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Typical Operating Characteristics

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	QK-685 and QK-703
node Voltage esolving Power	4,000 Vdc (Max.)
Magnetic Focus Electrostatic Focus	1,000 Lines (Nor 700 Lines (Nor
utput Capacitance	QK-685-10 μμf (Nor QK-703-20 μμf (Nor
aximum Deflection Angle	30°

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TRANSIS	TORIZED		REGULAT	TED PO	OWER SU	JPPLIES - RACH	( MOUN	TING		
LT-1095 LT-1095M	Rack Rack	0-32 0-32	0-1 000 0-1000	A A	Ξ	None 2½" rect	Rear Rear	Rear Rear	S-1 S-1	285.00 315.00
LT-2095 LT-2095M	Rack Rack	0-32 0-32	0-2000 0-2000	B B	-	None 2½" rect	Rear Rear	Rear Rear	\$-1 \$-1	365.00 395.00
TUBE RE	GULATED									
C-280	Rack	0.200	0-200	C	10A	Ναπε	Rear	Rear	S-2	184.50
C-280M	Rack	0-200	0.200	č	10A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-2	214.50
C-281	Rack	125 325	0-200	Č	10A	None	Rear	Rear	Š-2	159.50
C-281 M	Rack	125-325	0-200	C	10A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-2	189.50
C-282	Rack	325-525	0-200	Ç	10A	None	Rear	Rear	S-2	169.50
C-282 M	Rack	325 525	0-200	C	10A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-2	199.50
C-480	Rack	0.200	0 400	0	15A	Nane	Rear	Rear	S-2	259.50
C-480M	Rack	0-200	0.400	0	15A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-2	289.50
C-481	Rack	125-325	0.400	0	15A	None	Rear	Rear	S-2	244.50
C-481 M	Rack	125-325	0.400	0	15A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-2	274.50
C-482 C-482M	Rack Rack	325-525 325-525	0-400	0	15A	None	Rear	Rear	S-2 S-2	259.50
					15A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear		289.50
C-880	Rack	0-200	0-800	E	20A	None	Rear	Rear	S-3	340.00
C-880M C-881	Rack	0-200	0-800	Ę	20A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-3	370.00
C-881M	Rack Rack	125-325 125-325	0-800	Ę	20A	None	Rear	Rear	S-3	315.00
C-882	Rack	325 525	0-800 0-800	E	20A 20A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-3	345.00
C-882M	Rack	325-525	0-800	Ē	20A 20A	None 3½" rect	Rear Rear	Rear Rear	S-3 S-3	360.00 390.00
C-1580	Rack	0-200		- F	30A	N. 1.				
C-1580M	Rack	0-200	0-1500 0-1500	F	30A 30A	None 31/211 rect	Rear Rear	Rear	S-4 S-4	550.00
C-1581	Rack	125-325	0-1500	Ē	30A	None	Rear	Rear Rear	5-4 S-4	580.00 575.00
C-1581M	Rack	125-325	0-1500	F	30A	31/2" rect	Rear.	Rear	5-4 5-4	575.00 605.00
C-1582	Rack	325-525	0-1500	F	30A	None	Rear	Rear	S-4	650.00
C-1582M	Rack	325-525	0-1500	Ē	30A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-4	680.00
28	Rack	200-325	0-100	G	34	None	Rear	Rear	S-5	59.50
28M	Rack	200-325	0-100	G	3Å	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-5	89.50
29	Rack	100.200	0-100	ů.	34	None	Rear	Rear	<u> </u>	
29M	Rack	100-200	0-100	H	3A 3A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	5-5 S-5	69.50 99.50
32	Rack	200-325								
32M	Rack	200-325	0-300 0-300	1	2 @ 5A 2 @ 5A	None 3½″ rect	Rear Rear	Rear Rear	S-6 S-6	139.50 169.50
33	Rack	100-200	0-300	1	2 @ 5A	None	Rear	Rear	S-6	154.50
33M	Rack	100-200	0-300	1	2 @ 5A	31/2" rect	Rear	Rear	S-6	184.50
50R	Rack	0-500	0-500	K	2 @ 5A	41/2" rect	Frent	Fr & rear	S-7	420.00
		0-50 0-200	{ Bias } High Imped.	L M						
		<u> </u>	REGULATED	POW	ER SUPP	LIES PORTAE	LE ANO	BENCH		
25	Bench	200-325	0-100	6	3A	None	Front	Front	\$-8	69.50
26	Bench	100-200	0-100	н	3A	Nane	Front	Front	S-8	79.50
50	Bench					See Model 5			\$-9	440.00
71	-	0-500	0-200	M	1011					
/1	Portable	0-500 0-50	0-200 ( Bias	N P	2 @ 5A	31/2" rect	Front	Front	S-10	310.00

	TABLE I
DC	OUTPUT VOLTAGE REGULATION,
	IMPEDANCE, RIPPLE

_	REGUL	Internal	Ripple, rms	
	Line (105-125 VAC)	Lead (min to max)	Impedance (ohms)	(millivolts er %)
_	Less than	Less than	Less than	Less than
A	0.15% er 20MV	0.15% or 20MV	0.50	1 mv
8	0.15% or 20MV	0.15% or 20MV	0.025	1 mv
C	0.15% or 0.3V	0.25% er 0.5V	6	3 m v
0	0.15% or 0.3V	0.25% or 0.5V	3	3 av
E	0.15% or 0.3V	0.25% or 0.5V	1.5	3 mv
F	0.15% or 0.3V	0.25% er 0.5V	0.75	3 mv
G	1%	1%	10	10 mv
H	1%	1%	10	5 mv
J	1%	1%	4	10 mv
K	0.15% er 0.1V	0.5% or 0.3V	2	8 m v
L	0.1%	unregulated	3,300	2 mv
M	0.1%	unregulated	17,500	5 mv
N	0.15% or 0.3V	0.15% er 0.3V	4	5 mv
P	0.1%	unregulated	5,500	2 mv
9	0.1%	unregulated	25,000	5 mv

#### TABLE II SIZES AND WEIGHTS

	s	ize		WE	IGNT
		W x D ches)		Net (ibs)	Shipping (lbs)
S-1	31/2	x 19	x 14¾	35	65
\$-2	51/4	x 19	x 14¾	53	80
S-3	7	x 19	x 14 <del>%</del>	84	100
S-4	8%	x 19	x 143⁄a	120	140
S-5	51/4	x 19	x 8	19	23
S-6	101/2	x 19	x 9¼	42	52
S-7	10 1⁄2	x 19	x 14¼	89	140
S-8	8	x 14	x 6	19	23
S-9	121/2	x 22	x 15	110	158
\$-10	13	x 8%	x 14½	49	85

Sufficient tolerance is incorporated in the specifications to allow for normal commercial component and tube devia-tions. Tube replacements may be made with any equivalent tubes meeting E.I.A. specifications.

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**INPUT** 105-125 VAC, 50-400 CPS, single phase. Exceptions: Models 50, 50R and 71 - 105-125 VAC, 50-60 CPS.

**DC OUTPUT** Voltage Range: Continuously variable over ranges specified, except where otherwise noted. *Current Range:* The current ranges given apply to the entire DC output voltage range, and for input voltages from 105 to 125 VAC. No "de-rating" is necessary. *Polarity:* Either positive or negative terminal may be grounded.

AC OUTPUT The AC output is unregulated. isolated and ungrounded. It has a value of slightly higher than 6.3 V

#### **GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

(when fully loaded) at an input of 115 VAC. This value allows for voltage drop in connecting leads. Dual outputs may be connected in series or parallel.

DUTY CYCLE Continuous duty at full load.

METERS Where meters are indicated, a separate voltmeter and milliammeter are provided.

**OVERLOAD PROTECTION** Ample protection is provided against external overload and internal failure conditions by means of fuses.

means of fuses. Circuit breakers of the magnetic, "trip-free" type are employed in Models 50, 50R, 71 and LT series as protection against external overloads. And in the LT series, the tran-sistor complement is independently protected by special transistor circuitry.

STYLE Rack Models are designed for mounting on standard 19" relay racks.

Bench Models are provided with compact, specially-de-signed, ventilated cabinets equipped with carrying handles. The power supply units may be removed from their cabinets for mounting in standard relay racks (except Models 25, 26 and 71).

RATINGS AND COMPONENTS All components used are of the highest quality and are operated well within manufac-turers' ratings. Hermetically-sealed, oil-filled capacitors are used exclusively, except in LT series, where special high purity foil, long-life electrolytics are used. "C" and "LT" series power supplies use hermetically-sealed magnetic com-ponents exclusively. Ample safety factors are provided in the design to insure the long life, and the dependable, trouble-free operation so desirable in industrial and laboratory appli-cations. cations.

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**COMMON MARKET.** A steadily rising market for electronic products has been growing in Europe through the post-war recovery years. Also growing have been European manufacturing facilities in search of customers. One answer for the overseas manufacturer has been found in the "common market" concept. Under this plan, six European nations are lowering trade barriers, reducing tariffs and permitting favorable exchange of each other's currency.

U.S. manufacturers feel they too can cash in on the benefits of the European common market. One way to do this is to license European firms to make their products and, in some cases, distribute them under the licensor's brand.

Associate Editor Emma has been talking to exporters and manufacturers, as well as consulting industry export records. For details on what he has learned, see p 30.

**ELECTRONICS NEWSLETTER.** In daily newspaper jargon a "hell box" is a column or two on the front page left open until the last minute for the latest news. Our hell box is called Electronics Newsletter.

Here you will read first about developments such as the Raser quantum mechanical amplifier, the plasma thermocouple, or electrostatic halftone printing. To get these items, ELECTRONICS' New York and field editors are backed up by McGraw-Hill domestic and foreign news bureaus and correspondents.

Associate Editor Janis constantly receives such reports, taps other news sources, and edits the most significant items for the newsletter. He holds an A.B. from Kenyon College, an M.S. from Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, sharpened his news sense as a wire service war correspondent in Korea, learned the inside of the electronics industry working for Bell Telephone Laboratories.

### Coming In Our May 15 Issue . . .

ULTRASONIC SURGERY. The use of electronics in medicine has made possible some remarkable progress in diagnosis and treatment of human illness in the last few years. Applications in surgery are now increasing. Recent investigations have shown that precisely controlled bursts of intense ultrasonic energy focused at specific points in the brain may be of great value in both experimental and clinical neurosurgery.

B. J. Cosman of Radionics, Inc., T. F. Hueter of Massachusetts General Hospital next week describe an instrument which uses ultrasonic techniques to produce changes ranging from circumscribed destruction of deep-seated ganglia in the brain to subtle alterations of the central nervous system. Device produces required 1,000 watts/cm<sup>2</sup> at accurately micropositioned points, focused in a manner that minimizes effect on surrounding tissues.

LOW-JITTER THYRATRON SWITCH. Thyratrons are often ruled out for switching applications requiring precisely repeatable firing delays because of time jitter problems. This is despite the high current capabilities and low dissipation of the thyratron.

R. L. Forgacs of the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich., has devised a method of minimizing jitter in small thyratrons. He applies it to sound velocity measurements in metals to determine elastic constants. Forgacs used a trigger pulse with a very short rise time and an amplitude much larger than the minimum required pulse, among other precautions. Results are a pulse-to-pulse time jitter of only 0.2 milliµsec.

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# **BUSINESS THIS WEEK**

# **ELECTRONICS NEWSLETTER**

- SMALL BUSINESS share of hard goods procurement by defense agencies in 1958 dropped 36 percent below the 1957 level. So said Dwight D. Guilfoil, Jr., president of Paraplegics Manufacturing Co., Franklin Park, Ill. to subcommittee of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business. Only 10.3 percent of negotiated contracts in the year ending May 1958 went to small business, he reported. Of \$20 billion spent, negotiated contracts accounted for \$15 billion.
- **PORTABLE RADIATION DOSE-RATE METER** for emergency use at home is called for by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, Battle Creek, Mich. Electronics firms are invited to seek specifications and technical guidance from OCDM, which expects to award development contracts. Instrument must operate on ordinary dry cell batteries and be able to check them. Direct reading must show gamma radiation in range from one to 100 roentgens per hour.
- **CESIUM BEAM TUBE**, used as frequency standard for ICBM guidance, is being miniaturized by National Company, Malden, Mass., which calls the device an Atomichron. USAF has awarded the firm a \$1 million contract. Two Atomichrons will be produced, one weighing 25 lb and occupying 0.8 cu ft and the other weighing 30 lb and occupying 1.2 cu ft. Firm says the precise, unvarying resonance of the cesium atom is compared with the output of a crystal oscillator and results in stability surpassing other frequency generators.
- **DESK-TOP ANALOG COMPUTER** may become as familiar an engineer's tool as the slide rule. New transistorized model, about the size of a standard electric typewriter and weighing only 80 lbs, was shown last month by Electronic Associates. The basic analog computer has 10 operational amplifiers, can handle five second-order differential equations simultaneously with an accuracy of 0.1 percent. Price of the new computer, PACE TR-10, starts below \$4,000.
- International Electrotechnical Commission, which meets in Madrid June 30 to July 10, will discuss semiconductor devices and other electronic topics. U.S. participates through a committee of the American Standards Association.
- SHILLELAGH, an Army surface-to-surface missile for close-in support of troops, is expected to be operational in the mid-1960's under a \$23 million development program awarded to Aeronutronic Systems, West Coast subsidiary of Ford Motor Co. Raytheon has been selected as subcontractor for development of the fire control subsystem. Electronic computer will be used in guidance.

**HIGHWAY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM consist-**

ing of low-frequency transmitters spaced along a highway, and transistorized receivers in cars, has been demonstrated by General Motors Research Laboratories and Delco Radio division. Receiver may be a separate unit or combined with the car radio, but would operate whether the car radio was on or off. Car radio would be muted during voice message from roadside transmitter or, if the radio was turned off, a signal would operate its transistor output stage and put the message through the loudspeaker. Electromagnetic induction system operates at 10 to 20 kc by means of a highly controlled signal and can be detected only near the transmitter antenna.

- **FLATNESS GAGE FOR TESTING MICA** has been developed for the General Services Administration by American Research and Manufacturing Corp., Rockville, Md. Firm says visual examination to determine flatness of mica is often inaccurate, cites smoothness of mica as important for reliability in mica capacitors and tv-type tubes. GSA, which is interested in grading mica for stockpile purposes, is now testing prototype machine.
- Braille printing plate may now be made in minutes by means of an IBM 704 which translates English text, already punched on cards, into coded symbols. These are reproduced as Braille dot-pattern symbols above the English printout. If the English is correct, an embossing machine then makes plates of the corresponding Braille patterns.
- **THREE-SIDED** fixed antenna 150 ft high and 60 ft on each side is the key element of a radar system to be developed by W. L. Maxson Corp. under a \$1.7 million Federal Aviation Agency contract. Antenna will receive radar energy reflected from aircraft in any one of 100 elevation beams. FAA says gear will give air traffic controllers accurate height data on planes up to 50 nautical mi range. Prototype is scheduled for October 1960 completion.
- ACE HIGH, NATO's forward scatter antenna system stretching from northern Norway to eastern Turkey, is making use of a new arc-welded aluminum waveguide with a conductive protective finish. I-T-E Circuit Breaker Co. used the waveguide in more than 130 antennas built under a \$5 million contract. Firm says new fabrication technique lowers cost. Steel dishes 30 to 60 ft in diameter were fabricated in Europe by Krupp as subcontractor to I-T-E.
- MICROPHONE, apparently using a piezoelectric crystal, is reported by the Soviets for detecting and measuring the sounds of internal tension in concrete. Oscillations from microscopic cracks are said to be picked up by the microphone, amplified and recorded on tape and oscillograph.



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# WASHINGTON OUTLOOK

THE LONG-AWAITED House Armed Services subcommittee probe into weapons system procurement—under direction of Rep. F. E. Hebert (D., La.)—has begun. Hebert is listening to the aircraft industry's top echelon argue the merits of the scheme. But he and other Democrats on the committee have already voiced their ideas: they feel present procurement system concentrates defense business among fewer firms. When all the furor is over, best guess is that the Air Force will promise new curbs on weapons system prices to stress more subcontracting—a policy that was started even before Hebert's probe.

In the course of his testimony, North American Aviation president J. L. Atwood disclosed major electronic subcontractors on his company's B-70 and F-108 projects, argued that weapons system contracting has not restricted the volume of subcontracting.

On the B-70, Sperry Gyroscope is working on the auxiliary gyro platform; IBM, bombing-navigation. On the F-108, Electronic Specialty Co., antenna system; ITT, mission and traffic controls; Hughes, fire controls; Garrett, central air data system. On both projects, NAA's own Autonetics division is developing the automatic flight control system.

• A wide-ranging Pentagon study of U.S. retaliatory-deterrent policy is now under way. It could result in a revamping of long-range production schedules for manned bombers, ballistic missiles, and other key weapons systems in which electronics plays a major role.

The policy review was spurred by the argument of Army and Navy strategists that the U.S. is maintaining an over-kill capability in the Strategic Air Command, that the size of this country's retaliatory striking force does not have to be increased as SAC planners would like. Indeed, the critics claim, the force can be trimmed in size since we now have the capability to destroy any potential enemy several times over.

As things stand now, as potential targets increase in number, SAC targeting plans are accordingly broadened. But hostile ICBM development—and the assumption that the new missiles will be placed in widely dispersed, underground, and highly secret sites—has compounded SAC's target problems to such an extent that many experts now feel an overhaul in strategic planning is needed.

As the critics see it, less than maximum deterrence is adequate. For one thing, our deterrence is weakened by readying our bombers and missiles to destroy enemy missile and bomber bases after an attack has been launched on us.

They argue it would make more sense to aim our retaliatory force at the enemy's more vulnerable big cities. The size of such a force, of course, could be smaller than the so-called maximum force. It would still threaten an enemy with utter devastation.

• Behind the Army-Navy demand for a policy revision is this: The military planners are reconciled to the fact that the total defense budget will not be boosted more than 3 percent a year in the immediate future; they want to divert money from SAC for their own forces.

