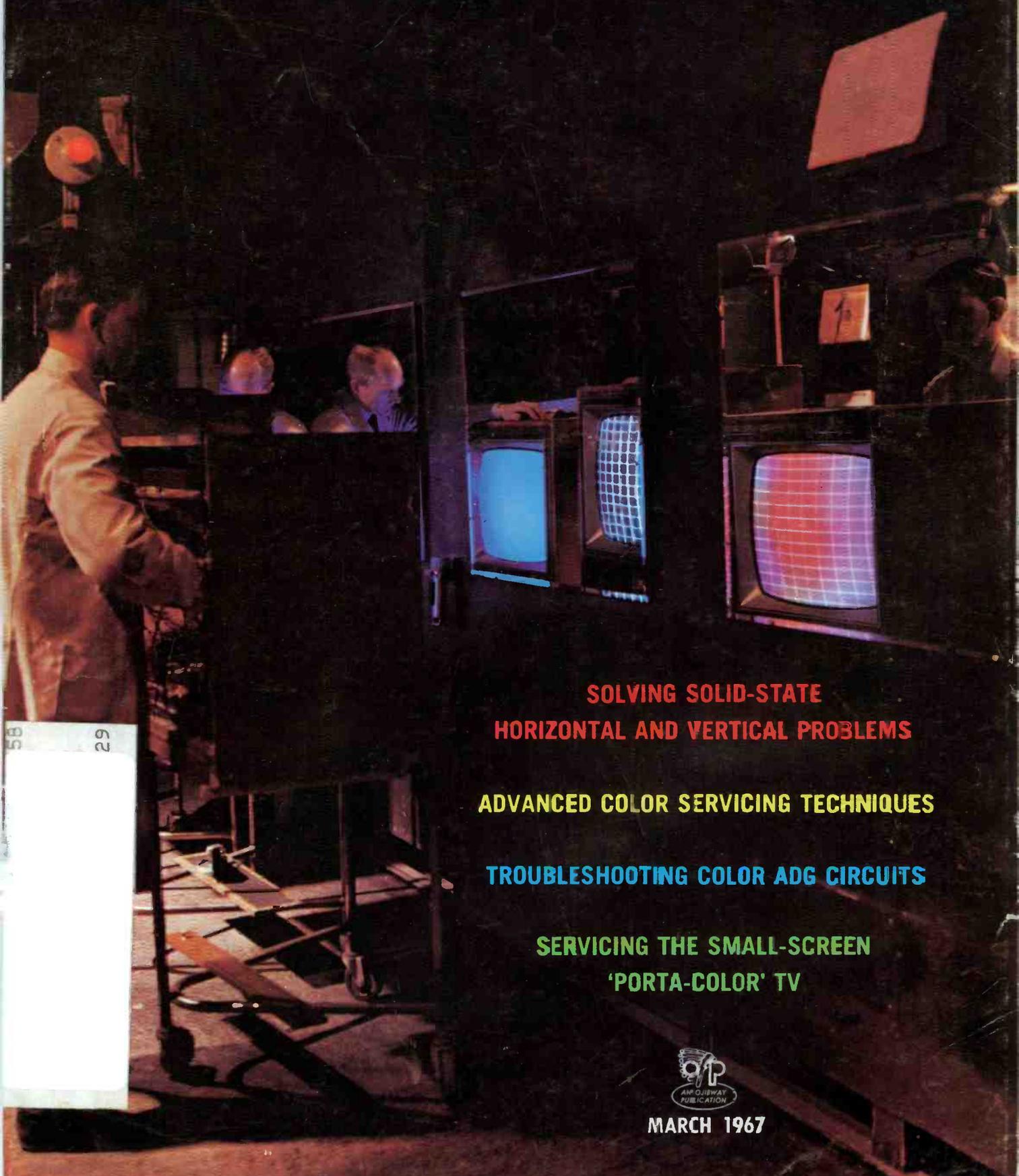


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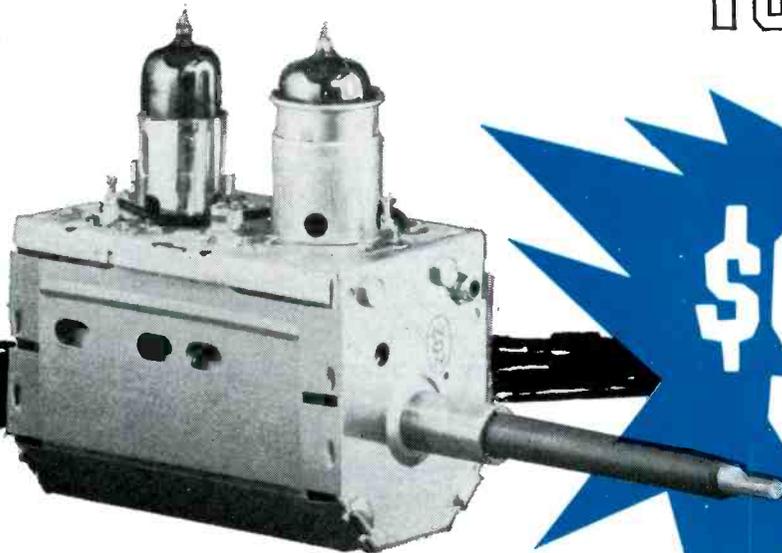


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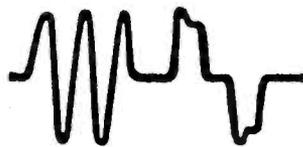
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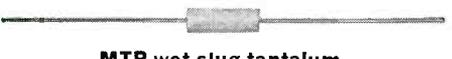
**TAS solid tantalum**



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The new portable AM-FM radios are so compact you wonder how they get all those components into that little box. You wonder even more when you have to replace some of the parts.

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## Cover

Our photographers recently wandered into the lab section of a TV manufacturer. Chassis were being taken from the assembly line and checked out with elaborate test instruments. Production changes, circuit revisions and new circuitry were being made and developed. We are reminded once again that we live in an era of rapid technological change and that every service-dealer and technician must exert the utmost effort to keep pace with it—or fall by the wayside.

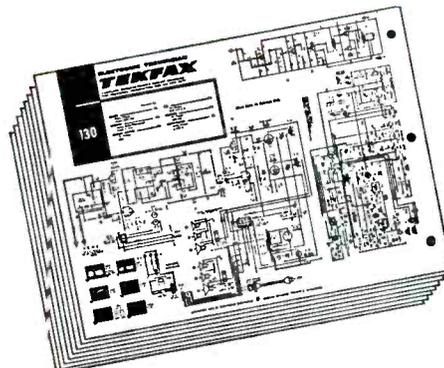
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## "Dishonest" Technicians

From one end of the country to the other there is great concern about the shortage of qualified technicians. This is especially true in the home entertainment equipment area. Let me tell you one of the great causes for this situation.

About a month ago I watched a

TV show on channel 12, regarding "dishonest" TV-radio service dealers. They did a good job of exposing the few crooks in our midst — but they didn't seem to recognize the harm they were doing to the overwhelming majority which are honest.

There are dishonest people in every trade but no one seems to make an issue of other trades, like they do with TV technicians. This has been a problem to thousands of honest TV-service dealers and technicians for years.

I was one of those for 15 years. I gave up servicing 4 years ago. I just

couldn't take it—being distrusted. I am doing very well as a technician for a CATV and antenna manufacturing company.

TOM TONER

Jerrold Electronics Corp.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

## NATESA Fights Back

Herewith, copy of a letter sent to all TV-radio networks, both commercial and educational.

"In recent weeks several highly questionable programs, covering alleged shortcomings of TV-radio service-dealers, have been aired. NATESA, recognized as a prime voice of independent service and listed thus in various industry and government publications, was not consulted prior to the airing. We firmly believe that fair play and responsibility to the public and the industry, should have dictated the wisdom of 'getting the other side' before doing great and irreparable harm.

"Perhaps the view is that the castigation is aimed at 'little Joe down the street' who is of no consequence to the broadcaster and who can't fight back and tell the real facts. If this is so, it would be extremely shortsighted. Heavy evidence, derived from direct and regular contact with millions of TV and radio set owners, proves each such 'expose' of TV-radio service-dealers hurt all stations gravely. How? It's simple. Every time a set owner is given reason to believe that he is almost certainly going to be 'robbed' for 'questionable' service, he thinks many times before he calls even a previously trusted service-dealer of long standing and so many sets stand idle or perform at a level far below that which would encourage extensive use. There goes your audience, regardless of what your 'use surveys' show!

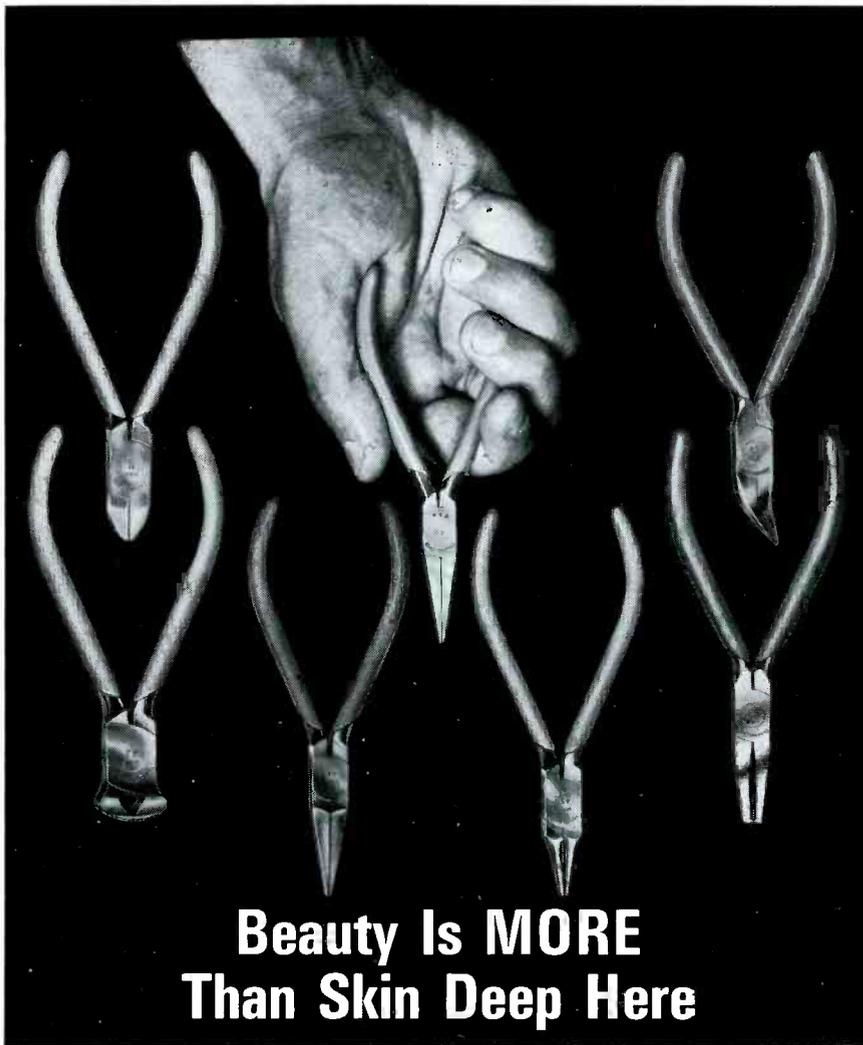
"Obviously then, you would be true to yourself and your advertisers if you demanded both views before putting such material on the air.

"Independent service-dealers have served broadcast stations and the public well since the early 1920s. How else would you explain the public's reliance on independent service-dealers for 47 years as the main source of maintenance? Obviously we have earned appreciation and fair play. And it doesn't take an economist to prove that the fees collected by the average service-dealer for services rendered are far from lucrative."

FRANK MOCH

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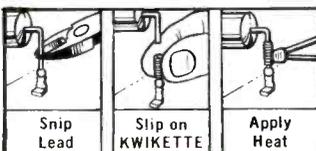
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## Helpful and Interesting

I find every feature article and department in **ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN** most helpful and interesting. I also feel that the "Editor's Memo" gives us not only an outlook in the future but ways to improve ourselves and the field in which we work . . . Please let me know if any reader would like to part with **TEKFAX 1** to 169 and 172. Answer via **ET** please.

LE ROY SCHULZE

Finland, Minn.

## Needs Schematic

Perhaps an **ET** reader can help me with this problem. I need a schematic for a Tamar transceiver. Apparently the manufacturer is out of business but I have two of them in use and cannot service them properly without a schematic. The model I am interested in uses a 6AS8 and a 12AZ7 in the receiver and a 12BH7 plus vibrator in the transmitter. Reply via **ET**.

CALVIN O. LETENDRE

Northford, Conn.

## Approved Electronics

For those who need the address of **Approved Electronics**, they are now located at 75 Leonard St., New York City.

JIM BRADY

New York City, N.Y.

## Zenith Schematic

Tell Robert Spachmann, Souderton, Pa., that the Zenith model 6S152 schematic is located in volume 7 of John F. Rider's *Perpetual Trouble Shooter's Manual*, pages 7-9 to 7-17, which we have in our shop.

E. W. FRENCH

Jackson, Miss.

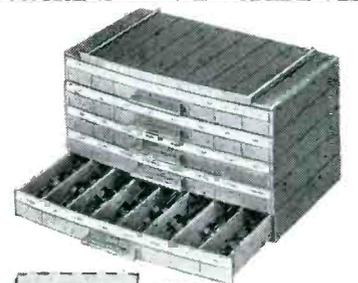
•Thank you very much but we have already located one and forwarded it to him.—Ed.

## Letters Informative

I think your "Letters to the Editor" columns is a wonderful source of information. I need an operators manual and schematic for a Sico Model No. 79 Super Meter made by Superior Instruments Co. Can any reader help me? Write via **ET**.

ARNOLD AMERSON

Pittsburg, Calif.

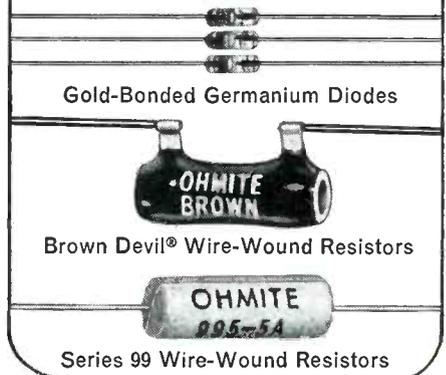


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## 3

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# EDITOR'S MEMO

## Educating ETV

For more than a decade Educational Television has been trying to get off the ground. It has made slow progress—but it has made progress—aided primarily by the government, a hand-full of outstanding educators, some philanthropic individuals and organizations like the Rockefeller Foundation, for example, who have long recognized the vast potential of Educational TV.

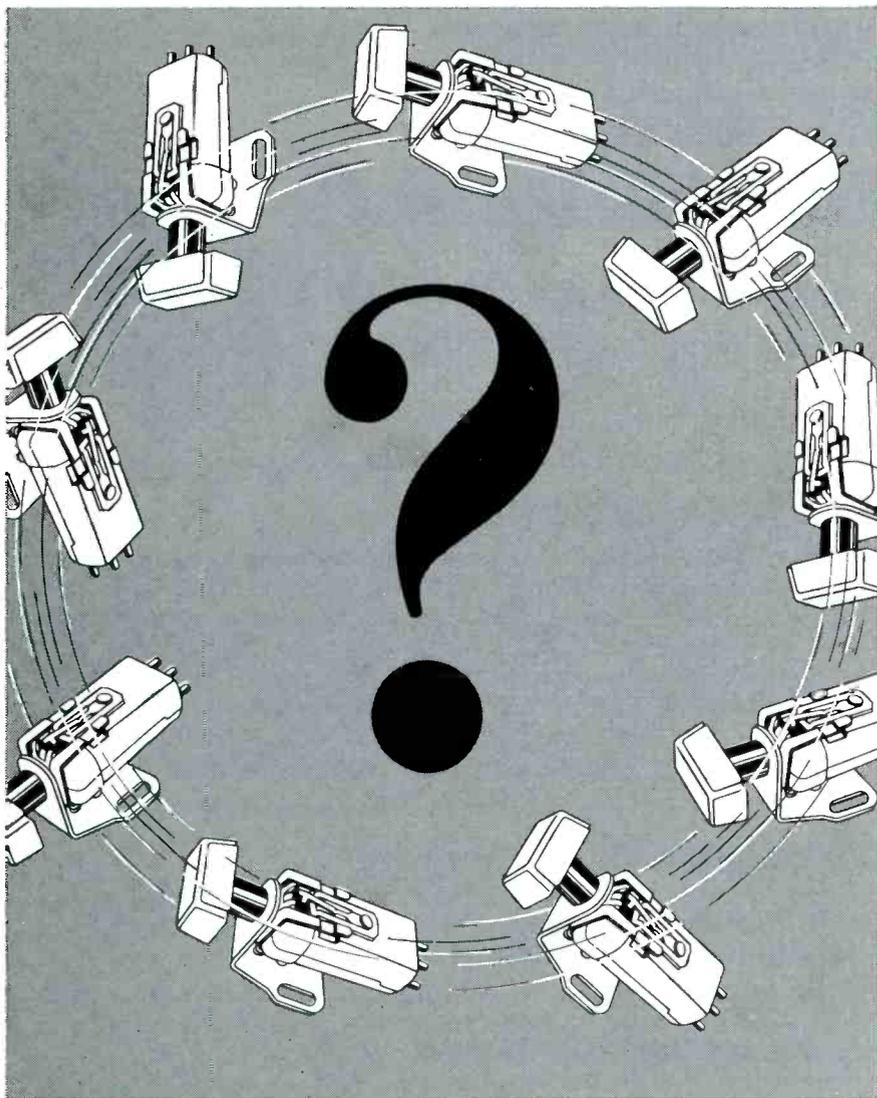
Recently, however, ETV has stuck both of its feet in its mouth and both fists in its eyes by telecasting an expose-type unmentionable about alleged unethical practices of TV-radio service-dealers. This is not the first time the industry has come in for this type of "smearism." And it won't be the last—until the service-dealer organizations of the nation spend considerably more time and money informing the public of the facts of home-entertainment-equipment service life. This happens to be one of the most important and urgent needs facing the industry today and it ranks in importance with the technician shortage.

