considered.
- Failure is defined and agreed upon between consumer and producer. Failure definition depends upon application and may include Drift Failure (specified change in characteristics over a specified period of time) and Catastrophic Failure (defined gross degradation of characteristics).

Lot is a group of similar components which have been grouped in either of two ways:

- (a) All manufactured in a continuous production run from homogeneous raw materials under constant process parameters.
- (b) Assembled from more than one production run and submitted for random sampling and acceptance testing.
- Acceptable Quality Level, AQL, is the per cent defects in a given characteristic specified as being acceptable.
- Producer's Risk is the probability of rejecting a lot with acceptable characteristics.
- Consumer's Risk is the probability of accepting a lot with defective characteristics.





use this full capability to meet a given specification, or it may be that the maximum capability is inadequate and improvements are needed.

#### Mutual Understanding Between Groups Reduces Bickering

**Relations** between the production group and the reliability group can be kept friendly so long as each tries to understand the problems and aims of the other. This understanding is furthered by arranging informal get-togethers as well as periodic formal meetings. The educational process of "selling" the reliability concept has been found to work well on an informal basis where the opportunity for individual contact is provided; the "selling" process is an important ingredient of a successful reliability program. Management must recognize the problems facing a reliability group and establish proper programs to permit heads of various groups to work harmoniously toward the same goals. Subordinate employes, from line supervisors to production operators, must be sold the merits of the program and must understand that care and honesty are the goals. Exposing, rather than burying, defects must be encouraged. When this selling job has been adequately done, there is very little clash between diverse interests.

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At the completion of a specific reliability program, not only should the product quality improve, but the production rate and the yield should likewise increase. These results stem from the generation of improved operator attitude and more effective tooling. In particular, as process control procedures are improved, (1) process divergence is reduced, (2) the down time caused by loss of control is lowered and (3) production can be channeled to one specific device rather than a group or family.

#### Product Improvement, Customer Satisfaction Responsibilities of Reliability Group

The reliability group must adopt effective procedures to locate product defects along with means to reduce their occurrence. Each procedure outlined must be qualified with test results stemming from a long series of experiments. Reports must be prepared for management giving progress to date, sources of failure found and suggested methods to reduce them. In addition, the reliability group must supply an analysis of company and competitor component quality and capability plus various test and application information that may be useful to the customer. The future success of the company in the ever-increasing competition for better components hinges, in part, upon the efficiency and capability of the reliability group.

The reliability group also bears a responsibility to the customer expecting components of stated performance to be delivered. Not only are those tests conducted as specified by the customer, but additional tests may be performed which are considered pertinent to a thorough understanding of the component and its failure mechanisms. All necessary precautions must be taken in production to minimize the fabrication of defective components; even in the event a few defects should slip by, a well-planned test program should spot the majority of these.

### Causes of Failure Mechanisms Targets of Reliability Program

The prime purpose of a component reliability program is to acquire thorough knowledge of one's own devices from a collection of accumulated test data. These data are analyzed in a systematic way so as to guide the improvements in design and processing necessary to gradually remove the various failure processes or mechanisms. The gain in knowledge of product failure mechanisms and their removal is the reward of a well-planned reliability program.

The accumulated data allow prediction of test procedures, screening and burn-in process steps and the resulting yields and costs to be expected. It may be possible from these data to qualify the entire output of a production line to a given specification so that only detailed parameters need be measured for selection and acceptance of individual components. The feedback loop of a reliability program is shown in Fig. 2.

The source of the accumulated data is a continuous test program in which a small sample from each production lot is tested under all conditions pertinent to the particular device. The test conditions include life and environmental tests under many load conditions. Routine conditions are severe enough to meet or exceed all MIL and customer requirements. An analysis of the data is made to provide process control information and to serve as a guide to the process engineers engaged in failure analysis and device improvement.

The test program examines not only those devices in production but devices in pilot and even developmental stages; experimental devices and device test runs also must be eval-

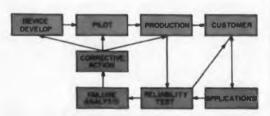


Fig. 2. The feedback loop of a reliability program minimizes product "distortion" and amplifies product "output."

uated. Purchased samples of competitive devices and new devices must be evaluated on a routine basis as a guide to one's relative capability in the industry.

#### Four Major Factors Contribute to Component Reliability

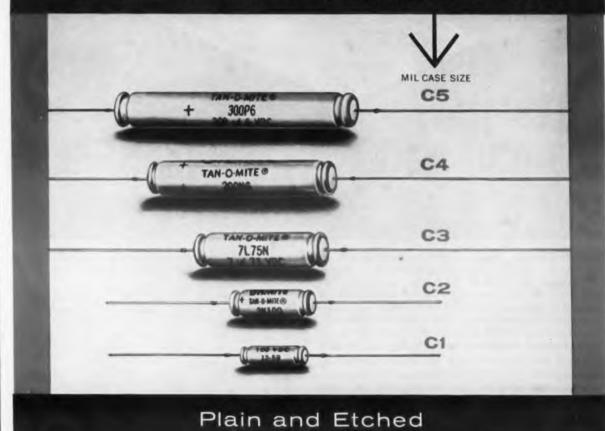
The reliability of any component depends upon the manufacturing process, the selection program and the device application. All three must be considered in realizing the best achievement of reliability. If the reliability achieved by these three programs is not adequate, it is then necessary to add a fourth program. namely process improvement or device development.

A manufacturing process for a high reliability device is one which operates in a precisely known and controlled way. All materials and all operations performed are described by precise specifications. Process control tests are set up to verify adherence to specifications. Any deviation is cause for immediate corrective action. In order to evaluate the finished product, all work in process is identified. A correlation is made between observed test results and the process parameters or materials which were used in producing that particular lot. Running process averages are maintained at intermediate test points so that deviations may be observed and corrected before large quantities of substandard parts are produced; substandard lots are naturally not used for highreliability applications.

By careful manufacturing control, a minimum number of marginal quality components come off the production line. It is next necessary to generate a test procedure in which defective devices, or those with incipient defects, can be culled from an otherwise high quality lot. The reliability test program has already established the mechanical and

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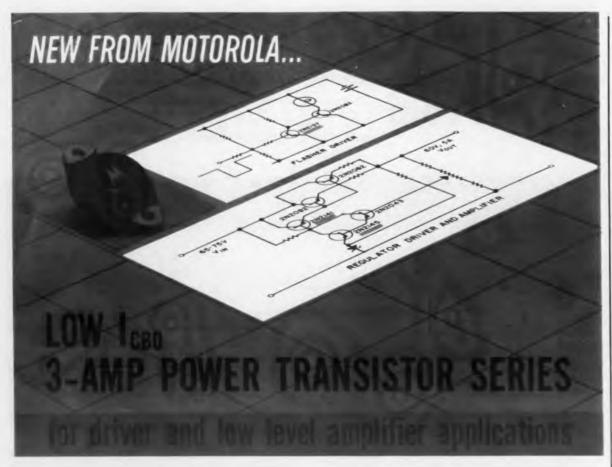
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Fig. 3. A considerable investment in equipment is required to provide the electrical and mechanical facilities needed for reliability testing. A typical group of life test racks, containing component sockets, power supplies and monitoring equipment, for semiconductor tests is shown. (Photo courtesy General Instrument Corp.)

electrical tests necessary to uncover all known failure mechanisms. These tests involve mechanical stresses such as shock or vibration plus storage and operation at elevated temperature. An extended life test setup for semiconductors is shown in Fig. 3. Such screening tests are a routine part of the manufacturing processes and are not to be considered as a sorting for characteristics or an acceptance test.

The device application must also take into account the various failure modes which may be present. It is important that the application be as tolerant as possible of minor drifts of characteristics. Of course, no equipment is expected to work with a grossly degraded device. However, it is important that equipment be analyzed for the effect of various parameter changes so that correct specification limits can be set for each individual

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Fig. 4. Human errors in reading and recording the enormous amount of data involved in reliability testing could greatly affect the final failure figures. Thus, an additional refinement, to enhance the reliability program, involves the design and installation of automatic recording equipment. An automatic set-up for reading and recording transistor test data is shown. (Photo courtesy of General Instrument Corp.)

parameter. In general, where high reliability is specified, as much care should go into the application of the device as went into its manufacture.

To verify failure rates in the order of 0.01 to 0.001 per cent per thousand hours, enormous amounts of data must be accumulated. Human errors are to be expected while reading meters, jotting down figures and transposing figures to cards; however, these human errors cannot be tolerated since they will have a significant bearing on the extremely low failure rate figures. For this reason, an added refinement for a well-prepared reliability program should include automatic equipment to measure and record data, see Fig. 4. Finally, statistical analysis and correlation of the collected data should be performed by machine to further reduce the human error factor.

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## Variation Research—The Science of Forcing Defects to Reveal Themselves

"Why depend on trial and error experiments or sheer guesswork to explain quality variations," author Shainin asks, "when the contributing factors can be forced to expose themselves?" Variation research coupled with the statistically designed experiment can rapidly lead to the "Vital Few" causes of product malfunction. Only when these causes are under control can the "constant failure rate" assumption used in reliability calculations be considered valid.

The faster, less costly road to a reliable product is described and case histories presented to illustrate the technique. Author Shainin is shown conducting an in-plant training program on statistical techniques.



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Fig. 1. Results of a series of test runs on two units of a complex pneumatic assembly are charted on a "Latin Square" diagram. The two units selected (High and Low) represent extreme variations in supply-line pressure required for proper operation. Two subassemblies (A and B), suspected of being the cause of the performance variation, are removed from the remainder R of the units and reassembled in various combinations (A Low, R High, B High, etc.). **Dorian Shainin, Vice President** Director of Statistical Engineering Rath and Strong, Inc. Boston, Mass.

ON'T ATTEMPT to maintain key fac-D tors in a search for causes of an effect at constant values-instead, look for variations, encourage them, probe means to achieve differences in results. Such is the philosophy of variation research and its supporting statistically designed experiment, a pair of modern tools for locating causes of deviation in product and process quality. The traditional scientific approach, involving the preparation of a series of assumptions and then conducting experiments to confirm or disprove them, is time-consuming and often fruitless: often, new hypotheses must be drawn up and additional experiments run. Basically, the conventional approach to locate causes of product variation is a "hit or miss" proposition.

#### Simultaneous Consideration of Many Factors Key to Statistical Experiment

Tracking down factors affecting product quality is generally a long, tedious and frustrating assignment. Relevant factors are usually charted, lengthy measures to control tightly numerous operations must be established and drawn-out experiments conducted. Despite all efforts over an extended length of time, it is not unusual to remain confronted with an endless series of variables, with quality still far from the desired level.

Conventionally the experimenter sets certain factors at constant values and observes the effects of one other factor at a time. Statistical engineering involves the simultaneous consideration of many (all, if necessary) of the possible reasons for product malfunction. Hypotheses, hunches and guesswork are not neglected in the procedure, but do not seriously hamper the experiments if they prove to be incorrect. Many of the possible causes in large groups can be directly adjudged as irrelevant after a short period of gathering of key data; this permits concentrated efforts to be applied to the *few* remaining possibilities.

The unusual degree of objectivity offered by the statistical approach is based on the following logic:

1. Every effect has one or more causes.

2. Relatively few causes, rather than several, have a controlling influence on the effect. Call these the "Vital Few" causes.

3. Causes and effects are not constant they vary.

4. If the variation of an effect is studied in a particular way, it can lead to the single cause (or to the combination of causes) of that effect. That particular way is to dissect a group of *all* possible causes into smaller groups, eliminate those associated with trivial variability; dissect the smaller group or groups with relatively large variability into still smaller groups, eliminating again those with trivial variability. Case histories show that this successive elimination procedure only has to be carried out two or three steps (sometimes only one) to unearth quite unexpected causes.

An important difference, as compared to current engineering analysis, is brought out by this approach. One does not look at past or current data that happen to be available when a problem arises, and draw any valid statistical inferences from the data, because data have to be gathered in a different way to be properly discernible. Statistical engineering is first planning how the data shall be gathered with a view toward the later analysis of these data.

There is nothing wrong with taking a side excursion whenever the data have been gathered by a plan and an unexpected, but plausible, engineering inference is suggested by the results. Go after it; see if you can turn the effect off and on. If you cannot, return to the sequence of objective, process-ofelimination, statistical steps. Just keep the difference in mind. You are then equipped with two important tools; sometimes one, sometimes the other does the better job. Often one helps the other do the job.

5. Being able virtually to turn a difficulty on and off obviously represents clear evidence that you are ready to form decisions as to ways to control the effect. Despite its elementary nature, in far too many cases this checking action has been deemed unnecessary, and a costly engineering error has been made.

#### Case Study =1: Unit-to-Unit Variation In Production of Complex Pneumatic Device

Consider the case study<sup>3</sup> involving unitto-unit variations encountered in the manufacture of a complex pneumatic unit. A relatively high percentage of units coming off the assembly line required much higher supply-line pressure than other units despite numerous changes in dimensions, tolerances, assembly steps and test procedures. The statistical engineer, convinced that performance variation was caused by physical differences he was unaware of, selected two units from a day's production; one was tagged "High," the other "Low." Each represented the extreme variation in pressure required for proper operation.

Next, a short conference with several design engineers and the statistical engineer led to the possibility that either of two subassemblies in the unit was the possible cause of variation, the difference in pressure required. The pair of subassemblies was removed from each unit and tagged "A" and "B"; the remainder of each unit was termed "R." Thus, six components were on hand for the test—an "A", "B" and "R" from "Low" and another three from "High." Units were reassembled and checked in the following manner:

(1)	A	High,	В	Low,	R High	
(2)	A	Low,	В	Low,	R Low	
(3)	A	High,	В	High,	R Low	
(4)	A	Low,	В	High.	R High	ł.

## Using the "Latin Square" to Determine Effects of Variables

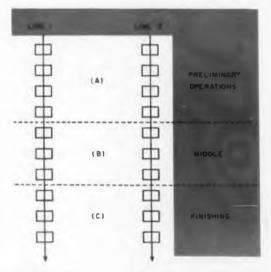
Experiments were conducted twice for each combination for a total of eight tests. To reduce the possibility of incorrect results due to unforeseen environmental factors, the tests were run in random sequence'. The readings (in lb/sq in.) were placed in a "Latin Square" diagram along with the number of the test run, see Fig. 1.

Here is how the Latin Square permits a rapid check on the differences caused by a change in one particular variable:

1. The effect of A High differing from A Low is evidenced by the difference between the average of the four readings in each vertical column.

2. The effect of B Low changing to B High is shown by the average of the four readings in each horizontal row.

3. The effects of R High differing from R Low can be seen by averaging the diagonal readings; upper left and lower right readings represent the common presence of R



**Fig. 2.** Parallel production lines, line 1 and line 2, for fabricating micro-alloy transistors produced devices which varied in critical parameters significantly with time. The series of manufacturing steps was divided into three distinct operations, A, B and C and various combinations of operations were used to process small runs.

High while lower left and upper right are with R Low.

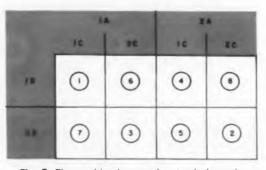
From the balanced Latin square, the main effects of any one variable are indicated while those of the other two variables are neutralized.

This computation rapidly revealed that subassembly B was responsible for a large variation between the units. Upon close examination of B subassemblies, it was noted that a difference in length existed between a fulcrum and an actuating point on an arm. By more closely controlling this dimension in later production runs, performance variations were markedly reduced.

## Case Study #2: Improvement in Yield of Semiconductor Production

In the course of investigating the performance of parallel production lines for micro-alloy transistors, of various type numbers, a variation analysis study was con\*\*\*\*

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**Fig. 3.** The combinations used to track down the variation in transistor quality output is shown. The encircled number in each box indicates the production path number.

## "Why Resort to the Statistically Designed Experiment?"

Key Advantages Include . . . .

1. Obtaining leads to the causes of production variations is considerably quicker with statistical techniques than conventional "trial and error" quality-assurance approaches. A number of case histories, illustrating how one or two weeks of carefully selected experiments have solved problems plaguing companies for years, bear evidence to this fact.

2. The rapid answers obtained permit almost immediate production modifications to upgrade the product or process yield; rejects drop, delivery is stepped up and savings can be realized in a short time. 3. Production is, in most cases, rarely slowed up since experiments are often brief but searching. Generally only a small number of units are involved in the test. On-line production changes are kept to a minimum.

4. The statistical evaluation of product quality can be continued to upgrade the product quality beyond the initial goals set.

5. The statistically designed experiment is not limited to giant organizations; small companies can make use of the technique since the preparation of tests, the actual experiments and final analyses are generally fast and relatively inexpensive without the need to temporarily halt or slow down operations. 6. Interactions due to several variables can be spotted.

7. More information per test run can be obtained than with conventional approaches.

8. The optimum combination of controlling factors can be established.

9. This approach can lead to important variables which may otherwise elude the searcher.

#### But Bear in Mind . . . .

1. The statistically designed experimental procedure is not a "do-it-yourself" project. A small but qualified group of statistical-engineering personnel is needed. A large company may easily set up a group for training in this approach; smaller firms could make use of a consultant to set up the program and assign the part-time services of one or two people to collect and analyze the data with the consultant. Skill must be developed to

- a) recognize the identifying signs of variability and
- b) refrain from identifying specific causes until the probability of success is high.

2. The statistical experiment is a well established philosophy—but immediate results cannot be guaranteed every time. Solid engineering background in the problem areas involved and close teamwork among production, engineering and management members are important ingredients for reaching a rapid solution. ducted. It revealed that distributions of critical parameters varied significantly with time, from line to line. The parameters giving trouble were  $I_{cbo}$ ,  $I_{ebo}$ ,  $h_{fe}$  ( $\beta$ ), and  $V_{pl}$ .

Engineers studying these statistical results reasoned that certain factors logically could cause the difficulties, but one by one these process inputs were modified with no significant effects on the outputs.

During a period when one line was running at a higher yield than another (although both lines were presumably operating to identical specifications) a series of short experiments were planned to isolate further the causes of the failure of several units to meet specifications.

Line 1, at that time, was the "better" line: line 2 was the "worse" one. The series of manufacturing steps was divided into three distinct groups of operations as shown in

#### Fig. 2.

The plan was to process small, equal-sized lots of product through each one of the eight distinct paths through which transistors could be made. The normal paths are 1 and 2; the new combinations, using some of both lines, are 3 to 8.

Path	1:	1 <b>A</b>		1B		1C	
Path	2:	2A		2B	_	2C	
Path	3:	1 A		2B	_	2C	
Path	4:	2A		1B	—	1C	
Path	5:	2A		2B		1C	
Path	6:	1A		1B	_	2C	
Path	7:	1A	_	2B		1C	
Path	8:	2A		1B	—	2C	

Fig. 3 shows the diagram of this experimental plan, from which it can be seen that section A's effect (line 1 compared to line 2) will show up as a difference between the average result under 1A and that under 2A. All other sections will have contributed equally to these two averages, and so their main effects will be neutralized. The eight distinct paths are circled in Fig. 3.

In a similar way, the main effect of B can be separated from A and C; and that of C from A and B. Also this plan, called a fullfactorial experimental design, can evaluate the interactions of one part of a line with one or two other parts.

A table of random numbers determined the sequence with which one line of the eight was run after another. Then the eight were run again, using still another random sequence. The average difference between runs with the same line would represent experimental error caused by any other factor not characteristic of a section of a line.

Interestingly, no two parameters were revealed as being influenced by similar sections or by the same combination of sections. No wonder previous, conventional engineering trouble shooting was running into difficulties.

It was determined that  $h_{fe}$  (Beta) values were highly dependent upon sections A and B, while totally indifferent to whichever section C the units were processed in. The best units came from paths 1 and 6, while the worst were products of paths 5 and 2. Medium results were obtained in the remaining paths.

Likewise,  $I_{cbo}$ ,  $I_{ebo}$  reverse current values were the result of an interaction among factors in all three sections. While path 1 gave good results, an unexpected outcome emphasized the relatively great amount of information available from the statistically designed experiment: path 6, made up of two sections of line 1 and one section of line 2, was even better.

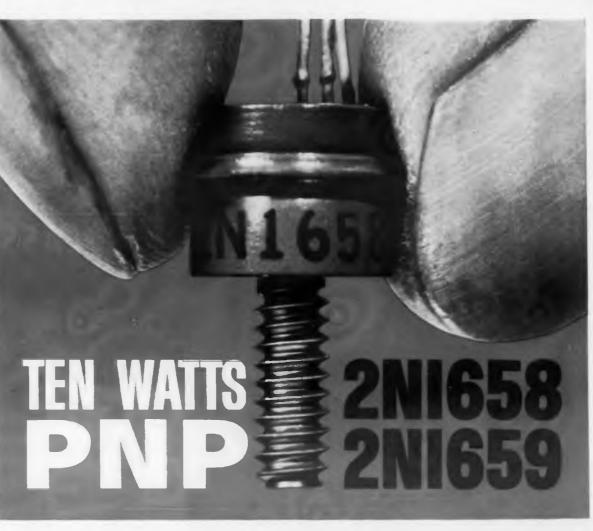
Punch-through voltage  $V_{pt}$  turned out to be a function primarily of which section A was involved. The best units came from paths 1, 6, 7 and 3; while the worst went through 4, 8, 5 and 2.

With the results of these tests in hand, it was possible to begin a systematic search for the specific inputs and *combinations* of inputs which were responsible for yield variation. Trade-offs were made to reach optimum conditions for all important parameters.

Without the benefit of running tests through all possible paths, the important interactions would have been missed. Through the discovery of these rather subtle phenomena, yields were increased and it was possible to establish new and different, more effective controls to maintain the much higher yields.

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If large differences are found in readings within boxes, this would indicate test equipment or environmental condition difficulties. If all the readings in one of the four boxes were markedly different than those in the other three, this would indicate an interaction among two or more parts. Interaction is also indicated when, say, one R Low box shows fairly high readings while the other R Low box shows fairly low results. To solve interaction problems, the "factorial" designed experiment is recommended. Both techniques are similar in principle but the factorial design involves running every possible combination at least twice.

## **Basic Rules for Applying the** Variation Research Technique

1. Start to compile data as soon as you have any hardware—even before you may have many difficulties. Such data can often lead to important changes to *prevent* difficulties.

2. Instead of spending excessive time putting out fires, reserve some time for fire prevention.

3. Contrary to conventional experimental philosophy, don't try to keep certain things constant; look for variation, encourage it, rack your brain to bring about differences in results. Let this nonagreement lead you to the reasons for it. Instead of keeping unwanted influences out by holding them constant, force them by statistical planning to show their total effect in a separate, residual term.

4. There are a large number of statistical, analytical techniques to identify the nature of variations. Among these are Multi-Vari charts, statistical control charts, numbered histograms and correlation analyses. Those applicable to working with small numbers of hardware are of particular interest to industrial experimenters. Variability may be

## The Logic Behind Variation Research

1. Every effect has one or more causes. 2. Relatively few causes (called the Vital Few) have a controlling influence on the effect

3. These few major causes are not constant in their action on the quality of the end product (the effect).

4. By careful analysis of the variations in final product output, one part of the total variations can be expected to reveal itself as more dominant than the others; a cause or causes associated with this particular part is one or more of the "Vital Few."

Thus, every effect is considered to have one or more predominant causes. Since causes vary in intensity, corresponding variations in an effect are considered an output of related causes. By analyzing the variations in effects by appropriate statistical techniques, factors affecting product quality are revealed by the process of elimination.

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- (a) By operating the unit repeatably and using the lack of agreement in results to provide useful information.
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- (c) By purposely modifying the severity and/or kind of environment to artificially cause still more variability in the product's responses.

Be patient. Take steps to develop skill to practice statistical engineering like a professional. Recognize that engineering is dynamic, requiring new knowledge and approaches as it continues to develop at a faster and faster pace.

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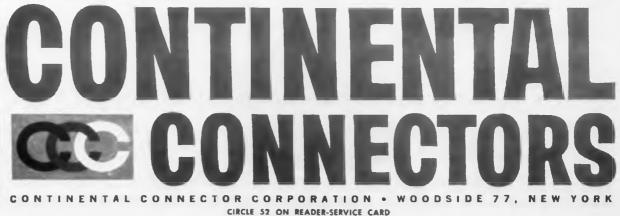
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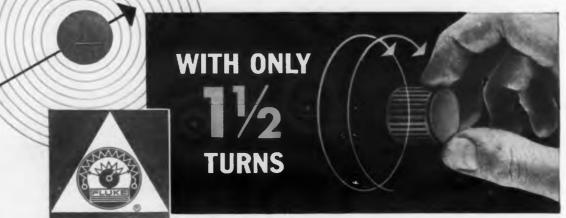
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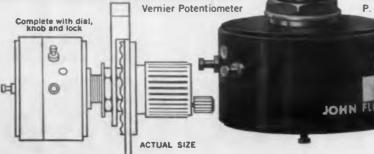
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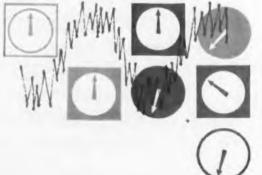
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## Measurement Techniques for Low-Noise Transistor Input Stages

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In a previous article (ED, Sept. 13, p 48) William Rheinfelder discussed the general design objectives for low-noise transistor input stages. Here, he defines and describes the measurements the engineer must often make on these circuits.

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**N**OISE figure, F, has been defined to provide a figure of merit for receiver performance. It is given by the ratio of input signal-to-noise ratio, to output signal-tonoise ratio, and can be conveniently measured using a noise generator. The procedure most generally used is to increase the generator output until noise power in the output is doubled. At this point the noise of the generator is the same as that produced by the circuit. The equivalent noise above ideal thermal noise (the noise figure) can be read directly off the generator. The effective noise bandwidth need not be determined. This procedure may be used only when the amplifier under test has a constant gain with signal, and a linear meter is used to read the output.

A more accurate method, and one which must be used when agc or a nonlinear meter is employed, uses a 3-db attenuator. First, a measurement of noise is made with the generator turned off. Then a 3-db pad is inserted between the noise generating circuit and the nonlinear amplifier. The noise generator is adjusted until the same reading is obtained on the output meter. A nonlinear meter may be used. Since the output voltage is unchanged, agc and gain will be the same as before and no error is introduced.

Contribution of noise by the following amplifiers may be taken into account by using the formula:

$$F = F_1 + rac{F_z - 1}{G_1} + rac{F_z - 1}{G_1 G_2}$$
 (1)

where

F =over-all noise figure

 $F_1$  = noise figure of first stage

 $F_2$  = noise figure of second stage

 $F_{1}$  = noise figure of third stage

 $G_1$  = power gain of first stage

 $G_2 =$  power gain of second stage

If the 3-db attenuator method is used, no correction is necessary for the noise contributed by the amplifier following the pad. This is shown in the discussion which follows.