The Army wants a bigger slice of the military pie to bolster firepower and mobility of its tactical forces. The Navy wants more for antisubmarine forces, tactical planes, fleet modernization—and for its Polaris IRBM submarine force, which it considers a less vulnerable, more effective nuclear strike force than Air Force land-based missiles.



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Saturation Voltage $(IC = 15 \text{ amps})$	1.0V (Max)	1.0V (Max)	1.0V (Max)	1.0V (Max)
DC Current Gain (IC = 5 amps)	60-150	60-150	60-150	60-150
DC Current Gain (IC = 15 amps)	35	35	35	35
Absolute Maximum Ratings				
Collector Current Collector to Base Voltage Collector to Emitter Voltage Power Dissipation at 70°C	15 amps 40V 40V	15 amps 60V 60V	15 amps 80V 80V	15 amps 100V 100V
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# **New Acquisitions Announced**

ACQUISITIONS reported this Spring are showing some additional facets of the growth pattern of our industry.

• Anaconda Wire & Cable Co., New York, has begun negotiations for purchase of 100 percent of the stock of Sequoia Wire & Cable, Redwood City, Calif., from Mandrel Industries, Inc., Burbank, Calif. AWC will operate its new property as a wholly-owned subsidiary for making small-gage wire for aircraft, missiles and control equipment. Final arrangements for the stock purchase are now underway.

• Electronic Specialty Corp., Los Angeles, has purchased Electrical Engineering & Manufacturing Corp. in the same city. No purchase price has been quoted. The purchased firm employs 150 people who manufacture motors and actuators for the aircraft and missile industries. Combined sales of the newly-joined firms are running at \$7 million. This represents a 40-percent increase in gross sales for Electronic Specialty. The parent firm says the addition of the motor manufacturing facility is part of a planned expansion program aimed at increasing total systems capability.

• Ling Electronics has acquired Altec Companies, Inc., by a vote of approval of 80 percent of Altec's stockholders. Combined stockholders at the next meeting will be asked to approve a plan to call the new corporate entity Ling-Altec Electronics, Inc. No changes are planned in the operations, management or policies of Altec.

• A two-stage arrangement has been announced by Raytheon Manufacturing Corp., which reveals that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Applied Electronics Corp., has purchased the assets of Webster Manufacturing Company, Mill Valley, Calif. Webster Mfg. produces radiotelephone antennas for marine use and amateur radio antennas. Apelco, which is located in south Los Angeles, says no changes are contemplated in plant location or personnel of its new installation. The Webster products will continue to be distributed through existing channels, as well as through newly available channels used by Apelco.

• Technical Operations Inc., Burlington, Mass., has announced acquisition of major control of Power Sources Inc. PS, partly owned by Microwave Associates, makes power supplies.

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Precise measurement of filter characteristics being made with special harmonic probe section developed at the General Electric Microwave Laboratory. Left to Right: Project Engineer Vernon G. Price, John P. Rooney, Richard H. Stone, Robert N. Spong (foreground).

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### **New Control Dependability**

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# MARKET RESEARCH

# Two New Surveys Underway

ONE MAJOR PROBLEM of electronics industry market planners has been to obtain a detailed breakdown of military and industrial end-equipment sales. Until now, most of the figures available pertained only to broad categories and were based on rough estimates.

The Business and Defense Services Administration of the Department of Commerce aims to crack open these relatively undeveloped statistical areas of the electronics industry through a new end-equipment survey which was recently mailed to 550 electronics firms.

Survey questionnaire asks for 1958 unit and dollar sales of 60 equipment items in six major equipment categories, with separate data for military and industrial sales. Data on unfilled orders is being picked up for military equipment, while inventory backlogs are being acquired for a few industrial items.

The six major equipment categories are: navigation aids; search detection, surveillance and tracking; sonar and underwater sound; communications; missiles and test equipment.

Simultaneously, BDSA is surveying 150 component manufacturers to obtain reliable information on the growing microwave components market, currently estimated to total some \$200 million.

Survey seeks unit and dollar sales information on nearly 50 different types of microwave components, exclusive of microwave tubes.

Overall results of both surveys will be made available to industry, probably sometime in the Fall.

• Role of market research in new-product development is to minimize the risks of failure, Charles S. Roberts told a recent meeting of New York Chapter of IRE Professional Group on Engineering Management. He heads a New York market consulting firm bearing his name. The electronics firm which wishes to survive in today's competitive market should anticipate its customers' future needs by committing important resources to product development. • McGraw-Hill's 12th Annual Survey of Business' Plans for New Plants and Equipment, 1959-1962, spells good news for manufacturers of electronic industrial and commercial equipment, which is widely sold to the new plant and plant modernization market.

U.S. business has revised upwards its plans for investment in new plants and equipment. It now expects to increase capital spending seven percent in 1959. Preliminary and incomplete plans for 1960 are already slightly above those for 1959. Similar plans for 1961 and 1962 are only four percent below the high level of spending estimated for 1959-1960.

Plans call for expenditure of \$34 billion on new plants and equipment in 1959, an increase of \$2 billion over last year. Manufacturing companies alone expect to spend \$10.472 billion in the current year, a seven-percent increase over actual expenditures in 1958.

Of special interest to the electronics industry is the fact business will make intensive efforts to modernize obsolete plants and equipment in the years, 1959-1962. Two-thirds of the expenditures planned for this period will be for modernization. Electronics industry usually gets a larger share of modernization spending. Much new plant spending goes for nonelectronic items.

# FIGURES OF THE WEEK

### LATEST WEEKLY PRODUCTION FIGURES

(Source: EIA)	Apr. 17,	Mar. 20,	Change From
	1959	1959	One Year Ago
Television sets	95,023	94,648	+24.8%
Radio sets (ex. auto)	270,658	269,051	+70.7%
Auto sets	98,141	100,804	+130.4%

### STOCK PRICE AVERAGES

(Standard & Poor's)	Apr. 22, 1959	Mar. 25, 1959	Change From One Year Ago
Electronics mfrs.	88.80	80.63	+74.5%
Radio & tv mfrs.	101.46	95.96	+123.0%
Broadcasters	96.88	94.30	+65.0%

### LATEST MONTHLY SALES TOTALS

(Add 000)	Feb. 19 <b>5</b> 9	Jan. 1959	Change From One Year Ago
Transistors, value	\$14,550	\$13,627	+113.8%
Transistors, units	5,393	5,195	+73.6%
Rec. tubes, value	\$28,630	\$26,808	+11.6%
Rec. tubes, units	33,155	31,150	+11.8%
Pic. tubes, value	\$14,085	\$15,210	+25.6%
Pic. tubes, units	738	785	+32.8%

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# **Technological Competition**

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Collector to Emitter Voltage ( $BV_{CEO}$ ) ( $I_{CEO} = 100_{\mu}A$ )		15V	15V	35V	35V	65 V	65V	110v
Collector to Base Voltage ( $BV_{CBO}$ ) ( $I_{CBO} = 100_{\mu}A$ )		15V	15V	35V	35V	65V	65V	110V
Emitter to Base Voltage ( $BV_{EBO}$ ) ( $I_{EBO} = 100\mu A$ )		15V	15V	35V	35V	65 V	65V	110V

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Plate voltage (volts)	125	125
Grid 2 voltage (volts)		125
Grid 1 voltage (volts)	-1.5	-13.5
Plate current (ma)	2.5	50
Grid 2 current (ma)		10
Transconductance (µmhos)	2000	7500
A-c load resistance (ohms)		2000
A-f input voltage (vrms)	0.3	-
Max. power output (watts)	-	3.5
Distortion	Approx. 10%	

Important max. ratings for pentode section are: Plate and grid 2 voltages, 150 volts. Plate and grid 2 dissipations, 8 and 2 watts respectively. Heater-cathode voltage (heater negative or positive to cathode), 200 volts.

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951	\$68,046	\$29,481	\$23,107	\$16,076	\$60,852	\$17.17
Netherlands	236,291	5,886	27,911	38,052	53,719	33,24
Belgium	230,291 562,854	40.147	74,145	58,932	112.622	224.53
rance	174,815	64,078	14,463	23,740	32,012	10,85
Vest Germany	287,798	77,784	61,721	6,669	39,995	42,61
\$2,519,627	\$1,329,801	\$217,376	\$201,347	\$143,169	\$299,200	\$328,13
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letherlands	\$74,610	\$28,992	\$15,429	\$154,834	\$76,388	\$42,64
elgium	184.045	1,077	128,049	194,806	142,258	51,69
rance	446,523	250,248	163,569	723,866	156,391	244,65
est Germany	321,908	78,307	20,402	153,694	70,361	80,39
aly.	818,928	202,427	547,594	413,104	79,154	152,8
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etherlands	\$40,810	\$205,582	\$16,310	\$672,372	\$21,517	64.4
elgium	162,793	6,964	37.252	77,609	87,431	248.1
rance	359,598	249,709	170,316	1,207,073	203,625	, .
est Germany	989,190	128,188	57,508	168,043	37,952	87,4
aly	298,280	444,610	623,783	708,761	102,361	190,1
\$7,773,032	\$1,850,671	\$1,035,053	\$905,169	\$2,833,858	\$152,916	\$695,3

# **European Licensing Grows**

U.S. electronics firms are turning to licensing as a means of offsetting today's spreading competition of European Common Market

THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET, in operation on a six-nation scale since January, is causing many U. S. electronics firms to start development of some new working concepts.

At the outset, the competitive edge for C-M member nations, (France, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Luxembourg and West Germany) over American exporters seems formidable. Some factors favoring the European suppliers are: relaxed trade barriers, loosened customs regulations, freer currency exchange and close geographic proximity to each other.

A growing number of U. S. firms, however, have been finding increased comfort in the knowledge that this seemingly uphill situation can be turned to advantage if the right approach is taken.

#### Licensees

In many cases, this approach is the overseas licensee who will manufacture the product in a local factory using local workers and distribution channels. In return for technical information and advisory personnel, the licensee will make the product and return a profit to the licensor in the form of royalty per unit, percentage of gross profit, flat annual fee or some other method.

In terms of required capital outlay and general risk, the licensee method is generally considered most suitable for small or moderate-sized firms.

### **Brand Names**

Actual manufacture of the product, in many cases, means that the U. S. firm's trademark goes on it. American manufacturers usually leave this to the overseas firm to decide. In cases where a familiar European trademark is of value in selling a new product, the U.S. brand name goes by the board. When a known trademark, backed by international advertising, seems to be the best bet, it stays on the product with a credit line to the local manufacturer. The licensee's judgment is usually the final deciding factor.

Figures derived by the U.S. De-

partment of Commerce give some indication of the rate of growth of Common Market purchases of electronic components (see chart). The monthly average for 1954 shipments totaled \$209,969, with a yearly total slightly in excess of \$2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> million. In 1957, the monthly average came to \$502,183 representing a yearly total of more than \$6 million. Last year's figures show the size of the market for the components indicated more than trebled the 1954 shipments. The monthly average for 1958 was \$647,753. The year's total was \$7,-773,032.

In terms of population, the Common Market area is growing at a good rate. One French publication predicts that the next decade may see figures matching those of the U.S.

### How It's Done

An example of how licensing works may be seen in plans shaping up at International Electronic Research Corp., Burbank, Calif. This firm is planning to market heatdissipating shields for electron tubes through the licensee method. A plant is being built in Paris to house manufacturing and distribution facilities. The French licensee will distribute throughout the sixnation common market as well as Switzerland. IERC also has licensing agreements within the British Commonwealth.

International Resistance Company, Philadelphia, has been reaching overseas markets for some time through licensees in West Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Denmark, Australia, and Latin America. The firm gives no indication of worry over Common Market competition. Most IRC products made in Europe carry the trademark of the local manufacturer. A recently concluded agreement with Chicago Telephone Supply Corp., Elkhart, Ind., provides for sharing of the IRC facilities here and, if CTS desires, abroad as well. A spokesman for International Resistance says CTS will probably make use of the foreign establishments.

A number of segments of the electronics industry feel that the growth of the European market is linked to the growth of television, hi-fi and other forms of entertainment electronics. Increased numbers of tv sets and hi-fi rigs mean more tubes, more components and increased numbers of service establishments.

One firm planning to act on this concept, Harold Radio and Electronics Corp., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., has recently announced plans to sell its line of Steelman tape recorders, radios and phonographs through an overseas export representative. A close watch will be kept on consumer acceptance of the products. If conditions indicate, the firm may set up manufacturing facilities abroad at some future date to sell products which will by then have established their trade name in European markets.

The American firms who manufacture military goods, aeronautical electronic gear and specialized test equipment will probably be less interested in foreign licensing than those making equipment and componets for industrial and commercial applications. Most gear in the former category is contracted for and purchased in the U. S. at federal level rather than sold abroad.



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## Air Force Updates Network

World-wide communications planning calls for updating, modernizing and, in next decade, integrating into a three-service network

ACTIVITY CURRENTLY under way on USAF's world-wide communication system means big business for our industry.

Total cost of keeping USAF's global communications system up to date during fiscal years 1959-1960 will be about \$45 million. This work, known as Project Quickfix, includes buying and installing new equipment to replace the 1950-1953 model gear now in use, extending the present network and changing over transmitting equipment to single sideband.

#### Long-Range Plans

Meanwhile a study is being made under contract (project 480-L) by ITT, RCA, Hughes and Hoffman for additional modernization of the present system to cover needs of the 1960-1970 period. This longrange plan will enable direct userto-user hookup irrespective of what kind of traffic is to be passed. The system will provide for sending control signals to both manned and unmanned weapons. graphical communications such as facsimile, highspeed teleprinter and improved airto-ground communications all over the world.

Project 480-L will be part of a common Defense Department worldwide communications system that will tie all three services' networks together. Tri-service integration will be run by the Communications-Electronics Directorate of the Joint Staff and will be done over the next ten years.

#### **Project Quickfix**

Admittedly Project Quickfix is a patch-up job. But it is a wideranging one. Almost all Air Force communications systems will be overhauled. The only major exceptions are: weapon-system control channels within the Sage system, temporary tactical communications networks, research and development facilities and local base communications. In all, six major systems will be worked over. The common long-haul communications system is the point-to-point and air-ground-air communications system required to support USAF weapons systems, air operations, and related air activities.

The USAF communications network is a world-wide, integrated, teleprinter tape-relay network of landline channels designed to carry USAF administrative message traffic. This system uses Air Forceowned and operated facilities as well as leased commercial facilities and circuits of the Army and Navy.

The USAF air operations network is a rapid-service landline teleprinter network handling operational type traffic. In the U.S., all flight service centers are connected with all Air Force bases and all other air operations activities by leased teleprinter facilities.

The USAF weather teleprinter and weather facsimile network provides weather and facsimile service between forecasting stations and agencies requiring current weather data. In the U.S. leased circuits are used. Overseas, both leased landline and Air Force-owned radio

### Jet Age Batteries



Prime ignition batteries for jet airliners were developed by Sonotone. Firm's president, 1. 1. Schachtel, inspects unit which weighs only 10 lb, is  $2^{1}/_{2}$  in. wide,  $4^{1}/_{2}$ in. deep, 14 in. long. Other battery weighs 12 lb, is  $4^{1}/_{2}$  in. wide,  $4^{1}/_{2}$  in. deep and 10 in. long

circuits are employed.

The global weather broadcast and intercept system provides for reception of blind transmissions of weather information to Air Force activities throughout the world.

And theater communications networks have been provided for each Air Force overseas theater to support special operational requirements. These networks consist of leased landlines, both militaryowned and leased microwave systems. Both voice and teleprinter channels are available. In some areas, tropospheric scatter is used.

#### **Equipment Requirements**

Quickfix will involve updating existing Air Force communications equipment. Here is some of the gear currently being used:

High-frequency a-m transmitters range from 3 to 50 kw. Tropospheric scatter transmitters deliver 50 kw. In general, the longhaul intercontinental circuits are equipped with 50 kw ssb transmitters and high-gain receivers. Usually the high-frequency transmitters are used in the temperate zones while tropospheric systems are used in the Arctic. However, improved performance gained by use of tropospheric scatter has led to its installation in other areas where high diversity, reliable communications are needed.

Receivers range from commercial a-m sets to special military h-f ssb units such as the AN-FRR41. Multiplex equipment at the Communications Centers ranges from four to 16 channel units, depending on circuit requirements.

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Applications in other cities are planned during the year. Among interested municipal authorities are those responsible for tunnel operations and bus terminals.

### Space Equipment Highlight of Show

DALLAS — COMPONENTS and instruments for missiles and space vehicles held the spotlight at the 11th annual Southwestern IRE Conference and Electronics Show held here late last month. An estimated 3,500 attended. Exhibits numbered 153.

SWIRECO tried something new in handling technical papers. Each speaker was required to submit a 1-page summary of his talk. These were reproduced, bound and sold at the meeting so visitors could select papers they most wanted to hear.

Of the technical sessions, one on solid-state electronics drew attention. Papers included a discussion of solid-state devices and phenomena of current interest, maser developments, magnetoabsorption, thermal impedance measurements of silicon diodes and rectifiers and a semiconductor diode parametric am-

## Pollution

plifier at microwave frequency.

Another session which drew attention was one on new components. Papers were presented on microcircuitry and applications of solions, including a low-frequency solion amplifier, acoustic definition meter using solion integrators and use of solions in automation.

In other sessisons of interest, P. B. Montgomery and William A. Bonner of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School described a new tool for the investigation of living cell processes.

The ultraviolet flying spot television microscope has made it possible to obtain lengthy motion pictures of the chemical images of undamaged living cells as revealed by their ultraviolet absorption patterns, they stated.

S. M. Zimmerman, president of Electron Corporation of Dallas, gave a paper on ultrasimplification of vidicon television camera design. He described as a logical approach design of a circuit that will conform to the minimum requirements of a video monitor or television receiver.

### Signal Corps Lists Top Contractors

ARMY SIGNAL CORPS' top 15 contractors for R&D and missile procurement, as of Jan. 31, were mainly electronics firms.

