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Training of teachers defended as essential

I had intended to reply sooner to your editorial by Mr. Dobriner in ED 5, March 4, 1971 regarding placement of EE's in the classroom but time slipped away. However, after reading the two letters in ED 9, April 29, 1971, I feel that someone should point out a few facts on the other side of the issue.

First, Mr. Dobriner's proposal of placing engineers in the classroom certainly has some merit if they intend to stay there and gain teaching experience and would not hastily leave after "this year of the engineering crunch" is over. If the engineer's attitude toward teaching is simply "any port in a storm," then one must ask if this half-hearted attitude might not have a similar effect on his teaching performance.

Second, Mr. Yurescko is quite accurate in saying that one can teach teachers if he possesses a Ph.D. but is not allowed to teach in public schools. How many of us have had to suffer through a "prof" who knew all there was to know about his subject, but couldn't teach it worth a damn! No, simple possession of knowledge on the part of an individual does not make him a teacher. Education classes are criticized as a waste of time—many rightly so. But many are invaluable in showing a prospective teacher how to motivate a child and present material in a manner which will make the child want to learn. Few of us realize the enormous differences involved in teaching a college student and a student in the secondary school. Sure, there are bumbling teachers and ineffective school administrators (which is true for engineers and managers, too), but I have grave doubts about Mr. Yurescko's prediction of "How wonderful it would be, if everyone had the right to teach." Teaching is a lot more than just: "Read the text, answer the question, and a test!"

Third, I confess that several years ago I thought my math background obtained via a BS in physics plus five years of engineering experience at Vandenberg AFB was adequate preparation for teaching math in public schools. How wrong I was! Sure, engineers are heavy in math: calculus, differential equations, Laplace transforms, etc. But how many of these same individuals would be able to handle the kind of math that is being taught in schools today? I won't go into a debate on the good or evil of so-called modern math—I will say that it is very different from what was taught to most of us just five to 10 years ago!

M. Cermack

Let's keep engineers working as engineers

Sir:

Re: Your editorial "Don't waste our EE's—Put Them in Classrooms" (ED 5, March 4, 1971), you gotta be kidding! Isn't an EE who is not EE-ing being wasted? The fact that the IEEE endorses this thinking is only a further indication that it is not concerned about the plight of our profession.

I would suggest that you and the IEEE try to find ways to help the engineering profession rather than supplant it with a new one.

Neil Schleifman
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Accuracy is our policy

In the May 13, 1971 issue, p. 54, "Designing for the pollution-free industrial era," the sentence containing the words: "...as many as 3 distinct bands" should read: "...as many as 32 distinct bands."
Main memories get 45,000,000 bits of 1103 MOS RAM.
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<td>Power driver</td>
<td>1 amp @ 60v steady state</td>
<td>Interfacing with relay/solenoid coils, magnetic cores, lamps, etc. in computers, control consoles, test equipment, digital systems, etc.</td>
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<td>FM-1203</td>
<td>Dual driver</td>
<td>300 ma @ 28v steady state</td>
<td>To drive all popular MOS circuitry in calculators, computers and other digital systems.</td>
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<td>FM-1403</td>
<td>Quad driver</td>
<td>300 ma @ 28v steady state</td>
<td>Delay, timing and pulse shaping in computers, control circuits, test equipment and other digital systems.</td>
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<td>FM-2100</td>
<td>MOS clock driver</td>
<td>200 ma with up to 30v shifts</td>
<td>Time base, square wave generators and tone signalling controls for computers, test equipment, etc.</td>
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<td>Programmable multivibrator</td>
<td>Output pulse widths</td>
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<td>FM-4100</td>
<td>RC clock oscillator</td>
<td>500 kHz to 6 mHz</td>
<td>DC electronic equipment and systems where precise, fast current disconnect is required.</td>
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<td>FM-5100</td>
<td>Overvoltage crowbar</td>
<td>Trip voltage 4.5 to 12.5v, &lt; 1 μ sec response</td>
<td>Servo systems, test equipment, power supplies, etc.</td>
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<td>Overvoltage crowbar</td>
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<td>Electronic fuse</td>
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<td>FM-6110</td>
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**DESCRIPTION**

**FM-1110, 1203, 1403:** Single, dual and quad drivers
Designed to accept standard DTL and TTL logic levels and to drive loads which require high power. Consist of single or multiple NAND/NOR gates and high gain amplifiers.

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Air industry assailed on its medical efforts

It's one thing to send a man to the moon; it's another to treat him medically on earth. That, in essence, is what critics are saying about aerospace industry efforts to crack the medical-equipment market.

One of the more critical, Dr. Philip G. Drew of the Arthur D. Little Health Care Group in Cambridge, Mass., says that the aerospace industry has "oversold its capability and gotten mud all over its face." So far as medical equipment is concerned, he says, the aerospace image is now "a kiss of death."

His criticism and that of others in the medical field surfaced during two days of seminars for biomedical executives conducted first in New York and then in Chicago by Advanced Management Research, Inc.

Arthur B. Hale, editor-publisher of Bio-Medical Insight and program chairman for the seminars, pointed to Martin-Marietta and said it "threw in the towel" on its multi-phasic testing work.

"The Aerospace industry can get you from coast to coast in four hours but can't get you your luggage in 10 minutes," Hale scoffed.

Alexander Sarros, a senior biomedical engineer with the Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, Calif., said that medical equipment designed by the aerospace industry was costly to maintain—about 10 to 15% if initial-equipment costs go for maintenance every year, he charged.

"Hospitals are horrified when asked to spend this much money on support of equipment," Sarros said.

There was a general belief among the executives present at the seminars that the problems of selling and servicing medical equipment are more difficult than designing and building it. Electronics companies are not sufficiently knowledgeable about the needs of medical customers, the executives felt. This view is now so widespread that some pharmaceutical companies—Charles Pfizer & Co. is one—are exploring the possibility of making and marketing their own electronics equipment.

Some investment analysts attending the seminars said they, too, believed medical companies gearing up to supply electronic equipment would be more successful than electronics concern. They attributed this to the better understanding that medical companies had of the complexities of the medical market.

Land mobile gets piece of uhf spectrum

Land mobile radio stations and uhf broadcasters in the 10 largest urbanized areas of the U.S. will begin sharing uhf TV channels, 14 through 20, in the 470 to 512-MHz band, according to a ruling adopted by the Federal Communications Commission.

The action divides each television channel into 120 land mobile channels, each to be made up of two 25-kHz frequencies—one for base station use and one for mobile unit use—for a total of 240 land mobile channels. All eligible land mobile users would have access to both TV channels.

Army is developing new vhf-FM radio

The Army is developing a new-generation, multi-purpose, vhf-FM radio that can be carried by troops or mounted in a vehicle or in an aircraft.

Eventually the new radio could replace a dozen or so now being used, many of which were new during the early days of the Vietnam War. They include five or more AN/VRC-12 series radios for vehicles; manpack radios, such as the PRC-25 and PRC-77; and four airborne radios—the ARC-44, 54, 121 and 122.

The new radio, designated the AN/URC-78, will be a third the size of its predecessor (3-1/2 by 5 by 8-1/2 inches, counting the battery box) and half its weight (8 to 10 pounds). It is completely solid state, using ICs, LSI and hybrid film circuits. Its predecessor, the PRC-25, had one transmitter tube and no ICs or LSI.

The URC-78 will provide 2000 channels, twice the number available in former radios in this class, and it will be designed to be far more reliable than any radio of its kind, with an MTBF of up to 10,000 hours. The MTBF will depend on the cost, weight and power-drain tradeoffs that have to be made during development.

The radio will operate from 30 to 80 MHz.

Development of a prototype of the radio will be competitive. The Army Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J., has awarded a $1.7-million contract to the Avco Electronics Div. in Evendale, Ohio, for six engineering prototypes to be delivered over the next 26 months. A $1.99-million contract has gone to RCA's Communications Systems Div., Camden, N.J., for six prototypes.

NASA's earth research stirring wide interest

NASA doesn't plan to launch its first Earth Resources Technology Satellite (ERTS) until next year, but already it is being besieged by applicants who want access to the data that the satellite will collect.

More than 600 applications have been received so far for data about the earth that will be gathered by research instruments aboard ERTS and an Earth Resources Experiment Package to be carried on the manned orbiting laboratory Skylab. This is the greatest response NASA has ever had for data from its experiments, the space agency says.
The information from space will consist of televised pictures from two return-beam vidicon cameras covering the visible spectrum (blue-green, red and near infrared) and four multispectral scanners sensitive in three visible bands and one band in the near infrared (see "We Interrupt This Magazine for a Live Preview of ERTS," ED 11, May 27, 1971, p. 23). A fifth channel in the thermal IR band will be added to the scanner that goes into a second ERTS satellite.

The applicants are from government, universities and industry, both domestic and foreign, and they are interested in data involving agriculture, forestry, geography, demography, cartography, geology, hydrology, oceanography, meteorology, environmental quality, ecology and the techniques required to convert sensor data into usable information.

ERTS-A is to be launched next spring, and ERTS-B in 1973. The first Skylab carrying the earth resources package is to go up in 1973.

Meanwhile NASA and other organizations are watching the earth from aircraft: NASA and the Dept. of Agriculture continue to carry out the "Corn Blight Watch Experiment," using infrared and color photography cameras flown at 65,000 feet in an RB-57F. And the University of Michigan, under contract to NASA, is flying a multispectral scanner over Indiana at about 5000 feet in a C-47.

**Plessey out to capture U.S. memory market**

Why did Plessey Memory Products move from Maynard, Mass., to Santa Ana, Calif. last spring? Answer: To occupy a new plant with a new management and to open a drive to capture a large portion of the domestic core stack and memory systems market.

The effort is being guided by a new manufacturing team headed by Arthur F. Webber, general manager of Plessey's North American operations. Webber was a founder of Standard Memories, Inc., of Santa Ana but has sold his interests in the company, he's hired Melvin Lamps, formerly with Electronic Memories in Hawthorne, Calif., to head sales.

Webber forecasts "substantial growth over last year's sales—by a factor of at least four or five."

**Magnavox cuts its buying of Japanese components**

Magnavox—one of the first U.S. companies to import Japanese consumer electronic devices and components—has done a surprising about-face. According to its president, Robert Platt, the company has established a policy against buying Japanese electronic components for use in Magnavox products.

The reason is somewhat clouded. Some in the industry say Magnavox merely wants to avoid trouble with American labor. The company says it is concerned over this country's unfavorable balance of trade and wants to set an example for the rest of the industry.

Small-screen color TVs that Magnavox formerly purchased in Japan are now being manufactured in a plant in Greenville, Tenn. Small transistor radios are being bought in Singapore instead of Japan. In addition Magnavox plans to manufacture in Nogales, N.M., other items that it used to buy in Japan, including subassemblies for black-and-white portable TVs and for audio equipment.

Magnavox says it must still depend on Japan for some items, such as cassette recorders. But Platt points out that some Japanese concerns might fight back by refusing to fill Magnavox's present remaining orders.

At the Consumer Electronic Show in Chicago, competitors interview by ELECTRONIC DESIGN refused to comment for publication. The main off-the-record comment was: "A surprising move."

**Pollution analyzer uses 2nd-derivative technique**

"Second-derivative spectroscopy" has hit the market as a new technique for detecting several different types of air pollutants.

The analyzer, which represents a departure from others available (see "Designing for the Pollution-Free Industrial Era," ED 10, May 13, 1971), uses an ultra-violet beam of light that passes through a monochrometer.

As the ultraviolet beam passes through a sample of the unknown pollutant, the second derivative of intensity with respect to wavelength of the beam is taken optically. The spectral signature of the unknown gas is displayed on a chart. The amplitude of the signature is proportional to concentration.

Developed by Spectrometrics of Florida in Pinellas Park, the new analyzer can detect sulphur dioxide, nitric oxide, nitrogen oxide and ozone. It detects concentrations as small as "a few parts per billion," according to Forrest C. Douglas, marketing manager.

**Telecast of surgery originates in body**

A miniature color TV camera, developed by CBS Laboratories, Stamford, Conn., and an image fiberscope, has been used to televise a neurosurgical operation from inside the human body. Live pictures were beamed to a network of closed-circuit television monitors throughout the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City, where the operation was performed.
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In consumer packaging, it’s modules, modules everywhere

Modular packaging of electronic circuitry, once found only in military equipment, is being adopted on a widespread basis by the consumer electronics industry.

