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Total 60,000,000
TV Sets in Use
1958



In
1954

28,000,000 TV Sets
118,000,000 Radios



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per year

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50
40
30
20
10
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Total TV Sets in Use (All Black & White)

28,000,000
B & W TV Sets
in Use

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Total COLOR Sets in Use

17,000,000
COLOR SETS
in Use
1958

Total TV Sets Manufactured

Total TV Sets in Use

Total B & W Sets in Use

43,000,000
B & W Sets
in Use 1958

**How the TV
Service Market
Is Expanding**

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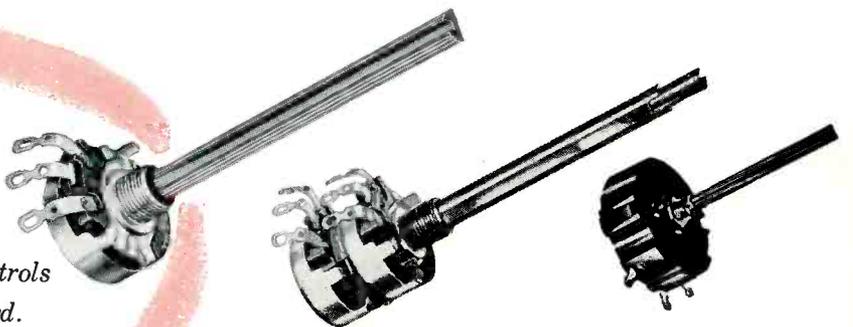
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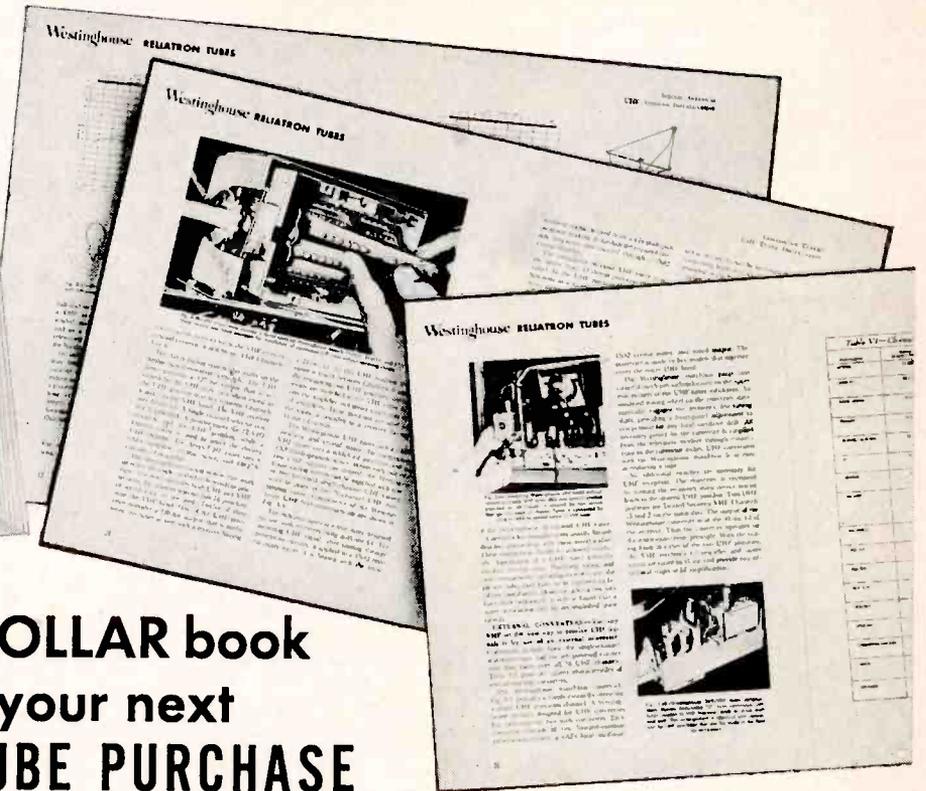
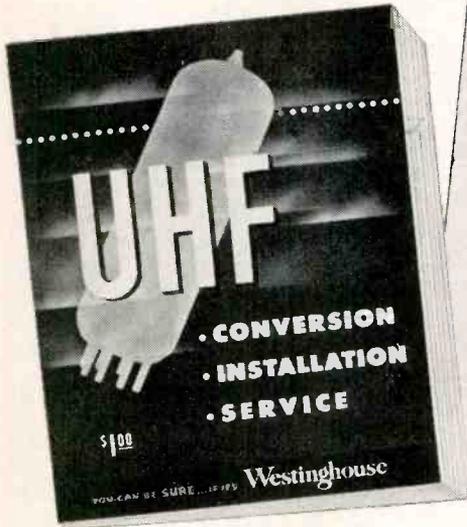
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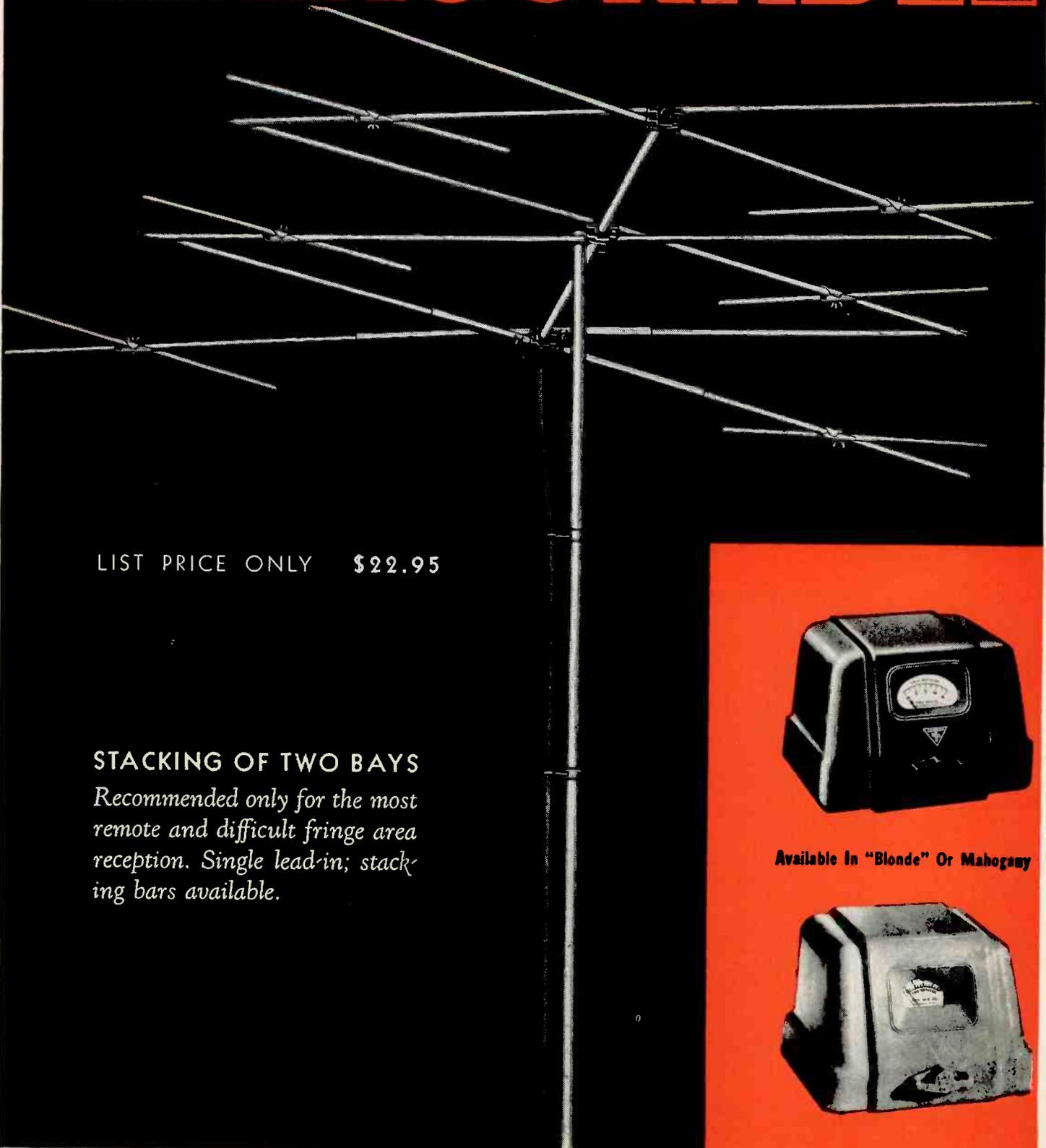
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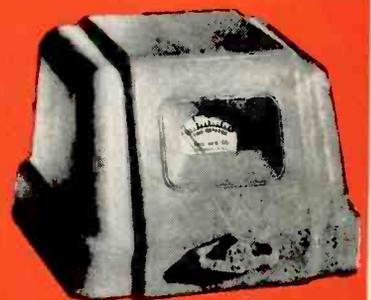
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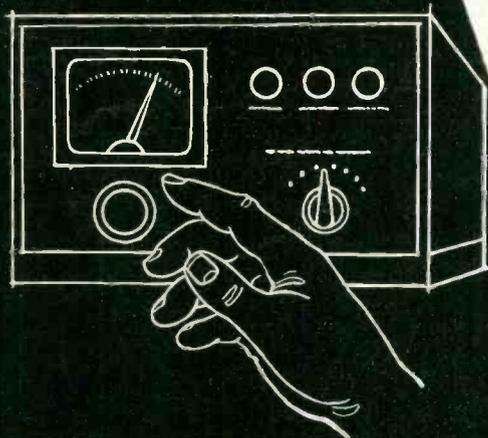
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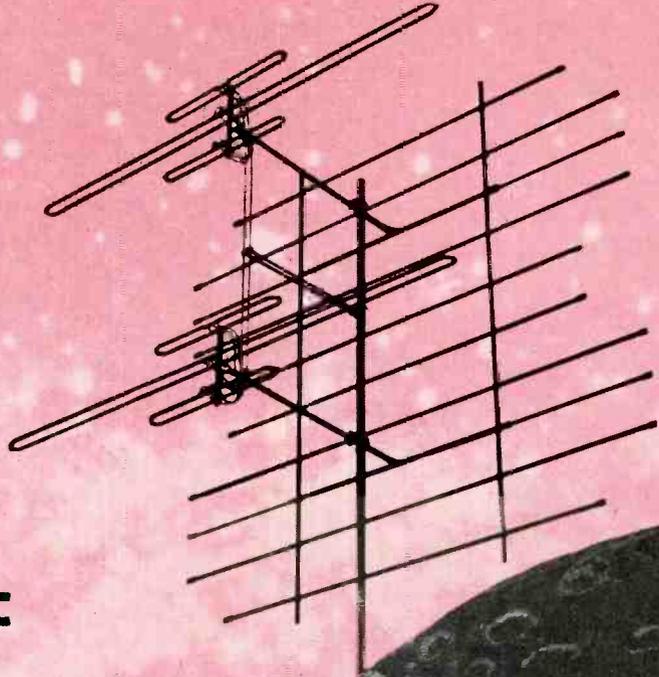
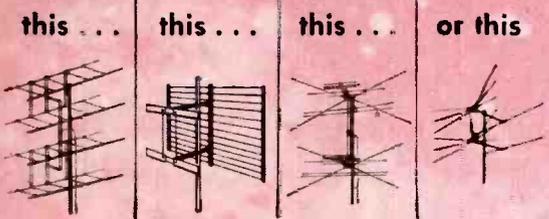
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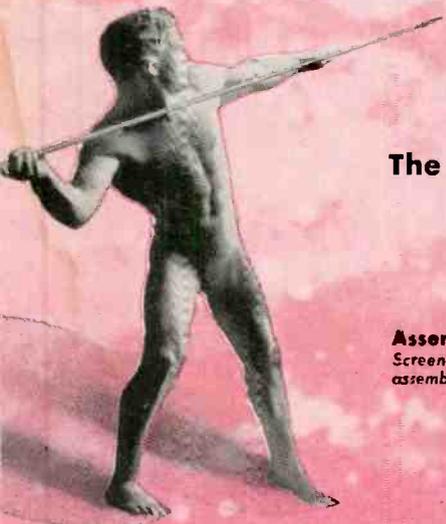
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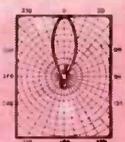
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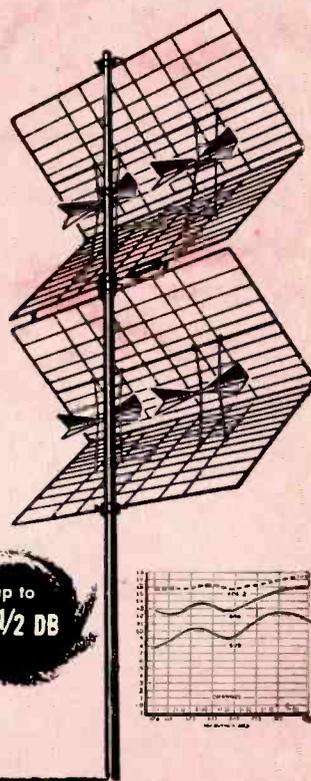
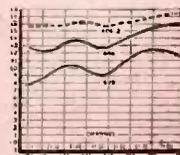
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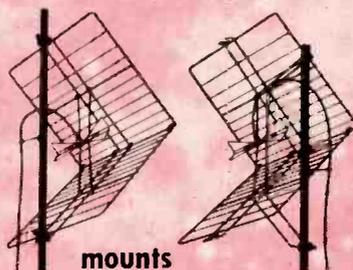


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To the Editors

Will Enhance Knowledge and Standing of Servicr

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

I have examined with considerable interest your new magazine **TECHNICIAN**. I am sure that it will meet with ready acceptance on the part of radio-TV servicemen throughout the Country.

Its opportunity, scope and editorial plans, as contained in your statement, leave little unsaid on this subject and bring into sharp focus the responsibilities of the radio serviceman to his community as well as his need to keep pace with the rapid advancements that are being made in the art and industry.

The coming of color television will require him to increase his over-all knowledge of television circuitry and maintenance of service. Coupled with this is the need for ethical practice and the right of the serviceman to a fair return for services rendered.

TECHNICIAN can also serve as a vehicle whereby the radio-TV serviceman can bring his points of view to the attention of the manufacturer. I note in current issues several service readers have forcibly expressed their views concerning certain problems they have encountered in the servicing of television receivers. Manufacturers could well give heed to the experiences of these radio servicemen.

Finally, I would like to state that I am sure **TECHNICIAN** will serve to enhance the over-all knowledge of the radio serviceman and as a result his standing in the community in which he practices.

GEO. E. STERLING
Commissioner

Federal Communications
Commission
Washington, D.C.

Reader Questions "Tough Dog"

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

Special attention of "Whom do you think you are kidding" dep't.

Did the 1B3 mentioned in the "Tough Dog" corner of the November issue, under the heading "Cracked 1B3" have a self-contained vacuum pump, so that the air which entered and "cut off" the tube after one hour of operation could be evacuated, putting it back in condition to play for an hour next time the set was turned on?

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The tube may not have a vacuum pump, but it certainly has a "getter". This is a material that enters into combination with incoming gases. Since the crack was so fine that a jeweler's eye-piece was required to reveal it, it seems reasonable to assume that the tube remained sealed while it was "cold." During this time, "getter" action disposed of gases that had entered previously. As the tube heated, however, expansion opened the crack, permitting a slow re-entry of gases, until the tube was once more cut off.

Of course, this is only speculation. Nevertheless, whatever the cause, the fact remains that the symptom was observed—and not by Gelman alone. One of our editors had a similar experience with a 1X2A some months ago. High-voltage rectifiers aside, defective tube operation due to air leakage is not an unheard-of thing. Ghirardi and Johnson, for example, in *Radio and Television Receiver Troubleshooting and Repair*, make reference to the effects of such leakage on tube output.

In the light of supporting evidence, there seems little reason to doubt the authenticity of Gelman's *Tough Dog*.—Editor

Correspondence on UHF Strip Interference

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

Reference is made to an item on page 27 of the November 1953 issue of **TECHNICIAN**. This item concerns reported amateur interference to television receivers utilizing UHF channel strips.

No brand names or tuner types are indicated in this article—reference is merely made to "strips." This article assumes that all UHF strips are double-conversion types and therefore susceptible to amateur interference. All UHF strips used in Zenith receivers are of the single conversion type which do not require a "first intermediate frequency" and are therefore not subject to such interference.

Combining all "strips" into a single group as reported in your article is

quite inaccurate, since considerable difference exists in the design and performance of Zenith UHF strips and those made by other manufacturers.

Operation of Zenith UHF strips utilize conversion of the radio frequency directly to the receiver i-f without any intermediate steps. This is exactly the same method as employed in television receivers on VHF operation. Such design minimizes the possibility of beats, and eliminates tuned circuits responsive to signals other than those desired.

Your article, therefore, may be considered as inaccurate since no exception to Zenith strips is mentioned. Since Zenith was the first to introduce the simplicity of UHF operation using inexpensive UHF strips, and since several hundred thousand of Zenith strips are presently performing to the complete satisfaction of Zenith owners, your article offers an erroneous impression to those unfamiliar with the design and performance of Zenith UHF strips.

Clarification of this item in a future issue is respectfully suggested.

HARRY TELLIS
Field Service Engineer

Zenith Radio Corp.
Bridgeport 10, Conn.

TECHNICIAN's editors referred Tellis' letter to A. L. Budlong, General Manager of the American Radio Relay League, since the article objected to had been based on some ARRL releases. Budlong comments as follows:

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

Both our releases and your item make it reasonably clear, it seems to me, that what is under discussion is the type of strip using the dual conversion system. At the same time we can easily see where a hurried reader might gain the impression that all channel strips are inherently the dual-conversion type, and we are sorry if any problem has been caused the Zenith people thereby.

A. L. BUDLONG,
General Manager

American Radio Relay League
West Hartford 7, Conn.

Circuit Digests Up to Date

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

I have found your magazine, **TECHNICIAN**, a useful tool in both our Engineering and Service Departments. The "Circuit Digest" is a timely solution to the old problem of keeping technical information up to the minute on the ever increasing number of new model receivers.

S. S. MILLER
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Color TV Article Outstanding

EDITORS, TECHNICIAN:

The article on color television by Schulman is an outstanding article, and for a tough subject like this does a wonderful job of explanation.

M. G. GOLDBERG

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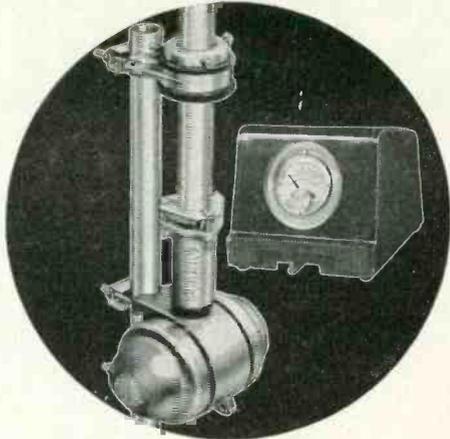
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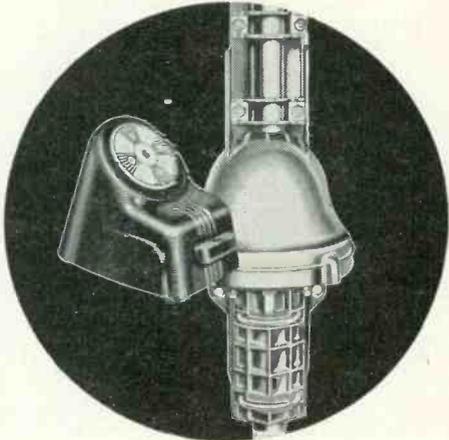
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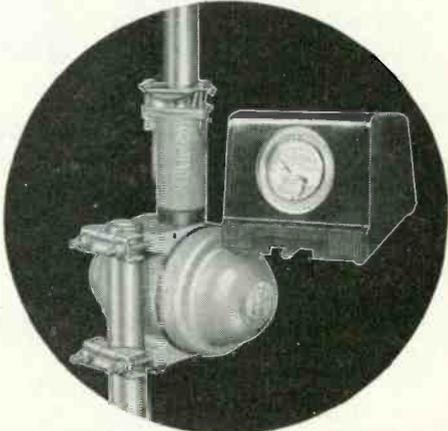
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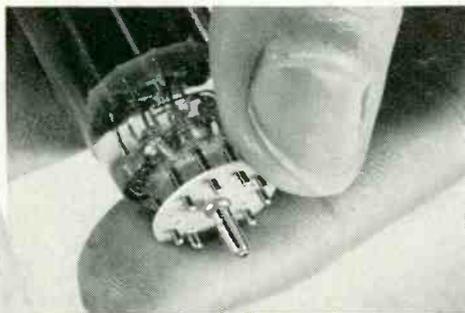
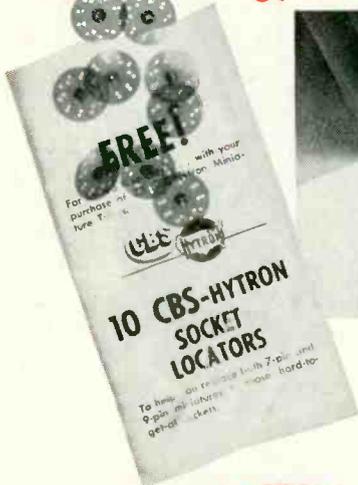
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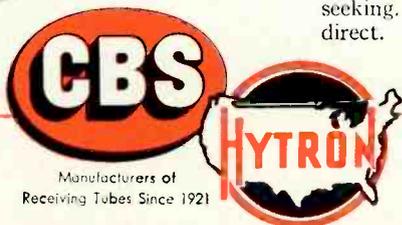
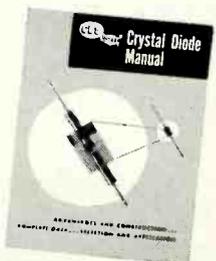
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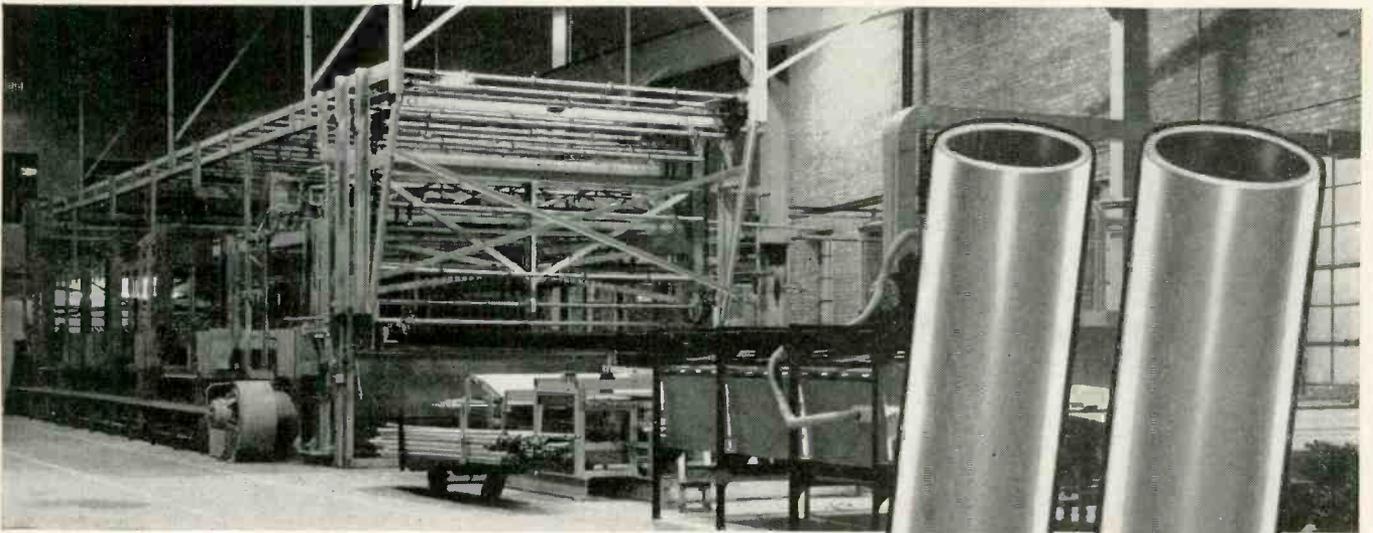
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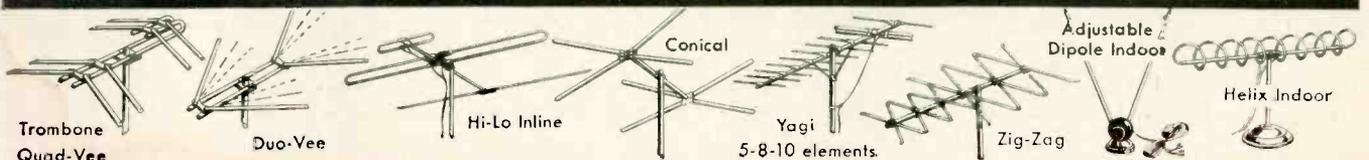
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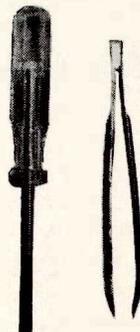
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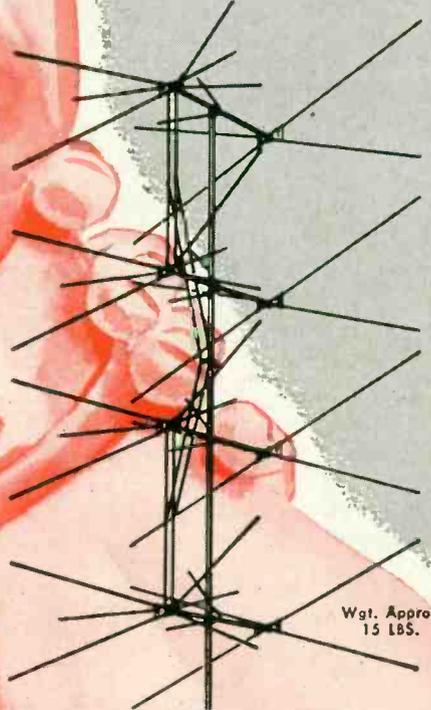
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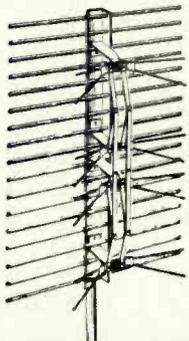
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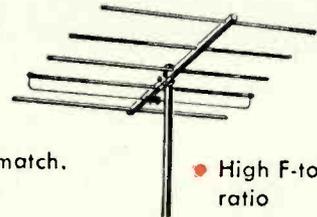


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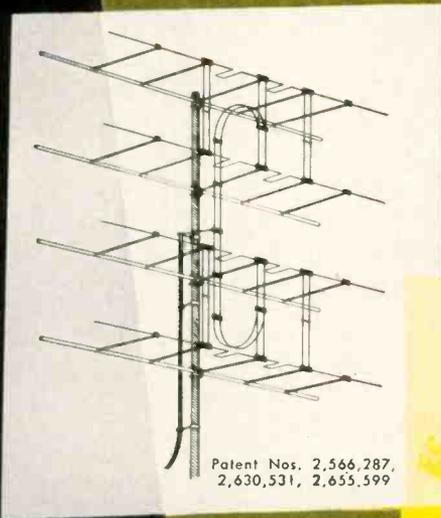
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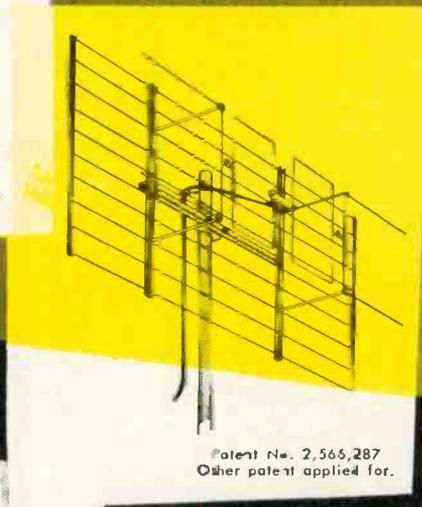
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How the TV-Maintenance Market Is Expanding!

And What Color-TV Will Mean to Technicians

The chart on the front cover of this issue gives an accurate picture of the tremendous expansion in the number of black-white television sets in U. S. homes, from the late 1940's to the present time.

Now, with 1954 we start a stirring new chapter in TV—the beginning of color! Expected to be small at first (100,000 to 200,000 color sets in '54, or around 2% of the total predicted 5½-million TV output), the ratio of color-receivers will probably increase as follows: 1955, 25% color; '56, 35%; '57, 66%; '58, 90 to 95%.

The topmost dotted graph on the front cover shows the total cumulative TV production. But as time goes on, a lot of black-white sets will be junked; numerically this may amount to 2% to 4% of the figure representing each year's output.

Future TV Sets in Use, by Years

Allowing for this obsolescence and abandonment of old sets, the middle dotted curve shows the actual numbers of TV sets (both black-white and color) expected to be in use each year from '54 to '58 inclusive.

Next below, on the chart, this all-sets-in-use total is broken down to show the number of operating black-white sets in use during each year, as the black-white total levels off.

The color-TV curve at the bottom shows the rapid expected rise in color sets—reaching by 1958, about 28% of the total sets in use.

So we see that even with the phenomenal rise of color-TV production in the next five years, black-white receivers will continue overwhelmingly in the majority for many years to come.

What All This Means to Your Business

To the individual technician and servicer, what does this future expansion mean? As the number of TV sets in his community grows, his business may be expected to expand proportionately.

Surveys have shown that for each TV set in the community, a maintenance income of \$20 per year may be expected by the servicer. (Of course individual jobs will run much more than this; other sets will not need repairs, so that the \$20 average will stand up as a conservative yard-stick.)

Meanwhile the technician has some good old bread-and-butter coming from each radio set in his area,—say \$4 yearly.

In 1954, for black-white TV sets, \$20 per year per TV set is a safe average. But for color sets, with their doubled number of parts and components, and greater delicacy of adjustment, the average annual maintenance revenue per set may rise to \$40 or more.

But whether black-white or color, the TV service business is likely to experience no slump, whatever the temporary set-backs in TV merchandising. The business of the TV technician is bound to grow—and grow—and GROW!

Tuning In the

\$1.3 BILLION is the annual radio-TV service bill of the nation, as we figure it, made up as follows: Labor, \$600,000,000; 85,000,000 replacement receiving tubes, \$250,000,000; 2,500,000 replacement picture tubes, \$100,000,000; parts and accessories, \$350,000,000. This total checks well with our front-cover estimate of \$20 per TV set for 28 million TV receivers plus \$4 per radio for 118,000,000 radio sets. Combining these plus \$168,000,000 for service on 26 million phono players and tape recorders, and \$100,000,000 for industrial and institutional service jobs, miscellaneous, etc., it all adds up again to \$1,300,000,000.

RADIO PLUGS AHEAD—In spite of TV's glamour, good old radio is still expanding mightily, with nearly 13½ million radio sets sold in 1953. This brings total U. S. radio sets in use to 118 million receivers in 48 million homes and in 29 million cars. All the rest of the world has only 114,000,000 radio sets (Europe, 69 million), making a world total of 232 million radio sets.

TV's GROWTH—Here are the figures for television-receiver production and total sets in use at end of year, for recent annual periods:

	Sets Made	Total in Use
1950	6,500,000	9,800,000
1951	5,400,000	15,000,000
1952	6,000,000	21,000,000
1953	7,300,000	28,000,000



"Mom—now I remember where I put that mousetrap."

659 FM'S ON AIR—ONLY 15% DROP—The maximum number of FM stations on the air, occurred in October, 1949, when 784 FM stations were operating. At the present time, 659 FM stations are operating, or a net loss of 15.8%. At the time the maximum number of FM stations were on the air, many of them were working on low power and the services rendered by them were quite restricted. At present, the majority of FM stations are operating at full power under regular license conditions. The FM service to the public, therefore, even with a somewhat smaller number of stations, is now believed far better, since the listener hears many more signals in his territory than ever before.

TRAINING TECHNICIANS—W. L. Parkinson, GE service manager, reports plans to publish the RETMA "A" course for upgrading television service technicians based on the pilot course now being conducted at the New York Trade School. He said there would be three publications, consisting of a text book, a laboratory manual and an instructor's manual. These text books will be made available to trade schools throughout the country. A "B" course to upgrade less skilled technicians will be developed during the next year with the view of instituting a pilot course in September, he said. The service committee has also approved plans to hold a three-week "Teacher Training Seminar" for television service instructors this coming summer. Mr. Parkinson explained that the seminar will be based on teaching technique and subject material of the RETMA "A" pilot course.



"Yes sir, it's in fine shape! Been used only one year by an 80-year-old lady with poor eyesight."

TWO MILLION UHF SETS are in operation as 1954 opens. Of these, 40% were factory-equipped with UHF tuners; 40% employ converters, external or internal; and the remaining 20% were adapted to UHF by installing sets of strips. Of 1953's total TV-set production, about one set in seven was UHF-equipped at the factory. Half as many more were converted in the field, 40% by addition of strips.

"**BIG HEADACHE** is yours if you haven't good TV service for your set," advertises Wilson, of Hamilton, Ont. "Buying a TV is only your first step,—anyone can sell you a TV. But when your set needs service—and it will—your big deal becomes your big headache! Wilson's has an organization devoted exclusively to TV, has trucks and testing equipment, has skilled technicians, and has skilled aerial crews."

FIX-IT-YOURSELF BOOK IN FIX—Gadgeteers making wild claims for their fix-it-yourself tomes are feeling the wrath of aroused Better Business Bureaus. In a full-page ad, one miracle-pedlar, in addition to smearing reliable servicemen, claimed to show the set-owner how to repair the receiver **IN MINUTES** "no matter what goes wrong." Examination of the product showed that it recommended some fairly simple adjustments, some procedures much more complicated than the ad implied, and confessed that some "can only be made by a qualified serviceman." When the BBB complained, the advertiser grumbled—but withdrew the ad.

Picture



"Hey, we pay you three walrus tusks to fix TV, but Nanook still see snow when no snow outside!"

HOW SAFE IS YOUR TRUCK while you're in the customer's home or on his roof adjusting the antenna? Thefts of trucks or their contents have become a big biz, with losses rising from \$21 million in '44 to an expected \$100 million in '53—almost a 400% increase in a decade. Present average in U. S.: more than one hijacking or pilferage every hour. Installing a truck alarm system will protect your valuable properties and slash your insurance rate. One maker of truck alarms (Babaco) says the average cost of installation and first-year service for TV service trucks is \$85, and \$33 per year thereafter. System operates off truck battery.

SINCE TV STATIONS "ENGINEER" the direction and coverage of their signals, and because most broadcasters are quite cooperative, smart technicians take the time to phone stations when they run into trouble in certain areas, claiming this is much better than "consulting" set owners in the localities where reception grief exists. Nowadays, broadcast engineers are thoroughly familiar with how their TV signals are received in their territories.

ANTENNA HI-JINKS are reported by a Florida servicer-reader. "In the fringe area where we operate," he states, "our customer insisted his television aerial be mounted atop his seventy-foot metal flagpole, and nobody in our shop is a steeplejack or flagpole sitter. We finally hired a retired trapeze artist here, and rigged up a bosun's chair for him. With a safety belt around him and the pole, and a sling around his feet like those used by flagpole painters, he made his way to the top. The steel cap on top of the pole was turned off, a hole was drilled through its middle, and a stud brazed in to act as the antenna support. The aerial provides optimum reception; its control turns it in any direction, and it cannot be entangled in the folds of the flag."

FELLOWS, YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO have a time for yourselves when Color-TV hits the home market. Numbers of folk who visit TV show-rooms these days are asking about "converting" b&w sets. Seems they're mixed up about the term "compatible," thinking it means "convertible."