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Western Electric	83,107,182.
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Philco	69,911,684.
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### **Computers Going Underground**

New solid-state computers spur Pentagon decision to build subterranean Sage centers

INTRODUCTION of new high-capacity solid-state computers into the Air Force's multibillion dollar Sage (Semi-Automatic Ground Environment) air defense control system has spurred a new Pentagon decision to build all future Sage installations underground.

As a result, design work has been halted on six bases originally scheduled to be built above ground. The construction freeze affects facilities planned for Seymour Johnson AFB, N. C.; Webb AFB, Tex.; Ft. Knox, Ky.; Robins AFB, Ga.; England AFB, La.; and Scott AFB, Ill.

The new solid-state computers use transistors rather than conventional electron tubes. The result has been a dramatic miniaturization of Sage apparatus.

The bulk of the system is still under construction. It will consist of a network of giant digital computers housed at 29 U.S. bases and two in Canada. When completed the Sage system will bring together and evaluate radar warnings and tracking, and direct fighter-interceptor planes and Nike and Bomarc missiles to destroy enemy aircraft. Major Sage electronic contractors are IBM, which designed and is producing AN/FSQ-7 digital computers; Burroughs Corp., manufacturing smaller but similar computers for outlying stations; AT&T, in charge of interconnecting land lines and radio-communication circuits; Bendix and Hazeltine, subcontractors to IBM for radar scope display consoles and other controls; and Western Electric, which is installing and servicing the system.

The new policy on Sage reflects the Air Force's intensified plan to build key facilities underground or in hardened configurations. Plans were recently approved to build a new air defense command combat control center underground in Colorado. This is the base which coordinates operations at regional Sage centers.

Air Force also plans to place later Atlas ICBM launching facilities underground. These missiles will be geared to an inertial guidance system which doesn't require conventional radio facilities as do the earlier radio-guided Atlas units.

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- May 6-8: Seventh Region of IRE, Technical Conf. & Trade Show, Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N. M.
- May 11-13: Power Instrumentation, National Symposium, ISA, Kansas City, Mo.
- May 11-13: Automatic Techniques, Joint Conf., PGIE of IRE, AIEE, ASME, Pick-Gongress Hotel, Chicago.
- May 12-14: Assoc. of American Railroads, Communications Meeting, Netherland-Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, O.
- May 18-20: Instrumental Methods of Analysis, ISA, Shamrock-Hilton Hotel, Houston, Tex.
- May 18-20: Electronic Parts Distributors Show, EISC, Conrad-Hilton Hotel, Chicago.
- May 21-27: Transistors and Assoc. Semiconductor Devices, International Convention, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Earls Court, London.
- May 25-27: National Telemetering Conference, ARS, IAS, AIEE, ISA, Brown Palace & Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver.
- June 1-3: Microwave Theory and Techniques, National Symposium, PGMTT of IRE, Paine Hall, Harvard Univ., Cambridge, Mass.
- June 4-5: Production Techniques, National Conference, PGPT of IRE, Villa Hotel, San Mateo, Calif.
- June 7-11: Microwave Tubes, International Congress, Verband Deutscher Electrotechniker, VDE, Brienner Strasse, Munich, Germany.
- June 8-11: American Rocket Society, Semi-Annual Meeting, El Cortez Hotel, San Diego, Calif.
- June 15-20: Information Processing, International Conf., UNESCO, PGEC of IRE, AIEE, ACM, UNESCO House & Palais de Exhibition, Paris.
- June 15-20: Electromagnetic Theory Symposium, USSI, PGAP and PGMTT of IRE, Univ. of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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FIG. 1—Output of test unit simulates initial fast rise and subsequent sustained pulse of light flash from nuclear bomb

Installations are protected by new warning system which detects nuclear detonations. Shown here are thermal radiation detector and accompanying test unit

## Nuclear Bomb Alarm Systems

Key underground military installations are protected from surprise nuclear attack damage by detection and warning system that recognizes nuclear explosion and activates automatic equipment

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IN MANY UNDERGROUND nuclear bomb shelter installations it is necessary to take last minute button-up precautions to prevent damage from near-miss explosions. Blast doors must be closed, air filters must be activated and critical utility circuits must be protected from damage.

Normally, these protective measures may be taken on receiving warning of an expected attack, but in case of a surprise attack the first warning may be the bomb explosion itself. The explosion must be detected and identified and warning devices actuated within a fraction of a second to give blast protection devices a chance to operate. The short warning time available means that an automatic system must be used to eliminate human delay that could spell the difference between survival and disaster. An automatic alarm system has been developed to give this necessary warning in case of a surprise attack. The system operates if a nuclear detonation occurs in the immediate vicinity but does not give location or direction information.

BASIC SYSTEM—The basic system comprises a group of detectors, the control panel, interconnecting cables and test units. The detectors are mounted in groups on steel towers above the shelter area to be protected. Three types are used to avoid any chance of failure and to provide for reliable operation. A thermal radiation detector detects and identifies the flash of thermal radiation light from a nuclear detonation. The second unit, a gamma ray detector, detects the pulse of nuclear radiation accompanying the detonation. Gamma radiation is not seriously af-

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FIG. 2-Circuit diagram of the thermal radiation detector

fected by fog or rain which may impair the sensitiv ity of the thermal radiation detector. Under norma. conditions however, the thermal radiation detector is more sensitive.

The third unit, the blast detector, is actuated by the blast wave itself as it passes over the detector tower. A warning signal is sent even if the tower and wiring are destroyed by the blast wave.

The system control panel is located in a protected area of the underground shelter. Activation of any detector flashes a warning light and rings an alarm bell. Relays in the panel unit actuate the shelter "button-up" measures preset by the system operator.

The detectors and the control panel are connected together by conventional multiconductor cable installed on poles or in conduit. Both the thermal radiation and gamma ray detectors are provided with test units which supply simulated bomb signals. The operator at the control panel may check the system for satisfactory operation at any time by use of these test units.

System power is normally obtained from the 110-v 60-cycle lines through a power control panel. In case of power failure a battery-powered motor generator is automatically switched in by control relays. In most cases, several towers are used for greater protection.

**THERMAL RADIATION DETECTOR**—The thermal radiation detector serves to detect and identify the light flash from a nuclear explosion. The waveform of this flash is usually made up of an initial fastrising pulse of a few milliseconds duration followed by a longer sustained pulse lasting for one or more seconds. This waveform is unique to nuclear explosions and a typical example is shown in Fig. 1.<sup>1</sup>

The thermal radiation detector responds only to this type of pulse and discriminates against short flashes from lightning and shell bursts, and long slowly rising pulses caused by vehicle headlights and sunlight reflections. The circuit, shown in Fig. 2, triggers only on a fast rising pulse followed by a sustained pulse. A 1P41 red-sensitive photocell receives the light flash. Rapidly rising light intensity applies a positive electrical pulse through a high pass filter to the grid of fast-trigger thyratron  $V_1$ . This thyratron, normally cut off, fires and energizes relay  $K_1$  in its plate circuit. If no further light signal is received the thyratron is extinguished 10 seconds later by a time delay relay.

However, if a sustained light pulse is received after a fast rising pulse fires  $V_1$ , the signal from the sustained pulse passes through the contacts of relay  $K_1$  and a low-pass filter to the grid of the slow-triggering thyratron  $V_2$ . Firing of this thyratron actuates relay  $K_2$  in its plate circuit, opening the normally closed signal circuit. Opening of the signal circuit operates a warning relay at the control panel. The warning relay rings an alarm bell, lights an indicator light and operates the protective systems. The normally closed-circuit mode of operation provides a a fail-safe signal if the detector or cable is destroyed.

The thermal radiation detector is enclosed in a waterproof cylindrical aluminum housing which is mounted to have a clear view in all directions. A Fresnel lens under a glass dome receives the light flash and transmits it to the photocell. Omnidirectional coverage is used and a metal sunshade disk keeps out the direct rays of the sun. Detection sensitivity is good under all weather conditions except dense fog or smoke. Exact bomb detection range depends on atmospheric conditions, ambient light level and bomb size.

**TEST UNIT**—A test unit which supplies a simulated nuclear flash is mounted near the thermal radiation detector to allow remote checking of its operation. A high-voltage transformer and rectifier charge a 0.5- $\mu$ f capacitor to 2,000 v. When a switch is depressed at the control panel a relay discharges the capacitor into a xenon flash lamp. At the same time, 110 v is applied to an incandescent projection lamp connected across the relay coil.

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E 400	400V	280V	400V	500MA	750MA			
E 500	500V	350V	500V	425MA	750MA			
E 600	600V	420V	600V	400MA	750MA			

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FIG. 3—Gamma-ray detector uses a-c coupled ion chamber to detect pulses of gamma radiation

tained pulse. The combined waveform shown in Fig. 1 is picked up by the thermal radiation detector and triggering of the detector indicates operation.

GAMMA-RAY DETECTOR-The gamma-ray detector triggers on the gamma ray pulse produced by a nuclear detonation. An a-c coupled ionization chamber circuit shown in Fig. 3 detects the radiation. The cylindrical ion chamber is operated with 300 v applied to the outer shell. When gamma radiation passes through this chamber a voltage drop is produced across a 20,000-megohm load resistor. The voltage drop is amplified by a direct-coupled 5886 electrometer tube and three 5751 triode stages. The last stage is connected as a cathode follower with a sensitive relay in the output circuit.

When a nuclear explosion occurs in the vicinity of the detector a sudden increase of gamma-ray intensity is picked up by the ion chamber. The voltage developed across the 20-kilomegohm load resistor is amplified and causes a decrease of plate current in the last 5751 stage which deenergizes signal relay  $K_3$  if the amplified signal is large enough. Operation of the signal relay opens a signal line to the control panel and actuates the warning system.

Discrimination against false triggers from cosmic ray showers is provided by keeping ion chamber sensitivity low. An alternating-current coupling makes the detector insensitive to slow increases in gammaray intensity as might be received from the fallout of a distant nuclear explosion.

The gamma ray detector is mounted in a waterproof aluminum housing placed near the thermal radiation detector. No window is used as the gamma rays can penetrate the aluminum case walls with little attenuation. Detection range is less than that of the thermal radiation detector under good atmospheric conditions but is not seriously reduced by rain, fog or smoke.

GAMMA-RAY TEST UNIT - A solenoid-operated pulsed gamma-ray source is used for remote checking of the detector. A 4-millicurie Cobalt<sup>®</sup> pellet is held in one end of a solenoid plunger. The solenoid is normally unenergized with the active end of the plunger enclosed in a lead shield. When the control panel op-

erator applies voltage to the solenoid coil the plunger is pulled out of the lead shield and allowed to radiate gamma rays through the aluminum case walls.

The gamma ray pulse has a rise time of about 0.01 sec and the intensity is sufficient to trigger the detector in less than 0.1 sec. The test unit is enclosed in a small cylindrical case fastened to the outside of the gamma-ray detector.

BLAST DETECTOR-The blast detector' is made up of a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. aluminum bronze diaphragm held in a machined aluminum housing. The center of the diaphragm rests on the plunger of a small pressuresensitive switch. Slow changes in air pressure on the face of the diaphragm are equalized through small holes in the housing but rapid transients deflect the diaphragm and cause the switch to open. For typical shock waves this occurs if the peak pressure is greater than 0.8 psi.

Opening of the switch actuates the warning relay at the control panel. The blast detector operates only when the blast wave reaches the detector itself. The only warning time is that time necessary for the blast wave to travel from the detector to the shelter to be protected. It therefore gives less opportunity for actuation of protective systems than the detectors which operate immediately after bomb detonation. The blast detector does provide an excellent last-ditch protection because of its simplicity and reliability. No test unit is used with this detector but periodic inspection insures satisfactory operation.

CONTROL PANEL—The control panel, located in the underground shelter, includes conventional signal relay circuits. The signal relays are operated by opening of normally-closed relay contacts at the detectors. The relays hold until reset by switches. Disable switches allow individual detectors to be removed for servicing as necessary.

The front panel has an indicator light display which indicates which specific detector has operated. Test switches allow remote checks of detector operation without actuation of the warning circuits.

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Experimental stereo transmitter. Center chassis is main modulator-transmitter with precompensator below. Top chassis are audio preamplifier, matrix and delay line

Conventional a-m receiver modified for a-m stereo. Subchassis at upper right is f-m portion

## **Compatible Stereo Radio**

**S**EVERAL SYSTEMS have been proposed for transmitting stereophonic sound in the standard broadcast band. Most of these systems use a combination of amplitude modulation and some form of angle modulation.

The Westinghouse broadcastband stereo system uses simultaneous amplitude modulation and narrow-band frequency modulation of the same carrier. The carrier is amplitude modulated with the sum of the signals from the left (A) and right (B) microphones producing a balanced monophonic signal (A + B) similar to that from a single centrally located microphone. The carrier is narrow-band frequency modulated by the stereophonic difference between the right and left microphones (A - B).

A conventional broadcast receiver tuned to the center of the transmitted signal will receive the program in ordinary monophonic fashion.

#### Transmission

Tests have indicated that most stereophonic information is in the frequency range between 300 and 3,000 cps. This range of frequencies is used therefore to frequency modulate the transmitter. The deviation is low enough so that generated sidebands will not fall outside the allotted a-m channel. A filter designed to pass only this band of frequencies is in Fig. 1.

Certain defects exist in the simple system described thus far. If, for example, there is no a-m signal but only an f-m signal such as would occur when A and Bare equal and out of phase, the frequency-selective circuits in the receiver will modulate the signal amplitude which will show up as a false a-m signal at the envelope detector. An illustration of this effect is shown in Fig. 2.

As there is no amplitude modulation at the transmitter, this signal



FIG. 1—Bandpass filter for 30t to 3,000 cps used to extract stereophonic information for narrow-band frequency modulation of carrier



FIG. 2—Generation of double-frequency a-m signal from f-m signal in frequencyselective circuit introduces harmonic distortion during reception

Stereophonic sound may be transmitted over standard broadcasting stations when one channel amplitude modulates the carrier while the other channel frequency modulates the same carrier. Addition of f-m converter to conventional a-m receiver, or two conventional a-m receivers can provide true stereo

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## **Using A-M/F-M Multiplex**

will appear as crosstalk. Since for a center-tuned receiver, the resulting a-m signal will be predominantly the second harmonic of the original frequency modulation, this effect will introduce harmonic distortion in both stereophonic and monophonic receivers.

To reduce this crosstalk, a precompensator is used at the transmitter to provide some amplitude modulation to cancel that amplitude modulation expected in the i-f passband of an average receiver. Because receiver passbands vary widely, only partial compensation can be expected in many receivers but this is satisfactory.

The schematic of the precompensator shown in Fig. 3 also shows a phase corrector delay line, which equalizes the delays in the A + Bchannel and the A - B channel to facilitate matrixing in the receiver. A block diagram of the complete transmitter is shown in Fig. 4.

#### Stereo Receiver

Figure 5 shows a conventional a-m receiver modified for stereo by addition of an amplitude limiter, frequency-modulation detector and



FIG. 3—Stereo precompensator showing phase corrector delay line used to equalize delays in both channels



FIG. 4—Left-side audio A and right-side audio B are matrixed to supply both (A+B) and (A-B) signals. The (A-B) stereo information signal frequency modulates the carrier while (A+B) amplitude modulates it



FIG. 5—Conventional a-m receiver adapted for stereo by addition of limiter, f-m detector and audio stage. Matrixing is done in audio output transformers

audio stage. High-amplitude modulation requires high gain and good limiting in the f-m channel. To not have too much gain at the i-f frequency with the accompanying danger of regeneration, a harmonic of the i-f frequency is selected for amplification. Harmonics of the i-f frequency are generated at limiter  $V_z$  during limiting.

The fourth harmonic of the i-f is chosen for the f-m detection because it is well outside the broad-



FIG. 6—With f-m signal input to frequencyselective circuit, opposite polarity outputs are generated when receiver is tuned to high or low side of carrier



FIG. 7—Crosstalk level is below 20 db down giving sufficient separation

cast band preventing r-f feedback into the receiver front end.

#### Matrixing

The matrixing is done in the audio output transformers. The (A - B) transformer  $T_1$  has a centertapped secondary. One half is tied to (A + B) transformer  $T_2$  and the result is (A + B) + (A - B) = 2A. The other half is inverted and the result is (A + B) - (A - B) = 2B. These are the signals supplied to the loudspeakers.

Master gain control  $R_1$  is a ganged pair of potentiometers, one for each channel. Balance control  $R_2$  is in the (A - B) channel.

When this control is set at zero there is no (A - B) signal and therefore no stereo. As  $R_x$  is varied, the amount of (A - B) is increased and the separation of the two channels is increased. Too much (A - B) signal will result in improper matrixing and less effective separation.

#### AGC

To maintain proper matrixing for all signal levels, a tight agc system is required, as changes in signal level will result in changes of (A + B) but essentially no changes in the (A - B) signal. This will result in improper matrixing. The agc bias is therefore taken from the grid of limiter  $V_{a}$  to get a more sensitive agc signal.

#### **Two-Receiver Method**

Another feature of this system is the ability to receive a stereophonic program using two conventional broadcast receivers.

When a conventional a-m receiver is tuned to the center of the transmitted signal, it will receive a balanced or (A + B) signal; tuned slightly off the signal, slope detection of the f-m component also takes place.

If the receiver is tuned to the high side, Fig. 6 shows that a certain amount of (A - B) signal will be slope detected and when added to the (A + B) signal due to normal a-m detection will yield a signal predominantly A. The other receiver is tuned to the low side and yields -(A - B) because of the opposite sign of the slope.

When the -(A - B) signal is added to the (A + B) signal the predominant signal is B.

Using this technique, good quality stereophonic sound can be heard using two conventional broadcast receivers.

Measurement of the crosstalk of amplitude modulation into the f-m channel and measurement of the crosstalk of the frequency modulation into the a-m channel is shown in Fig. 7.

It is generally felt that crosstalk of about 20 db down is sufficient separation for stereophonic purposes where the signals of the two channels are not completely distinct.