Led by television manufacturers, consumer designers are swinging over to modular forms for the same reason that the military did: to make it possible for technicians with limited skills to service complex equipment rapidly. The complexity has been brought about by the conversion of circuitry with tubes to all-solid-state versions.

Even today, says Morris Broyles, manager of quality and service for General Electric’s Television Receiver Div. at Portsmouth, Va., the servicing of transistor TV equipment presents a formidable problem to the typical service man, who is used to making simple voltage and resistance measurements for tube equipment.

Other influences that are affecting packaging in consumer electronics today include demands to reduce costs by simplifying equipment through packaging and the tailoring of equipment to solve particular problems, such as theft.

Assemblies being subdivided

The modular packaging concept subdivides a large electronic assembly into smaller, independent functional chassis — printed-circuit boards or cards, or other plug-in elements.

The advantages include easier assembly and disassembly of the equipment and rapid servicing, by simply replacing a suspected module. Equipment can also be readily updated by replacing an old module with a new one.

The functional units, or modules, are electrically interconnected by cable harnesses or some other connector system. As a result, the system has more connectors than equipment with the simple, all-in-one chassis.

Until recently, consumer use of the modular principal was limited because of the cost of the extra connector system. But specialized, low-cost connector systems are now available — systems that have been developed by joint effort between equipment and connector manufacturers. Donald Springer, marketing manager for AMP, Inc., Harrisburg, Pa., notes that these newer systems are characterized by design simplicity and compatibility with automated assembly.

The success of the plug-in replaceable modular concept has been proved according to Richard Kraft, video products manager of the Motorola Consumer Products Div.,

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1. A snap-in, solid-state HV rectifier is housed in the molded case of this GE high-voltage TV transformer.

2. Zenith’s Dura-Modules have identical conductor patterns, except for those carrying ICs. The special connector system for the modules and related chassis wiring was jointly developed with AMP, Inc.
Franklin Park, Ill. Motorola pioneered modular construction with its Quasar color television sets. One Motorola dealer, Kraft points out, guarantees his customers that he will service all Quasar sets in the home or pay his customer a bonus.

**Modular approaches differ**

The approach to consumer modular packaging varies from manufacturer to manufacturer, depending on the design philosophy of each.

For example, Motorola's Quasar line, with the “works in a drawer,” has essentially all of its circuitry on 11 easily replaced panels, each of which is physically different from the others. The connector system is a low-cost version developed in cooperation with AMP, Inc.

General Electric, on the other hand, is introducing modularization in a simpler way in its new U-1 solid-state chassis for 19-inch black and white TV.

GE's Broyle points out that the U-1 chassis is segmented into three main sub-chassis and also has components, which ordinarily mounted separately, are combined in one package (Fig. 1).

Even Zenith Radio Corp., Chicago, which for years has marketed hand-wired TVs as easy to service, is converting to solid state and modular packaging. Developed by Darwin E. Inman, assistant chief engineer of the Mechanical Div., the Zenith system uses a universal type of printed-circuit “carrier” that is basically identical in size and shape to every other modular printed-circuit card used by Zenith. These modules are called Dura-Modules, and with few exceptions, the conductor patterns are identical (Fig. 2).

Only the component placement and the electrical circuits are different on Dura-Modules performing different functions. For plug-in connections to the main chassis of the Zenith YV receiver, up to 15 U-shaped receptacle contacts can be selectively inserted in rectangular holes in each end of the module. Other “outside world” leads that are to be connected to the module have pre-insulated terminals crimped to their ends (see insert in Fig. 2).

Because of the high standardization of the Dura-Modules, optimum component layout for any given circuit can be made by computer.

**Phonographs going modular**

Modularized design is also being adopted by phonograph makers. For example, a combination phonograph and AM/FM tuner by KLH Research and Development, Cambridge, Mass., is modular (Fig. 3). This unit is assembled with a special interconnection system developed by Molex, Inc., Downer's Grove, Ill.

Robert Murphy, printed-circuit designer for KLH, says that production of the modular phono/tuner solved these problems:

- It reduced assembly labor, since all printed-circuit cards and assemblies simply plug into a main interconnect board.
- It eliminated lead-dress problems that frequently prove troublesome in regular wiring that carries audio signals near high-gain circuits.
- It simplified servicing greatly in contrast with the older units, in which a maze of wires had to be tracked down and unsoldered before repairs could be made. Now a defective board is simply unplugged, and the trouble is isolated.

**Packages are getting smaller**

Competition frequently forces designers to reduce costs by shrinking circuit elements. In the volume normally occupied by a single two-track head, Ampex has packaged two three-element record/playback heads (really two heads in one) for use in a four-track, automatically reversing stereo cassette player (Fig. 4).

E. Peter Larner, vice president and general manager of the company's Consumer Equipment Div. in Elk Grove Village, Ill., says that the newly developed head avoids alignment problems associated with systems that have separate erase heads or that mechanically move a single head up or down for bidirectional playing. ■
Acoustic holography picks up where medical X-rays leave off

The limitations of X-rays have frustrated some doctors for decades. X-rays can penetrate soft tissue and give revealing pictures of bone and other solid masses. But suppose the doctor wants to view the soft tissue—the tendons, blood vessels and other matter below the surface of the skin? X-rays usually can't help without elaborate tissue-coloring techniques. But acoustic holography can, researchers are finding.

Acoustic holography has been in use for a few years as a medium for nondestructive testing of welds, honeycomb structures and stripline bonds. Now it is emerging as a new medical tool.

Using a system developed by Holosonics of Richland, Wash., researchers have observed in real time on a television screen the motion of human muscles and tendons. Most interesting of the possible applications is the detection of cancer. Victor I. Neeley, vice president for technical development at Holosonics, says that one of the company's units is being used for breast cancer research at the University of Oregon Medical Center in Portland. With acoustic holography, the interior of the breast can be scanned and tumors can be seen.

To image soft tissue with acoustic holography, the tissue must be submerged in a tank of water. Inside the tank are two acoustic transducers. These transducers emit ultrasound or pressure waves at frequencies in the range of 1 to 10 MHz. The frequency and intensity of the ultrasound waves determines the depth of penetration of the waves in the subject.

Both of the transducers are focused on a particular area of the surface of the tank where the water meets the air. When an object is inserted in the path of one of the transducers, but not in the path of the other, a ripple pattern is set up in the surface area that both transducers are focused upon. This is a phase interference pattern—actually a hologram, or three-dimensional representation of the object in the tank.

Imaging the hologram

Since the acoustic waves penetrate the object in the tank, Neeley notes, it is possible to focus on any plane inside the object. For example, researchers can look at the tissue 3 cm below skin level, or 5 cm below by refocusing the optics.

Since, as Neeley points out, "the interface between the air and the water is the square law detector that corresponds to the photographic plate in an optical hologram," all that is needed is a means of visually imaging the hologram. This is done by shining laser light on the hologram at the surface of the water and reflecting the hologram image through a lens system into a television camera. The hologram is then displayed on a television monitor.

About 1/2 mW/cm² of power density is necessary for ultrasonic imaging. With further improvement in the sensitivity of the optical system, Neeley anticipates considerable reduction in the power density required.

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An IC processing technique has made it possible to construct low-frequency quartz crystals that are 10 times smaller in area and 1000 times smaller in volume than present crystals with comparable frequency.

Developed at Statek Corp., Orange, Calif., the tiny crystal is made in the form of a one-mil-thick tuning fork instead of the conventional rectangular shape. Juergen H. Staudt, president of the company, notes that the crystals are so small that an entire crystal oscillator or filter can be packaged inside a TO-5 transistor can or an IC flatpack.

A tuning fork affords an automatic $2\pi$ reduction in length as compared to a free-floating rectangular quartz crystal for oscillation at a given frequency. If a rectangular crystal were perfectly clamped at one end, it would afford the same length reduction. However, perfect clamping of a rectangular crystal is not possible. If a rectangular crystal is imperfectly clamped at one end, it will greatly degrade the Q of the crystal.

Since a tuning fork structure has 2 times oscillating in different directions, there is a cancellation node at the junction of the 2 times. The tuning fork can therefore be perfectly clamped at this node with no reduction in the Q of the crystal.

The first high-volume customer for the crystals could be the watch industry, Statek says. With an entire oscillator packaged in an IC flatpack and the rest of the electronics on an LSI chip, a very small wristwatch could be produced. Other applications envisioned for the crystals include military timers, radio controls, calculators, tone telemetry for automatic meter reading, clock drivers for data transmission and alarm systems.

Statek's present oscillators can be produced in the frequency range of 10 to 100 kHz with stabilities of 1 to 10 ppm/°C. Because of the small size and the ruggedness of the assembly, these oscillators can stand shock of 100,000 gs, according to Statek. The oscillator packaging consists of an input op amp feeding into the quartz crystal and outputting into another op amp. The output is then fed back to the input to complete the oscillator. If the feedback is deleted, the circuit becomes a quartz crystal filter. The tuning fork, both op amps and the necessary thin-film resistors are assembled into a hybrid circuit.

The frequency of the tuning fork can be preset to within 10 ppm. If it is necessary to adjust the Q of the tuning fork for filter applications, it can be done by variation of the degree of vacuum in the package. Q variation can be achieved from 2 to 40,000.

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Solid-state film transport developed

The expansion that occurs in piezoelectric material when voltage is applied has been harnessed to advance film in high-quality image recorders. The film is now advanced less precisely by rotary mechanisms.

Developed by Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical in San Diego for the Air Force, the device moves film with two pieces of piezoelectric material (lead zirconate-lead titanate). The pieces are clamped against the film, one slightly ahead of the other. When one expands, it moves the film with it; while it is contracting, the other one expands.

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Holographic displays in real time
move from dream to development

A true three-dimensional holographic display that can be updated in real time—the dream of air-traffic-control and military-information display designers—has been moved nearer realization.

A new system under development at Bendix Research Laboratories, Southfield, Mich., takes the X, Y and Z coordinates of simple, three-dimensional images stored in a computer, and reproduces them in a hologram that can be developed rapidly and viewed.

One aspect of the design is more or less conventional. The X and Y coordinates of images are impressed on the holographic recording medium by deflection of a laser beam in the X and Y plane.

But a breakthrough came, according to William G. Wolber, acting head of the Bendix Photoelectronic Dept. and one of the designers of the system, when it was realized that depth along the Z axis could be introduced by deflecting the reference beam along the axis, approximately at right angles to the X, Y planes. (Strictly speaking the deflection occurs along the Z’ axis, since the object-point displacement of Z is, to a first order, effectively replaced by a reference-point displacement in the opposite direction.) By contrast, the reference beam in conventional systems is fixed.

At present, Wolber explains, the speed with which the holograms may be exposed, developed and viewed depends on the materials available. In a quasi-dynamic display, the recording medium can be a fast, self-developing film. The film strip is advanced from the recording to display position, frame by frame, as in a motion picture. An update time of one to 10 seconds appears reasonable. Or the hologram may be written as a charge pattern on an electro-optic crystal. The crystal would be coated with a photoplastic material that could be developed rapidly and erased with heat.

Display system explained

The functional elements of a quasi-dynamic 3-D image synthesizer and display system are shown in the figure. In operation, the recording laser beam is passed through the beam-amplitude modulator, which turns the beam on or off or controls its brightness in accordance with the brightness of the points of the synthesized image.

Each position of the beam in the X, Y and Z axes corresponds to a point on the display. The holographic recording medium, which may be a film or other device, is illuminated by the two point sources—X and Y, on the one hand, and Z on the other—in a succession of steps. The position and intensity at each step is controlled by the display element computer, which performs the required coordinate transformations and also inserts corrections for errors caused by the interaction of the beam-deflector driving frequencies with the laser beams.

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A dc contactless capacitor-potentiometer for use in severe environments has been developed by Salford Electrical Instruments of Eccles, England. The device was initially produced for coal-cutting equipment, where conventional potentiometers failed within weeks. The Salford potentiometer has performed satisfactorily for up to a year. It has a dc input, and it produces a dc output whose magnitude is varied in accordance with shaft movement. The primary quantity is sensed as a change in capacitance between two electrodes, one of which is fixed. This capacitor is part of a multivibrator circuit, whose signal is processed by transistor circuitry to yield a dc output proportional to the potentiometer shaft movement.

A new 15-Hz to 1-MHz low-noise amplifier has been produced by the Philips Research Laboratories, Eindhoven, The Netherlands. The new device has an equivalent noise resistance of 100 ohms. The amplifier has a low internal impedance, but circuits have been devised for matching it to high-impedance devices. An emitter-follower circuit has also been devised for driving recording apparatus. Among possible applications, it's expected the amplifier will be used in the preamplifier for a voltmeter.