The ETV people responsible for dishing up this cup of hemlock should have known better. But, as in many other areas, not all educators are educated.

There are brain-warping experts and expert brain-warpers in many areas—but ETV is the last place we would expect to find them. Or is it? Is ETV becoming like some newspapers of the past (but no longer with us), a medium heavily devoted to molding public opinion? We hope this is not true.

Perhaps those who have been entrusted with steering ETV's ship have forgotten the difficulties that generations of their predecessors had in selling the basic ideas of modern education—especially during Mid-Victorian days. Perhaps they can be induced to remember—before the educational television ship ends up like the Titanic.

The national, state and local-area TV-radio service-dealer associations should take great pride in the efforts they have already expended in exposing this pot of brain-washing tripe to the public. And they should redouble their efforts and spend a little more time and money educating the uneducated who appear to be in control of the nation's Educational Television system.



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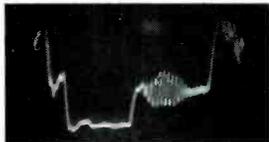
Adherence to these waveforms makes it easy to converge the color tube, check sync and make other raster adjustments . . . and the color generator with station quality signal will be able to sync next year's sets. Generators with compromise waveforms do not give you this obsolescence protection.

Here are oscilloscope photographs from the outputs of two typical competitive color generators, one transistorized and one tube type, and the B&K Model 1245. The detailed analysis with each photograph shows a few of the reasons why you'll save time and effort with B&K.

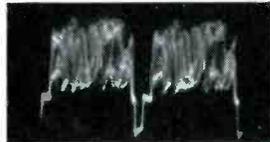
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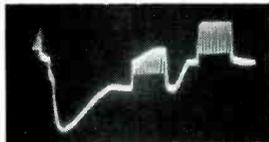


One horizontal sync pulse with its color burst.

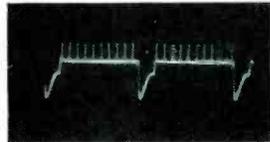


Two lines showing horizontal sync pulse with black and white TV signal.

### TRANSISTORIZED B&K MODEL 1245

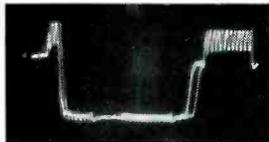


Good duplication of station signal including back porch. If the set won't sync, the set is defective.

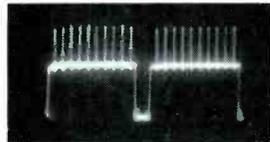


Well defined back porch on horizontal sync pulse permits accurately setting color killer and almost eliminates need to adjust brightness and contrast.

### TRANSISTORIZED GENERATOR A

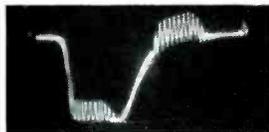


No back porch causes unstable color sync. Burst amplitude compression may permit sync on wrong color bar.

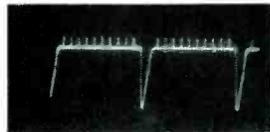


Square wave horizontal sync pulse with no back porch and poor dc coupling forces adjustments of brightness, contrast & fine tuning to obtain usable pattern.

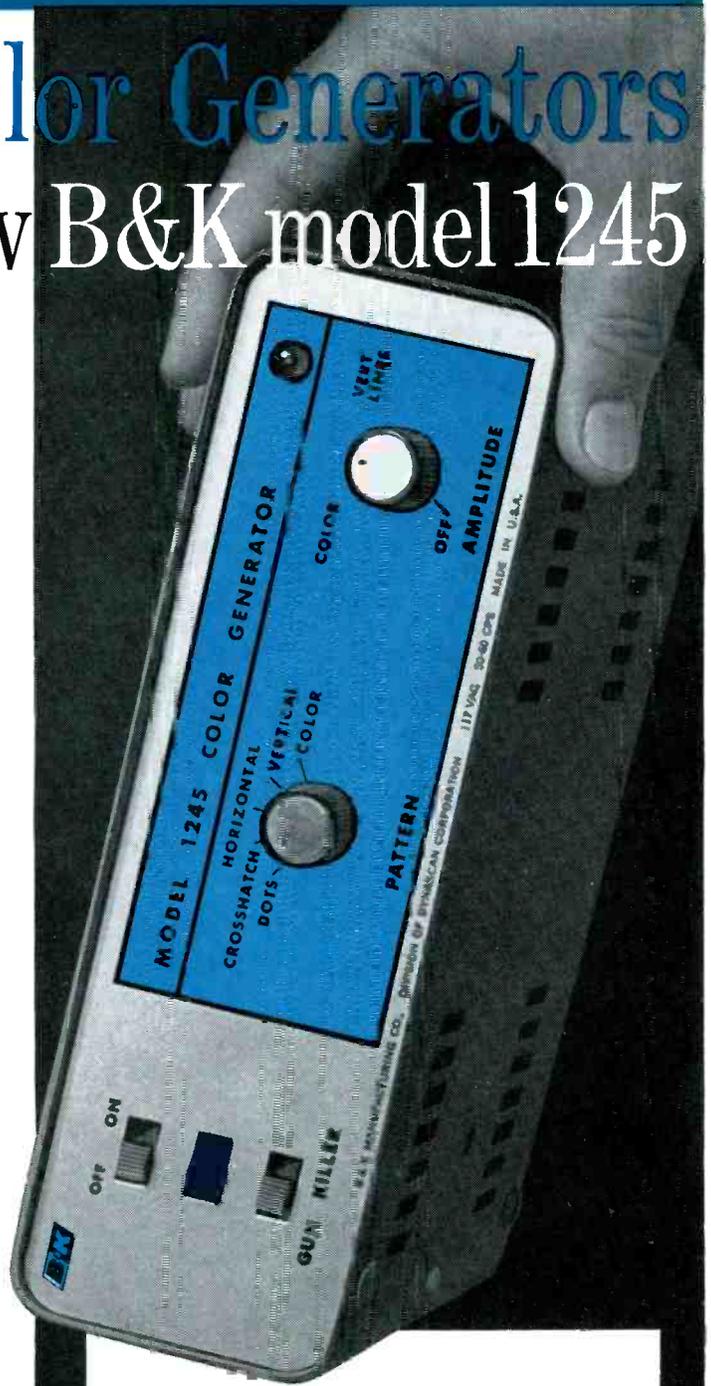
### GENERATOR B



No back porch; color information on top of sync-pulse makes sync difficult on some sets.



Complete absence of any back porch necessitates readjustment of brightness, contrast and fine tuning to obtain a usable pattern.



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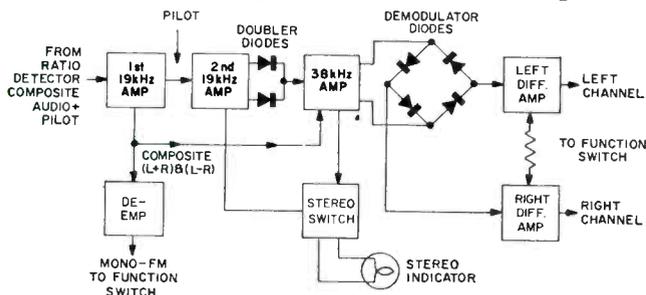
## RCA VICTOR

VHP70 Series Radio/Record Changer, RC1227C Chassis—Stereo Multiplex Circuit Description

The stereo multiplex portion of the RC1227 receiver is composed of six transistors and six diodes. Two transistors are used as 19kHz pilot amplifiers that supply signals for two doubler diodes that drive the 38kHz amplifier transistor. Four diodes are used in the stereo demodulator. The left and right signals are further processed in the two transistor differential amplifier stage and passed on to the function switch.

The mono FM and composite stereo pass through a 72kHz trap to the first 19kHz amplifier that acts as an emitter follower to all frequencies except 19kHz. By virtue of the high input impedance offered by the 19kHz amplifier the stage does not load the ratio detector. The mono FM from the collector of the 1st 19kHz amplifier passes through a de-emphasis network that restores the normal frequency responses to the signal and on to the selector switch.

The FM stereo signal consists of three components,



$L+R$ , the sum of the left and right channels that can be received on a monophonic FM receiver. The  $L-R$  difference signal composed of the side bands of the suppressed 38kHz carrier frequency and a 19kHz 10 percent amplitude pilot frequency is used in the receiver to recreate the phase locked 38kHz carrier required to demodulate the side band  $L-R$  information.

The stereo information splits at the first 19kHz amplifier; the 19kHz pilot appears at the collector and is coupled through a tuned 19kHz transformer to the 2nd 19kHz amplifier. The  $L+R$  sum and the  $L-R$  difference signals appear at the first 19kHz amplifier's emitter where they are passed on to the synchronous detector stage. The 2nd 19kHz amplifier further increases the amplitude of the pilot frequency to a level high enough to bias and drive the 38kHz amplifier. A dc bias voltage is applied to the emitter of the stage through the stereo switch circuit. The bias reduces the gain of the 2nd 19kHz amplifier to prevent spurious signals from activating the stereo circuits. The output of the 2nd 19kHz transformer is fullwave rectified by the two diodes. The output of the diodes is a dc voltage with a strong 38kHz ripple component. The dc voltage provides bias to the base of the 38kHz amplifier transistor. The ripple component acts as a 38kHz drive signal that, because it was derived from the 19kHz pilot signal is synchronized with the station sub carrier. The high level 38kHz is coupled by a tuned 38kHz transformer to the demodulator diodes. The diodes function as switches

and sample the  $+(L+R)$  and  $-(L-R)$  sidebands as well as the  $L+R$  signal at a 38kHz rate. The composite signal that entered the diode demodulator circuit at the 38kHz transformer center tap is removed as two signals predominantly left and right. The signals after de-emphasis are applied to the differential amplifier circuit for further processing. The differential amplifier, in addition to signal amplification, removes the undesirable components from each channel leaving a pure left and right channel output signal.

The stereo switch circuit has three functions: it provides a visual indication (light) of a stereo signal, it removes the hold off bias on the 2nd 19kHz amplifier and the dc bias that allows monophonic FM to pass through the demodulator bridge. A 19kHz pilot of 6 percent or greater amplitude will provide sufficient drive to the 38kHz amplifier and activate the stereo switch circuit. A fixed threshold bias is applied to the 2nd 19kHz amplifier and no adjustment is required.

## SENCORE CR133 Tube Checker

Set-up Specifications

Until new set-up booklets are available covering the latest CRTs or until an up-to-date CRT tube manual covering the 23EGP22 and 25AP22 color tubes can be obtained, the following specifications are being supplied.

	23EGP22	25AP22
G2, maximum peak voltage, including video signal voltage	650v max.	1kv max.
G1, maximum value negative bias	400v max.	400v max.
G1, maximum negative operating cutoff value	175v max.	200 max.
G1, maximum positive bias value	0v	0v
G1, maximum positive peak value	2v	2v
$E_r$ , Filament voltage	6.3v	6.3v

23EGP22 with G2 of 380v, change in G1 for min. +max. spot cutoff -60 to -120. With G1 of -75v, change in G2 for min. +max. spot cutoff 240 to 470.

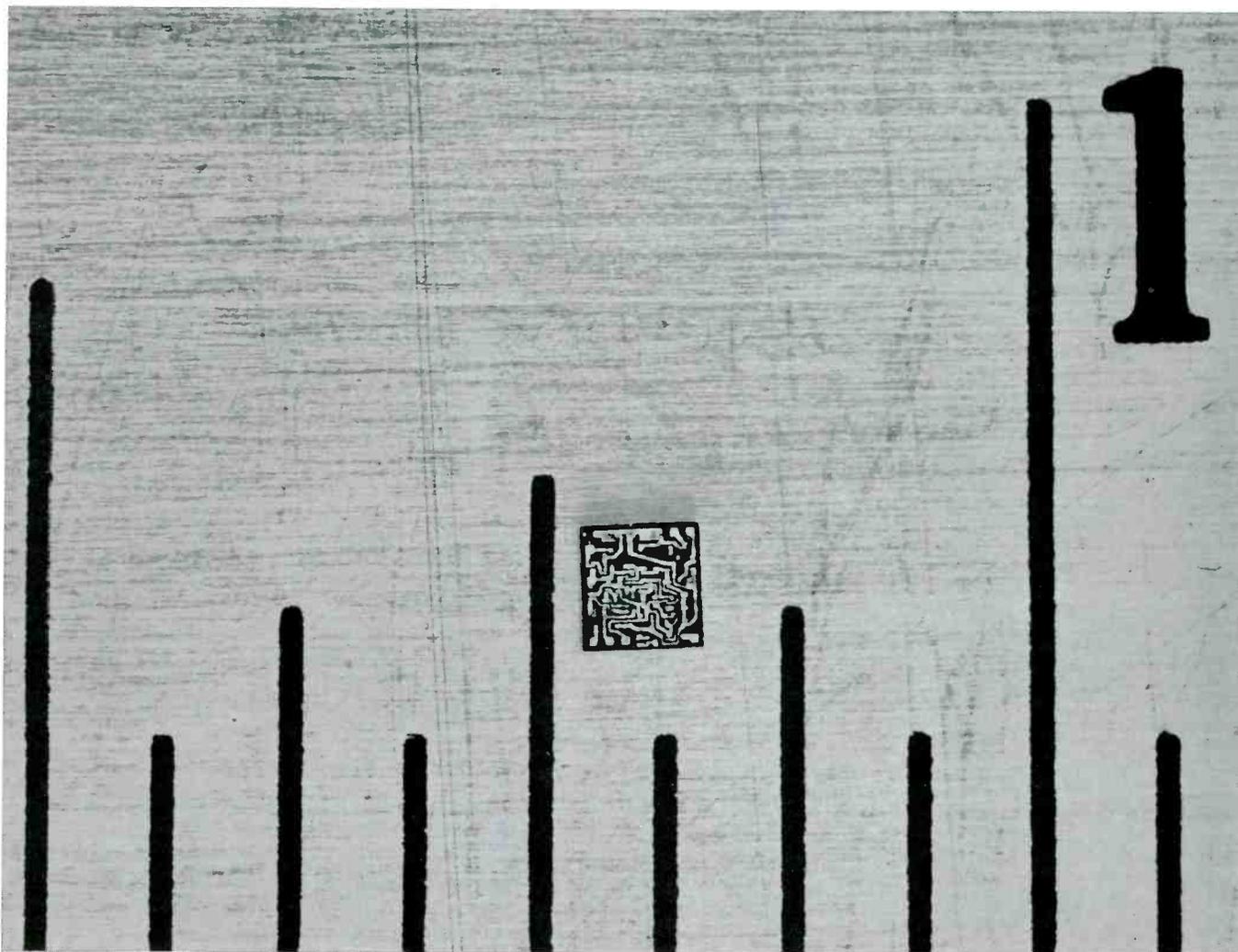
25AP22 with G2 of 400v, change in G1 for min. +max. spot cutoff -95 to -190. With G1 of -150v, change in G2 for min. +max. spot cutoff 285v to 685.