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Three-indicator-light adapter is mounted on one-indicator-light receiver to form small, light package

## Transistor Dual Conversion for Marker-Beacon Receivers

Airborne marker beacon receiver has high first i-f for good image rejection and lower second i-f for stable gain. With same sized transistorized adapter, one-indicator-light receiver is converted to three-indicatorlight receiver weighing about two pounds

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**J**UNCTION TRANSISTORS and diodes completely replace vacuum tubes and relays in a dual-conversion superheterodyne marker beacon receiver. The one-indicator-light receiver with transistorized adapter converts to a three-indicator-light marker beacon receiver that weighs less than two pounds and draws less than two watts.

The transmitted 75-mc carrier in marker beacon systems is amplitude modulated to denote marker function (airways, 3,000 cps; outer runway, 400 cps; middle runway, 1,300 cps). Two receiving system types are in general use. The onelight receiver responds to any of three modulating frequencies with identification being aural. The three-light receiver separates the frequencies to operate three colorcoded lights.

When the aircraft passes over a marker beacon transmitter, the tone is heard. At a predetermined signal level, an indicator lights to establish aircraft position.

#### **One-Light Receiver**

The dual-conversion receiver in Fig. 1 has a high-frequency first i-f for good image rejection and a low-frequency second i-f to provide stable gain. The first i-f circuits include only passive tuned circuits.

With dual conversion, the number of i-f stages could be reduced because of the increased gain per stage. A single-conversion receiver with a high i-f would have required that the i-f transistors operate at a frequency where gain would not be high. Tests of the dual-conversion receiver showed a signal-to-noise ratio of 20 db or more. Input to the receiver during these tests was 500  $\mu$ v at 75 mc modulated 30 percent.

The 75-mc filter in Fig. 1 consists of four tuned circuits. The tuned circuits feed a mixer whose output is fed to a triple-tuned filter tuned to the first i-f of 4.2 mc. This signal is converted to the second i-f of 520 kc by a 4.72-mc converter.

The broadband second i-f stages

feed a diode that detects the audio and agc signals. Part of the output is rectified and turns on the indicator light when the received signal exceeds a predetermined level.

Stray ground-current coupling between the preselector tuned circuits was encountered at 75 mc. This coupling, resulting from lack of a good ground plane with the printed circuit, made the receiver susceptible to spurious responses. Therefore, a one-can assembly was made that includes  $T_1$  through  $T_4$ , first i-f coil  $T_5$  and oscillator coil  $T_8$ .

Zero - temperature - coefficient ceramic capacitors are used in the tuned circuits of  $T_1$  through  $T_2$  and in  $T_3$  for stable preselector performance. Near critical coupling allows maximum nose bandwidth with good skirt selectivity. It also simplifies tuning of the filter.

#### First I-F

A drift transistor,  $Q_1$ , is used in the oscillator in a grounded-base configuration with a fifth-overtone crystal. The circuit is stabilized in relation to d-c operating point by a large emitter resistor and a relatively low d-c impedance provided by base-biasing network  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . Frequency stability is better than  $\pm 10$  kc. Using a transistor and a permeability-tuned oscillator coil make the oscillator much less susceptible to vibration and shock.

Diode  $D_1$  is supplied with injection power from  $Q_1$ . Forward bias on  $D_1$  minimizes variations in diode impedance caused by supply-voltage and temperature changes and their effect on oscillator power and receiver gain. Since frequency output is a fundamental rather than a harmonic, spurious responses through the receiver preselector fall at 70.8-mc intervals and are easier to control.

#### **I-F** Selectivity

Near-critical coupling is used in the first i-f filter  $T_{\tau}$ ,  $T_{\pi}$  and  $T_{\tau}$  for the same reason as in the preselector. This i-f selectivity also contributes to the skirt selectivity of the receiver passband.

The first i-f is fed to crystal-controlled converter  $Q_z$  which oscillates at 4.72 mc producing a 520-kc second i-f. Frequency error contributed to the receiver by this conversion is only a few hundred cycles maximum, and conversion gain variations with temperature and



FIG. 1--Schematic of one-indicator-light receiver shows first i-f filter circuits which consist of only passive tuned elements. Second i-f stages use three drift transistors



FIG. 2--Composite selectivity of first and second i-f filters is influenced only slightly by parameter shift of the transistors

supply-voltage changes are comparable to a straight i-f amplifier.

The drift transistor (2N247) produces enough power gain at the oscillator frequency to eliminate need for a separate oscillator inductance, eliminating one tuned circuit.

Output impedance of the converter is high enough to permit coupling the converter collector directly to the top of the second i-f filter  $T_{\nu}$  through  $T_{\nu}$ . The filter is used rather than distributed selectivity to eliminate effects of transistor parameter variations with temperature and supply-voltage changes, transistor replacement and agc action. The filter is critically coupled and operates at medium Q, yielding the required broad-nose selectivity of 80 kc to the 6-db points.

Composite selectivity of the first and second i-f filters shown in Fig. 2 is influenced only slightly by parameter shift of the transistors.

The second i-f amplifier  $Q_3$ ,  $Q_4$ ,  $Q_5$  and  $T_{12}$ ,  $T_{13}$ ,  $T_{14}$  is completely broadbanded and requires no tuning adjustments. Since all receiver selectivity is before these circuits, broadbanding does not have some of the usual undesirable effects such as susceptibility to cross modulation. Power gain of the second i-f stages is better than 20 db including conversion loss. The drift transistors in the second i-f amplifier operate well inside the flat gain region of the power-gain versus frequency curve and have high d-c betas for good agc action.

These transistors are stabilized

in relation to operating point and interchangeability by large emitter resistances and a relatively low d-c impedance base-bias network. Emitter resistors of  $Q_3$  and  $Q_4$  are tied to a voltage divider network ( $R_s$ and  $R_4$  for  $Q_3$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  for  $Q_4$ ). These networks provide fixed emitter potentials that cut off collector current rapidly when base voltage approaches agc threshold. Below agc threshold, resistors  $R_7$  and  $R_8$ serve as emitter-stabilizing resistors for  $Q_8$  and  $Q_4$ , respectively.

Thermistor  $RT_1$  compensates all gain variation with temperature incurred in the receiver from antenna to audio output.

The circuit between  $T_{12}$  and  $Q_1$ forms an r-f voltage divider for remotely adjusting receiver sensitivity. Since agc lowers collector current and power gain of this stage, the network permits changing gain without disturbing d-c parameters.

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Radio - frequency impedance through diode  $D_2$  is inversely proportional to d-c through it. Since  $R_*$  controls d-c through  $D_2$ , it controls r-f impedance of the diode. Remote control of current through  $D_2$  is easily accomplished, since it involves a d-c of 1 ma or less. Gain adjustment of approximately 20 db can be provided in this manner.

The third i-f amplifier,  $Q_{i}$ , must be stabilized at a high output level to prevent i-f clipping and provide sufficient power for detection.

#### AGC

Agc amplification is necessary because available d-c power from detector  $D_s$  is low. Agc amplifier  $Q_s$  receives rectified power from  $D_s$ and reduces forward bias on  $Q_s$  and  $Q_4$  as signal strength increases.

The base of  $Q_*$  is isolated from second detector  $D_3$  by  $D_4$ , so that  $Q_8$  can be stabilized for temperature



FIG. 3—Automatic-gain-control characteristics of receiver at 25 C

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when developed bias on  $D_s$  is below the agc threshold level. The agc is delayed for maximum receiver sensitivity with  $D_4$  providing the delay. No coupling between detector  $D_s$  and the agc line occurs until forward voltage across  $D_4$ reaches about 0.5 volt. The receiver agc curve is shown in Fig. 3.

First audio amplifier  $Q_{\bullet}$  provides audio gain and serves as an impedance-matching stage between Diode  $D_5$  rectifies audio and supplies forward bias directly to the base of  $Q_{10}$ . Transistor  $Q_{10}$  is normally cut off and  $Q_{10}$  is normally conducting. Transistor  $Q_0$  conducts when a rectified signal from  $D_5$ places forward bias on its base. Transistor  $Q_{10}$  is cut off and the potential on its collector drops. This drop appears on the bases of  $Q_{11}$ and  $Q_{12}$ , permitting collector current to flow out to the light circuit.



FIG. 4—The 1,300-cps band-pass filter is the only one in the three-indicator-light adapter that requires a high degree of stability

detector and audio ampilfier  $Q_7$ . Output from  $Q_7$  is passed to the audio output terminals from a secondary winding of  $T_{15}$  through attenuator  $S_1$ .

Attenuator  $S_1$  maintains constant load on the output winding while permitting four steps of audio attenuation. A constant load is required to keep a-c gain of  $Q_7$  constant. Failure to do so would result in variation of the indicator-light threshold not only with audio output level but with r-f input signal level.

#### Indicator-Light Circuits

The indicator-light circuits provide relay-type switching when receiver input exceeds a threshold level. Transistors rated in milliwatts of collector dissipation control almost three watts of indicator-light power. The switching action of  $Q_{\mu}$  and  $Q_{10}$  occurs suddenly, causing the switching of  $Q_{11}$  and  $Q_{12}$  to occur in microseconds. Since this time is much less than the thermal time constant of the base-collector junction of  $Q_{11}$  and  $Q_{12}$ , time of peakpower dissipation is so short that it does not cause unsafe transistor junction temperatures.

#### **Three-Light Adapter**

The transistorized three-light adapter requires only two more electronic switches, in addition to a loss amplifier and filters. The schematic in Fig. 4 shows the filter network, which consists of low-pass, band-pass and high-pass filters. Component tolerances and temperature stabilization of the filters are not critical. The 1,300-cps bandpass filter is the only one that requires a high degree of stability.

## **Doppler Radar Navigation**

Design features of Doppler radar navigation systems are summarized in table of major characteristics

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Table I-Characteristics of Airborne Automatic Navigation Systems

System	Manufacturer	Weight (lb)	Volume (cu ft)	Input Power	Tempera- ture Range (deg C)	Antennas	Num- ber of Beams	Stabiliza- tion	Trans- mission Fre- quency (mc)
APN-66	General Precision Laboratory, Inc.	725	34.7	2,500 v-a 350 w d-c	- 55 to 55	Four linear arrays	4	Horizontal and ground track	8,800
APN-67	Ryan Aero- nautical Co.	175	8	900 w d-e		Paraboloid (split to form two antennas)	2 b .	Data (antenna fixed)	13,500
APN-78	Laboratory For Electronics	150	6	600 w d-c		Lens	3	Data (antenna fixed)	9,799
APN-79	General Electric Co.	266	5.6	1,400 w		Combination lens and reflector	3	Data (antenna fixed)	
APN-81	General Precision Laboratory, Inc.	389	22.3	989 v-a 1φ 1,700 v-a 3φ 100 w d-c	–55 to 55	Four linear arrays	4	Horizontal and ground track	8,800
APN-82	General Precision Laboratory, Inc. and Ford Instrument Co.	436	23.4	1,173 v-a 1¢ 1,946 v-a 3¢ 100 w d-c		Four linear arrays	4	Horizontal and ground track	8,800
APN-89	General Precision Laboratory, Inc.	323	20.5	440 v-a 1φ 1,050 v-a 3φ 75 w d-c	-55 to 55	Four linear arrays	4	Horizontal and ground track	8,800
APN-96	General Precision Laboratory, Inc.	112	5.2 to 14°	900 v-a 100 w d-c	-55 to 90	One planar array	4	Horizontal and ground track	8,800
APN-102 RADAN <sup>d</sup> 212	General Precision Laboratory, Inc.	91	4.5	430 v-a 20 w d-c	-55 to 71	One planar array	4	Pitch and ground track	8,800
APN-105	Laboratory For Electronics	215	7	850 w d-c		Two lenses	3	Data (antenna fixed)	13,500

(a) averaged over 10 mi of travel (b) one of three Doppler frequencies is replaced by rate of climb signal (c) depends on optional

DOPPLER NAVIGATION SYSTEMS determine change in vehicle position from a known starting point by integrating velocity with respect to time. Velocity is obtained by combining known parameters with measured Doppler frequency shift of an electromagnetic signal back-scattered from the earth's surface. Table I lists major characteristics of Doppler navigation systems now in production in the United States.

Systems using data stabilization have antennas fixed with respect to the aircraft, and a computer for operating on input Doppler and vertical data to yield desired velocity components. Systems using antenna stabilization have an antenna assembly which is stabilized to a horizontal plane with roll and/or pitch data, and rotated in azimuth to align the axis of symmetry of the assembly in the direction of ground track. Both methods develop equivalent information.

The term Janus is restricted to systems in which echoes received from more than one beam are mixed prior to final detection. By this definition, therefore, coherent pulsed or c-w systems are considered Janus if direct signal mixing techniques are used.

Type of Transmission	Coherence	Altitude Limits (ft)	Speed (knots)	Basic Outputs	Accuracy
Pulsed Janus 4.5% duty ratio	Self- to	below 500 to above 70,000	70 to 700 ground speed 0 to 240 wind speed	Present latitude and longitude, ground speed, drift angle, wind speed and direction, and others	Ground speed better than 0.2%, drift angle better than 0.2 deg.
C-1V	c-w Coherent 0 to 70.000 80 to 800 ground speed Present position, remotes for miles travelled north-south and east-west, magnetic variation true heading, heading and drift miles, and autopilot signal		Present position within 0.5% for 0.1 deg heading reference (neglecting non- systematic sea effects)		
Pulsed Janus 50% duty ratio	Coherent		<ul> <li>−50 to 300</li> <li>horizontal,</li> <li>±3,000 fpm</li> <li>vertical</li> </ul>	Visual displays of present posi- tion, course and distance to des- tination, ground speed, vertical velocity, hovering. Also other remotes	
c-w Janus	Self- coherent	0 to 70,000	120 to 1,200	Visual display of present posi- tion, course and distance to des- tination, and ground track. Others available for remotes	
Pul <mark>sed Janus</mark> 4.5% duty ratio	Self- coherent*	below 500 to above 70,000	70 to 700 ground speed 0 to 240 wind speed	Visual display of drift angle and ground speed. Remote ground speed, drift angle, wind speed, and wind direction	Ground speed better than 0.2%, drift angle better than 0.2%, wind speed $\pm 3$ knots, wind direction $\pm 0.2$ deg
Pulsed Janus 4.5% duty ratio	Self- coherent®	below 500 to above 70,000	70 to 700 ground speed	Present latitude, longitude, ground speed, drift angle, wind speed and wind direction	Ground speed better than 0.2%, wind speed $\pm 3$ knots, wind direction $\pm 0.2$ deg
Pulsed Janus 4.5% duty ratio	Self- coherent*	below 500 to above 70,000	70 to 700 ground speed	Visual display of ground speed, drift angle with external refer- ence heading; 3-wire, 2-speed synchro output of track angle	Ground speed better than $0.2\%$
Pulsed Janus 25% duty ratio	Self- coherent*	below 500 to above 70,000	70 to 700 ground speed	Various analogs of ground speed and drift angle, wind speed and wind direction	Ground speed 0.1%, drift angle 0.15 deg
Pulsed Janus	Self- coherent®	200 to above 70,000	70 to 1,000 ground speed	Visual displays and analogs of ground speed and drift angle	Better than 1% of actual track, better than 0.5% of drift angle
Pulsed Janus 50% duty ratio	Coherent	0 to 70,000	0 to 1,500	Present position	Present position within 0.67% (probable), 1.55% (maximum)

units (d) registered trademark of General Precision Laboratory, Inc. (e) compares front and rear pointing echoes

## **Zero-Crossing Technique**

Sinusoidal wavetrain output starting at the zero crossing of a sine wave is produced by a gating circuit. This wavetrain generator is used to determine characteristics of ultrasonic delay lines and other ultrasonic equipment

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**E**VALUATION and testing of ultrasonic equipment requires a variable frequency sinusoid wavetrain generator whose output is synchronized with the zero crossing of the sine wave. The generator is used to determine the attenuation and velocity characteristics of sound and ultrasound in wire type delay lines using magnetostriction transducers.

Gated oscillators, usually used in these applications, may be undesirable as the first few cycles of output may be unstable and the output wave may contain a d-c component. The unstable cycles cause trouble when a test requires only a few cycles. The d-c component generates unwanted transients in the system being tested.

#### Synchronizer

A continuous sine wave is fed into the wavetrain generator or synchronizer and the output shown in Fig. 1 is produced. The output wavetrain starts at the zero crossing of the sine wave. This gives a stable presentation on a cathoderay oscilloscope and greatly reduces input harmonics.

Gate length t is variable from a fraction of a cycle to many cycles. Gate length is limited only by the relationship (T-t) = 5t, where T is the repetition period.

Two synchronizers are used to cover the frequency range from 20 cps to 2.5 mc. One operates from 20 cps to 300 kc while the second covers from 300 kc to 2.5 mc. Two units are required because the large components required at low fre-

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FIG. 1—Output wave starts at zero crossing of sine wave

quencies do not perform well at the higher frequencies.

Up to 120 kc the gating effectiveness is approximately 50 db and decreases with increasing frequency due to diode capacitance. Cascading of two or more switches gives larger gating values at upper and lower frequencies.

#### Circuits

A block diagram of the synchronizer is shown in Fig. 2. An oscillator capable of providing 4 mw at 2 v is connected to the electronic switch and the slicer. The slicer is a Schmitt trigger with a level control in front which causes ON action at the zero crossing.



FIG. 2—Inhibit circuit eliminates jitter

The output of the slicer is fed to a differentiator then to an AND circuit. The AND circuit delivers one pulse per cycle. One or more pulses pass through the AND whenever the repetion-rate one-shot multivibrator is on. The first pulse triggers the switch-drive one-shot multivibrator and opens the electronic switch for the time t. This operation repeats at the time T.

By adjusting the period of the repetition-rate one-shot multivibrator to be greater than the period of the sine wave, T will hold to within one cycle of the sine wave.

#### Jitter

Without the inhibit circuit a wavetrain could, at high frequencies, be out of synchronism with the zero crossing. The number of degrees from zero at which synchronization occurs is called jitter.

The pulse from the AND gate is slightly wider than necessary to trigger the switch-drive one-shot multivibrator. If the repetitionrate one-shot multivibrator is turned on while the pulses from the differentiator are imposed on the AND gate, the rep-rate multivibre tor output may be sufficient to turn on the switch-drive one-shot multivibrator. Since only the front enof the pulse is synchronous a slighjitter will occur.