GOING INTO BUSINESS? Many good technicians who are working for others, or performing radio and TV repairs on a part-time basis, from a bench in the attic, garage or basement at home, have thought about going into business for themselves. At this time, particularly, when new UHF and VHF stations promise to provide TV coverage where it was formerly only a dream, this idea is being given serious consideration. However, few of these men have sat down with a pencil and several sheets of paper to calculate their needs, in money and material, before they can open their own shop doors. They will have some surprises coming to them when they figure up the money costs of operating a business, as reviewed in the article "Checklist" in this issue.

ALL THESE THINGS HAVE THEIR EFFECT ON YOUR SERVICE BUSINESS

Factors

BAD for your Service Volume

Free service and call-backs
Less radio usage in TV homes
Color-TV false alarms
Increased station power
Landlord's ban on roof antennas
Sets scrapped
Better set construction
Increased taxes
Mild climates
TV ban on games & fights

Overcharging
Activities of surplus houses
Service rackets
Men absent in military service
High living costs
Fix-it-yourself books
Unseasonable weather
Tight credit on new set purchases
Upped number of home "tinkerers."



Factors

GOOD for your Service Volume

Increase in
Sets in use
Population
Homes with radio & TV
Wired homes
Manufacturing capacity
Stations on air
Coast-to-Coast telecasts
Material prices
Labor earnings

New TV areas opening
Storm damage
Change in antenna
Growth of UHF-TV
Change in antenna types
Color-TV in homes
Multi-set TV purchases
Big events on air
Consumer interest in Hi-Fi

Eliminating Television

Practical Methods of Attack on Spurious Oscillation

By JAMES A. McROBERTS

• In this second article on parasitic oscillation, we will consider some typical case histories. Before we do so, however, let's briefly sum up some pertinent information presented in our preceding pieces.

Parasitic oscillation produces the same aural and visual symptoms as any other interfering signal. The TVI must first be proven to originate in the receiver, rather than outside of it. Further localization by an exploring probe in conjunction with a signal tracing set will localize the trouble to a definite area of the chassis.

The technician must inspect the chassis, as well as study the set schematic, to help him determine whether parasitic or ordinary oscillation is present. Just as a chess player visualizes moves, the technician must visualize parasitic circuits that do not appear on his schematic.

Typical cases of parasites are those due to paralleled condensers, paralleled tubes, paralleled interelectrode capacitances, parasitic self-capacitance, parasitic capacitance of one coil in series with another coil's inductance, and combinations of the preceding. Remedies consist of elimination of the parasitic resonant circuit, over-damping by the addition of resistance, reduction of transmission and/or radiation, frequency shifting to an unused channel or band, excitation reduction, and combinations of these procedures.

Case of the Paralleled Condensers.

The first serviceman to work on this set had pulled the chassis, which was subsequently serviced in the shop. The finding was that C-1, a 390 mmfd capacitor (see Fig. 1A) was short-circuited. Since no 390 mmfd condenser was in stock, two capacitors of 100 and 180 mmfd, respectively, had been tied in parallel, and inserted in place of the original unit—a common enough practice. Replacement of C-1 with the equivalent condenser combination shown in Fig. 2 had resulted in normal operation on all channels except Channel 11. Heavy bars appeared in the picture at this channel setting.

The author, who didn't learn about these doings until some time after he had located the trouble, was next called in to service the set. Other sets, it was discovered, did not exhibit the TVI present on the receiver being serviced when they were connected to the same antenna and power line. The conclusion was therefore reached that the source of the TVI lay inside the set.

Our second step was to signal-trace the TVI to the area where its intensity was maximum, as indicated on another set used as a signal-tracing tracer, in conjunction with a signal-tracing probe.

The "dog" and the tracer were turned on. ("Dog" refers to the set with the TVI trouble; *tracer* refers to the auxiliary TV set with probe and cable used as a TVI locator, as described in *Tracking Down TVI to its Source*, in the Nov. '53 issue of *TECHNICIAN*.) The rear end of the probe cable was connected to the antenna of the tracer. The probe was placed near the feed from the mixer to the video i-f, to pick up the interference, as well as the Channel 11 signal on which the interference existed.

Exploring with the probe by moving it about gave increasing interference on the tracer screen as the probe came into the vicinity of the flyback transformer, the afc section and the afc feedback lead (see Fig. 1A). The ground clip of the probe was now attached to the chassis, to reduce probe pickup and thus permit a more precise determination of where the intensity of the TVI was greatest. The search for the point of maximum intensity was narrowed down to the locality where the two parallel condensers had been installed. The replacement of these two units with a single capacitor resulted in the elimination of the parasitic circuit that the two condensers, in conjunction with their pigtails, had formed (see Fig. 1B, C).

Parasite at Horizontal Output Tube Screen Grid. Fig. 3A illustrates this (horizontal) circuit; in 3B, the parasitic components are schematically shown. The inductance of the bypass

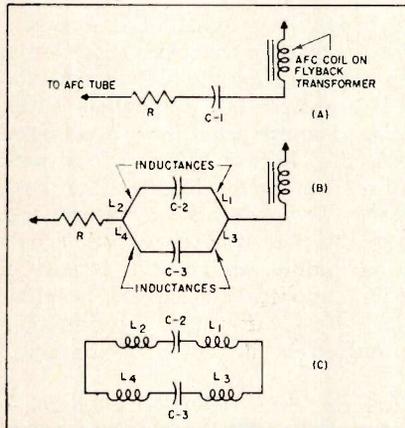


Fig. 1A—Schematic sketch of afc feedback loop. B—Parasitic circuit formed by the two ceramic capacitors used to replace C-1. C—Circuit of (B) showing leads as inductances.

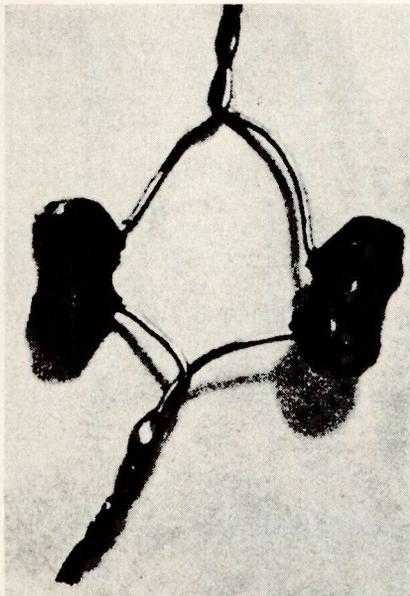
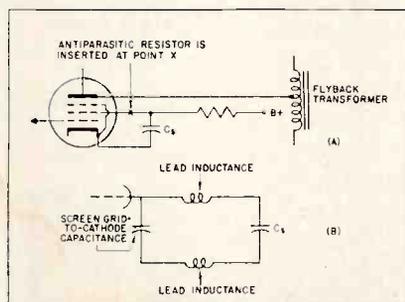


Fig. 2—Photo of two ceramic capacitors used to replace C-1 (schematically shown in 1A).

Fig. 3A—Portion of horizontal output tube circuit. B—Parasitic that may develop here.



Interference Due to Parasitics

in Sweep, Sync and Other Circuits. Case Histories

condenser leads, tube and socket lead inductances, etc., provide the inductance of the resonant circuit present, while the effective capacitance is approximately the screen grid-to-cathode capacitance.

Symptoms of the interference produced by such a parasite are generally vertical bars at the left hand side of the raster—the most intense bar being farthest to the left, with succeeding bars of lesser intensity, at uniform spacings. The interference appears on all channels, as its frequency is approximately 25 mc. The second harmonic of this TVI signal may cause trouble on newer sets with 40 mc video i-f stages.

If this form of TVI is not readily identified by its appearance, the signal tracing procedure previously cited will unmask it. The ring or oscillation present is started by the sudden cutoff of the screen grid current of the tube at the onset of horizontal retrace, which periodically re-starts the in-phase oscillation.

The typical cure for these cases of parasitics due to interelectrode capacitance is the insertion of a resistance in series with the parasitic circuit, at the point indicated in Fig. 3A. (In many recent sets, a 47-ohm antiparasitic resistor has been incorporated into the circuit at the factory.) This antiparasitic resistor prevents oscillation by overdamping the circuit.

Excessive drive may cause such a parasitic to occur. The overdriving may be the result of another trouble such as an old tube, excessive tube loading due to condenser leakage, etc., necessitating increased drive to maintain deflection and high voltage. The insertion of an antiparasitic resistor (when one is not already present) will suppress parasitic oscillation in such instances; removal of the primary trouble is, however, a better service procedure.

The preceding discussion applies with equal force to all cases of interelectrode capacitances paralleling circuit capacitances. Parasites may appear at the grid and plate of the horizontal output tube, for example. Other tubes may harbor a parasite if a parasitic circuit is present and

the excitation is great enough.

In two instances the author knows about, oscillation in the horizontal output tube was due to feedback from a parasitic plate or screen circuit, to a parasitic grid circuit. The oscillation in the horizontal output tube, interestingly enough, furnished sufficient grid drive to the tube itself to enable it to function without the horizontal oscillator. Both high voltage and horizontal deflection were present, although the deflection was not synchronized. The cure consisted, of course, of inserting an antiparasitic resistor in the grid circuit.

Parallel Tubes. Whenever a tube is placed in parallel with another one to provide additional output, antiparasitic resistors are or should be inserted in the leads between the plates, screen grids and control grids of the two tubes. Otherwise a pair of these elements may form a complex parasitic circuit with the cathodes. As an example, consider the two 6BG6's strapped together to form a parallel circuit in Fig. 4A. Fig. 4B shows the parasitic circuit. Present in this circuit are the screen-to-cathode capacitances of the two tubes; the leads between screen grids plus the internal screen leads form one inductance, while a similar inductance is made up of the cathode-to-cathode lead, plus the internal tube leads to the two cathodes.

Similar parasitic trouble may develop due to grid-to-cathode and connecting lead capacitance, in which case resistor insertion in the grid-to-grid lead is proper. Similarly, the plate circuit may develop a parasite; a resistor in the plate-to-plate lead is employed to prevent this. Usual practice places a resistor in each lead excepting the cathode-to-cathode lead, although one may be placed here; the points where the resistors go are marked "x" in Fig. 4A.

All paralleled tubes should be objects of suspicion relative to possible parasitics if the precautionary antiparasitic resistors are not present. (Even when they are present, they may have decreased in value and

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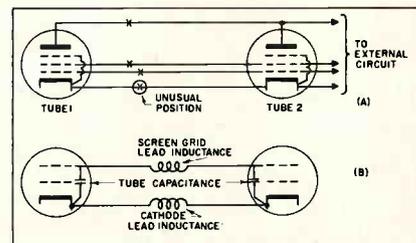


Fig. 4A—Simplified circuit of two tubes in parallel. Antiparasitic resistors are inserted at points indicated by X. B—Circuit of (A) re-drawn to show parasitic network present.

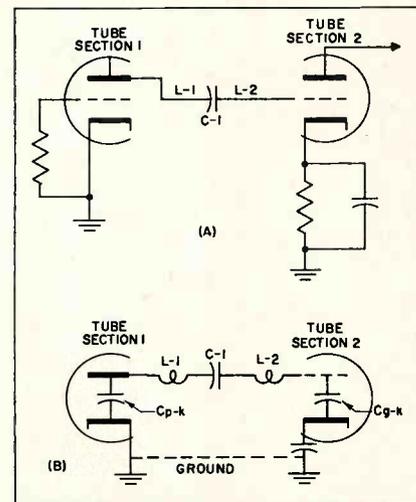
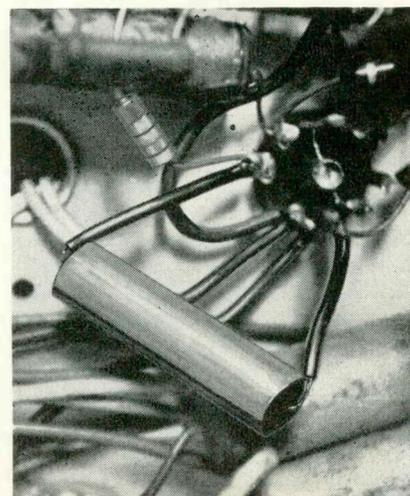


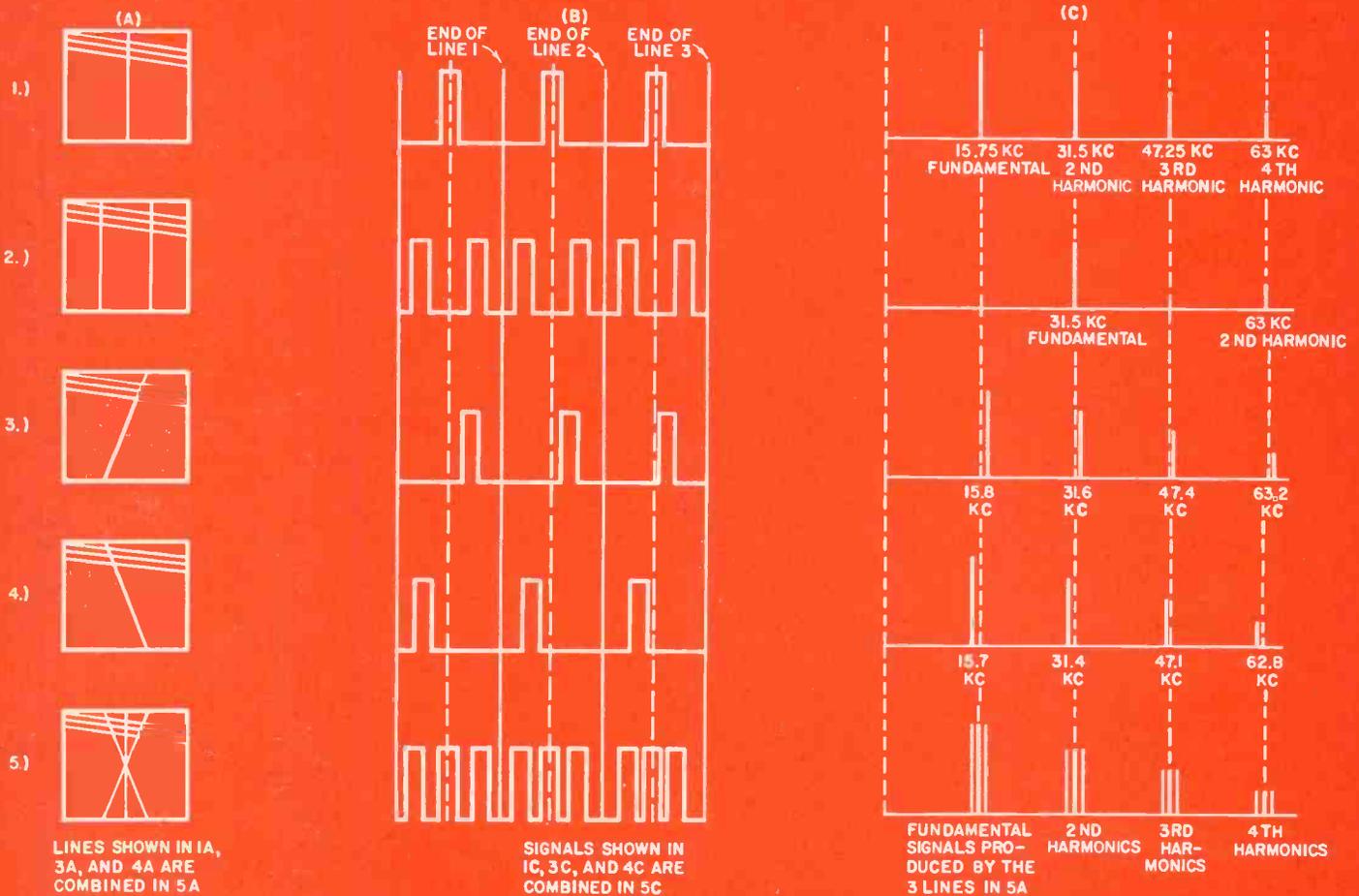
Fig. 5A—Section of sync circuit. B—Parasitic circuit of (A). C_{p-k} and C_{g-k} are the plate-cathode and grid-cathode capacitances.

Fig. 6—Photo illustrating circuit components shown in Fig. 5. Large condenser is C-1.



How Color Signals are Squeezed

Mysteries of Band-Sharing Considered in Detail.



Figs. 1 to 5—Pictures discussed in text are shown in column A (three scanning lines are assumed); video signal waveshapes they produce are drawn beside them in column B (sync signals are omitted); the frequency spectrum produced by the video signals is shown in column C. Note that in all cases illustrated in (C), the video information clusters around line-frequency signals or harmonics of line-frequency signals.

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Since it is important to get a good grasp of color fundamentals to understand the complexities of color receiver circuitry, a number of points discussed in *TECHNICIAN*'s first color article will be reconsidered in much greater detail in this piece and others to follow.

Bandsharing is a subject that is apt to mystify many readers. This article will analyze it in detail.

Bandsharing is necessary because the FCC requires that color trans-

missions be confined to black-and-white channel allotments. As the first article pointed out, most of the intelligence present in a monochrome signal is concentrated in narrow frequency bands that have unoccupied spaces in between them. We'd like to analyze why such a condition exists, since we have not yet seen a detailed explanation of this matter in print.

Let us assume that one vertical sharp line is being scanned (Fig. 1A). The same information is reported on during every horizontal line by the scanning beam in the camera tube, since the line does not vary along its length. If the sync pulses are

omitted, the line could be represented by the signal shown in Fig. 1B. (Omission of the sync signal is unimportant, since sync information is normally not visible on the screen.)

Now, the line being scanned produces a square-wave signal. Every square-wave signal contains a large number of harmonics that diminish in amplitude the further away they go from the fundamental (Fig. 6). A sketch showing the fundamental and some harmonics produced by the line of Fig. 1A is shown in Fig. 1C.

The sharper the line, the better (or squarer) the square-wave signal

into the B & W TV Spectrum

Why "Holes" Exist in Monochrome-Frequency Channels

resulting, and the greater the number of harmonic frequencies the latter will contain.

If two lines are being scanned (Fig. 2A), the repetition rate of the resultant signal will be twice as great (Fig. 2B). The fundamental frequency of the signals will now be 31.5 KC, instead of 15.750 KC, as in the preceding case.

The important thing to note is that this fundamental is a harmonic or multiple of the 15.750 KC line frequency; the harmonics of the fundamental are, in turn, higher harmonics of line frequency. In other words, *the video signal, including its harmonics, tends to cluster at line frequency points or harmonics thereof* (see Fig. 5C).

"All right," you say. "But you've just considered one special case in which vertical lines are being scanned. What about other cases, when complex pictures rather than simple lines appear on the screen?"

Combinations of Lines

Well, let's consider the slanted lines shown in Figs. 3A and 4A. These lines produce signals that are not exactly at line frequency, but slightly higher or lower, depending on whether they slant down to the left or right, respectively. (Similar slanted lines are seen in the picture, when the receiver is slightly out of sync horizontally. The lines in this case are formed by sync pulses that are slightly higher or lower in frequency than the horizontal sweep.) Figs. 3C and 4C show that the signals produced by the lines of Figs. 3A and 4A are *near* line frequency harmonics.

Fig. 5A shows a combination of straight and slanted lines. As can be seen in Fig. 5C, the resultant spectrum is a cluster of signals near line frequency, between which empty spaces are present. Basically, any picture is made up of straight or slanted lines.

Let us now assume that video information falls at the mid-point between line frequency harmonics. We would like to prove *that even*

when it does, the information will not be visible, and the spectrum space occupied by such signals will still remain available (for signals that must be transmitted, but should not be seen on the screen of a black and white set).

The signals referred to would have to be *odd harmonics of half the line frequency*, since even harmonics of half line frequency are also simply harmonics of line frequencies.

Suppose we try to find out what kind of picture would result from a signal, say, of the third harmonic of half line frequency (23,625 cycles). Suppose a sine-wave signal of this frequency (see Fig. 7) is applied to the grid of a crt while the face of the tube is being scanned in the normal manner. The sine-wave signal will rise to maximum amplitude at the center of the line, when the first line of frame 1 is being scanned. During the scanning of the second line, the amplitude at the center will be minimum. The third line will be maximum again at the center, the fourth minimum, and so on. The resulting picture will be checkerboard-like in nature. *It will be hardly noticeable if we view the picture from the proper distance* (i.e., when the lines blend together and a so-called flat field results), since the dark areas, of one line seem to fall right beside the dark areas of the adjacent line at such a distance.

Conditions in Second Frame

And this is not all. What happens when we get to the second frame? The first line of the second frame is line 526, counting from frame one. As we just pointed out, the even lines contain opposite information from the odd lines. In other words, the two frames represent exactly opposite information, and the net result to the eye is no information at all. Except for possibly a slight flicker, we get a uniformly gray picture when a signal of an odd harmonic of half line frequency is present.

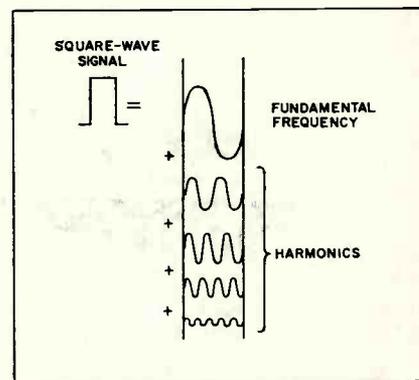


Fig. 6—If a square wave signal is analyzed, it is found to consist of fundamental and harmonic frequencies. The higher the harmonic, the smaller its amplitude.

So then—since unused spectrum space is available at the mid-points between line-frequency or line-frequency harmonic signals, color signals can be added into this space, without interference to black and white information.

What is required is a way of taking color information and changing it to frequencies that fall into the empty spectrum spaces available. This is accomplished by the use of a color subcarrier.

The frequency of the subcarrier must be such that the sideband color signals it helps produce will fall into the correct portions of the band. The frequency chosen is the 455th harmonic of the half-line frequency, or 3.579545 mc. If color information, which consists of signals of even harmonics of half-line frequency, is modulated onto the carrier, a series of sideband frequencies, all of them near the *odd* harmonics of half-line frequency, results. These odd-harmonic frequency points are, of course, the "holes" of the black and white signal.

Readers curious enough to inquire why odd harmonics of half-line frequency should result from the modulation process just discussed can look at it this way: Modulation or mixing is effectively an adding or subtracting process that creates sum and difference frequencies. Now, the color signals are *even* numbers, while the subcarrier is *odd*. When an even and an odd number are added

or subtracted, the result is always an odd number. Thus *odd* harmonics or sideband signals are created in modulation.

Anyone ambitious enough to check on the frequency previously cited for the color subcarrier will find that it is not exactly the 455th harmonic of the present black and white line frequency. This line frequency has been changed (in color sets) to 15,734.264 cps, which is well within the tolerance of black and white standards. This slight change was made so that the beat produced by the (undesired) heterodyning of the sound carrier against the color subcarrier would be an odd harmonic of half line frequency, and therefore as little noticeable as possible.

As can be readily figured out, 4.5 mc (sound carrier frequency) — 3.579545 mc (color subcarrier frequency) = 920,455 cycles, which is the 117th harmonic of the (new) half line frequency.

The long strings of decimals are due to the much tighter tolerances imposed at the color transmitter. The color receiver may have crystal-controlled subcarrier generators; the transmitter must, as a result, maintain close tolerances, so that the frequencies of its output signals do not

drift outside the limits established by the crystal in the receiver.

In line with this is the fact that the field frequency in the color system is 59.94 cps, rather than exactly 60 cps. The 59.94 comes from the fact that the number of fields per second is equal to the horizontal lines transmitted per second divided by 262.5 (number of lines in one field). For the color system, the equation becomes $15,734.264 \text{ cps (line frequency)} \div 262.5 = 59.94 \text{ cps}$.

It has been the practice in monochrome transmitters to synchronize the vertical frequency to the power line frequency; it is also customary in these transmitters to keep the horizontal and vertical frequencies in the proper relationship to each other by using an automatic frequency control system. This kind of setup is not possible for color, since the vertical frequency is not exactly 60 cps and thus differs from the power line frequency.

The color subcarrier, not the power line, is used at the transmitter for reference or afc control purposes. When we say the subcarrier is used for reference purposes, we mean the vertical and horizontal sync frequencies are obtained from it (by means of frequency dividers). The

subcarrier frequency must be maintained within .0003% (app. 10 cps).

For practical purposes, the line and field frequencies are still cited as nominally 15,750 and 60 cps, respectively; the color subcarrier is referred to as 3.58 or even 3.6 mc.

British TV Maintenance Plan

In merrie England where TV dipoles stand up-and-down because polarization is vertical instead of horizontal, where TV impulses produce white instead of black, so that any static appears as bright dots instead of inconspicuous black specs, where TV sets are single-channel, and where service technicians are entitled "radio engineers," they also have interesting ideas on customer payments for TV maintenance.

Following is a letter sent out by a TV "stockist-demonstrator" (which we suppose is the equivalent for "TV dealer").

DEAR SIR,

What is your TV going to cost you?

Are you investing in a TV set? If so, then no doubt you're wisely giving some thought to the cost of the maintenance—just as you would if it were a new car or any other mechanical or electrical device.

The new sets are wonderfully reliable; they carry a general guarantee for one year, tubes for six months, and a valve guarantee for three—the crucial period in which any inherent defect will show itself. But in the course of time, as you know, valves and cathode tubes wear out and have to be replaced. That can be expensive.

One of our customers has had an excellent idea. He has set up a "TV Money Box," into which he puts 2s. 6d. a week, contributed by all the family. In eighteen months, if the set needs repairs or replacements, he'll have nearly £10 with which to pay the bill. If it doesn't—he'll still have the £10!

That's all it's going to cost him—only 2s. 6d. a week for all the host of splendid entertainment TV can give! We think this "Pay As You Go" scheme is good. Perhaps you can use it too.

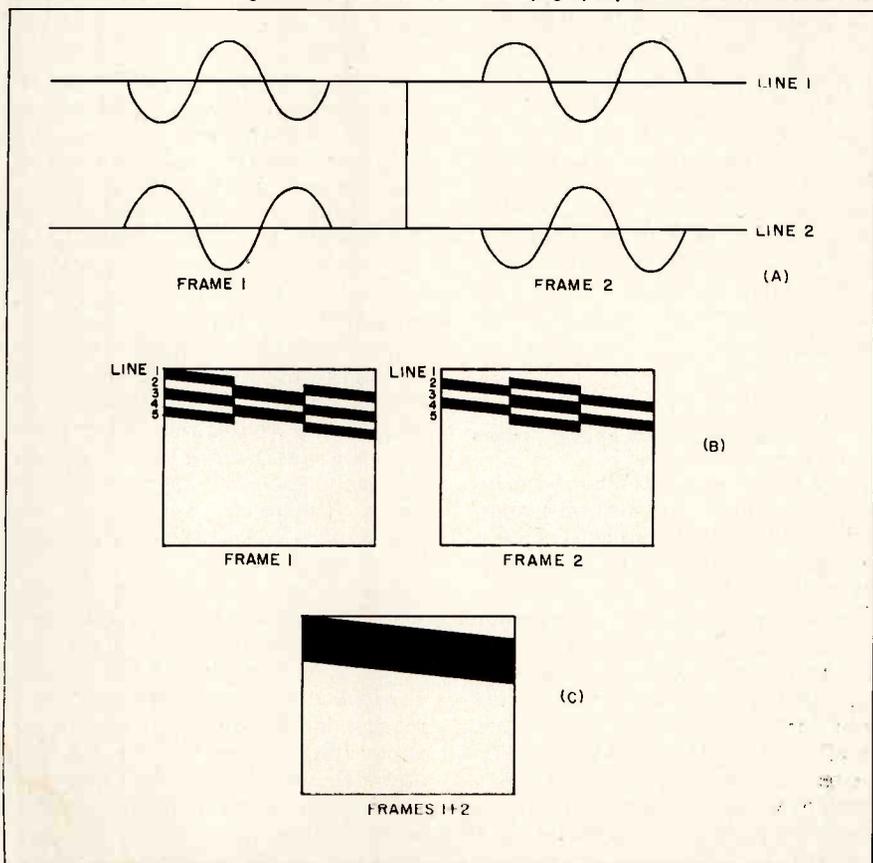
Yours very truly,

FCC Approves Color-TV

Long-awaited FCC approval of the NTSC color system came December 17. Within an hour of the decision, CBS and NBC were celebrating the occasion with special color shows. However, regular commercial color telecasting will not begin until late this month, when the ruling becomes official.

Tooling up for production of color sets is presently under way. However, commercial receivers will not be available until about four months from now, according to the most optimistic forecast.

Fig. 7—Sketches illustrating conditions when a sine-wave signal whose frequency is the third harmonic of half line frequency is transmitted. A—Phase of the sine-wave on several different lines. B—Appearance of two successive frames on screen. If each frame could be seen by itself, its checkerboard pattern would be hardly noticeable, when viewed at the proper distance. C—The effect of combining the two frames. A uniformly grey "picture" is seen in this case.



Servicing AC-DC Radios

Part 2 of a Series. Alignment Pointers

By M. G. GOLDBERG

• Technicians making home service calls are often called upon to check a small receiver in the home, perhaps one that the man of the house has messed up by turning all the i-f and tuning gang trimmer screws. Since few technicians carry signal

kc, adjust the oscillator trimmer until it comes in at the correct point on the dial; then peak the i-f's by ear. If the i-f is to be adjusted to 455 kc, the image of 1500 kc should be heard at 1500 minus (2 x 455), or 590 kc, when the alignment is correct. If, however, the station comes in at 560 kc, instead of at 590 kc, it indicates that the i-f

audible output from the speaker.

If the receiver has a tuned r-f stage and uses a 3-gang condenser, the attenuation of the image signal is apt to be so great that the latter is not audible, unless the receiver is very close to the transmitting antenna, and direct pickup occurs through the oscillator or mixer wiring. Connecting the short wire to the mixer section temporarily bypasses the r-f stage, preventing such image signal attenuation.

For a final adjustment, tune in a very weak station between 1400 and 1600 kc and peak all trimmers, or tune off station between these settings and peak for maximum noise output. The advantage of the latter procedure is that the avc (automatic volume control) circuit in the receiver is inoperative, and the ear can recognize small changes in noise intensity more readily. The reason for choosing a station in the tuning range between 1450 and 1600 kc is that the image of a station lower than 1450 kc (app.) will fall beyond the range of the dial scale (see Fig. 1 A, B).

Images of strong local stations between 1600 kc and 1400 kc can give rise to objectionable beat interference on 2-gang receivers, when the set is tuned to receive a weak or distant station between the low-frequency end of the dial and 600 kc (see Fig. 2A). Many farmers beyond the limits of the city in which the writer lives tune in on

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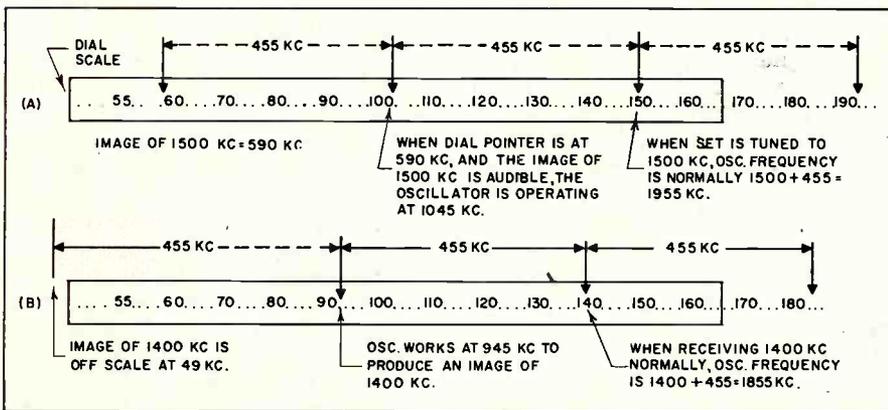


Fig. 1A—The normal relationship of the r-f carrier, oscillator frequency and the image frequency. B—Why images of stations below 1450 kc (app.) cannot usually be received.

generators around in their cars, the following hints regarding the procedure necessary to quickly bring the set back to reasonably accurate alignment and sensitivity may be helpful.

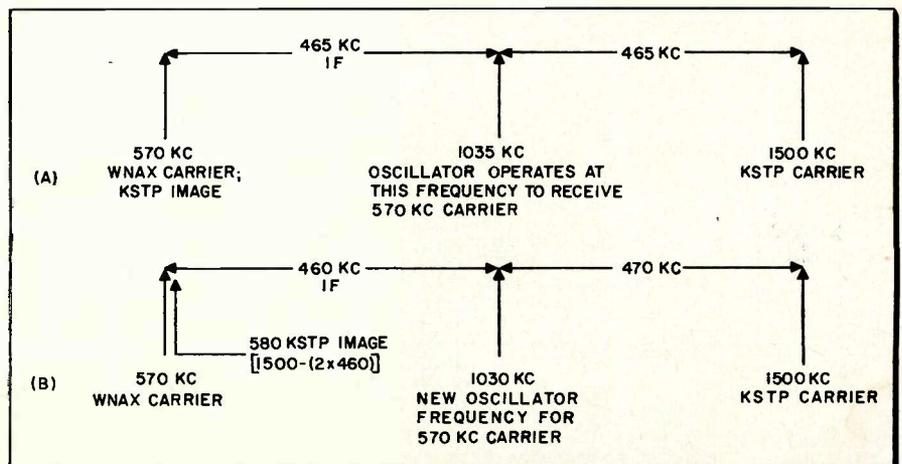
First, set the dial pointer on the dial cord so that it travels to the proper end points when the tuning condenser is 1—in full mesh and 2—wide open. If there is any doubt as to just where the extreme points of travel on the slide plate are, examine the front and rear of the plate. In traveling back and forth during tuning, the pointer will have left a path of gummy deposit on the slide plate, and a tiny mound of dirt at each end of its travel. The pointer can be clamped to the cord at such a point that it travels the same path. Before doing this, clean the slide-plate surface with carbon tet.

Now tune in some station between 1450 and 1600 kc on the dial. If the set is so far out of alignment that no station can be received, clip a 5-ft. length of wire to the stator lug on the tuning gang mixer section. This will provide sufficient pickup to permit the necessary adjustments.

If a station that should appear at 1500 kc is picked up at, say, 1570

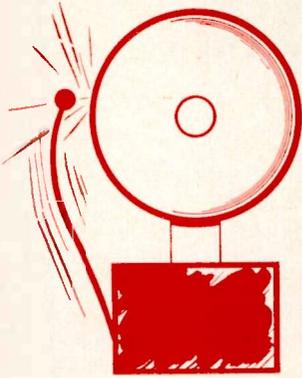
trimmers are set to $(1500-560)/2$ or 470 kc. Turn the screws outward $\frac{1}{8}$ th turn in such a case, and adjust the oscillator so that the station again comes in at 1500 kc. Re-peak the i-f trimmers for maximum and check the image again. If it is still off a bit, repeat the above procedure until the image is received correctly at 590 kc. We can now remove the extra length of wire and adjust the mixer section trimmer for maximum

Fig. 2A—How the image of a 1500 kc transmission heterodynes with a 570 kc station to create beat interference. B—How shift to a new i-f eliminates image of undesired station.



Audible Alarm for

Inexpensive Signal Monitor Helps You Locate



by EDWARD KESGEN

• To save time in servicing intermittents, the author built this signal monitor alarm system. It may be used in conjunction with several voltmeters and a scope (as described in *Servicing Intermittent Receivers*, Oct. '53 *TECHNICIAN*) to reduce the time spent in locating intermittent troubles in TV and radio chassis.

The monitor calls attention to an intermittent by audibly indicating an increase or decrease in magnitude of a dc, ac, pulsed or amplitude-modulated r-f signal voltage. With careful adjustment of relays 1 and 2 (see Fig. 1) changes of 50 percent in signal amplitude will cause the relays to be tripped.

Since the apparatus being monitored may or may not be in its intermittent state, the monitor was designed to operate to either an in-

crease or decrease of signal. Failure of certain components, incidentally, will actually cause a signal increase at the monitored point, even though the output of the monitored stage may decrease.

The signal being monitored must have a constant amplitude; this requires a constant-amplitude signal input (to the chassis under test), such as that provided by a signal generator. Signals of varying amplitude (such as AM broadcast signals) cannot be monitored, as the alarm will ring when the signal amplitude changes. The composite video signal may, however, be monitored, as the sync pulse tips provide a constant-amplitude signal.