The CR133 will operate directly from these specifications with only three (3) figures needed: filament voltage, control grid cutoff range and G2 voltage. With the above figures, a set-up booklet is not necessary.

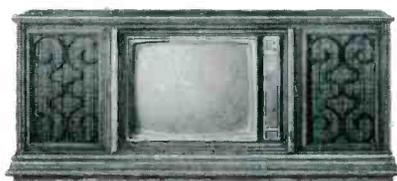
## MOTOROLA

Vibrasonic Microphone KM202R—"Bongo" From Vibration

If a KM202R vibrasonic develops a susceptibility to "bongo" on minor road shocks after the unit has been in use, a possible cause is an uncurling of the tape on the transducer coil. If the uncurled tape edge touches or is too close to the transducer the slightest vibration can cause "bongo." The cure is to cut away the uncurled portion of the tape or to reglue the tape in position on the coil. If wires are dressed against the transducer springs the same "bongo" condition can result.



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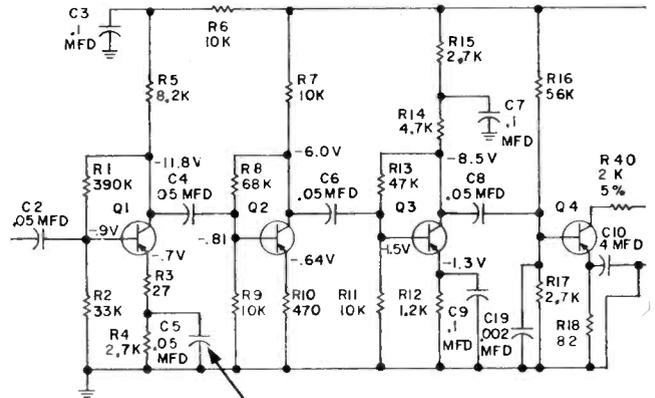


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## MAGNAVOX

Remote Control Receiver 704028—Sensitivity

Some comments have been received indicating that the sensitivity of the receiver may be such that extraneous signals will trigger the relays. In some cases the 28kHz relay (Channel Change) was being triggered by the second har-



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monic of the horizontal oscillator as this stage warms up during initial turn on of the receiver. In these cases the receiver sensitivity can be reduced, without materially affecting the normal operating range of the hand transmitter, by changing the emitter bypass capacitor in the 1st stage of the receiver from .05μf to .01μf.

## ADMIRAL

Battery Operated Phono YH1421—Turntable Speed Reduction During Cycle

Reduction in turntable speed during the change cycle when playing records automatically, either on battery or ac, especially at 33RPM, is a normal condition.

The 12vdc phono motor was designed to require a minimum of power to achieve maximum battery life. As a result, the motor speed will decrease to about 1/2 playing speed during the change cycle.

## CANADIAN GENERAL ELECTRIC

TV Chassis M657 Code "Z"—Substitution of CRTs and Schematic Corrections

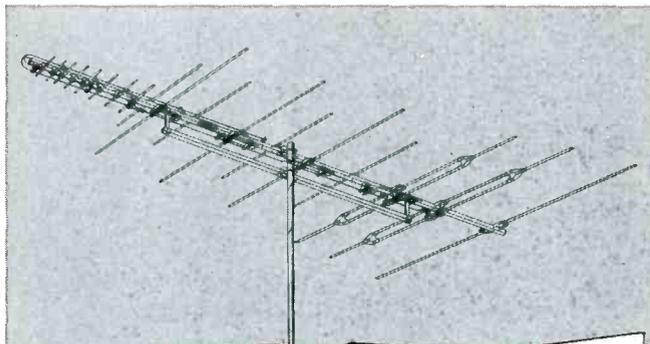
In the plate circuit of the horizontal oscillator, V7B, resistor R257 should read 150k.

The schematic shows 180k and only 150k resistors have been used in production.

When removing and connecting sockets to the base of 12BMP4 and 16CFP4 CRTs, to minimize glass breakage, the tubes have been substituted by a 12CDP4 and 16CQP4.

Electrically, these two types are identical to their predecessor. Physically, a moulded base has been added to the 12CDP4 and 16CQP4. The socket used for connecting the 12BMP4 and the 16CFP4 will not fit the new tubes. This means that the two types are not interchangeable with the original types.

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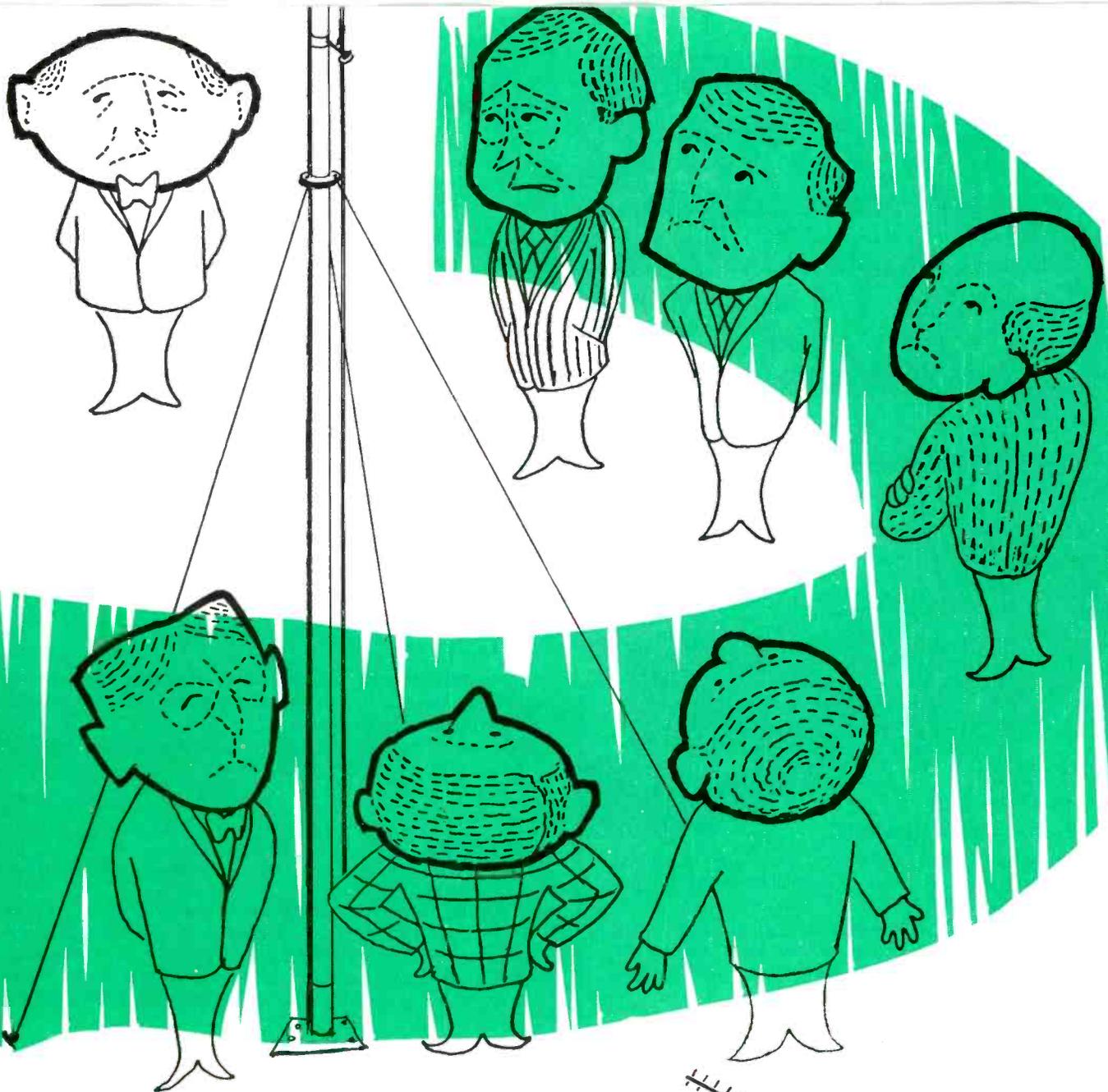
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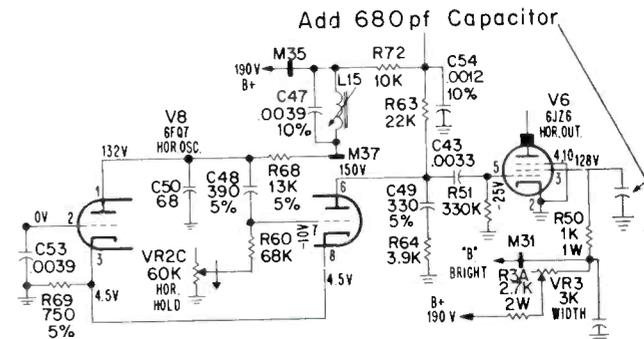
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## TECHNICAL DIGEST

### PHILCO-FORD

TV Chassis 17LT43, 17JT41, 17NT45—Vertical Lines on Left of Screen

If one or more vertical lines are noticed on left of center screen, this condition may be caused by parasitic oscillation in the horizontal output tube. If this condition is en-



countered, the addition of a 680pf capacitor from screen grid pin 3 of the horizontal output tube (6JZ6) to ground will eliminate the oscillation.

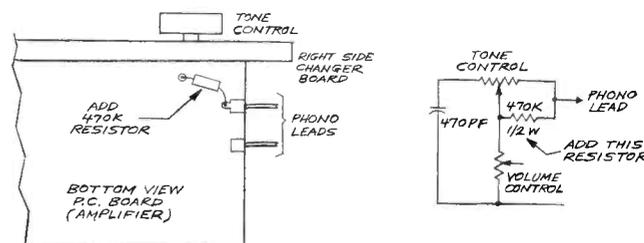
Later production of the above chassis will incorporate the addition of the 680pf capacitor.

### OLYMPIC

Portable Phonograph Models MA100 and SA400—Insufficient Volume

When the tone control is turned counter-clockwise for minimum treble, the phonograph is unable to produce sufficient volume. To correct this difficulty, it is necessary to lift the entire assembly from the bottom of the case after removing four Phillips-head screws from the changer board.

On the Model MA100 phonograph only, connect a 470K ½w resistor across the tone control terminals on



the bottom of the amplifier printed circuit board, as shown in the sketch.

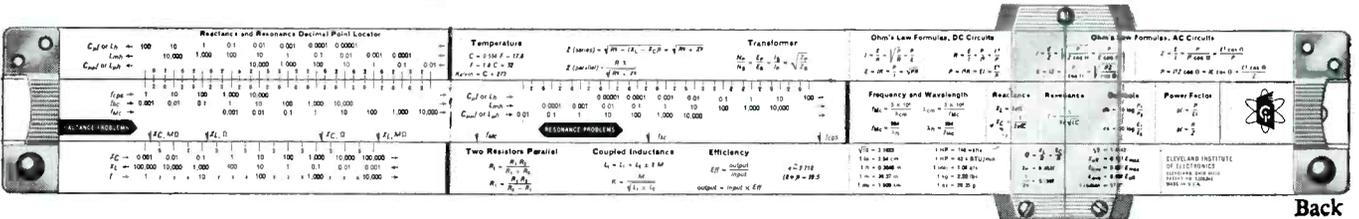
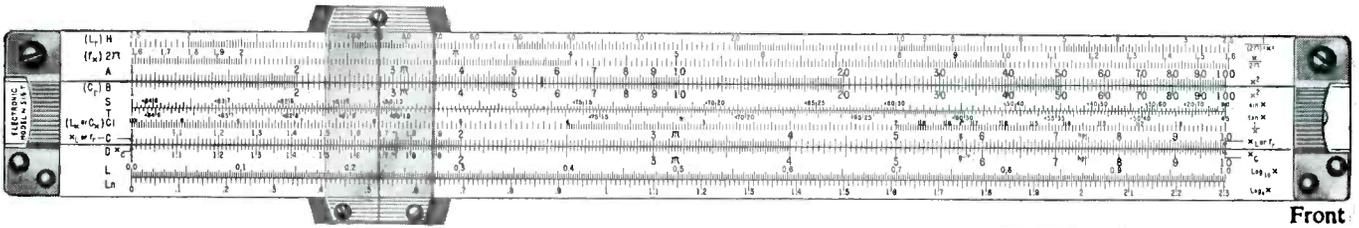
On the Model SA400 phonograph, connect two 470K ½w resistors, one each from the center lug to the high side of the tone control in each of the stereo channels. The high side of the tone control is easily identified by a brown lead connecting it to the phonograph pickup.

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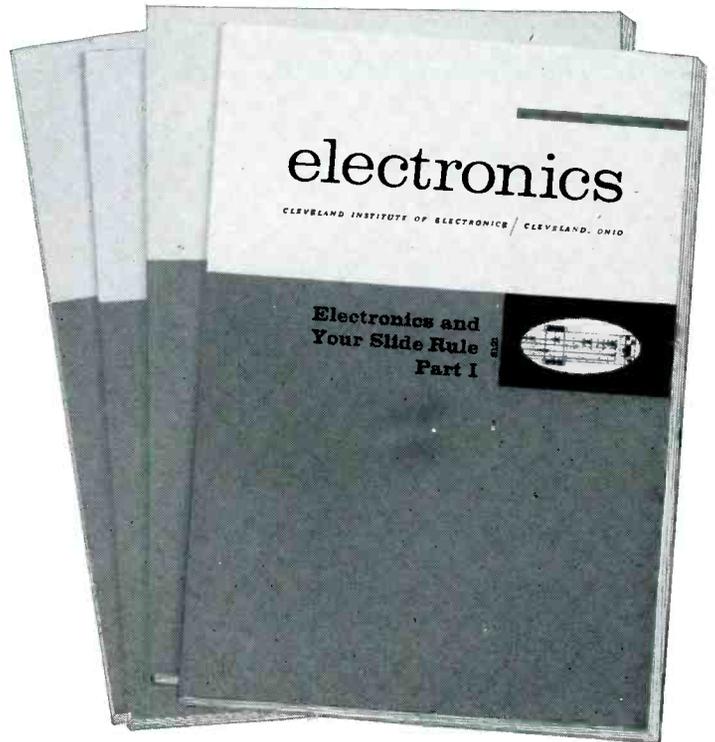


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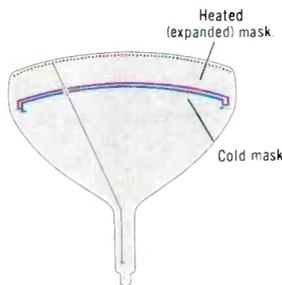
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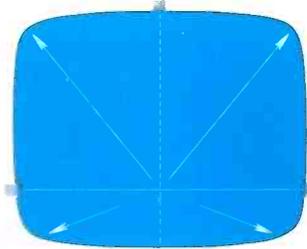
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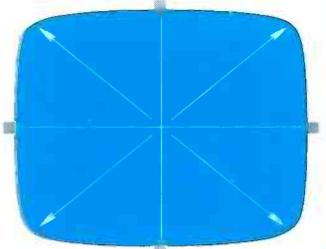
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RCA Hi-Lite tube with *Perma-Chrome*. Exaggerated drawing shows locked-in register of beam with phosphor dot as shadow mask is heated. NOTE: Mask moves toward face of tube as it expands. Apertures in shadow mask move along paths of electron beam as mask expands or contracts with rise and fall of tube temperature.



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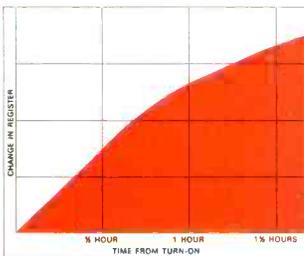


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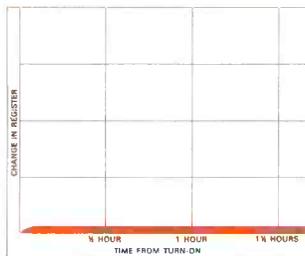


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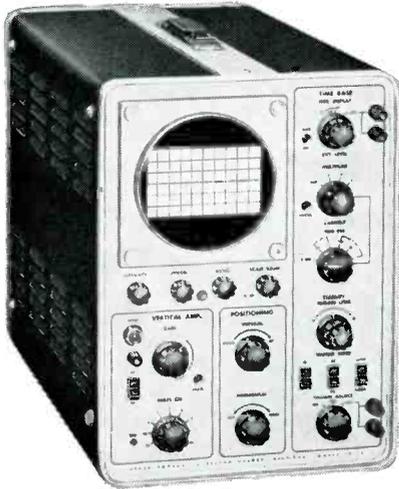
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■ One of the nation's most advanced audio reinforcement systems has been installed behind the scenes at the new 800-seat Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, by Studio Electronics Corp. for a cost exceeding \$100,000.