#### Inhibit Circuit

The simple inhibit circuit eliminates jitter completely. For negative pulses coming from the blocking oscillator shown in Fig. 5 diode  $D_1$  is an open circuit and the rep-rate one-shot multivibrator will trigger. If the positive pulse from

## Syncs Wavetrain Outputs



FIG. 3—Detailed circuit of a synchronizer covering the frequency range from 20 cps to 300 kc. External blocking oscillator allows use of alternative repetition-rate generator when required

the differentiator is imposed on the AND gate the pulse turns on the transistor  $Q_1$  in the inhibit circuit, causing  $D_1$  to conduct. Diode  $D_1$ will then be a short circuit to the pulse from the blocking oscillator and the rep-rate one-shot multivibrator will not trigger, eliminating jitter. For this reason pulses of opposite polarity are chosen to drive the rep-rate one-shot multivibrator and the AND circuit.

Resistor  $R_1$  produces an internal resistance in the blocking oscillator so that  $D_1$  looks like a short circuit when conducting.

Germanium transistors type 2N388 can be directly substituted for the silicon transistors used in this instrument if temperature conditions allow.

#### **Application**

The synchronizer may be used to determine the characteristics of

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ultrasonic delay lines. Figure 4A is a block diagram of a system for locating inhomogeneities in a delay line. An artificial flaw is created on the line by clamping it at a point between the receiving transducer and the end, setting up a region of inhomogeneous stress which produces a reflection.

Details of the delay line are shown in Fig. 4B. For the input signal shown in Fig. 4C the output of Fig. 4D is produced. Location and extent of the flaw can be determined by examining the output waveform.

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FIG. 4—Delay line test setup (A) with details of delay line (B) and input (C) and output (D) signals. Output wave shows location and extent of flow

## **Using Tv Techniques**

Modern electronic techniques aid astronomers in locating variable stars. Unique flying-spot-type closed-circuit television system compares two photographs and displays any difference between them. Several nonastronomical uses are also suggested

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F THE VAST NUMBER of stars visible on a clear night, certain types are known as variable stars. This means the amount of light that they radiate is variable. Some of these stars show irregular variation, but most are of a certain periodic type that have periods of a day or more. This periodic type of star has become an important tool in astronomy as the mean energy radiated in a certain band of wavelengths can be derived from the period of light variation. The apparent mean brightness, measured by the observer on earth, will give the distance to the star. Hence, variable stars are important distance markers especially at large distances where no other method of equal dependability exists.

#### **Detecting Variable Stars**

An astronomical telescope such as the 48-in. aperture Schmidt telescope at Mt. Palomar can photograph several millions of stars in the Milky Way in a few minutes on a single plate. The process of detecting the variable stars in this enormous quantity is laborious time consuming. Several and methods of variable star detection have been used all based on the principle of comparing two photographs of the same region of the sky taken at different times. The variable stars that have changed sufficiently in the time between two exposures show detectable differences between the sizes of the two images on the photographs. In principle, all optical star images have the same size due to the extremely small angular diameter of the stars. The photographic plate shows an increased image diameter for an increased brightness due to aperture and exposure effects.

A comparison or blink micro-



FIG. 1—Semitransparent mirror splits beam into two paths. One goes through each photograph to associated multiplier phototube, Video signals are subtracted and difference signal processed for use by monitor

scope equipped with an opticalmechanical arrangement enables alternate viewing of the same region of both plates. Using this instrument, no change is seen in stars having constant brightness but variable stars appear to grow and shrink. The probability of detection using the microscope is small.

Approximately 75-percent of detectable variable stars are overlooked. It is often necessary to reexamine the plates several times before any variation in the image is noticed. An estimation of this incompleteness can be seen from the number of rediscoveries made when searching the same pair of plates more than once.

#### System Operation

A new variable-star detection instrument based on the principle of flying-spot scanning is shown in Fig. 1. This instrument compares two photographic plates taken with a telescope aimed at the same region of the sky at different times. The raster from a flying-spot scanner is beamed to a semitransparent mirror where the light splits into two paths. One path is reflected by a conventional mirror. It then goes through a lens and through one of the photographic plates to a multiplier phototube. The other path is reflected by two conventional mirrors through a lens and the other photographic plate to another multiplier phototube.

When the photographic plates are correctly positioned using the optical-mechanical arrangement, the same region of the two photographs are scanned by the raster of the flying-spot tube. Each of the multiplier phototube tubes generates a video signal consisting of: (1) signals caused by images of stars on each of the photographic plates; (2) irregularities caused by

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Operator adjusts two photographic plates simultaneously while observing tv monitor. Rack, left, contains video amplifier, sync generator, and power supplies. Two containers under tv monitor hold multiplier phototubes. Scanning unit is on the floor

the plate grains between the star images; (3) signals caused by impurity spots on each plate; and (4) noise generated by the multipliers phototubes.

If the scanned portions of the two plates are identical and geometrically matched, then both multiplier phototube video signals contain the star image signals simultaneously. If one multiplier phototube signal is reversed in polarity and subtracted from the other multiplier phototube signal, then all equal and matching signals will cancel thus making all nonvariable star image signal components disappear.

If a variable star is present on the photographic plates, then the subtraction of one star image signal component from the other brighter star image component will result in some residual signal that will appear as an output of the subtraction unit.

The output of the subtraction unit also contains the noncorrelated signals such as multiplier phototube noise and phosphor grain impurities.

These signals appear as a slight snow in the background of the picture monitor. After amplification the star image difference signal is used to intensity modulate a television-type monitor. The monitor raster is synchronized with the flying-spot scanner raster.

The screen of the monitor will show the combined image of the noise and the star image difference signal between the two photographic plates scanned. All stars with the same brightness on the two plates disappear while the difference between the two images of a variable star remains. Figure 2 shows an example of the detection of a variable star on the monitor screen.

#### Scanning and Optics

The scanning unit is a standard flying-spot scanner with a high degree of resolution and a short persistence. The optics were cut from selected plate glass whose reflecting



FIG. 2—Photos of tv screen taken during variable star search; A is the negative image of one plate and B is the positive image of the other plate. The difference between the two images is shown in C. The variable star is circled

surfaces are aluminized. The two lenses are standard 8-mm telephoto types f 1.5 with a focal length of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in.

The large focal ratio of these lenses is necessary to maintain good signal-to-noise ratio of the video signal. The demagnification of the raster to the photographic plates is about  $30 \times$  allowing the



FIG. 3—Both multiplier phototube signals are coupled to subtraction tube  $V_{1:4}$ . Difference signal is coupled by cathode follower to video amplifier

resolution necessary for observing the smallest magnitude differences which can be detected.

The condenser lenses between the photographic plates and the multiplier phototube are ordinary singlelens types. They form an image of the telephoto lens aperture inside the sensitive area of the photo cathode.

#### Multiplier Phototubes

The multiplier phototubes are RCA type 931A. They are housed in enclosed metal containers providing for both electrical and optical screening. For reliable service, the phototube mean anode current should not exceed 10  $\mu$ a.

To increase collection efficiency of the multiplier phototubes, the total supply voltage of 600 v has not been evenly distributed over the dynodes and 120 v has been used between the cathode and the first dynode.

The multiplier phototube video

signals are slightly less than 1 mv peak-to-peak voltage. To prevent unequal distortion and amplification of the two signals, it is preferable to perform the subtraction immediately after the multiplier phototubes.

#### Subtraction Unit

Figure 3 shows the circuit of the subtraction unit. The video signal from one multiplier phototube is coupled to the grid of subtraction tube V14 while the other multiplier phototube signal is coupled to the cathode. As both signals are then amplified out-of-phase with each other, all simultaneously occurring signals of equal amplitude will cancel. If one signal is of greater amplitude than the other, such as is the case with a variable star image signal, a difference signal will be generated across the subtraction tube plate load resistor. The amplified difference signal is coupled by cathode follower  $V_{1B}$  to a video amplifier. The subtraction unit has a gain of approximately two.

If two plates of the same sky region taken at different times are examined in this way, taking care that the plates are positioned so that corresponding points are always scanned at the same time, the signals from the two multiplier phototubes will always be equal. Consequently, the difference signal will remain zero and nothing will be seen on the monitor screen.

Should the two plates differ in some way, such as by showing the images of a star whose brightness has changed in the time between



FIG. 4—Video amplifier uses Philips type E180F tubes. First two stages are cathode bypassed. Second two stages employ peaking coils

the two exposures, the picture signal will not be zero and the difference between the plates will be visible on the monitor screen as a patch that is either lighter or darker than its surroundings. An example of this is shown in Fig. 2 where A is a portion of one plate that is electrically phase reversed, B is a portion of the other plate that is not phase reversed, and C is the resultant picture on the monitor screen after subtraction.

#### **Associated Circuits**

The output signal from the subtraction unit is coupled to a wideband video amplifier. This amplifier, shown in Fig. 4, has a gain of approximately 1,000 bringing the 1-mv input signal up to approximately 1 volt. The first two stages are cathode bypassed and the next two use inductive compensation to provide high-frequency peaking. This compensates for the noninfinitesimal short persistence of the screen of the flying-spot scanner. With the low values of plate load resistors used, the amplifier has excellent high-frequency characteristics.

Spot aperture compensation is not used as no change in image quality was obtained when it was tried.

#### Monitor

The monitor is a typical television-type monitor using a 14-in. cathode ray tube. The gain is approximately 30 bringing the 1-v input signal up to 30 v peak-to-peak for use by the cathode-ray tube.

Both the flying-spot scanner and the monitor are synchronized by a conventional television-type interlaced-pulse generator.

#### Nonastronomical Applications

The two-photograph electroniccomparison technique may be used for the comparison of aerial photographs to detect changes in what should be motionless countryside.

For the detection of false banknotes, a known good note is compared with a suspect one. Any difference between the notes will become immediately apparent. There may be possibilities for use in the field of medical electronics for the comparison of X-ray photographs.

## **High-Temperature Cables**

Tabulation gives physical and electrical properties of Teflon coaxial radiofrequency cables that are suitable for high-temperature environments

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IN THE FIELD of high-temperature components, one of the most difficult problems to be solved is the development of suitable insulated wire. Teflon provides low loss and permits high operating temperature. The tabulation presented here gives information available to date on high-temperature coaxial cables of various designs employing Teflon dielectrics of air-spaced construction. Air-spaced, filament, threaded or taped Teflon cables are suitable in high

temperature environments because sufficient voids exist within these cable designs to compensate for thermal expansion. In the future, Teflon may be widely used with fillers such as quartz or glass which can extend its heat distortion characteristics.

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Nickel-clad-copper outer cond o-d = 0.250 in. Silver- plated inner cond o-d = 0.082 in.	Helical filament²	Semi- flexible	5.2 5 3.33	500* 300** 25	10,000 mc	22.5 21.9 21.9	25	Affected by nuclear radiation and thermal shock	Low-loss
3003 soft aluminum outer cond o-d = 0.445 in. Aluminum tubing nner cond o-d = 0.147 in.	Braided threads <sup>3</sup>	Semi- flexible	2.92 3.25	25 300	5,000 mc	24.4		Affected by nuclear radiation and thermal shock	Low-loss Withstands high voltage
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## How to Design Reflexed

Reflex circuits in which i-f and a-f gain are achieved in the same transistor stage have recently been incorporated into economy broadcast receivers. Careful design is required to avoid motorboating

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VIRCUITS WHICH USE a single transistor for simultaneous amplification at intermediate and audio frequencies have been adopted recently for use in economy broadcast receivers. The reflexing circuit, normally used as a second i-f amplifier and first audio amplifier, can provide gain from a single transistor only a few db less than the gain obtained from two transistors in conventional circuits. It is not accomplished without sacrifice in distortion and power handling capabilities. Furthermore, care must be exercised in designing such circuits to avoid instabilities, particularly at high signal levels. The design of the reflex stage is also conditioned by system functions such as age and overload level.

#### **Fundamental Aim**

In the design of a reflex stage the fundamental aim is to provide high gain and sufficient undistorted output power to drive the audio output transistor to its rated output level without permitting regeneration in the form of motorboating to occur. This can be accomplished by choosing the proper i-f and audio load resistances, selecting sufficiently high operating collector current and voltage to prevent audio and r-f clipping, and maintaining reasonable phase characteristics in the feedback loop.

A reflex circuit used in a portable broadcast receiver is shown in Fig. 1. In this circuit, transistor  $Q_1$ amplifies a modulated i-f signal introduced at A and drives diode detector  $D_1$  which produces an audio signal at the transistor base terminal. The transistor now amplifies at audio frequencies and delivers signal power to the audio load at B. The 450-ohm resistor across the output terminals represents the audio load presented by the audio output transistor and its biasing network.

#### **Major Requirements**

There are three major demands on the reflex stage during its operation. First, it must deliver sufficient undistorted audio power to drive the audio output stage to its rated level. Second, it must supply enough i-f power to the second detector to provide linear detection and agc voltage. A third requirement is stable operation throughout the range of signal levels which the stage is expected to handle.

Assume that for rated power output the audio output transistor requires a drive of 0.125 v peak across its input resistance of 450ohms, that the d-c audio load is 560 ohms, and that the second detector requires a zero modulation i-f drive of 0.7 v peak across its effective resistance of 1,500 ohms to provide for linear operation and sufficient agc voltage. Assume that the reflex stage of Fig. 1 uses a linear transistor with an i-f output impedance of 30,000 ohms and a supply of 6 v.

If the transistor is assumed to be driven at audio frequencies only, the audio load line of 250 ohms (450 ohms in parallel with 560 ohms) can be drawn on the collector characteristic curves, as shown in Fig. 2, for a quiescent operating point of 4.9 v and 2 ma. The latter value is selected to provide adequate signal handling capabilities in the collector characteristic. The peak audio current swing on this line is I = 0.125/250 = 0.5 ma for rated audio drive.

Assume that the transistor is matched to the effective resistance of the detector. This matching requires an impedance transformation of 20/1 or a voltage transformation of 4.5/1. Thus, to obtain



FIG. 1—Schematic of reflex circuit used in a partable broadcast receiver
# **Transistor Receivers**



FIG. 2—Audio and i-f load lines drawn on collector characteristic



FIG. 3-Envelope of i-f carrier shown for various modulation indices

the 0.7-v i-f signal required to operate the detector, the zero-modulation peak collector swing would be 3.1 v, and at 100-percent modulation, peak collector swing would approach 6.2 v, causing clipping of the modulation. A choice of 3:1 as the voltage transformation ratio results in a peak collector swing of 4.2 v for a 100-percent modulated signal to give the desired detector drive. Assume that modulation is sinusoidal. The effective resistance of the detector is transformed to 13,500 ohms at the collector-emitter terminals of the transistor. If the transistor is assumed to be driven at intermediate frequencies only, the i-f load line can be drawn as shown in Fig. 2.

#### **Combined Signals**

In normal operation of the circuit, the transistor is driven through an appreciable portion of its collector characteristics by simultaneous audio and i-f signals. This operation can be described as a shift in the quiescent bias point of the i-f load line along the audio load line at an audio rate. Since the audio information is derived from the modulation on the i-f signal, the envelope of the excursions of voltage and current on the collector characteristics forms a definite pattern which aids in describing the behavior of the reflexed transistor.

#### **Envelope Detector**

It can be seen in Fig. 1 that the envelope detector produces a peak negative output at a time corresponding to the peak amplitude of the modulated i-f carrier. The detected envelope is fed to the base of the transistor, so the transistor is driven to maximum current on the audio load line at the same time. This assumes there is no phase shift in the feedback circuit. The transistor likewise is driven to minimum current on the audio load line at a time corresponding to minimum amplitude of the modulated i-f carrier. The envelope of the i-f carrier is shown in Fig. 3 for modulation indices of 0.3, 0.6 and 1. where it is assumed the i-f carrier drive to the reflex stage is held constant while the modulation index is varied. Since it is normal practice to specify the rated output power of a broadcast receiver for a

30-percent modulated signal, the 0.5-ma swing shown in Fig. 3 for a 30-percent modulated signal, is just sufficient for proper system operation. It is assumed here that the feedback resistance  $R_{Fu}$  of Fig. 1 has been adjusted to provide this 0.5-ma audio swing with the volume control set at maximum output, when the second detector is driven with a 0.7-v, 30-percent modulated i-f signal.

This reflex stage used in a receiver capable of holding the i-f voltage at the detector to 0.7 peak by use of agc constitutes a working system. However, in an economy receiver the agc is seldom capable of holding the i-f level at the second detector constant, particularly at levels near overload. Figure 3 shows that failure to hold this level will cause clipping in saturation as well as cutoff. Clipping in saturation leads to the usual system faults near overload but clipping in cutoff can cause serious regeneration in the form of motorboating.

#### **Motorboating Process**

To visualize the regeneration process in the reflex amplifier, assume the i-f load line of the stage





FIG. 4—Motorboating takes place as positive audio swing extends past point c

FIG. 5—Intermediate-frequency signal envelope when detector is polarized for positive output

is vertical and that both the value of the audio feedback resistor  $R_{FB}$ and the volume control setting are selected to give a peak audio swing of 3 ma. Then the envelope of a 60-percent modulated i-f signal on the collector characteristic is as shown in Fig. 4, if no regeneration occurs. The behavior of the amplifier may be analyzed by starting from the guiescent point a and by assuming the amplitude of the i-f signal is increasing sinusoidally. Since the envelope detector is polarized for negative output, the transistor is driven further into conduction along the audio load line to point b which represents the peak envelope amplitude.

The amplitude of the i-f signal then drops to reduce the output from the detector driving the transistor toward cutoff at point c. The operation has been normal to this point and would proceed, as in normal overload, to clip off one third of the positive audio swing if it were not for the feedback characteristics of the reflex circuit. Actually, as the audio swing progresses more positive than c, the transistor is cut off and the i-f signal delivered to the detector becomes zero. Thus, the envelope detector develops a positive step which drives the transistor further into cutoff, and the latter remains cut off until the time

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constant of the detector and feedback circuit permits the transistor to return to conduction. At that time i-f signal abruptly appears at the detector which drives the transistor well into conduction.