The first European manufacturer to offer a range of fast Schottky TTL circuits is Britain's Ferranti Ltd., Gem Mill, Chadderton, Oldham, Lancashire. This range, which is pin-for-pin compatible with Texas Instruments' 74-S series, cuts typical switching speeds from 10 ns to 3 ns. These devices are aimed at the computer mainframe and instrument markets. Though the initial series—comprising six basic gate packages and a dual flip-flop circuit—is new, Ferranti has been using the technology for some time in custom-built circuits. Normally digital and linear processing techniques are incompatible, for gold doping is used to obtain high digital speeds, and this normally degrades linearity. However, by using Schottky techniques for speed, Ferranti has produced custom circuits that combine digital and linear elements on the same chip.

A molybdenum-gate technology that can significantly boost the performance of MOS microcircuits has been developed by research workers at Southampton University, England. To demonstrate the usefulness of the technology they have produced extremely small propagation delays per stage, in the order of 10 ns. This MOS technology, which was only recently announced by General Electric in the U.S., increases MOS speeds by allowing the gate area in a MOS transistor to be more accurately defined. The molybdenum gate can withstand the high temperatures in the diffusion furnace and can thus be used as a target on which to diffuse the source and drain areas.

A fail-safe thermocouple-based temperature transmitter that can provide inputs to a number of recording or control circuits has been developed by Rosemount Engineering Co. in Sussex, England. The system, Model E32025, operates on 110 or 230 V and provides either a 0 to 10 mA or 4 to 20 mA signal. Several alternative thermocouple types are available, and provision is made for inherent cold-junction compensation. Relays can actuate alarms if temperatures exceed selected limits. In case of power failure, the relay coils are de-energized and the contacts close. Variations of ambient temperatures from -20 to 55°C will change the output by no more than 5 μV per °C.
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CATV: A fight over its future?

The Federal Communications Commission says it will ease its regulations on CATV in August, as planned, despite the recent announcement by the White House of a committee to develop a national policy for cable TV. The announcement, which named the chief of the Office of Telecommunications Policy, Clay Whitehead, to head the policy committee, followed testimony by FCC Chairman Dean Burch before the Senate Commerce Committee. In that testimony, Burch said the FCC intended to allow CATV operators to offer subscribers two TV channels not seen on local TV. The broadcast industry has opposed such “importing” of distant signals by CATV operators and a court fight will probably result from the FCC move.

The eased FCC rules are planned to go into effect sometime next month. The White House committee is expected to take at least six months to determine what kind of regulation of the CATV industry, if any, is needed in the national interest.

Lockheed loan possibility brightened by new legislation

Proponents of legislation to provide federal guarantees on loans made to the financially troubled Lockheed Corp. have been heartened by a new plan that would broaden the legislation to include virtually any large company. As it stood, the proposal to aid Lockheed solely had little or no chance of passing, with its fate most likely that of death by filibuster in the Senate. Lockheed needs the help before the summer ends and it would have been a simple matter for the Senate to keep talking until the month-long summer recess arrived next month.

The new plan calls for the Government to guarantee a loan to any company whose failure might deal a serious blow to the nation’s economy. Such a measure has support of the Treasury and appropriate committees in the House and Senate. Lockheed boosters in the Senate believe the broadened bill may pass. But both sides warn that passage is a long way from assured and that a filibuster still could take place in the Senate.

Aerospace industry eyes new NASA project

The ailing aerospace industry is eagerly awaiting the healthy infusion of business that NASA’s proposed tracking and data-relay satellite system is expected to bring. The $100-million-plus program may revive some companies heavy in sophisticated communications, telemetry, data acquisition and satellite tracking. Responses to about 90 requests for proposals sent out by NASA are expected soon from companies interested in bidding on the development of the system. The major elements include: two satellites, a user telecommunications system, a ground station, a network scheduling and operations control system.

The study requested by NASA will be in two parts, the first covers
the design and cost of the satellites, the tracking and telemetry command system, the telecommunications system and a ground station. Part 2 will cover the steps necessary to improve telecommunications service to data users.

### Alternating-current transit system to be tested

The Dept. of Transportation has granted $1.3-million to the Cleveland Transit System for testing an electronic propulsion system on rapid transit cars. The cars will draw 600 V of direct current from a third rail and convert it through on-board inverters to alternating current. The alternating current will drive ac traction motors on the cars. In braking, the motors will act as generators and send current back into the third rail, instead of dissipating it as waste heat.

The department says the system will provide an extremely smooth ride, eliminating the jerks experienced now in rapid-transit cars when they slow down or accelerate. Westinghouse Air Brake Co. will supply the solid-state control systems.

### Capital Capsules:

Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird's comments on what would happen if Congress cut $7-billion from the defense budget, as Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) and others wanted, didn't do too much to bridge the credibility gap. Laird said the cut would mean the firing of at least 600,000 government civilian workers and a 40% cutback in defense contracts. But no one believed that the Administration would even toy with the idea of firing that many employees—the job market being what it is and an election coming up next year . . . . McDonnell Douglas, in winning over General Dynamics in the contest to build the Navy's anti-ship Harpoon missile, may have won one of the fattest plums of all time.

The initial development contract is for $60-million over two years, with an announced production award of around $600-million. But the contract may go far beyond that, for the Navy feels that eventually it may equip just about everything that floats with the missile. Thousands of missiles may eventually be bought. The Navy wants a missile that can be fired from a ship or aircraft and hit a ship 50 miles away . . . . Senate debate on NASA's budget has revealed that the proposed space shuttle will have defense applications. Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) told the Senate that the shuttle would carry aloft photographic and nuclear-detecting satellites and that almost half of the missions of the spacecraft will be for the Defense Dept. . . . . Northrop Corp. has set up the Northrop Airport Development Corp. to enter the field of planning, building, and managing airports all over the world. The new organization will be headquartered in Vienna, Va., a Washington suburb. Northrop estimates the airport market to be about $80-billion over the next 10 years . . . . U.S. representatives will meet with nine European and five Asian delegates in Madrid on Aug. 3 to attempt to set up a system of international collaboration for the use of aeronautical satellites. The representatives met late last month in Washington as the first step in getting international agreement on the use of the satellites for aircraft communication, navigation and identification . . . . The Federal Aviation Administration held a briefing on its microwave landing system plans for interested industry parties on July 20. Requests for proposals for development of the system were mailed late last month to about 50 companies. Closing date for response is Sept. 21. The schedule calls for a five-year development program and another five years of procurement and installation.
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A logical question at this point would be: “What connection does the FTC decision have with the electronics industry or the design engineer?” The answer, of course, is that engineers are users and specifiers of a never-ending array of products—from components and instruments, to materials and systems. And these products are advertised extensively by their manufacturers, with the emphasis in most ads on performance and specifications.

Fortunately the large majority of claims made in technical ads are legitimate. A few, though, would not stand up too well under proof to the FTC or any other regulating agency. But pinpointing these is not easy, because of the complexity of today’s products and technology.

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Take more than 100 million motor vehicles traveling more than a trillion miles a year, add to that the fact that these vehicles are increasing at a rate of 4% a year, and you begin to get a picture of the monster problem confronting engineers and other traffic experts in the United States.

What's the solution to the traffic mess? The specialists agree that it's not more roads but more effective use of existing streets and highways. This is especially true in the central business districts of cities, where new and wider streets can't be built without prohibitive costs.

Electronics has started to offer remedies. In Albany, N.Y., the city has installed a relatively inexpensive traffic-control system that employs a mini-computer. The flow of vehicles past busy intersections has been speeded from 1000 cars an hour to 5000.

New York City has taken seven arterial roads with 440 intersections and put them under computer control. The result: Trip times along the arterials have been cut by as much as 40% and the number of intersection stops from 15 to 3.

In Houston, Tex., a surveillance and control system placed in operation on the Gulf Freeway raised the average speed during rush-hour jams by 50%—from 22 miles an hour to 34—and reduced accidents 25%.

But the surface has only been scratched. Before electronics can do more, it must overcome problems like these:

- Costs. Sophisticated equipment can be built with all the necessary compensation to operate in the severe environments of city streets and highways. But it must also be cheap.
- Reliability. Not only must electronic equipment have a high MTBF, but it must also fail in a safe manner.
- Communications. Efficient and reliable systems must be developed to handle the flow of data and command signals between centralized control centers and remote signal controllers.
- Customers. Electronics companies must learn to deal with customers who want to solve complex problems but who are not familiar with the capabilities and limitations of electronic equipment. And in most cases, they will not pay for hardware development. They want off-the-shelf items.

The stress is on control

Addressing a recent district meeting of the Institute of Traffic Engineers, New York City's Traffic Commissioner T. Karagheuzoff said:

"Every morning of our lives we hear from some new source that our highway system is not equal to the transportation crises resulting from peak-hour commuter demand. If we, as traffic engineers, have a function in allaying this so-called crisis, it lies not as much in the area of new construction in urban areas as in better utilization of existing highways and streets."

Richard K. Boyd, assistant project manager for high-speed ground transportation at TRW, Maclean, Va., says: "Whatever the solution, there are two elements bound to exist: There will be a high degree of automation and a fair degree of restriction on personnel activity."

Most of the new work in street and highway traffic control involves the use of a real-time digital computer system. According to Dr. H. Nathan Yagoda, president of Computran Systems Corp., Hackensack, N.J., such a system "offers the most modern, reliable, flexible, fail-safe type of service."

"It has been proven capable of providing lower transit time, fewer avoidable delays and fewer accidents," he continues. "In addition traffic engineers and maintenance staffs are provided with data-collection capabilities and maintenance aids."

A good example of the improvements brought by a computer-controlled, traffic-responsive system is the increase in traffic flow in downtown Albany after the installation of a minicomputer-controlled network system by Computran. Accord-
ing to Yagoda, it was the first such system to use a minicomputer.

New York City provides another example of the traffic improvements possible with the use of computer-controlled systems. New York’s situation is probably unique, because of its size, says E. Vinson Hoddinott, chief of the city’s Bureau of Signals and Communications. Within New York’s five boroughs there are 9000 intersections with signal lights.

Hoddinott reports that New York City has an on-going modernization program that is designed to put 500 intersections a year under computer control. “Eventually,” he says, “7000 to 7500 intersections will be placed under computer control.”

In Houston a 6.5-mile section of the Gulf Freeway was selected as the site for a traffic surveillance and control study program.

The original installation used analog controllers manufactured by the Automatic Signal Div. of Laboratory for Electronics, Inc., to control traffic entering the freeway at eight different ramps. An IBM 1800 computer is now being used as an alternate and also to perform data analysis.

To aid in the study, a closed-circuit TV system, with 14 pole-mounted cameras, provides visual coverage for operators at the control center.

The system uses what is known as “gap-acceptance” to control traffic entering the freeway. Loop detectors in the right lane of the freeway provide a computer with data that is analyzed to determine when another vehicle may safely enter the highway. When an acceptable gap in traffic is found, the controller sends a command to the signal light at the ramp approach. This directs vehicles onto the freeway in patterns that will least interfere with oncoming traffic.

**System has two major parts**

There are two parts to any traffic-control system: One is the control system strategy, and the other is the control system implementation. Both must be specified to define a system. Control strategy is what the traffic engineer wants the system to do. System implementation is how the traffic engineer chooses to accomplish the task.

All real-time, traffic-responsive control systems need four basic subsystems for implementation:

1. A sensor subsystem to collect traffic flow data.
2. A computer subsystem to evaluate the incoming traffic data and determine the optimum combination of signal timing parameters.
How one city eased its traffic crisis with a minicomputer

What's the ideal traffic-control system for Middletown, U.S.A.? It could easily be similar to the system installed by Computran Systems Corp. in Albany, N.Y.

The Albany central business district is plagued with most of the traffic problems common to older cities. The streets are narrow and irregular. There is heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Illegal parking occurs too frequently, and during the winter heavy snow is common.

Downtown Albany was hard-pressed to handle the 10,000 motorists who filled the streets on an average day. And then, to compound the problem, construction of a new bridge across the Hudson River was expected to funnel 45,000 more motorists through the business area — most of them transients not headed for downtown Albany. When a new highway is completed, this flood of traffic will largely bypass the business area, but in the meantime it was apparent that traffic on some of the links in the network would increase up to 500%.