Fig. 1. Simplified diagram of two-stage amplifier, where P1 and P2 represent noise powers contributed by each stage.

The noise power applied to the input of the second stage, Fig. 1, is

$$P = P_1 G_1 + P_2 \qquad (2)$$
 here

P =total noise power into second noise-free stage

- $P_1$  = noise power into first stage including noise due to the first stage
- $P_2$  = noise contributed by the second stage

 $G_1$  = power gain of first stage

To double the noise power in the output a new input noise power  $P_1$ ' is required, so that

$$2 P = P_1'G_1 + P_2 \qquad (3)$$

$$P_1' = \frac{2P - P_2}{G_1} \tag{4}$$

Substituting P from Eq. 2, we obtain

$$P_1' = 2P_1 + \frac{P_2}{G_1}$$
 (5)

The generator is calibrated to read correct noise figure if the input noise power

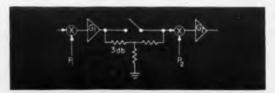


Fig. 2. Simplified diagram of two-stage amplifier shows location of 3-db pad used when making noise-figure measurements.

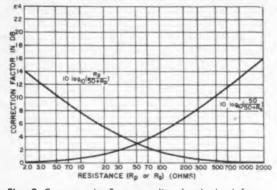


Fig. 3 Correct noise-figure reading is obtained from noise generator after correction factors, necessary when series or parallel resistors are placed between generator and circuit, are subtracted.

is doubled; that is:

$$P_1' = 2 P_1$$

According to Eq. 5, a correction is needed. Let us now consider the 3-db method, Fig. 2. In the case without pad, Eq. 2 still holds. After inserting the pad, and adjusting the noise generator for the same noise power in the output, we have:

$$P = P_1' \frac{G_1}{2} + P_2$$
 (6)

or

$$P_{1}' = \frac{2(P - P_{2})}{G_{1}}$$
 (7)

Substituting P from Eq. 2, we obtain:  $P_1' = 2 P_1$ 

The generator reading will be correct and independent of the noise of the second stage or the gain of the first stage. Thus, if the noise figure of a whole receiver is to be measured the 3-db pad should be placed after the noise producing stages because only the noise figure of the stages ahead of the 3-db pad will be measured.

Another way to take the noise in the second stage into account is as follows:

The first stage transistor is removed and a noise voltage  $E_1$  is observed in the output. Stage 1 is put back into operation and, with the noise generator off,  $E_2$  is read in the output. The generator is now adjusted until a voltage  $E_3 = \sqrt{2E_2^2 - E_1^2}$ is indicated in the output. The noise figure of the first stage can be read directly off the generator. Since the output voltage changes, this method implies a linear amplifier and meter.

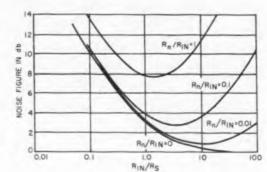


Fig. 4. Equivalent noise resistance of a transistor circuit is found with the aid of these noise-figure curves.

Frequently it is desired to measure noise figure as a function of source resistance. Since mismatching takes place, the generator reading will be incorrect because the noise actually applied to the circuit will be less than indicated. Hence, a certain correction must be subtracted from the noise figure reading obtained from the noise generator meter.

The noise figure is the ratio of the signalto-noise ratios of the input to the output. If the correction is made properly no change in input signal to noise must result due to the change in source resistance. It is not possible to correct the reading by calculating the actual noise power going into the circuit because of the mismatch. Instead, available noise power must be used for a correction. The input signal to noise remains unchanged and a correction noise figure reading is obtained.

The available noise power is simply:

$$P_{AV} = \frac{E^2}{4R_0} \tag{9}$$

where E = generator voltage  $R_o =$  source resistance.

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This power is dissipated in the load only under matched conditions and, at all other times, is less. If a resistance  $R_s$  is connected in series with  $R_o$  the available noise power is reduced by the factor  $R_o / (R_o + R_s)$ . The available noise power is, therefore:

$$= \frac{E^2}{4(R_0 + R_0)}$$
 with a series resistance R

If a parallel resistor  $R_p$  is connected

across the generator, the loss factor is  $R_p / (R_o + R_p)$ , and the available power is

$$P_{AV} = \frac{E^2 R_{\mu}}{4 R_o (R_o + R_{\mu})}$$
(11)

The correction factors  $R_o / (R_o + R_s)$  and  $R_p / (R_o + R_p)$  have been converted to decibels and are plotted in Fig. 3 for  $R_o = 50$  ohms. This decibel figure must be subtracted from the reading on the noise generator to obtain the correct noise figure when the series or parallel resistors are used between the generator and circuit under test.

#### How to Measure Equivalent Noise Resistance

In measuring the equivalent noise resistance directly with transistor circuits certain difficulties arise. First, let us describe the direct method used with vacuum tubes.

With the operating dc conditions maintained, the input is shorted (by-passed) for the frequencies under test. The noise output voltage is observed. A resistance is then inserted between input and ground which doubles the noise voltage in the output. This resistance value is the equivalent noise resistance.

This method may not be used with transistors because base current rather than base-emitter voltage is involved. In a modification of this method one might think of using the open circuit input noise as a reference and then proceeding as with tubes.

A better, indirect method of determining the equivalent noise resistance makes uses of the curves shown in Fig. 4. These curves are perfectly general and true for any four-terminal network. They present plots of noise figure vs mismatch ratio. The point of minimum noise figure is shifted to one side depending upon the curve parameter that is a function of noise resistance.

The procedure is to measure the noise figure vs source resistance (mismatch ratio) as described above. The point of minimum noise figure is best obtained by plotting a curve. Optimum mismatch ratio can then be determined for best noise figure.

From Fig. 4 the parameter of the curve may be determined and the equivalent noise resistance calculated if the total input resistance of the transistor in parallel with the tuned circuit resistance is known. These can be measured separately.

It must be remembered that when these methods are applied to transistors, it takes two equivalent noise resistances to

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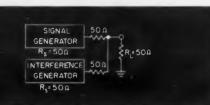


Fig. 5, Receiver cross modulation is measured by connecting two generators in parallel, through a matching network, to the circuit under test.

adequately describe circuit performance.

A new equivalent noise circuit for transistors has been developed by the author and will be described in a subsequent article. This circuit permits the analytical treatment of an input circuit for optimum noise performance. The use of equivalent noise resistances thus seems impractical with transistors. However, if a determination is desired for some other reason, the methods outlined above may be used in some modification, depending on the equivalent circuit.

#### How To Determine The Optimum DC Operating Conditions

Determining the optimum dc conditions is usually a time-consuming process because many dependent variables are involved. Since only one can be varied continuously, the other adjustments must be done in steps.

For instance, it is quite likely that a different current is optimum for a different source resistance, or collector voltage, or slight mistuning, etc. Hence merely to minimize the noise figure by adjusting the current and leaving everything else constant, only gives the minimum of one of many curves. Only if a complete set of measurements is available can one determine which of the many minima is best. This tedious process can be shortened by observing the slope of the minimum.

For instance, it may be found that noise figure varies quickly with current changes and slowly with voltage changes. It would therefore be advisable to make the current continuously variable and change the source resistance and voltage in steps.

#### How To Measure Cross Modulation

The most accurate measurement of cross modulation is made with two signal generators connected through a matching network to the circuit under test. It is important to first check whether any cross modulation is caused by the connection of the two generators. After this check proves satisfactory the receiver may be tested.

The generators are connected in parallel using a matching network as shown in Figs. 5 and 6. Since the input resistance of the circuit under test may change with level, it is advisable to use the value of the available generator power output. Each generator can then be adjusted for twice the voltage plotted because of the loss in the matching network. We shall call the two generators the "signal generator" when it is set to the same frequency as the receiver, and the "interference generator" when its frequency varies.

Both generators are modulated with the same percentage am, for instance 30 per cent. First, the signal generator with modulation is turned on and a convenient carrier level set, say 1 mv. The demodulated audio signal is read on an audio vtvm. The frequency is varied to obtain a maximum reading on the meter.

Next, the signal generator is turned off and the interference generator with modulation is turned on. Its frequency is adjusted outside the if pass band. However, its level may be made equal to the signal generators, for instance 1 mv. If the signal generator is now turned on without modulation, the cross modulation can be read on the vtvm.

Cross modulation is expressed as a cross modulation index-the percentage of undesired modulation on the desired carrier produced by a 100 per cent modulated interference generator. A 100 per cent modulated interference generator producing 10 per cent modulation, or a 50 per cent modulated interference generator producing 5 per cent, have the same modulation index of 10 per cent. Since both signal and interference generators are modulated at the same percentage, it is necessary only to obtain the ratio between the two vtvm readings to calculate the cross modulation index. (The first reading is taken with the modulated signal generator on and the interference generator off; the second reading with modulated interference generator and unmodulated signal generator on).

It is possible to vary the dc operating conditions for the lowest cross modulation index. Also, one can vary the interference carrier level to obtain a given cross modulation of 1 per cent (40 db down) or 5 per cent (26 db down) and plot it versus dc conditions. Generally, a null will be found where the characteristic curve has least third order curvature. This would be the best dc operating point.

#### How To Measure Effective Selectivity

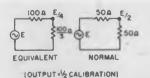
Effective selectivity can be measured as follows: First, with modulated signal generator tuned to the frequency received by the receiver, a certain level is set, say 1 mv. Next the modulation of the signal generator is turned off, and the interference generator, both carrier and modulation, is turned on. The level of the interference generator is adjusted until a specified cross modulation index is reached. Plotted on the ordinate is the ratio of interference to signal generator voltage and on the abcissa frequency deviation between interference and signal generator.

The voltage or frequency of the signal generator may be used as a parameter. The measurement should be made over the whole frequency range of the receiver including image and if frequencies, etc. Curves so obtained are a true measure of selectivity and are much wider than the if selectivity of the receiver.

Intermodulation may be tested by using two generators with their frequency difference equal to the frequency tuned in by the receiver. All other details and ways to plot the results are analogous to the cross modulation tests just described.

#### How To Measure Noise Modulation

While noise modulation behaves in the same way as intermodulation (not as cross modulation) and can be measured similarly, it is usual to measure it together with the normal age characteristic of the receiver. The input signal is varied from 1  $\mu$ v to 1 v, while the output signal is plotted with



**Fig. 6.** Equivalent circuit for the measurement circuit of Fig. 5. Riddle:

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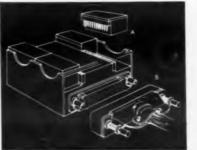
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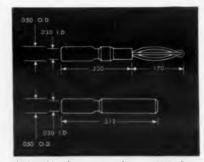
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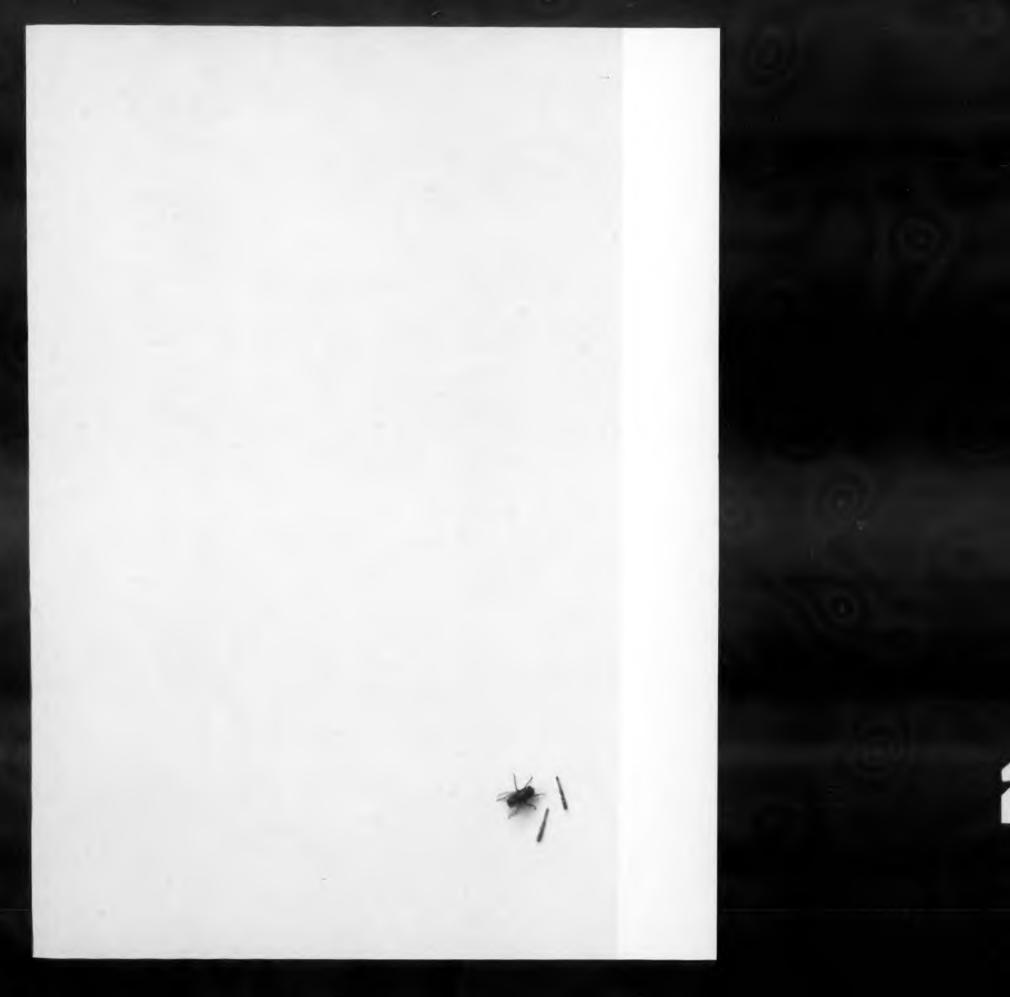
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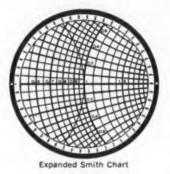
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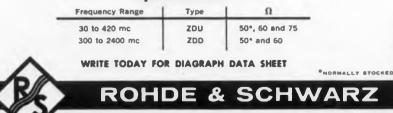
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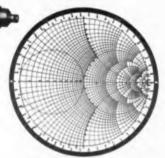
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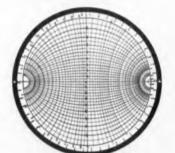


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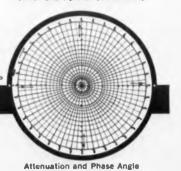


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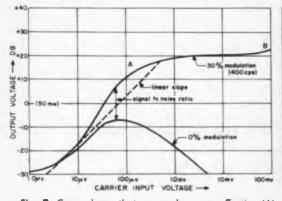


Fig. 7. Curve shows that as agc becomes effective (A) unmodulated carrier (noise) signal decreases and signal to noise rises. At B last if stage overloads and age loses control

30 per cent and with zero modulation. The difference between the two curves is the effective signal to noise ratio. Noise modwlation shows itself as an increase of the lower curve with voltage.

Without noise modulation the output with unmodulated carrier (noise output) is constant until age becomes operative. At this point the noise should decrease with the gain. A typical curve is shown in Fig. 7. Delayed agc is used as can be seen. At A the delay voltage is overcome and full age becomes effective; below this point there is no agc. At B the last if stage overloads and agc loses control. This area also causes severe modulation rise and increased noise.

Generally the curves must be taken on the receiver during its developmental stage. They give a true picture of actual performance. Output should be plotted in decibels (0 db = 50 mv) on a linear scale, and input on a 6-cycle log scale. The volume control of the receiver should be used as a multiplier so that the audio amplifier is never overloaded.

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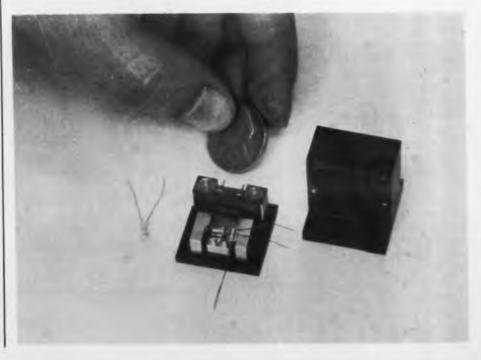
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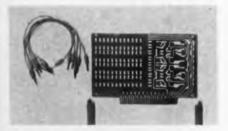
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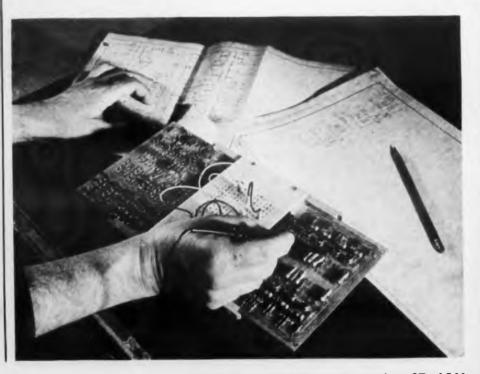


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1. Complete the blank schematic sheet supplied with the Proto-Card by laving in the circuit interconnections. Build the circuit as you design by making quick, solderless, connections on a CSL Circuit Builder. This device and its use were covered in the March 16, 1960 issue of ELEC-TRONIC DESIGN. All components will be in the open and connections are easily accessible for test and revision.

2. Transfer the breadboarded circuit to a CSL Proto-Card. Only a minimum of jumper wiring is required since all of the basic circuits are provided for a variety of analog and digital devices. Components are soldered into place by standard assembly techniques.

3. Circuit interconnections can be formed by patch-cord interconnections on the model 84100 Inter-Card Patch Panel. The over-all performance and circuit compatibility can be determined from tests on the prototype cards interconnected through the patch panels.

4. Design errors can be corrected easily by changing the circuit elements and interconnections on the Proto-Cards. Marginal circuit conditions can be determined by introducing variations in circuit parameters on the prototype circuit cards.

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The final packaging of first-article electronic equipment can be simplified using CSL Chassis Modules or card holder modules with the associated connector mounting frames. The card holders have a capacity of 27 Proto-Cards.

The Proto-Cards offered at this time are available in four models. each in a left- and right-hand version. All are available within 10 days after receipt of order at \$7.50 each. in lots of one to nine, and \$6.60 each. in lots of 50 to 99.

For further information on these time-saving devices, turn to the Reader-Service Card and circle 252.



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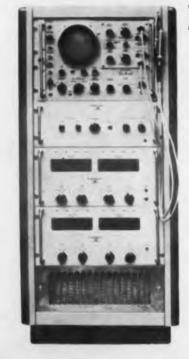
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## **NEW PRODUCTS**

Covering all new products generally specified by engineers designing electronic original equipment. This issue features the new products to be displayed at the National Electronic Conference to be held at Chicago, Oct. 9 to 11. Use the Reader-Service Card for more information on any product. Merely circle number corresponding to that appearing at the top of each description.

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## Waveform Measuring System 258 Automatically Tests Transistors

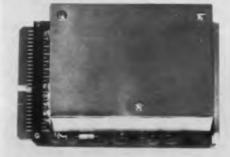
Transistor testing is facilitated by this automatic waveform measuring system. Designated model DY-5844, the system measures the time interval between any two points on stimulus and response test pulses. Unskilled persons can operate the equipment, or the system can be automated for unattended operation. Accuracy is better than 4% of full scale. The system measures delay, rise, storage, and fall time of transistors, diodes, magnetic cords and various high-speed components and circuits. Parameters are measured in 1/4 sec. Information is presented on an oscilloscope and a digital display.

Dymec Div., Hewlett Packard Co., Dept. ED. 395 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif. P&A: \$8,000 to \$12,000; 10 to 16 weeks.

## Acoustic Serial Memory Stores 1.600 Bits at 16 Mc

Using a fused-silica acoustic delay line, this digital serial memory has a 1,600-bit capacity. Designated model SM-40, the device provides pulse delays of 20 to 100  $\mu$ sec and operates at 8 to 16-mc frequencies. Without requiring carrier modulation, the module accepts up to 16 million bits per sec. The package, a plug-in unit, contains all necessary input-output logic, and is compatible with the firm's H-PAC digital modules. Temperature control is unnecessary.

Computer Control Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 983 Concord St., Framingham, Mass. P&A: \$997: 6 to 8 weeks.



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## Tape Transport Device Controls Speed and Tension

Made to regulate take-up reel speed and tension on tape transports, this device provides resistance variations equivalent to variations in tape tension. Forces of 5 to 15 g move an actuator over a distance of 1/8 in. Contacts, arranged in a bank, are actuated sequentially as the force increases. External resistors connected to the contacts regulate the power to be fed to the take up motor. The contacts handle up to 240 w and have a life estimated at more than 200 million operations.

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Electric Regulator Corp., Dept. ED, Pearl St., Norwalk, Conn.

P&A: \$50 in single units; one week.

## General Electric High Reliability Tantalytic\* Capacitors



## Subminiature Slip-Ring 257 Contains 28 Circuits

Designed for inertial guidance equipment, the model 1408 slipring cartridge measures less than an inch long and 3/8 in. in diam. The cylinder contains 28 circuits. Circuits in the assembly can handle from 0.5 to 2 amp continuously, and withstand 500 v dc. The cartridge has a torque of only 40 gm-cm. Noise is low. Contact surfaces, made of precious metal, resist corrosion and are compatible with a fluorocarbon environment.

Slip-Ring Co. of America, Dept. ED, 3612 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.

P&A: about \$650; 6 weeks.



## Converter Takes 15,000 255 Readings Per Sec

With an error no greater than 1% plus one digit, this analog-todigital converter takes 15,000 voltage readings per sec. Designated model 5000, the converter uses precision high-frequency resistors, a stable comparison amplifier and a temperature-regulated power supply to achieve its accuracy. Made to operate as a digital voltmeter. the instrument has bi-polar operation. Input amplifier setting time is 4 µsec; kick-back is negligible. An adapted converter, model 5000B. has straight binary output. The units are completely transistorized

Non-Linear Systems, Inc., Dept. ED, Del Mar, Calif. *P&A:* \$6,950; from stock. See at NEC Show Booth 3.

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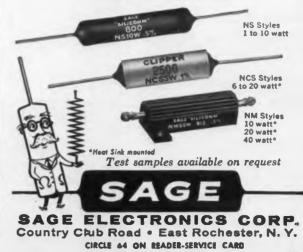
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Ortho Industries Inc., Dept. ED. 7 Paterson St., Paterson 2, N. J.

#### FM Radio Tuner



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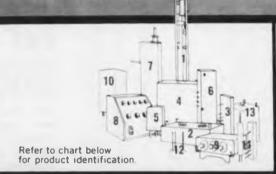
Waller Corp., Dept. ED, Industrial Center, Crystal Lake, Ill.

#### Memory Storage Unit 521



For analog computers, unit can store answers or values to problems for presentation later when the operator wants to compare new values to those previously computed. Two values at a time can be stored in one memory package.

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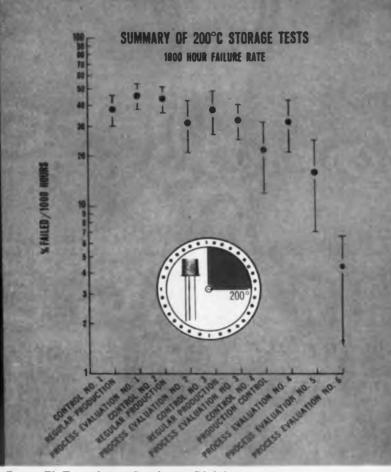


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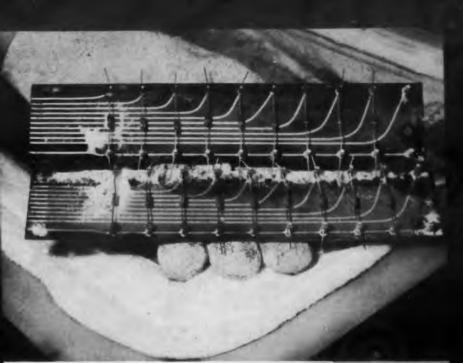


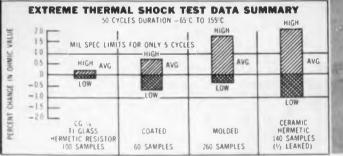
## From TI Transistor Products Division Continuing Process and Product Analysis Assures Maximum Transistor Reliability

The test graph above demonstrates TI's constant search for new ways to achieve the ultimate in product reliability. Several hundred TI 2N705 germanium mesa transistors from five experimental production processes were subjected to 200 C storage life tests (twice the normal maximum rated temperature for the 2N705 device). Severe as these tests were, one process (No. 6 above) yielded failure rates as low as 5%/1000 hours. Result: An improved process technique, now standard at TL for producing higher temperature devices.

Besides aiding in developing process technologies, reliability testing at TI also plays an important role in maintaining highest possible manufacturing standards. The manufacture of 2N705 transistors, for example, includes 100% inspection at several production points. At one of these points, 100% hermetic-seal inspection is performed by a mass spectrometer method. Additional QA sampling inspection is performed at selective control points during production. This kind of quality assurance testing — from process analysis to finished device — means built-in product reliability.

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## From TI Components Division Comprehensive QA Program Proves Reliability of TI Hard-Glass Resistors

A comprehensive Quality Assurance program was an integral part in the successful development of TI's high-reliability hard-glass resistor. Tests far more rigorous than those in common use were devised to prove out the basic design and materials for this superior product. In the *Extreme Thermal Shock Test Data Summary* above, resistors remained 45 minutes in a cold chamber (-65 C), then went to a heated oven ( $155^{\circ}$ C) for 45 minutes, then returned to the cold chamber. At each temperature, the units were loaded at full rated power for 15 minutes. Fifty cycles produced the results shown in the chart above . . 0.21% maximum change, 0.04% average change.

Extended Load-Life Tests to 3000 hours demonstrated a failure rate for hardglass resistors of  $0.04 \times 10^{-5}$  with a 95% confidence level under a variety of temperature and power conditions. In this test, a failure was defined as any resistance change in excess of 3%.

TI hard-glass resistor QA tests also include extended moisture, short-time overload, acceleration, shock, vibration, and hermetic seal... typical of QA programs on all TI products. Regularly published data from these programs prove, with statistical evidence, TI product reliability.



For detailed reliability information about any Ti semiconductor product or component, write on your company letterhead (attention mail station 472), outlining your specific requirements.

# NFW PRODUCTS 120-V Soldering Iron 536

For do-it-yourself fans as well as production-line operations. The Pen-line-120 is available with 30-Pen-line-120 is available with 30-and 50-w integral tip-and-heater assemblies. A 40-w assembly with 20 ironclad and copper tips will be introduced soon. Pyramid, chisel, spade, and cone tips, 3/16 to 3/8 in. will be offered. General Electric Co., Dept. ED, Schenectady N Y

Schenectady, N. Y. P&A: under \$5; in quantity, late

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Toughness, chemical resistance, and non-conductivity are features of nylon drawer handles and cabinet hinges. Rust-resistance has led to their use by the Navy in electronic installations. The hinges have low friction facing and a non-abrasive surface that require no lubrication.