The major element of the new system is a 6ft console that controls all the audio from the 65ft wide Circus Maximus stage. Up to 30 microphones can be connected to the console (up to 18 of which can be "live" at any one time), plus six magnetic-tape tracks and six tape-cartridge units.

Color-coded switches and level controls on the console allow all the various inputs to be blended into three "point source" outputs that go to three loudspeaker clusters above left, right and center stage. Two switches on the console can be depressed to convert the three outputs into a single output to all three clusters.

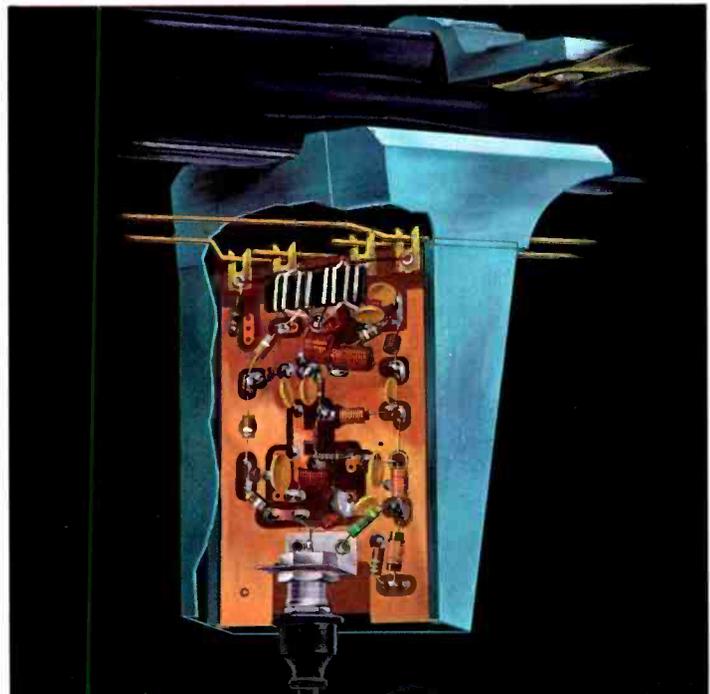
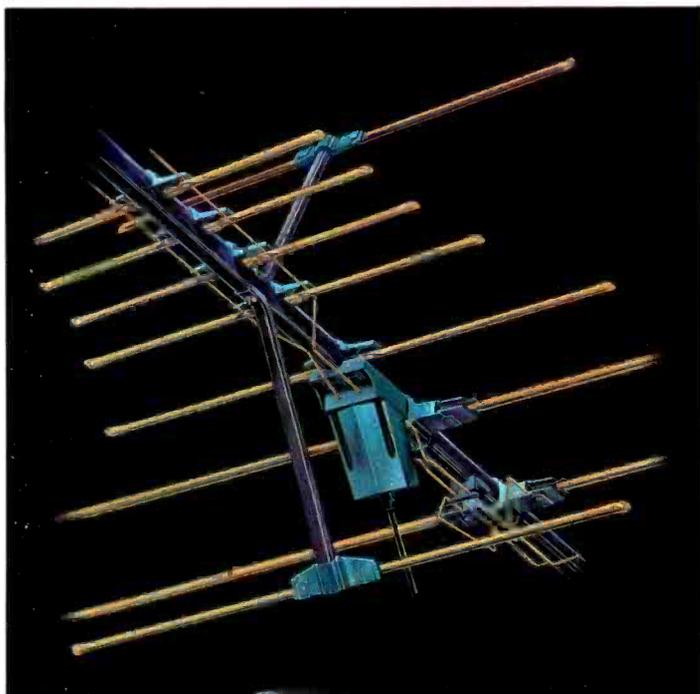
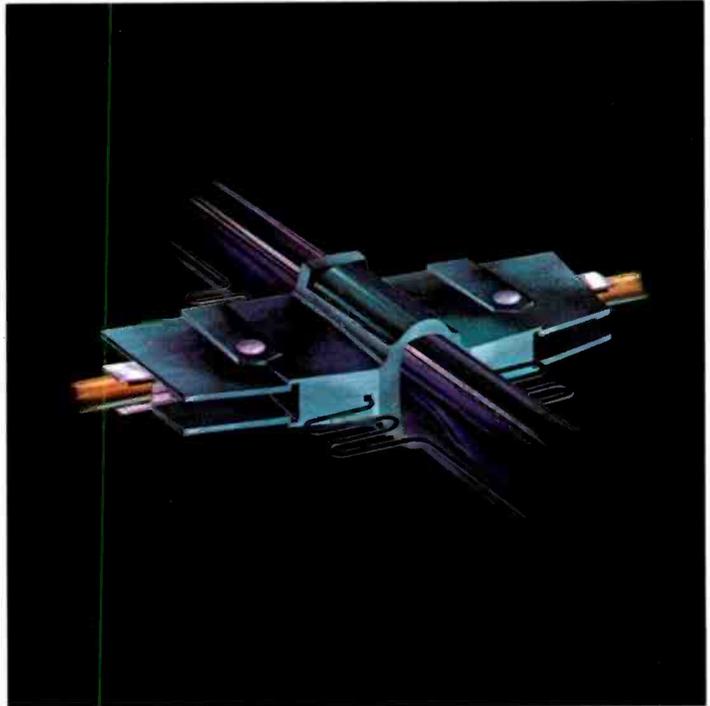
Each input can be individually equalized at low and high frequencies and each of the three outputs is provided with its own echo chamber (constructed in the hotel sub-basement) and echo-volume controls. Selected inputs, (such as special effects from tape cartridges) may be directed to "surround" speakers mounted around the room. Controls on the console allow thunder, for example, to roll across the audience or for a gunshot to sound at the rear of the auditorium an instant before an actor falls on the stage.

A special feature of the console is the capability of controlling and presetting the position of five drop microphones and three pop-up microphones with markings on the controls to determine the final height of each microphone. The operator sets the control to the desired setting and at the proper time in the program depresses the switch that raises or lowers the unit.

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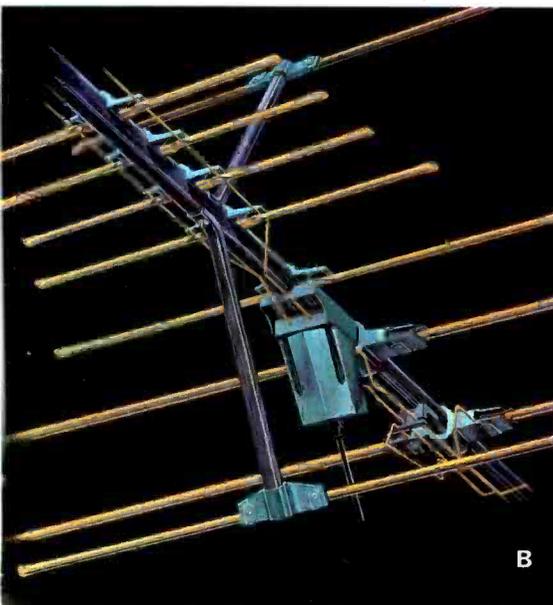
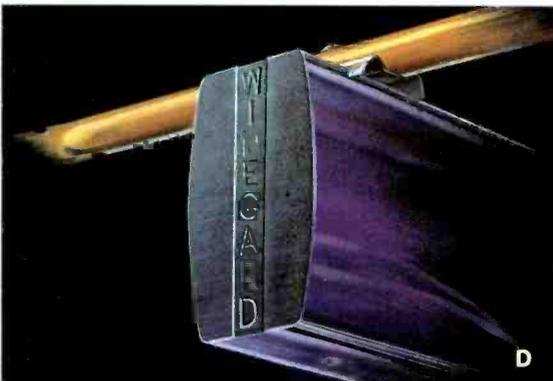


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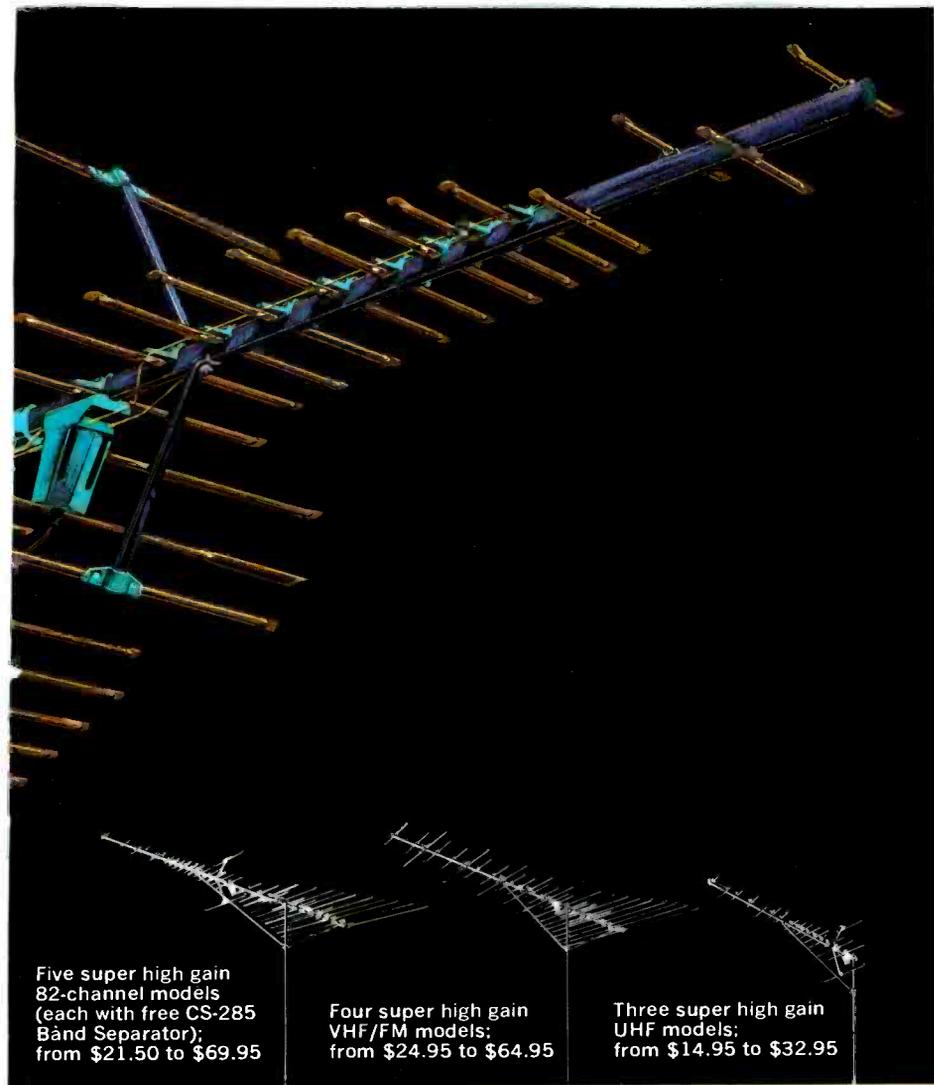
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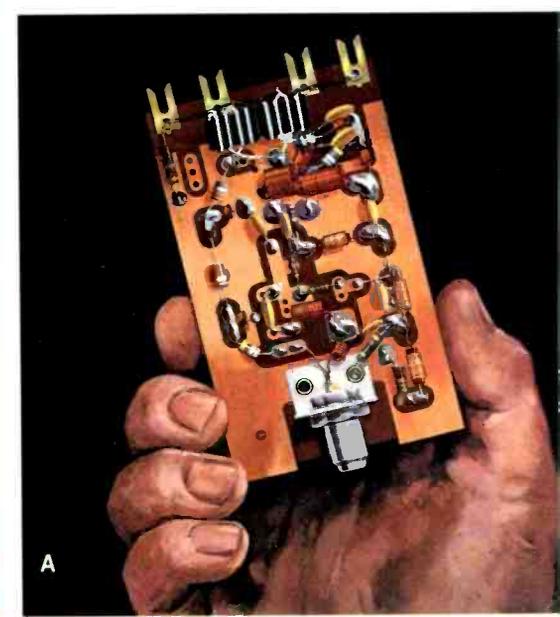
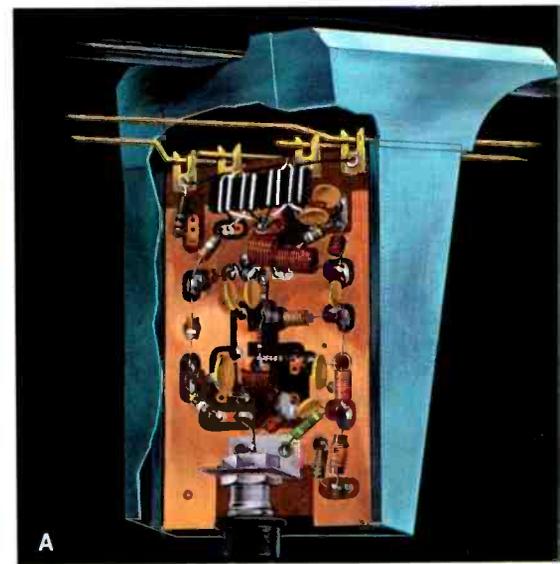
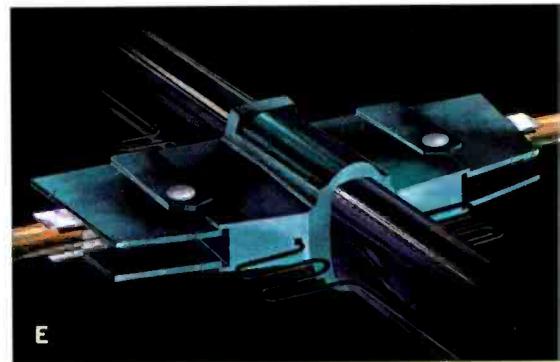
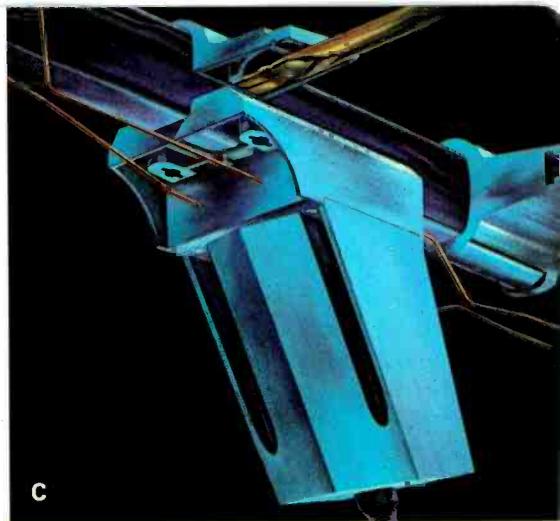
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Fig. 1—Color phase problem. Note the faces are blue. Correct facial tint could not be obtained.

## ■ The pressure is on!

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New advances in color CRT technology have made it more difficult to use the CRT screen as a trouble-symptom analyzer. Not much evidence appears on the screen, for instance, when one of the color guns is incorrectly adjusted or precise purity has not been obtained. The B/W picture usually





Fig. 4—Burned or carbonized HV isolation resistor can cause out-of-focus picture and lines on screen.

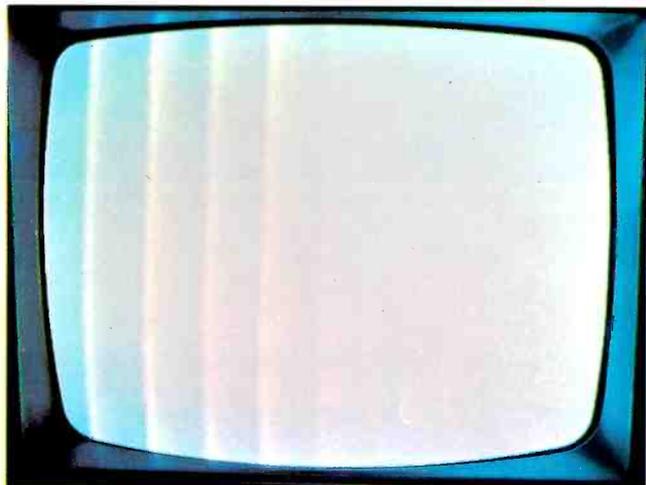


Fig. 5—Same problem as shown in Fig. 4 but as viewed on a blank screen.

about "trying to adjust those little red and green controls on the back of the set for a better color picture."

The moral is, don't jump to conclusions and take the set apart. Use your head. Put first checks first and follow through in logical order.