A study was conducted to identify present and future traffic flow patterns in the central business district. It was found that a minimum of 20 signal intersections around the Albany terminus of the new bridge would be handling more traffic. The flow was broken down into four major patterns: a.m. peak, midday shopper circulations, p.m. peak and evening through-flow. The traffic routings and intensities for each were different.

In each instance, there was a need to provide for two-way movement of traffic around corners and through short links with inadequate storage capacity. If average length groups of cars moving through the area were required to stop along some of these roadways, there would be a high risk of blocking upstream intersections, with resulting area-wide traffic congestion.

To accommodate the projected demands, a centralized traffic surveillance and control system was designed, built and installed. This system (Fig. 1), which has been in operation for one year, centers on a Varian 620/i minicomputer, which receives inputs from 65 magnetic loop detectors placed throughout the central business area. With this information, the computer exercises demand-responsive control through individual signal controllers placed at the intersections in the network.

Information transmission between the central computer and the individual intersections is accomplished by use of Quindar tone-shift transmitters and receivers. This equipment operates

3. A controller subsystem to carry out the computer’s instructions by controlling individual traffic signal lights.
4. A communication subsystem to link the sensors and controllers to the central computer.

Each of these hardware subsystems provides a challenge and opportunity for the electronics industry. But the problems, as we shall see, are not always a matter of meeting the hardware performance specifications.

Versatile sensors sought

Consider sensors. Traffic engineers would like vehicle sensors to provide a variety of information, including volume, speed and lane occupancy. Some of the detectors used provide this information directly, some do it by inference and some require multiple detectors.

Most of the vehicle detectors in present use leave something to be desired in either performance, cost, reliability or ease of maintenance. The types include loops, ultrasonic, radar, magnetometer, pressure switches and photocells.

Loop detectors are the most commonly used, primarily because of cost considerations. One type uses a crystal-controlled oscillator and a loop containing four turns of No. 14 wire. The loop, imbedded in the roadway, is tuned to the crystal’s frequency, usually 100 kHz. An auto passing near the loop short-circuits part of the magnetic field,
2. A second-generation approach is used to generate the optimum strategy algorithm in the Albany traffic control system. With a first-generation approach the algorithm is developed off-line.

in the audio band, and it uses a land-line network comprised of both owned and leased lines.

Peripheral equipment is limited to a teletypewriter, a high-speed paper tape reader and an electronic display map. The teletypewriter provides the primary communication channel between the system and the traffic engineer. It provides a hard-copy output for summary reports generated by the system, and its keyboard is used to input system commands.

An electronic map serves as the primary status display, exhibiting information on the assignment of right-of-way at each intersection and the presence or absence of vehicles at detector stations throughout the area.

Secondary inputs are supplied to the computer from various sources. For example, the firemen at a station in the central business district preempt the system's normal operational sequence, to permit the fire apparatus to maneuver rapidly through the area.

The police can inform the computer as to changes in roadway and weather conditions, and, if needed, a manual system override can be exercised to force the central system to relinquish control.

Monitor circuits permit the computer to detect failures within the control loop. Feedback is obtained from circuits that check the operation of the signal system at each local controller.

The control structure of the system uses a second-generation approach (Fig. 2). In this configuration, detector inputs are processed to generate historic and real-time data. With this information, a prediction algorithm generates the projected traffic demands. The projections are used by the optimum-strategy algorithm to generate nominal cycle lengths, offsets and splits for each intersection.

Real-time data is also used by the tactical control algorithm, which modifies the nominal signal timing in accordance with actual short-term variation. The resultant desired timing is then enforced through the local controllers.

The system is designed to use a simplified optimization algorithm that reflects historic data obtained from the detectors. As protection against detector malfunctions and failures (perhaps the most vulnerable components), the system can be modified by breaking the link between the prediction and the optimization algorithm. When this is done, the optimization algorithm is run off-line and is called a first-generation system.

causes a reduction in the loop's inductance. This, in turn, causes a phase shift in the loop's current, which is detected and closes a relay.

One problem with loop detectors is stability over wide temperature ranges, unless expensive compensation techniques are used. Also, since the loop detector and relay combination is basically a presence detector, speed and occupancy must be calculated with average values for the car's length and inductive effects.

Ultrasonic sensors do not require any alteration to the roadway or disruption of traffic flow during installation or maintenance. The transmitter-receiver is pole-mounted and uses a moving-coil type of loudspeaker to transmit a 20-kHz signal toward the road. During installation the sensor is adjusted to eliminate ground returns. Pulse repetition frequencies vary from 8 to 21 pps, depending on resolution requirements.

Once again, temperature compensation is a problem. Variations in the speed of sound in air approximate 0.1%/°F over the normal operating range. Also, false returns are another major source of trouble.

Despite their limitation, loop detectors have had much wider acceptance than the other types. Radar detectors have had little success, because of cost and maintenance problems.

Magnetometers and pressure switches have been used primarily for measuring presence and do not have the sensitivity of loop detectors.

Photocell detectors have not had much success,
except under controlled environments like tunnels. Pressure-activated switches are low in cost but are placed in, not under, the roadway. This can lead to expensive installation and maintenance costs.


“Inductive loop detectors were selected as the basic instrumentation to generate data for the control parameters,” he reports. “Since the Fine Arts Commission of the District of Columbia prohibits permanently installed devices requiring mast arms of greater than six feet, normal overhead-mounted detectors could not be used. Loop detectors were chosen over magnetic units because magnetic types have been used most often only to roughly measure presence. Because of the ill-defined and variable character of the magnetic detector’s sensitivity, quantitative accuracy of occupancy measurement was not considered high enough for Urban Traffic Control System purposes.”

In New York City the opposite approach has been taken. Some years ago a decision was made not to put anything in the roadway. This immediately eliminated all but ultrasonic and radar detectors from consideration.

Computers usually provide an easier choice. The basic choice is between analog and digital. Analog computers for traffic control have been around for about 20 years and provide a real-time, traffic-responsive capability. Their major disadvantages are that they are not easily expandable and are costly to modify as control strategies change.

With digital computers, the choice is primarily determined by the number of intersections controlled, the control strategy and the operations (such as record-keeping) not directly related to the traffic-control problem. In general, computational speed is not a major consideration.

According to Carl Sukowski, director of computer control for New York City’s Traffic Department, “Almost any process-control computer will do.”

The basic system used in New York City has an IBM 1800 computer and is similar to systems originally developed for San Jose, Calif., and Wichita Falls, Tex. The computer contains 32 K words of internal core storage and a 512-K word disc. This allows the machine to control up to 500 intersections by analyzing the traffic flow data from sensors and then picking one of up to 325 different signal-timing schedules.

By using a system that had been previously developed, New York was able to go on-line much more rapidly, according to Sukowski. At present, the city has two 1800 computers and several more on order. Eventually it will need 14 of these computers for full control of traffic. In addition a

The ultimate: automated highway systems

There are experts who say that the ability of our streets and highways to handle increasing traffic will eventually reach a saturation point with present control techniques. The problem is particularly severe in commuter traffic.

An obvious solution to part of the problem is improved mass transit. Not so obvious is how to persuade commuters in the nation’s suburbs to leave their cars home. Two approaches that are presently being tested may eventually lead to a real solution to the commuting problem, says TRW’s Boyd.

For the last 22 months several lanes of the Shirley Highway in northern Virginia have been reserved strictly for bus use, to determine if congestion can be reduced by luring commuters from their cars. According to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, bus riding has increased substantially — as much as 80 per cent on one line — and commuting time has been reduced by 15 minutes for some commuters. At the same time the growth in automobile traffic during the morning rush hours has slowed 50%.

Another concept being tested in several cities is known as the “Dial-a-Ride” system. It is essentially a personal bus service, similar in operation to a private taxi service. Service is requested from either the home or a bus stop over telephone lines to a central dispatch and control center. The vehicle nearest the call is rerouted by two-way radio command to pick up the passenger. One system, designed by the Boeing Surface Transportation System in Philadelphia, enables a single dispatcher to handle 120 dispatches an hour.

The next logical step, according to Boyd, is to combine the two operations: Pick up passengers in suburban areas, enter a reserved high-speed roadway, drive to a downtown area, leave the highway and disperse the passengers.

Even this will lead to saturation. Tests have shown that the maximum capacity achieved on highways is approximately 2000 vehicles an hour in each lane at a speed of approximately 35 mph. Below this speed, the road can accept more vehicles. Above this speed, drivers increase the spacing between vehicles, so that the capacity of the road actually decreases. At 60 mph the capacity drops to approximately 700 cars an hour.
By automating the highway portion of the trip, Boyd feels that the dial-a-ride system can handle the same number of people as rail rapid-transit systems. At 60 mph an automated highway can handle 5000 vehicles an hour in each lane. Using mini buses carrying 10 to 12 people each, this system could carry over 50,000 people an hour in each lane at less expense than building new rail systems, Boyd contends.

Private autos can also be equipped to travel on automated highways. Initially they would be allowed access on a space-available basis, according to Boyd. Eventually all cars and all inter-city traffic would roll on automated highways.

When asked how long this would take, Boyd told ELECTRONIC DESIGN that he estimates approximately 20 years. He expects to see it begin during the seventies. The technology is here.

One objective of a study recently completed by TRW for the Office of High Speed Ground Transportation, U. S. Dept. of Transportation, was to define a complete intercity, high-speed automated highway system. The system envisioned by TRW would allow cruising speeds in the range of 75 to 150 mph.

A new concept in traffic surveillance, ORBIS III, (left) automatically identifies a car, license number and driver and records vehicle speed, location, time and date on a separate computer will be required to act as a master control and to coordinate the activities of the individual computers. New York has chosen and purchased an IBM 360 50 that is being phased in and is operating with the two 1800s.

For Washington's Urban Traffic Control System, Sperry is using an XDS Sigma 5 with 65 K words of main memory. One reason for the large computer is because the system is to be used as a test-bed for different control strategies. For the first phase of the program, 123 intersections with 517 loop detectors will be instrumented.

More typical of the size of installation that will be in use in most cities in the U.S. is the system installed by Computran Systems Corp. in Albany. Here a Varian 620i minicomputer with 4 K words of memory was used to control 20 intersections, with information supplied by 65 sensors (see box on p. 52).

Control of signal lights

As for the controller subsystem, the standard signal lights used in U.S. are controlled by a predetermined set of timing patterns. Signal timing is essentially defined by three parameters: the cycle length, the split and the offset.

The cycle length is the total time in seconds from the beginning of green on a main street to the next beginning of green on the main. The split is the percentage of the cycle assigned to the major street movement. Increasing the cycle length results in longer red periods and therefore longer stops. It also increases the number of vehicles or volume that can pass through the intersection in a given time. This effectively increases the capacity of the intersection. The objective therefore is to have a cycle length long enough for the volume of traffic arriving to pass through the intersection without stopping, but also short enough so that any vehicles stopped do not have long to wait.

The offset is the time delay as green lights flash on at successive intersections. It is this offset relationship that allows a vehicle to proceed from signal to signal without encountering red lights.

Cams on a timing motor are used to set the cycle, split and offset. The cams are used to drive a stepper motor, which switches the actual signal-light circuits. The controllers usually provide between 12 and 18 timing intervals per cycle and can control up to 27 circuits, says Cyrille Dodge, director of signal operations for New York City. Some of the more sophisticated controllers contain three separate timers: one for the morning rush
Traffic flow studies must be conducted to identify the major traffic patterns and the sites of critical intersections. Only then can the size of the traffic-control system and the number of vehicle detectors be determined.

hour, one for the evening rush hour and one for off-peak periods. The controllers are placed in metal boxes near the signal light. When a computer system is to be installed, all that is required is an adapter that will switch control of the stepper from the timer to the computer.

Communications between a central computer and the various sensors and controllers in the street are usually accomplished by hardwire transmission, primarily for economic reasons. It is cheaper and requires less maintenance than radio communications.

Either leased telephone lines or privately owned lines are used. Here again, the choice is based on economics, including initial cost, installation and maintenance and yearly operating costs. In New York City leased signal-grade telephone lines are used, with one pair of lines for each controller and one pair for each sensor. The signals on these lines are restricted to dc or pulses with a prf of less than 18 per second. New York uses switched dc for communications.

Other types of communications used in conjunction with voice-grade (or better) telephone lines are amplitude modulated frequency-division multiplex, frequency-division multiplex and time-division multiplex.

Nontechnical problems, too

Aside from technical problems, there are other considerations that electronics manufacturers must take note of if they would crack the traffic-control market.

The people most concerned today with present and future traffic problems are the traffic engineers working for municipalities, states and the Federal Government. Traffic engineers are usually civil engineers by education. But they are learning how electronics can be used to solve many traffic-control problems.