Hardware Designers, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 4. South Hacken-sack, N. J.

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el 2507 heat sink. Under a load of 75 w, the unit provides a thermal resistance of 0.68 C per w. It measures 4 x 4 x 4 in. Bus bars and mounting-hardware variations permit a wide range of applications in bridge circuits demanding adequate convection cooling. Astro Dynamics, Inc., Dept. ED, Northwest Industrial Park, Burlington, Mass.

Availability: from stuck.

### **Telemetering Equipment 519**



For simple digital telemetering applications such as the telemetering of 'kilowatt-hours on electrical utility systems or positive displacement on pipelines the equipment is designated type DL. Data are transmitted over any telegraphic channel in binary-coded decimal form by means of long and short pulses and spaces.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 2099, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

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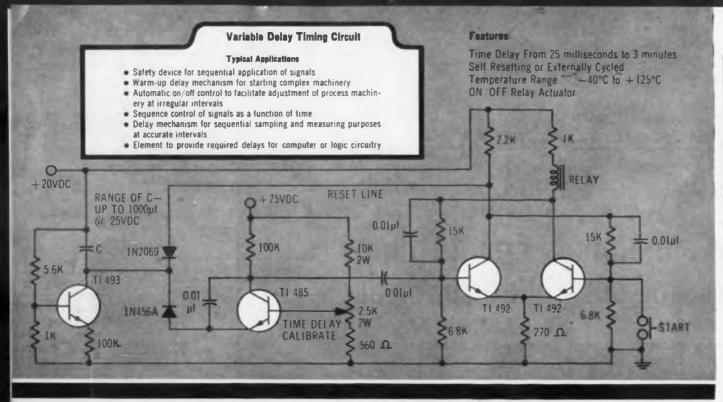
## Miniature Diodes



Resistance to moisture, contamination, and mechanical stress is featured in a new line of milliminiature gold-bonded germanium glass diodes. They are one-eighth the size of standard subminiature types. The package is glass encapsulated.

Clevite Transistor, Dept. ED. Waltham, Mass.

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TI 484	40 v	40-120 @ 150 ma	50 µa @ 30 vt	60 mc			TI 484	TI 484	
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**Push-pull** dc amplifier model 1058 was originally designed for use in airborne speed-control applications, but can also be used in many applications where the input is from elements such as thermocouples, strain gages and photoelectric cells. The output can be used with devices such as torque motors and relays with hydraulic or pneumatic servos.

Lumen, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 905, Joliet, Ill.

## Hydrogen Thyratrons 616

Uses include radar transmitters, linear accelerators and other pulse switching equipment. Thyratron type CX1140 is for use as a pulse modulator switch and type FX297 is for use as an inverse diode. Piv for both types is 25 kv. Average plate current is 1.25 amp; peak plate current is 500 amp for the FX297 and 1,000 amp for the CX1140.

English Electric Valve Co., Ltd., Dept. ED, Chelmsford, England.

## Controls Analyzer 482



For servomechanisms and feedback control systems, model 440 controls analyzer has a brushless rotating transducer which developes sinusoidal and sinusoidally modulated test signals of 0.03 to 300 cps. Carrier frequencies to 5,000 cps can be accommodated. A self-contained response channel is included.

Superior Manufacturing & Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 36-07 20th Ave., Long Island City 5, N.Y.

### Control Synchros

Size 23, for 400-cps operation, made to meet MIL-S-16892 and FXS-1066. A typical unit in this line of control synchros, model VCX23/344a transmitter, has an input impedance of 480 ohms at 85 C, 1.5-deg nominal phase shift, 90 gm per cm<sup>2</sup> moment of inertia, and  $\pm 8$  min electrical error maximum.

Vernitron Corp., Dept. ED, 125 Old Country Road, Carle Place, L. I., N. Y.

Logic Element

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Miniature logic elements, called Micrologic, are available in gate and half-shift register which match the firm's buffer, half-adder and counter adapter. Average dissipation is 3 mw, and temperature range is -55 to +125 C. The elements look like transistors, but have eight leads.

Fairchild Semiconductor Div. of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, Syosset, L. I., N. Y.

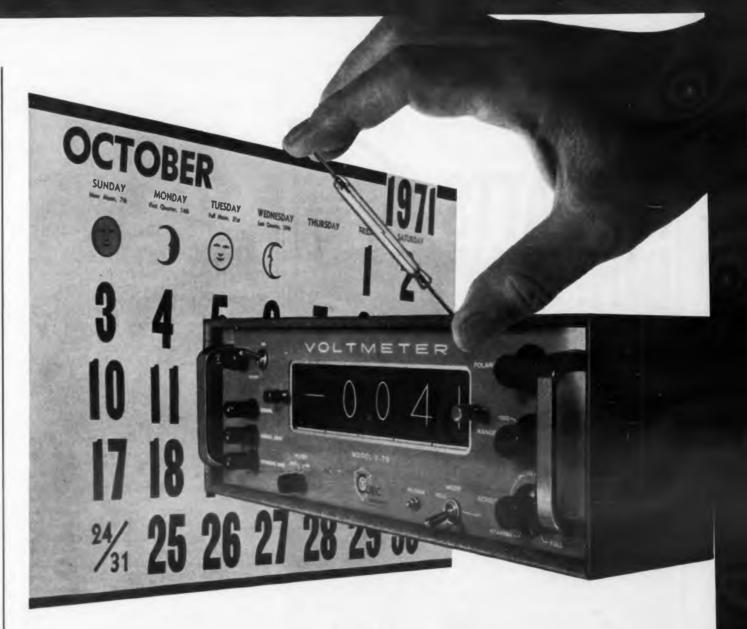
P&A: \$120; in small quantities.

#### Noise-Field Intensity 488 Meter



Covers 14 kc to 1,000 mc in three ranges. Model T-X/NF-105 noise and field intensity meter is compatible with existing NF-105 units. Nominal bandwidth is 1 kc and sensitivity is 0.1 mv full scale. Accessory items also available include a 36-in. loop antenna, a 41in. vertical antenna and a line probe.

Empire Devices, Inc., Dept. ED, Amsterdam, N. Y.



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## **NEW PRODUCTS**

**DC Power Supplies** 

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Electronic Research Associates, Inc., Dept. ED, 67 Factory Place, Cedar Grove, N. J. **P&A:** from \$105; from stock.

#### **Rectifier Tube**

#### 603

Supplying 840 v at 165 ma or 730 v at 275 ma, rectifier tube type 5R4WGB is a military standard 200E preferred type used in power supplies for airborne, mobile and shipboard radars and communications equipment. Maximum piv is 2,900 v at an altitude of 35,000 ft, and 1,850 v at 60,000 ft.

Raytheon Co., Industrial Components Div., Dept. ED, 55 Chapel St., Newton 58, Mass.

## **Continuity Tester**

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**Exploding bridgewire** checkout unit is used to test exploding bridgewires and provide the user with a positive indication of wire and circuit continuity in units such as exploding bridgewire igniters, pressure cartridges, and other exploding bridgewire devices. Voltages in the mv region are used to perform the checkout.

Special Devices, Inc., Dept. ED, 16830 W. Placerita Canyon Road, Newhall, Calif.

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Leach Corp., Dept. ED, 18435 Susana Road, Compton, Calif.

Price: \$2.295.

**Marking Machine** 

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Accommodates 50 crystals which allows selection of as many as 50 crystal controlled channels from the front of the company's NC-400 general communications receiver. This assures fixed channel reception of practically any frequency. Designation is MX-400. National Radio Co., Melrose, Mass. Price: approximately \$50.

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Kingsley Machine Co., Dept. ED, 850 Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood 38, Calif.

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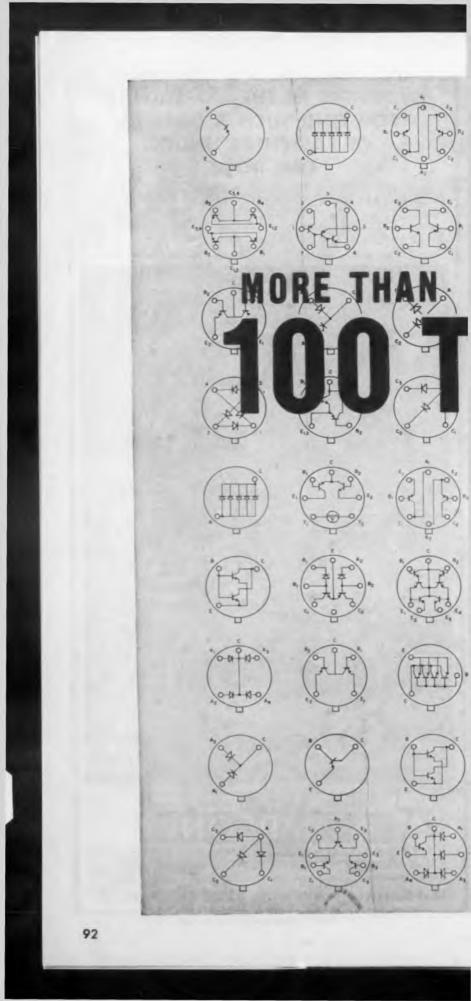
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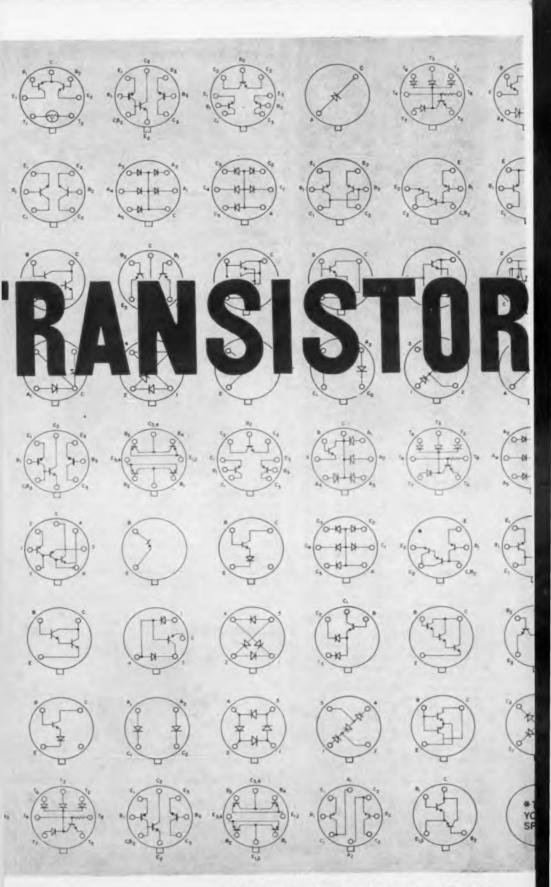
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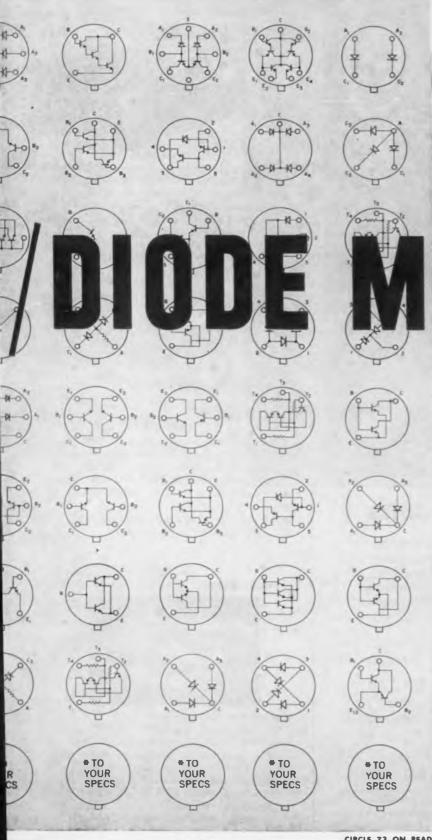


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Clip-on, self-locking fastener type LHA4972 can be used on any sheet-metal or fiber-glass assembly where the 0.02-in. clip thickness between mating surfaces can be tolerated. A locating eyelet formed on the base plate snaps into a hole drilled or punched in the sheet. Elastic Stop Nut Corp. of America, Dept. ED, 2330 Vauxhall Road, Union, N. J.

#### Subminiature Lamps

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Drawing 5 ma, Micro Lamps operate on 1.2 or 1.5 v. Light output is 40 to 60 millilumens. Minimum life is 1,000 hr. Five types are available with sizes ranging from 0.134 in. length x 0.039 in. diam. to 0.177 in. length x 0.079 in. diam.

Miniature Lamp Engineering Co., Dept. ED, 350 Broadway, New York 13, N. Y.

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International Ultrasonics, Inc., Dept. ED, 331 Centennial Ave., Cranford, N. J.

#### **Power Supply**

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**Chopper - stabilized,** dual - regulated power supply model PS/200/ 3.5 provides simultaneous outputs at 0 to 200 ma of -300 and +300 v dc. Hum, noise and ripple are less than 200  $\mu$ v rms; load regulation, line regulation and drift are within 0.001%. Uses are simulation, analog computing and sensitiveinstrument applications.

Embree Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, West Hartford, Conn.

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Size is  $1 \times 1 \times 17/32$  in. for the series SX transformers. Units are hermetically sealed in accordance with MIL-T-27A, grade 5, class R. Primary windings can be provided to handle any voltage up to 200 v at 400 cps. Secondary windings can be provided to produce any voltage up to 200 v at 2 watts output.

Titan Transformer Co., Dept. ED, 229 Binney St., Cambridge, Mass.

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An ultra-thin semi-conductor strain gage, model MS632-120 has a U-shaped configuration with leads on the same end. It is prooftested to 3,000 microstrain, and has an ultimate strain capacity of 5,000 microstrain. Gage factor is 110 with a resistance of 120 ohms. Operational temperature range is from - 320 to + 400 F.

Micro Systems, Inc., Dept. ED, 319 Agostino Road, San Gabriel, Calif.

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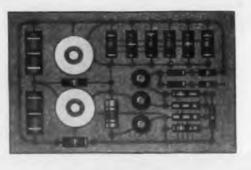
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## **NEW PRODUCTS**

## Laboratory Kit

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Two models, SK-1 and SK-2, of laboratory service kits combine three functions in one housing. Included are a 25-w pencil type iron for printed circuit soldering, a continuity checker and convenience outlet box. SK-1 has a 6-v iron, SK-2 has a 110-v iron.

C.B.C. Electronics Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 2601 N. Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa.

#### **Tape Punch**



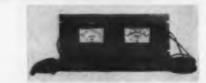


Model P76 tape punch is for punching 5, 6, 7, and 8-channel paper or mylar-aluminum tape at the rate of 20 characters per sec. It measures 15 in. in width, 14-1/2 in. in depth and is 21 in. in height with cover open. Weight is 40 lb. General Instrument Corp., Systematics Div., Dept. ED, 3216 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.

Availability: 30 days.

#### **Insulation-Leakage Tester**

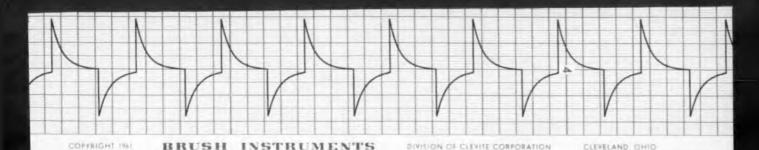
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Breakdown tests and insulation leakage can both be measured by model 8527 test set. The Hypot section provides 0 to 1.5 kv ac, continuously variable, with readout lights to indicate breakdown and leakage current above a preset value. The Vibrotest megommeter section measures insulation resistance to 50 K.

Associated Research, Inc., Dept. ED, 3777 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Ashland Electric Products, Inc., Dept. ED, 32-02 Queens Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

## **Feed-Through Capacitors**



Eyelet feed-through capacitors have an integral form for mounting, eliminating the need for solder preforms in chassis assembly operations. Type 7427 has a center lead, type 7528 has no lead; both have a capacity of 1,000 pf with a 500 wvdc.

Aerovox Corp., Hi-Q Div., Dept. ED, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

#### Wide Band Oscilloscope

**Range is dc to 5 mc** on oscilloscope model ES-150. Sensitivity is 70 mv per in. for dc and 25 mv rms per in. for ac. Frequency response is down 3 db at 4.5 mc and down 5 db at 5 mc. Rise time is better than 0.08  $\mu$ sec. Input impedance is 1.5 meg.

Precision Apparatus Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 70-31 84th St., Glendale 27, N. Y. Price: \$149.95.

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## PULSE POINTERS

Precision E-P double pulse generator provides separate or mixed output

## Features fast rise time and calibrated controls

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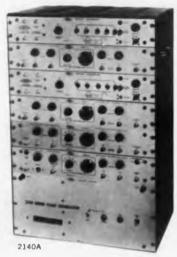
A multiplicity of output signals (both separate and mixed), high power, accuracy to 0.5%, fast 0.02 µsec rise time, and rep rate to 100 kc make the instrument applicable to a broad range of pulse simulation and control problems.

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

Price: \$13 per ft.

See at NEC Show Booth 850.

### **Ratio Transformer**

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Accuracy of 0.001% is provided by the model RT-60 ratio transformer. Operating range is 50 to 10,000 cps. Unit has high input impedance, low effective series impedance, and low phase shift. Five decades of shifting are provided. Housed in a cast aluminum case, the instrument is made as a bench model, but can be adapted for rack mounting.

Gertsch Products, Inc., Dept. ED, 3211 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif. **P&A:** \$275: from stock.

See at NEC Show Booth 709.

10-Mc Frequency Counter



Accurate within one count at 10-mc frequencies, the model 5370 counter has digital display output. Oscillator stability is 3 parts in  $10^{7}$  per week. Sensitivity is 0.2 v rms. Instrument measures frequencies from dc to 10 mc, time intervals from 0.3 µsec to  $10^{7}$  sec, periods from 0 to 10 mc, and ratios from 1 to  $10^{7}$  from dc to 10 mc. Circuitry is all solid-state.

Beckman Instruments, Berkeley Div., Dept. ED, 2200 Wright Ave., Richmond 3, Calif. P&A: \$2,750; available in November. See at NEC Show Booth 644.

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Maximum peak recurrent forward current	5	5	5 amp
Maximum surge current (4ms)	35	35	35 amp
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Inputs from 100  $\mu v$  to 1000 v full scale are available on the model 127A-L dc microvoltmeter in 15 ranges. Input impedance is 1 to 60 meg. Output is 2.5 v dc at 1 ma. Basic accuracy is 1%. Instrument has individual calibration controls.

Millivac Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 997, Schnectady, N. Y. **P&A:** \$395; 2 to 4 weeks.

See at NEC Show Booth 8.

## **Brakes and Clutches**

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Warner Electric Brake and Clutch Co., Dept. ED, Beloit, Wis.

See at NEC Show Booth 841.

## **Contour Switch Knobs**

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Switchcraft Inc., Dept. ED, 5555 N. Elston Ave., Chicago 30, Ill.

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Varo Inc., Dept. ED, 2201 Walnut St., Garland, Tex.

See at NEC Show Booth 845-847.

**Lever Switches** 

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Single and multiple lever switches, series LK and MLK, have two or three positions, locking or non-locking. Contacts are silver or palladium, rated 3 amp, 300 w max. Switch extends 2-3/32 in. deep behind mounting panel. Units are made for talk-listen applications.

Switchcraft, Inc., Dept. ED, 5555 N. Elston Ave., Chicago 30, Ill.

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#### **Core Memory Systems**

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From 20,480 to 163,840 bit storage capacities with access times of 2.5 to 4  $\mu$ sec and readwrite cycle times of 5 to 10  $\mu$ sec are obtained with this line of 1-mc S-PAC digital modules, series TCM. Cards measure 19 x 18 x 24-1/2 in. Ambient temperature range is 0 to 50 C.

Computer Control Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 983 Concord St., Framingham, Mass. *P&A:* about \$0.25 per bit; 2 to 4 months. See at NEC Show Booth 214.



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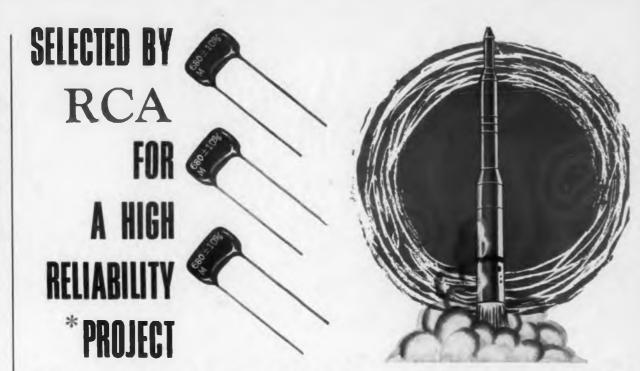
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Note that all the above failure rates are calculated at a 90% confidence level!

The El-Menco high reliability dipped mica capacitors are being supplied to the Radio Corporation of America for a high reliability military ground electronics project.

\*\* A failure was defined as follows:

- 1. A short or open circuited capacitor occurring during life test.
- 2. A part whose capacitance changed more than  $\pm 2\%$  and whose capacitance did not fall within the original tolerance of  $\pm 5\%$ .
- 3. A part whose final dissipation factor exceeded .002.
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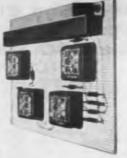
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Equipto Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, 319 N. Webster St., Naperville, III.

See at NEC Show Booth 714.

#### Static Voltage Regulator 565



Nominal output of 115 v is adjustable from 110 to 120 v on the Sta-Vo-Trol static voltage regulator. Rated output is 1 kva. Accuracy is within 0.25% bandwidth. Unit has Zender-diode sensing, remote response and sensing, and has no moving parts. General Electric Co., Transformer Div., Dept. ED, 100 Woodlawn Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.

See at NEC Show Booth 605-613.

#### **Rotary Wire Stripper** 560

Portable rotary wire stripper operates where bench models are inconvenient, as in stripping wires from large panels, air frames, heavy harnesses and multi-conductor cables. Designated model 79, the device strips extruded or wrapped insulations, including Teflon, without nicking the conductor. Complete unit weighs 7-1/2 oz; hand-piece weighs 12 oz.

Carpenter Manufacturing Co., Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 217, DeWitt 14, N. Y.

P&A: \$250; two weeks. See at NEC Show Booth 804.

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#### **Rack Cabinet Enclosures 567**

Vertical rack cabinet enclosures have sloping fronts. Sides are easily removed from outside of cabinet. Side strut supports can be moved or removed to facilitate equipment installation. Slope inclines at 15 deg.

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### NOR Circuit Modules 568

Operating at 1 mc rates, this line of NOR circuit modules includes a dual NOR circuit, a dual power driver, and a converter. Designated models U-301, U-302, and U-303 respectively, the units combine to make flip-flop, oneshot, and multivibrator circuits. Power requirements are  $\pm 12$  v and -6 v dc,  $\pm 5\%$ . Signal amplitude is between -5.5 and -12.6 v.

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

**P&A:** \$12 to \$29; stock to 2 weeks. See at NEC Show Booth 533 to 535.

#### Logic Symbol Sticker Kit 563

For use with the firm's modules, this kit contains a complete set of symbol stickers for digital logic circuits. They are drawn in ink, photographically reduced, and printed on acetate overlay with a pressure-sensitive backing. Stickers are useful in preparing engineering drawings and handbooks.

Computer Control Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 983 Concord St., Framingham, Mass.

Arailability: from stock.

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#### Serial Number Markers 562

For marking electronic components, these serial number markers come in 0.06 x 0.2 and 0.12 x 0.2 in. sizes. Markers adhere to component body in ambient temperatures up to 300 C. Special information such as company trademark can also appear on markers. A variety of materials are available.

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TYPE MX semi-enclosed. Construction and rating similar to MX hermetically sealed type. Bulletin 6100.

TYPE M hermetically sealed. Bimetal disc type, snap acting thermostats. Also available in semi-enclosed. Operation from -20 to 300°F. Lower and higher temperatures available on special order. Depending on application, rated non-inductive 10 amps, 120 VAC; 3 amps, 28 VDC. Various terminals, wire leads and brackets available. Bulletin 6000.

TYPE C hermetically sealed. Also semi-enclosed styles. Small, positive acting with electrically independent bimetal strip for operation from -10 to 300°F. Rated at approximately 3 amps, depending on application. Hermetically sealed type can be furnished as double thermostat "alarm" type. Various terminals and mountings. Bulletin 5000.

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Millivac Instruments, Dept. ED, P. O. Box 997, Schenectady, N. Y. **P&A:** \$495; 2 to 4 weeks.

See at NEC Show Booth 8.

**Stack Switches** 



Miniature and telephone-relay stack switches have welded silver or palladium contacts. Springs are nickel silver; spacers are paper-base phenolic. Miniature units, called Tini-Stack, are 1-3/4 in. long.

Switchcraft, Inc., Dept. ED, 5555 N. Elston Ave., Chicago 30, Ill.

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**Dual-polarized** microwave antennas operate from 5,925 to 7,425 mc. Feed can be pressurized; guy wires are not needed. Heated or unheated radomes designed especially for the antennas are available. Diameters of 4, 6, 8, and 10 ft are in stock.

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

**P&A:** \$600 to \$1,500; from stock. See at NEC Show Booth 850.



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## Induction Voltage 564 Regulator

Rated up to 10,000 kva, the Inductrol induction voltage regulators have 97% to 99% efficiency. Standard single-phase units are rated up to 600 v, 240 va: standard three phase units, 600 v, 720 va. Higher ratings are available on special order. Regulators have drift-free control, 100% overload capacity, and compensation for load, power factor, and frequency. There are no brushes or contacts.

General Electric Co., Transformer Div., Dept. ED, 100 Woodlawn Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.

See at NEC Show Booth 605-613.

## 5-Mc Digital Modules 569



**Transistorized flip-flops** and other logic circuits are available in modular form. Part of the S-PAC line, the units operate at 5mc frequencies, and have as many as four flip-flops to a board. Mounted on glass epoxy cards, 4-1/2 x 7 in., the circuits plug into the firm's S-BLOC mounting chassis. Modules made to military specifications are available on special order.

Computer Control Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 983 Concord St., Framingham, Mass.

Availability: 6 to 8 weeks. See at NEC Show Booth 214.

#### Frequency Standards 561

Transistorized oscillator is combined with a tuning-fork resonator in these frequency standards, series 300. Output frequencies are from 400 to 3,000 cps, accurate to 0.05% from -55 to +85 C, to 0.01% from 0 to +85 C. No oven is required at these temperatures. Output is 0.5 v ptp sine-wave or 15 v ptp square wave. Units measure 1-17/64 x 1-17/64 x 1-3/4 in. and weigh less than 2.9 oz.