When motorboating is severe, this drive into conduction is limited by driving into saturation and clipping of the i-f signal. The oscillation is similar to the behavior of a multivibrator which is stable only at saturation and cutoff. The motorboat waveform is largely a function of the modulation frequency, feedback circuit time constant and the strength of oscillation.

#### **Positive Envelope Detection**

In the circuit of Fig. 1 the detector diode is polarized to produce a negative output which will provide agc voltage for an npn transistor. When the polarity of this diode is reversed to provide agc voltage for a pnp transistor, the operation of the reflex stage is modified, because the maximum i-f signal is now associated with positive audio drive instead of negative audio drive. The envelope of the i-f signal on the collector characteristic is shown in Fig. 5 for modulation indices of 0.3, 0.6, and 1. Notice that the quiescent bias current has been increased from 2 ma to 2.5 ma to prevent clipping of the

i-f signal in cutoff. The conditions which caused motorboating in the circuit of Fig. 1 are considerably alleviated, because regenerative clipping now occurs in saturation. When the transistor has good saturation characteristics, motorboating is improbable at high-modulation indices and is only moderately serious at low modulation indices. A disadvantage in this mode of operation is the cutoff clipping of the peak i-f signal which occurs at excessive audio drive. This condition can cause low overload level and loss of agc.

#### Other Considerations

The best transistor for reflex circuits is one which has collector characteristics showing excellent linearity and sharp knees. The transistor should have the qualifications normally expected of the i-f and audio amplifier including good gain and stability.

When the transistor is used in a low-voltage reflex circuit, its saturation voltage should not exceed a few tenths of a volt or system overload level may suffer. When  $I_{co}$  becomes an important transistor parameter, cold temperatures can cause motorboating while high temperatures can cause reduction in overload level, the sensitivity and the output power.

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FIG. 2—Harmonics of frequency standard produce markers on bell curve produced by f-m signal in (A). Variable oscillator is used for calibration of fixed cavities (B)

# **Microwave Measurements**

Increased accuracy and reduced calibration time are gained using comparison method of microwave frequency determination

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THIS METHOD of microwave frequency measurement uses direct comparison between the unknown frequency and a primary frequency standard.

Accuracy of frequency comparison is limited by the readability of the equipment.

#### Signal Source Calibration

Figure 1 shows the method of calibrating a signal generator. The output of the 100-kc frequency standard is multiplied to 100 mc and passed through a harmonic generator to a crystal detector where it is mixed with the signal source.

The detected signal is applied to the vertical input of an oscilloscope. The oscilloscope displays a straight trace until the signal source frequency is adjusted to a harmonic of the 100-mc frequency standard and a zero beat appears.

By referring to the rough calibration made by conventional means the harmonic of the marker can be identified.

For absorption-type wavemeters,

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a frequency-modulated signal source is used as shown in Fig. 2A.

#### Wavemeter Calibration

When a klystron is used as a signal source, the mode spectrum appears



FIG. 1—Harmonics of frequency standard are mixed with signal source to produce visible zero beat

as a bell curve on the oscilloscope trace.

As the klystron center frequency is varied, markers appear on the curve. The most prominent markers appear where the klystron frequency and harmonics of the 100mc frequency standard zero beat.

When an absorption wavemeter is tuned into the bell curve frequency, a dip appears at the point in the spectrum corresponding to the wavemeter frequency. By aligning the center of the dip with one of the prominent markers, 100-mc points can be calibrated.

Usable markers can be obtained every 10 mc in S-band and every 20 mc in X-band. When the frequency of a wavemeter or cavity is not a harmonic of either 10 mc in S-band or 20 mc in X-band, a variable oscillator is used as shown in Fig. 2B. The variable oscillator's calibration is compared with a 100kc frequency standard to an accuracy limited by the counter.

#### Aligning Marker

By varying the oscillator frequency, the marker can be precisely aligned with the dip caused by the wavemeter or cavity.

As the approximate wavemeter or cavity frequency is known, the harmonic order of the marker is multiplied by the fundamental frequency indicated by the counter to give the exact marker frequency.

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# **Tracer Displays Zener Curves**

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WIDESPREAD use of Zener diodes requires reliable information concerning their characteristics. The Zener diode curve tracer to be described determines Zener diode characteristics more accurately and faster than previous methods. It may be used to determine dynamic impedance, detect low-level noise, define temperature coefficient and make production-line tests.

Magnitude of test diode reverse bias  $E_1$  in Fig. 1 is controlled by  $R_1$ . Superimposed on the d-c bias is an a-c signal,  $E_2$  generated by an oscillator. Voltage swing about the d-c operating point determines the extent of the Zener characteristic to be investigated and is controlled by adjustment of oscillator output.

Transformer  $T_1$  matches impedance and provides d-c isolation. Capacitor  $C_1$  prevents d-c saturation of the transformer. Resistor  $R_2$ limits test diode current and serves as a standard for current calibration of the oscilloscope.

The Zener diode characteristics



FIG. 1—Test setup uses differential preamplifier to permit close investigation of significant portions of curves

are displayed on a Tektronix type 531 oscilloscope. Zener voltage across the diode provides vertical scope deflection and Zener current, measured in terms of voltage drop across calibration resistor  $R_2$ , provides horizontal scope deflection.

#### **Differential Preamplifier**

The differential preamplifier, used in conjunction with a known reference voltage, determines the increment of the Zener curve to be investigated. In Fig. 1, adjustment of reference voltage  $E_s$  permits any portion of the Zener characteristic curve to be centered on the scope. The desired portion can then be expanded for detailed investigation by increasing amplifier gain. Increments can be displayed at a sensitivity as precise as 1 mv/cm.

Curve A in Fig. 2 shows the entire reverse characteristic of a 10volt Zener diode using a low-gain preamplifier. The horizontal scale is 2 ma/cm and the vertical is 2 v/cm. Dynamic impedance and sharpness of the Zener knee cannot be accurately determined, and an increase in scope gain will remove the Zener region of the curve from the display.



FIG. 2—Characteristic curve made with low-gain preamplifier at (A) is compared with curve at (B) made with high-gain differential preamplifier

Curve B, using a high-gain differential preamplifier, shows only the Zener region of the same characteristic curve. Scope calibrations are 50 mv/cm on the vertical and 2 ma/ cm on the horizontal.

#### **Diode Tests**

For this report, Zener dynamic impedance is defined as incremental Zener voltage divided by corresponding incremental Zener current or  $\Delta E_x/\Delta I_x$ . Since dynamic imped-

## Analyzing Wind-Tunnel Data



Transonic wind tunnel at Boeing Airplane Co. uses variety of electronic gear to control tests and gather data. At left is analog computer; at center are Leeds & Northrup recorders for recording transducer signals; and at right is automatic programmer to control data gathering, tunnel operation and model position



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# Tung-Sol/Chatham VC1257 replaces four tubes in **Bendix** Texas Tower radar set!



The Texas Tower and other key defense systems have required more and more powerful radar equipment. Bendix Radio, to keep pace with this need, replaced four bulky modulator tubes in its AN/FPS-20 radar unit with a single Tung-Sol/Chatham hydrogen thyratron.

Tung-Sol/Chatham's VC1257 features vastly superior power-handling ability, up to 33MW. An internal hydrogen reservoir promotes long life and permits optimum pressure adjustment for a variety of operating conditions. In Bendix

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AN/FPS-20, the VC1257 provides 7.7 microsecond pulses of 13,500 volts and 700 amperes at a pulse repetition rate of 360 pps. Output pulses need no synchronization as with multiple tube operation.

Hydrogen thyratrons, exclusive Tung-Sol/Chatham development, are available to designers for a variety of pulse modulator applications—1KW (miniature) to 50 MW. All offer benefits in operating efficiency like those gained by Bendix. For complete data, contact: *Tung-Sol Electric Inc.*, Newark 4, N. J.



# **BIG TUBE PERFORMANCE**

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The EG&G 7322/1802 weighs 2.07 pounds, has a height of  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches and a diameter of  $3\frac{3}{6}$  inches. It can be mounted in any position and is designed to operate at high power levels, high repetition rates and high temperatures.

It also features low cathode input power, low trigger drive requirements, fast warmup and low jitter. Rapid recovery allows operation at repetition rates above \$0,000 pulses per second.

The 1802 has withstood 500g shock and 2000 cps vibration at 10g. Ceramicmetal construction permits envelope temperatures to 400° C, ambient temperatures to  $125^{\circ}$  C.

#### MIL-ACCEPTANCE TESTING:

T cult / mode fortage (op)/	Current (Irms)	1000 amps 40 amps
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Individual ratings can be exceeded by derating other conditions. Thus the EG&G 1802 has been operated at 30KV anode voltage, or at 2000 amperes anode current, or at a Pb factor of  $50 \times 10^{\circ}$ .

# **PRODUCTION QUANTITIES AVAILABLE**

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ance is a function of d-c operating point, the bias current at which impedance is measured must be specified. Accuracy gained measuring dynamic impedance with the curve tracer rather than by static measurements is shown in Table I.

#### Table I – Dynamic Impedance Measured Statically and with Curve Tracer

Bias	Dynamic Impedance				
Current (ma)	Static Measurements (ohms)	Scope Trace (ohms)			
5-10	14	10			
20–25 25–30	10.8 $11.8$	35			



FIG. 3—Curve tracer displays avalanche noise at Zener knee

Avalanche noise level in Zener diodes may be as high as 0.04 percent of breakdown voltage. Detection of noise levels in the millivolt range may be made with the curve tracer, as shown in Fig. 3.

Temperature coefficient is defined as the percent change of Zener voltage/deg C or  $[(\Delta e_z/E_z) \times 100]/$  $\Delta T$ , where  $\Delta e_z$  is change in Zener voltage,  $E_z$  is absolute voltage and  $\Delta T$  is change in temperature (deg C).

The characteristic curves of a 6-volt Zener in Fig. 4 were taken at 25 C and 140 C (case temperature). At the 5-ma point, change in Zener voltage with respect to the two curves is 0.4 volt. Substituting in the above equation, temperature coefficient is 0.052 percent/deg C. Generalized manufacturers' ratings for a 6-volt Zener are about 0.05 percent/deg C.

For production testing a given type, upper and lower limit traces on the scope may be used to find diodes whose characteristics are within predetermined limits. Per-





manent recordings of Zener characteristics can be obtained by photographing the scope trace.

#### Nuclear Propulsion Studied for Space Use

PROPULSION of a large space platform by controlled nuclear explosions is under investigation by General Atomic division of General Dynamics. This is one of a series of investigations involving new means of propulsion for space applications.

The study, which was proposed by General Atomic, differs from other proposals under consideration in that it looks to employment of a series of controlled detonations within the atmosphere and beyond. Initial commitment for this study calls for the expenditure of \$1 million during the fiscal year 1959. Continuation of the project will be based upon the results of the study during the initial phase.

Project Orion, recently revealed by the Advanced Research Projects Agency, has been underway for the past nine months at General Atomic.

#### Nerve Impulses Control Artificial Hand

MODEL HAND controlled by biological currents is reported from Russia. It is based on studies of the relationship between electrical potentials in the human organism and nervous activity.

Biological currents passing through the stump reportedly set the artificial hand in motion. It is hoped that further study of the characteristics of nerve impulses will increase the use of nerve impulses to control artificial members. 14 AMPLIFIERS POWER SUPPLY RECORDER

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# Graphite Becomes Available as a Fabric

BY ELECTRICALLY HEATING a fiber or fabric such as rayon to a temperature approaching 5,400 **F**, National Carbon Co., Div. of Union Carbide Corp., has succeeded in producing graphite fibers and fabrics. In the thermo-chemical conversion, the crystalline structure of the material is changed to that of graphite similar to manufactured graphite used for such applications as furnace electrodes.

#### **Electronic Applications**

The unique new form of graphite holds promise for innumberable applications in the electronics industry. Some applications that have already been suggested include thermoelectric elements doped with boron; vacuum-tube grids; infrared emitters and static eliminators.

Properties of the fabrics or fibers are the same as those of ordinary graphite. At ordinary pressures, graphite has no melting point and goes directly from the solid to vapor state at temperatures of about





6,600 F. It gets stronger at higher temperatures. For example, its tensile strength at 4,500 F is about twice that at room temperature.

#### Acid Resistance

Graphite textiles are resistant to attack by acids, alkalis, and organic compounds except for those of a high oxidizing nature. The textiles are unreactive with many molten metals and have excellent electrical

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One-in. strip of graphite cloth, 40 in. long, wrapped around beaker of water brings water to boil rapidly when connected to a 110-v circuit

and thermal conductivity.

National Carbon is producing experimental quantities of graphite fibers and fabrics for test and evaluation. An example is a cloth of square weave, 28 by 28 construction. It is being made in a 40-in. width up to seven ft long with an average thickness of 0.024 in. Initial quantities of this particular fabric are available at \$1.50 per sq ft.

# **New Motor Design Boosts Efficiency**



Desired air gap (pencil) is predetermined and motor is built around this dimension

DESIRED AIR GAP is predetermined and then the motor is built around the air-gap dimension in a new approach to motor design by General Electric. Called Unitized motors, the new rotary units feature permanent alignment of each bearing on the motor shaft to hold the rotor centered in the stator even against side loading.

First motors available in the new series are 4-pole, KSM 59-frame shaded-pole and permanent-split capacitor units with ratings up through 1/15 hp. Two-pole units with shaded-pole ratings through 20 millihp and universal series motors of various ratings will be available soon.

#### **Advantages**

The new motors, relative to conventional motor design, give either higher output for the same size, input and temperature rise; or lower current input for the same size, output and temperature rise; or lower temperature rise for the same size, input and output.

New developments in the bearings, lubrication system and insulation contribute to over-all life and performance characteristics.

A continuous hydrodynamic oil film supports the motor shaft in all of the new motors. A capillary retention system prevents excess loss of oil from the lubrication system.

Retention capabilities of the motor's lubrication system are such that only annual reoiling is recommended as compared to every three to six months.

The entire stator core is coated by a specially developed resin with high mechanical and dielectric strength. Core laminations are then fused into a complete and integrated unit. The new core insulation is not affected by humidity.

#### Insulation

Additional protection is afforded by further processing of the stator in epoxy varnish. This added processing provides for additional in-



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#### What makes mica the unique dielectric?

Mica is as old as the earth itself. Ancient Hindu writings show that mica was thought to be the remains of lightning flashes from which sparks had emanated and had become preserved in the earth. It was therefore regarded as being endowed with extraordinary properties, and was used in medical ritual. The replacement of such charming stories with modern technical knowledge has, however, not altered the fact that mica is endowed with extraordinary properties.

Mica is found in pegmatite rock, formed in the early stages of the cooling of the earth's mass. Crystals of mica were formed under high heat and pressure, and in the presence of moisture vapor and magnetic fields. The physical and chemical changes during this period served to impart a unique stability in physical, chemical and electrical properties. The chemical structure of mica is represented as  $H_2KAI_3$  (SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> which is Muscovite; India Ruby is one of the grades of exceptional quality and is used in most mica capacitors. Other types of mica, to name a few, are Phologopite, Lepidolite and Biotite, of which only Phologopite is of limited interest in experimental capacitors for very high temperature operation.

Mica is found in varying degrees of purity, some with less mineral or vegetable constituent, or stain, and some with more nearly perfect physical integrity — that is, free from cracks or air inclusions. As a result, raw mica must undergo careful physical examination and be graded according to quality and size. Sangamo has had over 35 years experience in the selection and processing of mica, together with a knowledge of mica capacitor production. Capacitor grades of mica film are generally obtained from the Bihar, Bengal, or Madras provinces of India. Mica for other purposes may be found in Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Madagascar, Africa, Russia, New Hampshire, South Carolina and South Dakota. This list is by no means complete. An idea of the magnitude of the task of selecting suitable mica can be obtained from the fact that only an estimated ten per cent of all the world's mica deposits are suitable for use in mica capacitors.

The earliest mica capacitor was probably made by Matteuci, a contemporary of Faraday's, about 1845. However, capacitors did not become commercially interesting until the advent of radio in the early years of this century, as a result of the growth of electrical technology. Both the electrical and electronics industries have depended significantly upon mica. Mica insulation between commutator segments in rotating machinery and the mica spacers in vacuum tubes are still vital to these industries.

In capacitors, the choice of dielectric material is as important as the method of construction. Mica, because of its sheet form, lends itself to stacked construction, resulting in a lower inductance assembly than can be obtained in wound capacitors. Mica capacitors are therefore suitable for very high frequency operation.

The mechanical or dimensional stability of mica allows blanking or die-cutting of dielectric plates to a desired size with only a very few thousandths of an inch variation. Precise assemblies may therefore be obtained and result in a greater ability to achieve accurate miniaturization. Electrodes may be permanently bonded to the mica dielectric plates by screening on conducting silver paste. This process has been refined to a high degree of accuracy, and results in superior electrical stability when compared to laying foil between mica plates to form the electrodes. Silvered mica capacitors exhibit exceptional stability in extremes of temperature.

The Q and dielectric constant (therefore, the capacitance) of mica change very little over wide ranges of frequency and temperature. Such small changes are due to the fact that the molecular structure of mica is essentially non-polar — that is, the molecules of mica do not have an unbalanced electrical charge. Thus they are not free to swing freely as magnets do (mica is practically non-magnetic) when in the presence of an electric field. Such fields are present when the capacitor is charged. Movement of the molecules would result in heating by the friction of their motion. Poor dielectrics exhibit considerable heating, as is shown by the heat developed in wood and glue in the process of laminating plywood in dielectric heating devices.

Heating effects may become very pronounced when high frequency alternating voltages are applied. The rapid changes in the direction of current flow cause polar molecules to literally vibrate about their rest position. The low heating of mica under such conditions is evidenced by the fact that certain types for transmitting applications will carry apparent currents to 50 amperes, at a few megacycles, resulting in only few degrees temperature rise.

Minimum dielectric heating is very essential since it has been shown that the life expectancy of a capacitor is reduced by a factor of approximately one-half for each ten degree centigrade rise in temperature.