Circuit Description. A pair of 3S4's were chosen for this apparatus because of the relatively low drift of this tube. Drift becomes noticeable even in the 3S4 when it is connected as a pentode; therefore, the triode connection was employed. Occasionally, a slightly gassy tube that will

operate normally in a radio receiver will nevertheless cause drift when used in the monitor. If drift or inadequate sensitivity is noted, it may be necessary to try several tubes and select the best one.

Battery power was chosen because of its economy. An ac operated supply having the required regulation would be quite expensive, compared to batteries.

The 3S4 tubes are operated at a filament voltage of 1.5v, and a 45-volt plate supply. The voltage seen by the control grids is the algebraic sum of the 6-volt bias battery and the signal voltage. As the grids are parallel-connected, each grid will see the same voltage.

The monitored signal appears across P-1. A portion of this signal (how much depends on the position of the slider) is applied to the 3S4 grids. This signal will always be dc regardless of the waveform of the original signal (since the germanium diode rectifies ac input signals).

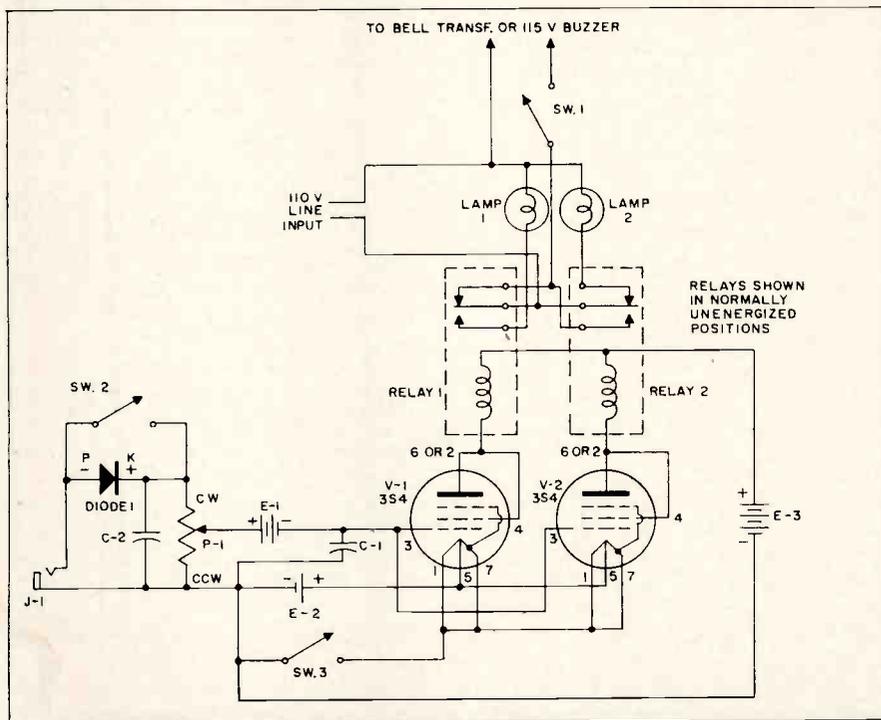
Initial Calibration. Before proceeding with calibration, set differential of both relays as close as possible by adjusting one contact on each relay until it is separated from the other by the thickness of a piece of newspaper. (*Differential* refers to the difference of current between "pull-in" and "drop-out" positions of the relay.) Relays are shown in Fig. 1 in unenergized position.

Temporarily substitute a 115v lamp for the bell transformer during test and calibration. The wattage of this lamp is not important.

Close switches 1, 2 and 3 and allow 5 minute warm-up period. Both lamp 2 and the alarm lamp will light; lamp 1 may or may not light, depending on the setting of P-1.

Connect the dc probe (Fig. 2) to an external 1.5v battery, observing proper polarity. The other end of the probe connects to J-1 (through a PL 55 microphone plug). Connect a vtm between the CCW terminal of P-1 and its slider. Rotate P-1 full counter-clockwise, and then slowly clockwise, until vtm indicates .5v. Carefully adjust armature tension

Fig. 1—Schematic diagram of signal monitor for troubleshooting intermittents. A small metal chassis on which monitor components mount may be secured from a parts supply house.



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"On-Again Off-Again" Troubles More Quickly.

screw on relay 1 until relay 1 pulls in. Lamp 1 should now light, while the alarm lamp is extinguished. Lamp 2 remains lit. Rotate P-1 counter-clockwise until relay 1 drops out. The alarm lamp should now burn and lamp 1 should extinguish, while lamp 2 remains lit. The vtvm should indicate .25v at this time.

Now rotate P-1 clockwise until the vtvm indicates .75v. Carefully adjust armature tension spring on relay 2 until relay 2 pulls in. Lamp 2 should now extinguish, while the alarm lamp goes on.

Rotate P-1 counter-clockwise until relay 2 drops out. Lamp 2 should light and alarm lamp should extinguish. Drop-out should occur at about .37 volts. This voltage is not as critical as the drop-out voltage of relay 1, but should not be less than .3v, since relay 2 should drop out before relay 1.

Operating the Monitor. After the unit has been calibrated, substitute a bell transformer or a 115v buzzer for the alarm light. Connect the input through the appropriate probe to the signal to be monitored.

Close switch 2 only if a dc voltage is being monitored. Allow a 5-minute warm-up period whenever the monitor is first turned on.

Rotate P-1 fully counter-clockwise. Switch 2 should be closed, switch 1 open. The alarm should not sound, but lamp 2 should be lit.

Now rotate P-1 slowly until relay 1 is energized and lamp 1 lights. Close switch 1. Lamps 1 and 2 should be lit at this time, while the alarm is silent.

A signal increase will have no further effect upon relay 1. Relay 2, however, will become energized if the increase is 50 percent or greater, extinguishing lamp 2 and sounding the alarm.

A signal decrease will not affect relay 2, but will de-energize relay 1 if the decrease is 50 percent or greater, extinguishing lamp 1 and sounding the alarm.

Miscellaneous points: The function of C-1 is to bypass ac and thus pre-

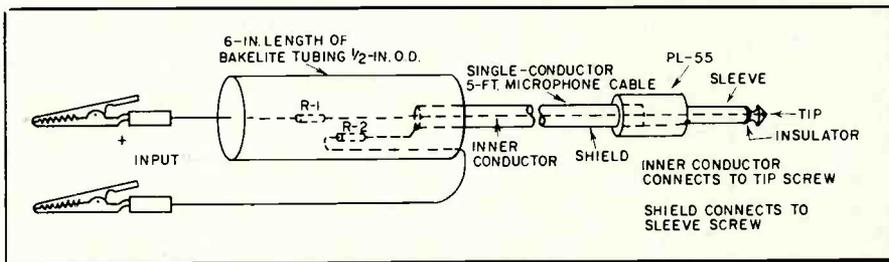
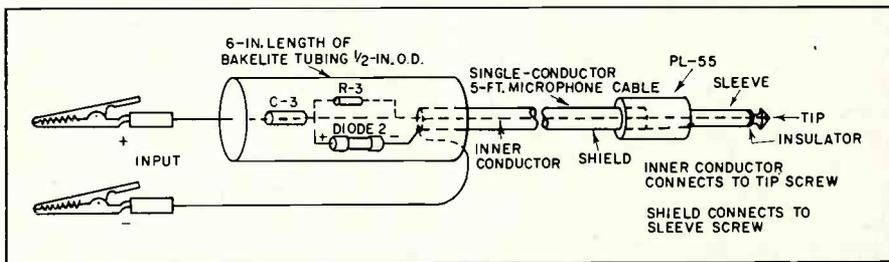


Fig. 2 (Above)—DC probe used with monitor. Fig. 3 (Below)—AC probe used with monitor.



vent relay chatter.

SW-2 is closed when monitoring steady-state dc only; it is open when other signals (ac or pulsating dc) are monitored.

With the ac probe connected, C-3 charges through diode 2 during one alteration of the cycle (refer to Figs. 3, 4). During the next alternation, C-3 discharges through diode 1 charging C-2. C-2 discharges slightly as C-3 charges. Very little energy is taken from the circuit once the capacitors have charged, because of the long discharge time of these capacitors.

R-1, R-2 and R-3 (Figs. 2 and 3) are isolation resistors; their function is to minimize circuit loading due to cable capacitance.

Construction Details. Wiring is not critical if standard wiring techniques are employed. Grid leads should be short; place them as far from plate leads as possible.

The dc and ac probes (Figs. 2, 3) are each six-inch lengths of bakelite tubing, 1/2-in. OD. A five-foot length of shielded microphone cable connects to one end of each probe. Each cable is attached to a PL 55 microphone plug to mate with J-1. An insulated alligator clip is friction-fitted in the input end of each probe. A second alligator clip is connected to

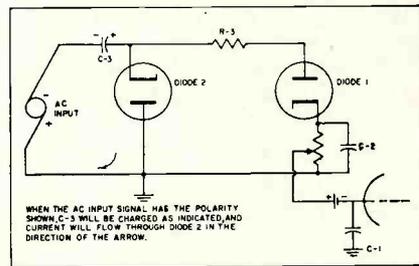


Fig. 4—Audible alarm input circuit, redrawn and simplified to clarify the circuit action of the condensers and crystals.

the cable shield inside the probes with a six-inch length of flexible test lead wire. Components are wired as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Scotch electrical tape no. 33 is used as required, to prevent contact between components.

Probe Notes. The dc probe may be used to monitor voltages up to 300 volts. A standard hv probe should be connected to the input of the monitor when monitoring voltages in excess of 300 v. All other voltages, including amplitude-modulated r-f and pulsating dc voltages, should be monitored with the ac probe.

Plural Units. If a number of units are constructed, several circuit points may be monitored simultaneously. (Continued on page 58)

Lead Dress Problems in

Incorrect Placement of Wiring Can Cause Buzz, Hum, Poor

By CYRUS GLICKSTEIN

• Some TV sets may not look like it, but it can be taken for granted that the wiring layout, especially in critical circuits, has been carefully planned by the engineering department. However, experience has shown that poor wiring (improper lead dress) does creep in, both in the initial manufacture and in subsequent servicing. This produces a wide variety of troubles.

To emphasize the importance of the subject, it might be noted that improper dress of leads, as well as incorrect placement of parts like resistors and condensers, can cause: 1) audio defects such as buzz and hum; 2) video defects such as a weak (snowy) picture, interference, regeneration, poor sync, bending, impaired interlace, and ragged edges on the raster; 3) circuit breakdown as a result of heat and arcing; and 4) interference with other receivers—for instance, AM home radios.

As an aid in troubleshooting, the above symptoms can be reclassified on a more useful basis. Proper lead dress is necessary (see Fig. 1) to avoid:

- 1) Breakdowns due to heat.
- 2) Breakdowns due to arcing or corona.
- 3) Defective operation due to unwanted bypass action.
- 4) Defective operation due to undesired coupling between stages.

Each of the above classifications, together with the circuits usually affected, will be discussed in turn.

Troubles in the first two categories are familiar to most servicemen. Heat breakdowns can be avoided by routing leads away from hot tubes, resistors, or similar parts which may burn the insulation and eventually cause trouble. It is also necessary to place parts which become hot away from other parts (like condensers) that may change in value or break down more readily because of the heat.

This does not mean that the routing of leads and the placement of small parts should be radically

shifted around in every set that comes to the service bench. As will be seen shortly, this would simply be asking for trouble, not preventing it. A good rule to follow is: if the set has been working ok prior to the breakdown, follow the original wiring and parts location as closely as possible in making the replacement, but avoid placing the new part and its connecting wires close to a hot spot. If a wire or part in another section of the chassis is seen to be overheating because of its location, change the location, observing the precautions indicated in the next paragraphs.

Arcing Troubles

Arcing can be caused by defective lead dress in either the low-voltage or the high-voltage circuits; the fault, however, usually occurs in the high-voltage circuit. In low-voltage supply circuits, servicemen are usually careful not to dress a B+ tie-point too close to chassis or a ground wire. Low-voltage B+ wires generally have adequate insulation, so there is no arcing even if they touch the chassis.

In high-voltage circuits, there is a much greater problem. Arcing can take place between points which are not touching if there is a large enough potential difference between them. In addition, corona (ionization of the air) may occur, particularly in the vicinity of a pointed or sharp-edged hv connection.

The following rules summarize the precautions which should be taken in high-voltage circuits:

1—Terminals of the high-voltage rectifier socket should be dressed toward the inside of the corona ring and be free from sharp protrusions.

2—The corona ring should be dressed so that it will function properly; that is, centered, and about 1/8-in. below the socket terminals.

3—All leads in the high-voltage circuit should be kept as far apart from each other as possible. They should be short and direct, but without strain, and dressed as far as possible from the flyback transformer windings. The leads should also be dressed as far as possible from the

chassis, and away from low-voltage leads, or leads at or near ground potential. Particular precautions should be taken to keep the high-voltage rectifier and horizontal output plate-cap leads as far as possible from the cage (chassis). It is good practice to wax these leads at both ends, to minimize corona spray.

4—Make certain no sharp points are present, after soldering replacement parts in the high-voltage circuit, to minimize the possibility of corona. It is advisable to operate the receiver in a darkened room after completing the repair, checking for the smell of ozone or audible arcing.

The next important type of trouble caused by incorrect lead and component dress is defective bypass action. This is most likely in r-f, i-f and video amplifier circuits, and can result in defective output because of regeneration, reduced output, or poor high-frequency response.

In video amplifier circuits, coupling condensers and peaking coils are mounted away from the chassis to minimize stray capacitance to ground and possible reduction of high-frequency response.

In video i-f circuits, the leads of i-f coils (because of their length and position) become part of the circuit tuning. The distance of these leads from the chassis helps determine the amount of stray capacitance in the tuned circuit. When a video i-f coil is aligned to a given frequency, the capacitance of the lead dress becomes an integral part of the circuit tuning. Changing the lead dress may therefore change the resonant frequency of the circuit. If done on a wholesale basis, the video i-f section may be sufficiently detuned to make realignment necessary.

Replacement Cautions

Special care must be exercised in replacing bypass condensers in r-f and i-f stages. It is advisable to use the same type of condenser, with the same pigtail length at both ends, as originally present. Furthermore, the condenser should be replaced in exactly the same position.

A condenser in these circuits acts not simply as a condenser, but rather

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as a tuned circuit. The capacitance of the condenser plus the stray capacitance of the pigtailed to chassis, together with the inductance of the pigtailed, plus the inductance introduced by the internal construction of the condenser, all combine to make any capacitor a resonant circuit at some particular frequency. This affects the bypass action of the condenser at the desired frequencies, and in turn the frequency response of the stage. Changing the type of condenser and its pigtail length may change the response of the stage with which it is associated, possibly causing some degeneration of the incoming signal, or regeneration, because of a peak in the response. In addition, failure to replace the part in its previous position may introduce other problems, which we are going to discuss shortly. It is important to use the same ground points when replacements are soldered in.

To summarize, don't disturb lead dress in r-f and i-f circuits unless there is a reason (say, elimination of undesired coupling) for doing so. When leads must be moved, keep this caution (which applies to all circuits) in mind: When moving leads to find out if they are causing undesired coupling, don't move them around at random. Move only those leads that can possibly cause the defect. Then, if the trouble is not eliminated, return them to their original position.

The largest group of lead dress troubles is probably caused by coupling. An unwanted signal may be coupled from one circuit to another *capacitively* (adjacent wires or parts can form the plates of a condenser, functioning like a conventional coupling condenser); *inductively* (ac voltages in one wire may induce a voltage in an adjoining one) or both. In some cases, a signal may be *radiated* from one circuit into another one.

Because of the many possible defects caused by coupling, this condition will be discussed under a) audio effects and b) video effects.

The most common audio troubles caused by improper lead dress are hum and buzz. Since each of these

defects may also be caused by other faults, it is important to narrow down the possible sources of trouble before starting to shift leads around.

Troubleshooting Procedure

A suggested troubleshooting procedure to determine whether hum in the sound is due to lead dress may be roughly outlined as follows: First, note if the hum is heard on all channels. If it is, turn the volume control to minimum. If the hum is still heard, the most likely source of trouble is either the low-voltage power supply or an audio tube (in which cathode-to-heater leakage is present). If the hum, on the other hand, is eliminated by turning the volume control down, turn the control up about half way, so the hum can be heard. Now short the "hot" terminal of the volume control to ground. If the hum is still heard, it is no doubt being picked up by the leads to the first audio stage (from the volume control, tone control, etc.).

Carefully move the suspect leads, noting whether hum increases or decreases. If these leads are near filament or line input wires, reroute the appropriate wires, if necessary. In general, ac leads are kept close

to the chassis, and away from circuits particularly susceptible to pickup, or whose operation may be affected by pickup.

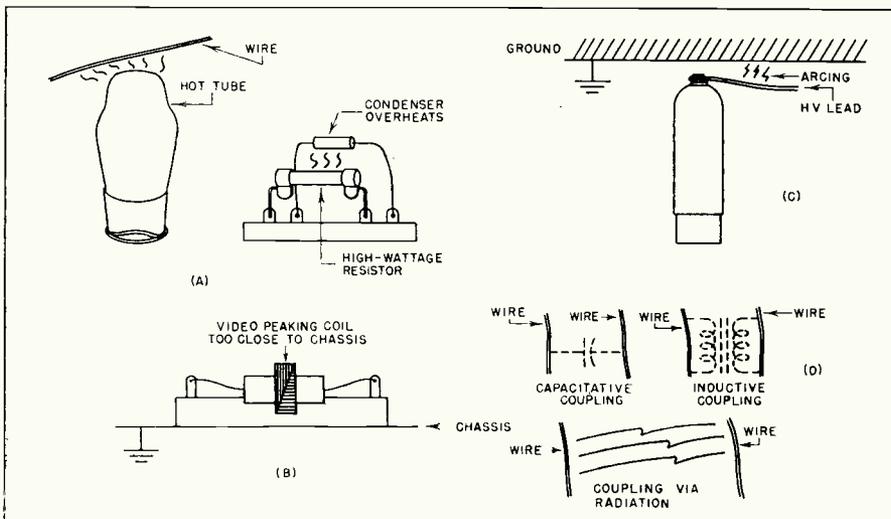
In redressing audio leads to reduce hum, be careful to avoid buzz pickup and regeneration. Regeneration (which often manifests itself as a high-pitched squeal) can result from placing the plate lead of the audio output stage too close to the grid lead or grid circuit of the first audio stage.

When it is not possible to entirely eliminate hum pickup by redressing the leads, it may prove helpful to shield (unshielded) leads going to the volume control and the first audio stage. When a shield is added, not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. of wire should extend from each end of the shield. Both ends of the shield should be well grounded.

If hum is heard on only one or a few channels, try placing a .01 mfd ceramic or mica condenser across the antenna terminals. If this reduces the hum, it is probably being fed into the tuner. The first likely thing to check in this case would be the agc tube and its associated circuit.

Buzz may have many different causes. Common classifications of

Fig. 1A—Placing wires or components too close to units that generate heat, such as high-current tubes or large resistors, invites subsequent breakdowns. B—When an hv lead is too near a ground point, arcing or corona is likely to occur. C—Dressing a video peaking coil too close to chassis will introduce an undesired bypassing effect. D—Undesired coupling between leads.



buzz include sync pulse pickup, intercarrier buzz, vertical sawtooth pickup, and mechanical vibration of laminations in a vertical sweep or power transformer. To determine whether the buzz is caused by the vertical circuit, vary the vertical hold control. If a change in the pitch of the sound is now heard, then the buzz is originating in the vertical circuit.

Tracing Source of Buzz

If there is any question whether the buzz is coming directly from the speaker, or indirectly from a transformer in the vertical sweep circuit, turn down the volume control completely. If the buzz is still audible, it is no doubt being caused by the mechanical vibrations of a vertical transformer (blocking oscillator or output). To eliminate the vibration, crimp the lamination strap of the transformer at fault with pliers.

If, on the other hand, turning down the volume control eliminates the buzz, then there is coupling from the vertical stages to the audio circuit. This is usually the result of faulty lead dress. The most likely causes are: 1—Volume control lead(s) too close to the vertical oscillator or vertical output tube or components (dress volume control lead(s) as far from the vertical circuit as possible, to correct the trouble). 2—Vertical hold control lead too close to the audio tubes, or

to the volume control leads.

Other possibilities are: 3—Sync pulses coupled to the first audio tube by means of the cathode (or grid) lead of the crt (dress crt lead away and/or shield the audio tube). 4—Sync buzz in the sound caused by video hash radiated from the leads or the coupling condenser to the first sync amplifier (reroute leads and condenser well away from audio circuit). 5—Vertical retrace suppressor circuit leads passing close to first audio stage (reroute).

To reduce residual hum and buzz after all checks have been made and obvious troubles corrected, it may be helpful in some cases to add a condenser—100 to 500 mmfd—from the grid of the first audio stage to ground.

Wisconsin May Tighten TV Antenna Code

The Industrial Commission of Wisconsin has been conducting a series of public hearings, on the revised state building code provisions regulating outdoor TV and radio antenna. The general provisions of the order, which are accompanied by lengthy technical details, follow:

Order 5222 Television and Radio Receiving Antenna

1. The requirements of this order shall apply to the outdoor portion of the apparatus, used for receiving television or radio waves.

2. All television and radio antenna systems, including the supporting tower or mast, shall be constructed of galvanized steel or other corrosive-resistant incombustible material. Where approved by the Industrial Commission towers constructed of wood or wood poles set in the ground may be used to support antenna systems but no wood tower or wood pole may be mounted on the roof of any building or structure.

3. The antenna and tower shall be designed to support the dead load of the structure plus an ice load at least ½ inch in radial thickness. The ice load shall be computed only upon the wires, cables, messengers and antenna. The tower or mast shall be braced or guyed and anchored to resist a horizontal wind pressure of not less than 30 pounds for every square foot (net area) of exposed surface. Guy wires shall not be anchored to a chimney or to any roof ventilator or vent pipe.

4. Antenna systems installed on the roof of a building shall not be supported by or attached to a chimney. All such installations shall be mounted on an independent platform or base and anchored in place. The platform or base of the tower shall be large enough to distribute the weight of the structure over sufficient roof area so the roof construction will safely support the weight of the structure in addition to the required live and dead roof loads.

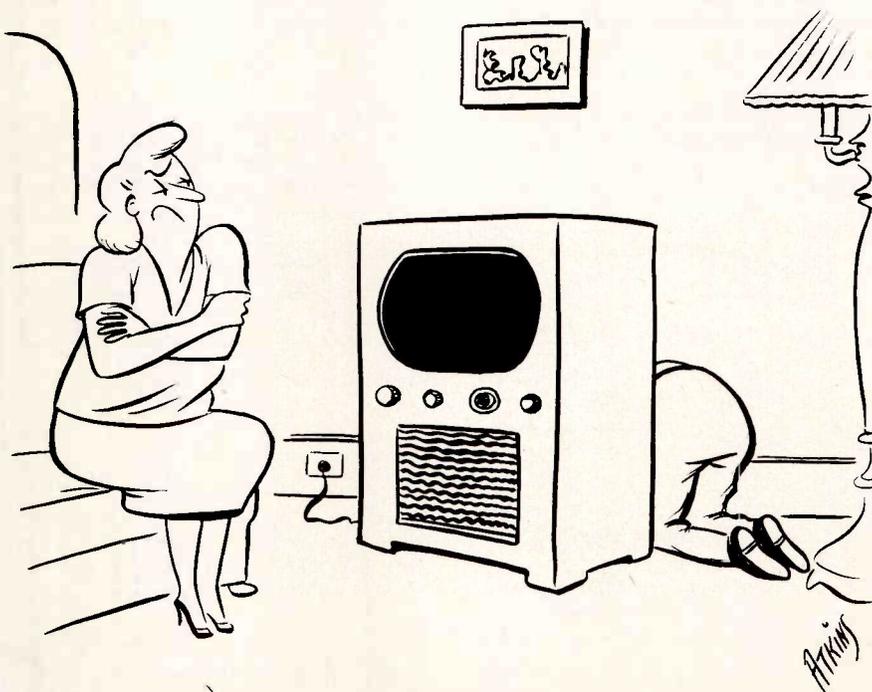
5. All antenna systems shall be so installed that no part of the structure will be nearer to a street, or other public thoroughfare, than the height of the antenna as measured from its platform or base to the topmost point. No wires, cables, or guy wires shall extend over any street or other public thoroughfare or over any electric power or communication lines.

6. Poles used for electric power or for communication lines shall not be used for supporting or for guying any antenna system. Where antenna installations are so located that damage will be caused to adjacent power or communication lines by the falling of the antenna structure, a separate safety wire shall be attached to top of the tower and secured in a direction away from the power or communication line.

7. Electrical installations in connection with antenna systems, including the grounding of the tower or mast, shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Section 13-810 of the Wisconsin State Electrical Code.

Present Status

RETMA Service Co-ordinator A. Courmont advises TECHNICIAN that inquiries in Madison, Wis., capital of the state, during December, indicate little activity concerning this bill. The Wisconsin legislature is not in session and no bills are to be acted upon until January, 1955. Several bills of the foregoing type were introduced during 1953 but were quashed shortly, and the legislature is not expected to reconvene until a year from the present time.



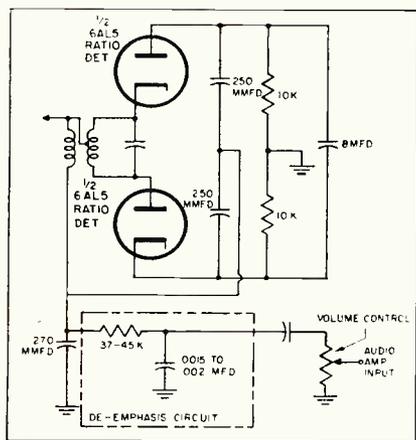
"It's foolish to call in a serviceman, just to connect these two little wires . . . There! Is the picture straight now?"

Shop Hints to Speed Servicing

Tips for Home and Bench Service Contributed by Readers

De-Emphasis Trouble

Shrill sound with ample volume and an apparent loss of low notes in TV or FM sets indicates possible trouble in the FM detector's de-emphasis circuit. This R-C network, located between the detector output and the volume control (or the grid of the 1st audio amplifier), consists of a series resistor-condenser combination (see sketch). It restores normal tone balance—a measure made necessary by pre-emphasis of high frequencies at the transmitter. New sets often develop the trouble cited, due to excessive heating of the resistor-condenser components during assembly. Sometimes weakness of the internal connections (usually of the condenser) escapes inspection, showing up after a few days service in the set owner's home. The condenser may be tested for a partial or complete open circuit by



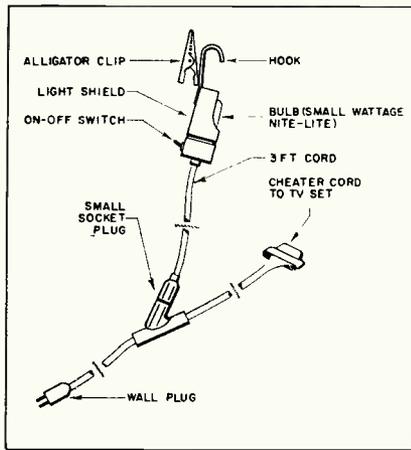
shunting it with another unit. If this check restores the proper tone balance, replace the defective condenser—do not permanently shunt it with another one. If the resistor has changed value—usually the result of aging—the trouble can readily be located with an ohmmeter.—James A. McRoberts, Brooklyn, New York.

Easier Soldering

Hammer cored or plain wire solder flat, before use in delicate operations where the solder must be melted instantly to avoid overheating the work. Hammered flat, the solder will flow almost at contact of the soldering iron.—Harry J. Miller, Sarasota, Florida.

Light Inside TV Cabinet

When servicing a TV set in a customer's home, it is helpful to have a light inside the cabinet. Advantage may be taken of the fact that, with the back off the receiver, an AC



cheater cord is necessary for inspection of the set during operation. I parallel the cheater cord with another AC line, about three feet long, fixing a small light bulb at the other end of the added line (see sketch). On the small light I fasten an alligator clip and a hook, by either of which the bulb can be attached to any safe and convenient part inside the cabinet or on the chassis.—Alvin Diedricksen, New Britain, Conn.

Insufficient Width and Squealing

In a number of older TV sets recently serviced, a typical 15,750-cycle sweep signal squeal was audible. An appreciable decrease in width was also present. Visual examina-

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TECHNICIAN will pay \$5 for acceptable shop hints. We are particularly interested in hints that tell how a technician located a hard-to-find trouble in a TV set, radio, record-changer or similar unit; or how he traced a conventional defect to its source more rapidly than usual by using a short-cut. Unacceptable items will be returned to the contributor. Send your ideas to "Shop Hints Editor, TECHNICIAN, Caldwell-Clements, Inc., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17, New York."

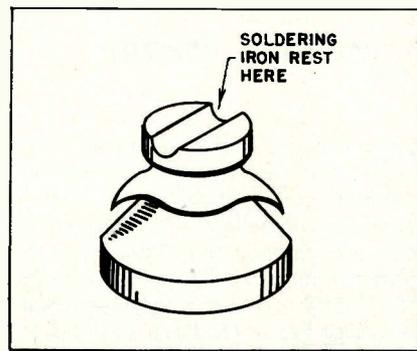
tion disclosed that the entire horizontal output transformer (fly-back) assembly was somewhat loose. The clamping screws were tightened with the following very pleasant surprise: The squeal was reduced to a normal level and the width just zoomed out.

Shorted Tuning Condensers

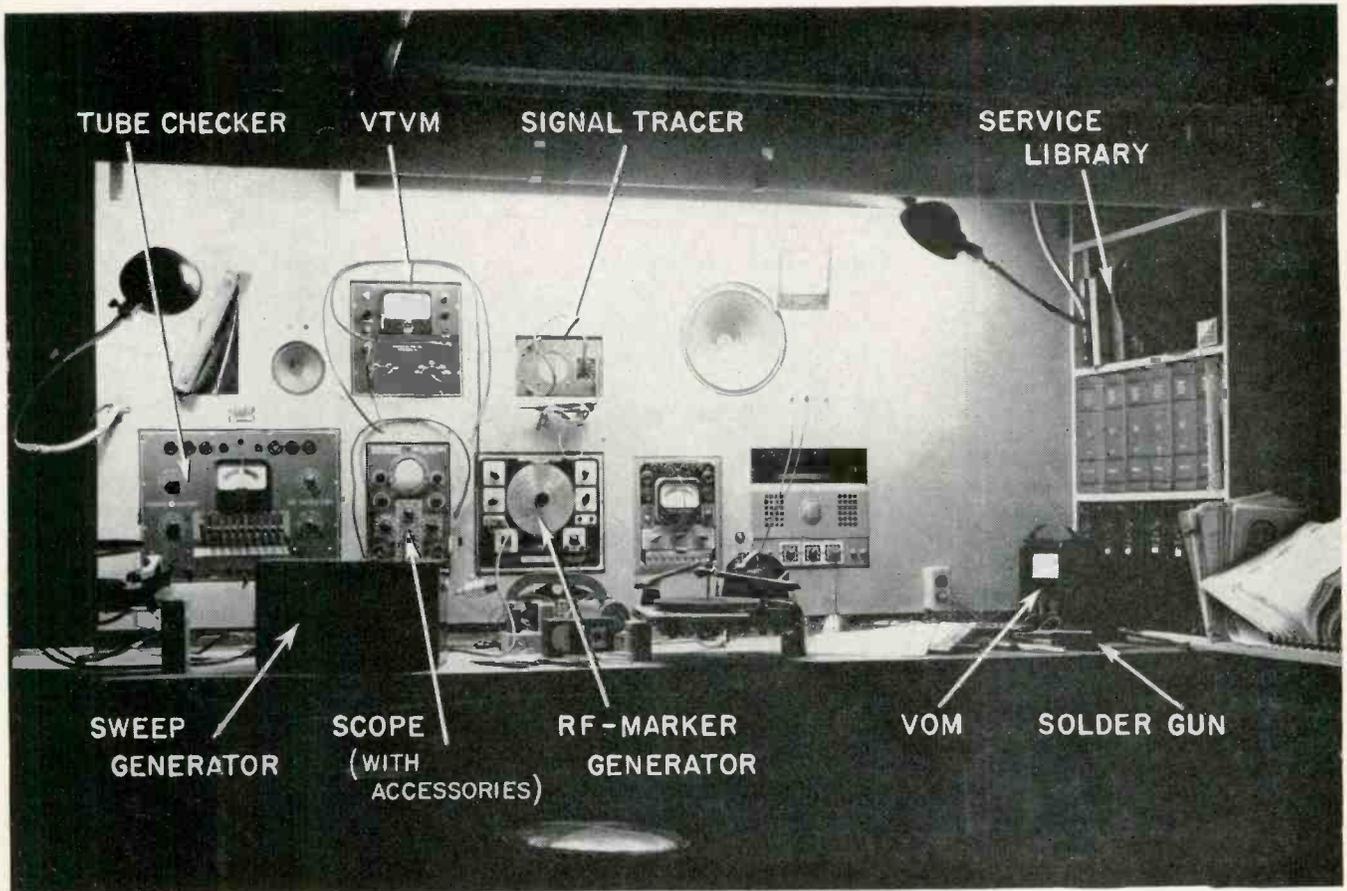
Locating shorted plates in ganged tuning condensers may be simplified by using a strip of stiff paper, such as a calling card. Pass the paper successively between the different pairs of rotor and stator plates. When the shorted plates are separated, the receiver will resume operation.—S. Sandler, Providence, R.I.

Stable Solder Iron Rest

Some rests for soldering irons on the market, and almost all of those made by the home constructor, have a tendency to get hot and burn the insulation from test leads which accidentally touch them. Some of these stands, especially the wire types, have a tendency to tip, spilling the hot iron on schematics, etc. An excellent stand which doesn't heat up and which is very stable is an old



insulator of the type used on telephone poles (see sketch). The depression in the top serves to hold the iron in a natural cradle, and the flanges serve to make an efficient radiator. The porcelain types seem to work the best, although a glass unit may be used. The insulators can be obtained anywhere the telephone company is replacing chipped insulators, or they may be purchased at any electrical wholesale store for a few cents each.—John A. Cooley, Washington, D.C.



One version of a service bench. Basic equipment and other shop gear discussed in the article are illustrated. Added requirements may vary. In the set-up shown, for example, a second tube checker, test speakers, and a test record player-amplifier combination have been incorporated.

Check-List on Service Equipment, Costs, and Inventory

SPECIAL REPORT

Every business and professional man likes to take a look into the operation of businesses comparable to his own—to see how competitors in his own community (and in other areas) are conducting their affairs. Every progressive technician wants to know what equipment other shops are using, have on hand or are thinking of buying; what amounts are being paid for rent, labor, vehicle operation, advertising, insurance and other expenses.

But unfortunately, most servicemen are busy from early to late handling their own calls and repairs, so they have little time to go about inspecting other service shops or comparing notes on costs and expenses.

The following special study will provide such an overall glimpse of service operations today, directed particularly at the "small" shop, operated by the owner and one or two service helpers.

It gives an intimate analysis of investment, inventory, and expenses from which to make your own comparison—
Editors

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THE SHOP—Servicers generally agree that a shop for "service only" need not be situated in the busiest, high-rent area of a community. It may be better located on a secondary thoroughfare or even on the outskirts of a town. The shop door or window should, however, be visible to people walking or driving by. Parking space for the servicer's car or truck (sufficient space also for customers' vehicles, if possible) should be easily available during normal business hours. The interior of the shop should have space for a workbench

big enough for two men to work on separate TV chassis without crowding each other. The bench should be large enough to permit two or three TV chassis to be set up for operating tests.

There should be sufficient wall space for parts and material storage bins, a desk, filing cabinets, and shelves for holding chassis awaiting repair or delivery. Floor area should be adequate to permit the setting up of a counter for display or other purposes. It is a good idea to plan the counter location so that anyone entering through the door will be prevented by the counter from going into the work area. A rental of from \$40 to \$125 per month may have to be paid to secure a desirable shop location, depending on regional rental levels and the location desired in the area. Higher—or lower

Compare Your Own Situation with These Averages Collected from Experiences of Many Successful Small Service Shops Across the Nation.