"There is a need for a completely new group of people for traffic-control operations. Highway departments have to become transportation departments," says W.R. McCasland, research engineer at the Texas Transportation Institute and director of the Gulf Freeway Surveillance and Control Project in Houston.

According to New York City's Commissioner Karagheuzoff, "The traffic engineer of the future will require a professional knowledge of computers and their capabilities."

In the meantime traffic engineers are responsible for the purchase and installation of control equipment. Most traffic department staffs are not very large, however, and must rely on outside firms to do their systems work.

With the exception of the Federal Government, research and development work must be done by the electronics manufacturer. The Federal Government, through the Dept. of Transportation, does its own research and supports development programs by outside contractors.

When it comes to buying hardware, traffic-control customers are largely interested in price. The low bidder for a contract wins. And when city and state governments purchase something, the contractor doesn't get his money until the equipment is installed and accepted. This differs from practices in the defense and aerospace industries, where contracts are negotiated and a contractor receives progress payments.
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Variations in the magnetic coating on the tape add some form of noise to the modulated carrier, for example, and the nonlinear frequency response of wideband record/reproduce heads is an additional source of distortion. But there are ways to reduce both noise and distortion markedly.

Compensate the basic system

A system that significantly reduces noise and distortion is shown in Fig. 1. In it each data input signal is converted to an FM carrier that combines with a high-frequency (bias) sine wave. Conversion to magnetic flux for recording is accomplished by the record head.

During playback the reproduce-head output goes to a preamplifier and on to a limiter. The last part of the reproduce system is a demodulator that converts the limiter's square-wave frequency into the original data signal.

To this basic system is added, between the preamplifier and the limiter, three signal-processing circuits that take out much of the noise and distortion. First, a bandpass filter reduces noise and spurious signals by restricting the bandwidth of the limiter's input to those frequencies that are essential to information transmission.

Second, an amplitude equalizer linearizes the record/reproduce system's gain vs frequency response, to minimize distortion caused by unsymmetrical sideband distribution.

And third, a delay equalizer linearizes the system group-delay characteristics, which means that it makes the delay time of the system a more nearly constant function of frequency.

Typical signal processing circuits are shown in Figs. 2-4.

Let's examine more closely now the sources of noise and distortion and how the three signal-processing circuits counteract their effects.

Distortion, caused by nonlinear gain and nonlinear group delay, is minimized by the amplitude and delay equalizers. The chief source of distortion is the reproduce head/tape process, which has a nonlinear characteristic over the system passband, as well as a nonlinear transmission time with frequency. As a result, both the gain and the group delay of the whole system change with frequency, thereby distorting the carrier and sideband distribution.

The effect of the nonlinear amplitude vs frequency response on an FM signal is seen in Fig. 5. This waveform is the output of the FM demodulator when nonsymmetrical AM sidebands have been introduced.

A typical amplitude vs frequency curve from a reproduce head that is reading a tape recorded with a constant flux density is shown in Fig. 6. If this curve were flat, there would be no problem. In that case, any amplitude modulation caused by frequency-dependent gain would be linear. The AM sidebands would then be symmetrical and could be taken out by a limiter.

The AM distortion is eliminated by making the system response linear—that is, designing the amplitude equalizer to have a frequency response that is the difference between a linear curve and the nonlinear frequency response curve of the head and tape.

As for nonlinear group delay distortion, it causes a shifting in time of various points on a sine-wave modulation, because the corresponding instantaneous carrier frequencies for each point are unequally delayed in time (Fig. 7).

This type of distortion is eliminated by the delay equalizer, which adds delays at the proper frequencies so all passband frequencies are delayed by approximately the same amount.

A significant difference between the two forms

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1. A basic wideband FM recording system is modified by the inclusion of three signal-processing circuits between the reproduce preamplifier and the limiter. Reproduced signal distortion and noise, introduced by the record/reproduce processes, is thereby minimized through filtering and system linearizing.

2. The active bandpass filter sets the upper frequency of the passband at about 1700 kHz. The lowest passband frequency, about 100 kHz, is determined by the interstage RC coupling networks. Out-of-band noise is rejected, improving the FM carrier-to-noise ratio at the limiter input.

3. The amplitude equalizer is an amplifier stage with an adjustable series-tuned LC circuit that resonates around the top end of the band. A rising gain characteristic, with increasing frequency, restores the linear slope of the system frequency response for AM sidebands, which are removed by the limiter.
4. The delay equalizer is an all-pass network that has a delay/frequency characteristic that compensates for the delay characteristics of the system passband. Most of the delay error is at the low and high ends of the frequency passband, because of the bandpass filtering and the increase in high-frequency gain of the amplitude equalizer. The delay equalization minimizes quadrature distortion in the demodulated output.

5. A distorted output signal results from nonlinearity in the head/tape gain characteristics. The upper FM sidebands are attenuated by the nonlinear frequency response, causing the output to distort.

6. The response of the amplitude equalizer (a) is calculated to compensate for the nonlinear response of the reproduce head (b). The resulting curve is linear for minimum distortion.

7. A varying system transmission time causes quadrature distortion. As the instantaneous FM frequency changes, the nonlinear group delay results in a displacement of different parts of the waveform.

of distortion now becomes apparent. Nonlinear attenuation, or loss of FM sidebands, causes in-phase distortion components, characterized by compression or peaking of the output waveform. Nonlinear group delay causes quadrature distortion, where some portions of the output waveform are displaced in time from their correct position.

Observation of the demodulator output waveform on an oscilloscope will usually show which type of distortion is predominant. Since both are in quadrature, correction of one type of distortion does not necessarily correct the other.

**Cut noise with a filter**

The signal-processing circuit that reduces noise is the bandpass filter. It cuts modulation noise, or noise in the presence of signal, which may be 10 to 15 dB higher than noise in the absence of signal.

There are two types of modulation noise: AM and FM. AM noise comes from the spurious amplitude modulation of the reproduced carrier, and it consists of in-phase sidebands that are symmetrically placed about the carrier frequency. This noise arises primarily from two sources: variations in head-to-tape spacing and variations in magnetic coating on the tape.

As long as AM noise is not itself frequency-modulated, the limiter will remove it, since the instantaneous frequency and phase of the carrier are not affected by pure amplitude modulation. If the system's frequency response is nonlinear, however, the sidebands won't be amplified equally, and the unequal sidebands will phase modulate the carrier.

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Ask an electronics engineer to name his biggest technical headache, and there’s a good chance that his answer will be “noise.” If the noise is caused by circulating ground-noise currents—as is often the case when circuits, subassemblies or racks of equipment are interconnected—then a properly applied balun may be the answer to his problem.

Although baluns (for balancing units) have been widely used by rf designers to connect balanced transmission lines with unbalanced lines or devices, their ability to suppress noise in digital and analog circuits is not nearly as well recognized.

Getting inductance when you want it

A balun, or common-mode choke, is a bifilar-wound, broadband transformer that allows equal and opposite currents to flow through its windings, while suppressing unequal and opposite currents, such as those due to ground noise. Because of the bifilar windings, no net flux is generated in the balun when its two currents are balanced; therefore, balanced signals encounter no inductance when passing through the balun. For unbalanced currents, however, the device acts as an inductance, and effectively breaks up the ground-current path.

They’re not common-mode limited

Unlike differential amplifiers, which can also be used to suppress ground noise, baluns are not common-mode limited and, of course, they do not require expensive power supplies. Other advantages that they enjoy over differential amplifiers are lower cost, smaller size, less distortion and vastly greater reliability.

Baluns can be applied at either the driving or receiving end of a transmission line. Among the driving-end applications (Fig. 1) are ground isolation, current balancing and the protection of critical analog circuitry. In the current-balancing application (Fig. 1b), for example, one side of a two-wire transmission line may pick up an unbalanced noise signal through its distributed capacitance to a noisy ground. By effectively putting an inductance in series with this noise signal, the balun suppresses it without affecting the desired signal.

In receiver applications (Fig. 2) a balun can provide isolation for digital-circuit grounds, perform noise balancing or reduce the noise associated with single-wire transmission. When used as a receiver for a single-ended line (Fig. 2c) the balun allows the line to be converted into a balanced line without picking up any ground noise.

Baluns can cut distortion too

Even when shielded cable is used, baluns can sometimes be employed to advantage. For example, if a cable is used to transmit a clock signal from a clock driver to a load, the signal will actually reach the load through two different transmission lines. One is the coaxial cable; the other is the line consisting of the cable’s inner conductor and the ground shared by the clock

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1. A balun can fight noise at the driving end of a transmission line by providing ground isolation (a), current balancing (b) or critical-circuit protection (c). Note that the rake symbols represent facility or cabinet grounds, while the grounds represented by the spade symbols are floating. The subsystem boundaries may be PC board edges, cabinet walls, etc.

2. A balun can be used at the receiving end of a transmission line for isolating digital-circuit grounds (a), balancing out noise that has been picked up from adjacent wires (b) or providing a termination for a single-wire (unbalanced) transmission line (c).

3. Clock-pulse distortion is reduced by the balun because it isolates the clock-driver ground from the system ground. This eliminates the race problems that would arise if each clock pulse reached the load through two different paths with different electrical lengths.

4. A noisy ground is simulated by the noise source in parallel with a 0.1-Ω resistor in this laboratory test of a balun's noise-reduction performance. As can be seen in the oscilloscope photo, the spikes generated by the noise source are very evident in the upper trace (no balun) and are not noticeable at all in the lower trace (balun in place).

Driver and the load.

If these two transmission lines do not have identical propagation velocities, the received clock pulses will be distorted. One way to eliminate this distortion is to use a balun to isolate the clock-driver ground from the rest of the system (Fig. 3).

Effectiveness depends on ground resistance

To experimentally determine the effectiveness of baluns in actually reducing ground noise, the digital-ground isolation concept of Fig. 2a was simulated in the laboratory (Fig. 4). A train of 30-V spikes was put out by the noise source and the amplitudes of the received spikes were measured. With no balun in place, the received amplitude was 0.8 V. With the balun-inserted, the amplitude dropped to about 0.09 V—more than an 8:1 reduction.

Lowering the resistance in parallel with the noise source from 0.1 Ω to 0.01 Ω, raised the noise-reduction factor to 50:1. Raising it to 1.0 Ω, however, lowered the noise-reduction factor to only 2:1, indicating that baluns will not prove very effective at reducing noise on inter-building cables, or in other situations in which long wire lengths lead to high ground resistances.
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This voltage-controlled rf attenuator replaces the ganged potentiometers of a standard bridged-Tee attenuator with a pair of p-i-n diodes.

Manually operated bridged-Tee attenuators have long been used as gain controls for rf and i-f signals. In modern equipment, such as automatic communications gear or programmable test instrumentation, however, manually operated controls are not sufficient. For these applications, the variable resistors in the manually operated attenuator (Fig. 1a) can be replaced by p-i-n diodes, yielding a continuously variable, voltage-controlled, bridged-Tee attenuator (Fig. 1b).

In rf and i-f work it is usually important to keep the input and output impedances of the attenuator fixed at some value, Z, independent of the attenuator setting. To keep the impedances constant, the relationships,

\[
R_i = Z(K-1)
\]

and

\[
R_i = Z(K^{-1})
\]

must hold, where \(K = \text{antilog}^{-1} (A. 20)\) and A is the attenuation setting in decibels. Combining Eqs. 1 and 2, we get the relationship

\[
R_iR_o = Z^2 = \text{constant.}
\]

This condition can easily be met if \(R_i\) and \(R_o\) are a pair of ganged potentiometers with \(R_i\) counter-clockwise logarithmic and \(R_o\) clockwise logarithmic.

What are the bias constraints?

Since the electronic version of the attenuator uses p-i-n diodes instead of pots, the condition of Eq. 3 must be translated into terms involving the bias voltages or currents on the diodes. The forward resistance of a p-i-n diode is given by

\[
R = r/I^n
\]

where \(I\) is the forward bias current, \(r\) is the diode resistance at \(I = 1.0\) mA and \(n\) is a constant.

Plugging Eq. 4 into Eq. 3, and making the assumption that a pair of identical diodes is being used, we get the result

\[
I_i = (r/Z)^{1/n} = \text{constant.}
\]

If the constants \(r\) and \(n\) are not supplied by the diode manufacturer, they can be determined by measuring the forward resistance, \(R\), of the diode as a function of the bias current, \(I\), and plotting the result on log-log paper (Fig. 2).