All mica capacitors do not possess the ultimate characteristics of natural mica, since designs and manufacturing procedures differ according to original intent and application. However, the characteristics shown in the table could be realized under ideal conditions.

Characteristic	Approximate or Ideal Value
Dielectric Constant	7 (resulting in a moderate de- gree of miniaturization)
Q	3000 or greater
Power Factor	0.05% or less
Self Resonant Frequency	Up to 500 megacycles
Insulation Resistance	100,000 megohms or greater
Operating Temperatures	Up to 230°C. (85°C standard for commercial types)
Temperature Coefficient of Capacitance	0 to +70 parts per million per degree centigrade
Capacitance Drift or Capacitance Retrace	0.05% or less

At Sangamo all mica capacitors are designed and manufactured to exceed the physical and electrical requirements of applicable military specifications. The wide variety of Sangamo mica capacitor types allow flexibility of design and superior products for the most critical applications to meet individual specification requirements. Engineering catalog and bulletin giving full information on types and characteristics are available upon request for your examination.

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#### Low-Melting Glasses Useful for Potting

VARYING PROPORTIONS of sulfur or selenium and the heavy metals arsenic and thallium are used in a new group of low-melting glasses. Developed at Bell Telephone Laboratories, the glass compositions become fluid at temperatures between 125 and 350 C. In this range, viscosities are about equal to that of castor oil at room temperature. Viscosities of this order make it possible to coat devices by a simple dipping procedure.

Electrically, the glasses range from semiconductors to insulators with a minimum resistivity of  $10^{\circ}$ ohm-cm and a maximum of over  $10^{\circ}$  ohm-cm. Chemically, they are insoluble in water, dilute alkalis, acids including hydrofluoric and organic solvents. But they are attacked by concentrated alkalis.

The compositions exhibit extremely low permeability to both water and helium and possess good wetting characteristics with respect to most metals. Thermal expansion coefficients range from 20 to  $50 \times 10^{-6}$  per deg C. Thermal conductivities are about 0.0007 cal/ (sec) (cm<sup>2</sup>) (deg C/cm).

The possibility of using the glasses for encapsulating semiconductors, capacitors, resistors and printed-circuit boards appears promising.

#### Polyvinyl Chloride Conductive Compound

COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE for extrusion, calendering and injection molding, a new electrically conductive polyvinyl chloride compound has an electrical volume resistivity of 11 ohms/cm<sup>3</sup>. Known as Abbey 100, the material is compounded from Opalon vinyl resin supplied by Monsanto Chemical Co. The material itself is available from Abbey Plastics Corp., Hudson, Mass.

Applications being investigated of interest to the electronics field include replacement for copper braid in wire, electrical tape shielding on microphone cable, ignitionwire conductors and shielded wire for use on coaxial cables.

#### Stereo Cartridge Uses Rubber Adhesive

ONE of the problems in design of a stereo cartridge is to obtain high compliance and low moving mass simultaneously so that tracking force can be kept to a minimum.



In the Weathers C501 ceramic stereo cartridge, this is accomplished by using a neoprene-based adhesive, Bondmaster G580, a product of Rubber and Asbestos Corp. Within a space of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in., a special rubber, metal and ceramic elements are bonded. The adhesive used had to have properties in between the limits of great flexibility which would not give sufficient bond strength and great rigidity which would destroy stereo lateral motion.

#### ARDC Digs Into Molecular Electronics

As forecast in ELECTRONICS (p 38, April 24), the Air Force has contracted with Westinghouse for a \$2-million program for development in molecular electronics.

Westinghouse scientists have succeeded in growing germanium crystals as thin, uniformly flat ribbons or dendrites. This form of the semiconductor material makes easier the fabrication of integrated devices combining both active and passive circuit functions in single units.

The dendrites are grown in the proper thickness for direct use.





#### **PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES**



Pace of spring assembly machine is controlled by operator through main ram. Ram, in turn, controls operation of air cylinders at other stations.



Loading station. Ejection plunger (left) moves out of nest when workpiece enters



After escapement places pivot, operator adds spring by hand

# Air Cylinders Operate Assembler

MECHANICAL LINKAGE between machine stations is avoided by use of small air cylinders on a semiautomatic snap-action switch spring assembler. The operator controls the main ram of the machine. The ram, in turn, controls the other air cylinders.

A primary reason for use of the machine, by Unimax Switch Division, W. L. Maxson Corp., Wallingford, Conn., is uniformity of switch characteristics. Pivots and contact springs (Fig. 1) are positioned, staked and stressed on bases previously provided with pivot posts and stationary contacts. Rate is 600 an hour and up, depending on delicacy of parts.

The machine's base is a 1-ton



FIG. 1—Cross section of typical switch assembly and top view of spring



Main ram (upper right), spring depressing roller and ejection cam (left)

Denison Multipress with a rotary table indexing clockwise. There are 7 stations, 2 manually loaded.

First, the operator lines up bases on a feed track. As each base is added in line, the base at the head of the line is pushed into alignment with the nest. The base is driven into the nest by an air cylinder. Second, a pivot is placed on the post. The pivots are oriented in a vibratory feeder and drop onto the post through an air-driven escapement. Third, the operator places a beryllium copper spring on the post.

Springs are supplied in strips of stampings. The stampings are not quite separated so that the operator can break off each spring as she is ready to place it. An advantage is that the operator does not have to orient each spring individually.

At the fourth station, another vibratory feeder supplies washers which are dropped through an escapement onto the post atop the spring. Fifth, the main ram swages the hollow post over the washer, fixing the spring on top of the pivot.

The main ram is actuated by a foot pedal which the operator presses after loading stations 1 and 3. As the ram comes down, it trips the electrical circuits which actuate and time the air cylinders at stations 1, 2, 4 and 6. The ram also hits a counting switch and the table is automatically indexed.

Sixth, the center leaf of the spring is depressed by a roller and snaps into place in a notch in the pivot. After the roller retracts, the switch is ejected into a discharge chute.

To eject, a plunger is pushed into the nest. The plunger rides on a cam set at table top height. The plunger has a roller on the end which contacts the cam. The plunger was originally pushed out of the nest as the base entered the nest at station 1.

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Parts shown are small motor stators. Since freon evaporates in air, the freon and parts are placed in a half-filled capped glass jar. The jar is immersed in the liquid in the cleaning tank. One jar of freon is used for rough cleaning and a second jar handles fine cleaning.

The setup shown is used to prepare gyro and resolver parts before assembly in a white room. Cleaned parts are kept in desiccators until used. The cleaning equipment, made by Acoustica Associates, has an average output of 50 watts. One generator drives both rough and fine cleaning tanks.

#### Air Press Prevents P-C Board Warping

WARPING OF TEFLON base printed wiring boards during exposure of the sensitized copper plating is avoided at Ford Instrument Co., Long Island, N. Y., with a simple press built over the light table.

The table top is a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch plate of glass set into a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch steel plate as shown in Fig. 1. Pattern, board blank and black art paper are laid on the glass. An air cylinder, mounted in a frame above the glass, drives a  $\frac{3}{5}$  inch steel plate down onto the board. The light is turned on and the press is retracted a few seconds after the board is printed.



FIG. 1—Cross-sectional view of press in printing position



Heavy steel plate drops to table after board blanks are loaded



Epoxy board strips around 3 edges of pattern form frame for board blank. Pattern is being checked on light table

The pattern is made into a frame for the board blanks by glueing straight edge strips of thin epoxy board along 3 sides of the pattern. For double-sided boards, the frame looks like an "H". The same setup can subsequently be used on a light table after resist is developed to check the registry of lands and holes on predrilled double-sided boards. Pin pricks centered in the hole patterns are references.



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# ON THE MARKET

#### Binding Posts plunger type

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# Panel Light subminiature

THE SLOAN Co., 4029 Burbank Blvd., Burbank, Calif. A new, subminiature ColorLite, model 855S-E, that produces more light than is required by military specifications,



sulating washers), designed to provide fast positive contact, are operated by depressing the plunger, inserting the lead, and releasing the plunger. Post extends only  $\ddagger$  in. above mounting surface. Circle 200 on Reader Service Card.

is now in production. The tiny, 3 in. diameter incandescent indicating light for all edge-lighting applications has a 1/2 in. opaque cap for flush mounting. It permits the design and manufacture of smaller, more compact edge-lighted panels. **Circle 201 on Reader Service Card.** 





#### Triode/Pentode for audio use

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#### P-C Laminate flame-resistant

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#### Analyzer antenna pattern

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1.12-1.70	L	RG-69/U	RXB103085 TD-21 TD-29 TD-33	6881 7101	10°E 90°H 90°H 90°H	D.C. D.C. A.C. and D.C. A.C. and D.C.	250 250 250 250	130 65 130 75	15.2 15.2 18.0 15.2
2.6-3.95	S	RG-48/U	TD-12 TD-22 TD-31 TD-32 TD-34 TD-35 TD-38	6358 6782	10°E 90°H 10°E 10°E 10°E 90°H 10°E	D.C. A.C. and D.C. A.C. and D.C. A.C. and D.C. D.C. A.C. and D.C. PULSE*	250 250 250 250 250 250 250 (250)	80 45 85 140 155 80 (90)	15.2 15.2 15.2 18.0 18.0 18.0 18.0 15.2
3,30-4.90	S	WR-229	TD-24 TD-30	6852	10°E 10°E	A.C. and D.C. A.C. and D.C.	250 250	65 110	15.2 18.0
3.95-5,85	С	RG-49/U	TD-10 TD-39 RXB103422	6356	10°E 10°E 10°E	D.C. PULSE* D.C.	250 (250) 250	70 (80) (110)	15.2 15.2 18.0
5.85-8.20	х	RG-50/U	TD-10 TD-39 RXB103422	6356	10°E 10°E 10°E	D.C. PULSE* D.C.	250 (250) 250	70 (80) (110)	15.2 15.2 18.0
8.20-12.40	X	RG-52/U	TD-11 TD-23 TD-40 RXB103093 RXB103394	6357 6882	10°E 10°E 10°E 90°H 90°H	D.C. D.C. PULSE* D.C. A.C. and D.C.	200 200 (200) 200 (100)	75 115 (85) (35) (50)	15.2 18.0 15.2 15.2 15.2
12.4-18.00	К	RG-91/U	TD-18 RXB103399 RXB103409 TD-41 RXB103411 RXB103254	6684	10°E 10°E 10°E 10°E 90°H 90°H	D.C. D.C. A.C. and D.C. PULSE* A.C. and D.C. D.C.	200 200 (100) 200 (100) 200	70 (110) (65) (80) (50) (40)	15.2 18.0 15.2 15.2 15.2 15.2 15.2
18.0-26.5	К	RG-53/U	TD-13 RXB103423 TD-42 RXB103411	6359	10°E 10°E 10°E 90°H	D.C. D.C. PULSE* A.C. and D.C.	200 200 (200) (100)	65 (100) (75) (50)	15.2 18.0 15.2 15.2
26.5-40.0	к	RG-96/U	RXB103251		10°E	D.C.	(150)	(120)	15.2

NOTE 1: Anode current and tube drop are D.C. values. Values in parentheses are tentative. NOTE 2: D.C. operation — Cathode at one end only. A.C. and D.C. operation — Cathodes at both ends. Pulse operation—Cathode at one end specially designed for pulse operation.

NOTE 3: The Excess Noise Ratio in DB is 10 log (  $\frac{T \text{ eff}}{290}$  -1 )

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PIONEER MAGNETICS INC., 5858 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 36, Calif. The SMC line of Magacycler precision frequency to voltage transducers now has two new ratings, the SMC-15 and SMC-5000. The SMC-15 is designed to meet a demand for the conversion of l-f pulse rates to a directly proportional d-c voltage or current. The SMC-5000 covers the high audio frequency range by converting signals of 0 to 1,250 cps up to 0 to 5,000 cps to the desired linear d-c output. Circle 221 on Reader Service Card.



#### Telemetering Units modular style

APPLIED SCIENCE CORP. OF PRINCE-TON, P.O. Box 44, Princeton, N. J., has in production new modular, transistorized airborne or ground-

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based telemetering equipment for data acquisition, that offers exceptional environmental performance and long-term versatility. Known as K-Series equipment, the first group of these new modules is designed principally for multiplexing and coding (multicoding) data in pulse width (pdm) form in airborne and ground-based systems. The building block modules have a standard dimension of  $3\frac{1}{8}$  in, high by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in, wide. The package lengths are normally in multiples of  $\frac{5}{8}$  in. Circle 222 on Reader Service Card.

#### Transistors high power

CLEVITE TRANSISTOR PRODUCTS, 241 Crescent St., Waltham 54, Mass. The 2N1146 and 2N1147 series of germanium pnp high power transistors feature ring emitter construction and large junction area for conservative current and power ratings. Low thermal resistance, low base input voltage, low saturation voltage, and superior current gain up to high values of collector current make them ideal for use in high current switching circuits, d-c to d-c converters, high power audio amplifiers and voltage regulated power supplies. Circle 223 on Reader Service Card.



#### Stap Attenuators high power

EMPIRE DEVICES PRODUCTS CORP., Amsterdam, N. Y., has developed two new high power microwave step attenuators. Units are conservatively rated at 4 w continuous, 2 kw peak, and can be obtained with steps of six positions (model AT-108) or 12 positions (AT-109). Intended for incorporation into narrow band or broad band devices and systems where reliable and accurate attenuation of r-f voltage is desired, these attenuators include a



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#### Panel Meter self-illuminated

Ноут ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT WORKS, INC., 42 Carleton St., Cambridge 42, Mass. Model 647 selfilluminated VU panel meter features convenient front opening to facilitate light bulb replacement. Only a 24 in. diameter aperture is required for installation. The arrowhead pointer positions instantly on the easy-to-read, 3-in., black, red and buff "A" scale. The meter is specifically designed for accurately measuring levels of sound or noise in wire line monitoring. Circle 225 on Reader Service Card.



# Rectangular Sockets tube and transistor

FLUOROCARBON PRODUCTS INC., Camden 1, N. J. New rectangular subminiature low-loss tube and transistor sockets are designed to conserve space in wired or p-c applications. The Chemelec sockets have a Teflon insulator body which is press fitted into mounting receptacle. The compression mounting feature eliminates additional fastening hardware or operations since plastic memory characteristics of Teflen causes the portion of the socket which has been forced through the mounting hole to return to its criginal dimension, lock-



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Expanded Research programs to meet the most complex technological requirements of the Space Age are only one of the far-reaching objectives of the new multi-million-dollar Lockheed Research Center, near Los Angeles. Destined to become one of the nation's major research installations, its programs are broad in scope and designed to investigate new frontiers of space flight.

A primary consideration in planning the new Research Center was to provide environment for scientific freedom and ideal research conditions —using the most advanced equipment available. This modern, integrated research facility will touch almost every aspect of aviation and transportation—leading toward exploration into completely new or relatively undeveloped fields of science and industry.

On completion, most of Lockheed's California Division's research facilities will be located in this single area. The Center will provide complete research facilities in all fields related to both atmospheric and space flight—including propulsion, physiology, aerodynamics and space dynamics; advanced electronics in microwave propagation and infrared; acoustics; mechanical and chemical engineering and plasma/magneto-hydrodynamics; thermal electricity; optics; data communications; test and servo-mechanisms.

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ing the unit permanently into place and preventing loosening by shock and vibration. Circle 226 on Reader Service Card.



#### Reversible Motor small size

CARTER MOTOR Co., 2762 A W. George St., Chicago 18, Ill., announces the M-105 d-c/a-c series reversible motor. It is available in several models, ranging from 6 to 48 v d-c or a-c input, and is rated at 1/75 hp in intermittent duty, or 1/125 hp continuous duty. Overall dimensions are approximately  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. diameter by 3 in. long, plus the  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 in. shaft extension. Circle 227 on Reader Service Card.



# Relay/Rotary Switch versatile unit

SCHRACK ELECTRIC, 1100 Madison Ave., New York 28, N. Y. A new component, slightly larger than a telephone relay, consists of a pawland-ratchet-driven rotary switch and four 12-point banks. It is available in many combinations of interrupter, off-normal, or cam-operated contacts (make or break) up to a total of 16 springs. It is ideal for sequencing, counting, programming or remote control. Bifurcated springs with double contacts are used throughout. Circle 228 on Reader Service Card.
### Logging System single-channel

DATEX CORP., 1307 So. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia, Calif., announces the K-120 single-channel digital logging system. It provides fully automatic or on demand digital recording on adding machine tape from many types of recorders or from a shaft input. It incorporates a Datex encoder, a control unit, and a Datex-Monroe printer. System assures greater accuracy and lower data reduction costs. It is supplied as a complete ready-to-operate unit. Normal installation takes less than an hour. Circle 229 on Reader Service Card.



#### Pulse Oscillator for radar systems

AVION DIVISION of ACF Industries, Inc., 11 Park Place, Paramus, N. J., has announced a 20-oz S-band pulse oscillator for radar and microwave systems. Model 306 has a power output of 1.5 kw peak minimum at 0.001 duty cycle, 1  $\mu$ sec pulsewidth 1,000 pps. Vibration is listed at 20 g, 20-2,000 cps. It operates at temperatures from -50 to 100 C. Overall dimensions are: 64 in. long, 2 in. wide, and 1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in. high, excluding connector. Circle 230 on Reader Service Card.



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**Toroidal Winder** for precision pots

CARL HIRSCHMANN CO., INC., 30 Park Ave., Manhasset, L. I., N. Y., has available the Micafil RWP toroidal winder for high precision potentiometers. Some of its features include: automatic shut-off when a preset number of turns has been reached, adjustable wire tensions, automatic direct reading winding speed, and provisions for both continuous and sector windings of one or more layers. Sectors can be wound up to a maximum of 300 deg. Circle 232 on Reader Service Card.



### **PDM Display Adapter** $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. rack space

KAUKE AND Co., 1632 Euclid St., Santa Monica, Calif. Model AD-2S pdm display adapter makes it possible to present standard pdm telemetry data in convenient bar graph form on any standard laboratorytype oscilloscope. Unit features silicon transistor circuitry and missing channel correction. It contains a precision slicer-amplifier for clean-



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ELECTRONICS CORPORATION "precision electronic components" 1704 South Del Mar Avenue, San Gabriel, Calif. ing up raw signals at the output of receivers. Accessories include a marker pulse generator and an adjustable gate for gating an individual channel to a counter or other display device. Circle 233 on Reader Service Card.