—rentals may, of course, be encountered in a particular situation.

CAR OR TRUCK—Unless the shop operates on a policy of no pickups and deliveries, the use of some type of motor vehicle is a practical necessity. This may be a light panel truck, a "station wagon," or a passenger automobile. In some metropolitan and suburban areas, servicemen are using small foreign-built trucks; users like their operating economy, maneuverability in heavy traffic, and ease of parking. Before purchasing any type of vehicle for use on service calls, it is wise to check local motor vehicle laws and regulations.

In some TV fringe and mountainous sections of the country, TV antennas are supported by ground-based towers. Antenna installation men frequently use a collapsible tower mounted on a two-wheeled open trailer; the trailer is normally hitched to the service truck and hauled to proposed antenna sites. A new panel truck of a standard make costs about \$2100; used trucks, station wagons or cars may be obtained in all price ranges down to \$300. Trailers in various conditions may be purchased for prices ranging from about \$300 down to \$50.

INSTRUMENTS—There is some difference of opinion regarding the test equipment and instruments which should be readily available in a two-man operation. Many servicemen, however, agree on the following as minimum requirements:

One VOM (20,000 ohms per volt)—approx. \$40.

One VTVM (with accessories)—approx. \$60.

One 5-inch Oscilloscope (with probes and other accessories)—approx. \$200.

One TV-FM Sweep Generator—approx. \$150.

One Tube Tester—approx. \$75.

One RF Signal Generator (with internal modulation)—approx. \$100.

One Line-Voltage Isolation Transformer (with provision for variable output)—approx. \$20.

One Storage Battery Eliminator (6- and 12-volt outputs)—approx. \$50.

With a basic list of this nature, it must be remembered that there may be many additions to fit into a particular mode of operation or into the

requirements of a particular locality. There will also be equipment that, while it is not considered to be as essential as the foregoing grouping, will be kept in mind for gradual acquisition. Such items include: signal tracer, combination wattmeter-voltmeter, square-wave generator, AF generator, calibrating crystals, resistance decade box, high-voltage probe, capacitor checker or bridge, grid-dip meter, field-strength meter, cross-hatch or "pattern" generator, UHF generator, and test speaker.

The pattern set forth here may also be altered by the trend toward the manufacture of instruments that combine more than one of the necessary functions in a single housing. For instance, combined square-wave and AF generators are on the market; RF generators, available with internal modulation, often provide a variable separate AF output; some sweep generators provide a variable-frequency marker which can function as an RF source.

Also, the investment in service data, manuals, reference and guide books may reasonably be grouped with instruments. A figure cannot be given for this because (1) for a particular establishment, it may vary from nothing more than a tube manual and the schematics of several key receivers, to a full complement of service literature covering AM, FM and TV sets as well as record players and other equipment, plus several reference books, (2) this investment, rather than being made at one time, is one that continues through the life of a servicing establishment.

TOOLS—This list of tools is considered to be a minimum quantity for a two-technician business where operating circumstances will sometimes require one man to be doing bench work while the other is engaged with outside jobs. The list (with approximate costs) includes:

One ½-in. electric drill—\$50.

Assortment of drill bits—\$10.

One bench vise—\$10.

Two tool boxes—\$8.

Two sets of open-end wrenches—\$4.

Two pairs of diagonal cutters—\$5.

Set of alignment tools—\$4.

One ¼-in. electric drill—\$20.

Two soldering guns—\$25.

Two sound-powered phones (one

set)—\$25.

Two sets of hex nut wrenches—\$12.

Two pair of long nose pliers—\$4.

Ten screwdrivers—\$8.

Set of hex and Bristol wrenches—\$2.

In addition to these, almost every servicer has his own pet items which he feels are a must for his mode of operation.

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

It would be difficult to present a list, with quantities, of all the supplies and materials which a well-stocked service establishment should carry. For one thing, such a list would have to be shaped to conform to the major type of work which the operator expects to do, and to the area in which he operates. For example, the list would be different for a shop in a metropolitan area with well-established VHF TV service than it would in a brand new UHF locality which is just receiving TV transmissions. The list would be different, too, if a shop is to be located within one-half hour's drive from a parts distributor's stock, than it would if the nearest parts depot is 150 or more miles distant. The following tabulation of material should be considered with these facts in mind.

Kit of ½- and 1-watt resistors.

Volume control assortment.

Electrolytic capacitor assortment.

Assorted pilot light types.

Assorted tube sockets.

Knob assortment.

Several ion trap magnets.

Assortment of detents.

Assorted selenium rectifier types.

Assorted vibrator types.

Assortment of line cords and plugs.

Solder.

Assorted phono cartridges and needles.

Assortment of basic speaker types.

Several mast lengths.

Roll of guy wire.

Roll of 300-ohm lead.

Several types of germanium diodes.

VHF and/or UHF boosters.

Dual-control assortment.

Assortment of paper and mica capacitors.

Stock of 15 fuse types.

Wire-wound resistor assortment.

Several cheater cords.

Several rolls of tape, various kinds.

Universal flyback transformers.
 Hook-up wire assortment.
 Buffer capacitor assortment.
 Dial cable assortment.
 General hardware assortment.
 Assorted chemicals, lubricants & polishes.
 Antenna assortment (indoor and/or outdoor).
 Assorted antenna installation hardware.
 Roll of co-axial cable.
 Antenna rotators.
 Several auto antennas.
 UHF converters.
 Audio output transformers.
 Several commonly used vertical output transformers.
 Filter chokes.
 Line cords and resistor cords.
 Line cord plugs.
 Coils: r-f, i-f, discriminator, peaking etc., for radio and video applications.
 Lightning arresters.
 Assortment of phono drive belts.
 An estimate of the total cost of minimum quantities of the listed material is \$700.

TUBES—A basic assortment of tubes for the servicing of TV, home, portable and auto radio, and hi-fi equipment will include about 100 different types. Depending on the quantities purchased, estimates range from \$700 to \$1500 to cover tube needs.

SHOP AND OFFICE FURNISHINGS—Before a shop can be thought of as ready to operate, shop and office equipment must be installed. The following is a list of furniture and supplies for a well-equipped repair business shop:

Display counter.
 Electrical wiring and fixtures.
 Printed letterheads, billheads, business cards.
 Kneehole desk with drawers.
 Typewriter and table.
 Steel or wooden shelving.
 Rubber stamps.
 Set of books for accounting use.
 Two high stools.
 Sign and lettering (exterior).
 File cabinets.
 Small parts storage cabinet.
 Workbench.
 Cash box or register.
 Miscellaneous office supplies.
 The average cost of this material (some of it new, some used) at current prices may be about \$550.

OPERATING EXPENSES—Before a single dollar of revenue enters a shop, certain operating expenses will have to be incurred. An opera-

tor with vision attempts to foresee and estimate as many of these expenses as possible, so that he may budget his resources. The figures quoted here will vary in different areas but they may be taken as average ones.

ELECTRIC SERVICE—About \$9 per month is the average light and power bill. Most power companies require a deposit from business establishments before turning on the current.

TELEPHONE—From \$15 to \$25 per month is a common charge.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE—About \$30 per month (exclusive of insurance) for vehicle fuel, tires, repairs, license, etc. is a typical cost.

INSURANCE—Insurance for the motor vehicle, burglary, fire and lightning protection for the shop, liability for injury to a customer or damage to his property, and employee injury compensation averages \$25 monthly. Local conditions may cause this figure to vary widely.

SALARIES—Depending on labor rates in the area, most servicers agree that it will take from \$300 to \$500 monthly to obtain the services of a really top-notch technician. If a shop owner agrees that his own salary should be at least equal to that of his employees, then \$600 to \$1000 should be laid aside monthly for this purpose.

ADVERTISING & PROMOTION—Under this heading are lumped all contributions, gifts, etc. and advertising or publicity outlays which tend to expand or otherwise improve business income. This figure was found to be as low as \$5 (for telephone directory advertising) to as high as \$90 per month for other desirable advertising. The attitudes of shop owners and local community circumstances were the principal factors in setting the exact amount.

ACCOUNTING SERVICE—Many up-to-date shops employ an accountant who comes in at regular intervals to maintain a book- and record-

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The Circuit Digest section of the magazine is really the answer to a major problem experienced by many servicemen today. The greatest single tool that a serviceman can have is the schematic of the set he is working on.

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keeping system; he also keeps track of tax law requirements and changes, and prevents the proprietor from running afoul of the law on this score. Such service commands from \$20 to \$35 monthly.

TAXES—Under this heading come such federal, state and local levies as social security, unemployment insurance, disability, gross business receipts, sales and occupancy taxes, to name just a few. Largely dependent on location and the amount of business transacted, the amount will fluctuate between \$10 and \$30 per month.

WHAT IT TAKES—Readers who have kept track of the individual figures throughout this discussion must be wondering where all the money comes from. The answer, of course, is that it must be taken in as gross business receipts. The next question that comes to mind, then, is the amount of cash intake which will cover all expenses and still leave a reasonable profit for the technician-proprietor of an electronic service shop.

The precise amount of income which will permit the books to show a profit must be dependent on how much money is laid out each month or year. The reader has seen some average figures for typical monthly expense items and the ranges over which they may vary. It is reasonable to assume, therefore, that estimates of gross income required for profitable business operation will vary just as widely. They do. Servicers have named sums as low as \$1300 to as high as \$2300 per month as gross income requirements. The reader is left to draw his own conclusions as to which figure most closely approximates the conditions under which he would or does operate.

The chief purpose of this article has been to help those who operate a small two-man (owner and employee, or partnership) repair business, to survey current practices. Some technicians may also find it useful as educational material to put before their customers and others who are prone to criticize servicers as irresponsibles, fly-by-nights, or "robbers."

Facts and figures given here will serve to show that the owner of a service establishment has at least as great a stake in the community, and in serving it properly, as many other local businessmen. The facts here presented should help to gain increased respect and confidence for the hard-working radio-TV technician.

Servicing a UHF Converter

• The following data, made available by the service department of Magnavox to aid technicians in troubleshooting the Magnavox 700359 converter-tuner, is, we feel, so readily adaptable to the servicing of other UHF converters, that we are publishing it in full. The tuning unit present in the 700359 is a Mallory type, used in the converters of many manufacturers.

To assist you in troubleshooting the Magnavox 700359 UHF converter-tuner (refer to schematic) the following check list has been prepared.

Make sure the VHF portion of the chassis is operating properly by tuning in a VHF station (if available), or by the use of a cross-hatch generator or similar test equipment.

If UHF reception is absent, set VHF tuner on Channel 6 (or Channel 5, if the converter has been adjusted to operate at this setting, because of local conditions) and turn function switch to "UHF." There should be a very noticeable increase in snow on picture tube. If this is so, it indicates that the wiring through the function switch is ok, and the 6BK7 i-f amplifier is operating. If there is no increase in snow, make the following checks in the order listed:

- a. See that 6BK7 and 6AF4 (or 6T4) filaments are lit.
- b. Check for +250 volts at the B+

terminal on the converter. (This checks wiring through switch.)

- c. Check for +240 volts on pin no. 1 of 6BK7. (This checks T601 and decoupling resistor.)

- d. Check for +120 volts on pin no. 2 of 6BK7.

- e. Check for +1.5 volts on pin no. 8 of 6BK7. (This is a check on the tube plate current and the tube itself.)

- f. Check wiring on function switch to see that the converter output is connected to the VHF tuner input.

If there is an increase in snow (when the function switch is set for UHF), the i-f is working, but not necessarily the oscillator or mixer. Tune the converter over the band and note whether i-f harmonic beats or "birdies" appear at several points. If they do, the oscillator is operating. If there are no beats, make the following checks:

- a. See that oscillator (6AF4 or 6T4) filament is lit. (This is a check on the three filament chokes, and also indicates whether or not filament shorts are present at the tube socket.)

- b. Check oscillator grid voltage on pin no. 2. This check must be made with an electronic dc voltmeter, and there must be a 1/2 watt resistor of about 470,000 ohms between pin 2 and the voltmeter probe. If the oscillator is operating, the grid voltage will be between -4 and -8 volts, and will vary across the band. If

there is no grid voltage, check for the following faults:

1. The oscillator trimmer has long leads and sometimes shorts to the chassis cut-out, or the screw lies against one of the tube socket lugs because the trimmer is tilted. The trimmer referred to is made up of a few turns of wire placed on a cardboard tube. The bottom of this winding is soldered to one of the tabs on the tuning unit. As this tab is its only support, the trimmer must be held tightly against the tab, and soldered in place with enough solder to hold the trimmer rigid, so that it will not be disturbed during adjustment.

2. R602 and R603, two 15,000 ohm resistors at the oscillator tube socket, are connected together without a tie point. The leads at this junction might be shorting to the shield. They should be cut short, and the junction dressed away from the front of the tuner, to avoid shorts to the shield.

3. Too much solder may be present on oscillator tube socket lugs, causing adjacent lugs to short together.

4. The ribbon on C614, coupling condenser mounted on pins 2 and 6 of oscillator socket, may have broken loose from the silver band on the condenser. This will cause oscillator to be inoperative or intermittent. (The ribbon on C614 is the inductor for this capacitor; its inductance can be changed by moving it slightly. This ribbon is connected to the silver band on the condenser. The band forms one of the plates of this small capacitor.)

5. Poor contacts may be present in oscillator tube socket. The contacts can be compressed with a sharp, pointed tool.

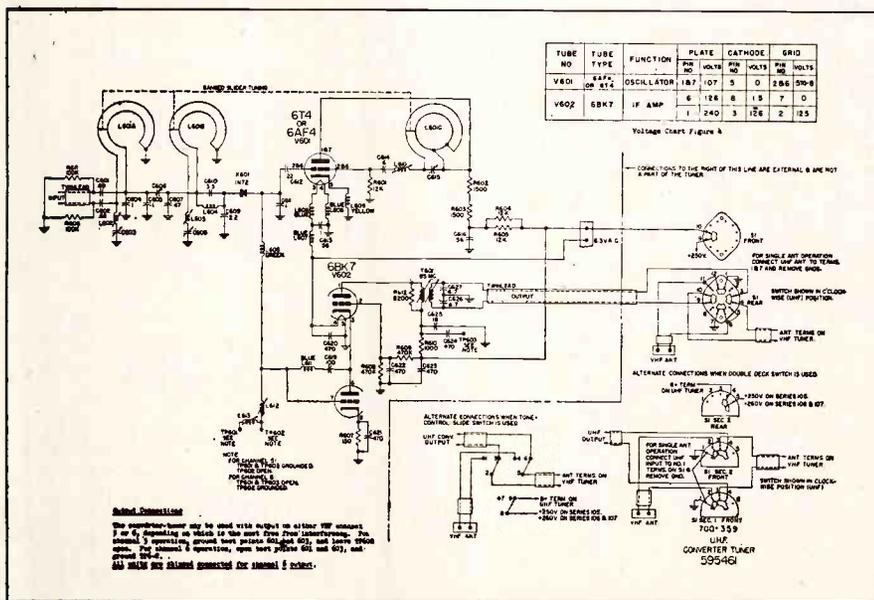
6. One of the oscillator filament chokes may be open, or the enamel wire to the lead on the coil form may not be soldered.

7. Oscillator tube may not be seated properly in socket.

8. Oscillator tube may be defective.

If the i-f and oscillator are both operating, as evidenced by the snow and beats, and yet a picture cannot be received with a reasonable signal input, make the following checks:

- a. Replace crystal (IN124).
- b. Check antenna input lead to converter tuner for shorts to chassis.



Procedures for Troubleshooting a Device that is Still Unfamiliar to Many Technicians

c. Check for any visible shorts or broken parts around preselector circuits.

d. Check continuity from each side of crystal holder to ground, with crystal removed.

e. Check oscillator injection condenser (.22 mmfd unit going from pin no. 2 of oscillator socket to crystal holder).

f. Remove bottom shield cover and see if a rotor in the tuning unit is loose on the shaft, preventing it from turning. If so, align the rotor with the other two present, and push in the brass thimble which holds rotor to the shaft. (The tuning unit is composed of three rotor sections which are mechanically aligned opposite each other, and held in place by a thimble forced into the rotor. If one of these thimbles becomes loose, it must be aligned as indicated.)

g. Check crystal excitation by removing ground from tie point TP6-2 and inserting a milliammeter in series with the tie point and ground. It should read at least 0.5 ma.

Further Tuner Tests

If converter-tuner operates but is insensitive, intermittent or microphonic—

a. Check items 1 through 8 under b, in paragraph beginning *If there is an increase in snow.*

b. The crystal holder may not be holding the crystal securely. This may be due to spreading of the clips, or wax on the crystal pins. A repair in the one case may be effected by removing the crystal and compressing the clips; in the other, by cleaning the wax from the pins.

c. Input antenna lead may have its insulation removed too far back, causing it to short to the chassis.

d. The crystal may be defective.

e. The i-f circuits may be out of alignment.

f. The r-f circuits may be misaligned.

g. The 470 mmfd bypass condenser (C622) connecting to pin no. 2 of the 6BK7 socket may have open-circuited, or pin no. 2 may be shorted to ground.

h. I-F output transformer T601 may be incorrectly wired.

i. L604 (5 turns wound on C610) may be open.

There is evidence which indicates that servicemen have tried several oscillator tubes in a tuner, finally finding one that works. The trouble, however, was not in the tube, but in an intermittent connection or short which was accidentally cured by the movement of the socket lugs that occurred when another tube was inserted.

When replacing the oscillator tube, bear in mind that some manufacturers' tubes may not operate in this converter; Magnavox has found that a GE 6AF4 and a Sylvania 6T4 will, however, perform satisfactorily.

If the oscillator tube is replaced, the oscillator may fall out of alignment. To check on this, tune the selector to a known channel. If the station comes in within 6 mc (1 channel) of the correct setting, it will not be necessary to adjust the alignment. If possible, try a number of tubes, until one is found to satisfy this condition. If such a procedure is not possible, it may be necessary to align the oscillator in accordance with instructions presented in our maintenance manual on the 700359.

If the converter-tuner operates, but is very weak or has a poor signal-to-noise ratio, compared with other tuners, do the following:

1. Replace the crystal, making sure

that the crystal holder is making good contact with the crystal. Replace with a IN124.

2. Check oscillator operation as previously described. The grid voltage should not be less than -4 v.

3. Make sure the VHF tuner is set to the correct channel. This will be Channel 6, unless the tie points have been changed to permit operation on Channel 5.

4. Check UHF antenna input twin-lead for shorts to chassis.

5. Check grid bypass condenser C622 leading to pin 2 of the 6BK7.

6. Check crystal current as previously described.

7. Check operation of the i-f section. Approximately $+1.5$ volts should appear between pin 8 of the 6BK7 and ground, for 10 ma of plate current. Try changing the 6BK7 if current is too low.

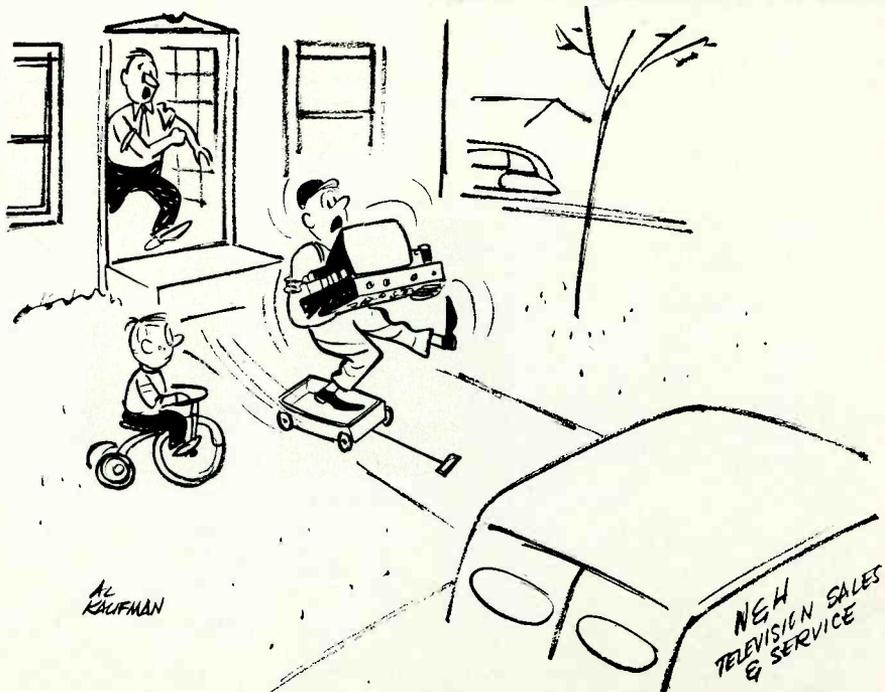
8. Check, visually, components around the i-f socket.

9. Check, visually, components in the preselector circuits.

10. Try realigning i-f input and output circuits for best picture.

11. Check for bad contacts in pre-selector tuning elements.

12. It is practically impossible to realign r-f circuits without a UHF sweeper. If only one station is available, you can adjust the two r-f trimmer screws for best picture on that one station. *This is not recommended, however, because it will throw the tracking off in case the converter is subsequently used to tune in a different station at the other end of the band.*



Estimating the Right Way

Fast, Profitable Procedure for Determining Repair Charges

• When customers want an estimate on what their service charge is going to be, P. C. Pennington of the City Radio & Electric, 3114 E. Douglas, Wichita, Kansas, uses a combination of speed-plus-plenty-of-test-equipment, and finds that the idea works.

Actually, the Pennington plan is a blend of science and dispatch, and has turned out to be a sweetly profitable affair. City Radio never makes an estimate on a repair job, until it has been brought to the shop, and has been gone over at the test bench. The guessing is eliminated. Detailed testing and diagnosing is done quickly, and then the customer is called and given the estimate.

Rapid Reports to Customers

In the case of a floor model in a home, the chassis is removed from the cabinet and taken to the shop. When a set comes in off the street, and the customer wants an estimate, the receiver gets a quick going-over then and there; if the trouble is a complicated one that requires time to check, the customer is phoned later, like the sets picked up in homes.

In either case, City Radio makes a point of trying to phone the customer the same day. Never is more

than 12 hours taken for the estimate.

With the advent of TV in Wichita, Pennington and his crew continued as technicians and did not go into sales. The shop does a heavy volume of TV work for stores which farm-out this service.

Good Work, Prices

When the customer is phoned and is given the estimate, City Radio is pleasant and courteous, and somewhat specific about what's wrong with the radio. A man can always make his charge seem a lot more reasonable, if he knows exactly what repairs he has to make. And a customer is never addressed as if he were the owner of a piece of junk; City Radio is tactful and human.

"The jobs we miss are only a darn small per cent of those we handle in this way," Pennington says. "When we do miss one—that is, when the customer says that the charge is too high, it is nearly always a case where the set is not worth fixing. Nobody gets it."

City Radio is trained for the quick and efficient removal of the chassis in the home. Taking the chassis and leaving the cabinet has several advantages, Pennington believes. It does not upset the customer's room, and it does not dis-

turb the family by the moving of a major piece of furniture. Besides, in hauling a cabinet around one is apt to scratch it, no matter how careful you are. One man, properly equipped and trained, can quickly remove the chassis and bring it in. Hauling cabinets takes more men.

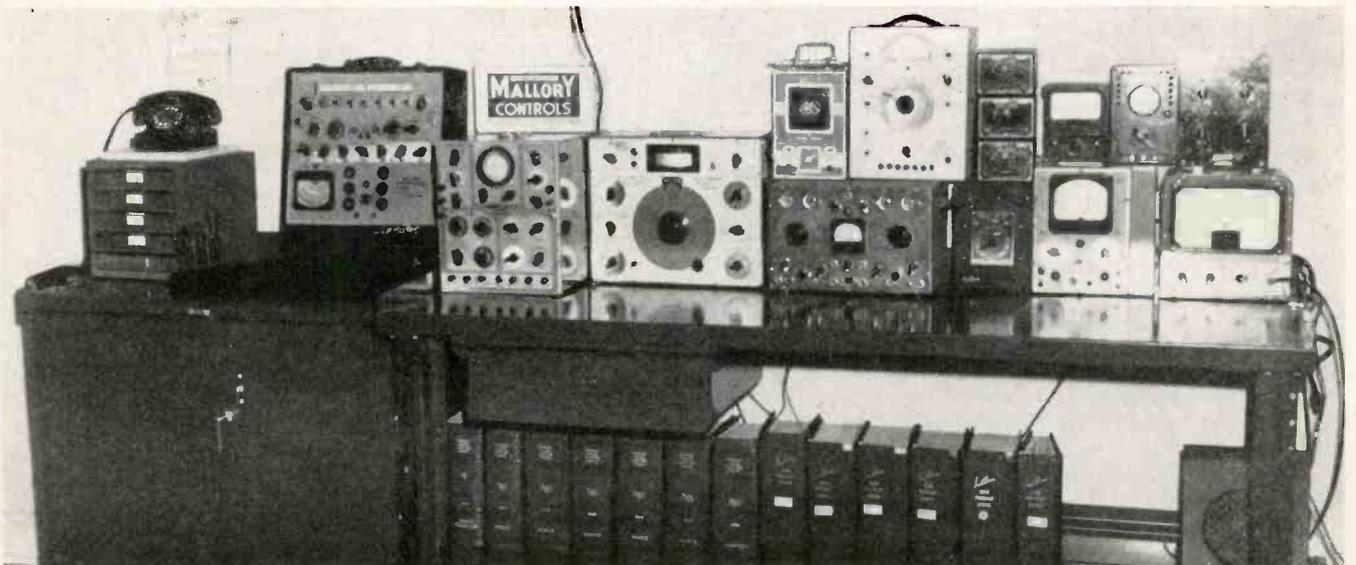
"And once we make an estimate," Pennington says, "it is then the law and the gospel." City Radio never attempts to jack up the charge in emergencies, even if the shop loses money on the deal. The store has tried consistently to identify itself with a good job at an honest price, and will not budge one inch from that policy. It pays off for Pennington, in the long run.

Consistent Advertising

For promotion, City Radio uses a modest amount of newspaper advertising, some spot announcements on local radio stations, and a listing in the yellow pages of the phone book. The rest of it is reputation and word-of-mouth. The shop uses the name-imprinted tape to stick to the back of the cabinet, when a job is finished, for promoting repeat business.

Pennington has been in radio for 20 years. When TV arrived, he simply applied the established policies to the greater set volume, up by 75%.

For this picture, P. C. Pennington of Wichita, Kansas, has cleaned the sets off the test bench. Quick use of this equipment is what gives him his profitable handling of repair estimates.



COLOR SHORTS

SERVICING INFO ON COLOR—Early dissemination of technical information on the servicing of color receivers is planned by the RETMA Service Committee, under Chairman H. J. Schulman, DuMont. Following a thorough discussion on methods of distributing such data to servicemen in the field, two subcommittees have been appointed to work out procedures. Former Service Committee Chairman Ray J. Yeranko, Magnavox, was named Chairman of a mid-western subcommittee, and John H. Craft, Jr., of Stromberg-Carlson, of an eastern subcommittee. Besides developing methods and procedures, the two groups were authorized to request a special meeting of the full Service Committee when they are ready to report. Initially, the program will be carried on by manufacturers' field representatives who will be furnished technical information by RETMA.

NTSC TO DISSOLVE—The National Television System Committee, made up of representatives from all branches of the television industry, which has prepared the specifications of standards on which future American color-TV is expected to operate, will be dissolved after the FCC has given its approval to the NTSC standards. Dr. W. R. G. Baker, chairman of NTSC, explains that whatever further standardization work is required, will be carried on by a TV Systems Committee of the RETMA Engineering Department of which Dr. Baker is chairman, and Ralph R. Batcher is chief engineer.

AFTER WATCHING three network color-TV programs in his own home—(1) "Carmen," (2) Mike Wallace variety, and (3) the "Comedy Hour," Jack Gould, radio-TV editor of the N. Y. Times, has come to one inescapable conclusion. If the quality of the color program is either second rate or not to individual taste, the owner will have no reluctance to turn the color off and look for something better in black and white. Even after a very short time of sustained looking at color under normal home surroundings it is surprising how quickly the color is accepted as a matter of course and interest shifts to the older and more familiar program values, i.e., quality.

DOUBLE TROUBLE—Color-TV receivers will require approximately twice as many components as standard black-white sets, according to a color-TV expert, W. D. Swinyard, chief engineer of Hazeltine Research. Whereas an average black-white set has 20 tubes, with 5 resistors and 5 condensers per tube, a color receiver will have 36 tubes, with 7 resistors and 6 capacitors per tube. In addition several new mechanical and electrical parts are required. As time goes on the tube complements of color sets are expected to be reduced to 25 or 30 units. New pieces of test equipment will also be required to service color sets.

COLOR-PICTURE DETAIL—In commenting on the picture quality under the NTSC standards, Mr. Swinyard said that detail in a monochrome picture received on a color-television receiver is only about one percent less than that achieved by a black-and-white set. UHF color transmissions are received with the same degree of quality as VHF color signals. Interference is no more harmful to color pictures than it is to black-and-white pictures, he said, except when the interference is from

a frequency very close to the color sub-carrier frequency. In answer to questions, Mr. Swinyard pointed out that color television will require additional "know-how" on the part of servicemen.

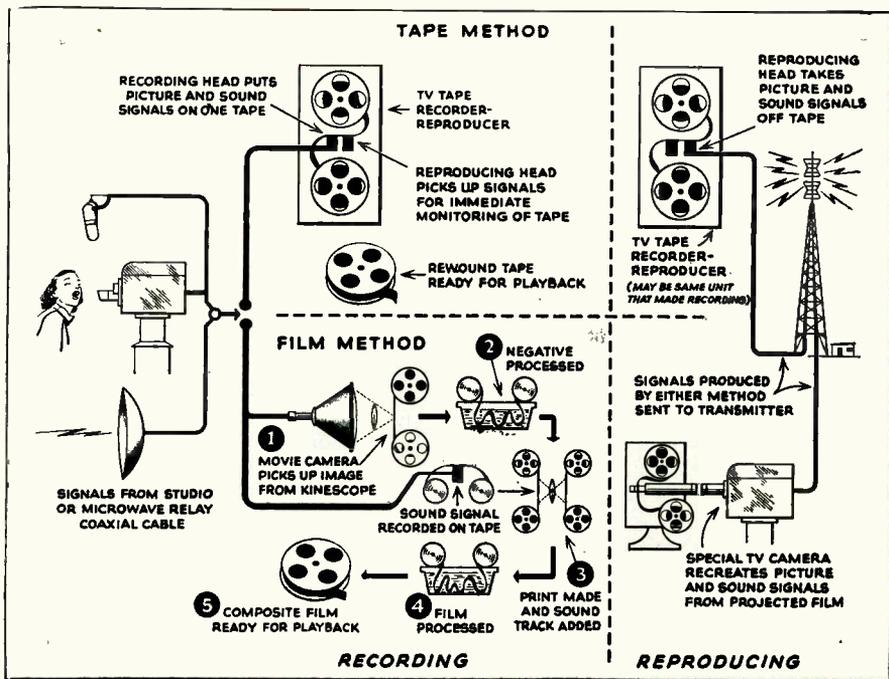
COLOR TV SERVICE PROBLEMS are getting early consideration. Dan R. Creato, vice-president of the RCA Service Co., says a practical book for the service industry on color TV is near completion. The text will be the basis for intensive nationwide training courses, RCA-sponsored, as soon as FCC gives the green light on color.

PRESENT TEST EQUIPMENT, says Creato, should continue to be usable, but a crosshatch or dot generator will probably have to be added. Where a color TV signal is not always available, a color bar signal generator will also be needed.

MOST ANTENNA INSTALLATIONS now in successful use will be adequate for color reception, but multiplex systems are likely to give trouble. To allow proper use of the color signal, antennas, boosters, distributor systems and the like will have to provide flat response.

COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS for color receivers are also being anticipated. Crest Laboratories, Rockaway Beach, N. Y., has introduced a line of variable inductances designed for the new circuitry, as shown in NTSC schematics already released.

Magnetic-Tape vs. Film Recording of Color-TV, Compared



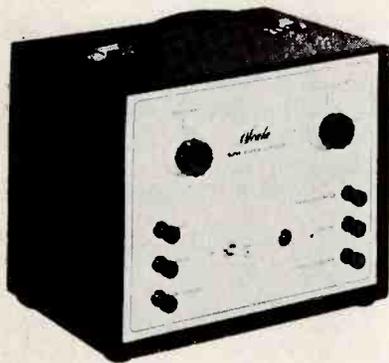
New RCA developments in 3-megacycle magnetic recording, open way to reproduce TV and color-TV pictures from magnetic tape, like sound.

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New Generators, Meters and Other Test Instruments

Scala MARKER INJECTOR

A bypass injector to provide uniform markers at any point on visual-response curves, in traps, or along the base line of a curve, the SMI-53 Super Marker Injector is designed to operate with any service-type



sweep generator. It mixes a sample of the sweep voltage with a sample of the marker voltage. The mixed frequencies are amplified, demodulated, filtered, and reamplified, following which a large, stable "pip" ("birdie" or "bug") is electronically mixed with the sweep-wave envelope from the picture detector. The marker is always the same size, wherever it occurs on a response curve. For application at video, IF, and RF frequencies through 200 mc. Also useful in signal-tracing and other kinds of troubleshooting. \$67.50. Scala Radio Co., 2814 19th St., San Francisco 10, Calif.—TECHNICIAN

Weston TUBE CHECKER

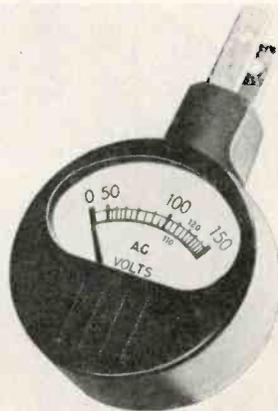
Model 981 Type 2 provides for the accurate, rapid measurement of proportional mutual conductances, emission characteristics of rectifiers and diodes, and the firing potential limits of voltage regulators and low-power thyatrons. An important feature is the provision for accurate meter measurement of leakage resistance, as high as 5 megohms, between tube elements. In addition, the checker measures trans-conductance up to 24,000 micromhos. To safeguard against obsolescence, multiple switching permits any combination of tube connections to be made. Weston Electrical Instrument Corp., 614 Frelinhuisen Ave., Newark 5, N. J.—TECHNICIAN

RCA TV GENERATOR

Indicative of its wide range of test applications, the new instrument, Model WR-89A generator, combines the functions of a marker generator, a vertical or horizontal bar-pattern generator, a re-broadcast transmitter, and a heterodyne frequency meter. The instrument provides an r-f output signal on fundamental frequencies from 19 to 260 mc. A built-in crystal-controlled oscillator also provides an output signal at 4.5 mc. Other provisions: picture and sound carrier frequencies for all VHF-TV channels marked directly on dial; 96 different crystal-calibrating points for checking scale calibration. When used as a re-broadcast transmitter, the r-f output is modulated by a video signal from an operating receiver to provide an r-f carrier complete with video and sync information. Output signal can then be used to check other TV receivers on any VHF channel. RCA Victor, Harrison, N. J.—TECHNICIAN

EMI AC VOLTMETER

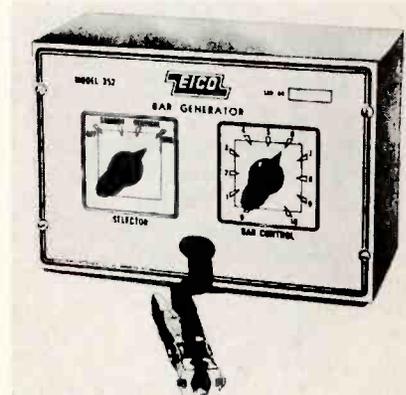
Compact meter for testing AC voltage right at the electric receptacle. Has no wires and needs no assembly. Equipped with prongs; can be plugged into any standard 117-volt receptacle. The prongs have a swivel arrangement permitting the meter to be read from any position. Calibrated from 0 to 150 volts; accuracy



to $\pm 5\%$. Dealers net \$3.00. Electro Mechanical Instrument Company, 813 Chestnut Street, Perkasio, Pennsylvania.—TECHNICIAN

EICO BAR GENERATOR

Model 352 bar generator, available in kit or factory-wired form, is lightweight and simple to operate. It provides a series of vertical or horizontal bars on the TV screen when connected to the antenna terminals of



any TV set. The instrument also indicates overall picture size and vertical and horizontal sync circuit stability. Operates on TV Channels 3, 4 or 5. Model 352-K, kit, is \$14.95. Model 352, factory wired, is \$19.95. Electronic Instrument Co., Inc., 84 Withers Street, Brooklyn, New York.—TECHNICIAN

Precise CAPACITY DECADE BOX

Model 478 offers four decades from 100 mmfd to 1.111 mfd (100 steps), the equivalent of 10,000 capacitors, with 1 per cent accuracy. Available in kit or wired form, the compact decade box sells at \$18.95 in kit form and at \$24.95, factory wired. The instrument is useful as a substitution box for experimenting or servicing. Precise Development Corp., 999 Long Beach Road, Oceanside, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

Hexacon SOLDER IRON

This iron is a plug-tip type, rated at 100 watts, but with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. tip instead of the conventional $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. diameter tip. It is said to reach and maintain a temperature considerably beyond that of the conventional 100 watt iron, and its large reservoir of heat speeds the soldering operation. Because less copper is used, there is a saving in the tip replacement cost. Model No. P-114, list price \$8.25. Hexacon Electric Co., W. Clay Ave., Roselle Park, N. J.—TECHNICIAN

New Shop Equipment

Handy Items for Use in the Shop and on the Job.