Melpar, Inc., Special Products Div., Dept. ED, 3000 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, Va. **Price:** \$91 for 50 to 100.

See at NEC Show Booth 143.

#### Advertisement

## "Teflon" Terminals



A complete line of insulated terminals in miniature and subminiature stand-offs and feed-thrus, receptacles, plugs, jacks, and probes is available off-the-shelf from Microdot's Lerco Division. Uncontaminated Teffon<sup>•</sup> is used exclusively for the insulating bushing. These precision manufactured terminals withstand temperatures from  $-100^{\circ}$ C to  $+250^{\circ}$ C, are resistant to vibration and corrosion, and are unaffected by solvents, acids, or bases. Available in white and a variety of color codes. <sup>•</sup>Du Pont trademark.

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Microdot Inc., 220 Pasadena Avenue, South Pasadena, California

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8	*%"	up to 12	up to 37
с	1%"	up 10 19	up to 61

Microdot Multi-Pins are available in disassembled "kit" form or, if you prefer, factory assembled with Microdot



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Switch for Shock Environments

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Switchcraft Inc., Dept. ED, 5555 N. Elston Ave., Chicago 30, Ill.

See at NEC Show Booth 537.

## **Modern-Styled Meters**

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With 4-1/2 in. scales, the model 2041 Aristocrat meters have modern styling. Arc is 100 deg. Mountings have either 2, 3, or 4 studs. Mechanisms are available with self-shielded core magnets or with external magnets. Normal accuracy is 2%. Dc sensitivity is as low as 20  $\mu$ a; rectifier-type ac units are also available.

Sun Electric Co., Dept. ED, 6323 Avondale Ave., Chicago 31, Ill.

**P&A:** \$7.90 up; stock in November. See at NEC Show Booth 612.

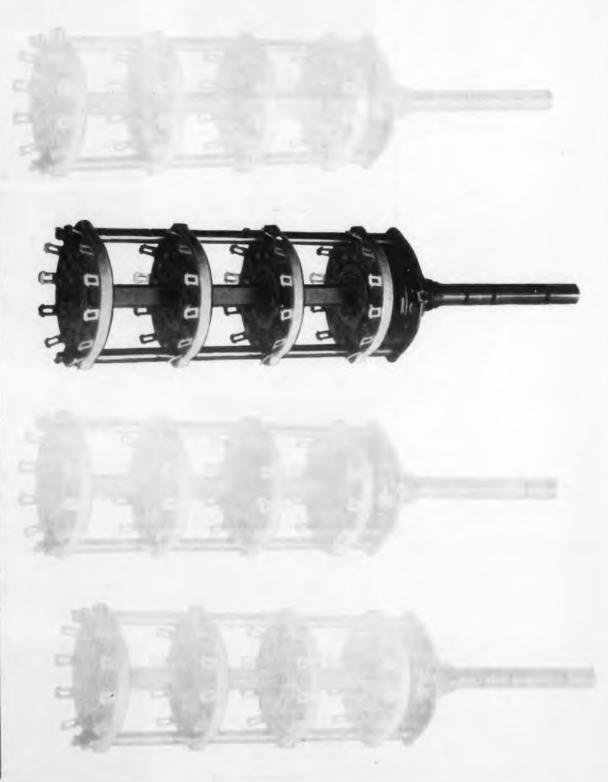
### **Tuning Forks**

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Special Products Div., Melpar, Inc., Dept. ED, 3000 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, Va. **Price:** \$53 for 50 to 100.

See at NEC Show Booth 143.

#### Low-Noise Amplifier

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Gain of 10 to 80 db  $\pm$ 10 db is selectable in 10-db steps. Model VS-68A low-noise amplifier uses both transistors and vacuum tubes. It has two 6-v internal dry cells and uses an external 12-v battery for power. Frequency response is 3 db down at 2 cps and 180 kc. Output impedance is less than 2 K, with 0.1 v maximum rms output. Input impedance is 10 K and 10 meg. Distortion is 1% at 50 mv ptp, 2.5% at 100 mv ptp.

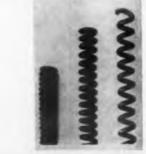
Millivac Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 997, Schenectady, N. Y.

**P&A:** \$495; 2 to 4 weeks.

See at NEC Show Booth 8.

#### **Retractile Coil Cords**

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Extending to 25 ft from 48 in. retracted length, these retractile coil cords are made for communication cord and test lead wire. Shorter lengths are available. Conductors can be individually shielded or pigtailed. Jackets, neoprene, withstand constant use and resist oil and weather damage.

Alpha Wire Corp., Dept. ED, 200 Varick St., New York 14, N. Y.

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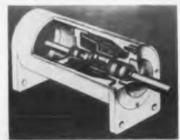


Accurate to 1% over the entire scale, the model MV-279B ohmmeter has 14 full-scale ranges from 1 ohm to 2.5 meg, each with an individual calibration control. Measurement power source is a 1.4-v mercury cell, operating at constant current.

Millivac Instruments, Dept. ED, P. O. Box 997, Schnectady, N. Y. P&A: \$465; 2 to 4 weeks. See at NEC Show Booth 8.

**Rotary Seal** 





Hermetically sealed rotary seal is made for precision potentiometers. Back-lash is 0.05 deg at 1 ozin. applied torque load. Maximum torque to turn shaft is 0.5 oz. Case measures 1/2 in. OD x 1/2 in. long. Operating speed is 100 rpm; life is estimated at 250,000 revolutions continuous. Device is constructed of stainless steel, and withstands 35-g vibration from 20 to 2,000 cps.

Mechtronics Corp., Dept. ED, 11431 Joanne Place, Culver City, Calif.

**P&A:** \$200 each in quantities of 100; 30 days.

See at NEC Show Booth 721.

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Varo Inc., Dept. ED, 2201 Walnut St., Garland, Tex.

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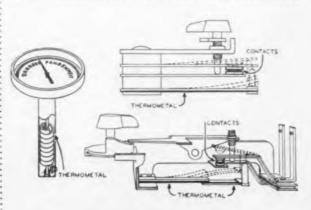
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Radiation Electronics Co., Dept. ED, 5600 Jarvis Ave., Chicago 48, Ill. P&A: \$240: six weeks.

See at NEC Show Booth 239.

### Accuracy Is Our Policy

The series number of the rf oscillator manufactured by Trak Electronics Co., Inc., Wilton, Conn., which appeared on p 91 of the June 7 issue of ELECTRONIC DESIGN, should be the SO series rather than the 50 series.

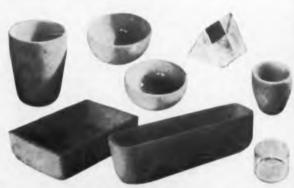


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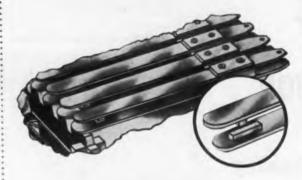
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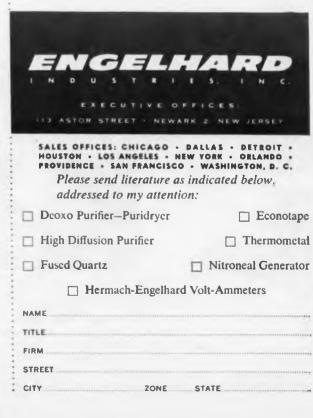


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## **DC Micro-Micro-Ammeter**



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Millivac Instruments, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 997, Schnectady, N. Y.

P&A: \$420; 2 to 4 weeks. See at NEC Show Booth 8.

#### Modern-Styled Meters

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Accurate to 2%, the Gem Line of meters is modernly styled in 2-1/2 and 3-1/2 in. cases. Designated models 2821 and 2831, the meters have shock-resistant movements, self-shielded core magnets, and anti-static acrylic covers. Standard dc and rectifier-type ac meters are available.

Sun Electric Corp., Dept. ED, 6323 Avondale Ave., Chicago 31, Ill.

**P&A:** \$5.06 and up; stock. See at NEC Show Booth 612.

## Acoustic Serial Memory

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Stores 1600 bits at 16 mc. Digital serial memory with pulse delays ranging from 20 to 100  $\mu$ sec at operating frequencies of 8 to 16 mc is available in a compact plug-in package. Designated type SM-40, the unit is self-contained and compatible with the firm's H-PAC digital modules. Delay line, fused silica, has a temperature coefficient of  $\pm 2$  ppm per C max, requiring no temperature compensation below 35 C.

Computer Control Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 983 Concord St., Framingham, Mass. P&A: \$997; 6 to 8 weeks. See at NEC Show Booth 214.

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Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., Rectifier-Capacitor Div., Dept. ED, N. Chicago, Ill. *Availability:* stock.

## **Video Amplifier**

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With four signal outputs, model TDA2 transistorized video-pulse distribution amplifier is interchangeable with tube-type amplifiers without alteration of existing cables. It has its own power supply and draws 4 w at 115 v. Input impedance is 75 ohms; outputs are also terminated at 75 ohms.

International Nuclear Corp., Dept. ED, 501 Elysian Fields, Nashville 11, Tenn.

#### **Miniature Recorder**

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Size is  $3-1/16 \times 5-5/8 \times 1-1/16$  in. for this instrument that is designated Amprobe Recorder. Unit will accommodate any signal that can be converted to an equivalent electrical signal. Paper feeds at speeds up to 15 in. per hr. It is available in a number of versions, each in several ranges.

Amprobe Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 630 Merrick Road, Lynbrook, N. Y.

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#### Magnetic-Field Detector 538



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Halltest Div., Instrument Systems Corp., Dept. ED, 129-07 18th Ave., College Point, N. Y.

#### Battery Charger 535

Automatic shutoff and cycling mode are incorporated in model 2-271 transistorized universal battery charger. It can charge from one to 32 battery cells (total range, 0 to 50 v) at a constant current adjustable from 0.1 to 10 amp. Batteries can be accurately charged at sites far removed from the charger.

Electro Development Corp., Dept. ED, 4530 Union Bay Place N.E., Seattle 5, Wash.

Spark Gap

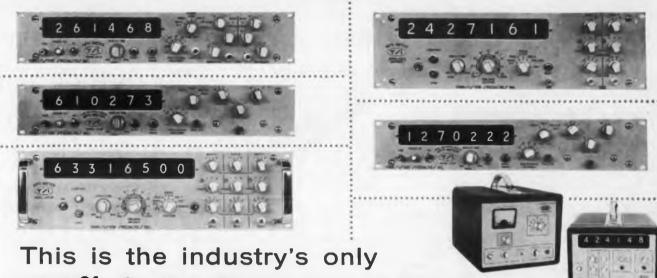
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Peak currents of over 10,000 amp can be handled by the triggered spark gap type GP-15. Unit is ceramic-metal with 70 kv hold-off voltage. Triggering is accomplished by a pulse of 25 kv. Delay time is 0.5  $\mu$ sec at 80% of maximum hold-off voltage. No filament voltage is required.

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361-R	0-10°	6	1MC	2	V	V	V	V	V	V	31/2"/R	10.	count parts 10 <sup>7</sup>
363	0-10 <sup>1</sup>	7	1MC	2	V	V	V	V	V	V	A/C	25.	E = an
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365	0-10'	7	10MC	2	V	V	V	V		V	A/C	25.	1
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365-RC	0-10' plus extender to 220MC	7	10MC	2	v	V	v	V	V	V	5¼″/R	25.	1 count 5 parts in 10 <sup>6</sup> per week
365-RP	0-10' (Programmable)	7	10MC	3	V	V	V	V	V	V	5¼″/R	25.	) +1 +1
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373	0-10 <sup>7</sup>	• 7	1MC	1	V	V	100	V		V	A/C	25.	as 361
373-R	0-10'	7	1MC	1	V	V	17	V		V	3½"/R	25.	)
375	0-10'	7	10MC	1	V	V		V	1000	V	A/C	25.	18.00
375-R	0-10'	7	10MC	1	V	V		V		V	5¼"/R	25.	same as 365
420	Freq. extender 10MC-220MC	-	-	1				-			A/CX	2.0	-
420-R	Freq. extender 10MC-220MC	-	-	1	1-		-	_			3½"/RX	2.0	
430	Period Multiplier X100	-		1		- 0	-	1			A/CX	-	-
430-R	Period Multiplier X100	1	-	1	0	-		_		125	31/2"/RX		-

\*C = Counts action per Time interval; F = Frequency; FR = Frequency ratio, A/B: P = Period; PD = Period A to B; FS = Frequency standard outputs brought out.

 $^{\dagger}A=834''~x~10^{1}4''~x~12^{1}2''$  cabinet, inch dimension is panel height on rack units.  $^{\bullet}C$  = Bench cabinet, CX = occupies part of cabinet, R = st'd 19'' rack, RX = st'd half-rack (91/2'' wide).





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Coil burn-out of the firm's magnetically damped galvonometers is prevented by this protector device. A replaceable insert permits repeated use of the device. Insertion resistance of the unit is 4 ohms nominal at 75 F. Phase shift is 1 deg max from dc to 10 kc. With the input open circuited and the output terminated in a 27 ohm load, the protector does not generate more than 1  $\mu$ v when subjected to an environment where the temperature is changing at the rate of 1.8 F per sec between 0 and 150 F

Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., Dept. ED, 360 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif.

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Methode Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 7447 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago 31, Ill.



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American Optical Co., Dept. ED, Southbridge, Mass.

P&A: SC-3303, \$795, SC-3304, \$995; from stock, Oct. 1, 1961.

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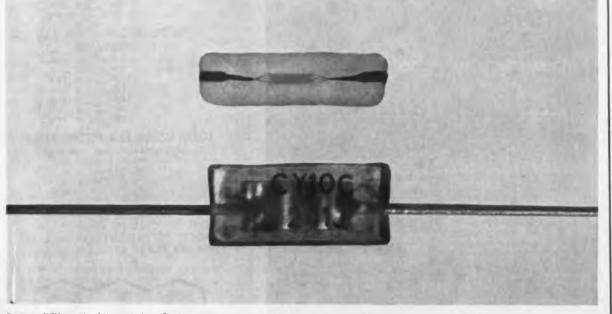
You'll see why the CYFM can take such torture when you check its design. We stack alternate layers of stable ribbon glass and aluminum foil. Then we weld the foils to the bead-terminal assembly, which has a glass bead sealed to the Dumet wire lead. With heat and pressure, the entire capacitive element is frozen in glass for complete protection against environment and for structured protection against physical shock.

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Ferranti Electronics Inc., Dept. ED, Industrial Park No. 1, Plainview, L. I., N. Y. *Availability:* made to order.

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Chicago Miniature Lamp Works, Dept. ED, 1500 N. Ogden Ave., Chicago 10, Ill.

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Wythe Ave., Brooklyn 11, N. Y.

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Melpar, Inc., Special Products Div., Dept. ED, Falls Church, Va.

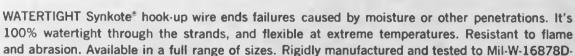
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The VLF-1 Caliverter, a vlf to hf wideband converter provides reception of vlf signals on a standard hf communications receiver. Transistor circuitry and Zener-regulated ac supply are contained in a basic 6-1/2 x 3 x 4 in. enclosure. Sensitivity is less than 0.1 µv, and output is at 5.000 mc plus the vlf frequency.

Aerospace Research, Inc., Dept. ED, 94 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass. P&A: \$269.50; from stock.

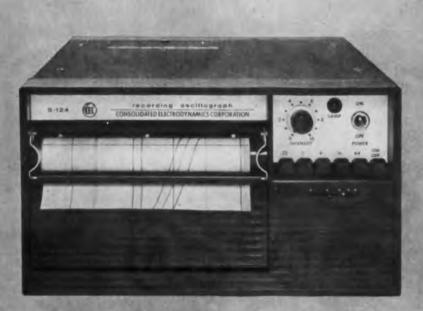


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Dearborn Electronic Laboratories, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 3431, Orlando, Fla.

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Microvolt Level Relay

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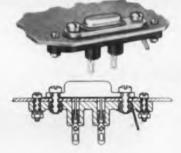
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The Spacesaver Socket fastens beneath the chassis; allowing direct mounting of the transistor, with a mica insulator, to the chassis. In this way, the transistor is provided with maximum heat dissipation by conduction.

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For complete specifications. write for Data Sheet No. 760.

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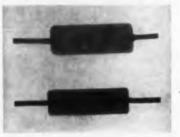
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James Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 4050 N. Rockwell St., Chicago 18, 111. **P&A:** \$30 to \$40; samples from

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Epoxy Molded Resistors 524



Ratings from 1/10 to 1 w are available for a new series of epoxy moulded carbon and metal film resistors. Units exceed all requirements of MIL-R-10509D, characteristics B, D and F for the carbon film, and C and E for the metal film. Resistors maintain stability without change in characteristics in shock tests from -60 to +365 F.

Key Resistor Corp., Dept. ED, 321 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena, Calif. Availability: 30 days.

#### Precision Limit Stop 530



Settings from 0 to 100 turns are possible in a precision limit stop only 7/8 in. in length. Hardened pins that make radial contact allow for precise stops without binding. Impact speed is 1/5 of the imput speed.

Dynamic Gear Co., Dept. ED, Amityville, L. I., N. Y.



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For space and satellite programs. The infrared-detector production tester is for largevolume production testing of multi-element, infrared-sensitive photoconductor arrays in guidance and surveillance. It records signal, noise, noise-to-signal ratio, cell current, cell voltage and other parameters.

Infrared Industries, Inc., Western Div., Dept. ED, Santa Barbara, Calif. **P&A:** \$180,000; 90 to 120 days.

#### **Bi-Metal Thermostat**

506



Fixed-setting thermostat model MS has single-pole, single-wire controls. Contacts open with a rise in temperature. Range is 70 to 600 F. It has a ceramic body, push-on lugs and fine silver contacts.

American Thermostat Corp., Dept. ED, South Cairo, N. Y.

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Low-drift, micro-micro ammeter model R660 has a highly stable, temperature-compensated, transistorized amplifier with an electrometer-tube input arranged to produce almost 100% feedback. A total of 20 ranges cover from 3 x  $10^{-3}$  to 1 x  $10^{-12}$  amp. Drift is less than  $\pm 2\%$  of full scale per week after an initial warm-up of 10 min.

Radiation Technology, Inc., Dept. ED, Atlanta, Ga.



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#### CENTRALAB'S MODEL A (RV4 Style)

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#### MODEL N

This intermediate size potentiometer has never before been offered. Rated at 34 watt, the Model "N" can replace 2 watt units in many military and commercial applications where size is important.

A flush resistance track is protected against contamination by the raised rim of the insulating base. Although small in size, the model "N" also has carbon composition pick up and collector brushes for long noise-free operation.

The one-piece metal case and bushing is spun over the molded insulating base to provide a near-perfect seal. Triple shaft seals and water-tight panel seals can be supplied.

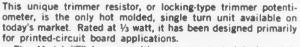
#### MODEL P (RV6 Style)

Although much smaller than the Model "N", the Model "P" is rated at 1/2 watt and is similar in external construction.

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CONSTRUCTION: Completely enclosed Alt metallic parts are non-magnetic and cor-rosion resistant. Available in tandem, triple or duel concentric construction ROTATION: 312\* ±3\*.

TORQUE: 1.0 to 6.0 ounce inches

RESISTANCES: Linear taper, 50 ohms to 5 MEG. Log taper, 100 ohms to 2.5 MEG.

#### SPECIFICATIONS:

RATING: 3/4 watt at 70° C.

SIZE: 23/32" diameter, 1/2" deep from mounting surface.

CONSTRUCTION: Completely enclosed. All metallic parts are non-magnetic and corrosion resistant.

ROTATION: 300º ±3º

TORQUE: 5.0 ounce inches average.

**RESISTANCES:** Linear taper, 50 ohms to 5 MEG. Log taper, 100 ohms to 2.5 MEG.

#### SPECIFICATIONS:

RATING: 1/2 watt at 70° C.

SIZE: 1/2" diameter, 15/32" deep from mounting surface.

**CONSTRUCTION:** Completely enclosed.

ROTATION: 290\* +3\*-

TORQUE: 1.5 ounce inches.

RESISTANCES: Linear taper, 100 ohms to 5 MEG. Log taper, 500 ohms to 2.5 MEG.

#### SPECIFICATIONS:

RATING: 1/3 watt at 70° C.

SIZE: 19/32" diameter, 11/32" deep from mounting surface.

CONSTRUCTION: Open (however, rugged construction permits potting of all types). ROTATION: 300º ±3º.

TORQUE: Locking type

RESISTANCES: Linear taper, 500 ohms to 5 MEG.



#### **DC Power Supply**

378



Output is 28 v, 1 amp maximum for power supply model 205A. Unit is for use with the company's line of step-servo components. It is hermetically sealed in a  $3 \ge 4-1/4 \ge 5$  in. can. Unit requires 115 v, 60 cps, 40 w, single phase. The module weighs 6 lb.

Automation Development Corp., Dept. ED, 11824 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, Calif. **P&A:** \$99; from stock to four weeks.

#### **Three-Conductor Plug**

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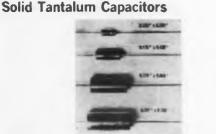
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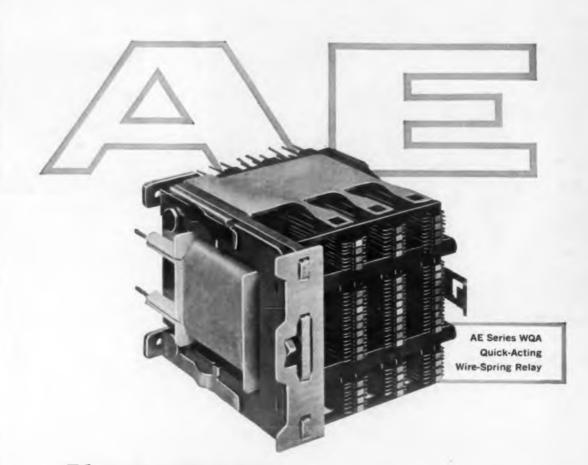
For polarized applications, this plug has a 0.206 in. diameter shaft. Model S-260 has a plastic handle and screw type terminals; model S-290 has a shielded handle. Sleeve, tip and body are machined from brass and bright nickel plated. Terminals are brass, hot tin-dipped screw-type. Insulation is nylon.

Switchcraft, Inc., Dept. ED, 5555 N. Elston Ave., Chicago 30, 111.



Rated at 0.0071 to 0.82  $\mu$ f. Part of the Tan-TI-Cap line of solid tantalum capacitors, the units are available in 20 or 35-v dc ratings with tolerances of  $\pm 10\%$  or  $\pm 20\%$ . Case dimensions are 0.125 x 0.250 in. Requirements of MIL-C-26655A are met. Units are made for satellite projects, transceivers and commoncarrier systems.

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#### NFW PRODUCTS

**Horsepower Meter** 

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Unilectron, Inc., Dept. ED, 129 Binney St., Cambridge 42, Mass.

#### **UHV** Capacitors

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For dc filtering, nuclear accelerators, pulse networks, radar and high-voltage test equipment, these uhv capacitors are rectangular, bakelite tubes. Nine ranges cover 50 to 250 kv dc. They can be operated at 60 C for 10,000 hr and may be used to 0 C. Dielectric construction consists of a plastic film and multi-layers of thin kraft paper impregnated with mineral oil.

Corson Electric Manufacturing Corp., Dept. ED, 540 39th St., Union City, N. J.

**Heavy Duty Rectifier** 

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Oil-immersed, fin-cooled rectifier measures 10 x 12 x 12-1/4 in. Continuous operating current is 5 amp; piv is 50 kv. Maximum power dissipation is 50 kw and maximum ambient operating temperature is 55 C. Unit is made for transmitter power supplies and has radio, radar and loran applications.

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#### Magnetic Multiplier

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Accuracy is 1% full scale. Magnetic multiplier model 300AX is for converting the product of two electrical inputs into a single proportional ac output. A dc input from 0 to  $\pm 100 \ \mu$ a plus an ac input from 0 to 2.3 v, phase reversing, generates a phase sensitive ac output from 0 to 1.2 v. Unit is operable from 300 to 1,000 cps.

Transmagnetics, Inc., Dept. ED, 40-66 Lawrence St., Flushing 54, N. Y.

**P&A:** \$99 and up; 2 to 3 weeks for samples.

#### Numerical Control 433 System

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Thompson Ramo Wooldridge Inc., Dept. ED, 455 Sheridan Ave., Michigan City, Ind.

#### Panel Meters

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Suspension type panel meters use a short narrow band tightly suspended on special spring terminals to support the coil and its moving counterparts. Instruments are available in 2-1/2, 3-1/2, 4-1/2, 6, 7 and 8 in. case sizes. Triplett Electrical Instrument Co., Dept. ED, Bluffton, Ohio.

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1N3502	± 0.01	6.2	6.5	<b>=</b> 0.003	12
1N3503	+ 0.005	6.2	6.5	± 0.006	12
1N3504	± 0.002	6.2	6.5	= 0.006	12
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Transmagnetics, Inc., Dept. ED, 40-66 Lawrence St., Flushing 54, N. Y. P&A: \$70 up; 1 to 2 weeks for samples.

**Telemetry Transmitter** 

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For human or machine stress, the Midas, miniature data acquisition system, is an fm/fm, multi-channel telemetry system. It is capable of sensing and transmitting respiration rate, heartbeat, pressure, strain, acceleration and other phenomena. A three-channel unit measures  $1-3/8 \times 1-3/8 \times 6-1/4$  in.

Unilectron, Inc., Dept. ED, 129 Binney St., Cambridge 42, Mass.

Miniature Switchlights



**Push-button** switches are lit by standard panel lamps. Release mechanism is solenoidactivated, permitting devices to be switched off remotely. Contact arrangements up to 4pst and dpdt are available. Units are rated at 28 v dc, 125 v ac, 2 amp. Solenoid coils are available for 6, 12, or 28 v operation.

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#### Angular Accelerometer 447



Spin-up acceleration can be monitored with angular accelerometer model 4575. Ranges are available from  $\pm 500$  to  $\pm 1,500$ rad per sec<sup>2</sup>. Linearity is within 0.05%; resolution is better than 0.0001% of full scale. Nominal output is  $\pm 7.5$  v. Weight is 4 oz.

Donner Scientific Co., Dept. ED, Concord, Calif. **P&A:** \$710: 30 days.

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#### Telemetry Receiver

For use at 216 to 260 mc. Said to perform in any known telemetry system, model TMR-2A telemetry receiver meets standard fmfm and pdb/fm applications as well as pcm/fm requirements for systems using up to 1 million bits per sec. It has a front-panel selectable video bandwidth filter with 12-db per octave roll-off.

Defense Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, Washington-Rockville Industrial Park, 5451-B Randolph Road, Rockville, Md.