The resulting curve will be a straight line with slope \(n\) and a 1.0-mA value of \(R = r\). The curve of Fig. 2 is for an HP 5082-3039 p-i-n.

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2. Plot the diode's resistance as a function of its forward bias current to find the constants \( r \) and \( n \). This curve is for an HP 5082-3039 diode. (Note that the current decreases as you move to the right along the x-axis.) For this diode, \( r = 28 \) ohms and \( n = 0.93 \).

3. To find constants \( i \) and \( k \), plot the diode's current as a function of its forward voltage, on semi-log paper. Plug the constants into Eq. 7 to find the sum \( V_1 + V_2 \).

4. The sum \( V_1 + V_2 \) is automatically kept constant by this differential amplifier circuit. By subtracting \( V_1 \) from the reference sum voltage, the circuit automatically generates the proper value of \( V_2 \).

5. The maximum VSWR of the test circuit is below 1.2:1 across the full 21-dB attenuation range. This data was taken from a 50-ohm attenuator with a 20.5-MHz signal. The constant \( V_1 + V_2 \) was 1.3 V for the HP diodes. Both diodes covered a 0.3-V range, from 0.5 to 0.8 V.

The constraint of Eq. 5 to an equivalent voltage constraint. The forward bias current through a p-i-n diode is related to the forward voltage, \( V \), by the following mathematical relationship:

\[
I = i \exp(kV)
\]

where \( i \) is the zero-voltage current and \( k \) is a constant. The requirement \( I_1, I_2 = \text{constant} \), therefore becomes

\[
V_1 + V_2 = (1/k) \log_e (I_1/I_2) = \text{constant}.
\]

If the diode constants \( i \) and \( k \) are not specified by the manufacturer, they can be determined experimentally by measuring and plotting \( I \) as a function of \( V \) on semi-log graph paper (Fig. 3). The resulting curve will be a straight line with slope \( = k \) and zero-voltage current \( = i \). For the diode of Fig. 3, \( i = 2.26 \) nA, \( k = 19.2 \) and \( V_1 + V_2 = 1.3 \) V.

Use one control voltage instead of two

In most applications only a single voltage is available for controlling the attenuator. If this voltage is used as \( V_1 \), then a differential amplifier can be employed to generate \( V_2 \) by subtracting \( V_1 \) from the constant reference \( V_1 + V_2 \) (Fig. 4).

A bridged-Tee attenuator using HP 5082-3039 p-i-n diodes has been built according to the plan of Fig. 1b. The unit has a characteristic impedance of \( Z = 50 \) ohms, and was driven by a circuit like that of Fig. 4.

The attenuation and VSWR were measured as functions of \( V_1 \) at a frequency of 20.5 MHz (Fig. 5). The device has an attenuation range of 21 dB for a control voltage swing of 0.3 V (0.5 to 0.8 V). The measured value of VSWR was always less than 1.2:1.

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For a higher yield from exhibit visits, check these five pointers. They should help to make your next convention trip more productive, says this trade show official.

Richard L. Turmail, Management Editor

What electronics company isn’t trying to improve its yield on expenses these days? But can it be done on employee visits to trade shows?

It certainly can, says Don E. Larson, general manager of Wescon. Surveys conducted over the last four years by the West Coast trade exhibition indicate, he notes, that four of five engineers visit Wescon for one of these reasons:

- One out of two comes to see new products as they affect his job assignment.
- One out of six comes to get new ideas.
- One out of seven comes to attend particular technical sessions.

“We’ve found,” Larson says, “that engineers could accomplish these objectives more easily if they improved their approach in attending the show in five basic ways.” He lists the following pointers:

1. Scheduling—In general, an engineer is overly optimistic about the amount of time he has to spend at a show. He believes he can see what he expects to see in the time he has allotted.

In reality he often becomes interested in one of the exhibits, over stays his schedule, and leaves no time for other exhibits he had planned on seeing.

A side effect of “underscheduling” is that the engineer may miss a particular technical session that was one of his main reasons for going to the show. Although the papers given in most sessions are available in print before the session is held, the engineer misses the chance to question the author in person.

Many companies have solved the problem of underscheduling by organizing teams of engineers and giving each an assignment to survey company needs and competitors. Later the engineers will discuss what they’ve seen. Often each will write a report on his findings, to be distributed to everyone back at the plant. This way the whole show gets covered, and everybody in the company knows what was there.

2. Homework—Showgoers should always read in depth about the show before going. Since business journals like ELECTRONIC DESIGN publish the schedules of trade-show sessions plus details

Statistical profile of Wescon in 1970

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Average age: Survey average of past four years indicates 75% are between 28 and 40.

Member of professional societies: Besides being members of IEEE, most were either members of the Instrument Society of America or National Society of Professional Engineers.

Hours spent at the show: Six to seven, compared with 4-1/2 hours in 1967. Show management says that the increase may be explained by the expanding complexity of the state of the art.

Number of booths visited: 16 to 22 for a stay of 15 minutes or more.

Number of sessions attended: 15% of the total attendance averaged 1.8 sessions apiece.

Most popular sessions: Applications-oriented sessions—how to do it better and cheaper.

Was show useful: 79% Yes, 21% No, compared with 92% Yes and 8% No in 1969. The fall-off may have been because of the business slump and limits on innovation.
of the show highlights, there is ample opportunity for the engineer to familiarize himself with the subjects he's most interested in. If he doesn't read up in advance, he may find that the technical session on medical electronics, for example, is not what he thought it would be.

3. Awareness—It's been said that the engineer doesn't know how to read and absorb information. The question he asks most often at a show, for example, is "Where's the men's room?" though ample indicators usually are posted. Often he doesn't take advantage of the many services a show provides, such as the inquiry card at Wescon. The engineer could get more out of a show if he read the program thoroughly when he first arrived, to find out what was being offered.

4. Shyness—The average engineer's penchant for not wanting to appear ignorant can make him shy to the point of withdrawal. Many hesitate to speak up and ask the booth attendant questions that will help them understand the display. Engineers shy from a sales pitch. They'd rather stand back and eavesdrop on a conversation between another visitor and the exhibitor.

The trouble with that approach, however, is that the other visitors may never ask the pertinent questions.

5. Know-it-all—There are times when the engineer doesn't take the refresher course that the exhibitor offers. He's too busy telling the booth attendant what he knows, instead of finding out what's new. This attitude may be especially prevalent among those engineers who are 40 years and older, who appear to think they're too sophisticated to attend trade shows. The fact is that the older they get, the more they need to know.

"All in all," Larson says, "engineers do a fairly good job of covering our show, but today every bit of pickup in efficiency helps."

Larson says, too, that engineers could do an even better job of viewing the show if the show's exhibitors would do a better job of displaying.

"Exhibitors," Larson says, "should give up their pretty backgrounds aimed at selling themselves institutionally. The name of the game is demonstration. Visitors don't want a static display—they come to see a live demonstration in operation."
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All functional inputs to the standard and the device under test are wired together. All outputs are compared by means of an 8242 four-bit comparator. If there is a failure, the 8242 will enable fail gates G14, G15 and G16.

As the tester cycles through, three tests occur in sequence: first, the reset; second, the data strobe; and third, a toggle test, initiated when the oscillator is enabled. If any of these tests fail, one of three fail indicators will light.

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The transfer function of the circuit is

\[ H(s) = \frac{-A}{s^2R_2C_2(1 + R_1/R_2 + R_2/R_1) + 1} \]

where \( s \) is the complex frequency variable, \( T = 1/\omega_c \), \( \omega_c = 2\pi f_c \), \( f_c \) is the corner frequency, and \( A \) is the dc gain.

![Diagram of the filter circuit](image)

1. An active filter with a second-order transfer function (a) uses only one IC op amp and an RC network. The design, called a transitional Butterworth-Thompson filter, optimizes the trade-offs between amplitude and phase response. Its response is described by the Bode diagram (b).

![Bode diagram](image)

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The parameter $\mu$ varies between 0 and 1. When $\mu = 0$, the design corresponds to a Butterworth filter; for $\mu = 1$, we have a linear-phase Thompson filter.

Resistor $R_i$ depends on the specified minimum input impedance. Thus $R_i = (R_i)_m$, and $R_a = A R_i$.

Usually the dc gain, $A$, must have an accurate value. Therefore it is best to use a fixed-value resistor in series with a potentiometer for $R_i$ to allow adjustment of $A$.

$C_i$ must be selected so that $C_i > (1 + A)/\omega R_a$. $R_i$ can be determined after selecting $C_i$, such that:

$$R_i = \frac{[R, R_a/(R_i + R_a)]/[\omega C_i \sqrt{2 + \mu}]}{R/R_i (R_i + R_a) - 1}.$$

Now $C_i$ and $R_i$ can be found; $R_i$ is needed only for dc balance. Thus $C_i = 1 (R_i R_a C_i \omega^2)$, and

$$R_i = R_i + [R, R_a/(R_i + R_a)].$$

The values of $\omega$ and $\mu$ are the last to be calculated.

The BASIC program in Fig. 2a greatly simplifies the task of determining the parameter values. The program was originally written for Data General Corp.'s Nova and Supernova computers, but it can be adapted to all computers that use BASIC. Figure 2b gives a sample calculation for the program list.

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Reconnect this IC multiplexer and get a flip-flop circuit

A readily available IC multiplexer—such as the RCA COS/MOS CD 4019 2-input, 4-bit circuit (a)—can be used as a resettable, gated-input quad flip-flop circuit.

The flip-flop circuit (b) is formed by feedback reconnections in the first circuit, as indicated by the dashed lines. The numbers designate the 16-lead DIP pins, with pin 8 to ground and pin 16 to $V_{in}$ (10 V).

The input signals (a) are four A-channel bits, four B-channel bits and two selection bits. The output signals are four D-channel bits. The A-channel (B-channel) input signals are selected by enabling the KA (KB) selection input terminal, so that the A-channel (B-channel) input bits appear on the D-channel output terminals.

In the flip-flop circuit (b), a negative-going pulse on the KB selection terminal (pin 14) resets the flip-flops D1 through D4. A positive-going pulse on the KA selection terminal (pin 9) enables the AND gates, so that the data on the A-channel input terminals will be stored in the corresponding flip-flops.

The functions of the KA and KB terminals can be reversed by connecting pin 6 to pin 10, pin 4 to pin 11, pin 2 to pin 12, and pin 15 to pin 13. The data on the B-channel input terminals will then be stored in the corresponding flip-flops. This alternate arrangement provides flexibility for optimizing printed-circuit layouts.

This idea can be used with any logic configuration similar to that in Fig. a if the gates used are inverting gates.

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North Atlantic's 214 FOUR-FREQUENCY PHASE ANGLE VOLTMETER introduces a new flexibility in AC voltage measurements. It enables direct reading of null balance, total voltage, fundamental voltage, in-phase voltage, quadrature voltage, and phase angle.

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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 44
Here's a better way to design a 90° phase-difference network

This RC op-amp circuit can simplify the synthesis of second-order, all-pass transfer functions, which are used to form fourth and higher-order 90-degree-phase-difference networks. The basic configuration (Fig. 1) has a very useful mathematical property—its RC radian frequencies are identical to the zero pole frequencies of the over-all transfer function. Once these zero/pole frequencies are known, it is a simple matter to calculate the various $R$ and $C$ values from them using only a slide rule.

In factored form, the second-order all-pass function is

$$H(s) = K (s - \alpha_1) (s - \alpha_2) / (s + \alpha_1) (s + \alpha_2),$$

where $K$, the circuit gain, is

$$K = \alpha_3 / (2\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)$$

and $\alpha_1 = 1/R_1C_1$, $\alpha_2 = 1/R_2C_2$, and $\alpha_3 = 1/R_3C_3$. It should be noted that with $K$ calculated as above, $H(s)$ can be made all-pass for any set of values of $R_1$, $C_1$, $R_2$, and $C_2$, and that the gain is $|H| = K < 1$.

Figure 2 shows a fourth-order 90-degree-phase-difference network that uses two of the basic circuits. Its operating bandwidth is 250 to 2500 Hz; the zero/pole frequencies are 120, 472, 1325 and 5222 Hz; and the phase tolerance is $\pm 1.08$ degrees. Since individual circuit gain, $K$, (which equals 0.49) is the same for both networks, a common $K$-divider is used for both amplifiers. Impedance levels, which are arbitrary, are chosen primarily to provide convenient element values and equal gain.