Hickok MARKER CONTROL

Designed to facilitate alignment techniques involving a marker generator and sweep generator, model 691 provides a constant amplitude marker visible at all points of a response curve, including trap points and baseline points. Response-curve distortion is also blocked. Usable with marker equipment whose output is .05 v or more. Specifications: Marker voltage up to 3 v; variable marker attenuation, 0-60 db; variable response-curve attenuation, 0-20 db; input impedance, 90 ohms. Hickok Electrical Instr. Co., 10606 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, Ohio.—TECHNICIAN

RCP FLYBACK CHECKER

Model 123 Flybacker tests the condition of flyback transformers and yokes. The manufacturer states this instrument is capable of detecting a single shorted turn. A good-bad scale on a front-panel meter indicates conditions that cannot be revealed by an ohmmeter continuity test. The device can be used on



transformers or yokes still connected in the receiver. Radio City Products Co., 152 W. 25th St., N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

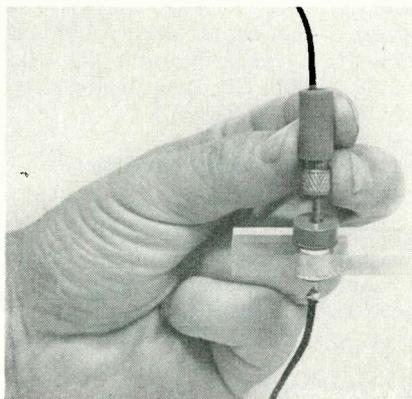
Elliott VTVM

Model 940 VTVM reads peak-to-peak or RMS voltages with a frequency response of 25 to 100,000 cycles. High input resistance of 16.5 megohms prevents circuit overload.

Features six AC or DC ranges: 3, 15, 30, 150, 300, and 1,500 volts. Center position for discriminator alignment. Resistance in 5 ranges from 0-1000 Ω , 10,000 Ω , 1 megohm, 10 megohms, 100 megohms. Included are 5 decibel ranges covering from -24 to +55 db. Elliott Laboratories, 50-34 201st St., Bayside, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

Insuline CONNECTORS

Locking-type tip jacks and solderless phone tips to fit them, intended primarily for electronic test equip-



ment; useful also for experimental wiring, extension cords, and other applications requiring temporary but jerk-proof connections. The tip jack has a Bakelite end cap and a one-piece contact spring that accommodates standard phone tips as well as the locking tips. The No. 432R jack and the No. 7530R phone tip are red; the No. 432B jack and the No. 7530B tip are black. Insuline Corp. of America, 3602 35th Ave., Long Island City, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

Insl-X INSULATING SPRAY

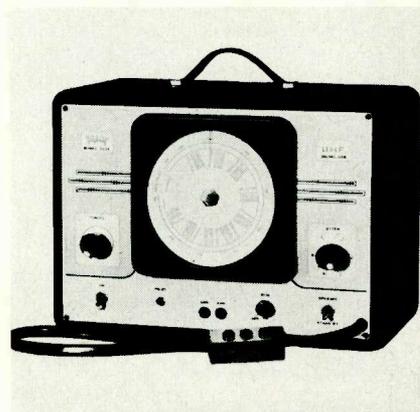
Available in 12-oz. aerosol dispensers, Insl-X spray is said to insulate safely all chassis components except moving parts and tubes. Characteristics: high dielectric strength, excellent hardness qualities, and adherence to all conventional assembly surfaces. Resistant to salt spray, moisture and chemicals, it may be used as a protective antenna coating. Available in clear, aluminum or black. Insl-X Sales Co., 26 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore, Penna.—TECHNICIAN

Simpson HI-SENSITIVITY VOM

High sensitivity of 100,000 ohms-per-volt on dc is provided by model 269 VOM-microammeter. The high input impedances make the meter useful for measuring avc, agc and bias voltages, ordinarily measured with vtvm's. Sensitivity on ac, 5,000 ohms-per-volt. A total of 33 ranges afford measurements as follows: ac up to 800 volts; a-f output up to 160 v; decibels from minus 8 to plus 45.5; resistance to 200 meg; current up to 16 amps. Includes 4,000-volt dc probe and batteries. Net, \$86.24. Simpson Electric Co., 5200 W. Kinzie St., Chicago 44, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Triplett UHF GENERATOR

Model 3436 is a UHF marker and signal generator with the following features: provides fundamentals on Channels 14-83 (470-900 mc.); large dial with uniform frequency graduations; markings in both frequencies and channels, hand drawn for accuracy; r-f average output, .3 volt; output impedance 150 and 300 ohms; triple shielding; high stability; voltage-regulated power supply; adjustable modulation of r-f signal at approximately 1000 cycles; 0-20 volt audio output at panel. Uses: As a signal or marker generator for adjusting UHF TV receiver front ends and UHF converters; to set end limits of UHF converters and receivers;



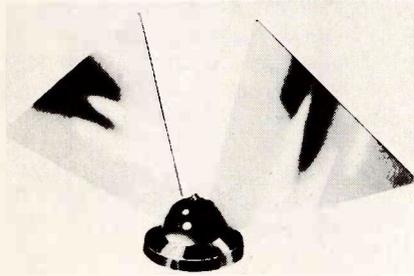
to pre-set fixed-channel converters, especially in fringe areas; as a signal source to compare gain of UHF receivers and converters. Suggested dealer net, \$169.50. Triplett Electrical Instrument Co., Bluffton, Ohio.—TECHNICIAN

New Antennas and

Indoor, Outdoor, UHF, VHF Models: Mounting Hardware,

Telco UHF ANTENNA

The Telco UHF indoor butterfly antenna is made of aluminum and is mounted in a walnut plastic base. Wings are fully adjustable. The an-



tenna has a list price of \$4.75. Television Hardware Mfg. Co., (Div. of General Cement Mfg. Co.) 919 Taylor Ave., Rockford, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Plymouth UHF-VHF SWITCH

A low-loss UHF-VHF transfer switch for antenna wires features widely separated contacts with positive make-break characteristics to keep dielectric losses low. The 2-position switch can be mounted in back of the TV receiver so that the handle protrudes, thus allowing quick change-over. Plymouth Electronics Corp., Kingsbury St., Worcester 10, Mass.—TECHNICIAN

Kenwood CHIMNEY MOUNT

One-piece chimney mount, model 5C-SS, is of welded construction and is hot-dip galvanized to provide maximum rust protection. A single heavy-gauge stainless steel strap secures the mount to the chimney. Included with the mount are three aluminum corner guards for uniform tightening and protection of the band. The list price is \$5.95. Kenwood Engineering Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J.—TECHNICIAN

Ryan ANTENNA CLIP

This ruggedly constructed antenna clip, model 120, is said to be half an inch shorter than standard clips. Need for stripping 300-ohm wire is eliminated; wire is inserted and grip screws are tightened. Fits RCA, Philco and standard connections. Distributors' prices: 20¢ ea., 16¢ for 100 or more, 15¢ for 500 or more.

Ryan Industries, 10910 So. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 44, Calif.—TECHNICIAN

Masco VHF BOOSTER

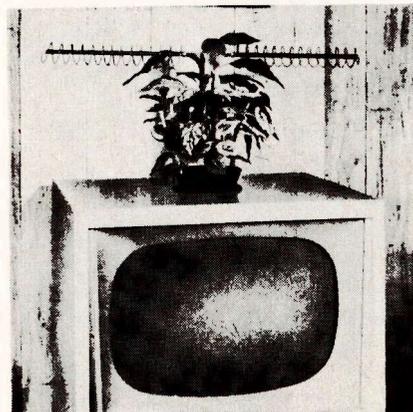
The Cascadian booster is reported to increase signal strength an average of 56 times (35 db) on VHF channels. Intended for noise-free reception with newer low-noise high-gain TV receivers, it also gives superior results with older sets. Other features: good bandwidth, stable permeability tuning, automatic on-off switching controlled by the TV receiver, single-knob control. List price, \$42.50. Mark Simpson Mfg. Co., Inc. 32-38 49th St., Long Island City 3, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

Trio BROAD-BAND ANTENNA

The zig-zag Twin-Six antenna, designed for high-gain 11-channel VHF reception, may also be used for UHF in primary areas. Light-weight, rugged construction and single lead-in operation are featured. Trio Manufacturing Co., Griggsville, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Naturlite INDOOR ANTENNA

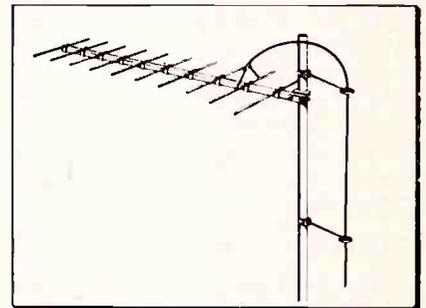
The Decor-Tenna is an adjustable indoor antenna with telescoping horizontal elements that rotate 180 degrees. Tunable over entire UHF and VHF bands, the rotating dual dipoles can be locked into any V angle for peaking anywhere in UHF



spectrum. Holes in hardwood base accommodate floral or foliage arrangements for decorative effect. Midwest Naturlite Co., 228 West Kinzie St., Chicago 10, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Walsco ANTENNAS

Yagi with a gold-plated dipole and a conical that is said to be immune from short-circuits are each guaranteed for three years by the manufacturer. The 10-element UHF yagi, available in either single-chan-



nel or broadband (15 channels) models, uses gold plate on the receiving dipole to resist corrosion and maintain gain in all weather conditions. The conical uses barrier discs and two inches of air space between terminals. Dirt, moisture, salt, etc. do not affect the insulator. Walsco Electronics Corp., Los Angeles, Calif.—TECHNICIAN

Silver Bee MAST HOLDER

Only three feet high, the SB5 tripod mast holder supports a 10-foot mast without guy wires. Of all-welded construction, the holder attaches to roof, accommodates masts of 1¼-in. diameter. Model SB5A is intended for 1½-in. masts. Models SB6 and SB6A also available with detachable legs for easy shipment and storage. D. Hale Darnold Co., 914 Kentucky Street, Racine, Wisconsin.—TECHNICIAN

Insuline ANTENNA COUPLERS

Operation of more than one TV receiver on a single antenna is possible with either of these two antenna couplers. Model 6093 permits the use of two receivers; model 6094 feeds as many as four sets simultaneously. There is no interaction between receivers or loss of signal strength, the manufacturer claims. Model 6093 sells for \$3.50; model 6094 for \$4.75. Insuline Corp. of America, 3602 35th Ave., L. I. City 1, N.Y.—TECHNICIAN

Installation Gear

Transmission Lines, Tools and Related Items

Meissner TVI FILTER

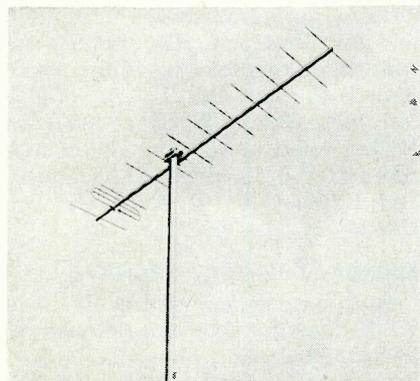
These two high-pass filters are intended to reject all types of interference, rather than TVI from just one or two sources. Rejection is over the band from 0-50 mc; insertion loss is very low. Model 15-1003, for 300 ohms; model 15-1072, for 72 ohms. List price for either, \$5.50. Thordarson-Meissner, Mt. Carmel, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Saxton TRANSMISSION LINE

Open-wire transmission line, plain or formvar covered, in both 300- and 450-ohm sizes is being produced by Saxton. The line is available in spoolings of 100, 250, 500 or 1,000 ft. A stand-off insulator, window-strap, rotor-strap and a device to permit the wire to be used where sharp turns are necessary, are also being made. Saxton Products, Inc., 2101 Grand Concourse, New York 53, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

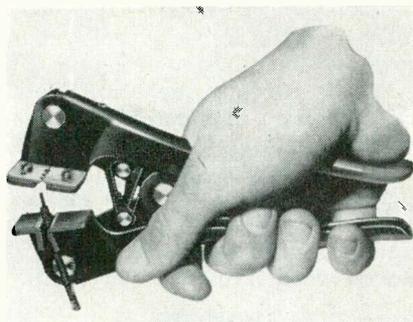
JFD UHF YAGIS

Model UHF312 Golden Ultra Yagis, cut for fringe reception of single channels, also have high adjacent-channel pickup. A 2-bay array provides 13.75 db gain on channel for which unit is cut, with 11.5 db gain on most remote adjacent channel it can receive. Gain of single unit: 10.78 db on channel for which cut, 8.5 db on most remote adjacent channel. One-piece welded construction requires no assembly or adjustment. Protected against rust and erosion with Bronzidite plating. List



price, \$7.65 per single unit with half-wave jumper. Order two for array. JFD Manufacturing Co., 6101 16th Ave., Brooklyn 4, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

Rockford WIRE STRIPPER



An improved wire stripper with interchangeable cutters for stripping 12 to 24 gauge solid or stranded wire, or 300 ohm twin lead-in wire, is being marketed under the trade name, Whiz Wire Stripper. It is light in weight and has a lock-open feature that holds the jaws open automatically so the wire can be removed after stripping without crushing. Available through wholesale electrical outlets. Net price is \$3.95 with one set of blades. Extra blades are priced at 75¢ per pair. Rockford Wire Stripper Co., Rockford, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Holub WIRE STRIPPER

An automatic stripper that eliminates triggers, cocking or other holding devices is called the "Hi-Speed" wire stripper. It is designed to strip all kinds of wire with a single squeeze of the handles. A concealed cam holds the jaws open until the wire is removed. This prevents crushing of the wire. A blade adjustment screw increases the wire range and compensates for variations in insulation thickness and adhesive properties of wire. The stripper is made in seven sizes for handling Nos. 8 to 30 solid and stranded wires. Units available that can accommodate parallel wire and 300-ohm flat twin lead wire. An adjustable stop is furnished with each tool. Holub Industries, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois.—TECHNICIAN

Synkote TWIN LEAD

Foamline, a twin-lead antenna wire, is designed for use in sensitive UHF and VHF applications. Protected against moisture and salt air, the lead-in prevents losses under

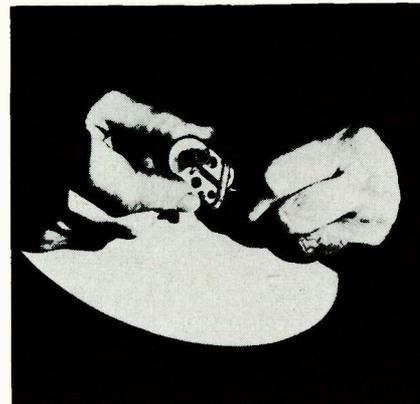
adverse conditions. Plastoid Corp., Long Island City, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

B-T REMOTE CONTROL UNIT

With this two-piece remote control unit, model RC-1, any TV booster, UHF converter or distribution unit may be operated from the TV set on-off switch. The power control unit of the RC-1 plugs into any 117 volt AC outlet and receives the TV set line cord. The remote portion at the unit to be controlled feeds AC power and accepts TV signals. For outdoor installations, the remote section may be mounted in a weatherproof housing, along with the amplifier or other unit. A single heavy-duty 300-ohm line is used between the two component parts to carry AC power out and bring TV signals in. Any unit drawing up to ½ amp. at 117 volts AC can be operated at distances of 1,000 ft. or more with this remote control system, according to the manufacturer. Lists at \$19.50. Blonder-Tongue Laboratories, Inc., 526 North Ave., Westfield, N. J.—TECHNICIAN

Argyle UNIVERSAL STANDOFFS

Development of standing waves and signal losses are overcome in this UHF-VHF standoff by elimination of a metal ring surrounding the transmission line. This all-polyethylene grommet, which accommodates all types of transmission lines with-



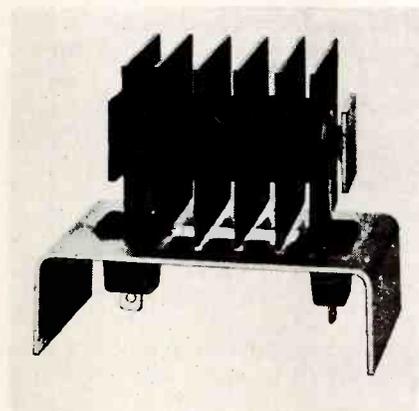
out the need of threading, approximates a free-space condition around the lead-in. Available in wood-screw or mast types. Argyle Electronic Co., 8 W. 18th Street, New York 11, N. Y.—TECHNICIAN

New Products for

Replacement Parts, Service Aids,

Cinch SELENIUM SOCKET

This development in the selenium rectifier field facilitates field replacement of selenium rectifiers, particularly in radio and television receivers.



The rectifier lugs are polarized for proper circuit connection and are so designed that vibration or shock will not cause the rectifiers to fall out of the socket. It is possible to mount the plug-in rectifier in a conventional manner and solder to the lugs. Sockets are available from the Cinch Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Arc VOLTAGE BOOSTER

The Pix Expander is a long-life low-loss direct replacement for the 5U4 rectifier tube used in most TV receivers. It delivers maximum output from the low-voltage supply, helping to overcome inherent receiver deficiencies such as shrunken picture size. Arc Equipment Co., Paterson, N. J.—TECHNICIAN

Stancor TRANSFORMERS & COILS

Five new TV replacement components have been added to the Stancor line. They include a replacement flyback transformer, A-8137, for use in 25 Hoffman models, and A-8126, vertical blocking oscillator transformer replacement. The A-8126 can be used in all Philco TV models built before the spring of 1953. Two width controls, WC-1 and WC-4, and a tapped linearity coil, WC-2, have also been added. Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., Standard Div., Addison & Elston, Chicago 18.—TECHNICIAN

Halldorson FLYBACKS

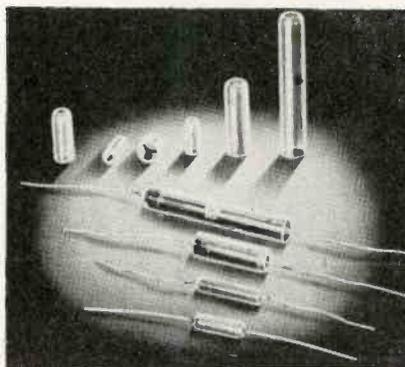
Units offer flyback replacement coverage for all popular Muntz TV. FB413 is a replacement for Muntz TO-0031 used in hundreds of thousands of Muntz TV sets. For earlier Muntz models, servicemen can get Halldorson FB403, an exact replacement for Muntz TO-0024 flyback. Halldorson Transformer Co., 4500 Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

Doc's DIAL STRINGER

A tool is available for speeding installation of dial cords. Called String-Aid, the slender, five-in. steel tool has a hook on one end, a slotted eyelet on the other—both designed to facilitate putting cord over pulleys, securing springs, and other such operations in narrow or inaccessible places. According to the maker, the tool is specially suited for servicing automobile radios. Available from jobbers, or direct from Doc's Radio Tools, 509 Fisk Avenue, Brownwood, Texas. Serviceman's net, 75¢.—TECHNICIAN

Garrison RESISTOR SLEEVES

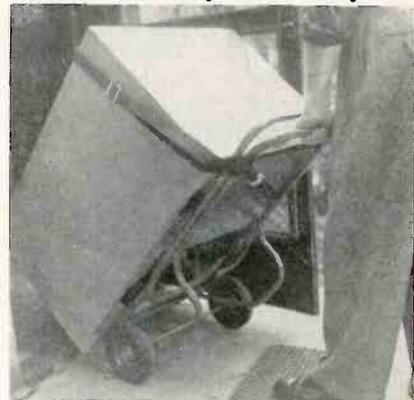
Transparent protective sleeves, extruded from plastic; non-flammable and non-carbonizing at high temperatures. These units also prevent resistor damage due to a slip of the tool during service. Sleeves resist cracking and abrasion, and retain transparency after long periods of service, enabling resistor identification without sleeve removal. Useful in solving "bugs" due to re-



sistor heat and damage. Available for standard resistor sizes. Garrison Co., 1 Columbus Ave., Kenilworth, N. J.—TECHNICIAN

USP TV HAND TRUCK

This hand truck designed for easy handling of TV sets makes it possible for one man to handle large TV receivers normally handled by two



men. A stair-climbing feature is incorporated for safe, easy movement on steps. Safeguards cabinets against damage. Made of high-carbon steel, the truck is sturdy but light. It uses semi-pneumatic ball-bearing wheels. U.S. Products, Inc., Columbus, Ind.—TECHNICIAN

Federal SELENIUMS

A line of universal selenium rectifiers, designed for replacement in any radio or television receiver now equipped with this component, permits the serviceman or technician to replace any rectifier of the same current rating with a Federal rectifier, regardless of the make of the original. Universal rectifiers are of eyelet construction and come equipped with mounting hardware for simplified installation. Code numbers and ratings of the four selenium rectifiers in the line are: 1236A, rated at 300 ma; 1238A, rated at 350 ma; 1241A, rated at 400 ma; and 1237A, rated at 500 ma. Federal Telephone and Radio Co., 100 Kingsland Rd., Clifton, N. J.—TECHNICIAN

Lowell REAR-SEAT SPEAKER

Auto extension speaker kit model R7-K includes oval speaker, 3-way switch, knob, dial plate, baffle plate with metal screening, 15 feet of cable and complete mounting instructions. Available with or without the speaker. Lowell Manufacturing Co., 3030 Laclede Station Road, St. Louis, Missouri.—TECHNICIAN

Service and Sales

Audio and TV Components and Chassis

Sprague CAPACITOR GUIDE

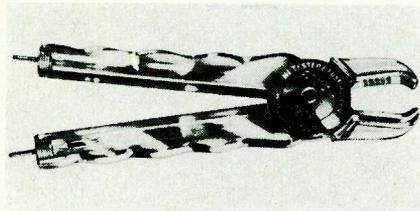
A capacitor temperature-coefficient slide rule speeds and simplifies ceramic capacitor installation problems. Values of stock N750 and NPO type ceramic capacitors to be connected in parallel to equal a capacitor of intermediate temperature coefficient of the required capacitance can be found with the C-753 slide rule. Required values can be read directly from the scales without consulting complicated charts or tables. Value of the required NPO capacitor may be determined by simple subtraction. The back of the rule is a useful key to ceramic capacitor color codes. Color bands and dots and their positions on each capacitor type are indicated for temperature coefficient, capacitance, tolerance and voltage. May be obtained for 15¢. Sprague Products Company, Marshall Street, North Adams, Mass.—TECHNICIAN

Wheeler SOUND-POWER PHONE

These sound-powered phones in cradle-type desk sets require no batteries or connection to outside power sources, minimizing maintenance. Clear voice reproduction is attainable with two other stations on a common-code-ringing common-talking basis. Handy for emergency use during power failure of regular system. Wheeler Insulated Wire Co., Waterbury, Conn.—TECHNICIAN

Holub FUSE PULLER-TEST LIGHT

Made of high-dielectric plastic, the jaws of this fuse puller are designed for all cartridge fuses up to 100-amp size. Finger-fitted handles assure positive grip, prevent slipping. Built-



in neon test light is easily replaceable. The instrument averts dangers involved in replacing fuses by hand. May be used for handling live electrical parts up to 600 v, ac-dc. Holub Industries, Inc., Sycamore, Ill.—TECHNICIAN

Wincharger AC GENERATOR

Winco F series AC generators are useful for standby service during power-line failure in establishments where such failure may result in time losses. Models are available with 115-volt and/or 230-volt outlets, from 700 to 12,000 watts capac-



ity. Also available with automatic line-transfer switch to start flow from generator when power line fails. Wincharger Corp., Commerce Building, Sioux City, Iowa.—TECHNICIAN

Mattison REVISED 630 TV

The Silver Rocket 630 chassis line is available with synchronized picture-and-sound tuning. Use of inter-carrier design prevents drifting apart of sound and picture on weak signals. UHF stations, and during warm-up of receiver. Available with tunable built-in booster or UHF tuner. Chassis with or without cabinets. Mattison TV and Radio Corp., 10 W. 181st St., New York 53, N.Y.—TECHNICIAN

Clough AUDIO OSCILLATOR

Model 411 oscillator is suitable for measurements requiring a sine-wave signal over the range from 20 cps to 1 mc. A resistance-capacitance tuned oscillator and a cathode-follower in the output system are employed to provide uniform response. Accuracy is maintained by the use of deposited carbon resistors in the frequency determining network. Low level measurements are facilitated by a panel switch which reduces output voltage, distortion and hum output. Other

features: good case ventilation, a well-spread dial calibration for ease in reading, and compact size with light weight. Clough-Brengle Co., 6014 Broadway, Chicago 40, Illinois.—TECHNICIAN

Kentrol PRIVATE EAR

One or more persons can listen to TV programs while others in the same room hear nothing, with a Kentrol unit connected to the receiver. May be used on radio or phonograph, as well as on TV set. A 25-foot wire allows listener freedom of movement away from receiver. Attaches to set without wire cutting, splicing or tools. Does not prevent use of regular speaker when the latter is desired. Kentrol Corp., Philadelphia 44, Penna.—TECHNICIAN

Scott HI FI AMPLIFIER

A compact 10-watt amplifier and control unit, model 99-A features separate 3-position turnover and roll-off controls to provide 9 record-equalization curves; separate bass and treble tone controls (boost and cut); loudness-compensated volume control plus an input level control; rumble filter. Frequency response: flat from 20-30,000 cps. Hum level: 80 db below full output. Input selector for magnetic or crystal phono, tuner, tape and TV. Output impedances: 4, 8, 16, and 500 ohms. Harmonic distortion less than .3% at full output. H. H. Scott, Inc., 385 Putnam Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass.—TECHNICIAN

Bell HI FI AMPLIFIER

Model 2199 provides response from 20-20,000 cps plus or minus 1/2 db at 12 watts output with less than 1 per cent distortion. Peak output, 16 watts. Inputs for magnetic and crystal pickups, tuner, tape recorder and TV receiver. Outputs: 4, 8, and 16 ohms plus high impedance for recorders. Six controls include loudness, record equalization and input selector, bass and treble tone controls (boost and cut), motor-rumble suppressor, and a switch to cut out loudness compensation. A master on-off switch permits control of external units through three AC outlets. Bell Sound Systems, Columbus, Ohio.—TECHNICIAN

SERVICE ASS'N REPORTS

Big Convention Plans for NATESA, 1954

Frank J. Moch, president of the National Alliance of Television-Electronics Service Associations, promises that the fifth annual NATESA Convention, to be held in Chicago in mid-September, next Fall, will introduce what he termed "a revolutionary new idea in trade association meetings" in which all thirty-nine affiliated associations will participate.

"Planning for the event was started during the recent NATESA convention here," Moch said, "to give us a full year in which to perfect the idea. In my opinion it will prove to be the most valuable and practical idea yet offered the industry, and will be geared to the growing importance of the service industry in relation to manufacturers.

"We have felt for some time that the present concept of trade association conventions and shows needed a drastic rejuvenation to keep pace with this fast-moving industry," Moch said, "and our 1954 NATESA Convention gives us an ideal opportunity to put those theories into practice."

FRSAP Plans for Eastern Conference

At the Pennsylvania State Federation Radio Servicemens Associations meeting held in Harrisburg, Pa. November 22nd, plans were furthered for the Federations part in the proposed Eastern Conference which is scheduled for Philadelphia in early Spring. Final dates are April 2nd,

3rd, and 4th. In conjunction with the conference will be a three day TV Color Symposium which will include TV Lectures by eminent speakers and feature the first lecture on a 3 D Screen. All servicing groups in the East are to be invited as well as both NATESA and NETSDA, two national organizations. Mr. Bert Bregenzer of the Pittsburg Chapter announced at the meeting that the Washington, Pa. Association had voted for Federation affiliation. The Luzerne County Chapter was appointed to act as Nominating Committee. Joseph Zapracki heads the Committee. Election for new Federation Officers will be held on the December 13th Meeting, with installation on the first meeting in January. Milan J. Krupa, President, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. presided.

Northwest TV Assn. Hears about Color-TV

At the Seattle Yacht Club, Nov. 17, the Northwest Appliance and TV Association members enjoyed a varied program of movies, reports on color-TV, and estimates of the effects of the higher power granted local TV station KING-TV.

Program chairman Bill Almvig presented a color movie, with sound, "The Antenna Is the Payoff" a Channel Master film.

Sid Crysler, of Seattle Hardware, reported on his color-TV observations in Los Angeles and Hollywood.

Bob Priebe of Station KING-TV had engineers present to report on audience results from increasing the station's power.

Nominations for next year's of-

Calendar of Coming Events

- Jan. 10-12: National Appliance & Radio TV Dealers Association, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- Feb. 4-6: The Audio Fair, Alexandria Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Feb. 4-6: Southwestern IRE Conference and Electronics Show, Tulsa, Okla.
- Feb. 8-12: Western Winter Radio-Television & Appliance Market, Western Mart, San Francisco, Calif.
- March 22-25: Institute of Radio Engineers National Convention, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. Exhibits, Kingsbridge Armory, Bronx, N. Y.
- May 7-8: New England Radio Engineering Meeting (NEREM), Sheraton-Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass.

ficers were proposed for the benefit of Chairman Ward Davidson and his nominating committee.

Long Island Group Elects

The annual election of officers of the Long Island Television and Radio Technicians Guild took place November 24th, in the American Legion Hall, East Williston, N. Y. Officers elected for the next year are: pres., Henry Wawryck; v.p., Arthur Cyr; treas., John Wheaton; corres. secretary, Murray Barlowe; recording secretary, Al. Weil; sergeant-at-arms, Earl Horton. Trustees were added to the Executive Board for the first time, in the election of Jack Buck, for 3 years; Dick Bishop, for 2 years, and Bill Allen and Ralph Milne for 1 year each.

Raytheon Service Meetings

Raytheon Manufacturing Company, Receiving Tube Division, Newton, Mass., reports that 600 service dealers attended recent "Service Saver" meetings held in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, while
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Echoes from NATESA convention, Chicago. At left—Frank J. Moch, president NATESA, Dan Creato, RCA-Victor and John Cecich, chairman convention committee. At right—Milton Stone, TISA, Chicago; Russ Hanson of Motorola, and T. Alexander, also Motorola. Hanson is editor of Motorola's new company service magazine.