#### Then We Saw Too Much Red

While checking a Zenith 25in. color set which had 6JH8 tubes as color demodulators, the CRT screen indicated too much red and adjustment of the red screen control had no effect. Substituting 6JH8 tubes did not help. The CRT was checked and it was OK.

The chassis of this set was pulled and taken to the shop for further checks. All voltages in the demodulator and CRT circuits checked OK except on tube terminal 8—the R-Y demodulator plate. This should have been 185v but it metered out at 310v—indicating the tube was not conducting. All resistors, solder joints and connections were checked but nothing unusual turned up.

Before the set left the owner's home, we had noted that the heater of the R-Y 6JH8 tube was lit and the tube was hot to the touch. A closer look confirmed this. But we hesitated and said, *so what?*

The R-Y demod tube was removed and a test socket inserted in its place and the tube was inserted in the test socket. It lit up "brightly" but a VOM check showed only 3v across the heater terminals. Further investigation showed that the ground connection of socket ter-

minal 4 had a cold solder joint. When the joint was resoldered solidly to ground, the set operated normal. Don't use your eyes and fingers to measure voltages.

#### Intermittent Color

When a color TV has complete color, fades for a few minutes and then is normal for 5 or 10 minutes, it can create a tough service problem if you don't use your head. This condition may occur 8 or 10 times during an evening of viewing and then correct itself for the next two or three days.

On this set, the 3.58MHz subcarrier oscillator is checked first and adjusted for zero beat. Then the color killer must be properly set. But after routine checking, substituting tubes involved, checking for defective solder joints and short circuits and the trouble still persists, what's the next move?

Well, let's think for a moment. Most later model color sets are designed so that the color killer goes into action and disables the chroma amplifier section whenever the 3.58MHz oscillator goes off frequency. Because of this, you do not know whether you have a loss of color burst, color subcarrier oscillator drift or a malfunction of the bandpass color amplifier section. Now we're up a creek, but good. But wait! Let's use a little more logical thought, and locate the trouble.

We'll turn the color killer control up or disable the color killer. In sets so equipped, we'll also disable the automatic chroma control section (ACC).

Using a color bar/dot generator or a color telecast, we can now see if the 3.58MHz oscillator is operating and if it is on frequency. If the colors run through the picture, then we'll check the sync and AFC phase detector for good color lock. If the color can be locked in, then we'll air-test the set for an hour or two and watch for the possibility of oscillator drift.

If you get no color when the color killer is disabled, use a scope or VTVM and check for 3.58MHz oscillation. If the oscillator checks OK, then the defect is in the color amplifier or the demodulator section. You will frequently find that a 3.58MHz crystal can cause erratic and intermittent color.

#### Watch That Burst

Here's a rare problem that may crop up occasionally and it depends on the TV station transmitting color. The set does not appear to have enough color gain even with the color control set at maximum. But when the set is switched to a different channel, the color comes in good and strong. This occurs in color sets that have automatic color control or level provisions. If the color burst is too high, from the telecasting station, the ACC section will bias off the bandpass amplifier stage and very weak color will result. It would be advisable to check the burst level with a scope to confirm if this is too high. Check with the set manufacturer's service data and a modification can usually be made to eliminate this problem. But you may also contact the chief engineer of the TV station.

The "old pro" hopes these few tips will help elevate your color IQ and that the color you see in most abundance is "cabbage green." ■

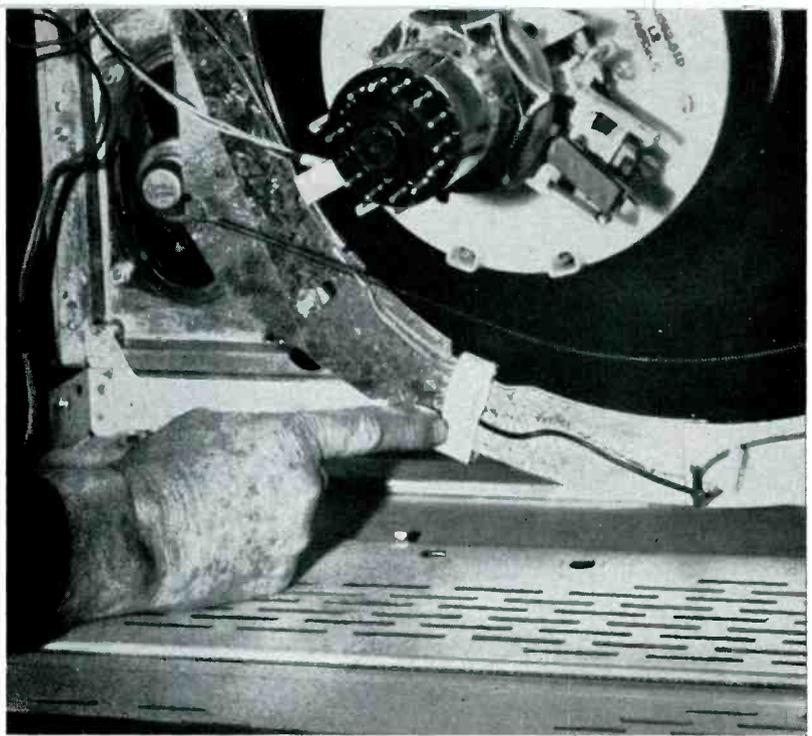


Fig. 2—Degaussing coils in RCA color receiver are mounted top and bottom on a metal frame that serves as a transformer.

# Troubleshooting

'Simon simple' —  
but you can't  
fix them unless  
you know how  
they work

■ The voltage dependent resistor (VDR) and thermistor automatic degaussing circuit is being used in the latest color receivers. In 1964/'65 color sets, there were several ADG circuits used to degauss the front screen of color CRTs. Several circuits employed a spring-loaded switch, thermal switch and even a "rolling-magnet" system. The thermal switch is still used, but most

manufacturers are now employing the VDR/thermistor system.

ADG circuits were designed to remove impurities that appear on the color screen. These various colors, or combinations of colors, appear in both the B/W and color picture. This is caused by magnetization of the metal shadowmask at the front of the CRT. Thus, ADG was designed to provide good purity from a color CRT at all times.

Before ADG circuits were designed, service technicians had to degauss color CRTs with a regular degaussing coil after the receiver had been moved, before adjusting convergence and on many service calls.

Color CRTs can be magnetized by the earth's magnetic field or by electrical or electronic equipment used in the home. An electric clock or radio placed on top of a color receiver cabinet, for example, often created a degaussing job. When various other types of equipment, including vacuum cleaners, are operated near the color set, they may cause the screen to become magne-

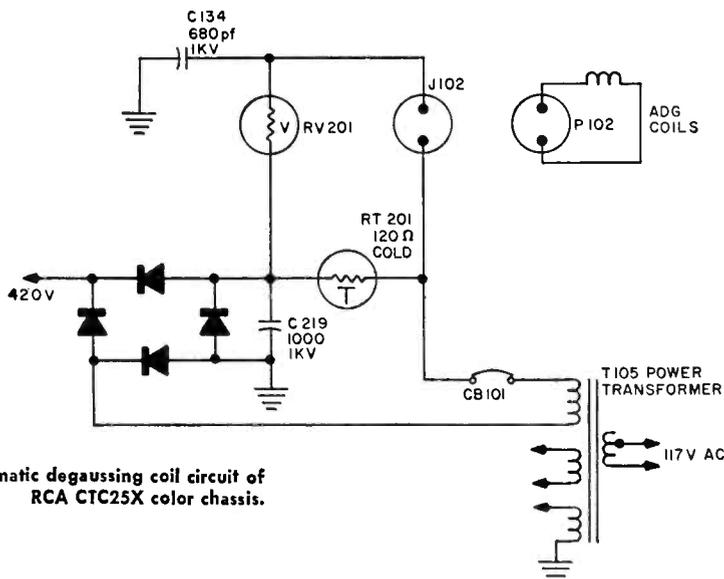


Fig. 1—Automatic degaussing coil circuit of RCA CTC25X color chassis.

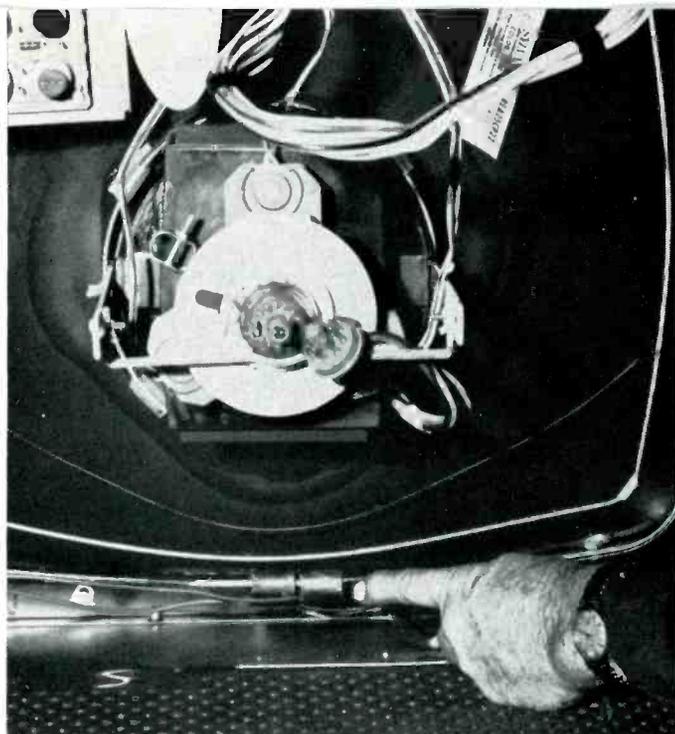


Fig. 3—A technician points to two degaussing coils located at the bottom of a CRT in a Sylvania color receiver. Two coils are also mounted on the metal flange at the top of the CRT.

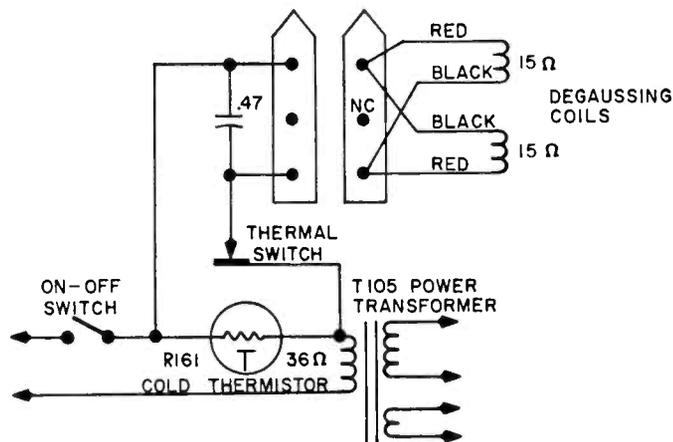


Fig. 4—Automatic degaussing coil circuit in Admiral D11 chassis.

# Color ADG Circuits

tized. If "Mrs. Jones" wanted to move the color set from the living room to the den, a service technician had to be called to degauss the CRT. Even shifting the set from one corner of a room to another frequently caused a degaussing job. Hence, the advantages of ADG not only allow the set to be moved around, but it keeps the CRT magnetically "clean" at all times. It also eliminates the necessity for many callbacks and nuisance trips.

Although ADG circuits are used in all new color receivers today, wise TV technicians still carry a degaussing coil on service calls. It is always best to degauss the color CRT before a new receiver is delivered or after working on it. This is especially true after installing a new color CRT which shows impurities at the corners and sides.

## VDR/Thermistor Systems

When a color receiver is first switched on, the ADG circuit automatically begins to degauss the CRT—before the picture appears on the screen. A sudden current

passes through the degaussing coils, is shut off and then passes into the secondary circuit of the power transformer (see Fig. 1). Let's briefly observe how this takes place.

A thermistor, when cold, offers high resistance to the sudden current surge—allowing the degaussing coils to become operative. This current sets up a magnetic field around the coils—providing a demagnetizing circuit. When the thermistor begins to warm up, its resistance begins to decrease—allowing current to flow through the thermistor to the low voltage silicon rectifiers.

Likewise, the VDR's resistance is extremely low when no voltage is applied to it. When the color receiver ON/OFF switch is first closed, current in the secondary of the power transformer is routed through the degaussing coils and the VDR. As the thermistor heats, closing off the current through the coils to the VDR, the VDR's resistance increases. With the VDR's resistance increasing and the thermistor's resistance decreasing, all ac current is routed through the power supply

and the degaussing action is completed.

Each time the ON/OFF switch is placed in the ON position, the circuit is degaussing the color CRT—if the set is allowed to first remain off for a few minutes. Normally, the degaussing action is completed by the time the picture comes on the TV screen.

In the earlier Admiral models, however, where a thermal-type switch is used, the B/W picture will sometimes come on before degaussing is completed—displaying a colorful array caused by magnetic lines of force.

## Coil Mounting

Most degaussing coils used in VDR/thermistor circuits are mounted on a metal flange around the color CRT. This metal flange offers a greater magnetic field at the front of the CRT. The RCA degaussing system has two coils at the top and bottom on the metal flange of the CRT (see Fig. 2). The degaussing coils in a Sylvania color cabinet are shown in Fig. 3.

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Many circuit variations exist for VDR/thermistor circuits. In the Admiral D11 chassis, the thermistor and degaussing coils are in the primary winding of the power transformer (see Fig. 4).

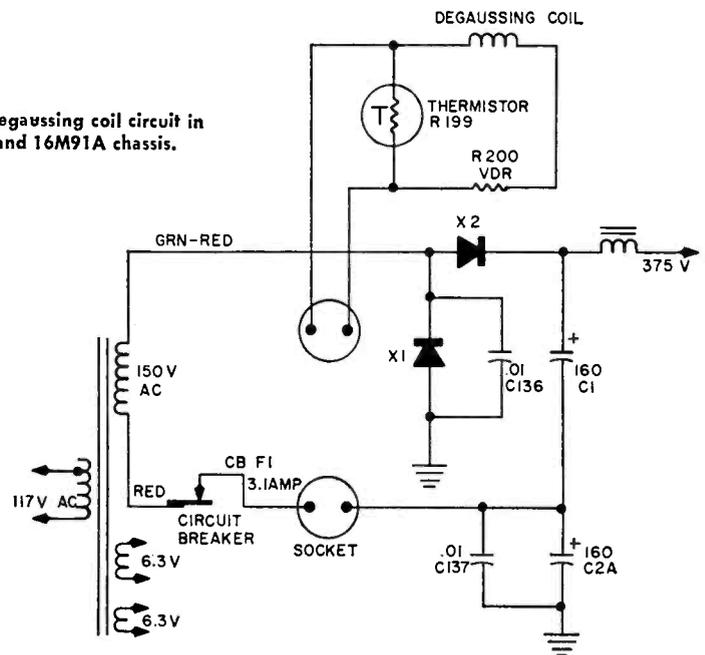
Practically all VDR/thermistor components are wired in the power transformer secondary circuit. For example, the G-E CB23 and CB25, Zenith 25NC37, Curtis-Mathes CMC20 and the RCA CTC25X chassis have the thermistor circuit in the top leg of the secondary winding. The Philco 16M91, Muntz AS9021 and Westinghouse V2650 chassis incorporate the VDR/thermistor circuit in the bottom leg of the secondary winding. The Philco 16M91 and 16M91A degaussing circuit is shown in Fig. 5.

### Thermal Switch/Thermistor Circuit

The thermal cutout circuit is primarily used in the Admiral color receiver. When the ac switch is in the ON position, the thermistor resistor has a high resistance and the ac current goes through the degaussing coils. As the color receiver draws more current, the thermistor becomes warm and more current begins to flow through it—cutting out the degaussing coils with the thermal switch.

Generally, only two large coils are used in this circuit. They rest on each side of the color CRT close to the front of the tube face. If the HV socket is located in the side of

Fig. 5—Automatic degaussing coil circuit in Philco-Ford 16M91 and 16M91A chassis.



the CRT, these two coils are mounted at top and bottom.

Degaussing coils may be connected in series, parallel or in series/parallel. The Sylvania DO2 chassis has four degaussing coils connected in series/parallel having a total resistance of  $2\frac{1}{2}\Omega$ . RCA degaussing coils are wired in series and have a resistance of 10 to 12 $\Omega$ . The two large Admiral degaussing coils in the D11 chassis are in parallel and have a resistance of 15 $\Omega$  for each coil.

When a defective degaussing coil or a color CRT is replaced, make sure the degaussing coils are placed in the exact position of the original coils. They cannot be turned over or turned around as they will be working against one another. Mark the back outside edge with a white arrow pointed upward.