Reference


VOTE FOR 314

IFD Winner for April 1971

Jerry Graeme, Manager, Monolithic Engineering, Burr-Brown Research Corp., International Airport Industrial Park, Tucson, Ariz. 85706. His idea “Check op-amp open-loop dc gain in one cycle of the test signal” has been voted the Most Valuable of Issue award.

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new products

DPM circuit allows direct display of nonlinear data

By incorporating this new technique in a DPM, direct signal linearization and display can be obtained at low costs. For nonlinear functions up to 10% deviation, accuracies of ±0.1% ±1 digit of the ten-point piece-wise linear approximation can be obtained.

Functions having slope changes as great as 40 dB can be linearized at reduced accuracy.

The DPM provides a BCD output that is DTL/TTL compatible and can be used to drive any data-logging device, such as a printer, dataphone terminal or a computer input terminal.

Most applications of the technique will require custom adjustment of the circuit to fit the specific requirements. This is easily done with ten available manual adjustments in the circuit.

Custom designs are also available within a few weeks.

In unit quantities, a linearized display for a type J or K thermocouple sells for $295. The price drops to $220 for OEM quantities.


A new circuit technique developed by Digilin, Inc., has been incorporated into its type 2330 DPM for a/d conversion of nonlinear input signals without any prior signal conditioning.

The new processing circuit divides the operating range of the nonlinear analog input signal into ten segments and alters the range of a/d conversion independently during each segment, to yield a ten-point piece-wise linear approximation of the input signal.

The new nonlinear converter will be especially useful with thermocouples, resistance thermometers and strain gauges for process control and medical applications, where most parameters are nonlinear in nature and require some conditioning prior to display.

In linearizing a thermistor output, the current source used to generate the voltage comparator ramp is adjusted at discrete intervals during the conversion period. Since the intervals are determined from the digital output, excellent repeatability is obtained.

5-MHz, triggered-sweep scope retails at $356

Megura Denpa, Sokki K.K., No. 5, 1, 2 - chome, Chuo-Cho, Meguru-Ku, Tokyo, Japan. Availability: 20 days.

Featuring a dc to 5-MHz bandwidth, the new low-cost MO-190 scope includes triggered sweep, an 8-by-10-cm CRT and sensitivity of 10 mV to 30 V/cm pk-pk. Its time base is calibrated from 1 μs to 10 ms/cm. Other features include an input impedance of 10 MΩ and 35 pF (direct) or 10 MΩ and 15 pF (with a probe), and suitability for X-Y measurements.

Digital barometer interfaces computers

Bell & Howell, Electronics & Instruments Group, 360 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. Phone: (213) 796-9381.

A new portable digital barometer can be linked to a computer. Type 4-461 provides users with a five-digit visual readout of barometric pressures with an accuracy of 0.025%. Simultaneously, it is equipped to send BCD directly to a computer or data recorders. It is available in portable or rack-mounted models and measures 6 by 6 by 12 in.
Impedance probe sweeps 0.5 to 110 MHz


Giving direct readout of both impedance magnitude and phase with swept-frequency display over 0.5 to 110 MHz, the 11655A accessory probe converts the model 8047A network analyzer into a swept-frequency vector impedance meter. With an alternative display model, impedance is presented on cartesian coordinates as R ± jX. Measuring range of the probe is from 0.1 to 10 kΩ.

CIRCLE NO. 253

1-mV-to-100-V chart recorder costs $295

Linear Instruments Corp., 2930E Grace Lane, Costa Mesa, Calif. Phone: (714) 546-6706. Availability: 2 weeks.

The model 112 true-potentiometric null-balance recorder is available with full-scale spans from 1 mV to 100 V. It features a wide selection of chart speeds including a 12-speed drive with a 1920:1 ratio and a disposable nylon-tip pen whose response is 20 in./s. Error limit is 0.5%. A $495 model is available with many options.

CIRCLE NO. 254

MICROWAVES & LASERS

Photo-Darlington unit has high sensitivity

Quantum Sensing, Inc., 1650 Locust Ave., Bohemia, N.Y. Phone: (516) 589-0456. P&A: $85 (1000 quantities); stock.

A high-sensitivity (QS506) photo-Darlington unit provides light current of 5 mA with irradiance of only 0.2 mW/cm². This device was designed for applications requiring sensitivities of 100 to 200 times those of conventional photo-transistors at low irradiance. It is sensitive to both visible and near-IR illumination. Its package is a TO-18 header with an epoxy dome.

CIRCLE NO. 255

Silicon amplifiers offer 10 W at 2.3 GHz

TRW Semiconductor Div., 14520 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, Calif. Phone: (213) 679-4561. P&A: $100 to $240; stock.

A series of silicon amplifiers, designated MICroAMP, offers power levels of 6 to 12 W in four increments of 1 to 2.3 GHz. Power gain is from 6 to 10 dB depending on the power level and bandwidth. These devices are packaged in hermetic flange or pill configurations and have 30% bandwidths with 50-Ω input VSWRs of less than 2:1.

CIRCLE NO. 257

Low-value capacitor kit is for 3-GHz use

American Technical Ceramics, 1 Norden Lane, Huntington Station, N.Y. Phone: (516) 271-9600. P&A: $50.95; 1 wk.

A capacitor kit is available for use through 3 GHz. All the capacitors in the kit are manufactured from low-loss fused porcelain, with a Q of 10,000 at 100 MHz being typical for a 10-pF capacitor. Kit L consists of 33 50-mil-cube capacitors in values from 0.1 to 15 pF. Tolerances included are ±0.1, ±0.25, ±0.5 and ±5%.

CIRCLE NO. 258
What you don’t see really counts

And, what you don’t see is a large, cumbersome display device that uses too much critical housing space in readout equipment. What you do see is a clear, sharp, highly legible Sperry display contained in a compact, thin, planar package. This gives the engineer a lot more latitude in developing new designs not to mention the improvement possibilities in existing equipment. The advantages don’t stop there — take a close look at these other important Sperry display extras.

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Sperry displays are priced right; $2.30 per digit in quantities of 5,000. In larger quantities, the price is even lower — as low as the most inexpensive displays on the market today.

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Sperry displays are bright, crisp, and easy to read. The attractive orange glow provides excellent character definition and is strong enough for easy reading in direct sunlight . . . as well as under all types of indoor lighting conditions. And, they’re the only segmented devices on the market that appear as solid unbroken figures.

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Offering a character height of 0.33" with 0.375" centers, Sperry displays have the appearance of printed figures. Uniform spacing is maintained even when stacked end-to-end.

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Advanced planar Sperry displays can be read accurately within a 150° viewing angle. Characters are housed on a flat plane so all figures are displayed equally bright and clear regardless of combination.

Multiplex capability —
A single decoder/driver may be used to multiplex several decades without impairing the appearance of the display. In standard applications a decoder/driver can be used for each digit.

Reduced current requirements —
Sperry devices rank among the lowest. Typical current drain is only 200µA per segment or 1.4mA for a figure 8. The power dissipation is just 200mW. Displays operate on 170 volts DC so they can be used in existing equipment without redesigning the power supply.

Proven reliability —
The cold cathode, gas discharge principle utilized in Sperry display devices has proven reliable in thousands of applications including cockpit instrumentation aboard the Boeing 747. Sperry displays have a useful life expectancy in excess of 100,000 hours.

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SPERRY INFORMATION DISPLAYS

It’s a whole new ball game in display devices!

Shown here is the Sperry SP-733, a 3 digit model. Also available are 2 and 1½ (7 segment character with + and —) digit models.
IC character generator interfaces LEDs/CRTs


A new MOS IC character generator generates voltage patterns needed to form numbers, letters, and symbols on visual displays such as LED arrays or CRTs. The device is normally driven by address codes originating in a computer or other data sources. The new column-select generator, MCM 1131L, can supply 2 mA of output current and accesses in only 500 ns max.

CIRCLE NO. 259

Dual clock driver works 35-kbit MOS arrays


A new dual hybrid IC clock driver drives the two phase clock lines for 35,000-bit MOS arrays at 1 MHz. Intended for driving circulating memories or multiples of large MOS arrays, the ATF473 can source and sink up to ±2 A in each circuit at output swings up to ±30 V. Switching is fast and symmetrical: max rise or fall time into a 7000-pF load is only 40 ns, and delay time is only 10 ns.

CIRCLE NO. 260

IC-memory decoder has max delay of 18 ns


A new high-speed 1-of-8 decoder is available for selecting bipolar memory chips, such as Intel's 3101A 64-bit RAM or 3202 256-bit RAM. The type 3205 decoder converts a binary code at three inputs to a signal on 1 of 8 output leads with input-to-output delay of only 18 ns max. The decoder may be driven directly by TTL and DTL logic.

CIRCLE NO. 261

MOS clock generator has 4 phases in a TO-5

Societa Generale Semiconduttori, Via C. Olivetti, 1, Agrate, Milan, Italy.

A new four-phase MOS clock generator, designated M002, is available in a single TO-5 can. The new device offers three different, selectable modes of operation: major-major, major-minor and minor-minor. Operating with a standard supply voltage of —27 V, the M002 has high frequency (500 kHz) and high output-voltage swing (26 V) without external components.

CIRCLE NO. 262

Premium IC op amps slew at 30 V/μs

Raytheon Semiconductor, 350 Ellis Street, Mountain View, Calif. Phone: (415) 968-9211. Availability: stock.

Two new high-slew-rate op amps, the RM4531 and RC4531, provide the dc performance of popular 741 op amps plus 30 V/μs slew rates. Their input stages retain small-signal characteristics even when subjected to large differential input signals. Both feature offset null capacity, high gain and can be unity-gain compensated.

CIRCLE NO. 263

Low-offset IC op amp slew at 20 V/μs

Precision Monolithics, Inc., 1500 Space Park Dr., Santa Clara, Calif. Phone: (408) 248-9222. P&A: $14.35 (100 quantities); 1 to 6 wks.

The monoOP-01 monolithic op amp features a 20-V/μs slew rate and low voltage and current offsets —0.7 mV and 2 nA, respectively. The internally compensated op amp is a direct pin-for-pin replacement for the popular 2600 series of amplifiers and it performs a similar function to the μA715 high-slew-rate amplifier. It is available in a TO-99 package.

CIRCLE NO. 264

TTL NAND gate has dual five inputs

National Semiconductor Corp., 2900 Semiconductor Dr., Santa Clara, Calif. Phone: (408) 732-5000. Price: see text.

A new TTL NAND gate is the DM7092/DM8092 dual 5-input gate that is completely compatible with standard TTL. The new device is supplied in three versions: the DM7092D with a cavity DIP package, the DM7092N molded DIP for operation at —55 to +125°C, and the DM8092N molded DIP for 0 to +70°C use. Prices are: DM7092D ($6.75), DM7092N ($2.91), DM8092N ($2.04).

CIRCLE NO. 265

Bipolar 2048-bit ROM is field programmable


The MM 6305/5305 is a 2048-bit field-programmable bipolar ROM. It uses the fusible-link technology which requires only 90 mA and no special equipment for programming. Programming is achieved in minutes by the user, either in his own facility or in the field, by any test equipment or a field programmer supplied by the manufacturer.

CIRCLE NO. 266
Tri-state 256-bit RAM chip selects in 12 ns

Advanced Micro Devices, Inc., 901 Thompson Pl., Sunnyvale, Calif. Phone: (408) 732-2100. P&A: $27 (100 quantities); stock.

Organized as 256 words by 1 bit, a new bipolar static random-access memory with a tri-state output—ON, OFF and high-impedance—offers typical chip-select speeds of only 12 ns and read access speeds of 60 ns.

The high-impedance output state allows increased fan-out without loss of speed, either in a system or in any single memory device. The 'AM2700 memory is fully decoded on the chip, and can be addressed and read without the use of external logic.

Three chip-select inputs are available to allow the building of large memory systems with few external decoders. They reduce the amount of peripheral decoding logic by allowing the memory to be organized in a three-dimensional matrix.

An additional feature of the 'AM2700 is low power dissipation in the active state—only 1-1/2 mW per bit. It is rated to operate over the ambient temperature range of 0 to +75°C and is packaged in a hermetically sealed and 100% tested metal-ceramic 16-pin dual-in-line case. The memory can be driven from standard TTL MSI decoder devices.

The new random-access memory unit is processed to conform to Military Standard, 883, Level C. Units are also available, as an option, to conform to Military Standard 883, Level B.

Applications include high-speed buffer memories and small mainframes where speed is a critical factor.