P&A: \$2,495; 30 to 60 days.

#### Brakes and Clutches 444



Torque ratings of 1.5 to 240 lbin. are available on miniature fractional hp electric brakes, clutches and clutch-brake packages. Diameters of the units range from less than 1 in. to 4 in. Units, useful at up to 50 cps, are made for aircraft components, servos, data equipment, and similar applications.

Warner Electric Brake & Clutch Co., Dept. ED, Beloit, Wis.

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2N942	2N1918	-8	25	-25	3.0	3.0	7.80	6.00
2N943	2N1919	18	-40	-40	2.0	1.0	12.35	9.50
2N944	2N1920	-18	-40	-40	3.0	1.5	8.77	6.75
2N945	2N1921	50	-50	-50	4.0	2.0	5.20	4.00
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Write for 16 page Technical Application Bulletin #2107 and new Chopper transistor data sheets on types 2N1917 through 2N1922 and 2N941 through 2N946.

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F34	1-23/32 inches	8 Watts	40 - to 68K	
F35	2-3/32 inches	10 Watts	50 - 10 75K	

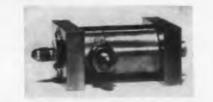
"Rated Wattage may be dissipated up to that resistance value set by a potential limitation of 500 V/inch. Where less than full Wattage is involved, potentials up to 1000 V,'inch may be applied.



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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

Variable Reluctance Pressure Transducer



Error band is 1% on the model A-40-1 variable reluctance pressure transducer. Tolerance is ±2% under any operable environmental conditions. Device has high power output and low output impedance, and can drive meter movements directly.

Astromics Div., Mitchell Camera Corp., Dept. ED, 611 W. Harvard St., Glendale 4, Calif. P&A: \$595; 45 days.

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A variety of shapes is available in this line of molded terminal headers. Headers are molded from a mineral-filled phenolic of high mechanical and dielectric strength. Pins are goldplated brass. Units come in configurations suitable for transformers, electrolytic capacitors, plug-in modules, tube sockets and other plugin components.

U. S. Engineering Co., Dept. ED, 13536 Saticoy St., Van Nuys, Calif.

## 366 **Miniature Connector Kits** according of

All components for assembling miniature connectors are provided by these kits. Units can be assembled with 6, 12, or 18 pin contact configurations. Assembly is accomplished by staking sockets and pins in place with tool provided, soldering wires to contacts, and snapping plastic hood into place.

Omega Precision, Inc., Dept. ED, 757 N. Coney Ave., Azusa, Calif. P&A: \$50; from stock.



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#### Vertical Amplifier 443



**High-grain** amplifier 162D has maximum sensitivity of 5 mv per cm, with 11 other ranges to 20 v per cm. With scope 170A, rise time is less than 10 nsec. Differential input is provided, with 40db common mode rejection. Isolation between inputs is at least 80 db.

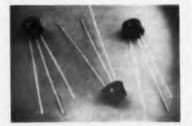
Hewlett-Packard Co., Dept. ED, 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif. **P&A:** \$225: 10 weeks.

#### **Trimmer Potentiometer 432**

Microminiature trimmer potentiometers are rated at 1 w at 50 C, derating to zero at 175 C. Weighing 3/4 g, they have a high-temperature plastic case, wirewound resistance element, moistureresistant seal and Teflon-insulated lead wires or locked-in terminal pins. Both continuous and clutchstop models are available.

Techno-Components Corp., Dept. ED, 18232 Parthenia St., Northridge, Calif.

#### **Germanium Transistors** 445



Withstand high voltages. Germanium transistors 2N1924, 2N1925 and 2N1926 are rated to 60 v and have a high gain characteristic. Applications include af switching circuits and high-voltage amplifier circuits.

General Electric Co., Kelley Building, Dept. ED, Liverpool, N.Y.

**P&A:** \$1.25 to \$1.65 ea, OEM; stock.

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Cinch Hinge Connectors eliminate contact damage caused by the high insertion and extraction forces encountered with ordinary multi-contact (20-100) Connectors...ideal for use in space-limited areas.

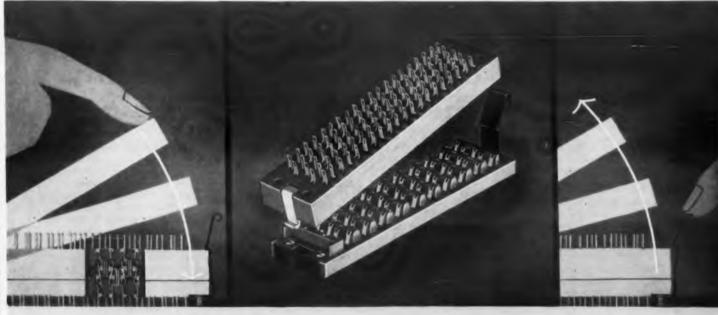
The exclusive Cinch Hinge Connectors are available with 20-100 contacts. Hinge Connectors are ideal for applications where a reliable multi-contact connector is needed for use in a limited area. The ingenious Hinge and Latch principle is foolproof and provides added reliability.

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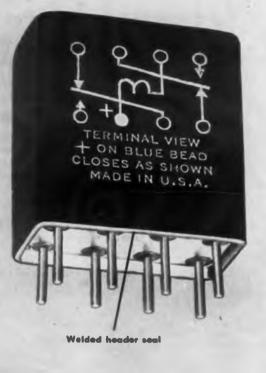
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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

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The Advanced Products Co., Dept. ED, 59 Broadway. North Haven, Conn.

#### Instrument Counters 448



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Durant Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, 1929 N. Buffum St., Milwaukee 1, Wis.

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Timely Technical Products, Inc., Dept. ED, 100 Pine St., Verona, N. J.

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Furane Plastics Inc., Dept. ED, 4516 Brazil St., Los Angeles 39, Calif.

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

#### Rubidium Frequency 446 Standard



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Clauser Technology Corp., Dept. ED, 3510 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, Calif.

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#### Precision Resistors 428

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Clarostat Manufacturing Co., Inc., Campbell Industries, Dept. ED, Dover, N. H.

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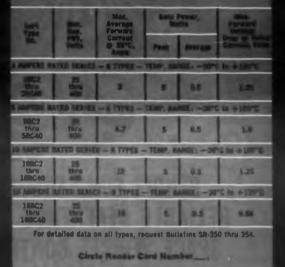
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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

Transistor Socket and Dissipater 365



For printed circuits, this combination transistor socket and heat dissipator measures 9/16 in. in diameter and 9/16 in. high. Unit can be mounted in larger sinks or soldered to the printed-circuit board. Dissipator is electrically insulated from the transistor base. Pin, turret, and solder-pot terminal styles are available.

Omega Precision, Inc., Dept. ED, 757 N. Coney Ave., Azusa, Calif. **P&A:** \$0.75 to \$1.25; from stock.

#### **Insulated Wire**

#### 552

Aluminum-oxide film insulation is used with aluminum wire and strip conductors. The flexible thin-film insulation has a melting point of almost 2,000 C, which allows the use of the material at temperatures up to the melting point of the conductor. Standard wire is available in gauges from 10 to 46 AWG; rectangular wire and strip comes in thicknesses from 0.0008 to 0.060 in.

Permaluster, Inc., Dept. ED, 2012 Burbank Blvd., Burbank, Calif.

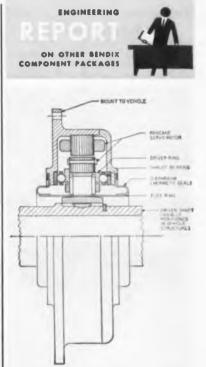
#### **Automatic Circuit Tester**

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Random access, card-programed automatic circuit tester is used for checking wiring harnesses and electrical assemblies for current continuity and high potential. Unit, designated FACT-RC, has a capacity of 1,200 wire terminations. One IBM card is required for each circuit. The tester can process 72 cards per minute.

Hughes Aircraft Co., El Segundo Div., Dept., ED, P.O. Box 90426, Airport Station, Los Angeles 45, Calif. **P&A:** \$34,500; 90 days.



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#### **Displacement Transducer**

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Ranges of  $\pm 0.005$  to  $\pm 0.25$  in. are available on this displacement transducer, type 3632-12. Unit operates to 300 F. Teflon-insulated leads are anchored in epoxy resin. Magnetic shield and core are chromium plated.

United Aero Products Corp., Dept. ED, Burlington, N. J.

Availability: immediate.

#### Water-Proof Limit Switch

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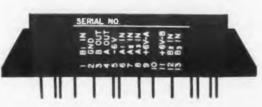
Controls Co. of America, Dept. ED, 9555 Soreng Ave., Schiller Park, Ill.

#### **Strain Indicator**



Providing digital readout, strain gage indicator type 20 has a gage factor range from 1.5 to 4.5. Unit will accommodate most available strain gages in 1-, 2-, or 4-arm networks. The instrument will also work with strain gage transducers, bonded or unbonded. Readings are in ranges from 0 to 5,000  $\mu$ in. per in. Accuracy of the system is 0.1% of reading or 5  $\mu$ in.

Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp., Electronics & Instrumentation Div., Dept. ED, 42 Fourth Ave., Waltham 54, Mass.



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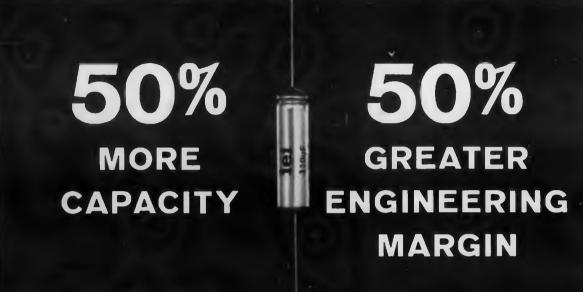
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### **NEW PRODUCTS**

**Beacon Transmitter** 

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Made to locate objects at sea, this beacon transmitter has a 2-w output. Unit is tunable from 2,250 to 2,800 kc, uses a crystal oscillator. Transistorized, the device requires 24-v dc power. Pulse or frequency-shift data transmission is possible. Transmitting antenna may be submerged or shorted to ground for five minutes without damage to transmitter.

HRB-Singer Inc., Dept. ED, Science Park, State College, Pa.

P&A: \$150 to 200; 8 weeks.

#### Linkage System

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**Bi-directional** linkage system, called the Addaverter, samples analog channels, converts to digital and delivers data to the digital-computer memory. It subsequently converts the digital results to analog values and presents this data to the analog computer. It is for use with the Electronics Associates analog computer and the Bendix G-15 digital computer.

EPSCO, Inc., EPSCO Systems Div., Dept. ED, Cambridge, Mass.

#### Microminiature Shift Register 367



Made for space vehicles, this modular shift register occupies 1/16 cu in. per bit and weighs 2 g. Units, operating at shift rates up to 250 kc. provide 5-v flat-topped output pulses at switching ratios better than 8 to 1. Devices operate from a single missile battery with low current drain. Units are made for information conversion, buffer storage, and counting. Compatible semiconductor modules are available. Magnetics Research Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 179 Westmoreland Ave., White Plains, N. Y. **P&A:** \$12 to \$16; 30 to 45 days.

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**Digital Comparators** 

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Data from digital measuring instruments is converted into go no-go form by these digital comparators. Model 54 has four digits; model 55 has five. Bipolar data from 0.0001 up to 1,000 are handled by each instrument. Go no-go indication is issued within 10 msec after preset digital limits are exceeded. Units have plug-in board modular construction.

Non-Linear Systems, Inc., Dept. ED, Del Mar. Calif.

P&A: \$2,000 to \$2,900; from stock.

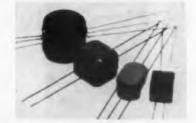
#### **Tantalum Foil Capacitors**

Rectangular tantalum-foil capacitors type CM are made to customer requirements in a wide variety of models. Typical values for 125 C polar types are 3 to 250 v and 38 to 250,000 µf. For non-polar types at 125 C, capacitances can be from 19 to 200,000 µf. A 1-f unit is housed in a container measuring  $4 \ge 6 \ge 6-1/2$ in.

Tansitor Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, West Road, Bennington, Vt.

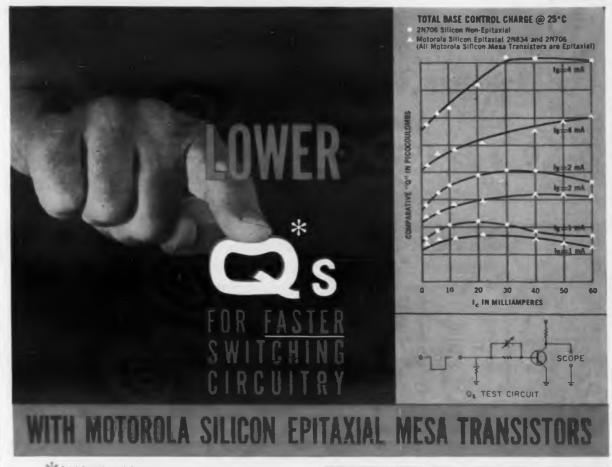
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Pulse Engineering Inc., Dept. ED, 560 Robert Ave., Santa Clara, Calif. P&A: \$5.50 ea; stock to 21 days.



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PARAMETER	NS475	NS476	NS477	NS478	NS479	NS480
min. BVCBO min. BVCEO	30v	30v	30v	60v	60v	60v
min. BVEBO	бv	6v	6v	8v	8v	8v
hfe"	20-50	40-100	80-300	20-50	40-100	80.300
max. ICBO <sup>†</sup>	.2µA	.2µA	.2µA	.2µA	.2µA	.2µA
max. V <sub>CE</sub> <sup>++</sup>	lv	lv	lv	lv	1v	lv
max. Cob	8pf	8pf	8pf	8pf	8pf	8pf
min. FT 🥜	80mc	80mc	80mc	80mc	80mc	80mc
PHYS PACKAGE	can be used to replace	can be used to replace	can be used to replace	can be used to replace	can be used to replace	can be used to replace
TO-18	2N761	2N762		2N734 2N754 2N756 2N756A 2N757 2N757A	2N735 2N759 2N759A	2N736 2N760 2N760A
10-5	2N332 2N332A 2N337 2N473 2N474 2N475	2N335 2N335A 2N338 2N470 2N471 2N472 2N478 2N479 2N480	2N336 2N336A 2N541 2N542	2N1564	2N335 2N335A 2N1565	2N336 2N336A 2N543 2N1566
TO-22	2N1149 2N1150 2N117	2N1152 2N118	2N1153 2N119	2N1147 2N1150 2N117	2N1152 2N118	2N1153 2N119

\*VCE = \$v, IE = 10mA +VCB = 50% BVCB0 ++IC = 10mA, IB = 1mA

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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

#### **Mass Spectrometer**

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General Electric Co., Dept. ED, Schenectady 5, N. Y.

P& 4: less than \$6,000; 60 days.

#### Tape Head

#### 420

For monaural recording. Type RH-2 tape head is designed for monaural half-track recording on 1/4-in. tape. Frequency response at a tape speed of 7.5 in. per sec is -10 db at 10,000 cps with an output of 3 mv at 1,000 cps. It can be used at 3-3/4 in. per sec with the frequency response at -15 db at 10,000 cps with an output of 1 mv at 1,000 cps. An erase head is also available.

Sonotone Corp., Dept. ED, Elmsford, N. Y. **P&A:** \$10; to OEM.

#### **Coupling Device**

417



For missile and aircraft uses. The coupling device is a quick-connect/disconnect type with environmental protection. A 0.7-lb force can extract the pins. Connection can be made with an angular misalignment of 5 deg between the two surfaces of the coupling. A lateral misalignment of 1/16 in. still permits perfect electrical mating.

Kellett Aircraft Corp., Dept. ED, Willow Grove, Pa.

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#### **Push-Type Posts**

Made of nickel-plated brass. Series 29-100 push-type posts are offered in these three mounting sizes: No. 29-100 for 11/64-in. mounting hole, No. 29-101 for standard banana plug, No. 29-104 for 25/64-in. mounting hole. Teflon insulating washers and special button caps can be furnished for high-temperature applications.

Grayhill Inc., Dept. ED, 575 W. Hillgrove Ave., La Grange, Ill.

**P&A:** \$0.35 to \$0.50; from stock.

#### **Pressure Transducer**

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Strain-gage pressure transducer model 206 is for sensing and measurement of dynamic pressures as in jet or turbine engines; model 206-1 is for corrosive media pressures; model 206-2 is for measuring air water and other fluids. Output voltage is proportional to pressure applied within  $\pm 0.25\%$ .

Taber Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 107 Goundry St., North Tonawanda, N. Y.

#### Static Power Transfer

551

Fast response, low noise level and long life are features of the static power bus transfer, which transfers from one 60-cps bus to another in a few milliseconds. It performs the function of bus transfer switches per MIL-S-17773-A. Operation is not affected by relative phase between busses, power factor of load or nonlinear loads.

Vickers, Inc., Electric Products Div., Dept. ED, 1815 Locust St., St. Louis 3, Mo.

#### Subminiature Solenoids

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**Respond in 1,500 to 2,000**  $\mu$ sec. Subminiature solenoids actuate 1 lb over 0.015 in. with a power input of 20 to 25 w at 3 to 6 v. Units can be furnished for greater power inputs and long periods of pulse-type duty. Applications include clutch actuation, electromechanical control, card sorting and valve actuation.

Marshall Industries, Wahlgren Magnetics, Solenoid Dept., Dept. ED, 1900 Walker Ave., Monrovia, Calif.

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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

**Industrial Batch Ovens** 

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Provide 356 or 600 F maximum temperatures. Having capacities from 16 to 96 cu ft, these industrial batch ovens are for general aging, drying, preheat-tempering, and similar uses. They are equipped with an indicating thermostat. Construction is heavy steel.

Blue M Electric Co., Dept. ED, 138th & Chatham St., Blue Island, Ill.

#### **Computer Diode**

#### 556

Therma Bond, a heat-pressure method for permanently affixing the silicon disk adds stability to a new computer diode. The unit provides ultra-fast forward and reverse recovery time for high-speed pulse applications, including computer logic, pulse clamping, gating and locking.

U.S. Semiconducter Products, Dept. ED, Phoenix, Ariz.

Availability: engineering samples.

#### **Tape Punch**

407



For 5 to 8-channel paper or Mylar-aluminum tape. Model P76 tape punch operates at the rate of 20 characters per sec. A soundproof enclosure of 3/16-in. cast aluminum reduces noise level of punch operation. The tape supply has a capacity of 1,000 ft of tape and tape reels provide for 400 ft.

General Instrument Corp., Systematics Div., Dept. ED, 3216 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.

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Pacific Semiconductors, Inc., Dept. ED, 12955 Chadron Ave., Hawthorne, Calif.

**P&A:** \$15.30 up and \$85 up in quantities of 100; stock.

#### Humidity Controller 543

Accuracy is 1% RH throughout the entire relative humidity range at temperatures up to 180 F. The Hygrocon-1 humidity reader and controller incorporates the PCRC electro-humidity transducer as its sensing element. It has five RH ranges. Recorder terminals are available.

Phys-Chemical Research Corp., Dept. ED, 40 E. 12th St., New York 3, N. Y.

P&A: \$750; 4 to 8 weeks.

#### Vacuum System

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Bell-jar vacuum system series 2100 model VSC-20 can be exhausted to  $2 \times 10^{-5}$  mm Hg in 30 min and has ultimate pressures in the range of  $10^{-6}$ . It is a selfcontained, 32-in., desk-high console for lab use and small-parts production coating in optical, infrared, electronic and semiconductor fields. The operator can view the work and the instruments and manipulate all controls.

Vacuum Specialties, Inc., Dept. ED, 34 Linden St., Somerville, Mass.

#### **Remote Readouts**

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For digital voltmeters. Any number of these remote readouts can be used with a digital voltmeter or other digital-data source. The assembly measures 3-1/2 x 19 x 17-1/2 in. It accepts binarycoded-decimal 8-4-2-1, gives decimal visual readout and supplies binary-coded-decimal and decimaldata outputs.

Electronic Associates, Inc., Dept. ED, Long Branch, N. J.

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Automation Development Corp., Dept. ED, 11824 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, Calif. **P&A:** \$142; from stock to six weeks.

#### **Decimal Indicators**





From 3 to 6 decimal digits are projected inline by these decimal indicators. Displays are said to be visible at wide angles. Input is binary-coded decimal for series 500, binary for series 1000, either parallel or serial. Units are transistorized, self-contained.

Howard Instrument Co., Dept. ED, Red Bank, N. J.

#### **Temperature Transducer**

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**Range is 0 to 2,000 F** for surface resistance-temperature transducer model 2508. The platinum element resistance is 100 ohms  $\pm 1\%$ at 77 F. Unit can be installed with response times in the msec range. Size is 1-9/16 x 9/16 x 0.014 in. thick. Unit can be cemented or welded to the surface under test.

Winsco Instruments & Controls Co., Dept. ED, 11789 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 64, Calif.

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Atlantis Electronics Corp., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 451, Garland, Tex. Price: \$29.95 fob Garland.



For transistor circuits, these layer-built ceramic capacitors, series N030, have a nominal temperature coefficient of 30 ppm/C. Standard units are available with ratings from 51 to 5,-100 pf at 200 v dc at 85 C, or 50 v dc at 125 C. Standard tolerances are  $\pm 10\%$ ,  $\pm 5\%$  and  $\pm 2\%$ . Tolerances of  $\pm 1\%$  are available on special order.

Sprague Electric Co., Dept. ED, 347 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass.

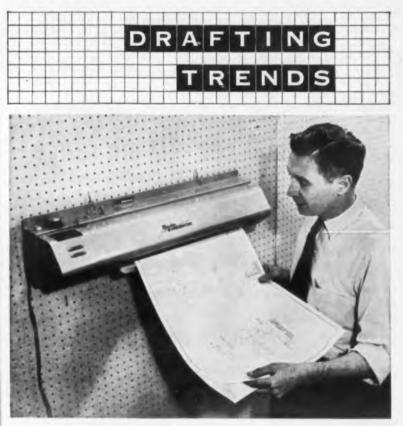
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Brenner-Fiedler & Associates, Inc., Dept. ED, 7563 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 46, Calif.



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Develop-Amatic Engineering, Dept. ED, 923 Industrial Ave., Palo Alto, Calif. **P&A:** \$1,475; 90 days.

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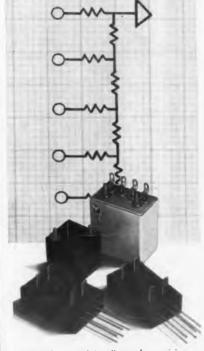
Stripping and tinning of plastic insulated wire and leads on small parts can be done simultaneously with electric soldering pots type 875, rated at 150 w, and type 875T, rated at 300 w. Type 875T can be furnished with an adjustable thermostat.

Electric Soldering Iron Co., Inc., Dept. ED, Deep River, Conn.



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Oscilloscope



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Tektronix, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 500, Beaverton, Ore.

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Video Instrument Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 3002 Pennsylvania Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.

**Ceramic-to-Metal Terminals** 

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Advanced Vacuum Products, Inc., Dept. ED, 430 Fairfield Ave., Stamford, Conn. P&A: \$2 to \$26; stock.

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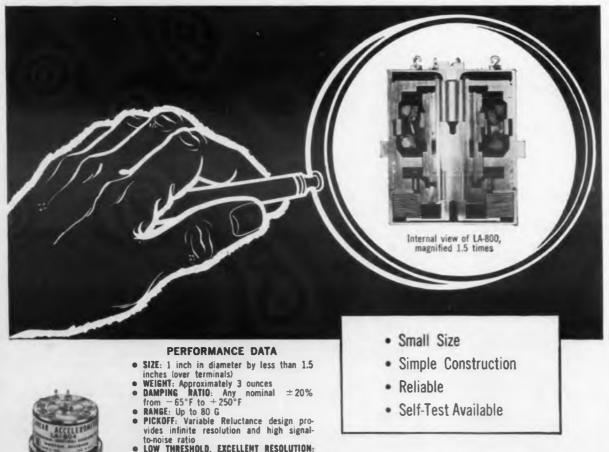
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#### **Angular Accelerometer**

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Donner Scientific Co., Dept. ED, Concord, Calif.

P&A: \$710; 30 days.

#### **Trimmer Potentiometers**

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Rated at 100 ohms to 20 K, model 224 trimmer potentiometers are designed for highreliability system applications. Resolution is 1% for the 100-ohm types, 0.2% for types rated at 20 K. Power rating is 0.5 w at 70 C. Qualitycontrol records can be furnished.

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

#### **Military Relay**

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Withstands 50-g vibration at 3,000 cps and 500-g shock. Hermetically sealed, 4pdt dc relay has a dry circuit to 5-amp contact rating. Insulation resistance is 1,000 meg, dielectric strength is 1,000 v rms. The relay is capable of switching high and low power levels interchangeably.

Couch Ordnance, Inc., Dept. ED, 3 Arlington St., North Quincy 71, Mass.



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Delta-F, Inc., Dept. ED, 113 E. State St., Geneva, Ill.

P&A: \$5.50 to \$14.25; stock to 3 weeks.

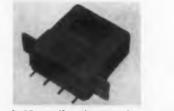


Accuracy is  $\pm 0.01\%$  from 1.5 to 1,125 v from 20 to 50,000 cps. Model FLH portable ac voltage standard directly measures the influence of frequency on the indication of voltmeters, calibrators and other transfer standards. Resolution is 0.005% min.

Sensitive Research Instrument Corp., Dept. ED, 310 Main St., New Rochelle, N. Y. **Price:** \$1,685.



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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

#### Latching Relays

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Elgin National Watch Co., Electronics Div., Dept. ED, 2435 N. Naomi St., Burbank, Calif. Availability: 4 to 8 weeks.

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Cryotronics, Inc., Dept. ED, Mountainside, N. J.



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Bell & Howell Co., Data Recorders Div. of Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., Dept. ED, 360 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif.

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Ib	5.3	11.5	mA
Gm	6800	14,500	µmho:
Mu	50	70	

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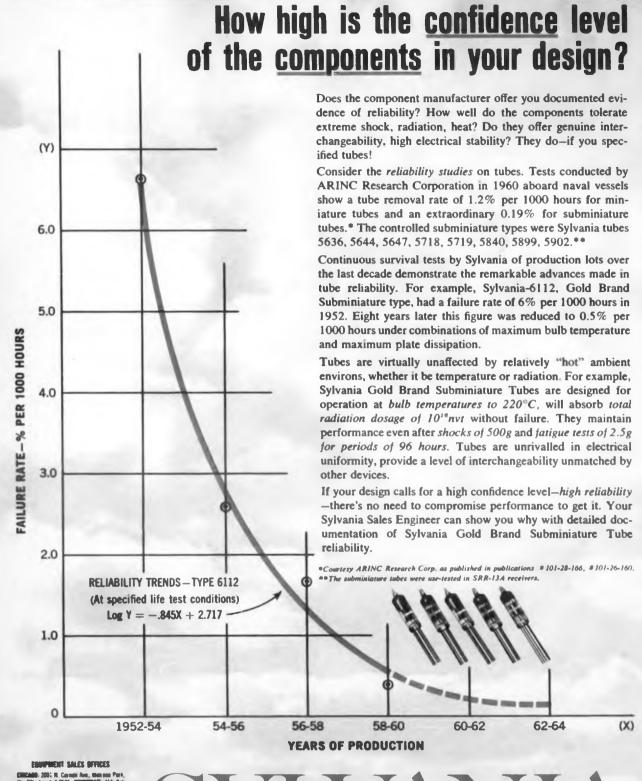
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#### **Telemetering Equipment**

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Westinghouse Electric Corp., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 2099, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

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Rotron Manufacturing Co., Inc., Dept. ED, Woodstock, N. Y.