### Chasing Trouble

A defective degaussing system is indicated when color blotches or impurities appear in B/W pictures. You may degauss the screen one day and be called back within a week to do it over again. Another symptom is a "lag," or the degaussing coil is working late—after the picture comes on the screen.

You may get no degaussing action if a VDR or thermistor becomes defective. Open degaussing coils or poor socket connections will give similar results. A sluggish switch in a thermal-switch circuit will cause

a delay and the picture will come on ahead of shut-off time. Burned or dirty thermal switch points may cause intermittent operation or prevent degaussing action altogether.

If the degaussing coils remain energized, a whirly-color pattern remains on the screen. An open or poor board connection to the thermistor that's shown in Fig. 1 can cause intermittent reception or no reception. If one of the coils mounted on the metal flange shorts to the metal holder, the circuit-breaker will kick out.

A high resistance thermistor will cause the degaussing coils to remain on for a long time or they may not be turned off at all. Likewise, a high resistance VDR will weaken or cancel degaussing action.

Several methods may be used to check ADG circuits. One method is to short out the thermistor resistor with a clip lead. Now plug in the cheater cord and obtain a picture on the screen. First notice if impurities appear on the color screen. Remove the clip lead and watch the degaussing action. This sudden surge of ac current is only momentary and must be observed carefully.

Another easy method is to use the regular service degaussing coil and place it against the front of the TV screen (see Fig. 6). With the color receiver operating, plug the degaussing coil into the ac line. Leave it there a minute or two and then



Fig. 6—Using service degaussing coil to isolate a defective ADG system.

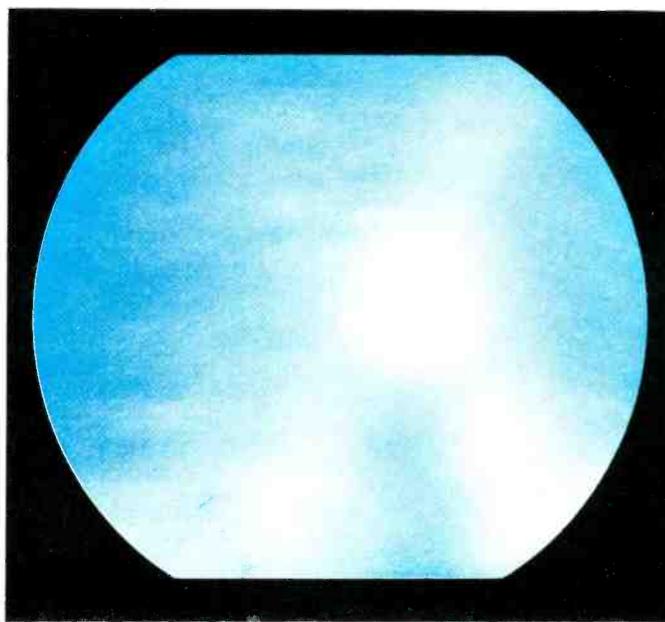


Fig. 7—Photo shows impurities on B/W screen caused by defective ADG circuit.

quickly pull the degaussing coil plug from the ac outlet. You will observe several blotched color areas. Now switch the color receiver off and let it cool for five minutes. Switch it back on and check for purity. If the screen is not pure (see Fig. 7), the ADG system is not functioning as it should. In the event that several impurity areas show on the screen, check for shorted turns in the ADG coils. Also substitute a new VDR unit for the one in the circuit.

When checking degaussing coil resistance, compare the resistance with that indicated on manufacturers' circuit diagrams. Some degaussing circuits, like the Philco-Ford 16M91 chassis, for example, have the VDR, thermistor and degaussing coils isolated from the TV chassis. Be sure and measure only the resistance of the coils.

This method of checking degaussing coil circuits is much easier than clipping a wire across the thermistor resistor. In most color receivers, the VDR and thermistor are located under the chassis. On the RCA color chassis they are mounted on top, but it's a little difficult to clip a lead onto them because of short component leads.

You can actually see the sudden charge of current by placing a 100K resistor in series with a NE2 neon lamp. A neon test lamp, the type with the two insulated leads, will give the same results. Remove the

degaussing coil plug from the chassis. Plug the neon lamp indicator into the receptacle holes. Now plug in the cheater cord and notice the sudden charge of current. If the neon lamp stays lit or takes a long time to come on, replace the thermistor.

#### Intermittent ADG

After an RCA CTC24 Chassis was in the owner's home for two months, the customer complained of color appearing on B/W pictures. A few preliminary degaussing checks were made and the receiver seemed to work perfectly. The service degaussing coil cleaned the screen as usual. Within another month the screen was impure once again. At first, we suspected the lady of the house was switching-off the vacuum cleaner in front of the receiver. But with the receiver operating, the service degaussing coil was placed near the screen and quickly switched off. Then the screen appeared perfect. Since the VDR and thermistor are mounted on top of the chassis, each component was "pushed around" a bit and the next time we went through the procedure, the screen was impure. The trouble proved to be a badly soldered joint on one leg of the VDR.

Another case, in an Admiral G12 series chassis, was similar. The degaussing system on this set worked perfectly sometimes and at other times, the degaussing action was

dead. After cleaning the thermal switch points, the set worked perfectly. In still another Admiral chassis which used a thermal switch circuit, the entire thermal-switching assembly had to be replaced because the degaussing coils were still energized after the picture came on.

#### Faulty Purity

In an Admiral 1965 chassis the owner complained of an impure picture when the set was one month old. After two unsuccessful repair trips, the set was brought to the shop. It was degaussed with the service coil, but within two days it was fouled up again.

The service degaussing coil was placed against the CRT screen, with the receiver operating, then the coil was switched off. The receiver was left to cool for a few minutes. When the set was switched on, impurities were obvious. Replacing the thermistor-switch assembly did not remedy the situation but further checks revealed an open silicon rectifier in the power supply. The output voltage was almost normal but one diode in the bridge circuit was open.

You can save a lot of time by removing one lead from each silicon diode and checking each one separately. Be sure and double-check all four silicon diodes. And remember—a defective color CRT can show the same impurity symptoms as those caused by a defective ADG system. ■

# Solving Horizontal and Vertical Problems in Solid-State TVs

Use your scope to speed troubleshooting in these areas

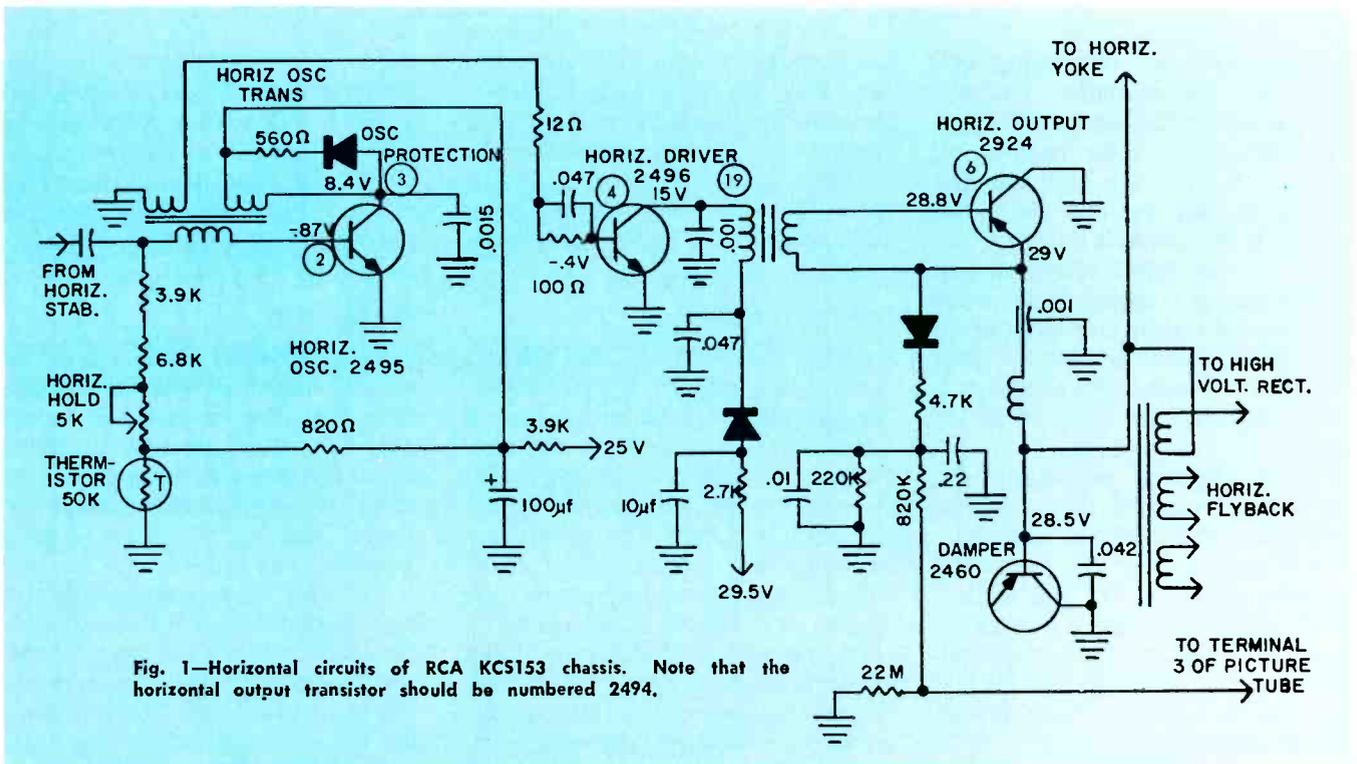


Fig. 1—Horizontal circuits of RCA KC5153 chassis. Note that the horizontal output transistor should be numbered 2494.

■ Your scope can eliminate many frustrating hours from your solid-state TV receiver servicing. Since time is your greatest asset, you have to telescope as many jobs as possible into an hour. If you know how to use your scope effectively, how to observe and compare manufacturers' waveforms and apply a little knowledge of theory to solid-state TV receiver circuits, then you "have it made." This is especially important in horizontal and vertical sections

of solid-state receivers. In fact, we believe these sections pose more difficult problems than all the other sections put together.

## Scoping the Horizontal Section

Generally, the circuit-breaker will kick out when trouble arises in the horizontal section of a solid-state TV receiver. This condition is caused by poor or no drive voltage on the horizontal output transistor. The horizontal output transistor

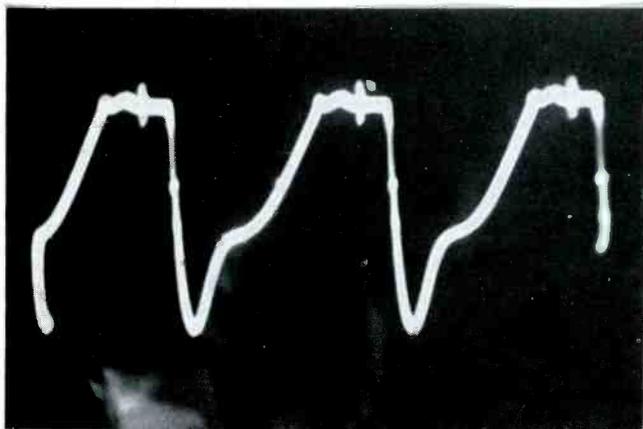


Fig. 2—Waveform at base of horizontal oscillator, 2495, test-point number 2 in Fig. 1.

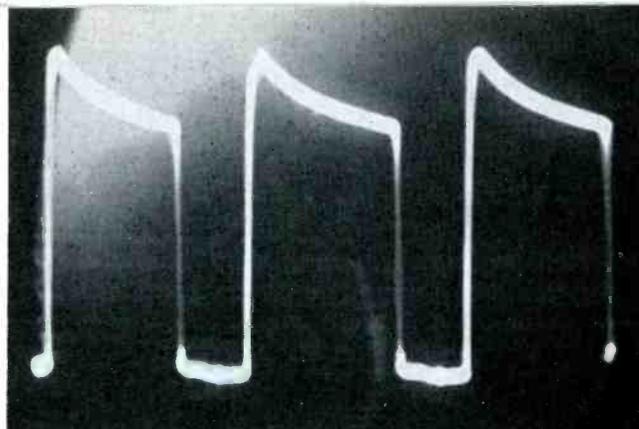


Fig. 3—Waveform at collector terminal of the horizontal oscillator, test-point number 3.

draws heavy current, kicking out the circuit-breaker. But if the circuit-breaker goes out as soon as the reset button is pressed, the trouble could easily be in the low voltage solid-state power supply. In the event the raster remains or the circuit breaker stays put for a few seconds and then kicks out, the trouble is generally in the horizontal or vertical circuits. Also, don't overlook the possibility of a defective circuit-breaker.

Of course, it is difficult to make checks and use the scope in a receiver when the circuit-breaker won't hold. An overloading condition exists under these conditions and the circuits should be disconnected one by one to isolate the exact circuit causing the overload. Unsoldering or unplugging connections may be necessary. Don't short out or bypass the circuit-breaker. You may seriously damage one or more horizontal power transistors. Let's take a look at the horizontal circuit of an RCA KCS153 solid-state chassis, as shown in Fig. 1.

Where do we begin when the circuit breaker won't hold? First, remove the chassis from the cabinet but leave all cables and connecting wires intact. There's enough room to see what goes on between chassis and the small 12-in. CRT.

Check and determine if the low voltage power supply is functioning properly. Unplug the yoke lead from the chassis but leave the speaker lead connected. Now reset the circuit-breaker and apply power to the TV receiver. If a rushing noise comes from the speaker, we generally assume that the low voltage power supply is OK. A quick check at the power supply will definitely

bear this out if a 40v reading is obtained on the VTVM.

Now, when the yoke is reinserted and the circuit-breaker kicks out, you know the trouble exists in either the horizontal or vertical section. The horizontal circuits give more trouble than the vertical circuits and it is very wise to suspect the horizontal section first. Trouble in the horizontal section may also show up in the flyback and HV circuits. Go directly to the horizontal output transistor (2924) and remove the mounting screws. Remove the horizontal output transistor from its socket.

Reset the circuit-breaker and see if it will hold. If it does, we know the trouble is definitely in the horizontal circuits. Use a direct scope probe and begin at the horizontal oscillator transistor base. Does the waveform look like that shown in Fig. 2? If so, proceed to the collector terminal of the transistor. Check the waveform you get on the scope with that shown in Fig. 3.

A voltage gain or increase in height of the sawtooth which you get at the base of the horizontal drive transistor (2496) should be like that shown in Fig. 4.

Now go to the collector terminal of the same transistor and check the voltage gain and waveform.

The voltage gain at the base of the horizontal output transistor is seven times that on the base of the horizontal drive transistor. Tremendous voltage gain is obtained in the horizontal driver circuit. With the horizontal output transistor out of the circuit, the waveform appears like that shown in Fig. 5. When the horizontal output transistor is in the circuit and functioning properly, the

waveform appears as shown in Fig. 6, taken at the emitter.

### Scope Practice

When you have sufficient practical experience with the scope on solid-state receivers, you can quickly spot the defective stage. If a waveform does not appear as shown here or those shown in manufacturers' service data, we have located the trouble. At this point, use the VTVM and milliammeter section of the VOM to pinpoint the defective component.

For instance, if all the horizontal output transistor waveforms check out, substitute a new transistor and see if the circuit-breaker holds. Always remember to keep a pulsed waveform on the base of the horizontal output transistor or the transistor may be immediately damaged. Now check the damper transistor for possible leakage or damage.

Remove the damper transistor and quickly measure the resistance between base and collector. A good damper transistor will measure around  $3\Omega$  one way and with the meter leads reversed, measure more than 20K. If the resistance is low both ways, you have located the trouble. Also, a good transistor tester will show up a defective transistor. In case the resistance checks good, put the damper back in its socket and go to the current limiter transistor. But if the resistance measures 10K or lower, replace the damper with a new transistor.

If a damper is substituted and the circuit-breaker still kicks out, proceed to the current limiter transistor. When this transistor is substituted and the circuit-breaker kicks out, the trouble is in the flyback circuit.

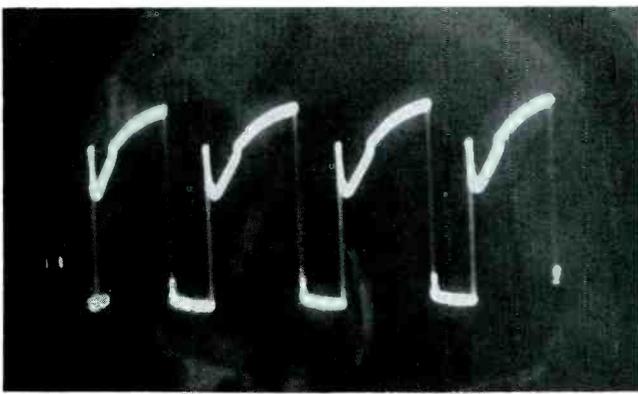


Fig. 4—Waveform taken at the base (test-point 4) of the driver transistor, 2496.