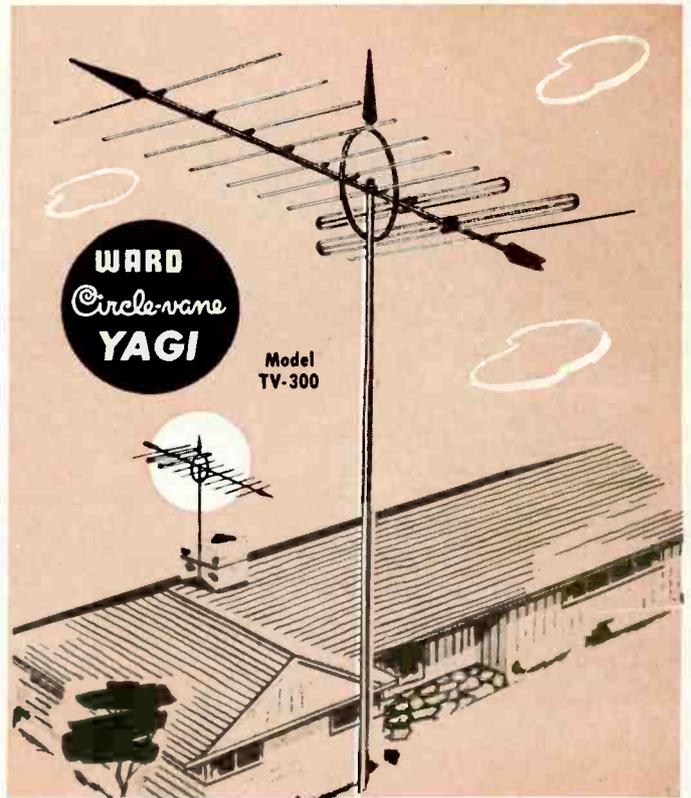
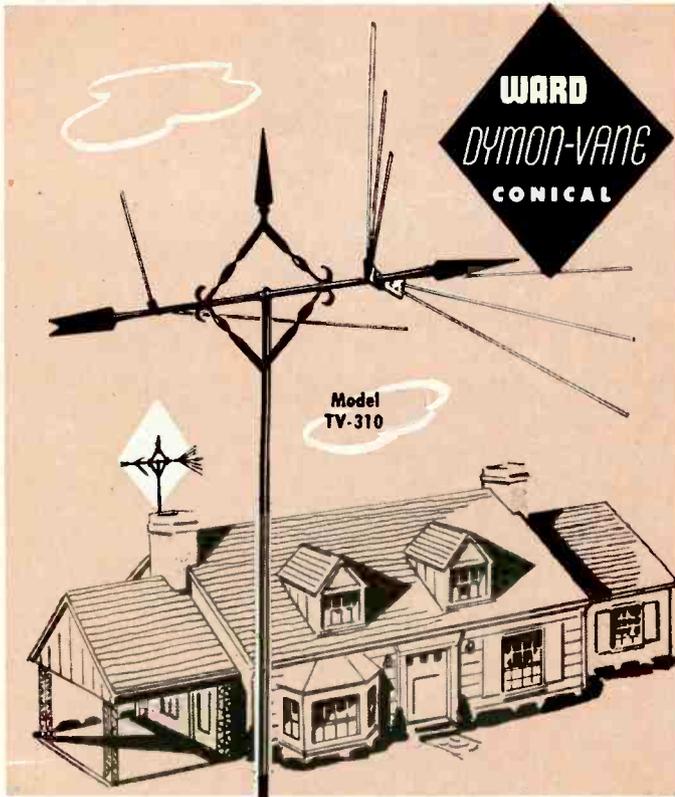
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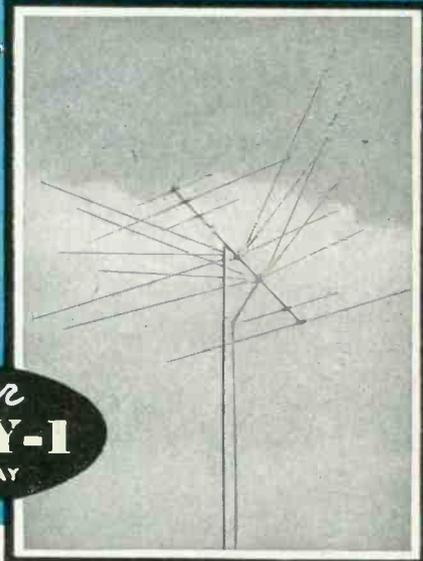
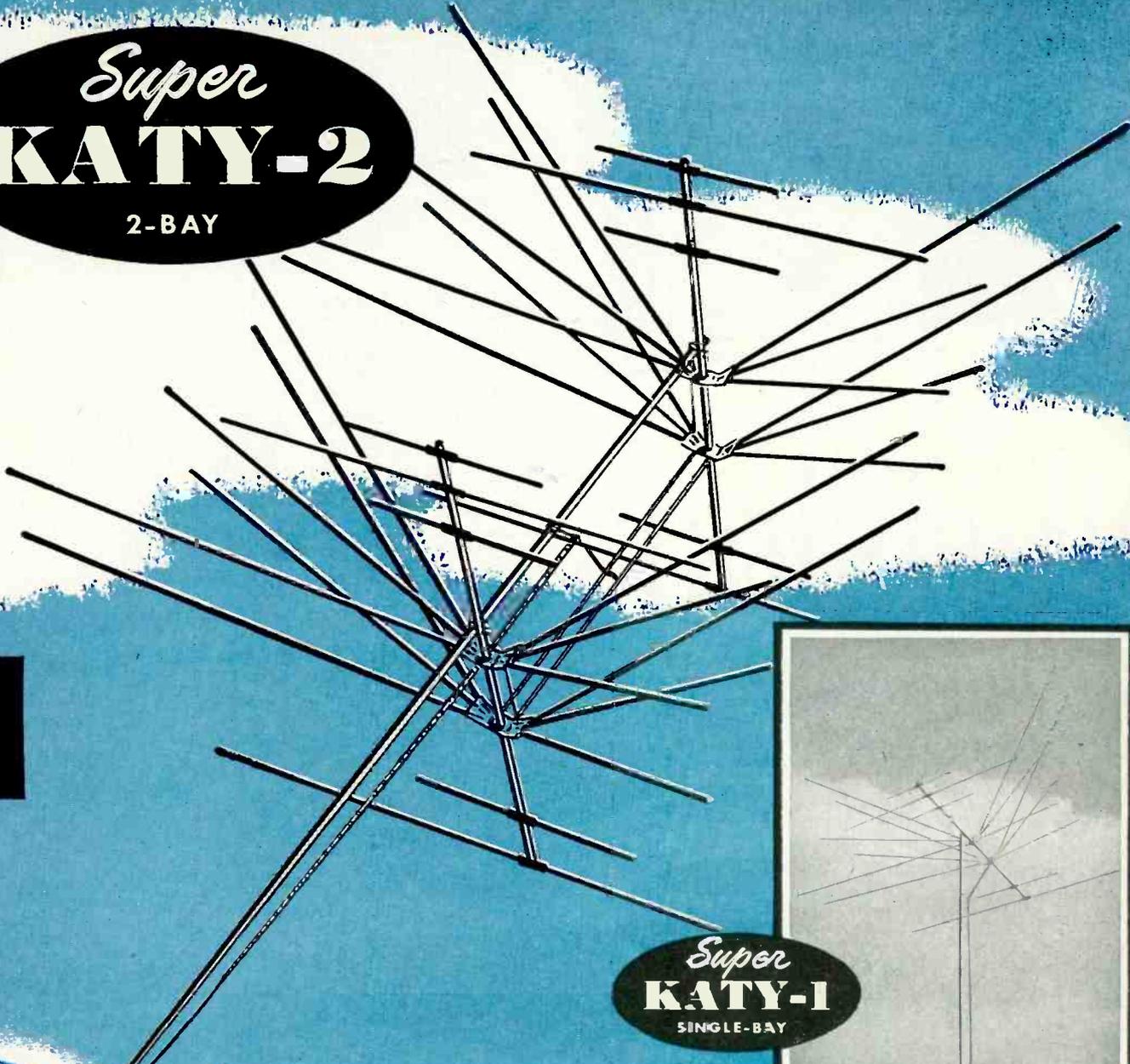
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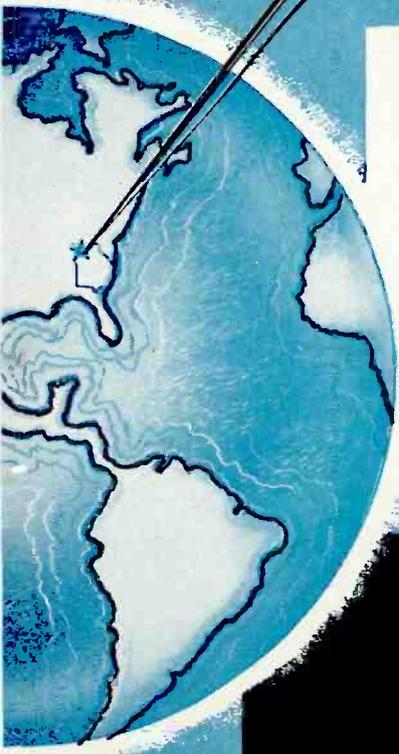
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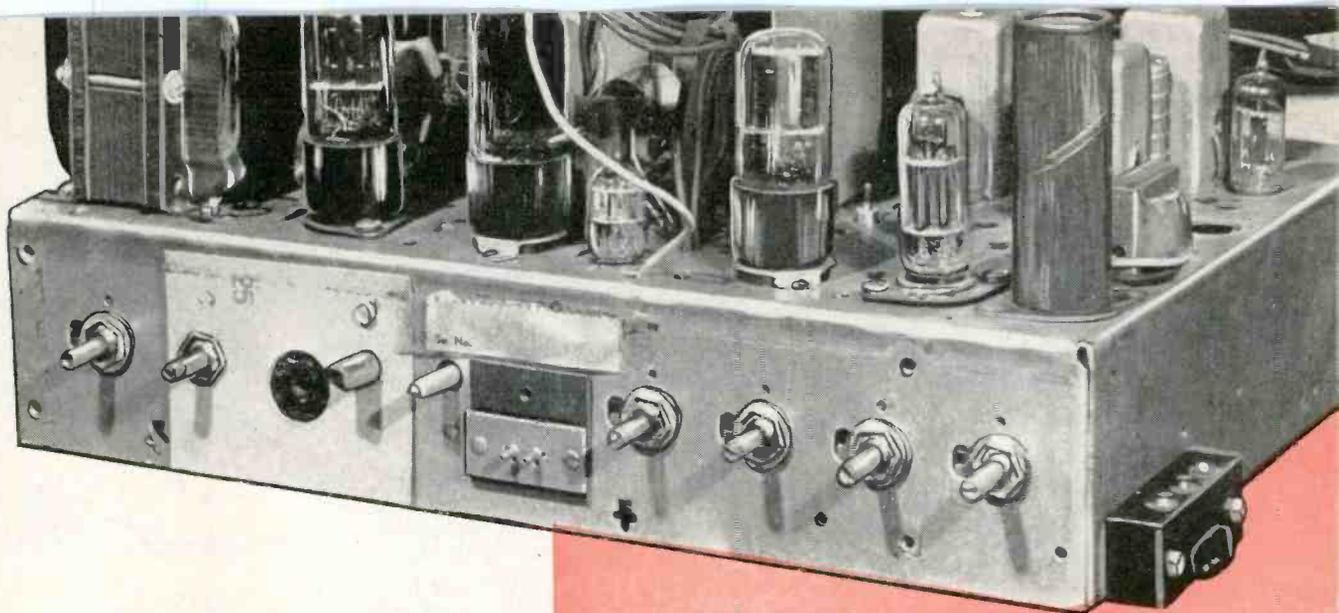
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Eliminating TVI (cont. from p. 25)

should be checked, if a parasite seems to exist in the circuit.—Ed.) Paralleled audio output tubes have also been frequent offenders, as have been push-pull oscillators, or paralleled oscillators.

Sync Circuit Parasite. Illustrative of another complex case of parasitic oscillation, is the sync circuit shown in Figs. 5 and 6. The tube is a dual-section 12AT7 employed as sync amplifier-clipper. The TVI produced by the parasitic was noticeable as a mottled bar effect on Channel 7 only. (The parasitic signal was apparently beating against the Channel 7 picture carrier to produce a beat-note of approximately 4 mc.) The interference appeared when the customer moved to a new location.

Localization tests via signal tracing led to the area shown in Fig. 6 becoming suspect. Signal tracing also indicated that the wires passing under condenser C-1 through the metal grommet were "hot"—i.e., they had picked up the TVI from the parasitic circuit by capacitance coupling between them and C-1. The wires were, in turn, radiating the signal to the antenna lead-in to the tuner, on the opposite side of the chassis.

The cure for this parasite consisted of lengthening the condenser leads, to provide additional parasitic inductance. One lead was made into a one-turn coil for this purpose. The resultant increase in inductance decreased the parasitic resonant frequency so that the beat note fell be-

low Channel 7. This is an example of frequency-shifting to an unused channel or band, to eliminate parasitic effects.

As a further precaution, condenser C-1 was dressed at right angles to the chassis (it is shown in Fig. 6 as *parallel* to the chassis), and away from the wires under it, which acted as transmission lines when they picked up the resonant circuit's energy.

In some cases, the filament or heater wires leaving a tube carry the TVI with them. A bypass to ground with or without a series choke may help. In the case just cited, the reduction in symptoms was so slight when such a remedial measure was tried, that filament bypassing was not added.

Filament Choke and Its Parasite. The photograph in Fig. 7 shows a filament or heater choke which formed the principal inductance of a parasitic circuit. The parasite became noticeable when the customer moved to a weak-signal area. The frequency fell within the i-f band, causing TVI on all channels that were relatively weak. Localization of the fault was effected by using a signal-tracer set and probe.

The cure comprised replacement of the choke with one having about four more turns; this procedure lowered the resonant frequency below the i-f band. As an additional precaution (and to eliminate a trace of TVI on Channel 4 when the new choke was installed) a parallel re-

sistance was installed. This resistor of 150 ohms, inserted in parallel with the choke (and its shunt capacitance) provided overdamping in addition to the frequency shift.

The case history just described illustrates an important point, viz., check to see if you have created new TVI whenever you try to minimize or eliminate TVI by the frequency-shifting technique.

Miscellaneous Cases. A capacitance tuner with a band-switch for high and low channels in a Pilot electrostatically-deflected set (see Fig. 8) exhibited a parasite on the high-frequency band. The self-capacitance of the low-frequency oscillator coil,

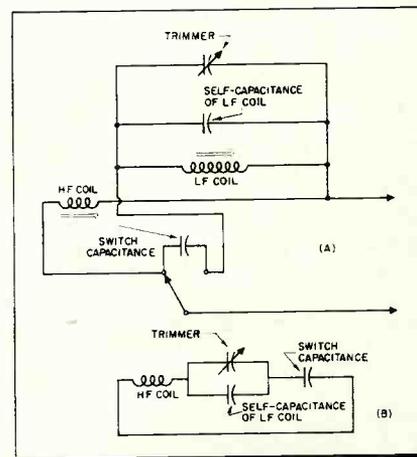


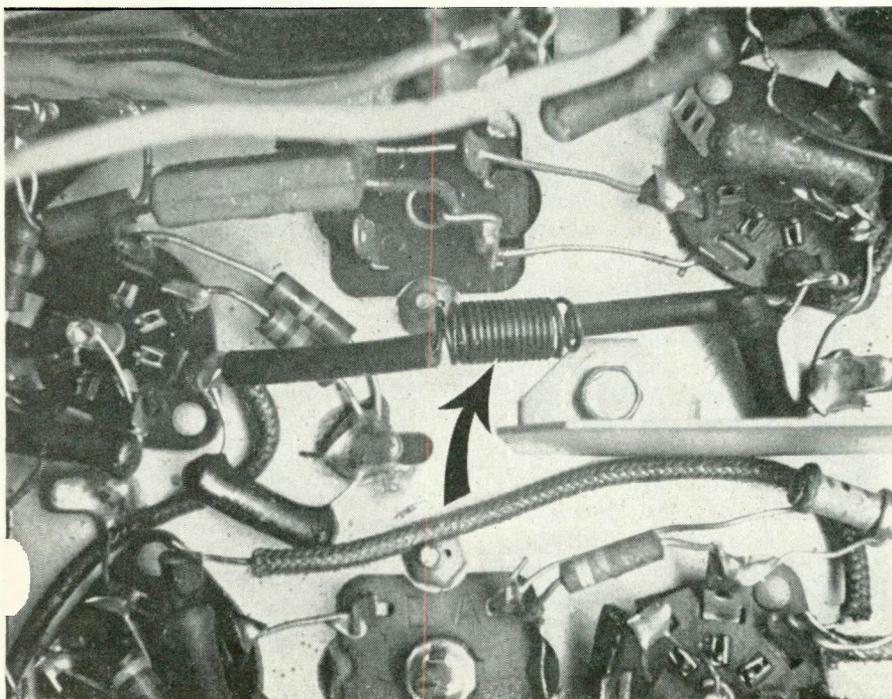
Fig. 8A—Schematic of section of tuner circuit. B—Parasitic circuit of tuner shown in (A).

in series with the inductance of the high-frequency coil and the self-capacitance of the band-switch contacts and the wiring, was forming a parasitic circuit. Frequency shifting was used to remedy the trouble.

The shunt capacitance was varied by moving the shunt trimmer on the low-frequency coil slightly, but sufficiently to shift the TVI beyond the point where it could produce interference on the h-f band. The low frequency tuning was restored to normal by another adjustment, that of the inductance slug. The dial calibration was sufficiently broad to permit this procedure. Note that the self-capacitance of the low frequency coil is in shunt with the trimmer capacitance on that coil, which explains why the TVI frequency could be shifted by resetting this trimmer.

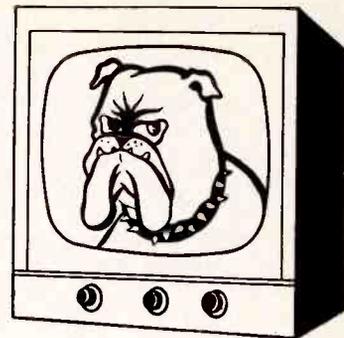
In another case, the heater "hot" leg of a 6J6 oscillator tube was bypassed to ground by a condenser. The inductance formed by the heater itself, plus that of the wiring and element leads, produced a parasitic circuit. The cure was a change in the value of the bypass condenser, which shifted the frequency of the TVI, making symptoms invisible.

Fig. 7—Photo showing circuit in which filament choke contributed to a parasitic.



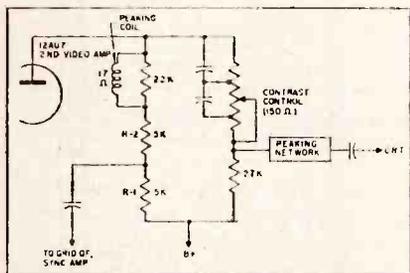
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Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers



Smearred Pix and Ghosts

A puzzling symptom, often difficult to isolate, is the smearing of video information, accompanied by ghosts. The trouble cannot be traced to the antenna or video i-f system, or a defective peaking coil. The output circuit of the video amplifier (in a recently-serviced set in which such symptoms were present) resembles the one shown in the illustration. Notice that the plate load consists of two parallel networks. Consequently, a marked change in the value of one resistor may not bring about a significant change in the dc plate voltage of the video amplifier tube.



Video amplifier plate circuit in Zenith 24H20. Note parallel networks between plate and B+.

If resistor R-1 increases in value to 100k, the signal voltage fed to the crt would essentially be developed across the 27k resistor. The effect of the peaking coil would then be negligible, resulting in smear. The appearance of ghosts is probably due to "halos" on the screen of the picture tube, created by secondary phosphor emission. The condition may be attributed to the fact that the change in plate loading of the video amplifier increases signal gain at this point about threefold.

The defect may be readily localized by measuring the negative voltage on the grid of the sync amplifier tube, which gets its signal from the video amplifier's plate load circuit. This negative value depends on the ratio between resistors R-1 and R-2. Normally, with both resistors equal, the sync tube's grid voltage is about -1 volt. With resistor R-1 increased to 100k and R-2 remaining at 5k, the ratio is

100k/5k, or 20. The grid voltage would now read about -20 volts. Conversely, if resistor R-2 should increase in value while resistor R-1 is unchanged, the negative grid voltage would then be less than -1 volt, probably too small to measure. Of course, there would then be sync instability in addition to deterioration of picture quality in such a case.

The fault described occurred on a Zenith 24H20. The circuit, however, is common to all Zenith 1951 models. I have also had similar trouble in the past six or seven months in Trad, Mattison and Raytheon chassis. (Most RCA 630-type chassis use this form of video amplifier plate load circuit.—Ed.) In any event, when you come across a circuit like this, don't touch the i-f cans until you've checked the video amplifier stage.—Paul Leichter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HV Arcing on Large CRT's

When severe arcing occurs between the aquadag coating of the picture tube and the contact springs, many servicemen will waste time changing picture tubes, hv rectifier tubes and flyback transformers, or even tear down the whole high-voltage system, when all the time an insulator is at fault. The trouble I refer to can often be cured by changing the insulator on the 1B3 rectifier socket to ground. I spent ten hours troubleshooting this

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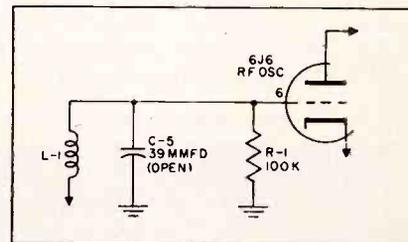
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condition, before discovering the cause was in the faulty insulator.—Gelman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hard-to-Find Tuner Defect

Here is a tough case of lost sound and picture that should prove of interest. The set was an RCA model 6T74, but the chassis used, the KCS47, is common to many other models. Although the trouble was localized to the front end, all B-plus voltages were found to be normal there. I decided to check for capacitance deviations, particularly in the oscillator circuit.

An often convenient way of doing this, I have found, is with a long thin screwdriver. With my index finger contacting the metal shaft of the screwdriver, I lightly touched the oscillator coils and then the oscillator grid, pin 6 (see sketch). When the latter was contacted, pix and sound came in.



Location of open condenser in r-f oscillator.

When my finger touched the grid through the screw driver, the oscillator frequency apparently shifted because of the change in capacitance effected by the metallic screw driver. This confirmed my suspicion that some capacitance had changed value. The method of checking just outlined has proved useful in many instances, not only in front ends, but also in horizontal sync circuits.

I changed capacitor C-5, 39 mmfd, for it seemed the most likely candidate, and the set worked fine. I had to retune the oscillator channel slugs so that they tracked and brought in the signal when the selector was rotated from one channel to another.—John L. Mancini, Winthrop, Mass.

Servicing AC-DC Radios

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WNAX, which comes in from about 250 miles away on 570 kc. Some of the receivers are older types with i-f's at 460 to 470 kc. If the i-f's happen to be set to approximately 465 kc, the image of KSTP, a strong local on 1500 kc, will be heard along with WNAX, spoiling the reception of the latter.

The oscillator in this case beats with the frequencies of both stations to produce the same i-f. If the trimmers are repeaked 5 kc either lower or higher than 465 kc, the image of KSTP will move 10 kc away from 570 and the interference will disappear (see Fig. 2B). If the new i-f is chosen as 460, the oscillator will work at 1030 to receive WNAX at 570, and the image of KSTP at 1500 will be 580 kc—too far away to be tuned in at 570 kc.

This remedy can be applied in other localities around the country, where the same problem exists.

To eliminate the possibility of damage to both test equipment and receiver, always use an isolation transformer between the ac line and the ac-dc receiver being serviced. Since most of these sets consume only about 30 watts, any standard transformer will be satisfactory.

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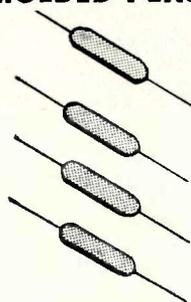
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J-1: microphone jack (single-circuit) to mate with PL 55 plug
E-1: 6v "C" battery
E-2: 1.5v battery flashlight cell—(Burgess 6F or the equivalent)
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CBS Folder on 6CU6 Tube

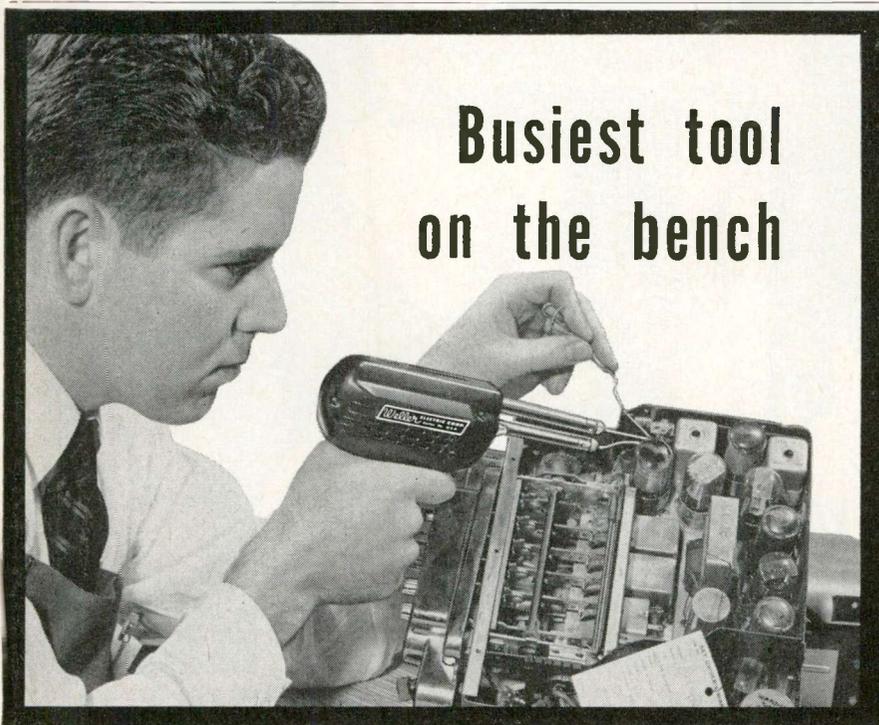
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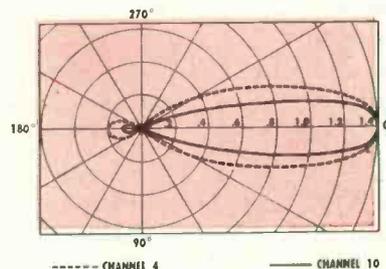
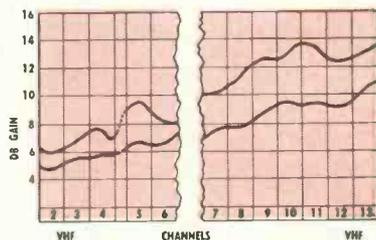
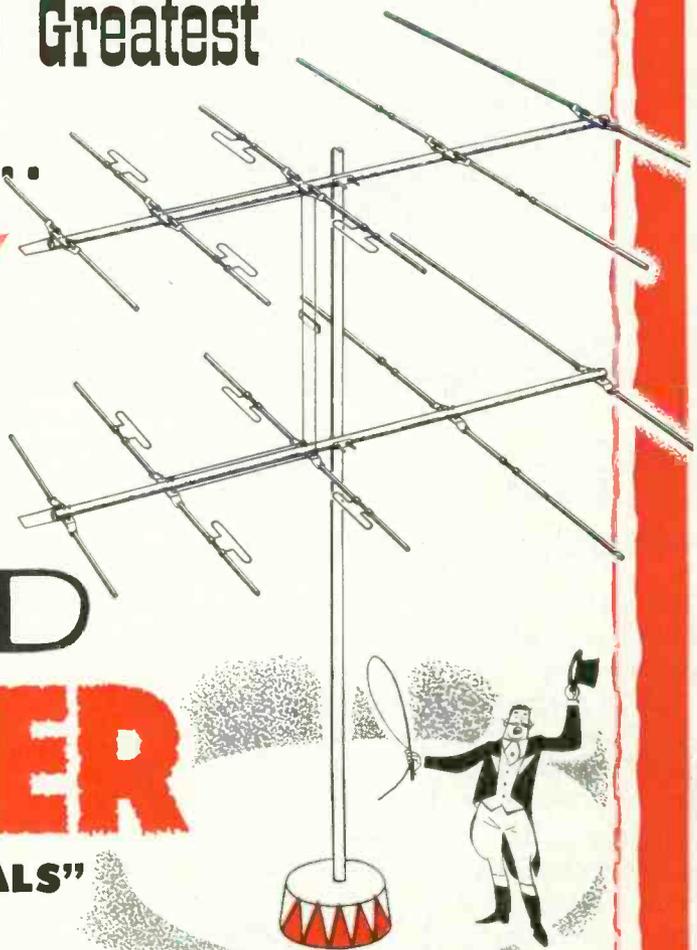
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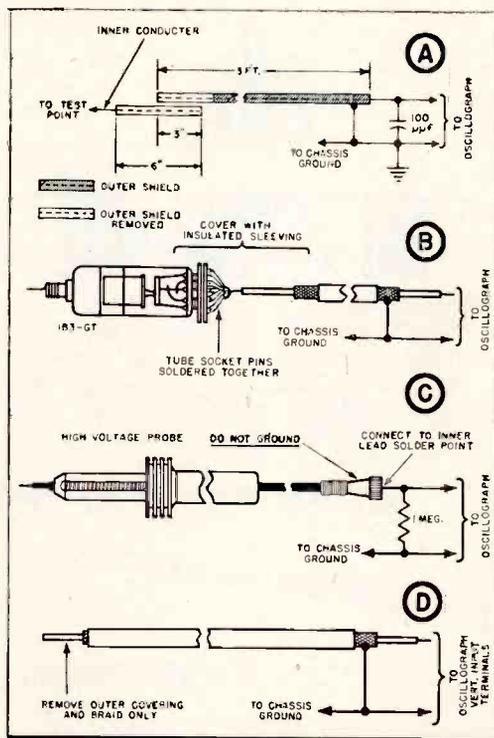


Figure 1. A—Capacitance divider probe to be used with oscillograph when examining waveforms in horizontal output and high-voltage circuits. Stepdown ratio is approximately 100:1. B—Capacitance divider probe which uses a 1X2A rectifier as a high-voltage capacitor. C—Resistance divider probe for use with oscillograph. A regular vtvm high-voltage probe and a 1 meg resistor are employed. D—Gimmick which permits examination of horizontal-sweep waveforms without removing chassis from cabinet.

Ordinary service instruments cannot be used to measure voltages or observe waveforms at many points in these circuits because the instruments are not designed to withstand the high pulse voltages present.

DC measurements in the high-voltage circuits can be made with a vtvm or multimeter, by utilizing a high-voltage multiplier probe. Several suitable probes of this type are available commercially.

To observe waveforms, a capacitance divider should be connected between the oscillograph and the circuit under test. A suitable divider is illustrated in figure 1A. It consists of two lengths of RG-59/U coax cable. All of the outer braid is removed from the shorter length of coax, and approximately 3½ inches of outer braid is removed from the longer length. The two pieces of coax are placed so that they overlap 3 inches and are

Test Probes

Facilitate HV Tests

taped together. Plastic electrical tape should be used for this purpose. A 100 μf , 500 volt capacitor is connected between the inner and outer conductors of the long piece of coax.

The capacitance divider probe described above gives a stepdown ratio of approximately 100 to 1.

Another type of divider probe for use with an oscillograph is shown in figure 1B. The probe consists of a 1X2A and a short length of RG-59/U coax.

A high-voltage probe of the type designed for use with vtvm's can be used to observe waveforms in the high voltage circuits. The output of the probe should be connected to the d-c input of the oscillograph. If your oscillograph does not have a d-c input, a 1 meg resistor must be provided across the vertical-input terminals as shown in Fig. 1C. If the resistor is not provided, the full pulse voltage may appear across the scope input and the instrument will be damaged.

A convenient gimmick for checking the operation of the sweep and high-voltage circuits is shown in Figure 1D. It consists of a length of RG-59/U coax, connected across the vertical input terminals of an oscillograph. Approximately one inch of the outer braid is removed from the free end of the coax. The oscillograph is adjusted to display waveforms at the horizontal sweep rate. By placing the exposed end of the coax near the envelope of the horizontal oscillator, horizontal deflection amplifier or damper tubes, the waveforms present at the tube plates can be observed, providing a quick check of circuit operation. *Courtesy Allen B. Du Mont Labs. Inc., Du Mont Service News.*

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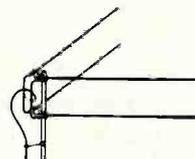
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COMMUNITY TV VS. SATELLITE STATIONS—A request pending before the FCC to permit commercial operation of satellite (booster) stations has raised a question: Will low-powered satellite transmitters replace community antenna systems as a means of bringing TV to areas out of normal range? A manufacturer of equipment for both methods does not believe a change will take place. Milton J. Shapp, of Jerrold Electronics, says satellites will flourish in Central and South America, possibly parts of Canada, but not in the U.S.A. The problem of obtaining sufficient frequency allocations for many stations without interference is great. Furthermore, while a booster station can bring in a single distant channel, a community system delivers a choice of as many as seven. Shapp believes Americans will want the option of choosing channels.

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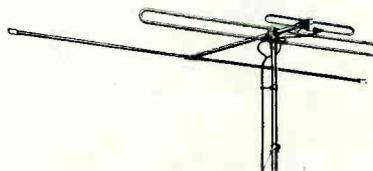


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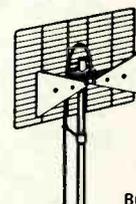
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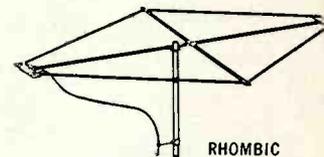


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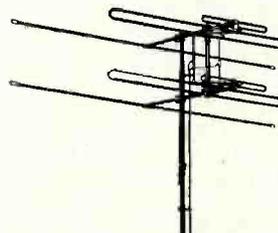
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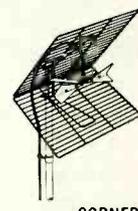
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advised to call Rockbar before coming in for desired kits, since delays in shipment sometimes leave the company temporarily short on some items.

Superex-Rayburne Merger

Superex Electronics Corp., 23 Atherton Street, Yonkers, N.Y., is now operating Rayburne (formerly Grayburne) Corp. of the same city, and is marketing the combined lines of electronic components and equipment under the Superex name. To such items as the Grayburne Ferriloops and Vari-loops, Clear-Pix TV interference filters, Kleer-It line fil-

ter, and others, Superex plans to add its CRT Tester-Adapter and other components for distribution through radio and TV parts jobbers.

Raytheon Tech Meetings

Over 1,000 service dealers attended Raytheon "Service Saver" meetings in Springfield, Mass.; Manchester, N.H.; and Boston, Mass. Largest attendance was at the Boston meeting, where 850 dealers heard Bill Ashby's presentation of the "Service Saver" plan. The following Raytheon distributors sponsored the meetings: L. L. Del Padre Associates, De Mambro Radio Supply Co., Electrical Supply Corp., Graybar Electric Co., Hatry and Young, Lincoln Electronic Supply Corp., A. W. Mayer Co., and Willett Radio Supply.

Over 400 service dealers attended a Raytheon Bonded Electronic Technicians meeting held in Buffalo, N.Y. The meeting was sponsored by Standard Electronic Distributing Co. in conjunction with the Buffalo Radio Television Service Association. F. J. Brizdle, attorney, spoke on "Legal Responsibilities of TV Servicemen"; Harold Weber, of the Buffalo Better Business Bureau, spoke on "Common Complaints Against TV and Radio Serv-

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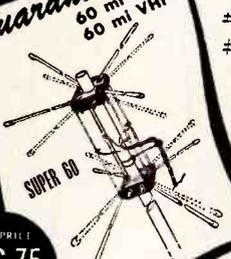
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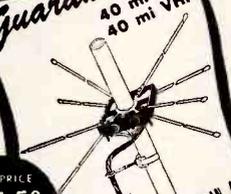
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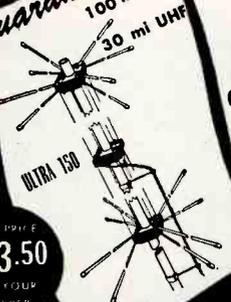
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icemen." The session also featured a showing of the film, "Electronics In Action."

"Electronics In Action," also currently touring the northwest with recent showings in Idaho Falls, Idaho and Missoula, Montana, is a full-color sound movie presenting the story of the Raytheon Co. from its founding in 1922 to the present. Many facets of the electronics industry, including manufacturing techniques, are shown. Assembly and testing of miniature tubes, sub-miniature tubes and transistors are depicted. Additional showings have been completed in Portland, Ore.; Yakima, Wash.; and Seattle, Wash.

Sylvania Adds Tube Line

In addition to picture tubes using the Sylvania brand name, the manufacturer has brought out another line known as "Colonial picture tubes, made by Sylvania." The new brand name and the Sylvania name will both appear on the tubes and on their cartons. Colonials, after registration by warranty card and serial number, carry a twelve month in-use guarantee. The new line will be priced lower than the regular Sylvania line. Colonials will be stocked by regular Sylvania distributors.

TV To Replace Prison Guards

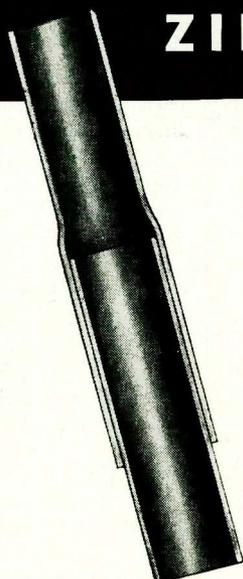
The Dallas (Texas), County Commissioners have voted to advertise for bids on installation of a television security net work for watching prisoners in the new county jail, after a closed circuit TV test demonstration in court. Estimates for the TV network would run between \$90,000 and \$100,000. Under the proposed network, the man in charge of the jail office would have a constant view of the prisoners. There would be 24 stations spotted throughout the jail. And a master control viewer would be set up in the sheriff's office.

Koessler Now in SF

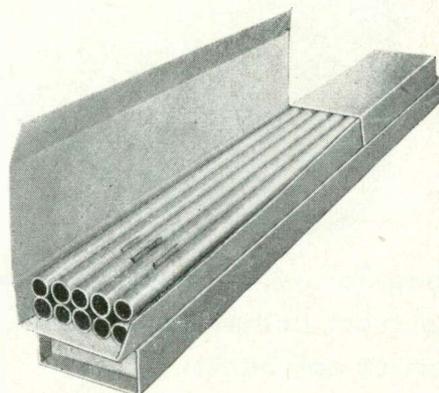
In keeping with plans to expand Koessler services into the Bay Area, Frank B. Koessler, owner of Koessler Sales Company, has announced the opening of his San Francisco branch office, located in the Western Merchandise Mart, 1355 Market Street, San Francisco 3, Cal., under the management of Lloyd F. Larson. Mr. Larson is well acquainted in the Northern California territory, having been a former resident of San Francisco. Koessler Sales Company are manufacturers' representatives handling audio lines for California, Arizona and Nevada.