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Electronic Associates, Inc., Dept. ED, Long Branch, N. J.

#### **Coating Test Device** 544

Nondestructive test device Type EC gages nonconductive coatings on aluminum and its alloys. It also measures thickness of nonferrous metal on a nonferrous base, thickness of a nonferrous coating on a nonconductor and the conductivity of nonferrous materials.

Twin City Testing Corp., Dept. ED, 533 S. Niagara St., Tonawanda, N. Y.

#### **Computer Tape**

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Two types are offered. Series 832 computer tape exceeds 300,-000 error-free passes on the firm's FR-300 digital-tape transport at a packing density of 556 bits per in. Also offered, series 834 exceeds 25,000 error-free passes at the same packing density.

Ampex Corp., Magnetic Tape Products, Dept. ED, Opelika, Ala. Availability: through distributors.

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#### NEW PRODUCTS

cells in potentiometer instruments and model BS(TC)-1 replaces the dry cell, standardizing mechanism, and standard cell.

Dynage, Inc., Dept. ED, 390 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Conn.

#### Core-Memory Tester 431

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

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Controlled Atmosphere Enclosures Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 5864, Jacksonville 7, Fla. Availability: on a rental basis.

#### **Potting Compounds**

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Acme Wire Co., National Aniline Div., Dept. ED, 40 Rector St., New York 6, N. Y.

#### Frequency Standards 434

Range is 360 cps to 4 kc for both frequency standards. Type SMA high-precision unit measures  $1-5/8 \ge 1-5/8 \ge 1-5/8$  in., weighs about 2 oz, and fits flat into printed-circuit boards. Type SM has a vertical design. Both provide complete frequency stabilization in 30 sec after application of power.

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Va	170	200	230	V
V <sub>g2</sub>	90	90	90	V
V <sub>93</sub>	0	0	0	V
1 <sub>a</sub>	14	12	10.5	mA
I 92	5.3	4.5	3.6	mA
Vgi	-1.8	-2.0	-2.1	V
9m	14	12.5	10.6	mA V
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Tempo Instrument Inc., Dept. ED, Hicksville, N. Y.

Frequency-to-DC Converter413



For telemetering flow and tachometer data. The FR-84 airborne frequency-to-dc converter provides an output of 0 to 5 v dc with  $\pm 0.25\%$ linearity, over-range limiting at 6.8 v and a power consumption of 45 ma at 27.5 v. Consisting of solid-state circuitry on printed-circuit cards, it withstands 100-g shock and 20-g vibration. Weight is less than 1 lb.

Waugh Engineering Div., The Foxboro Co., Dept. ED, 7740 Lemona Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.



Range is 0.1 ohm to 10 meg for digital ohmmeter model NLS 784. Unit is fully automatic, with automatic range changing, positioning of the decimal point, and built-in controls for automatic readout to data printers. It can read at an average rate of 1 reading per sec, with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.05\%$  of reading plus one digit. Non-Linear Systems, Inc., Dept. ED, Del Mar, Calif. **P&A:** \$1,650; from stock.





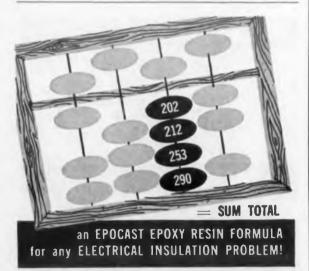
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Microminiature Components



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A sample kit, type A, contains all the microminiature components necessary to build 10-kc flip-flop with set and reset capabilities and occupying 0.179 cu in. Type B kit contains the same components and accessories, plus interconnecting materials, terminals and encapsulating materials for building a variety of other circuits.

P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., Microcomponents Dept., Dept. ED, Indianapolis 6, Ind. Price: A, \$44.95; B, \$139.95.



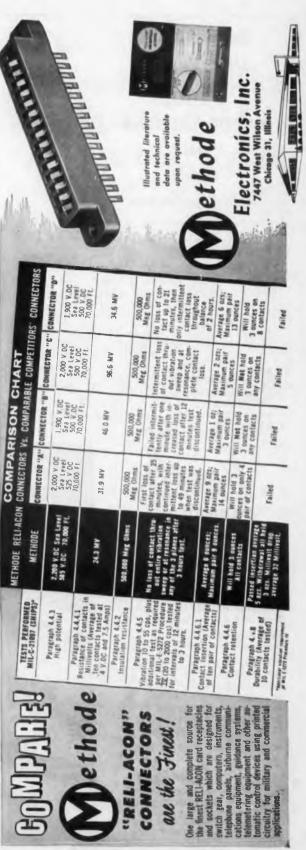
For use to 200 mc. Model CU 723 spdt coaxial switch has a vswr of less than 1.15, isolation of better than 33 db, insertion loss of less than 0.1 db, power capability of 150 w and switching time of 7 msec. Life is 100,000 actuations. Other types of connectors can be furnished. Bay-Roy Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, P. O.

Box 7503, Cleveland 30, Ohio.



Used as class-B linear amplifiers in audio or rf applications, these power tubes require no bias. Typical power gain is 20 in grounded-grid circuits. Triodes provide 0.5 to 20 kw pep. Types 3-400Z, 3-1000Z, and 3X3000F7 are of glass and metal construction; types. 3CX10.000A7 and 3CV20.000A3 are ceramic and metal.

Eitel-McCullough, Inc., Dept. ED, San Carlos, Calif.



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ASBURY PARK 41, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

CIRCLE 158 ON READER-SERVICE CARD ELECTRONIC DESIGN • September 27, 1961 **Tape Head** 



For stereo recording. Type RH-4 tape head operates with four-track stereo tape systems. Frequency response at 3-3/4 in. per sec is -10db at 10,000 cps with an output of 3 my at 1,000 cps. It also plays at 7.5 in. per sec with a frequency response of -5 db at 10,000 cps and an output of 3 my at 1,000 cps. A matching erase head is available.

Sonotone Corp., Dept. ED. Elmsford, N. Y. P&A: \$28.50; to OEM.



For instantaneous checking of individual circuits in multi-conductor assemblies. Model NT-103 cable-continuity tester can be used for checkout of 57 conductors at one time and is suitable for missile-systems cable checkout. It is portable, measures 13 x 17 x 23 in. and operates on 110 v ac.

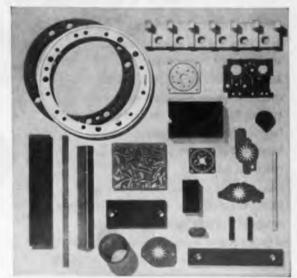
Noble-Tanksley Corp., Dept. ED, 1650 Collamer Road, Cleveland 10, Ohio,



For JEDEC TO-3 power transistors, diodes and rectifiers. Type CFG mount is black phenolic as per MIL-N-14; type MME, melamine per MIL-M-14; type SDG, diallyl phthalate per MIL-M-18794. Contacts are spring-temper phosphor bronze, electrotin plated, accepting 0.04 or 0.05-in. pins.

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Jepson Thermoelectrics, Inc., Dept. ED, 139 Nevada St. El Segundo, Calif.

#### **Missile and Space Timers**

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Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Ordnance Div., Dept. ED, 600 Second St., N. Hopkins, Minn.

#### **Rack and Panel Connectors** 385

For switching and re-routing applications these rack and panel connectors have polarizing pins that provide positive mating. Receptacle series 2P-SD-600 have low voltage drop after repeated insertions. Plugs are designated series 2P-MD-600. Contacts are spring tempered, gold-plated phosphor bronze.

Methode Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 7447 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago 31, Ill.

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The Boeing Co., Dept. ED, Seattle 24, Wash.

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#### **Electronic Nerve Cell**

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Illustrated above is a section of the schematic diagram for the artificial neuron (nerve cell).

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Research to explore the information processing in nervous systems is now underway at Bell Telephone Laboratories. Here, scientists are experimenting with newly developed electronic elements which are designed to imitate the actions of a living nerve cell. Too little is yet known about living cells to permit exact electronic duplication. However, experiments with groups of artificial neurons have roughly duplicated some of the eye's basic reaction to light. This new approach to studying basic nerve network functions can provide clues for stimulating further exploration into the fundamentals of the transmission of intelligence.

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Draftette Co., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 794, Beverly Hills, Calif. *Price: \$8 or \$9*.

#### **Selenium Rectifiers**



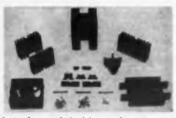
Paper base phenolic cartridge houses thin cell selenium rectifiers. Cells are made of 0.010 in. aluminum stock. Stacks have up to 500 cells. Cells operate at 130 C ambient temperature. A single stack used in a half wave circuit will accommodate 15,000 v and will block a peak reverse voltage of 31,500 v.

General Electric Co., Rectifier Components Dept., Dept. ED, W. Genesee St., Auburn, N. Y.

**Heat-Sink Kit** 

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**Complete** heat-sink kit series A contains 17 natural-convection, conduction and forced-convection units as well as three sets of mounting kits. The heat sinks provide a range of thermal resistance to cover all possible transistor applications. Natural convection units range from 0.68 to 1.9 C per w.

Astro Dynamics, Inc., Dept. ED, Northwest Industrial Park, Burlington, Mass. P&A: \$37.50; stock.

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For original use ... For incorporation into laboratory equipment ... In 55- to 400-cycle systems. The Trans Electronics Model RS305A Power Supply provides voltage regulation of .05% load and .05% line over the entire 225- to 325-volt range. Operating current range 0-50 ma, continuous duty, with filament output of 6.3 volts CT AC @ 3 amps. Units feature low ripple and noise (5 mv peak to peak); fast recovery time (25 to 50 microseconds). Three versions of Model RS305A offer, respectively, modular construction in package 5 x  $4\frac{1}{6}$  x  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; rack-mounting; and rack-mounted models with  $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch meters, in case with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch panel height. Input is 105-125 volts AC.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

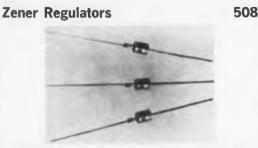
model*	voltage range	current ma	filament volts/amps	price
RS-110 RR-110 RM-110	0.100	0.100	6.3/3	\$108.00 133.00 169.00
RS-205 RR-205 RM-205	150-225	0.50	6.3/3	55.50 80.00 115.00
RS-217A RR-217A RM-217A	150-225	0-175	6.3/8	87.50 112.50 147.50
RS-305 RR-305 RM-305	225-325	0-50	6.3/3	55.50 80.00 115.00
R8-317 RR-317 RM-317	225-325	0-175	6.3/8	87.50 112.50 147.50
RR-450 RM-450 DUAL TRACKING	+ 300-400	0-50	6.3/2 6.3/1.5 6.3/1.5	155.50 196.00
RR-473 RM-473 DUAL TRACKING	+ 300-400 	0-25	6.3/2 6.3/1.5 6.3/1.5	140.00 175.00
RS-505 RR-505 RM-505	300-5002	0.50	6.3/3	81.50 106.50 141.50
RR-303 RS-303	0-300 0-300	0-500	6.3/15 6.3/15	320.00
RR-550 RM-550	300-500 300-500	0-500	6.3/15 6.3/15	310.00

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North American Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 71 Linden St., West Lynn, Mass.

#### Transient Voltage Indicator 507



Has two ranges: 0 to 200 v at  $\pm 5\%$  fullscale accuracy and 0 to 2,000 v at  $\pm 2\%$ . Selfcontained and portable, the transient voltage indicator detects pulses down to 1  $\mu$ sec. Input impedance is 5 pf in shunt with 1 meg, both ranges. Battery power is used.

Vapor Heating Corp., Dept. ED, 6444 W. Howard St., Chicago 48, Ill. Availability: through distributors.



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Lehigh Valley Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED. Allentown, Pa.



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**Decade Scaler** 

One mc counter module is a count-to-ten device that utilizes the 8-4-2-1 binary code to count random serial pulses at any rate to 1 mc. Any number of these units can be cascaded by means of front panel connectors. Visual display is by neon-lighted decimal digits. An analog voltage equivalent of the final count is available on the front panel.

Harvey-Wells Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 14 Huron Drive, Natick, Mass. P&A: \$141.40; from stock.

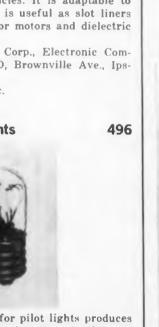
#### **Insulating Cloths and Tapes**

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McMillan Industrial Corp., Electronic Components Div., Dept. ED, Brownville Ave., Ipswich, Mass.

Availability: from stock.

**Bulb for Pilot Lights** 



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General Electric Co., Dept. ED, Nela Park, Cleveland 12, Ohio. P&A: \$0.95; to OEM.



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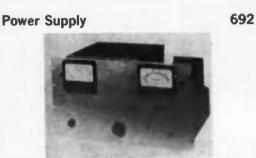
#### Solid State Timers

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Range is from several seconds to 15 min. Units have wide application as sequencers, time delay relays and automatic cycling switches. Standard operative voltage is 18 to 28 v dc. Other voltages are available on request.

Crane Electronics Co., Dept. ED, 4345 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, Calif.



Output is 15 to 40 kv at 2 ma, continuously variable, for the power supply model 2M-40. A bar shorts the high voltage output when the unit is not in use. Unit is useful in insulation testing, plastic pinning, electrostatic flocking and painting and other applications.

Spellman High Voltage Co., Dept. ED, 1930 Adee Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y.

#### Multiturn Potentiometers

Range is 5 to 600 K ohms for the potentiometers series 3600. Units are available in both 3 and 10-turn models. Resolution is down to 0.004% and 135 tap positions are possible. Operating temperature range is from -55 to +105 C. Standard resistance is  $\pm 3\%$ . Power rating at 40 C derating to 0 at 105 C is 5 w for the 3-turn model and 7 w for the 10-turn model.

Duncan Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, 2865 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, Calif.

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The Sebit-24B Transmitter-Receiver represents the most recent per-formance improvement over the Sebit-24A, already recognized as a superior data modem. Design improvements so far have reduced an original 2.25% message error rate to 0.075% (approximately 4 bit errors in 10<sup>7</sup>) and it's going lower. For the present, this sets the "state-of-the-art" for 2400 bit/sec. . operation over available 3 Kc voice ÷. bandwidth, wire line circuits. Re-. liability of greater than 5000 hours . mean time between failure has been established for the Sebit-24. Recent competitive laboratory and . operational circuit testing supports this high performance and reliability.

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#### **Chopper Stabilizing Amplifier**



A single-ended, non-inverting device, the series 100 chopper stabilizing amplifier utilizes solid-state circuitry and a 10,000-hr mechanical chopper. It has a stable 80 db dc-to-dc gain with  $\pm 5$  v output. Terminals provide for either internally filtered or unfiltered output. The unit can be driven from source impedance up to 50 K.

C.E.S. Electronic Products, Dept. ED, 5026 Newport Ave., San Diego 7, Calif.

#### **Blowing Equipment**

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For enclosed rack, cabinet or console use, the Trans-Aire blower line is for use where excessive heat is generated. Units are available in three sizes with air displacement ranges from 100 to 700 cfm. All models have thermal overload protection and automatic reset.

Bud Radio, Inc., Dept. ED, 2118 E. 55th St., Cleveland 5, Ohio.

#### **Follower Amplifier**

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Plug-in follower amplifier model K2-BJ is used as a booster with the company's militarized operational amplifiers. Unit provides for the operational amplifiers an increased steadystate output of 20 ma at  $\pm 100$  v, gain about 0.8, and output impedance about 250 ohm before feedback.

Philbrick Researches, Inc., Dept. ED, 127 Clarendon St., Boston 16, Mass. **Price:** \$49. compact t/d/r for compact control systems

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Tri-R Instruments, Dept. ED, 144-13 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica 35, N. Y.

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**Range** is 0.01 to 0.33  $\mu$ fd for the capacitor 605. Rating is 50 v. Temperature range is -55 to +125 C at full rated voltage. Tolerances are  $\pm 20$ ,  $\pm 10$  and  $\pm 5\%$ . Metal case is hermetically sealed and is a flat shape with oval cross section. Units meet all military environmental requirements and vibration specifications of NIL-C-19978A.

Good-All Electric Manufacturing Co., Dept. ED, Ogallala, Neb.

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Electro-Mech Corp., Reliance Instrument Div., Dept. ED, 500 Livingston St., Norwood, N.J.

#### Accuracy Is Our Policy

The photograph accompanying the description of the ADC-1B analog-to-digital converter manufactured by Systems Engineering Laboratories, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., which appeared on p 68 of the June 21 issue of ELECTRONIC DE-SIGN, showed the five different types of circuit cards used in its construction rather than the converter. Also, the line that reads only five different circuit cards are used . . ., should have read, only five different types of circuit cards are used.



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Magnasync Corp., Dept. ED, 5546 Satsuma Ave., North Hollywood, Calif.

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

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**Range is** —300 to 2,000 F for indicating temperature controller series 6000-A. Units utilize a Wheatstone bridge circuit with a choice of four control modes covering the complete range of temperature control from on-off through proportional and 3-position operation. A fail-safe resistance sensing element is used.

Electronic Processing Corp., Dept. ED, 436 Bryant St., San Francisco, Calif. Price: from \$185 to \$250.



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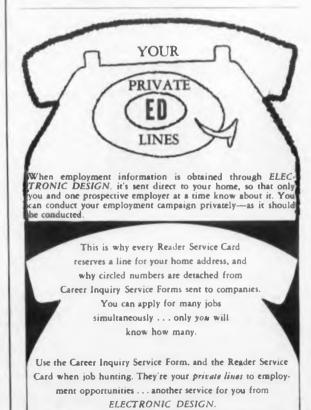
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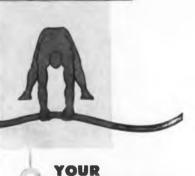


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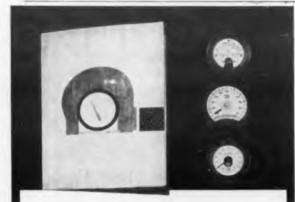
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The Glastic Corp., Dept. ED, 4321 Glenridge Road, Cleveland 21, Ohio.

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Holtzer-Cabot Motor Div., National Pneumatic Co., Inc., Dept. ED, 125 Armory St., Boston 19, Mass.

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KeXplore Electronics, Inc., Dept. ED, Houston, Tex. P&A: \$379; less than 60 days.

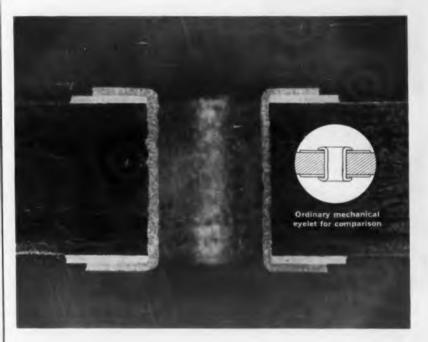


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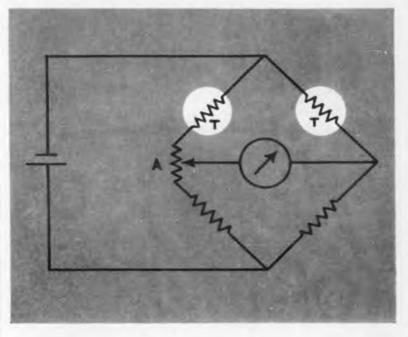
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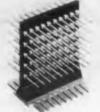
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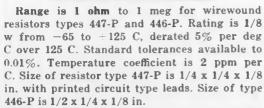
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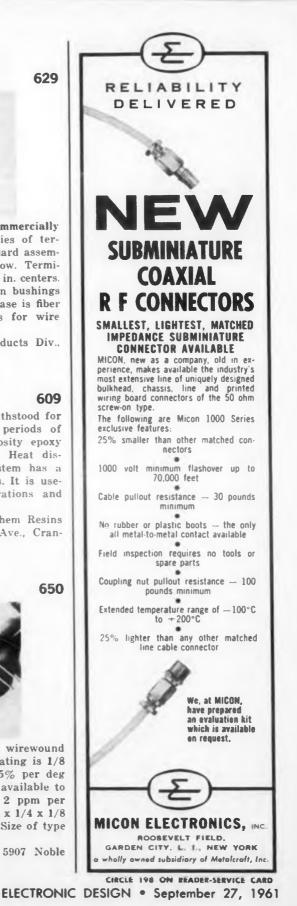
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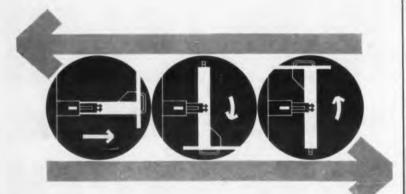
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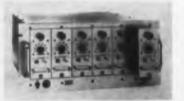
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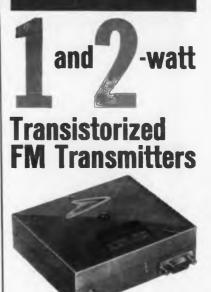
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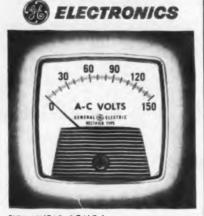
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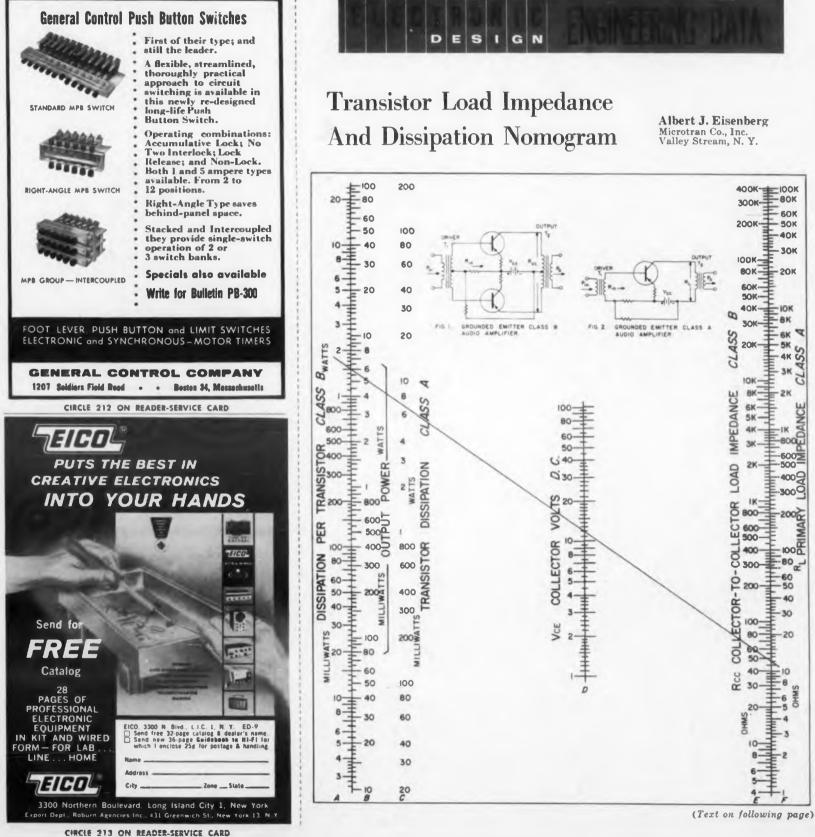
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# **Transistor Load Impedance and Dissipation Nomogram**

(Nomogram on preceding page)

Given:

C ALCULATIONS involved in the design of class A and B audio and servo amplifiers can be tedious and time-consuming. With the nomogram presented, the primary and secondary impedance of driver and output transformers can be quickly found. Transistor dissipation and driving power can also be read from the nomogram.

# **Typical Examples Illustrating** Use of the Nomogram

- Problem 1: To determine required primary impedance of output transformer  $T_2$  and transistor dissipation, see Fig. 1.
- $V_{ce} = 12 \text{ v} \approx V_{ce}$  (power supply Given: voltage)
  - $P_{\rm o} = 5$  w to speaker load Assume transformer efficiency of
- Solution: 80 per cent. Then the transistor output power required = 5/0.8

= 6 w.

- A) Using nomogram, draw a straight line from output pow . of 6 w on scale B through collector volts, Ver of 12 on scale D. Extend line and read primary impedance  $R_{cc}$  of 48 ohms C. T. for class B operation on scale E, or  $R_L$  of 12 ohms for class A on scale F.
- B) Read transistor dissipation of 1.5 w each for class B operation on scale A, or 12 w for class A on scale C. Verify that transistor power dissipation ratings are not exceeded.
- Problem 2: To determine primary and secondary impedances of driver transformer  $(T_1)$  to match transistor input impedance  $(R_{in})$ . Also determine the required driving power  $(P_{in})$ .
- Use the following equations: For class B output stage (Fig. 1)

$$R_{in} \approx 4 h_{io}$$

$$P_{in} \approx \frac{4 h_{ie} P O_{pp}}{(h_{fe})^2 R_{ce}}$$

For class A output stage (Fig. 2)

$$R_{in} \approx h_{ie}$$

$$P_{in} \approx \frac{h_{iel} O_A}{(h_{le})^2 R_L}$$

Assume 2N656A's or 2N1481's in class B output stage of Fig. 1. Transistor output power  $PO_{pp} =$ 6 w.  $V_{CE} = 12$  v. Primary impedance  $R_{cc}$  of  $T_{z} =$ 48 ohms C.T. Solution:

- A) Transistor handbook ratings for 2N656A are:  $h_{le} \approx 40$ 
  - and  $h_{ie} \approx 200$ . B)  $R_{in} \approx 4h_{ie} = 4 \times 200 = 800$ ohms C.T. secondary impedance of  $T_1$ .

C) 
$$P_{in} \simeq \frac{4h_{ie} PO_{pp}}{(h_{fe})^2 R_{cc}}$$

$$=\frac{4\times200\times6}{(40)^2\times48}=62.5$$
 mw.

Allowing for typical transformer efficiency of 75 per cent, input power to  $T_1$  should be 62.5/0.75= 83.3 mw.