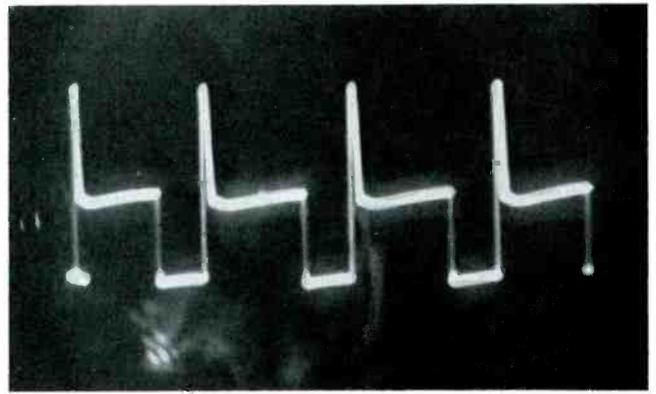


Fig. 5—Waveform at the base of the horizontal output transistor (test-point 6) when the transistor is removed from the circuit.

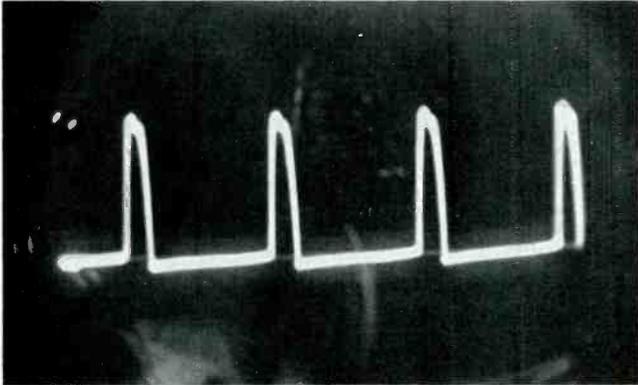


Fig. 6—Correct waveform at the emitter of the horizontal output transistor when it is in its socket and working properly.

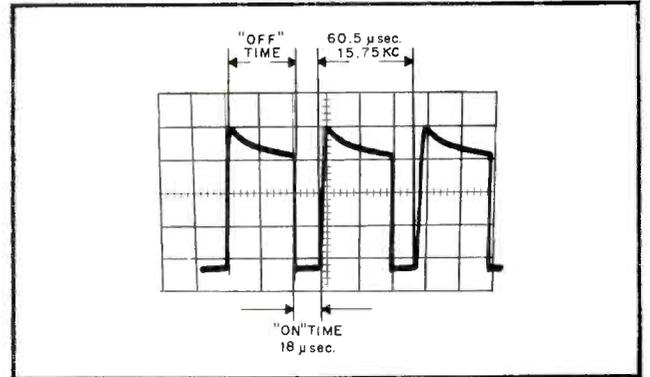


Fig. 7—Horizontal sweep adjustment waveform for the KCS153.

If the current limiter transistor is left out of the socket for a minute or two, the protective resistor will become hot and begin to smoke. Just remove the current-limiter transistor long enough to check the holding of the circuit-breaker.

In replacing power transistors, it is best to check the mica insulator and alignment of the transistor socket. Place silicone grease on both sides of the insulator for good heat dissipation. If a power transistor socket does not line up properly, it is sometimes easy for the transistor terminals to short against the chassis.

#### Adjusting Horizontal Sweep In KCS153 Chassis

If the horizontal stabilizer coil slug in the horizontal sweep circuit of this chassis is not properly adjusted, serious damage can be caused to the horizontal output circuits. First, be sure the receiver is switched off. Then connect a clip-lead from the collector terminal of the sync separator, 2475, to ground.

Connect the scope's vertical input probe to the collector terminal

of the horizontal oscillator (2495) and the scope's low side to ground. Place a clip-lead across coil terminals 2 and 3 of the horizontal stabilizer coils. Switch the TV receiver on and adjust the horizontal hold control for minimum side-drift of the picture. Adjust the horizontal stabilizer coil slug (top of coil), for a pulse width of  $18\mu\text{sec}$  (see Fig. 7).

Switch the receiver off and disconnect the scope leads. Remove the clip-lead shorting terminals 2 and 3 of the horizontal stabilizer coil. Adjust the bottom slug of the horizontal stabilizer coil so the picture will just drift sideways. Now check the horizontal hold control on a regular TV picture. In setting the horizontal hold coil of a solid-state receiver, follow the manufacturers' servicing procedures closely.

#### Checking the Vertical Section

The waveforms in the vertical section are more difficult to measure than in the horizontal section. These waveforms seem to be quite unstable unless you have a well designed scope. Most troubles ob-

served on the TV screen are poor height, poor vertical linearity, insufficient vertical amplification and simply a white horizontal line across the screen—indicating no vertical sweep. A scope check of transistors will locate the defect.

Begin at the vertical oscillator and go from base-to-collector of each stage. Notice the gain or loss in each stage and also the waveform. Most solid-state vertical amplifiers are directly coupled from collector-to-base or from emitter-to-base of the preceding transistor. From three to five transistors may be used in the vertical section. The vertical sweep circuit schematic of an RCA KCS153 is shown in Fig. 8.

The sawtooth waveform at the vertical oscillator base should approximate that shown in Fig. 9. The waveform at the vertical oscillator collector and base of the vertical amplifier (2501) is shown in Fig. 10. You'll note that the waveform at the vertical-amplifier base (2501) has about the same amplitude as the waveform at the vertical driver emitter (not shown). In checking vertical waveforms, use a direct-

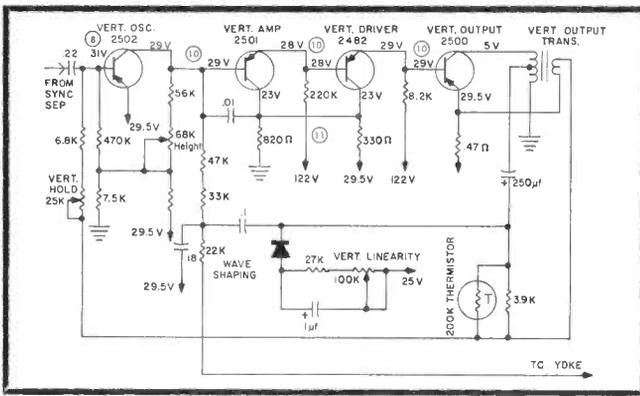


Fig. 8—Vertical circuit schematic of RCA KCS153.

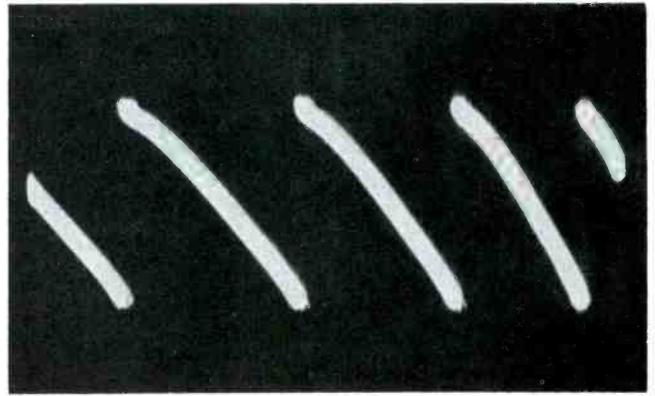


Fig. 9—Waveform at the base of the vertical oscillator transistor, 2502.

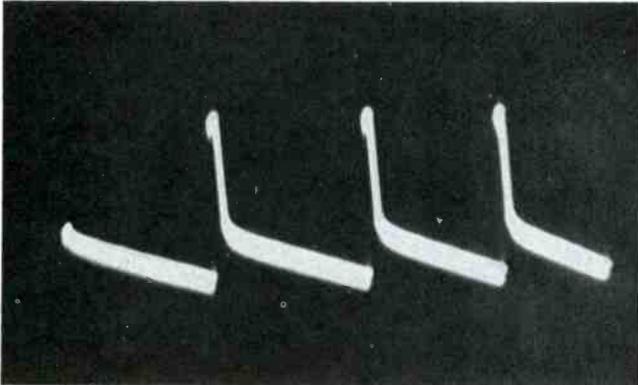


Fig. 10—Waveform at the collector of the oscillator and the base of the vertical amplifier.

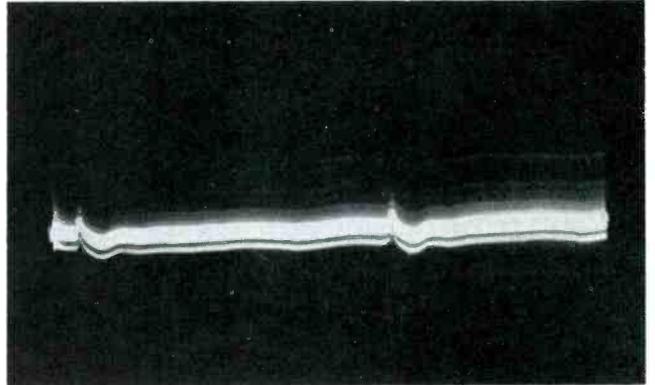


Fig. 11—Waveform at the emitter of Q304, vertical driver stage of Sylvania AO1 chassis. A great loss in gain is indicated.

coupled probe. Set the scope frequency to 50 or 60Hz.

The greatest voltage gain is noted in the vertical output transistor. Here the gain is about 10 to 1 in the KCS153 chassis, while in a Sylvania AO2 chassis, the ratio is about 5 to 1. A quick check of the gain of any vertical or horizontal waveform should be made against the manufacturers' schematic. Most manufacturers place these waveforms on the diagram or elsewhere in their service manuals. (When the manufacturer furnishes them, ET prints these waveforms on TEKFAK schematics.)

It may prove difficult at times to locate a point on the circuit board to place the scope probe tip. One or more transistors may be tightly located between chassis and CRT. Extreme care should be exercised to prevent shorting transistor elements with the probe tip. But, if you follow the schematic carefully, you'll find test points or test terminals numbered on the diagram.

For example, the vertical output transistor in the RCA KCS153 chassis, is mounted under a sub-chassis. The transistor terminal connections

are between CRT and main TV chassis. Sometimes it is rough to get a probe down to this vertical transistor. But, if you'll look at a tie-point on the etched board, a letter "U" is in plain view. The vertical output transistor waveform can be checked from this tie-point.

When a signal loss or a weak waveform of a given stage shows on the scope, you may have located the trouble. And it is wise to have your scope screen accurately calibrated. If your scope is fairly old, it should be re-calibrated often. This is important in servicing both vertical and horizontal sections of solid-state sets because of the small gain produced by some stages. There may be only a P-P voltage change of 0.3v at a given stage. The principal idea of using the scope in solid-state TV servicing is to quickly locate the defective stage. You can then follow through with a VTVM to pinpoint the ailing component. The scope probe will not load the circuit you are checking and this becomes a great help when troubleshooting intermittent circuits. Now, let's get down to some everyday cases.

### Getting Down To Cases

A Sylvania AO1 chassis came to the shop having a fine white horizontal line across the screen. No vertical amplification was apparent so we went directly to the vertical section. Beginning at the vertical oscillator, Q302, the scope was set at 50Hz and both input and output waveforms appeared normal. The waveform at the emitter of the driver transistor, Q304, showed a waveform like that shown in Fig. 11. Since the stage acts like a cathode follower, there is some loss here—but obviously not this much.

A new vertical driver transistor was substituted at this point and we obtained a full raster immediately. When the vertical driver transistor was checked, a leakage showed between collector and emitter. The correct waveform is shown in Fig. 12.

Another AO1 Sylvania chassis had a "long-necked" running picture. The picture was stretched out into wide lines and we couldn't stop it from "flipping." When the vertical hold control was rotated, the bottom

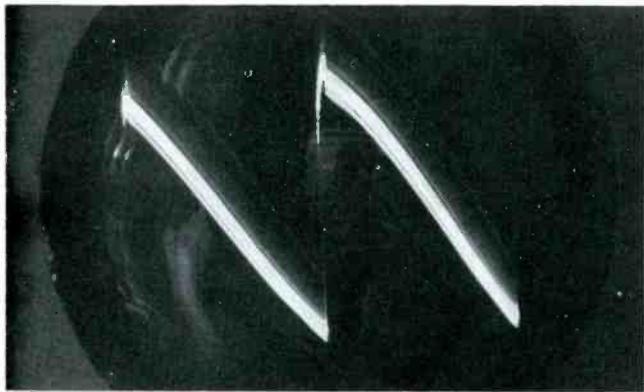


Fig. 12—Correct waveform after the defective vertical driver transistor, Q304, was replaced.

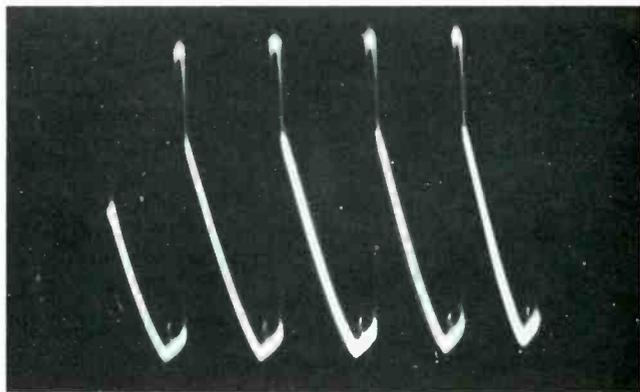


Fig. 13—Waveform at the base of the vertical driver transistor, Q304.

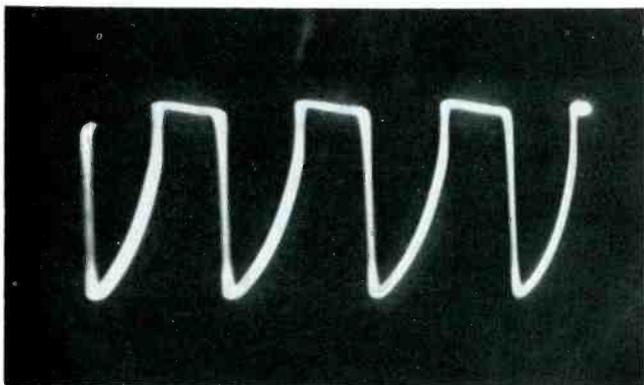


Fig. 14—Defective waveform taken from the collector terminal which was caused by a decreased emitter resistor in Q402.

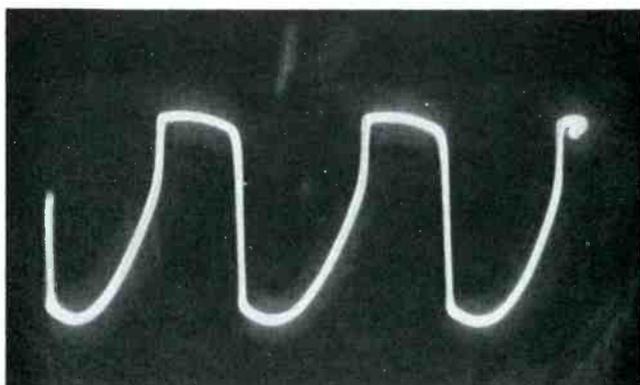


Fig. 15—Correct waveform at the collector terminal of Q402 after the emitter resistor was replaced.

of the raster pulled up two or three inches.

Beginning at the vertical oscillator transistor with a scope, we ended up at the same vertical driver transistor, Q304. The waveform at the base of this transistor was like that shown in Fig. 13. The height and linearity controls were adjusted but did not help.

Since we've had trouble with this same transistor before, we automatically substituted it and the picture became normal. Further checks showed leakage between base and emitter of the vertical driver transistor.

#### Intermittent Chassis

The overload circuit-breaker on another KCS153 chassis would kick-out as soon as the set was switched on. At other times the small TV would run for several hours without trouble. At first, we tried to isolate the section where the intermittent component was located. Once, when the circuit-breaker would not hold, the yoke assembly was disconnected. When this was done, the circuit-breaker stayed put and noise came

from the speaker. We knew the audio and low voltage power supply was good. We next removed the horizontal output transistor and the circuit-breaker was reset again. A quick scope check on the base terminal of the horizontal output transistor indicated the horizontal circuit was good. The horizontal output transistor was substituted and the circuit-breaker kicked out again.

We removed the current-limiter transistor from the chassis momentarily. The circuit breaker stayed on. We were chasing the trouble "into a corner." A check of the 100 $\mu$ f filter capacitor and silicon limiter protection tied it down. The small silicon transistor was intermittently bad and a new one in its place solved the problem.