CIRCLE NO. 267

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For the full low-down on the new low-down power supply, write or call Acopian Corp., Easton, Pa. 18042. Telephone: 215-258-5441. And remember, Acopian offers 82,000 other power supplies, each shipped with this tag...
Tiny indicator tubes are ideal for strobos

Raytheon Co., 465 Centre St., Quincy, Mass. Phone: (617) 479-5300. P&A: $3.95 (1000 quantities), 60 days.

Subminiature side-viewing numerical indicator tubes for strobe/time-sharing applications are offered in a new series. These cold-cathode tubes are supplied with numerals 0 to 9 with right and left-hand independently operated decimal points. A companion tube presents plus and minus signs. Each tube has a dia of 0.53 in. Seated height is 1.414 in. and character height is 0.5 in.

CIRCLE NO. 274

Synchronous motor is only 1/4-in. thick

Landis & Gyr, Inc., 4 Westchester Plaza, Elmsford, N.Y. Phone: (914) 592-4400.

A new subminiature synchronous motor is the AMY6 which is approximately 1/4-in. thick and 7/8-in. in dia. It was developed for inclusion in miniature control devices as well as in compact electronic equipment for consumer and industrial products. Its shaft speed is 300 rpm with a 24-V ac, 60-Hz input. Power consumption does not exceed 0.3 VA.

CIRCLE NO. 275

These versatile building blocks give you absolute display control

IEE rear projection readouts let you display everything from single alphanumerics to complex multiword, multiline messages in any type font or style, in your choice of colors, in any language from hieroglyphics to Sanskrit, using any set of symbols known to man, in all sorts of combinations, on a variable brilliance, single-plane viewing surface, all in a variety of sizes from 3/8-inch up to a huge 3½-inch-high characters readable from 100 feet away, and you can get up to 64 different messages, numbers, letters, symbols, or combinations thereof in one single readout.

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CIRCULAR INFORMATION NUMBER 48
Solid-state LED switch eliminates contact bounce

Diaight Corp., 60 Stewart Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. Phone: (212) 497-7600. P&A: $6.82 (1 to 9), $4.03 (1000); stock.

Incorporating an LED, a photo-Darlington amplifier and a Schmitt trigger, a new solid-state pushbutton switch provides contactless, and therefore contamination-free operation and a minimum life of 10 million operations.

Energy from the light-emitting diode, which is always ON, falls on the photo-Darlington amplifier and causes current to flow. When the pushbutton is activated, the light from the diode is blocked, current ceases to flow and the Schmitt trigger changes state, providing a digital output signal.

The output of the new switch is an open-collector transistor that can be interfaced to levels up to 16 V at 50 mA. It is directly interfaceable with RTL, DTL, TTL and HTL logic levels. Typical switching rise and fall times are 100 ns.

The switch is available in snap or non-snap action. In the snap form, a moving magnet provides a high initial pushbutton operating force when the switch is depressed and an audible click indicates switch activation. In the non-snap model, there is a gradual increase in operating force until the switch plunger is bottomed.

Switches are available in spst normally open, spst normally closed and spdt versions.

For interfacing with discrete circuits as well as digital ICs, one or two external resistors must be used with the switch, depending on the switch version, to tie the open-collector output to an external supply line.
Scott "T" transformers come in tiny packages

Magnetico, 6 Richter Court, E. Northport, N.Y. Phone: (516) 261-4502. P&A: $19; stock to 3 wks.

A series of new 60-Hz Scott "T" transformers are available in small 1.1 by 2.1 by 1.1-in. packages. The new devices convert 3-wire synchro inputs into 2-wire resolver outputs. They are designed to mount on PC boards, can be used at 400 Hz and will meet the requirements of MIL-T-27B. Specifications include 90 V line-to-line input and 6 V output.

CIRCLE NO. 277

Double-gun rectangular CRT has 8-by-10-cm face


A new double-gun rectangular-faced instrument CRT features an 8-by-10-cm display and 6-cm overlap. The 1400D has a post-deflection acceleration voltage of 5 kV and is aluminized. Independent control of brightness and focus is achieved by dual construction of triode, focusing and astigmatism systems. Deflection blanking is compensated for inexpensive dc-coupled operation.

CIRCLE NO. 278

Servo system provides 150:1 speed range


A new electronically controlled loop velocity servo package provides a 150:1 speed range. Its speed and direction are directly proportional to the magnitude and polarity of the input command signal. It uses an integral analog tachometer and a solid-state control package. The system provides constant torque output up to 10 oz-in. over 60 to 9000 rpm in either direction.

CIRCLE NO. 279

Flat-face CRT is 13.78 in. long

AEG-Telefunken Corp., 570 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Phone: (201) 568-8570.

A new short-length (13.78 in.) CRT is the model D14-131 with a 4 by 5-in. flat face. It uses electrostatic deflection and focusing and offers deflection sensitivities of 5 V/cm vertical and 8 V/cm horizontal. Other features include an aluminized screen, blanking, a mesh post-deflection acceleration electrode and a post-acceleration voltage ratio of 10:1 max.

CIRCLE NO. 280

Ballistic accelerometers measure 50,000 g


A line of accelerometers and associated solid state miniature amplifiers provide the measurement of ballistic impact of 50,000 g in one, two or three directions, respectively. The 400 series devices are made in single, bi-axial or tri-axial configurations. The accelerometers with single-conditioning amplifiers are self-contained.

CIRCLE NO. 281

Solid-state cartridges include LED lights


The new solid-state Astrolite cartridge is a combination General Electric LED and a housing with either wire leads or terminals. Both versions mount on 0.19-in.-dia holes and are available without or with a cylindrical lens. The housings also include rectifying diodes and resistors for operation from 2.8 to 28 V, ac or dc.

CIRCLE NO. 282
Tiny 6-digit counter prices under $30/digit

Tronix, Inc., Box 349, Phillipsburg, N.J. Phone: (201) 859-3944.

Designed to meet OEM requirements for low cost, the new TC-5 series electronic counter packs 6 digits of counting into a 4-1/8 by 1-3/4 by 4-3/8-in. plug-in module that is priced under $30/digit. The TC-5 offers counting speeds up to 20 MHz, compatibility with standard PC edge connectors and 0.4-in.-high visual displays. It operates from an external 5-V supply.

Economy FET op amps price down to $10

Polytron Devices, Inc., Box 398, Paterson, N.J. Phone: (201) 523-5000.

A new inexpensive series of FET op amps include models P201C, P201CA, P201C-7 and P201C-7A, with the last two being priced at $10 and $14.50, respectively. These internally compensated op amps are particularly useful in applications requiring high input impedance (10¹² Ω) and low bias current (5 pA). Output voltages are ±11 V. Other features are voltage gain of 500,000, offset of 5 pA and output of ±11 V. The P201C-7 provides an output current of ±5.5 mA, while the P201C-7A provides ±20 mA.

CIRCLE NO. 284

Anti-log amplifier widens bandwidth

Optical Electronics, Inc., Box 11140, Tucson, Ariz. Phone: (602) 624-8358. P&A: $100; stock.

Model 396 anti-logarithmic amplifier provides data expansion and, when used with the model 2531 logarithmic amplifier provides wideband and dynamic-range nonlinear function generation. Features include 80 dB min dynamic range, ±1% anti-log error and dc to 1 MHz signal bandwidth. The output is 10 V full scale.

CIRCLE NO. 285

Sample/hold module tracks 10 V in 100 ns

Varadyne Systems, 1020 Turnpike St., Canton, Mass. Phone: (617) 828-6395. P&A: $149; stock.

Model SHM-2 sample-and-hold module can track a full-scale ±10-V input in less than 100 ns to within ±0.1% accuracy. Its aperture time is 10 ns and over-all bandwidth is dc to 500 kHz. Slew rate is 30 V/µs, output is 10 V at 5 mA and settling to ±0.1% is in 1 µs. The SHM-2 has a temperature coefficient of ±20 ppm/°C and operates from ±15 V dc at ±35 mA.

CIRCLE NO. 286

Oscillator unit accepts 80 to 110-MHz crystals


The inconvenience and expense of using a new crystal oscillator for each discrete frequency has been eliminated from 80 to 110 MHz with the new model MC308X1 crystal oscillator. It comes in a case that accepts any insertable TO-5 crystal unit in any discrete frequency in its specified range. Frequency is adjustable to within ±1 ppm of the desired nominal value at room ambient. Operating from an input voltage of ±12 V dc, the new MC308X1 oscillator provides output power of 7 mW into a 50-Ω load.

CIRCLE NO. 287

Digital display mounts easily

Discon Corp., 2820 N.E. 4th Ave., Pompano Beach, Fla. Phone: (305) 781-0440. Price: $1.98/digit (100-000 quantities).

New series 40 Digicat display is designed as a complete ready-to-mount assembly. The assembly, including bezel and color filter, mounts easily to the front of any panel by two screws. Lamps are replaceable from the front. The Digicat is available with seven-segment numeric, hexadecimal and alphanumeric characters.

CIRCLE NO. 288

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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL NUMBER 51
Midget 2-lb calculator has printing output


An electronic mini-calculator that prints has been introduced by Litton's Monroe Div. Weighing less than 2 lbs, the pocket-sized calculator, which can easily be held in the palm of the hand, operates on its own batteries or directly from ac voltage. The model 10 "Shrimp" can operate 4 to 5 hours on its own batteries without recharging.

CIRCLE NO. 289

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CIRCLE NO. 290

Electronic Design 15, July 22, 1971
Incremental cassette recorders cost from $99


A new line of low-cost digital cassette recorders achieve true bit-by-bit incremental recording. Their low prices of $99 include all electronics for unidirectional write-only models in OEM quantities. A complete bidirectional model with write/read electronics costs $299, in OEM quantities. Electronic functions are on plug-in plastic modules on the transport rear.

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Information Terminals Corp., 1160 Terra Bella Ave., Mountain View, Calif. Phone: (415) 964-3600.

A new gauge permits users of cassette drives to accurately position guides, heads, and pinch rollers. The M-300 head and guide gauge gives maximum performance from digital and audio cassette and drives. It accurately locates the tape path in a drive with reference to mid-point dimensions of all cassettes meeting ANSI, ECMA and audio standards.

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CIRCLE NO. 301

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A capacitive ROM system with an alterable 131-kbit density features a cycle time down to 125 ns. The series 1000 ROM uses four storage boards each having 32,768 bits of memory. The stored data pattern is a capacitive matrix etched on a low-cost mask, affixed to a PC board, with 16,384 bits of storage-side.

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Spatial Systems, Inc., 132 Aero Camino, Goleta, Calif. Phone: (805) 968-5594.

A new picture-enhancement technique is incorporated in the model 401 Edge Enhancer. Using a combination of TV and analog computer techniques, the system produces an enhanced picture of photographic transparencies wherein the edges, lines and fine structures are emphasized. The 401 consists of a bright-light table to illuminate the photograph, a precision TV camera to pick up the image, and an edge enhanced unit with TV monitor.

CIRCLE NO. 303

Cassette-tape transport system has 3 drives


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Price reductions
Self-Scan alphanumeric panel displays have been cut in price by as much as 30%. According to Burroughs Corp., type SSD 1000-0010 16-digit numeric panels without memory can now be bought for $135 (1 to 9) or $90 (100). Type SSD 1000-0030 16 and 18-digit alphanumeric panels without memory now cost $155 (1 to 9) and $99 (100). Type SSD 1000-0040 16-digit alphanumeric panels with memory cost $240 (1 to 9) and $160 (100).

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Astro Space Labs of Huntsville, Ala., has reduced the price of its RR-115 reed relay from $12 to $8 (single units) and from $10.80 to $4.25 (1000 quantities).

CIRCLE NO. 375

Teledyne Semiconductor has announced the following price cuts on FET-input op amps: their model 2404BG has been reduced in price from $58.50 to $38.80 each; and the model 2741CF from $17.50 to $10.80. Price reductions apply for 100 to 999-unit orders.

CIRCLE NO. 376

Data Technology, Inc., Watertown, Mass., has reduced the price of its model CMA five-digit, dual-axis, bidirectional display counter from a previous price of $1193 to only $858, for quantities of 5 units.

CIRCLE NO. 377

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Information Retrieval Number 113

Model 800 Digital Data Printer, compact 5⅛"H x 8½"W, up to 21 columns, 2.8 lines/sec., programmable 2-color printing and format, controlled decimal points for ranging, column inhibit. Optional digital clock, digital accumulator, input storage, fan-fold or roll paper, $895 for 7 BCD input columns. Newport Labs, Santa Ana, Ca., (714) 540-4914.

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