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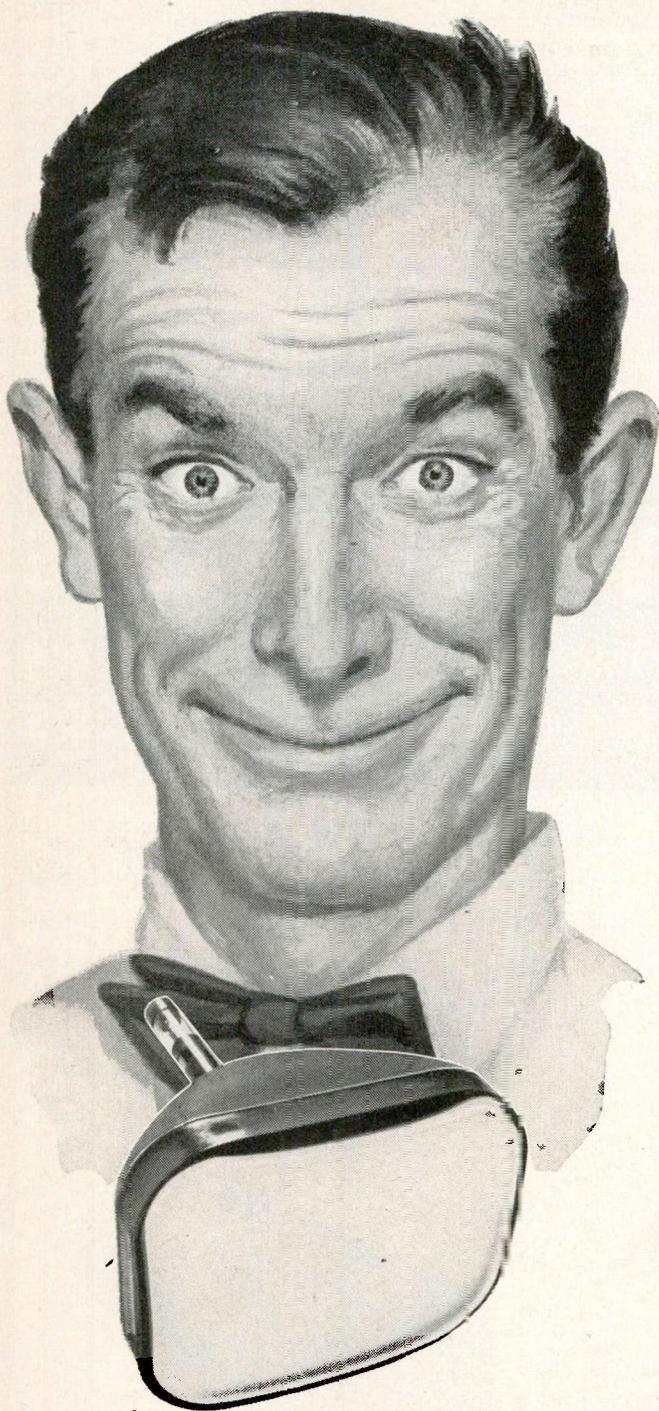
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Replacing 6BQ6GT Screen Resistor in Crosley Sets

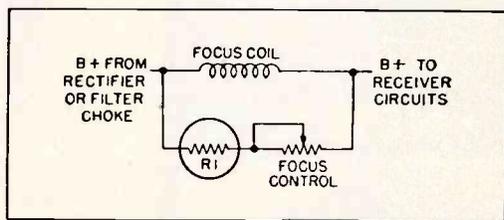
When it is necessary to replace the dropping resistor in the screen circuit of the 6BQ6GT tube (in 17 and 21-in. '54 Crosley TV sets), due to the ohmic value of the resistor becoming changed from overloads, replace the resistor as explained in paragraph "a" or "b". Do not attempt to use a common type 2-watt resistor as a replacement.

a. Replace the original resistor with a special 10,000 ohm, 10%, 2-watt resistor (part number 156911-1) which, although rated at 2 watts, is able to withstand overloads for limited periods of time.

b. Replace the original resistor with two standard resistors wired in parallel, one a 33,000 ohm, 10%, 1-watt resistor, (part number 39374-113) the other a 15,000 ohm, 10%, 2-watt resistor (part number 39374-215).

Modifying Focus Circuit

A good general rule to use when adjusting the focus coil is that more current is required as the focus coil is moved toward the base of the tube. Therefore, less current is required to obtain optimum focus as the focus coil is moved toward the face or front of the picture tube. It will seldom be necessary to modify the focus coil circuit. If for any reason a modification of this



Typical Focus Coil Circuit

type is required, however, first determine whether more or less current flow is needed by moving the focus coil, at the same time adjusting the focus control for the clearest line definition. If more current flow is required, the resistance of R1 (see sketch) should be increased. If less current flow is required, the resistance of R1 should be decreased. Be sure to use a resistor with a sufficient wattage rating, preferably of the 5- or 10-watt wire-wound type.—from a G. E. *Technitalk* bulletin.

Magnavox 108 Series Service Data

Horizontal Drive Line. If there is a white line running through the center of the picture from top to bottom, change the value of capacitor C410 (in series with the drive control) from 330 mmfd to 470 mmfd.

Audio Hum and Sync Buzz. The following circuit change has been incorporated in chassis with even serial number 122892 and chassis with odd number 125193, to minimize hum and sync buzz under all signal conditions.

1. Eliminate the 270-volt point in the power supply by disconnecting all leads from C502 and connecting them to the 280 volt bus. Remove R502 (470 ohms).

2. Insert a 470 ohm ½ watt resistor between the bot-

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Troubleshooting Hints

tom end of R310 (in the plate circuit of the sync splitter) and the 140-volt bus.

3. Connect the positive terminal of C502A (removed in step 1) to the junction of R310 and the 470 ohm resistor (installed in step 2).

Quick Check for Horiz. Amp Cathode Capacitor

Occasionally small (raster) size can be traced to a defective cathode bypass capacitor in the horizontal amplifier stage. A quick check can be made by temporarily connecting the cathode to ground. If the capacitor is defective, there will be an appreciable change in size of the picture. If the capacitor is good, only a very small change will be noted.—*Stromberg-Carlson Current Flashes.*

Increasing Brightness Range in Emerson Sets

This service note applies to chassis 120196-B, 120197-B, 120197-D and 120206-D, models 781A, 781B, 784E, 748K, 784G, 792D and 781E. Depending on such variable factors as line voltage, picture tubes, high voltage transformers, etc., it may sometimes be desirable to increase the amount of reserve brightness on the above sets.

This can easily be accomplished in the field in a matter of minutes, since the chassis does not have to be removed from the cabinet.

Remove the condenser (.0033 mfd or .0068 mfd) mounted on the horizontal output transformer (pt. No. 738078) between lugs No. 1 and No. 5. This condenser is electrically connected across the horizontal width coil.

On some chassis, a 100 mmfd, 4000-volt condenser is used in place of the above, but is connected between lugs No. 5 and No. 7 of the horizontal output transformer. This condenser should be removed from those chassis which incorporate it.

In low line voltage areas, the removal of the above condensers may result in insufficient width even after readjustment of the horizontal width coil. If this is the case, replace the 6BQ6 horizontal output tube. Several of these tubes may have to be tried for best results. Those 6BQ6 tubes that do not afford maximum width, however, should not be considered defective.

Company Pays for Study Courses

FORWARD-LOOKING ATTITUDE of some manufacturers in the TV field, with respect to winning community good-will and advancing good men in the industry, deserves kudos. Channel Master Corp., of Ellenville, N. Y., will reimburse any employee in full for expenses incurred in undertaking job-related courses of study. The antenna manufacturer's program covers tuition, books and lab fees at any school in the country. Plan is to raise employee morale and skill while encouraging local talent. Technical Appliance Corp. (Taco), of Sherburne, N. Y., awards annual Taco Scholarship to most promising local science student. Winners, who must measure up to a rigid list of qualifications, spend their out-of-school summers in the Taco labs.

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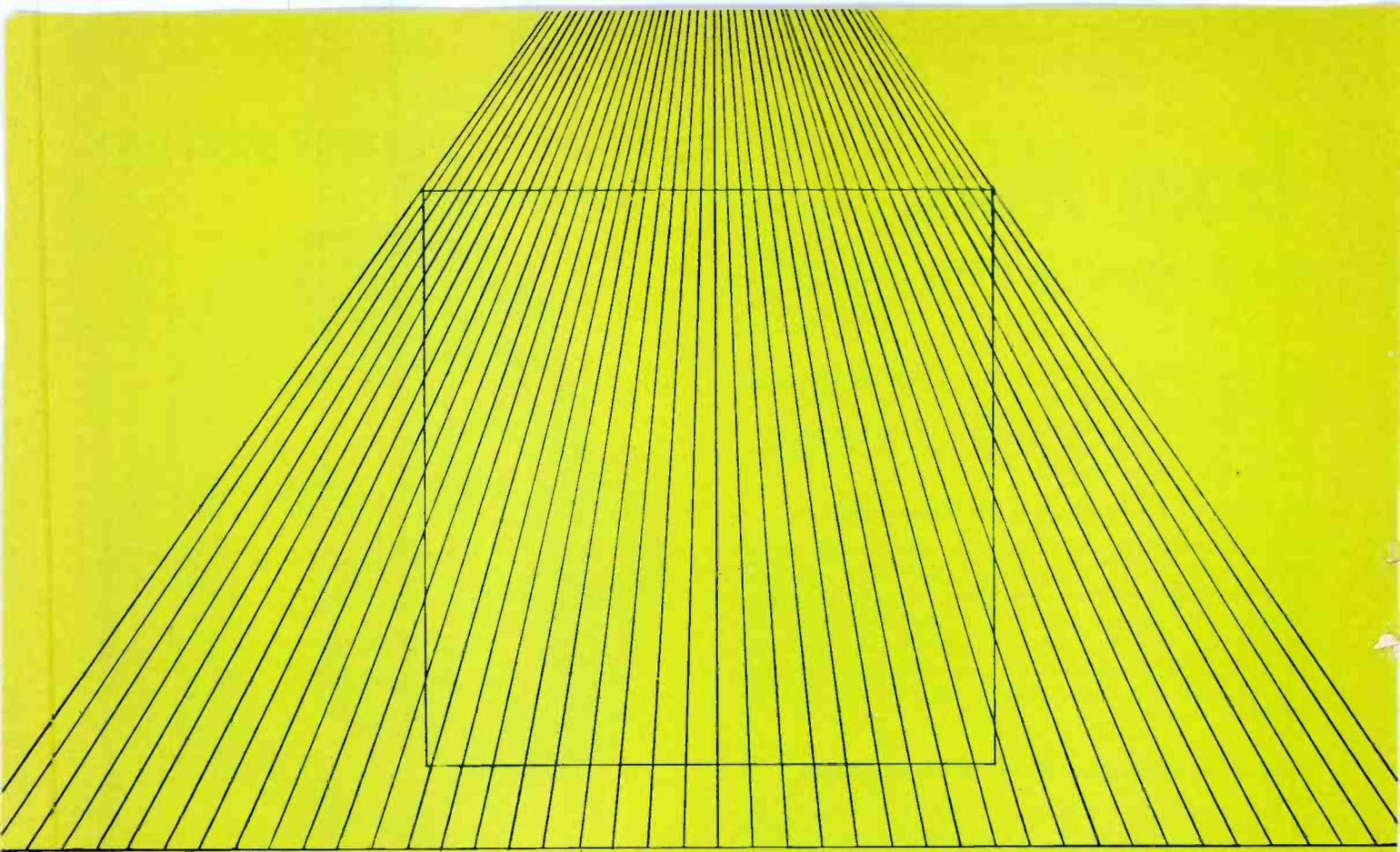


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Exact-Duplicate TV Control Replacements in Demand

The TV replacement parts business is, at long last, hitting its stride, according to Fran J. Chamberlain, distributor sales manager of Clarostat Mfg. Co., Inc., Dover, N. H.

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Dave Garroway Promotes Regency Remote Control

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Assoc. News

(Raytheon Meetings—cont.)

400 other Servicicers attended a Buffalo, N. Y. meeting.

Sponsoring the southeastern meetings were the following Raytheon tube distributors: Southeastern Radio Parts Co. and Herndon-Thomas Electronics, Atlanta, Ga.; Horlacher and Barrett, Columbia, S. C.; Radio Accessories Co., Tampa, Florida; Radio Sales and Service Co., Columbus, Ga.; and Hopkins Equipment Co., Savannah, Ga., distributor of Raytheon TV sets.

Attending dealers were enthusiastic in their response to the informative and educational talk presented by Bill Ashby, Raytheon TV's popular staff lecturer. At the "instruction clinic" Mr. Ashby developed the "Service Saver" plan, illustrated by slides, built around the Raytheon TV Owner's Guide and dealer's Service Saver Manual and Wall Chart.

BBB "Color Facts" Pamphlet

To help clear up public confusion on color-TV, the National Better Business Bureau has polled the nation's TV manufacturers on the subject through a questionnaire-survey and has compiled a consensus of their opinions in a new booklet, "The Facts About Color Television," just published. The booklet indicates set makers are agreed that production of color sets during 1954 will be extremely small; that color TV receivers will be relatively expensive—between \$700 and \$1,000; that picture sizes of the first color sets will be relatively small; that color programs will be infrequent until enough sets are sold to make such programs worthwhile to sponsors, and that black-and-white programs may always outnumber color telecasts.

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New Field Engineer

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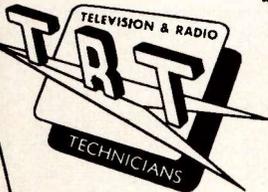
Henry Ginsberg, formerly sales manager with Imperial Radar and Wire Corp., has joined the staff of Ben Joseph, manufacturers' representative of 509 Fifth Ave., New York. Mr. Ginsberg, has been in the electronic parts field for many years and will call on jobbers and industrialists for Mr. Joseph.



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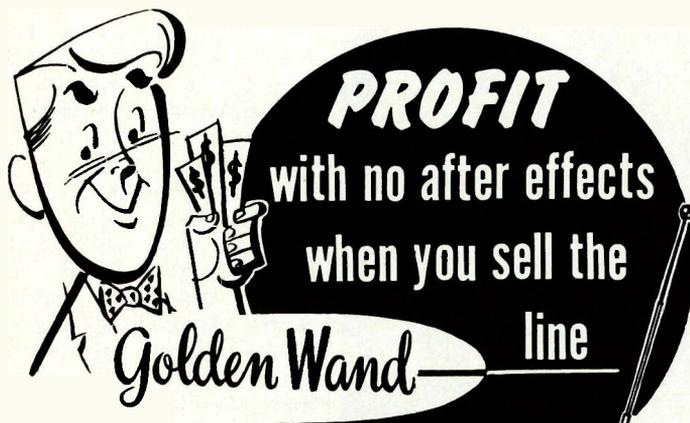
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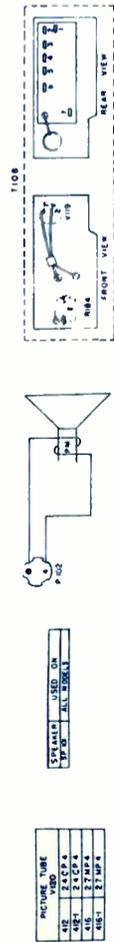
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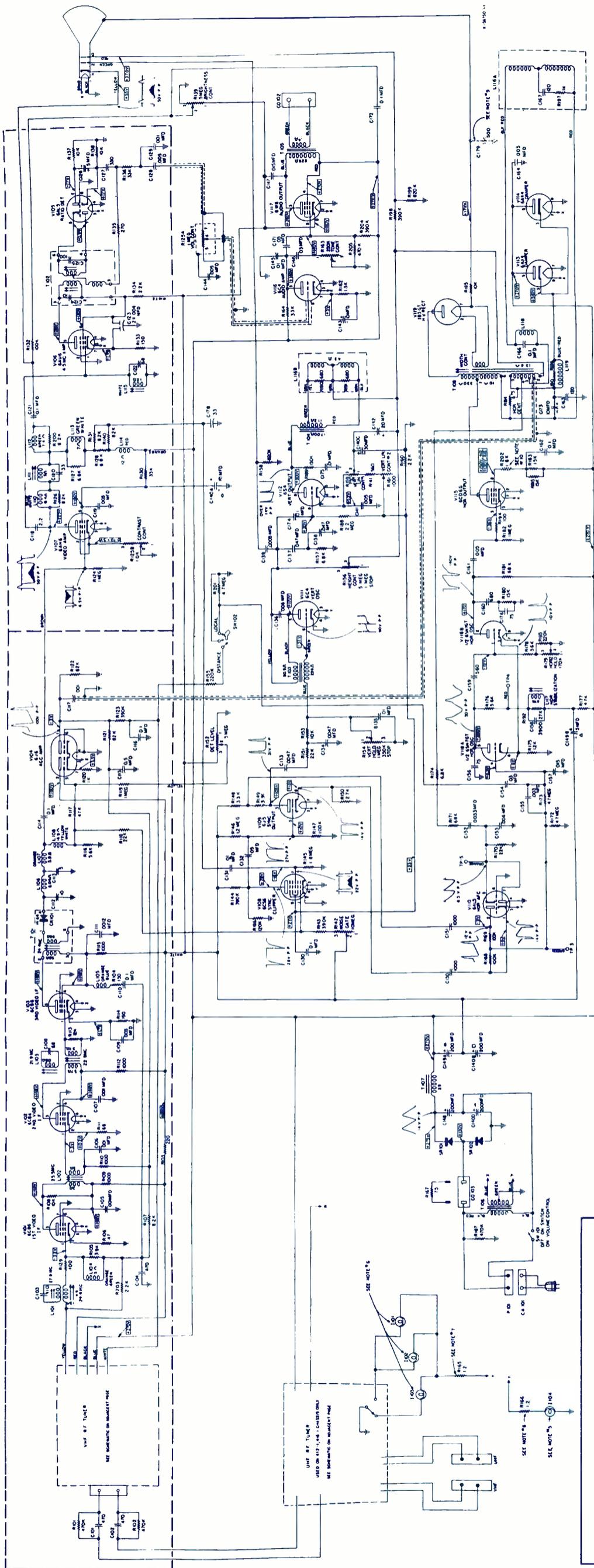
Swanson Heads Wisconsin Distributors

The Wisconsin Chapter of the National Electronic Distributors Association held its annual election of officers on October 19, at the Milwaukee Athletic Club, Milwaukee, Wis.

New president of the group is John A. Swanson, Standard Radio Parts Company, Racine. Other officers elected are Harris E. Sterman, Harris Radio Corporation, Fond du Lac, vice president; Byron C. Deadman, Northern Radio & Television Co., Green Bay, secretary; and Charles B. Deadman, Radio Distributors, Madison, director.

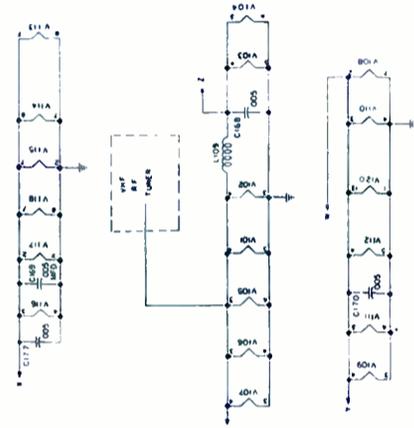


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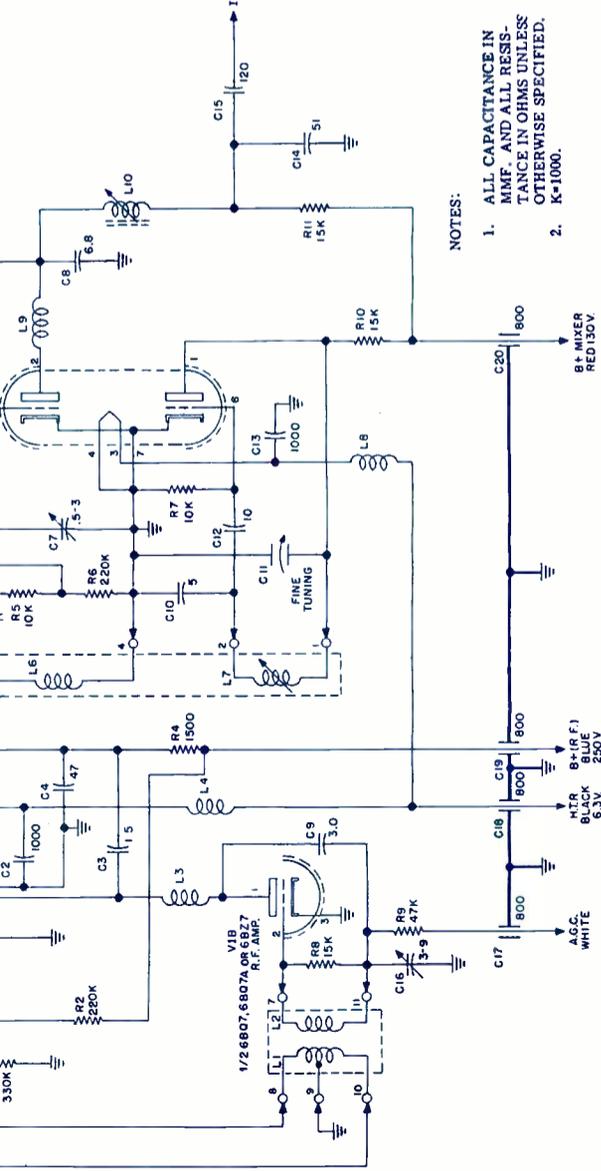


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- NOTES:
1. ALL VOLTAGES MEASURED WITH AN ELECTRONIC VOLTMETER CONNECTED FROM SOCKET PLUG TO CHASSIS.
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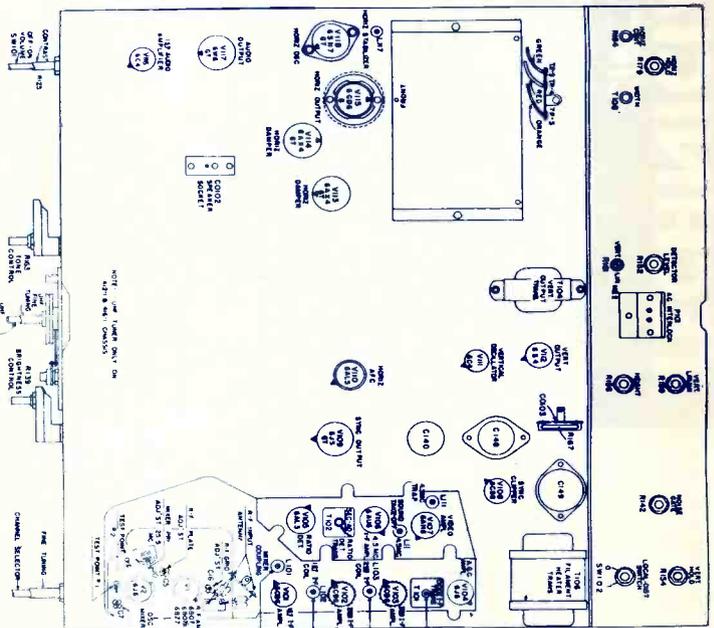


- NOTES:
1. ALL CAPACITANCE IN MMF. AND ALL RESISTANCE IN OHMS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
 2. K=1000.

HORIZONTAL HOLD ADJUSTMENT

1. Tune in a local television signal and adjust contrast control for normal picture.
2. Connect electronic voltmeter between TP-3 (green lead) and chassis.
3. Short TP-5 (orange lead) to chassis and adjust electronic voltmeter to zero.
4. Remove short from TP-5. Do not change zero on electronic voltmeter.
5. Connect a 0.1 mfd. 600 volt capacitor between TP-4 (red lead) and chassis.
6. Adjust Horizontal Hold control for zero reading on the meter.
7. Remove the 0.1 mfd. capacitor from TP-4 and chassis. Do not disturb setting of horizontal hold control.
8. Adjust Horizontal Stabilizer coil (L117) for zero reading on the meter.
9. Remove electronic voltmeter from TP-3.
10. Check horizontal pull-in range. The pull-in range should be approximately 50% of the control's rotation.

Chassis 412: Models F-24CDMH, F-24CDBH
 Chassis 412-1: Models F-24CDMJ, F-24CDBU
 Chassis 416: Models F-27COBH, F-27COBH
 Chassis 416-1: Models F-27COBJ, F-27COBU



VHF CHASSIS 412-1 416-1 TOP VIEW (Tube and Alignment Locations)

UHF ALIGNMENT

OSCILLATOR ALIGNMENT:

1. With the electronic voltmeter or scope connected across the second detector load resistor, apply a 460 mc. signal (amplitude modulated if a scope is used) to the UHF antenna terminals through the resistor network shown in Sketch B.
2. With the tuner shaft at maximum CW position, adjust the oscillator trimmer C6 for peak reading on the electronic voltmeter or maximum indication on the scope (oscillator frequency is set to 84 mc. below the carrier frequency).
3. Set the signal generator to 904 mc.
4. Rotate the tuner shaft to the maximum CW position and adjust the oscillator end inductor L4 up or down for maximum reading on the voltmeter.
5. Open the ground connection on L10 and connect an 0-10 ma. D.C. meter between the open end of the crystal re- turn choke L10 and ground.
6. Adjust the oscillator coupling coil L11 for maximum crystal current when the tuner shaft is rotated to the maximum CW position. When operating at normal line voltage (117 volts, 60 cycles), the maximum current should not exceed 5 ma. at any setting of the tuner shaft. When operating at low line voltage (105 volts, 60 cycles), the minimum crystal current must not be less than 0.3 ma. at any setting of the tuner shaft.
7. Repeat steps 1 through 4 until maximum reading is obtained.

Resistor Matching Network for Ctr & R.F. Alignment



1. Remove the UHF Converter from the VHF receiver chassis.
2. In order that the converter will operate with the tuning shaft in maximum CW position, it will be necessary to disengage the function switch shaft from the linkage which operates it and manually set the switch to the UHF position. To accomplish this, loosen the two set-screws which secure the arm and hub assembly to the shaft. Turn the switch clockwise to the UHF position and leave it in this position while aligning.
3. Connect the output leads of the UHF converter to the R. F. input terminals of the VHF Tuner.
4. Reconnect the B- and filament leads of the tuner to the same points on the VHF receiver from which they were disconnected. Connect UHF Converter chassis to B- (VHF receiver chassis).
5. Keep all leads as short as possible. One suggested way of doing this is to mount the UHF converter at right angles to the TV chassis with one mounting screw. Most of the leads on the UHF converter will then be of sufficient length that no additional length will need to be added.
6. Set VHF Tuner to Channel 6.
7. Alignment should be followed in the order shown.

IF ALIGNMENT

1. Connect an electronic voltmeter or an oscilloscope across the second detector load resistor.
2. Turn on the power.
3. Apply an 82 mc. signal (amplitude modulated if a scope is used) to the crystal terminal (B) at the junction of C13 and L9 through the resistor network shown in Sketch A.

Resistor Matching Network for I.F. Alignment

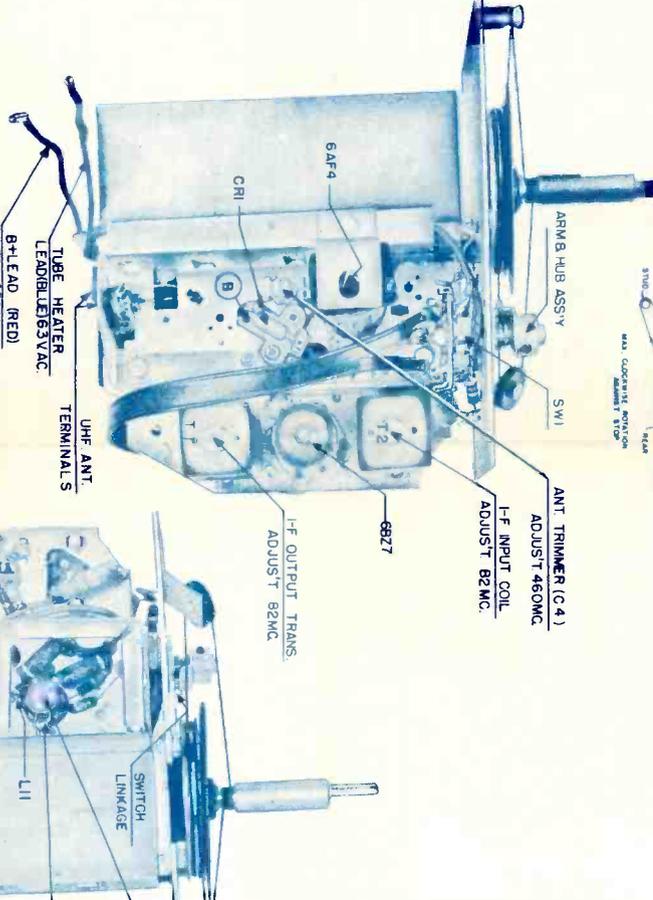
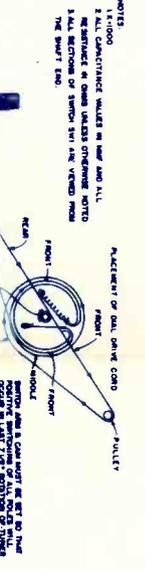
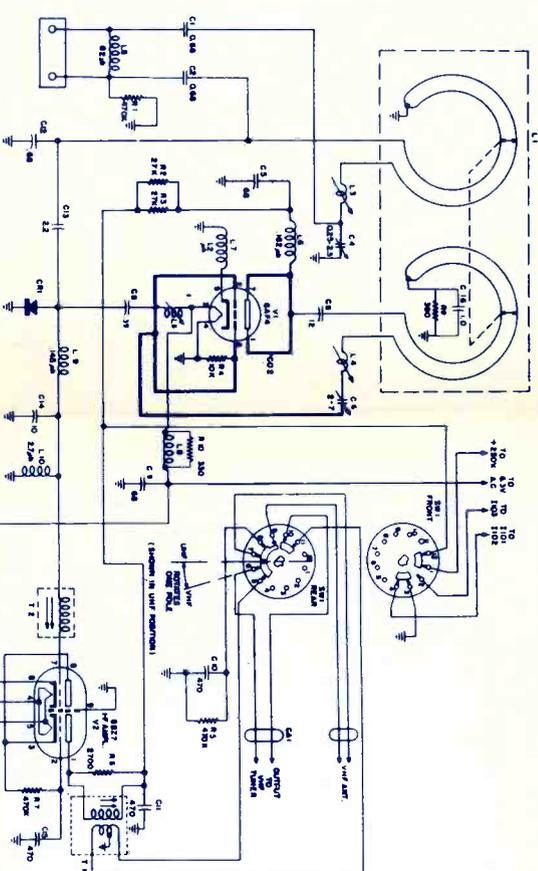


4. Adjust plate coil (T1) and grid coil (T2) for maximum indication on the electronic voltmeter or scope.
5. Disconnect the resistor network from the crystal terminal.
- * CW = Clockwise
- * CCW = Counter-clockwise

UHF ALIGNMENT (Cont'd)

6. Turn the power switch to the "OFF" position.
7. Disconnect the generator, the electronic voltmeter or scope, and the resistor network. Disconnect the 0-10 ma. meter, and solder the open lead of L10 to the chassis.
8. Re-engage the toggle coupling in the pin on the arm and hub assembly and tighten the set-screws that secure the collar to the switch shaft.
9. The Function Switch should be checked for proper operation under conditions of customer use. At full CW rotation of the tuner shaft, all VHF position contacts must be fully and firmly made and all UHF position contacts must be fully broken. All UHF position contacts must be fully and firmly made and all VHF position contacts must be fully broken, when the tuner shaft is 7 1/2° or more from full CW, as tuner shaft is rotated in a clockwise direction.
10. Replace the UHF Converter on the VHF receiver chassis.

UHF CONVERTER SCHEMATIC



TOP VIEW-UHF Converter

BOTTOM VIEW-UHF Converter

CODE LETTER CHANGES
 CHASSIS 412, 412-1, 416 & 416-1
IMPORTANT

The circuit shown in Fig. 1 appears in the chassis listed above the figure. To improve the contrast ratio, all later production chassis use the resistor values shown in the full chassis schematic.

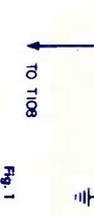


Fig. 1

Chassis 412 (Codes A & B), 412-1 (Code A)
 In these chassis, R202 is omitted in the screen circuit of the 6CD6G. It is added in later production chassis to reduce excessive high voltage.

On chassis 412 (Code A & B), 412-1 (Code A), and 416 (Code A), capacitor C146 is added in later production chassis to reduce excessive high voltage.

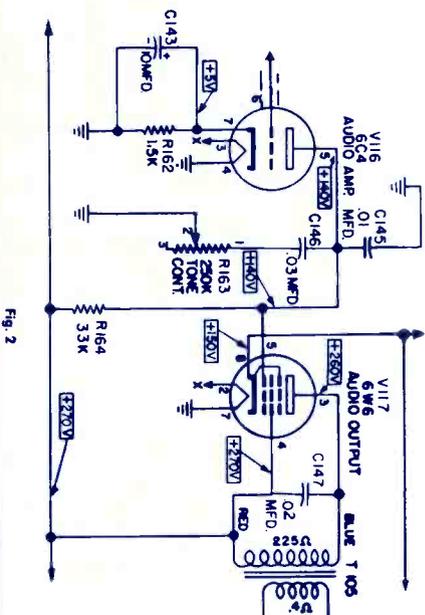


Fig. 2

On chassis 412 (Codes A, B, & C), 412-1 (Code A), and 416 (Code A & B), the coupling between the Audio Amplifier and Audio Output stages is direct coupling, as shown in Fig. 2. The circuit which appears in later production sets (shown on the complete schematic) is a design improvement.