D) Use nomogram to determine primary impedance of driver transformer  $T_1$  by drawing line from 83.3 mw on scale B through 12 v dc on scale D. Read class A primary impedance of 850 ohms on scale F.

# **Reference** Information

**Class A Formulas** 

Transistor power output,  $PO_A = \frac{V_{CE}}{2R_*}$ ; Power gain,  $G_{eA} \approx \frac{(h_{Ie})^2 R_L}{h_{Ie}}$ Power in,  $P_{in} = \frac{PO_A}{\bar{G}_{e_A}} = \frac{h_{ie}PO_A}{(h_{le})^2 R_L}$ (Assumes > 10 mw power level)**Class B Formulas** Transistor power output  $PO_{pp} = \frac{V_{CE}}{2R_{c}}$ Power gain  $G_{e_B} \approx \frac{(h_{/e})^2 R_{ce}}{4h_{ie}}$ 

Power in, 
$$P_{1n} = \frac{PO_{pp}}{G_{e_B}} \approx \frac{4h_{ie}PO_{pp}}{(h_{fe})^2 R_{ee}}$$

(Assumes > 50 mw power level)

### References

Motorola 1960 Power Transistor Handbook, pp 64-81. G.E. Transistor Manual 5th edition, pp 44-47.

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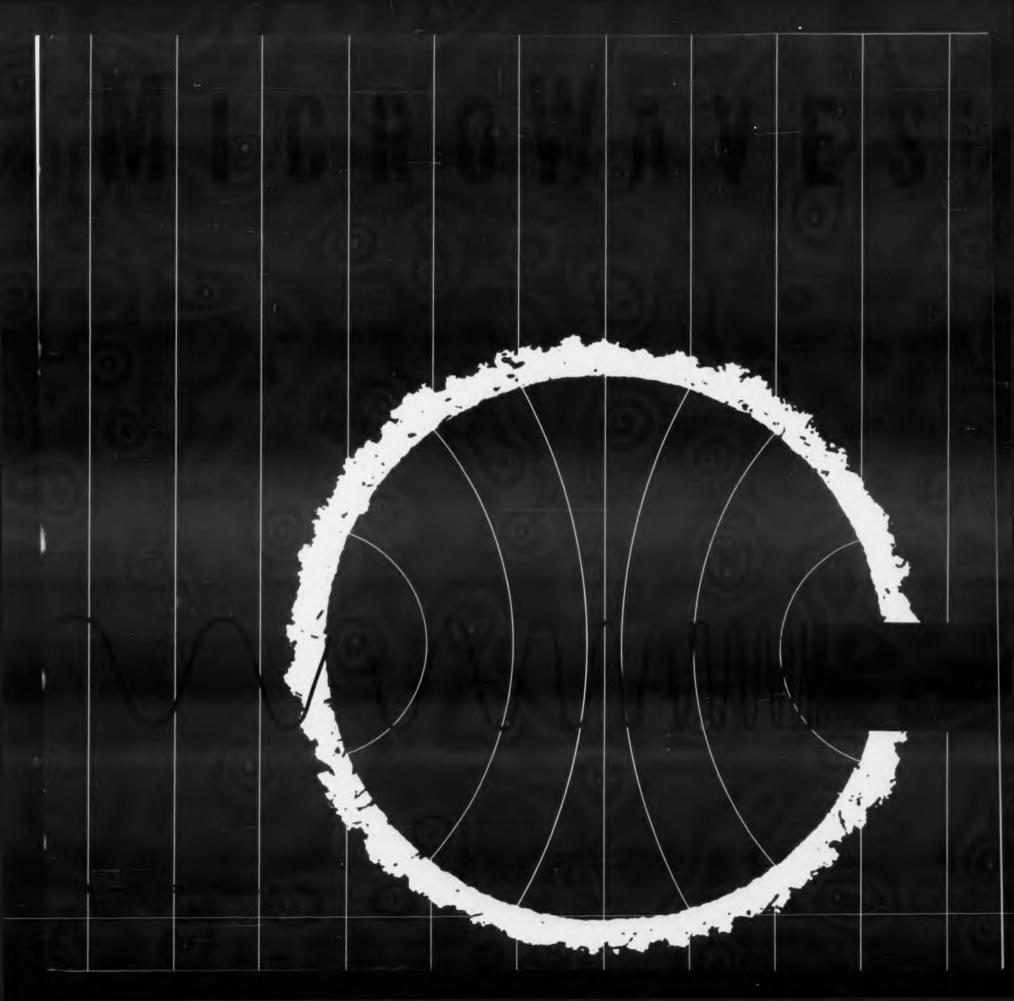


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# The (Strip) Line Forms on the Right

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The venerable strip transmission line has been with us long enough for development of the necessary applications know-how. Much of this knowledge is distilled into the article by Jesse Taub beginning on p 182 of this issue. With the technique's novelty largely worn off, the time has come for intelligent applications.

The same is true of parametric frequency generators, slated for increased use in microwave systems as described in the article on the opposite page.

The transition from laboratory to practical hardware involves a certain time lag. Here are two instances where the process is more or less completed. So step right up and take advantage of these useful, proved techniques in the design of your own equipment.

> Efficient circuits and increased power capabilities underlie the current emphasis on solid-state microwave generators reported in

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# **Systems Applications Due for Parametric Frequency Multipliers**

### **Manfred Meisels**

Technical Editor

A RAPIDLY expanding market is anticipated by manufacturers of parametric frequency multipliers. The emergence of efficient multiplier circuits has opened many microwave-system applications calling for an all-solid-state, stable-frequency source of low to moderate power.

- Such uses include:
- Local oscillators
- Transmitter exciters
- Parametric amplifier pumps
- Telemetry transmitters
- Test equipment

Parametric multipliers have found limited but important use in all these areas, and design plans call for their continued application in larger quantities.

NASA, for example, has specified these devices for telemetry transmission in its Surveyor probe and Orbiting Astronomical Observatory. Surveyor will carry a 2-w, 2.2-Gc unit, while a 20-w, 400-mc transmitter will be carried aboard the observatory. Both transmitters are being manufactured by the Hughes Aircraft Co.

Other frequency multipliers slated for use as transmitters, exciters or local oscillators in classified military equipment are being developed by Microwave Associates, Convair-Pomona, Space Technology Laboratories and Micromega.

Commercial applications still are restricted by the relatively high cost of these devices. One instance of commercial interest, however, is evidenced by Canadian Marconi's unsuccessful bid to buy American parametric local oscillators at about \$1,000 per copy for the company's microwave—relay equipment. It is reported that the Canadian firm now plans to manufacture these units itself.

Test-equipment applications, especially on production lines, where a reliable, preset and twiddle-proof frequency source is often needed, are stressed by the apparatus division of Texas Instruments. The company has been marketing a fairly extensive line of such instruments since late 1960. An indication of Texas Instruments' ambitions in this area is its unwillingness to disclose sales figures or future marketing plans.

"There are still only a few outfits really active here, and we don't want to encourage any new entries," a company spokesman declared.

### Firms Report Brisk Response To Parametric Multipliers

Other companies are relatively satisfied with their business in parametric frequency multipliers. Micromega, Calif., admits to having delivered 25 units during the past year and reports that new inquiries are coming at an average of three per week.

Microwave Associates has delivered some 50 units to date and is similarly encouraged by the rate of inquiries.

The key to this recent interest in parametric frequency multipliers has been the development of considerably more efficient circuitry. At frequencies below 1 Gc, conversion efficiencies of up to 90 per cent are said to be possible. At X-band, efficiencies drop off to between 10 and 30 per cent, but performance is nevertheless adequate for many low-power applications.

Microwave Associates is in the midst of an Air Force-sponsored program calling for development of a 9-Gc source delivering 200 mw. This is to be achieved by a tripler circuit driven with a 3-Gc signal, likewise developed by a parametric multiplier chain.

Space Technology Laboratories is reported to have operated a similar 9-Gc unit deliv-



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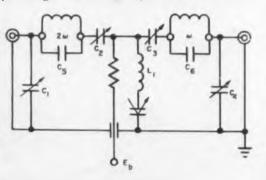
ering 130 mw with 1/2 w input to the final tripler stage. The latter company's work is generally supported by its affiliate—Pacific Semiconductors, Inc. The two companies jointly demonstrated at WESCON a 2.25-Gc telemetry transmitter developing 2.5 w.

There seems to be no clear-cut preference among designers in the use of doublers, triplers or quadruplers. Some believe that quadruplers will have greater efficiency at low frequencies than an equivalent combination of two cascaded doublers. One advantage of using quadruplers and possibly triplers, especially at low frequencies, is the ability to "leap-frog" over the awkward region between 500 and 1,000 mc where both distributed and lumped circuit elements come into play.

Much of the performance attainable by the circuits depends on the choice of varactor. Square-law-response diodes typified by the silicon-alloy junction type are thought by some to be best suited to tripler circuits and to be more efficient generators of the higher harmonics.

Cube-law diodes, typified by the siliconmesa type, are favored by others as being less temperature-sensitive than the alloy junction diode.

Commonly agreed upon power limits now feasible—at various frequencies range from approximately 5 w at S-band down to 1 w at X-band. These limits assume, however, the use of a single diode per stage. Designers at Micromega and Hughes, however, have explored the paralleling of several veractors per stage. Micromega spokesmen are parti-



High-efficiency frequency doubler with common inductance developed by Pacific Semiconductors, Inc. in its parametric multiplier units. Measured over-all efficiency of this circuit at 125 mc input was 70 per cent.

cularly optimistic about such techniques and claim to be well along in developing procedures for matching and compensating the several diodes in each stage.

In any event, design of parametric multiplier circuits is by no means a stagnating art. David Leeson, of Stanford University and Hughes Aircraft, is among those working to establish a theoretical foundation for the design of multipliers. "At present," he notes, "hardware development has outstripped the theory." A designer at Convair-Pomona comments: "The multiplier circuits that I've seen don't begin to exploit the characteristics of currently available diodes."

A useful contribution in this area may be the charts and nomograms derived by Bliss Diamond of the Lincoln Laboratory that completely predict the performance of multipliers given the pertinent varactor characteristic. Mr. Diamond indicates that the validity of his data was confirmed by the performance of several amplifiers designed according to his charts.

While the interest in parametric multipliers has been heightened by the promise of reasonably high power, some designers believe the real future for these devices lies in the already achieved low-power circuits. This view is exemplified by Thomas Hylton of Texas Instruments, whose company has effectively declared itself out of the watt-power race. "If a customer wants high power, he's better off with a hybrid device with a vacuum tube or twt output stage," Mr. Hylton told ELECTRONIC DESIGN.

"For a klystron local oscillator replacement. an all-solid-stage generator is ideal, but the race for higher and higher power is not where these converters belong.

"When you drive varactors to their power limits you're destroying much of the reliability that makes them attractive in the first place," Mr. Hylton added.

### Parametric Multiplier Boasts Low Power Drain, Stability

Mr. Hylton emphasized that the real advantage of the crystal-controlled parametric multiplier is its low power drain and stability. In this respect, many designers believe that it will supplant the stabilized klystron local oscillator, with price an important advantage as quantity production develops. MICROWAVES



**Typical harmonic generator** built by Microwave Associates. This model 799C employs 500-mw 11-Gc input to deliver 33 Gc output with 20 db conversion loss. Device incorporates input and output filters.

For many applications, broad-band performance is required. The efficiencies and outputs cited for the multipliers generally assume single-frequency operation. Designers now are trying to achieve similar performance in broad-band devices. A bandwidth of about 10 per cent generally is required in many of the oscillator, exciter and transmitter applications for which parametric multipliers are considered. Microwave Associates, Micromega and Convair-Pomona are particularly active in this aspect of circuit design.

In efforts to reach higher frequencies, diode manufacturers are attempting fabrication of ever-smaller structures. One development, reported by Semiconductor Devices. Newport Beach, Calif., is manufacture of an epitaxial silicon mesa structure only 0.0005 in. across. Zero bias capacitances down to 0.3  $\mu\mu f$  are possible, according to the company officials.

Silicon appears to be the favored varactor material for multiplier diodes. Texas Instruments, however, employs gallium arsenide diodes of its own design at higher frequencies.

Spurious harmonic output of the parametric frequency multipliers is generally held to at least 30 db below the signal by proper filtering. Noise is said to be below that generated by equivalent vacuum-tube circuits if the varactors are not driven hard. At higher powers, the multipliers tend to be somewhat noisier than vacuum tubes, it is reported.

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# When to Use Strip Transmission Line



Microwave designers are learning the hard way that strip transmission line circuits do not always save size and weight when reasonably high performance is required. On a cost basis, however, strip lines are often quite attractive in comparison with waveguide and coaxial line. Author Jesse Taub here examines the several types of strip line on the market and points out how they can be profitably applied in the design of microwave components and systems.



### Jesse Taub

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WITH THE ADVENT of strip transmission line development it was commonly believed that the apparent cost, size and weight advantages of strip lines would render waveguide and coaxial cable obsolete in many areas of microwave design.

Experience has shown, however, that devices made of strip transmission line are often larger than those made of waveguide, especially where reasonably good electrical performance is required. The major reason for consideration of strip line remains economy, and here, the technique has indeed fulfilled expectations.

The alert microwave designer should, nevertheless, appreciate that for many specialized applications, strip line offers an economical and versatile alternative to rigid waveguide. The five types of strip transmission line in use are:

- Microstrip
- Solid strip transmission line
- Stripline\*
- Triplate\*
- High-power strip transmission line.

Construction of these lines is illustrated in Figs. 1 through 5.

Microstrip, developed by ITT Laboratories, employs a single ground plane (Fig. 1). Radiation losses are minimized by keeping the strip close to the ground plane. Although Microstrip is the least expensive type of strip line, it has a higher attenuation constant <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> than strip lines using two ground planes. Applications described in this article require lower attenuation constants than are available with Microstrip.

Solid strip transmission line consists of a single strip conductor located symmetrically between two ground planes (see Fig. 2);

Type of Strip Transmission Line	Advantages	Disadvantages	
Microstrip	Compact Light Inexpensive Self-supporting	High losses	
Solid strip trans- mission line	Very low losses (mainly 12R losses) Light	Bulky Not self-supporting	
Stripline	Low losses Sturdy	Bulky	
Triplate	Compact Self-supporting	Comparably higher losses Heavy	
High-power strip transmission line Megawatt power handling		Bulky Expensive (but may be cheaper than high-power waveguide) Not self-supporting	

Table 1. Characteristics of strip transmission lines

the dielectric medium is air. Loss characteristics of this line are comparable to coaxial line<sup>4</sup> of the same cross-sectional area. Since the double set of ground planes minimizes radiation losses, attenuation is due mainly to conductor losses.

To achieve low attenuation, strip symmetry must be maintained by regularly placed dielectric supports. The swr effect of these supports is similar to that of bead supports on coaxial lines. With careful design, a low swr can be achieved.

Stripline, developed by Airborne Instruments Laboratory, is slightly more lossy than solid strip transmission line, but is more easily supported. The main strip (see Fig. 3) is formed by a pair of thin copper strips bonded to a dielectric sheet. If the total thickness of the main strip is t, the line's properties will be similar to those of a strip transmission line having a solid strip of thickness t.

The dielectric separating the two strips has little effect on the line's characteristic impedance and attenuation because the electric field penetration is small.<sup>4</sup> Dielectric loss due to the fringe field is minimized by using thin dielectric sheets. A sheet thickness of 0.020 in. is typical.

Stripline is readily supported by metal pins spaced about one ground plane from the edges of the strip.

Triplate, developed by Sanders Associates, has a cross section similar to that of solid strip transmission line, but employs a solid dielectric (See Fig. 4).

The main advantage of this dielectric sandwich line is that it is self-supporting. Sandwich lines can be made in much smaller sizes than the other double-ground-plane types; components having ground-plane spacings of 1/32 in. are typical. Because of

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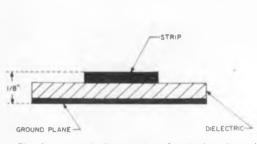


Fig. 1. Microstrip line consists of a single strip and single ground plane separated by a dielectric. This line is relatively inexpensive but has higher attenuation than lines with two ground planes.

construction problems, other double-groundplane types rarely use spacings of less than 1/4 in.

The sandwich line has a higher attenuation than other double-ground-plane types because of its small size and because of dissipation in the dielectric. Sandwich lines are best suited to applications where some attenuation loss can be tolerated.

# **High Power Line Operates** At Megawatt Power Levels

High-power strip transmission line can be operated at megawatt peak-power levels. To reduce corona effects, the strips are thicker than in other lines (1/8 in. or greater) and are rounded at the edges (see Fig. 5). The dielectric is air. As in solid strip transmission line, strip symmetry is necessary and is maintained by regularly placed stub supports. Although the high-power line is the most expensive of the five strip lines discussed here, it is nevertheless more economical than many waveguide highpower components.

Characteristics of the five-strip transmission lines are summarized in Table 1. Impedance and attenuation properties of strip transmission line have been derived by S. B. Cohn.<sup>5</sup> His curves are reproduced here as Figs. 6 and 7. They give the characteristics of the transmission line as a function of ground-plane spacing, strip width, strip thickness, and the dielectric constant of the medium.

These curves are directly applicable to solid strip transmission line and to Triplate.

The characteristic impedance curves are about 4 per cent too high for Stripline but somewhat low in their estimate of Stripline attenuation. The exact attenuation correction depends on the frequency. For most appli-

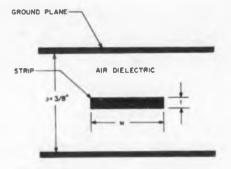
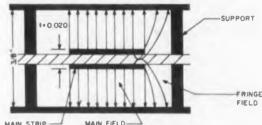


Fig. 2. Solid strip transmission line uses two ground planes and an air dielectric. Losses are comparable to coaxial line of similar cross-sectional area.



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Fig. 3. Strip line employs two conducting strips separated by a dielectric and two ground planes with an air dielectric. This construction permits convenient support of conducting strip despite use of an air dielectric.



Fig. 4. Triplate line is self-supporting and is available in considerably smaller sizes than other strip lines. Attenuation is increased, however, because of dissipation in the dielectric.

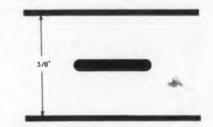
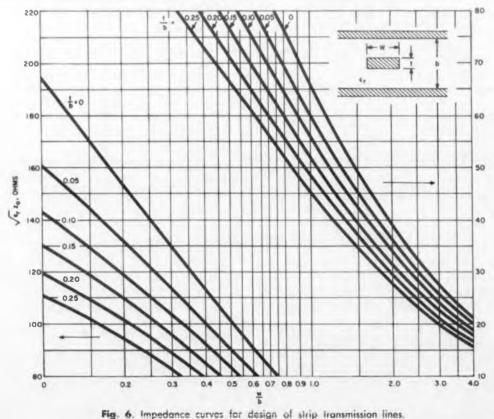


Fig. 5. High-power strip line uses thick, rounded strips to reduce corona effects. Megawatt powers can be handled and line is less expensive than many waveguide high-power components.



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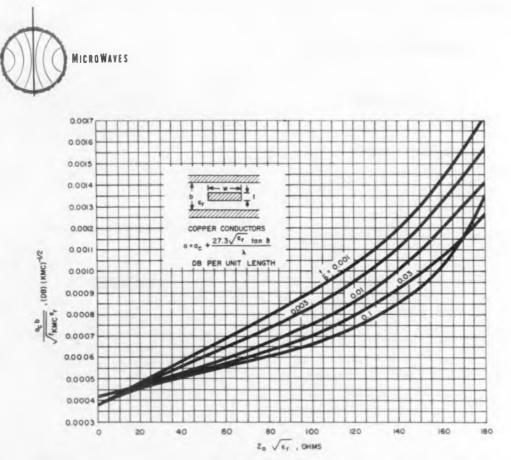


Fig. 7. Theoretical attenuation of copper-shielded solid strip transmission line in a dielectric medium  $\mathcal{E}_r$ .

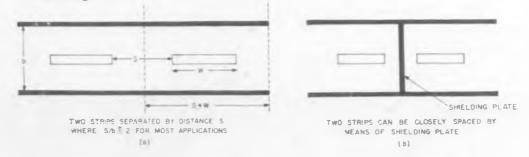


Fig. 8. Separation of two adjacent strip transmission lines to minimize coupling

cations below 5 Gc, the accuracy is within 10 per cent.

The curves can be used for the high-power strip line by taking the width of the strip as w.

### Design Examples for Strip Line Using Curves Are Given

To illustrate the use of these curves in designing strip lines, consider two typical examples:

Example 1. A solid strip transmission line

unit length ( $\alpha$ ). Using Fig. 6, set  $t/b = \frac{0.025}{0.250} = 0.1$  and  $\sqrt{\epsilon_s Z_s} = 50$ 

 $(\sqrt{\epsilon}) = 1$  for an air dielectric). We obtain w/b = 1.15, or w = 0.2875 in. Fig. 7 gives a value of  $\alpha_c b/\sqrt{f_{kmc}} \epsilon_r$  of 0.00053 for

operating at 5 Gc with 1/4 in. ground-plane

spacing (b) is to be designed for 50 ohms

impedance using 0.025 in. thick (t) strips.

Find the width (w) and the attenuation per

t/b = 0.1 and  $Z_o = 50$  ohms. At 5 Gc the resultant  $\alpha$  is 0.057 db per ft.

**Example 2.** A Triplate line filled with a dielectric having  $\mathcal{E}_r = 2.5$  and loss tangent (tan  $\delta$ ) of 0.0001 (typical of Rexolite 1422) is to be designed for 50 ohms at 5 Gc; b = 1/8 in. and t = 0.005 in. Find w and a. Using Fig. 6 for

t/b = 0.005/0.125 = 0.04 and

 $\sqrt{\epsilon_r Z_o} = \sqrt{2.5} \ 50 = 79$  gives w/b = 0.65, or w = 0.081 in.

The attenuation constant due to the copper losses ( $\alpha_c$ ) obtained from  $\alpha_c b/\sqrt{f_{kmc}} \epsilon$ . = 0.00063, is 0.214 db per ft. To obtain the total attenuation loss, use the relation

$$r = \alpha_r + \frac{27.3\sqrt{\epsilon_r} \tan \delta}{\lambda}$$
. The second term

is 0.218 db per ft. resulting in a total attenuation constant of 0.432 db per ft.

Strip transmission lines do not always effect savings in size and weight. In using them as low-loss transmission lines, certain restrictions on the minimum ground-plane spacing (b) and strip width (w) must be recognized.<sup>5</sup>

If two or more lines are to be packaged close together, the minimum spacing between strips (s) is limited by mutual coupling. Separating two adjacent strips by one ground plane spacing results in a decoupling of about 27 db.<sup>4</sup> For most applications at least two ground plane spacings between adjacent strips are required, as shown in Fig. 8. This restriction can be eliminated if a shielding bar is placed between the strips, but this adds to the cost and is therefore considered undesirable.

The restriction on minimum strip separation gives an over-all cross-sectional area of b (s + w). For the typical case of s = 2b and w = b, the cross-sectional area is  $3b^{s}$ .

When minimum circuit size is desired, the designer should compare strip lines and waveguides of the same attenuation before making a decision. Consider, for example, a strip transmission line (Fig. 2) operating at 9 Gc in which w = b = 0.375 in. and t/b = 0.05 (all conductors are silver-plated). The attenuation constant of this line is 0.064 db per ft.

Silver-plated rectangular waveguide, operating in the  $TE_{10}$  mode and having dimensions of 0.195 in. by 0.900 in., for an area of 0.175 in.<sup>2</sup>, has the same attenuation constant. The equivalent strip transmission line cross section is 0.375 in. by 1.125 in. (assuming s = 2b) for an area of 0.495 in.<sup>2</sup>

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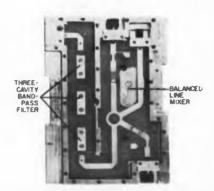


Fig. 9. Three-cavity band-pass filter coupled to a strip line balanced mixer Device has a 20-mc, 3-db bandwidth at a center frequency of 9 Gc.

Thus, for equal attenuation constants, waveguide may actually be smaller than strip line.

The use of strip transmission line rarely results in unacceptable increases in size. Comparative weights of waveguide and strip line construction are not discussed here because the circuit occupying the smallest volume probably will be the lightest.

### Low Cost, Rather Than Size, Is Chief Advantage of Strip Lines

Experience has shown that strip transmission line usually yields the most inexpensive microwave circuits but does not necessarily offer advantages in size, weight and electrical performance over waveguide.

The microwave designer should consider strip transmission line when he is able to compromise slightly on size, weight and performance. If so, considerable economy can result—particularly when large numbers of components are involved.

System designers, on the other hand, often must select the type of transmission line to be used for a group of microwave components. The correct choice may often involve structures that utilize strip transmission line in conjunction with waveguide or coaxial line. For example, a filter-mixer front end may benefit from the combination of a waveguide filter for low-loss and a strip transmission line mixer for simplicity. Strip-towaveguide or strip-to-coaxial transition designs are available that make such composite structures practical.

Some useful strip transmission line components illustrating advantageous use of the

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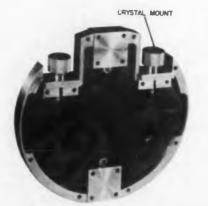


Fig. 10. Balanced mixer constructed of Stripline. The unit operates at a local-oscillator frequency of 9 Gc. Mixer has an 8-db noise figure— 0.5 db more than similar waveguide component.



Fig. 11. Seven channel Stripline mixer using power divider for local oscillator distribution. Attenuation in the strips is less than 2 db.



Fig. 12. Front end of missile receiver uses single-layer strip transmission line packaging. Mixers and preselectors are incorporated in this unit.

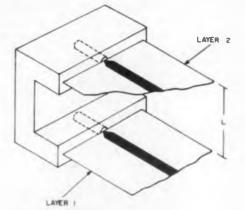
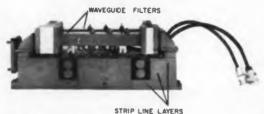
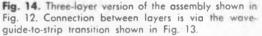


Fig. 13. Double waveguide to strip transition for multi-layer strip assemblies.



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technique are described here. Since design data on Triplate components are readily available," only components using Stripline and solid strip transmission line are discussed here.

A three-cavity band-pass filter (coupled to a balanced mixer) having a 20-mc 3-db bandwidth at a center frequency of 9 Gc is shown in Fig. 9. This component was built for a surface-to-surface missile. Strip transmission line was chosen for this application because it was the most inexpensive transmission medium available, yet gave adequate performance.

A requirement for minimum frequency shift with temperature would have necessitated that a waveguide filter be constructed from Invar. The solid strip transmission line utilized Invar for the strips and aluminum for the ground planes. The strip line was built in limited quantity for about \$100 per copy—half the cost of an equivalent waveguide filter.