Capacitors expanded line

OHMITE MFG. CO., 3672 Howard St., Skokie, Ill. A new case size, H, has been added to the line of series TW tantalum wire electrolytic capacitors. New unit has overall body dimensions of 0.075 in. diameter by 0.255 in. It offers the same capacitance range (0.01 to 8  $\mu$ f) as existing size S, which has slightly different dimensions. The new size increases the line to 9 physical sizes, the smallest measuring 0.080 in. diameter by 0.203 in. and the largest, 0.134 in. diameter by 0.812 in., including insulation. Circle 234 on Reader Service Card.



#### Silicon Rectifiers 50 to 600 piv

ARCO ELECTRONICS, INC., 64 White St., New York 13, N. Y., announces type SR silicon rectifier series in peak inverse voltage values from 50 to 600 v with 500 ma output current rating. Hermetically sealed in triple plated top-hat enclosure, they are conservatively rated for high long term reliability. In addition to the usual life, moisture resistance, and military environmental tests, they are 100-percent tested for static and dynamic characteristics, both forward and reverse, at elevated temperature. Circle 235 on Reader Service Card.

#### **Rotator-Indicator** precision machined

TELREX, INC., Asbury Park, N. J., announces model R-360C custombuilt rotator-indicator system used in military and commercial applications. The 2-in. o-d antenna support mast mounts through the rotator and through a precision machined pinned and keyed 2-in. i-d heavywall, high-tensile, seamless mechanical tube, thus the support masting can be lowered and raised through the rotator without having to move the rotator to one side. This eases the installation or take down of antenna and/or rotator while reducing installation hazards. Circle 236 on Reader Service Card.



#### **H-F** Generator low inertia

D&R LTD., 402 East Gutierrez, Santa Barbara, Calif. Model D-1309 generator is a reliable power supply for missiles. At 6,000 cps with shaft speeds up to 60,000 rpm it develops 300 w and can be driven by a hot-gas turbine or other suitable means. Featured in the design are low inertia and short circuit protection. IInit weighs 8.5 oz and its measurements are 1.5 in. in diameter and 1.67 in. long. Circle 237 on Reader Service Card.

#### **Tiny Capacitor** molded mica

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#### Capacitors computer grade

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MILLIVAC INSTRUMENTS DIVISION of Cohu Electronics, Inc., Box 997, Schenectady, N. Y. Model MV-279A direct-reading, linear-scale ohmmeter reverses previous resistance measuring techniques. Instead of measuring the current supplied to an unknown resistance by a fixed supply voltage, it measures the voltage drop produced across the unknown resistor by a constant current source. The direct-reading ohmmeter is accurate to 0.25 percent of full scale on its 11 measuring ranges from 1 ohm to 1 megohm. The linear scale reduces the danger of misinterpreting readings to a minimum. Circle 240 on Reader Service Card.



#### Signal Generator 50 kc to 65 mc

HEWLETT-PACKARD Co., 275 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif. Model 606A signal generator covers the 50 kc to 65 mc range. It is particularly useful in driving bridges, antennas and filters, and measuring gain, selectivity and image rejection of receivers and i-f circuits. Output is constant within  $\pm 1$  db over the full frequency range, and is adjustable from +20 dbm (3 v rms) to -110 db (0.1  $\mu$ v rms). Circle 241 on Reader Service Card.

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WHITNEY METAL TOOL Co., 724 Forbes St., Rockford, Ill. The No. 118 punch is said to fulfill a big need in the electronic industry for a compact bench punch that has much capacity (2 in. hole through 14 gage), low price and extreme versatility. With an overall height (less the 24 in. handle) of  $15\frac{3}{4}$  in. and a length of 141 in., this tool has a 7 in. throat depth and a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. throat height. Other features are an adjustable ram, durability, removable ram cap, work table with gages, and a wide range of punch applications using readily available standard punches. Complete data are available from the manufacturer. Circle 242 on **Reader Service Card.** 



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#### MATERIALS

Rare Earth Metals. Nuclear Corp. of America, 170 W. Providencia St., Burbank, Calif. A new data sheet on rare earth metals, containing a price list of twelve of them, has been prepared. Circle 250 on Reader Service Card.

#### COMPONENTS

High Temperature Synchros. Kearfott Co., Inc., 1500 Main Ave., Clifton, N. J., has published a bulletin describing a line of high performance synchros which operate effectively over a temperature range of -54 C to +200 C. Circle 251 on Reader Service Card.

**Power** Packs. Electronic Research Associates, Inc., 67 Factory Place, Cedar Grove, N. J., has available a two-color catalog sheet covering descriptive data on a new line of miniaturized magnetictransistor regulated power packs. Circle 252 on Reader Service Card.

Pressure Cutoff. Datex Corp., 1307 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia, Calif. Bulletin 103 describes the PE-103 pressure cutoff which is specifically engineered for the simultaneous control of pressure data from a multiplicity of pressure channels. Circle 253 on Reader Service Card.

Multiplexers. Rantec Corp., 23999 Ventura Blvd., Calabasas, Calif. A 4-page folder describes a line of multiplexers which consist of coupled high Q coaxial band pass filters. Circle 254 on Reader Service Card.

**Components and Instruments.** Weinschel Engineering, 10503 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington, Md. A new short form brochure covers step attenuators, modulated r-f sources, terminations and insertion-loss measuring equipment. **Circle 255 on Reader Service Card.** 

Transistor Products. Ferrotran Electronics Co., Inc., 693 Broad-

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way, New York 12, N. Y., has available its 12-page, 1959 catalog of transistor equipment and components. Circle 256 on Reader Service Card.

#### EQUIPMENT

Glass Diode Sealer. Kahle Engineering Co., 3322 Hudson Ave., Union City, N. J., has a descriptive catalog sheet of its automatic glass diode sealing machine which seals up to 1,500 glass diodes per hr. Circle 257 on Reader Service Card,

Eddy-Current Equipment. Dynamatic Division, Eaton Mfg. Co., Kenosha, Wisc., has released a comprehensive illustrated bulletin describing its complete line of adjustable speed drive equipment for industrial applications. Circle 258 on Reader Service Card.

Coil Winding Machine. Carl Hirschmann Co., 30 Park Ave., Manhasset, L. I., N. Y., has available a 6-page brochure in color on the Micafil coil winding machines. Circle 259 on Reader Service Card.

DRD Meters. Kay Electric Co., Maple Ave., Pine Brook, N. J. A recent mailing piece contains description, features and specifications for a line of direct-reading digital frequency meters. Circle 260 on Reader Service Card.

Instruments. Bourns Laboratories, Inc., P. O. Box 2112, Riverside, Calif. An illustrated 8-page brochure summarizes key information on a line of linear motion potentiometers, pressure transducers, accelerometers and angular position transducers. Circle 261 on Reader Service Card.

#### FACILITIES

Radiation Facilities. Radiation Dynamics, Inc., Westbury, L. I., N. Y., offers a 4-page bulletin describing the facilities, services, and potential applications of the new irradiation center located at its plant. Circle 262 on Reader Service Card.



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#### NEW BOOKS

#### Introduction to Nonlinear Analysis

by W. J. CUNNINGHAM. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1958, 349 p, \$9.50.

FACED with the necessity of solving a mathematical problem arising in practice, an engineer is often disheartened when he discovers that it is nonlinear. The superposition principle is then no longer valid and the door is open to a bewildering variety of possible types of behavior.

The text under review is devoted to the exposition of some of the basic techniques that engineers can use in solving nonlinear differential equations in a single independent variable. It has been developed from courses that the author has offered to graduate students at Yale University. The background assumed consists of undergraduate engineering mathematics, electric circuit theory and mechanics. Numerical, graphical, and analytical methods of solving nonlinear problems are explained. The availability of elaborate computing machinery is not assumed and the discussion is limited to those methods and problems that can be handled with a slide rule or a desk calculator.

The book shows the hand and mind of a skilled teacher in its organization and exposition. Apart from its merits as a text for a formal course, the book is also suited for self-instruction, as it features throughout numerous completely worked examples. These range over many fields of application—for the most part electrical and mechanical, but occasionally also thermal and biological.

The book concludes with problems for the student and a bibliography. —C. F. REHBERG, College of Engineering, New York University, Bronx, N. Y.

#### The Junction Transistor and Its Applications

#### By E. WOLFENDALE.

Macmillan Co.,, New York, 1958, 394 p, \$7.50.

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aimed principally at the newcomer to the field. The material is well organized, to the point and presents some basic techniques of practical transistor circuit design.

After developing the necessary background material, specific circuit configurations are discussed with a design objective, the techniques being illustrated by practical examples. Unfortunately, some of these examples may be misleading, since transistors currently available in the United States have greater capabilities than the book indicates.

Although the usual subjects are treated, several aspects of the coverage deserve comment. The inclusion of a chapter on class C amplification is worthy of special note. This mode of operation, particularly suited to the characteristics of the junction transistor, has been insufficiently emphasized in previous books.

The material on sinusoidal oscillators and amplitude modulation and detection is sketchy; fuller discussion of these subjects is definitely warranted.

The chapter on transistor d-c converters is probably the highlight of the book. Two conversion principles are extensively treated, one based on the transformer, the other on the ringing choke. Although there are slight differences between British and American conversion methods, the material presented in this chapter should be found extremely useful. An outstanding feature of this book is its readability. The authors have kept analytic detail to a minimum and relegated derivations involving tedious algebra to appropriate appendices. This results in a book that is both an easy to use reference and a painless introduction to the junction transistor and its applications .--- S. SCHENKERMAN, Missile Development Div., Ford Instrument Co., Long Island City. N.Y.

#### THUMBNAIL REVIEW

Hanbuch Fur Hochfrequenz-Und Elektro-Techniker, V Band. Verlag Fur Radio-Foto-Kinotechnik Gmbh, Berlin, Borsigwalde, Germany, 809 p, DM26.80. About 7000 terms with definitions of devices and techniques in the field of electronics.



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### **Resistor Manufacturer Moves**

ULTRONIX, INC., San Mateo, Calif., maker of precision wirewound resistors, has moved into a new \$100,000 plant in that city.

The new building is a two-story structure with 10,000 sq ft of manufacturing area. Features of the facility are high density lighting, vinyl tile flooring, precast tilt-up construction and an air-conditioned engineering production area. The building contains complete facilities for environmental testing to military specifications.

Ultronix, which was founded two and one-half years ago, by three of the present group of five stockholders, has grown from three to 90 employees in that time. Only a year ago the company ranked 25th in the manufacture of precision wirewound resistors. Now the firm claims to be one of the largest suppliers in the country, serving such organizations as Douglas, Lockheed, Ampex, MIT, and Sperry-Rand. Sales last year were \$1,100,000.



Elect Ridenour To EIA Board

LOUIS N. RIDENOUR, vice president and general manager of Lockheed Aircraft Corp.'s newly formed electronics and avionics division, was recently elected a member of the EIA board of directors. He replaces L. E. Root, vice president and general manager, missiles and space division, Lockheed Aircraft.

#### Kulite Appoints Senior Engineer

SEYMOUR ROSENBAUM recently joined the engineering and development staff of Kulite Tungsten Corp., Ridgefield, N. J., as senior engineer. He will be in charge of development of refractory metals and alloys for high temperature and other applications by vacuum casting and/or powder metallurgical means.

Prior to joining Kulite, Rosenbaum was senior metallurgist of the research and advanced development division of Avco Mfg. Corp., Wilmington, Mass.

### John Fluke Co. Erecting Plant

CONSTRUCTION has begun on a new plant for John Fluke Manufacturing Co., Seattle, Wash. The new facility will have approximately 18,-000 sq ft of space. Its location is just north of Seattle in the town of Mountlake Terrace, Wash.

The Fluke Co. is a manufacturer of precision electronic instruments and employs approximately 70 people. Occupation of the plant is expected late in July.



### Name Kimball TRG Director

ELECTION of Dan A. Kimball, president of Aerojet-General Corp of Azusa and Sacramento, Calif., as a director of the Technical Research Group, Inc., Syosset, L. I., N. Y., was recently announced.

At the same time it was revealed that Aerojet-General has purchased a minority interest in TRG, Inc., and that the two companies will work jointly on advanced optical detection systems of interest to the national defense.

### Clairex Opens In Puerto Rico

PHOTOCONDUCTIVE cells utilized in many industrial and military applications will soon be produced in Puerto Rico as the Clairex Corp. of Puerto Rico announced the opening of its plant there. The principals of the new organization are the



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same as those for Clairex Corp., New York, which for the last six vears has devoted itself exclusively to the development and manufacture of photoconductive cells.

Immediate purpose of the Puerto Rican enterprise is to provide expansion for the manufacture of these cells for the new automobile and photographic markets. The decision to expand in P.R. was determined by considerations of climate, availability of competent personnel, and the advantages of the tax structure.

#### **Bright Joins** Denver Labs

JAMES A. BRIGHT has joined the technical staff of Denver Laboratories of Ramo-Wooldridge, a division of Thompson Ramo Wooldridge Inc. He was formerly with McDonnell Aircraft Corp. where he was a development engineer in the electronics department of the airplane engineering division.



#### **Filtors Names** J. J. Carlin

APPOINTMENT of James J. Carlin to the position of production engineer at Filtors Inc., Port Washington, N. Y., is announced. Improved relay reliability, the development of new production methods, and the acceleration of present production procedures are among his main duties.

Before coming to Filtors, Carlin

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spent five years with United Aircraft, Norden-Ketay Division, Commack, N. Y., where he was responsible for setting new production records as superintendent of the potentiometer plant.

Prior to that he was with Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp. where he spent two years working on their electromechanical installations.

#### **News of Reps**

Cashin-Tipton and Associates of San Diego, Calif., has been selected to represent Fairchild Controls Corp., Hicksville, N. Y., in San Diego County.

Scientific Sales Engineering Co., manufacturers reps for the southeastern United States, has been named to represent Ultronix, Inc., San Mateo, Calif., manufacturer of precision wire wound resistors and trimming potentiometers.

A new sales engineering organization, Dyna Sales Co. of Los Angeles, Calif., will represent several major manufacturers of instrumentation and control systems and related components in the southern California area. Company is now representing Allegany Instrument Co., Inc. of Cumberland, Md., and Moran Instrument Corp. of Pasadena, Calif.

Appointment of Barry E. Houser of Perth Amboy, N. J., as sales rep for the territory consisting of Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D. C., eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and parts of Virginia, is announced by Deltime, Inc., Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Contacts, Inc., Wethersfield, Conn., recently appointed two new reps. John W. Shannon of Arlington Heights, Ill., will cover the Chicago area; Gordon Fixman of St. Louis, Mo., the St. Louis area.

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### COMMENT

#### No Wonder Missile Signals Fail!

(In "Why Missile Signals Fail," p 42, Apr. 10) you show Palo Alto about half way down the west coast of the peninsula of Baja California.

Perhaps your draftsman should repeat Geography I or stand with his face in the corner.

Palo Alto is about half way down the San Francisco peninsula, one day's journey on horseback south of Mission San Francisco de Assis, on the Camino Real, in the ancient province of Alta California, and has so been since 1774.

This ancient province has now become the state of California, a part of the United States of America; the mission is now within the confines of the city of San Francisco; the Camino Real is still an important highway; the Palo Alto, from which the city takes its name, is still standing.

RONALD L. IVES

PALO ALTO, CALIF.

Reader Ives is right, and our apologies to Palo Alto. Our cartographer is also still standing----in the corner.

#### More for Standards

I found the plea for standardization in Mr. Jump's letter (Comment, p 96, Apr. 3) quite interesting. I have thought that the use of standard terms and drawing symbols would make the reading and understanding of electronic literature a great deal easier for the reader.

This could be accomplished by following the military standards that have been established and are in the files of most concerns, especially those doing prime or subcontract work for the government.

Use of the military standards would cover component and part nomenclature such as the rectifiers Mr. Jump mentioned, but not such general terms as commercial or industrial. In the latter case, I would venture to say that the electronics field is divided into consumer, industrial (preferable to commercial) and military markets.

As to the choice between diode

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O'Brien, William P., St. Joseph's College, A.B. 4 years, Army Signal Corps. Radio Operator's school, Ft. Monmouth. Radar and radio operator. Expedited government contract awards, Gibbs and Cox, Inc., naval architects. More than 13 years on **electronics** editorial staff; 10 years as editor for new products, plants and people.

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and rectifier, the Federal Cataloging Handbook H6-1 defines a metallic rectifier as an electrical item of which the working element is constructed essentially of metallic substances which changes alternating current by the rectifying action occurring at the junction interface between a metallic conductor and a semiconductor. A semiconductor diode is defined as a two-electrode semiconductor device containing germanium or silicon and having an asymmetrical current-voltage characteristic

Most people in the electronic field have been exposed to military standards to a considerable degree either in military service or in work done for the government, and thus have a fair knowledge of what they encompass. This, in addition to the close cooperation between the Department of Defense and industry groups such as the American Standards Association and the Electronic Industries Association, provides a means of establishing a universal standard by common usage. Where military standards do not exist. those adopted by the American Standards Association could be used.

HAROLD M. HONIG TUNG-SOL ELECTRIC LIVINGSTON, N. J.

It seems to us that if a diode (as the name indicates) is a device with two active elements, then a rectifier is only a special class of diode, whether it's solid, gas-filled or operating in a vacuum. The word "rectifier" seems more clearly to describe a function than a device.

#### **Radiation** Charts

Unfortunately there were two errors in ("Radiation Charts for Paraboloidal Antennas," p 104, Sept. 12 '58). You may find it desirable to print a brief correction notice.

The second paragraph contains a statement which should read: u = the generalized radiation angle =  $(2a\pi/\lambda) \sin \theta \dots$  etc.

The third paragraph should not have contained the final exponential; rather just:  $F(r) = e^{-k^2r^2}$ .

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