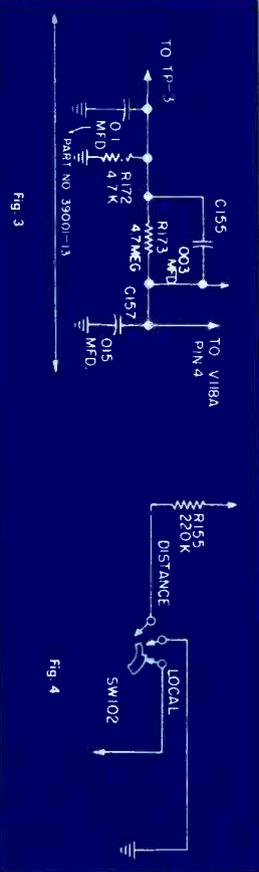


Fig. 3

UHF SOCKET VOLTAGE CHART

1. BOTTOM VIEW OF TUBE SOCKETS.
2. VOLTAGES MEASURED WITH AN ELECTRONIC VOLTMETER CONNECTED FROM SOCKET VOLTAGE POINT TO CHASSIS WITH THE SOCKET VOLTAGE POINT IN UHF POSITION.
3. * -VAC VOLTAGES
4. OSCILLATOR SOCKET VOLTAGE VARIES WITH FREQUENCY, OTHER VOLTAGES WITH VOLTAGE.
5. LINE VOLTAGES 117V, 60-VAAC
6. MINIMUM CRYSTAL CURRENT FOR PROPER OPERATION OF THE OSCILLATOR, 3.00 μA

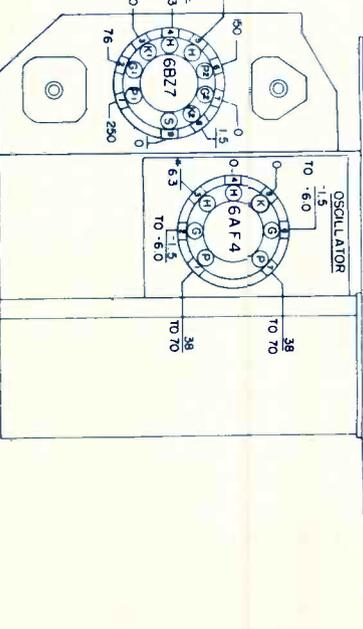
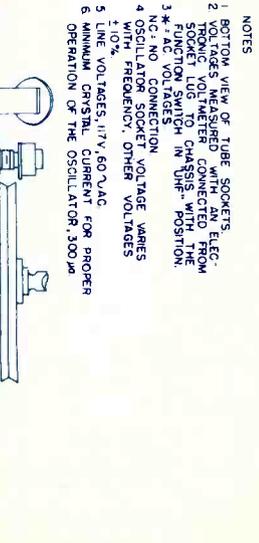
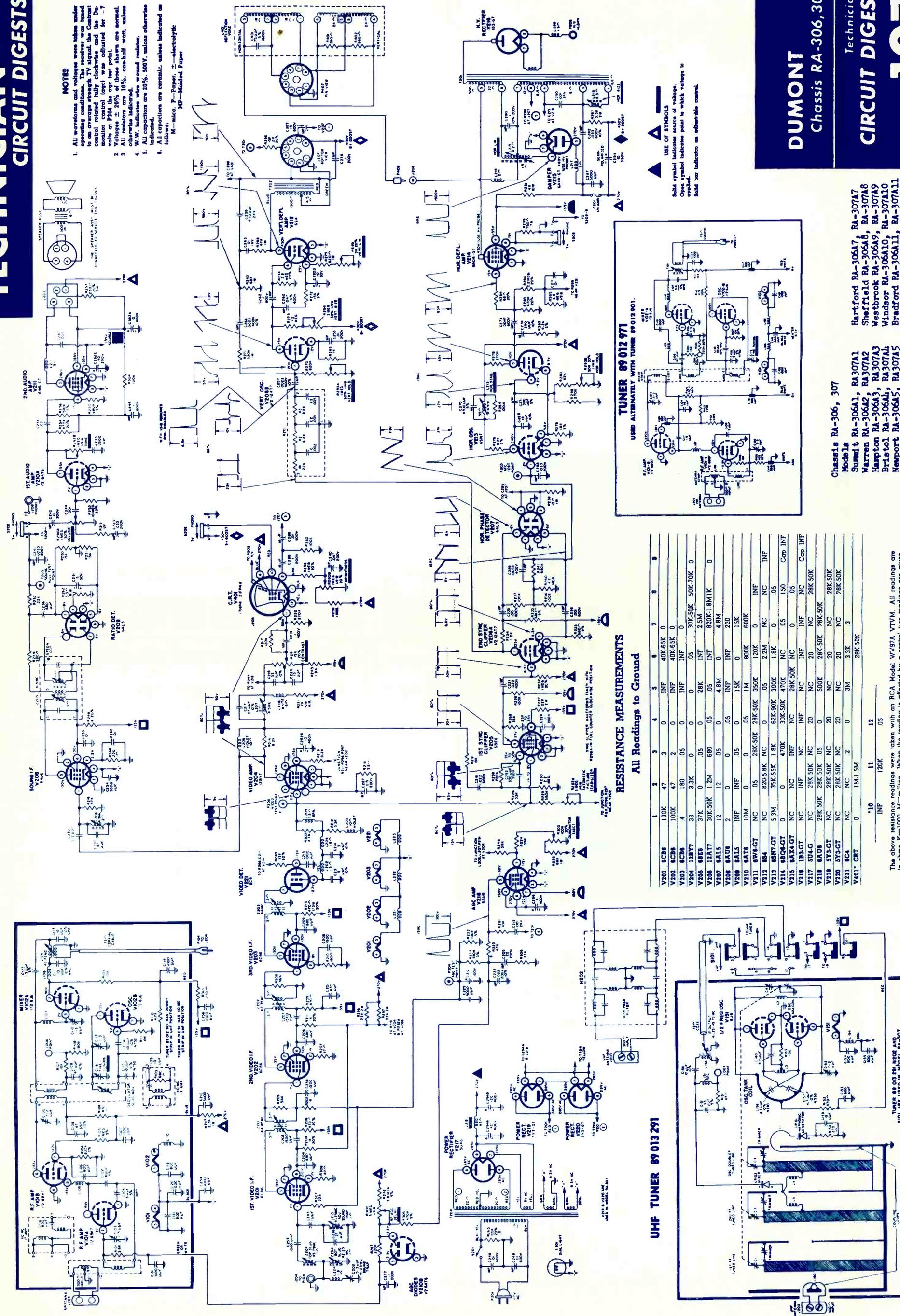


Fig. 4

- NOTES**
- All voltages and voltages were taken under operating conditions. The receiver was tuned to an average frequency of 45.75 Mc. The monitor control (top) was adjusted for -7 volts at 7104 the osc. test point.
 - Voltages \pm 20% of those shown are normal.
 - All resistors are 10% one-half watt, unless otherwise indicated.
 - W. W. indicates wire wound resistor.
 - All capacitors are 20% 500V, unless otherwise indicated.
 - All capacitors are ceramic, unless indicated as follows:
N—mica, P—paper, \pm —electrolytic
MP—Molded Paper



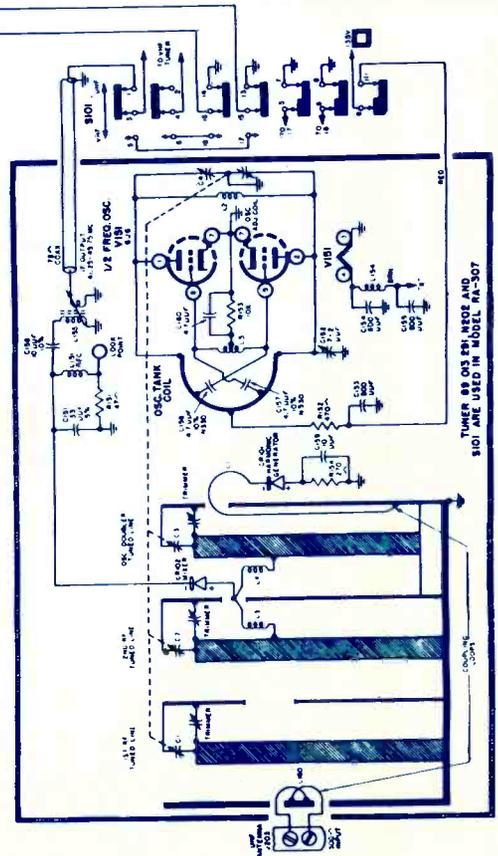
RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS

All Readings to Ground

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
V201 BC8E	130K	47	3	0	INF	40K-55K	0	0	0
V202 BC8B	100K	47	2	0	INF	40K-55K	0	0	0
V203 BC8B	4	180	05	0	INF	INF	0	0	0
V204 12B77	33	33K	0	0	0	05	30K-50K	50K-70K	0
V205 8BE8	37K	0	05	0	28K	INF	2.5M	0	0
V206 12A77	30K-50K	1.2M	680	05	05	INF	820K-1.8M	1K	0
V207 8A15	12	12	05	0	4.8M	0	4.8M	0	0
V208 8A15	2	0	05	05	INF	INF	220	0	0
V209 8A15	INF	05	0	15K	0	15K	0	15K	0
V210 8A15	10M	0	05	1M	800K	600K	0	0	0
V211 6W6-GT	NC	05	28K-50K	28K-50K	350K	120K	0	INF	0
V212 8A4	NC	820.5	8K	NC	0	05	2.2M	NC	INF
V213 6SN7-GT	5.3M	35K-55K	1.8K	62K-80K	300K	1.8K	0	05	0
V214 6AX4-GT	0	0	470K	30K-50K	470K	NC	05	150	Cap INF
V215 1B3-GT	NC	NC	INF	NC	28K-50K	NC	0	05	0
V216 1B3-GT	NC	NC	INF	NC	28K-50K	NC	0	05	0
V217 5D4-G	NC	28K-50K	NC	20	NC	NC	20	NC	28K-50K
V218 8A15	28K-50K	28K-50K	05	0	500K	28K-50K	28K-50K	0	0
V219 5Y3-GT	NC	28K-50K	NC	20	NC	20	NC	20	28K-50K
V220 5Y3-GT	NC	28K-50K	NC	20	NC	20	NC	20	28K-50K
V221 8C4	NC	NC	2	0	3M	3.3K	3	0	0
V401 CRT	0	1M-1.5M	0	11	12	28K-50K	0	05	0

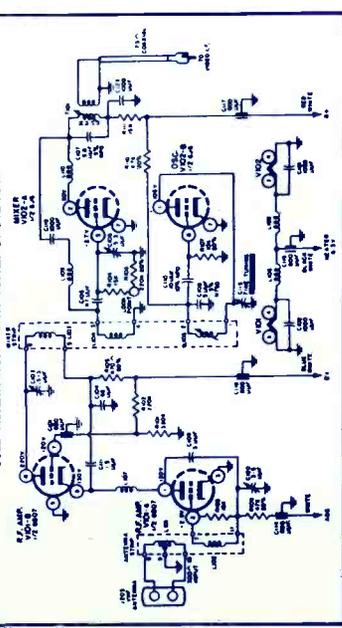
The above resistance readings were taken with an RCA Model WV97A VTYM. All readings are in ohms. K=1000, M=1000000. When the reading is affected by a control two readings are given. These readings indicate the variation produced by the control.

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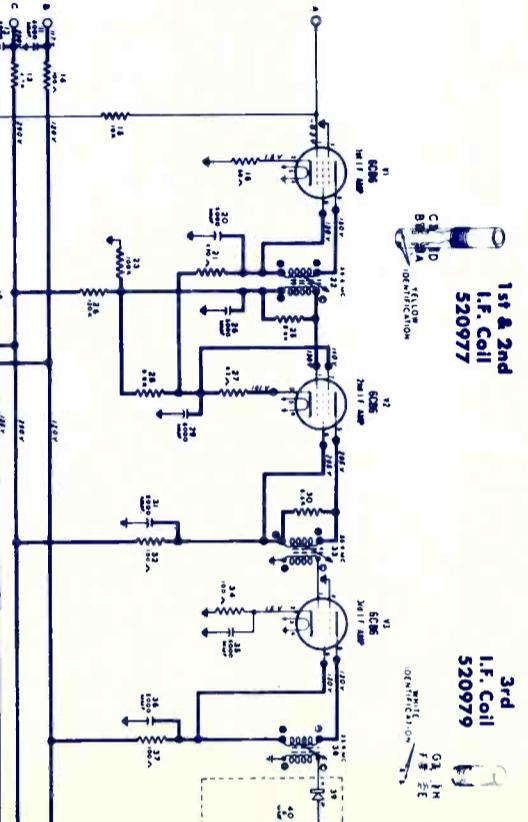
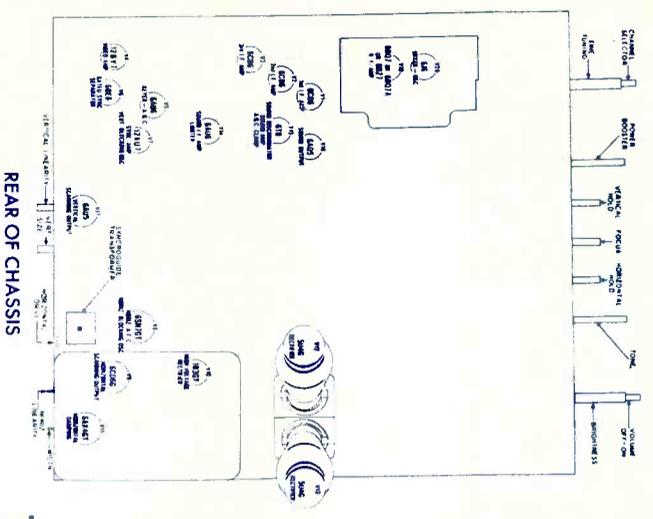
USED ALTERNATELY WITH TUNER 89 013 901.



- Chassis RA-306, 307**
- Summit RA-306A1, RA307A1
 - Warren RA-306A2, RA307A2
 - Hampton RA-306A3, RA307A3
 - Bristol RA-306A4, RA307A4
 - Newport RA-306A5, RA307A5
 - Rutland RA-306A6, RA307A6
 - Hartford RA-306A7, RA-307A7
 - Sheffield RA-306A8, RA-307A8
 - Westbrook RA-306A9, RA-307A9
 - Windsor RA-306A10, RA-307A10
 - Bradford RA-306A11, RA-307A11
 - Warwick RA-306A12, RA-307A12

VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS

All voltages measured with a 20,000 Ohm per volt meter with the receiver connected to a 117 volt 60 cycle power supply.
Tuner set to an inactive channel with antenna terminals shorted and connected to ground.
Controls set for normal reception—Power Booster control completely counterclockwise.
Voltages marked with an asterisk (*) will vary widely with control settings.
No voltage reading of a tube element indicates zero voltage or voltage which cannot be accurately measured with a 20,000 Ohm per volt meter.



PRODUCTION CHANGES

The following tabulation furnishes complete details on changes which occurred during receiver production. The receivers incorporating these changes are identified by coding stamped on rear surface of chassis. The coding consists of one or more letters following the word SERIES, as in SERIES B, SERIES A.C., etc., and corresponds to similarly lettered changes shown in the accompanying circuit diagrams. Changes in the production change column, from which complete information can be obtained, does not include changes "A," "C," or "D," designations; i.e., chassis stamped "SERIES B" does not include changes "A," "C," or "D."

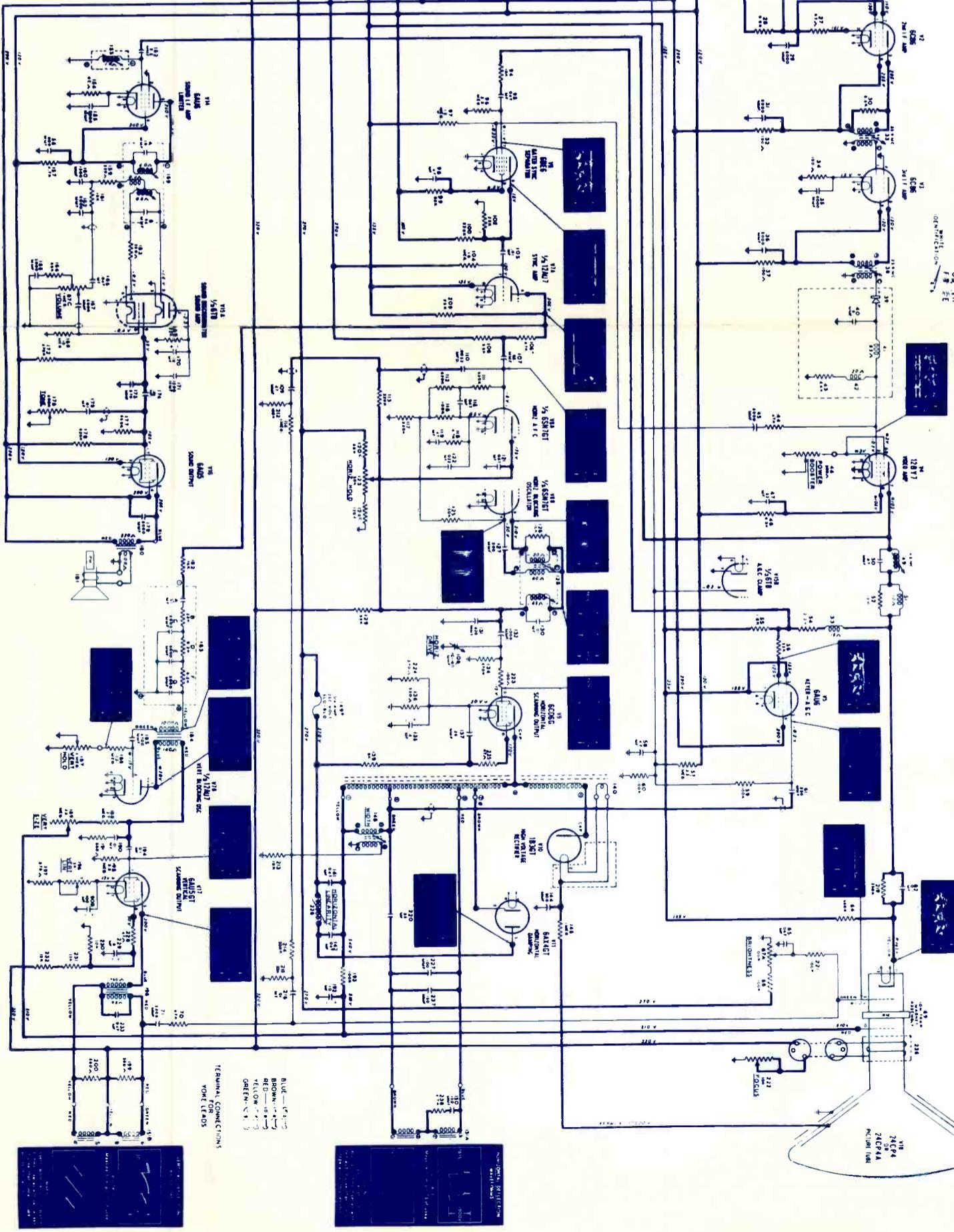
The circuit shown on this page applies to "SERIES ABCD" chassis.

A letter following the component circuit diagram number thus—201A, indicates that this particular item was offered by a circuit change. The letter corresponds to the information in the production change column, from which complete information can be obtained.

LETTER DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
UNCODED	INITIAL PRODUCTION
"A"	The following change was incorporated to improve sync. stability in the presence of electrical interference or weak signal: 1. Disconnect resistor 94 (18,000 Ohms) from the plate of tube V4-12A17 (Video Amp.) and reconnect it to the junction of resistor 54 (2200 Ohms) and 55 (1800 Ohms) located in the plate load circuit of tube V4. Note that the junction of resistors 54 and 55 is connected to the control grid of tube V4 (Video Amp.). The following change was incorporated to provide for adequate width of the picture under the condition of low line voltage: 1. Change resistor 88 in 270 volt supply from 400 Ohms to 200 Ohms. The following change was incorporated to provide a greater margin of safety for the plate load resistor of tube V7A (12AU7). 1. Change resistor 104 located in plate circuit of tube V7A (Sync. Amp.) from 4700 Ohms to 12,000 Ohms.
"B"	The following change was incorporated to protect receiver from high voltage surge: 1. Change fuse 149 in the horizontal sweep circuit from a 1/2 Amp. 250 volt to a 1/4 Amp. Slow Blow 250 volt.
"C"	The following changes were incorporated to improve the range of the horizontal hold control: 1. Change resistor 120 located in the plate circuit of tube V7A (horiz. sync. Amp.) from 200,000 Ohms to 100,000 Ohms. 2. Change resistor 134 located in the plate circuit of tube V7A (horiz. sync. Amp.) from 46,000 Ohms to 120,000 Ohms. The above change should only be undertaken when the letter "A" is included in the SERIES designation of rear of chassis.
"D"	The following change was incorporated to protect the filament winding of power transformer 76 that connects to the filament short. Damping in the event this tube develops a cathode to filament short: 1. 100,000 Ohms to resistor 83, located in filament supply, from 18,000 Ohms.

OSCILLOGRAMS

All oscillograms taken with ground lead of Scope connected to receiver chassis and controls set for normal reception. Power Booster control adjusted to give 50 volts peak to peak at cathode of picture tube. Oscilloscope vertical amplifier response was flat to within 20% at 2 MC.
Number appearing to the left of oscillogram specifies setting of horizontal sweep frequency control on Scope.



BLUE—(4-1)
BROWN—(4-2)
RED—(4-3)
YELLOW—(4-4)
GREEN—(4-5)

TERMINAL CONNECTIONS
VOLT (E-105)

TUBE VOLTAGE CHART

1. Measurements are made at 117 volt line using vacuum tube voltmeter. All voltages are D.C. and are positive with respect to chassis ground except where noted.
2. Control and brightness set for normal picture (where signal area).

	PN 1	PN 2	PN 3	PN 4	PN 5	PN 6	PN 7	PN 8	PN 9
V-10 6CB6	1st VIDEO I.F.	-2.66	0P	AC	AC	12A	14A	14A	Grid
V-11 6CB6	2nd VIDEO I.F.	-2.46	0P	AC	AC	11S	14A	14A	Grid
V-12 6CB6	3rd VIDEO I.F.	0	1.28	AC	AC	110	12B	Grid	
V-13 608	1st VIDEO I.F. & 1st SYNC. CLIPPER	43.2	-1.32	10A	0.3	Grid	12B	Grid	
V-14 6W6	2nd VIDEO AMP.	0.8	4.3	27A	14A	9.2A	52B	Grid	
V-15 608	1st AUDIO I.F. & NOISE CANCEL	128	0	141	Grid	4.3	100	7A	
V-16 6AU6	RATIO DET. DRIVER	-11.3	Grid	Grid	4.3	107	113	Grid	
V-17 6B8	RATIO DET.	-15.8	-37.4	-2.48	Grid	4.3	-3.7	Grid	
V-18 6B8	AUDIO OUTPUT	MC	Grid	32A	357	0P	MC	4.3	
V-19 6AV6	REYED AGC	12A	14A	14A	14A	37	31B	14A	
V-20 12AU7	PHASE INVERTER & 2nd SYNC. CLIPPER	41.8	Grid	15.6	4.3	8.3	11A	13.4	
V-21 6C4	VERT. OSC.	MC	MC	Grid	4.3	128	-28.5	0	
V-22 6B4	VERT. AMP.	MC	23.2	MC	0	4.3	11	MC	
V-23 6AL5	PHASE DET.	0	0	Grid	4.3	14.8	MC	-12.8	
V-24 6AN7	HORIZ. OSC.	-14.6	15.6	11.6	1.6A	24A	11.6	4.3	
V-25 6BD6	HORIZ. AMP.	181	Grid	MC	159	-25.4	4	10	
V-26 6AX4	DAMPER	MC	56S	MC	316	583	6.5	Grid	
V-27 6X4	L.V. RECTIFIER	MC	33S	MC	Phos	MC	Phos	MC	
V-28 6X4	L.V. RECTIFIER	MC	33S	MC	Phos	MC	Phos	MC	
V-29 21FPA	ENSCOPIC	Grid	313	47A	BF	522	Grid	488	

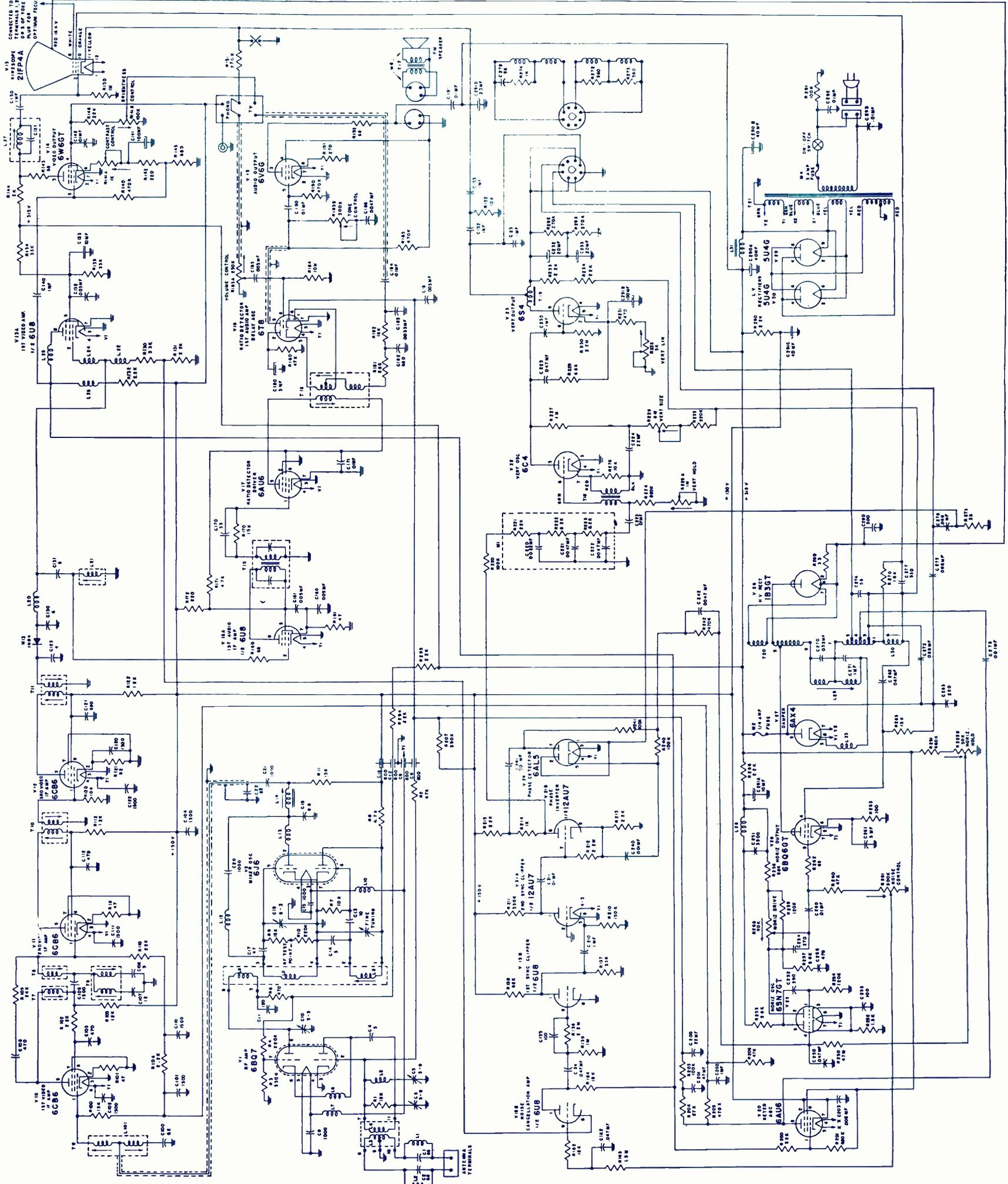
TUNER Blue lead - Plug BF 248 VPHS
TUNER Red lead - B - to Cam 118 VPHS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DESCRIPTION	1M	TO	CM	CO	CDM	COO	CM
BACK PANEL ASSEMBLY	101230	101230	101230	101230	101230	101230	101230
BUS BAR	103296	103296	103296	103296	103296	103296	103296
CABINET	104308	104308	104308	104308	104308	104308	104308
CHASSIS ASSEMBLY	112163	112163	112163	112163	112163	112163	112163
CLAMP-LENS	113100	113100	113100	113100	113100	113100	113100
DECA	121076	121076	121076	121076	121076	121076	121076
GRID-LENS	81890	81890	81890	81890	81890	81890	81890
GRID-LENS	81897	81897	81897	81897	81897	81897	81897
HINGE-L. N. DOOR	134195	134195	134195	134195	134195	134195	134195
HINGE-R. N. DOOR	134196	134196	134196	134196	134196	134196	134196
KNOB-TUNING	134198	134198	134198	134198	134198	134198	134198
KNOB-CHANNEL INDICATOR	134199	134199	134199	134199	134199	134199	134199
KNOB-TONE	134200	134200	134200	134200	134200	134200	134200
KNOB-VOLUME	134201	134201	134201	134201	134201	134201	134201
KNOB-POWER	134202	134202	134202	134202	134202	134202	134202
LENS	134203	134203	134203	134203	134203	134203	134203
MALE	174042	174042	174042	174042	174042	174042	174042
MUT-SPREADER MFG.	163113	163113	163113	163113	163113	163113	163113
MUT-SPREADER MFG.	133126	133126	133126	133126	133126	133126	133126
PAID	203249	203249	203249	203249	203249	203249	203249
SCREW-CHASSIS MFG.	163205	163205	163205	163205	163205	163205	163205
SCREW-LENS CLAMP	163206	163206	163206	163206	163206	163206	163206
SCREW-BACK PANEL	131076	131076	131076	131076	131076	131076	131076
SCREEN-CHASSIS SHEET	130194	130194	130194	130194	130194	130194	130194
SCREEN-CRISTAL	152750	152750	152750	152750	152750	152750	152750
SPRINGER ASSEMBLY	105411	105411	105411	105411	105411	105411	105411
STRIP LINE EDGE	146581	146581	146581	146581	146581	146581	146581
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Table I
Table II

Chassis	Drawn	Checked	Marked	Table	Strip Line Edge	Y-axis	Screen	Mask
CM 101230	81900	174042	146583	105411	105411	134195	134195	134195
CD 101300	81901	174043	146582	105411	105411	134196	134196	134196
CE 101310	81906	174044	146581	105413	105413	134199	134199	134199
C1 101320	81904	174044	146582	105413	105413	134200	134200	134200
C8 101329	81904	174044	146582	105413	105413	134203	134203	134203



capacitor replacements

CROSLY CHASSIS 412, 416

Symbol No.	Rating MF @ Volts	Crosley Part No.	Sprague Replacement
C126	5 @ 50	154103-1	TVA-1303
C140	10 @ 300/200+200+30 @ 150	155910-1	R-1438
C142	20 @ 600	156021-1	R-1466
C143	10 @ 50	154104-1	TVA-1304
C148	200 @ 150	155911-1	TVL-1431
C149	200+5 @ 150	155426-1	TVL-2444
C173	10 @ 10	156054	TVA-1204

DUMONT CHASSIS RA-306, 307

Symbol No.	Rating MF @ Volts	Dumont Part No.	Sprague Replacement
C291	5 @ 50	03120960	TVA-1303
C292	10+10 @ 400/40 @ 200/10 @ 50	03124180	TVL-4664
C293	10 @ 350 (Semi-Polarized)	03250421	R-1468
C294	120+40 @ 400	03121080	TVL-2679
C296	4 @ 400	03115080	TVA-1702
N201	Integrator Plate	88000631	101C1

SENTINEL MODELS 1U-581, 1U-582, 1U-584, 1U-585

Symbol No.	Rating MF @ Volts	Sentinel Part No.	Sprague Replacement
C45	10 @ 50	25E66	TVA-1304
C47	4 @ 50	25E23	TVA-1402
C48	10 @ 450	25E70	TVA-1705
C92	10 @ 450/100 @ 50/20 @ 25	25E69	R-1295
C93	60+40 @ 450	25E36	TVL-2770
C94	20 @ 450/60+40 @ 250	25E68	TVA-1705 TVL-2770
C89, R118	Integrator Plate	23E2023-5	101C1

STEWART-WARNER MODELS 24C-9370A, 24C-9370AB

Symbol No.	Rating MF @ Volts	Stewart-Warner Part No.	Sprague Replacement
85	40+40+40 @ 450	508072	TVA-3787
89	40 @ 300	160095	TVA-1611
90	80 @ 250/100 @ 50	509002	TVL-3722
91	4 @ 450	504719	TVA-1702
135	4 @ 150	520921	TVA-1402
170	10 @ 150	505174	TVA-1406
192	10 @ 600	508680	R-1222
229	8 @ 300	507386	TVA-1603
183	Integrator Plate	508062	101C1 5HK-51

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Symbol No.	Rating MF @ Volts	Stromberg-Carlson Part No.	Sprague Replacement
C232	20 @ 300	111089	TVA-1608
C233	20 @ 300	111089	TVA-1608
C261	5 @ 50	111093	TVA-1303
C290	40+40 @ 450	111095	TVL-2764
C291	40+20+10 @ 450/100 @ 50	111104	TVL-4747
M1	Integrator Plate	128200	101C1

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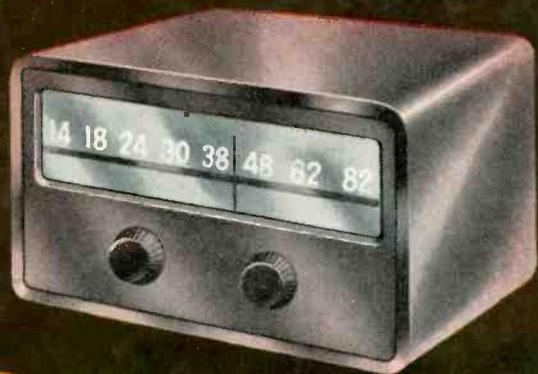
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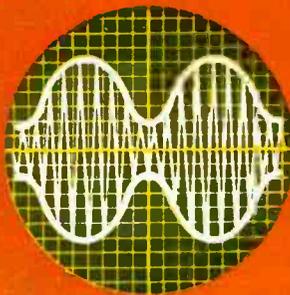
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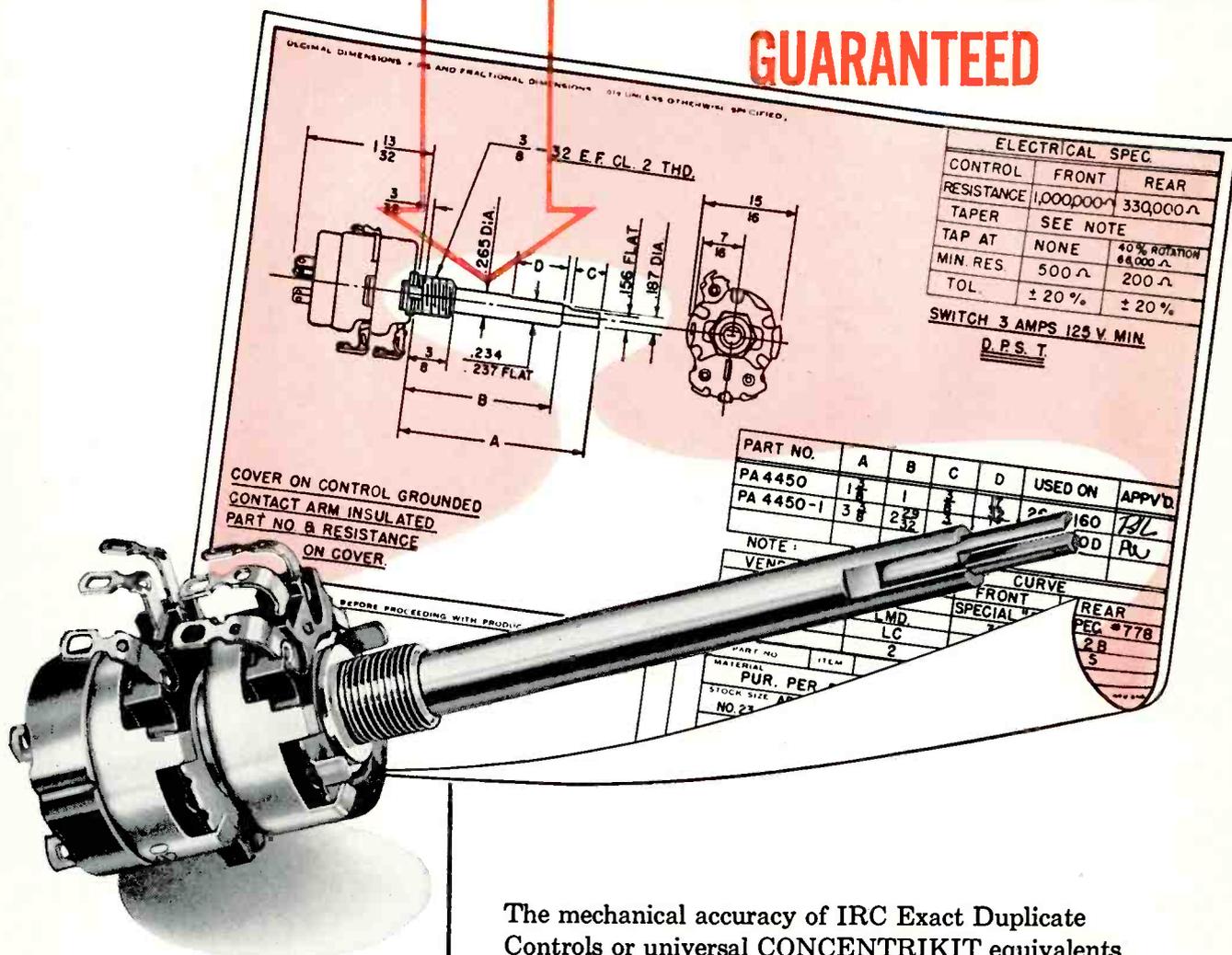
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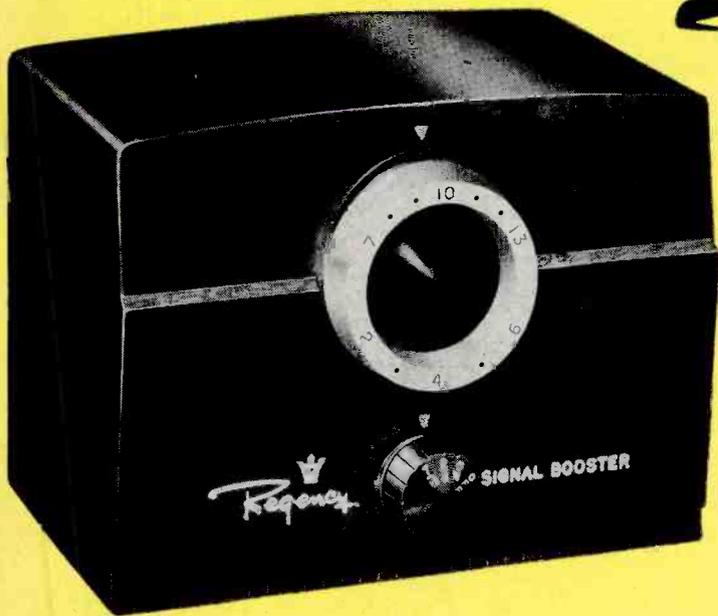
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