A Stripline balanced mixer used in a proximity fuse application is shown in Fig. 10. This mixer operates at a local oscillator frequency of 9 Gc. It has an 8-db noise figure compared with 7.5 db for a waveguide type. Since the crystal mounts represent a significant portion of the fabrication cost, and Stripline is used in the ring-type hybrid junction, a slight reduction in over-all cost is achieved.

Stripline has proved useful in microwave power dividers, such as the seven-channel, C-band mixer shown in Fig. 11. Local oscillator power is fed to seven mixers through a power-dividing network.

The entire power divider is photoetched on the same sheet as the mixers. Attenuation in the strips is under 2 db—a tolerable value in this application. This divider was built for use in a multichannel shipboard receiver.

Power dividers also have been used in highpower applications. Rotary joints with multiple point feeding of the coaxial center section<sup>7</sup> have recently been designed to handle up to three megawatts in air at atmospheric pressure. Such rotary joints, built for multibeam L- and S-band radars, use high-power strip transmission line power dividers and yield considerable economy over waveguide power dividers. High-power strip transmission line also should be useful in distributing power to complex transmitting antenna arrays, an application that has not yet been sufficiently exploited.

### Combination of Strip Line With Other Techniques Proving Useful

In evolving the over-all layout of a microwave subsystem using strip transmission line, flexibility is important in adapting the form factor to the available space. A typical microwave package may combine strip transmission line with waveguide or coaxial line. Most of the early strip transmission line packaging was of the two-dimensional type. The front end of a missile receiver shown in Fig. 12 is typical of this construction. With the development of low-swr transitions from strip to coaxial line and strip to waveguide transitions (Fig. 13), more use has been made of multi-layer packaging.

Thus, a multi-layer version of the receiver front end shown in Fig. 12 was designed (see Fig. 14). The circuit consists of a group of Stripline mixers and a pair of Invar waveguide filters. It was originally assembled in two dimensions and then repackaged using MICROWAVES

three stacked layers of strip transmission line circuitry.

Similar electrical performance was achieved for both arrangements. Microwave power was transmitted from one layer to the next through a pair of strip-to-waveguide transitions of the type illustrated in Fig. 13.

The strip transmission line couples first to a short coaxial line and then to waveguide by means of a coaxial-to-waveguide transition. Power is transmitted up the waveguide to the next layer and coupled to the strip transmission line through a second waveguide-to-coaxial line adapter and a second coaxial-to-strip transition. The separation (1) between each layer is almost equal to the ground plane spacing. These transitions can be matched to swr's under 1.1 over 30 per cent frequency bands-quite adequate for many applications.

The designer should utilize transitions from strip transmission line to other lines as an aid in achieving a desired form factor. Transitions also are helpful in designing circuits that use strip transmission line in conjunction with waveguide or coaxial line.

Contrary to a former belief, strip transmission line circuits do not always save size and weight when reasonably high-quality electrical performance is required. Strip transmission line circuitry, however, can often be manufactured at a lower cost than waveguide and coaxial line. This is the main reason for its consideration.

Designers should encourage the use of structures using strip transmission line in conjunction with other transmission lines. High-power strip transmission line, for example, can be used to a greater extent than previously believed. It is particularly useful for transmitting antenna arrays using complex waveguide distribution networks.

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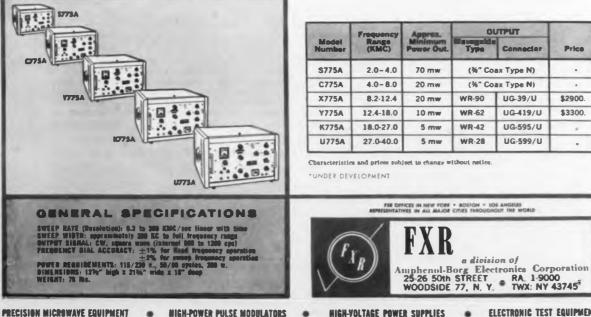
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N = number of cavities

R = required rejection

and  $F_0$ ,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are center and pass

band frequencies as shown in Fig. 1. To use the nomogram of Fig. 2 first determine Y, the ratio of the stop band to the pass band.

$$Y = \frac{F_2 - F_0}{F_1 - F_0}$$
(2)

Extend a line from the computed value of Y to the desired rejection value on the Rscale of the nomogram. Its intersection with the N scale denotes the required number of cavities.

For example: determine the number of cavities required for a filter having a pass band between 4.040 and 4.240 Gc with 40-db rejection at 3.820 and 4.440 Gc.

From Eq. 2,

$$Y = \frac{4.44 - 4.14}{4.24 - 4.14} = 3.$$

The line between Y = 3 and R = 4 intersects the N scale at 4.8. Thus, the filter would require 5 cavities.

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Performance of a 5-cavity filter designed with the aid of the nomogram is illustrated in Fig. 3. Also shown is the computed response of a 4-cavity filter. Note that the 4cavity filter will not provide the required 40db rejection at the extreme limits of the pass band. Insertion loss of the 5-cavity filter within its narrower pass band is less than 2 db.

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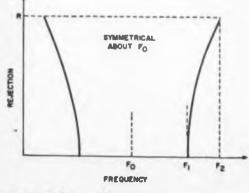


Fig. 1. Definition of terms in nomogram equation.

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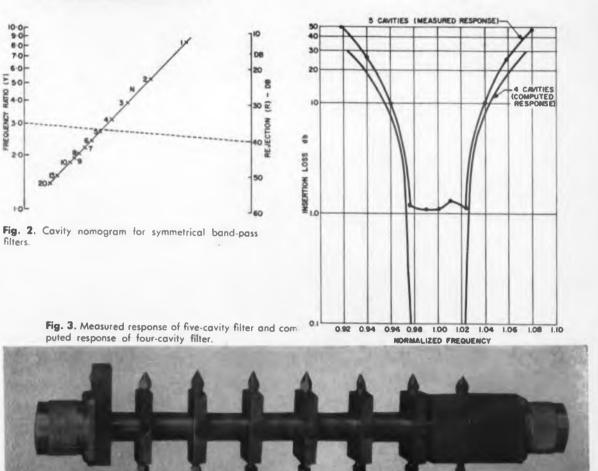


Fig. 4. Developmental five-cavity filter using slotted coaxial line. Blocks are movable for adjusting length and position of the cavities.



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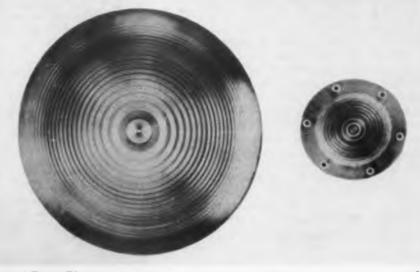
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Kearfott Div. of General Precision, Inc., Dept. ED, 14844 Oxnard St., Van Nuys, Calif.

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### 675

**Traveling-wave tube;** model WJ-217, 10 w. operates from 2 to 4 Gc. Small signal gain is 40 db min,  $\pm 3$  db, and vswr is 1.5. Device is ppm-focused, is 13 in. long and 1-3/8 in. in diameter, and weighs 3 lb.

Watkins Johnson Co., Dept. ED, 3333 Hillview Ave., Stanford Industrial Park, Palo Alto. Calif.

Availability: 90 days.

### Radar Test Set

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Portable radar test set, model 121, provides on-the-ramp testing of weather, navigation. **and anti-collision** radar systems, and radio altimeters. Does not require physical connection to aircraft. Set simulates aircraft moving at 120 to 600 knots. Peak power can be measured, accurate to  $\pm 1.5$  db. Transmitted output signal, 1 mw, is variable over 50 db, and has a  $1-\mu$ sec pulse width.

Republic Electronic Industries Corp., Dept. ED, 111 Gazza Blvd., Farmingdale, N. Y. Availability: immediate.

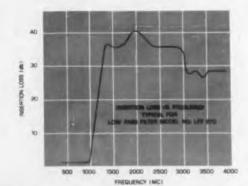
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Weinschel Engineering Co., Dept. ED, Kensington, Md.

### Miniature Ferrite Isolators 461



For aircraft and missiles, these coaxial ferrite isolators operate at any frequency from 4 to 11 Gc. The X-band isolator, illustrated, is 2-11/16 in. long and weighs 4 oz. It has a 20 to 1 isolation to insertion-loss ratio and a 10% bandwidth. Environmental specifications are said to match those of larger devices.

Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Dept. ED, 1100 Main St., Buffalo 9, N. Y. Availability: four weeks.

### Synchronizer Measures Frequencies to 12.4 Gc

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Accuracy of 3 parts in 10° is possible with the model DY-5796 transfer oscillator synchronizer. The instrument is used with a transfer oscillator and an electronic counter to provide

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Dymec Div., Hewlett-Packard Co., Dept. ED. 395 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif. **P&A:** \$685: immediate.

#### Insulation Adhesive

**Applicable by brush or spatula**, Rexolite 12517 adhesive is made to bond the firm's uhf insulating material to itself. Curing requires two hr at 175 C.

William Brand-Rex Div., American Enka Corp., 31 Sudbury Road, Concord, Mass.



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**Spun and mesh reflector** parabolic antennas come in 4- to 12-ft sizes. Antennas are made for 806 to 960 mc operation. Feeds, mounted on either front or back, are adjustable throughout 360 deg, in 90-deg steps on mesh models, continuously on spun models.

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

### **Radar Test Set**

Beacon checkout test set model RBT-202 measures beacon transmit frequencies, power levels and beacon coding ability. Unit is for Lto X-band use. It can be rack or bench mounted and can be used for field tests, full-scale production tests and lab evaluation of high sensitivity code-interrogated beacons.

Remanco, Inc., Dept. ED, 1805 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.





MICROWAVE SWEPT OSCILLATOR SPECIFICATIONS Microline | Output frequency | Minimum Power | Sweep Rate

mu sec	onds
60 .01	100
20 01	to 100
20 .01	to 100
	60 .01 1 20 01

Modulation: Internal grid modulation, 1000 cps. or provision for external modulation.

Levelling: Output level controlled from front panel. Provision for external level control for programming output level. Frequency Scale: Slide rule dial accurate to 1 percent.

Sweep: Linear, with time to 1 percent.

Size: 121/4" x 191/4" x 171/4".

Power: 105 - 125 / 210 - 230 volts; 50 - 60 cps.



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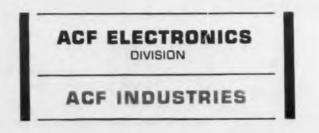
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**Crystal Holder** 





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Technical Research Group, Antenna and Microwave Dept., Dept. ED, 9 Union Square. Somerville, Mass.

### **Tuned Attenuators**



Low vswr attenuators for systems applications are fixed-tuned to a desired frequency from 1 to 4 Gc. Attenuation values are from 1 to 20 db. The vswr is 1.05 max at center frequency and 1.10 over a  $\pm 10\%$  bandwidth. Attenuation accuracy is  $\pm 0.3$  db, 1 to 10 db. and  $\pm 0.5$  db, 11 to 20 db. Attenuators are bidirectional and have type N or C connectors.

Maury and Associates, Dept. ED, 10373 Mills Ave., Montclair, Calif.

P&A: \$70 to \$75; 3 to 4 weeks.

### **Polyurethane Foam**



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Dielectric constant is 1.2 to 3.0. Foam plastic with ferrous or nonferrous mixture has controlled dielectric properties. Density can be varied from 2 to 25 lb per cu ft. Material has high strength-to-weight ratio and is not affected by environmental conditions.

PolyStructures, Inc., Dept. ED, 41 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, Mass.



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**NOISE FIGURE (db)** 

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PPM FOCUSED TUBES	Frequency Range	Small Signal Gain	Saturation Power	Noise
	2 - 4 kmc	30 db	10 mw	10 db
M2103 Series (Family)	(over 0.5 kmc portion of the band)	30	10	8
(, anny)	2.3 - 4.4	30	10	10
	2-4	30	10	15
M2112	4-8	30	10	10
Series	4.3 - 7.4	30	10	10
	4-8	30	10	15
M2105	7 - 11	30	10	10
Series	7 - 11	30	10	15
	8 - 12.4	30	10	15
M2114	12.4 - 18	30	5	14

2.0 - 4.0 kmc 30 db 5 mw 8 db M2103 lover 0.5 kmc Series 30 5 6 portion of the band) M2107 4.0 - 8.0 30 5 10 M2101 7.0 - 11.0 30 10 9 Series 12.4 - 18.0 M2114 30 12 5

Model M2105 Low Noise TWT weighs 5 pounds and is 12%" long.

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Peak (Kw)

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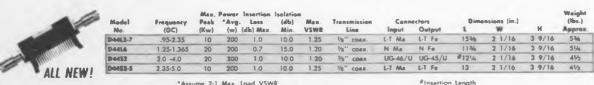
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	Model	Frequency			Intertion I	(db)	Max.	Transmission	Cer	inectors	Dime	nsions (in	.)	Weight
-	No.	(GC)			(db) Max.	Min.	VSWR	Line	Input	Output	L	W	н	Approx.
54	D4417	.400450	5	5	1.0	10.0	1.20	Strip	N Ma.	N Fe	7 37/64	3	11/2	3 lbs. 7 or
-	04491-8	.870-990	5	5	1.2	20.0	1.20	Swip	N Ma.	N Fe	7 37/64	3	11/2	3 lbs.7 or

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	Madel No.	Frequency (GC)	Max. Peak (Kw)	Pawer PAvg. (w)	Loss (db) Max.	teolation (db) Min.	Max. VSWR	Transmission	Connectors Input & Output	Dimensions (Longth - Inches)	Weight (lbs.) Apprex.
	D4155	2.6 - 3.95	10	10	1.0	15	1.10	RG 48/U	UG 53/U	11	121/2
	B41C5	3.95 5.85	10	10	1.0	20	1.15	RG 49/U	UG 149 A/U		61/4
ALL NEW!	04105	5.85- 8.2	10	10	1.0	25	1.15	RG 50/U	UG 344/U	61/6	3
MET MEM :	84125	8.2 -12.4	10	10	1.0	30	1.15	RG 52/U	UG 39/U	<b>€1/</b> 4	2
	PAIUS	12.4 -18.0	10	10	1.0	30	1.15	RG 91/U	UG 419/U	*6	2

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

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Waveline, Inc., Dept. ED, Caldwell, N. J. Price: \$45 to \$115.

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Write today for detailed technical data or application service to Microwave and Power Tube Division, Raytheon Company, Waltham 54, Massachusetts. In Canada: Waterloo, Ontario.



Frequency Range	5,925-7,125 Mc
Power Output (saturated)	12 Watts minimum
Small Signal Gain	36 db
Helix Voltage	2,600 Vdc
Collector Voltage	2,600 Vdc*
Anode Voltage	2,650 Vdc
Filament Voltage	6.3 Volts

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### **DC Blocks**



For counter-measures systems. these dc blocks operate from 1 to 7 Gc. Model 875 has a range of 1 to 1 Gc with an insertion loss of 0.3 db max and a vswr of 1.25 max. Model 876 has a range of 2 to 7 Gc with an insertion loss of 0.4 db max and vswr of 1.3 max. Units dissipate 4 w at 100 v. Bodies. black anodized aluminum, measure 1-15/16 in. long and 5/8 in. in diameter.

Weinschel Engineering Co... Dept. ED, Kensington, Md. P&A: \$60.00; 10 weeks.

### Standard Coaxial Switches

More than 80% of the coaxial switch functions can be handled by this standard line of switches. the firm says. They operate from 1 to 4,000 mc at power ratings of 100 to 1,000 w. The vswr is 1.3. Both manual and electromagnetically operated switches are available in a variety of switch functions up to 12 throws, single and double pole. Design includes shorted, non-shorted, and resistor terminations.

RF Products Div., Amphenol-Borg Corp., Dept. ED, 33 E. Franklin St., Danbury, Conn. Price: \$18 each for 100 or more.



Light-weight, compact C-band circulator operates over a wide temperature range. Designated model CC03, the circulator operates from 5.4 to 5.9 Gc with inser-

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Motorola, Inc., Solid State Electronics Dept., Dept. ED, P. O. Box 5409, Phoenix, Ariz.

Coaxial Shutter

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For fail-safe protection from rf overloads, the model S-70 coaxial shutter provides 40-db isolation up to 4 Gc upon failure or removal of actuator power. Operating time is 6 msec. Shutters measure 2.9 x 0.9 x 1.5 in., weigh 1.5 oz, operate from -65 to +160 F, and meet MIL-E-5272 specs.

Don-Lan Electronics Inc. Dept. ED, 2520 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.

### Waveguide Shutter 450 Switch



Miniature waveguide shutter switch, model 890444, weighs less than 3-1/2 oz and occupies 1.65 cu in. Unit operates in the X-band with a vswr of 1.1. Over a 10% bandwidth, the vane-closed attenuation is 30 db min. Vane-open attenuation is 0.2 db max. Switch is made to protect radar receiver crystals resulting from strong local signals when receiver is turned off.

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### Germanium Transistors 289

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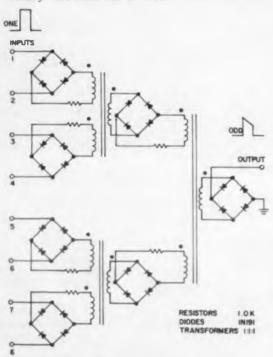


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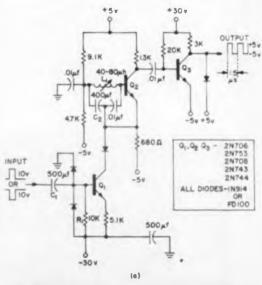
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Paul M. Danzer, Electrical Engineer, Lockheed Electronics Co., Plainfield, N. J. If this Idea is valuable to you, give it a vote by circling Reader-Service number 748.

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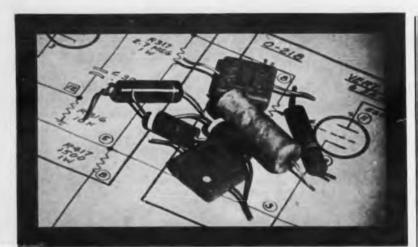
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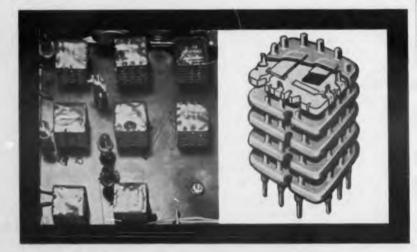
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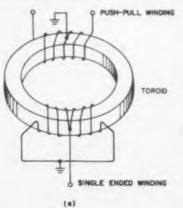
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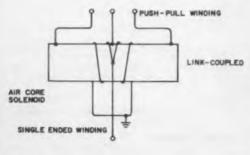
#### **Balanced Xformer Windings** 735 Can Be Single-Ended or Push-Pull

It is often necessary, in many aspects of electronics, to make a transformer that can be changed from single-ended to push-pull, or vice versa. These transformers may be air-cored or core-wound for use at higher frequencies.

The primary difficulty that this change produces is the capacitive unbalance which occurs because one side of the single-ended winding is grounded. In phase-splitting transformers this results in phase unbalance in the push-pull winding. In link-coupled, air-core arrangements the maximum voltage swing and power output, with no loss of linearity, are limited similarly.

This unbalance can be entirely eliminated by the method shown in the figure. It has been used on small ferrite toroids in phase splitters, balanced modulators and phase discriminators. In one case the linear voltage swing of a large power amplifier was almost doubled by rewinding the singleended link in this fashion.





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For link-coupled transformers, the singleended winding is similarly wound, with the single-ended winding centered over the center tap on the push-pull winding.

Martin Plotkin, Electrical Engineer, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, Long Island, N. Y.

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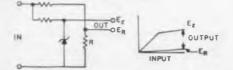


Fig. 2. Output variations are reduced when compensating voltage  $E_R$  is generated to form part of output. Theodore Byles, Project Engineer, Moto-

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The electronic engineer is slowly being replaced by the physicist and physical chemist. says Lee Fox, employment consultant in Chicago with Executive Consultants, specialists in finding executive and engineering talent.

Mr. Fox says he has already seen signs of a trend toward replacing electronic engineers with physicists in key creative areas of electronics. He believes that in five or ten years the EE will be relegated to a secondary role. similar in status to that now held by the ME in electronics. The EE, Mr. Fox contends, will no longer be in on the original circuit concepts but will work at the packaging, chassis, heat-shielding and radiation-shielding levels.

The initial signs to which Mr. Fox refers center on the increased demand by electronics companies for men with graduate academic backgrounds in solid-state physics. These are the men the companies are hiring for advanced programs to compound present circuits into solid-state functional blocks. The men must be capable of rearranging molecules in solids to produce electrical effects.

#### **Demand for Systems Engineers** Linked to Military Programs

Others in industry have felt this phenomenon will merely upgrade the EE into the systems aspects of uniting functional blocks into larger equipments, but Mr. Fox is pessimistic about this possibility. He believes the present demand for systems engineers will last only so long as the military build-up continues. In industrial and consumer areas the electronic equipment will be either so small or so mass-produced, he says, that it will amount to merely larger functional blocks.

Mr. Fox did not, however, discuss the very real possibility of larger industrial systems, which would need systems engineers as much as present military systems. Nor did he comment on the possibility that EE's would still be needed for initial lumped-parameter breadboards of new designs before these were committed to functional blocks.

As for the physicist, Mr. Fox recalls the advice he recently gave to a physicist friend who was trying to decide where to direct his graduate studies.

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Looking at the present employment picture, Mr. Fox says that in his Chicago area demand continues for the BSEE with three or more years' experience in transistor circuitry or microwaves, and for the systems engineer in flight control and inertial guidance.

The emphasis is still on men with unusual records of circuit and systems creativity, Mr. Fox says. And to illustrate the difficulty in obtaining really creative men, Mr. Fox notes ruefully that although he reviewed the qualifications of about 4,000 men last year, only one really met the criterion of creativity.

Is your vacation the proper time for you to look for a job? Men now change jobs at any time of the year, but vacations are the poorest time of the year to do it, advises Lon D. Barton of the employment counselling firm, Cadillac Associates, Inc., Chicago.

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Industry and university graduate schools are steadily merging their efforts to obtain both better research and better engineers. While some purists in education might say this will errode the freedom of the university, the trend shows every sign of becoming an increasing one.

Latest signpost is the announcement by lowa State University, Ames, Iowa, that it is expanding its industry affiliate research program. Under the program, said Iowa's President, Dr. James H. Hilton, industrial organizations have an opportunity to participate in Iowa's solid-state research at the Iowa Engineering Experiment Station.

An obvious reason for this expansion is that it will open the way for further industry funding of university research projects.

In return the affiliate companies will have direct access to the new ideas and applications developed in the program. They will also probably be in a better position to make offers to the graduate students trained in solid-state.

Industry affiliates are to provide \$5,000 annually with the option of terminating support at a year's notice. The Experimental Station, itself, will choose the research activities, President Hilton said. An important feature of this type of support is that it will make it possible for research to be maintained for a long period of time rather than on a year-to-year basis. For advanced research, such as basic solid-state phenomena investigations this is important.

The results of all research will also be available to the general public. In accordance with Iowa procedure, any patents resulting from the program will be assigned to the University Research Foundation. Sponsoring affiliates will be granted nonexclusive licenses to any inventions and discoveries coming from research they have supported.

Compared to other industry-university research programs in solid-state, Iowa believes its program is less limited to only those areas which show promise of immediate commercial success. Four major solid-state research areas will be encompassed in this program:

- Thin films: studies of magnetic and nonmagnetic thin film materials for use in memory circuits and logical elements of computers.
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It is estimated that more than 60 manufacturers will be represented. The theme will be "Computers—Key to Total Systems Control."

The Keogh-Utt bill would end one form of tax discrimination against self-employed professionals, the National Society of Professional Engineers has told the Senate Finance Committee. The bill (H.R.10) would permit self-employed persons with less than four regular employes to establish retirement plans, deferring up to 10 per cent of their earnings (or \$2,500 if that is less).

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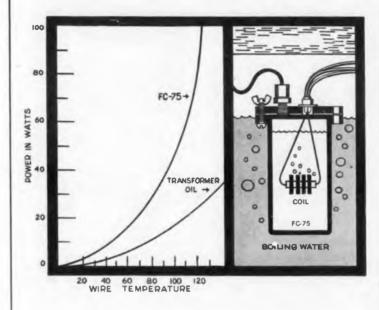
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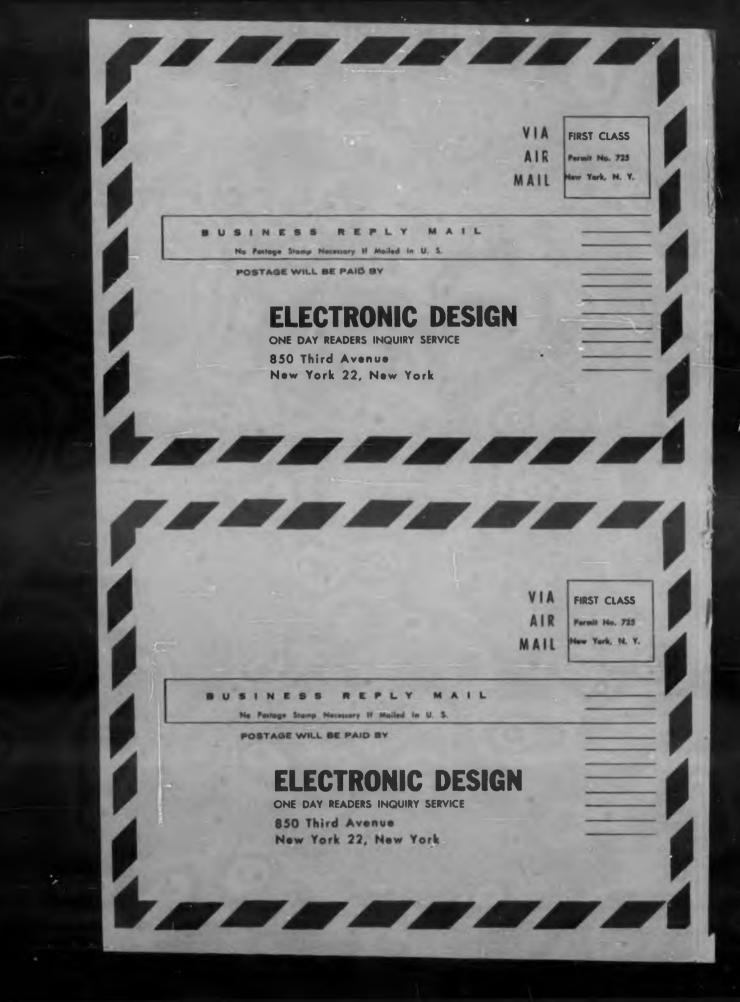
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