#### Narrow Picture

A portable AO1 Sylvania came into the shop having two inches of black on each side of the screen. In a tube TV receiver we usually think of this problem in terms of a weak horizontal output tube, a weak damper or possibly a weak low voltage rectifier tube. Why think

any differently about a solid-state TV receiver? Actually, the trouble could be caused by any one of the horizontal transistors but before you remove one from the circuit, check the waveforms with a scope.

We began with the first transistor, Q400, in the horizontal oscillator and proceeded toward the horizontal output transistor. At the base of the horizontal driver transistor the waveform was a little weak. Going back to the base and collector of Q402, the second transistor in the horizontal oscillator, a voltage loss showed up. The trouble had to be in transistor Q402 or related circuit components. But substituting the transistor didn't solve the problem.

The waveform on Q402's collector terminal was narrow and had about a 1v amplitude loss (see Fig. 14).

The emitter bias resistor was checked with an ohmmeter and it measured 320 $\Omega$  instead of 510 $\Omega$ . You may jump to the conclusion that this 190 $\Omega$  difference would cause little trouble. But in a transistor circuit an out-of-tolerance of only a few ohms can frequently

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# TEKLAB REPORT

## A Technician Looks At G-E's 'Porta-Color' TV Receiver

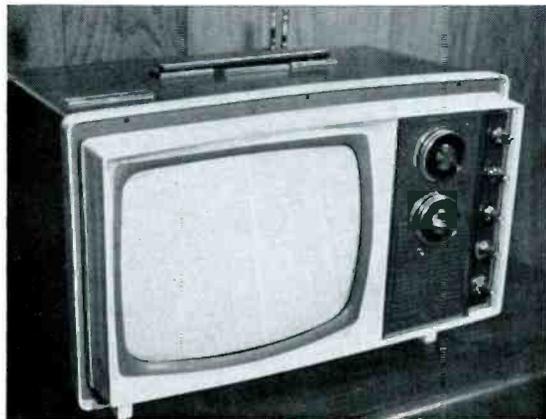


Fig. 1—Photo of G-E's 'Porta-Color' receiver showing three front cabinet screws loosened at top of set front.

### Part 1 of a series

You'll probably be seeing more of these sets in the future and servicing problems are different

■ When you first “heft” G-E's small-screen, model M213CWD color TV receiver with one hand, you will probably jump to the conclusion that it is fully semiconductor. But, aside from the CRT, the set contains 13 tubes (a majority are compactrons), 13 diodes and one transistor.

Because the 60-sq in. viewing-area 11SP22 color CRT is unconventional in design, the set has a number of unconventional circuit innovations and adjustments.

#### General Description

Although the set's cabinet appears to be made of simulated wood-grained metal, it is actually made of high-impact plastic. It has a carrying handle, a two-element retractable VHF “rabbit-ear” antenna, illuminated channel indicator and a built-in spring-loaded activating-switch degaussing circuit.

It is easy to get to the “guts” of the set by removing three screws from the cabinet front (See Fig. 1) and three from the back. The major covering section then slips off easily and exposes the components which are all top-board mounted.

The etched circuit board is re-

tained at the front by “slots” and the left side by a channel molded into the bottom shelf of the cabinet front. Five screws are used to secure the circuit board in position on the cabinet shelf. Mounted on a small sub-chassis and fastened to the high voltage compartment are various components of the power supply — filter capacitors, choke, power rectifiers, fuse, etc.

Control assemblies, which consist of the VHF/UHF tuner cluster and secondary control assembly, are mounted to the cabinet front by hex-head screws. The speaker is also mounted and retained to the front cabinet directly below the tuner assembly. Nothing is mounted to the cover except the antenna. On the first try, a TEKLAB technician removed the six screws, disconnected the antenna from the tuner input and removed the cover in exactly 58 seconds.

#### The CRT and Its Deflection System

The most unconventional part of the set is its CRT and its circuits for beam deflection. The CRT is a three-gun shadow-mask type, but its three electron guns are placed in line on a horizontal plane and

the guns scan in-line dot rows of colored phosphor dots—red, green and blue—instead of the conventional three colored dot triad groups.

The beams of the electron guns are deflected simultaneously by a deflection-yoke system which directs each beam to the desired group of color dots (see Fig. 2). With each of the beams properly

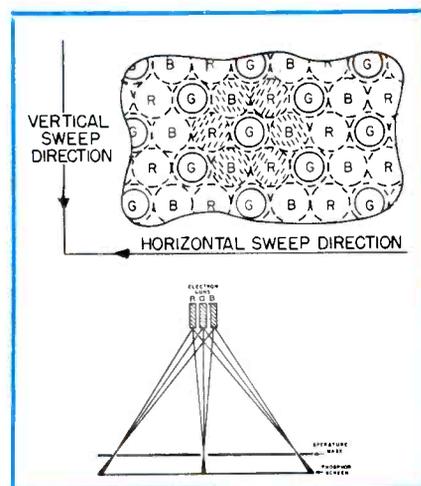


Fig. 2 (Top)—Red, green and blue light-emitting dots are arranged in a horizontal line with the dot of each successive line staggered in respect to previous line. (Bottom)—Beam landing with respect to phosphor dots and aperture mask.

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registered on its group of color dots, three separate rasters result. These rasters are superimposed, one on top of the other, resulting in a single raster which can produce either a B/W or color picture under proper conditions.

This deflection arrangement, together with over-all system considerations, leads to an unconventional convergence arrangement. In fact, the convergence system is simple—compared to that on the conventional color receiver.

As indicated previously, the red, green and blue light-emitting dots, 19 mils in dia, are arranged in a horizontal line with the dot of each successive line staggered with respect to the previous line as shown in Fig. 2. Located behind the dot pattern is a metal aperture mask which contains one third the number of 12-mil dia holes as there are phosphor dots on the screen (see Fig. 2). The mask is positioned and shaped so the holes line up behind the green phosphor dot as shown. The distance of beam travel from the aperture hole to the phosphor dots allows approximately 14 mils of dot bombardment by the electron beam. The approximate attitude of the three electron beams, with respect to the phosphor dots and aperture mask is also illustrated.

Each of the three electron guns is similar to a monochrome electrostatic focus CRT gun. Although the aperture mask holes are behind the green dots, beams of the red and blue guns do not strike the green dots because of the approach angle of the beams. The beam angle and the distance of the aperture mask from the tube screen is such that the beams strike only the proper phosphor dot.

It should be understood at this point that "purity" achieves illumination of each of the three color phosphor dots by the proper elec-

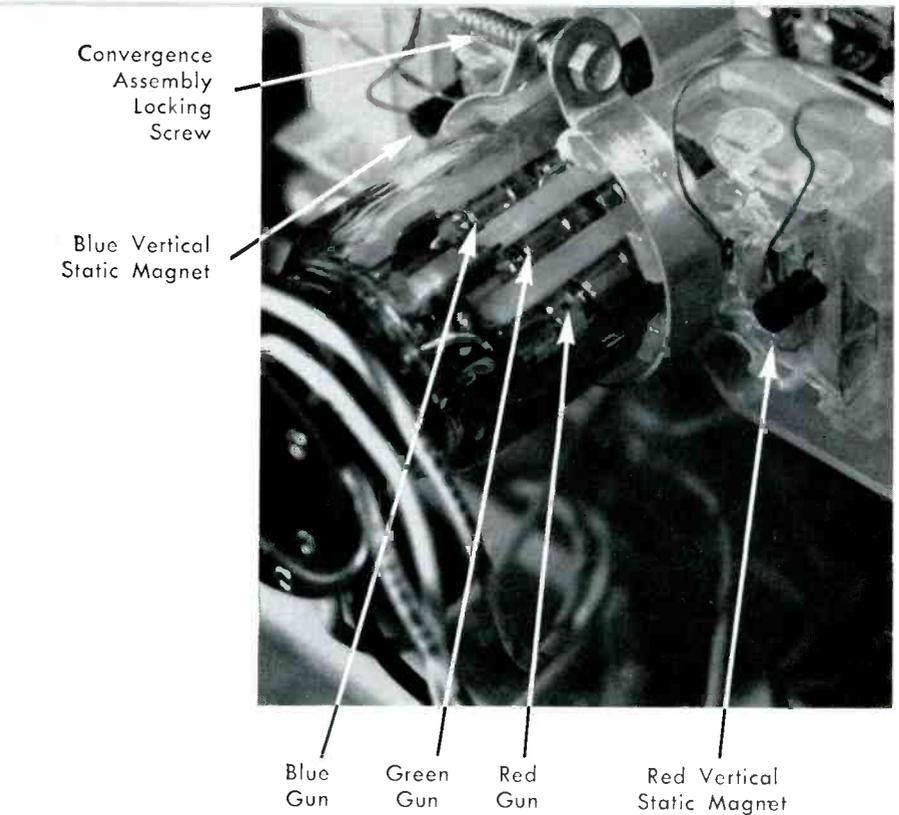


Fig. 4—The two vertical and horizontal magnet assemblies mounted on an elongated piece of clear plastic 1.5in. from socket end of CRT.

tron gun—and this does not necessarily mean that three beams are "converged."

For the 11SP22 CRT, the green gun may be viewed as a reference for convergence because the gun is in the center of the gun cluster.

A cylindrical metal shield is provided on the end of the green gun structure to reduce the effects of the magnetic field applied to each of the outside guns by the convergence assembly.

As illustrated in the drawing shown in Fig. 3 and the photo in Fig. 4, the convergence assembly is made up of two vertical and two horizontal magnet assemblies

mounted on an elongated piece of clear plastic. This complete assembly is mounted on the neck of the CRT 1.5in. from the socket end of the tube as shown. This places the vertical correction magnets over the "C" shaped pole pieces on the red and blue guns and the horizontal magnets of the "L" shaped pole pieces at the very front of the structure (viewed from the set's rear).

Each vertical magnet assembly has several turns of wire on the inside leg of an "E" shaped core and with the coil connected in series with the vertical deflection coils, a magnetic field is produced in this arm of the core. The field produced is coupled from this arm of the core through a movable permanent magnet to the "U" shaped portion of the core where the direction of the field disperses to both ends of the core.

From here the field is coupled through the glass envelope of the CRT to the pole pieces of the red or blue gun, resulting in a vertical deflection of the beam as shown in Fig. 2. Since the permanent magnet is energized, the beam can be moved by rotating the magnet for static adjustment. The field produced by the vertical yoke current flowing through the coil on the

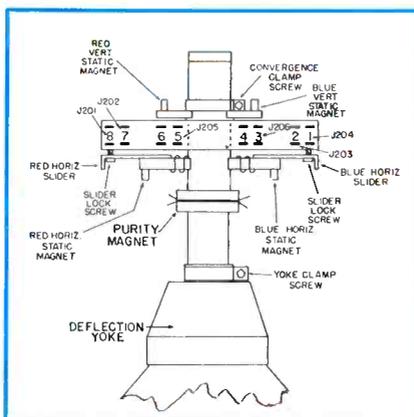


Fig. 3—Complete convergence assembly showing, horizontal and vertical static adjustments and correct positioning of convergence assembly and purity ring.

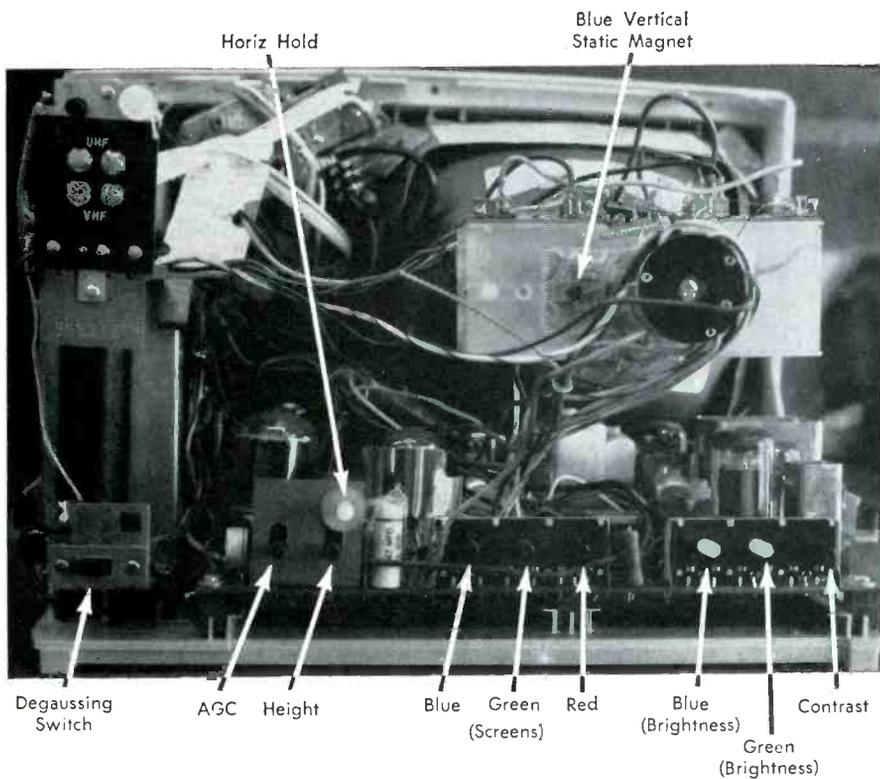


Fig. 5—Rear view of chassis showing the three CRT screen controls and the blue and green color brightness controls.

core follows the same path as the permanent magnet field. It then moves the associated beam vertically at a vertical rate. In addition, the coil polarity may be changed or completely removed from the circuit by interchanging the wiring on the terminal strip at the top of the plastic convergence assembly.

### Getting Down to Business

Now let's get to the business of making gray-scale (color temperature), purity and convergence checks and, when necessary, adjustments.

With the receiver completely assembled and in the cabinet, switch the set on and let it warm for 10 minutes. Tune the receiver to an active B/W channel, adjust the contrast and front-mounted controls for a normal B/W picture. Demagnetize the CRT screen with a service-type degaussing coil and make necessary height, vertical linearity and hold control adjustments. At this point, check the gray-scale (color temperature tracking). This is done as follows:

1. Turn the three CRT SCREEN controls located on the back of the set (see Fig. 5) fully clockwise (CW).

2. Short the antenna terminals and switch the VHF channel selector to an unused channel. Turn

the CONTRAST control fully counter-clockwise (CCW).

3. Turn the master BRIGHTNESS control (on the receiver front) CW to a point just short of defocusing the raster.

4. Adjust either or both of the two BRIGHTNESS controls (BLUE and GREEN controls in the set's rear as shown in Fig. 5) to eliminate color shading of the white raster. And if you cannot get a pure white screen with these adjustments, don't worry about it. Continue with the gray-scale procedure.

5. Turn the master BRIGHTNESS control (front of set) CCW until the raster is almost dark.

6. Adjust the appropriate color SCREEN control to reduce color shading of the dark-gray raster to a minimum.

7. Check the raster through highlights to lowlights—adjusting the controls as necessary to maintain gradations from dark gray to white throughout the brightness range. Repeat steps 3 through 6 if necessary to maintain gray-scale tracking.

8. Check the three SCREEN controls to make certain that at least one is set at maximum CW.

Now, if the CRT screen is not as pure white as it should be, proceed with purity and convergence checks as follows.

With the set warmed up, connect a bar/dot generator to the receiver's antenna terminals (making sure the terminals have been unshorted). If only minor adjustments are required, a slight touch-up of the static convergence magnets will usually do the job. Study the raster closely to determine the color and direction of misconvergence. We had no trouble making these adjustments in ET's TEKLAB—it took about 5 minutes. Make only slight adjustment to the appropriate horizontal or vertical convergence controls directly associated with the misregistered color. Keep in mind that the green gun is between the red and blue guns and it does not require adjustments. Register both the blue and red rasters on the green raster. The red and blue rasters move both horizontally and vertically to coincide with the green.

The static convergence magnets are cemented in position at the factory. To turn the magnet, exert a slight pressure to break the cement bond. A drop of acetone can also be used to soften the cement. When turning the magnets, maintain a slight inward pressure to keep the magnets fully seated in the cores. After adjustments have been completed, lock the magnets with a drop or two of Glyptal cement.

If for any reason it is necessary to move the purity magnet or the static convergence magnets excessively, for example, after changing a CRT, perform the complete purity and convergence procedure.

### Purity and Convergence Procedure

1. Check for correct positioning of the convergence assembly and purity ring on the CRT neck as shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 6.

2. Loosen the screws on the horizontal convergence sliders and move each slider to place the core end  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. from the CRT neck.

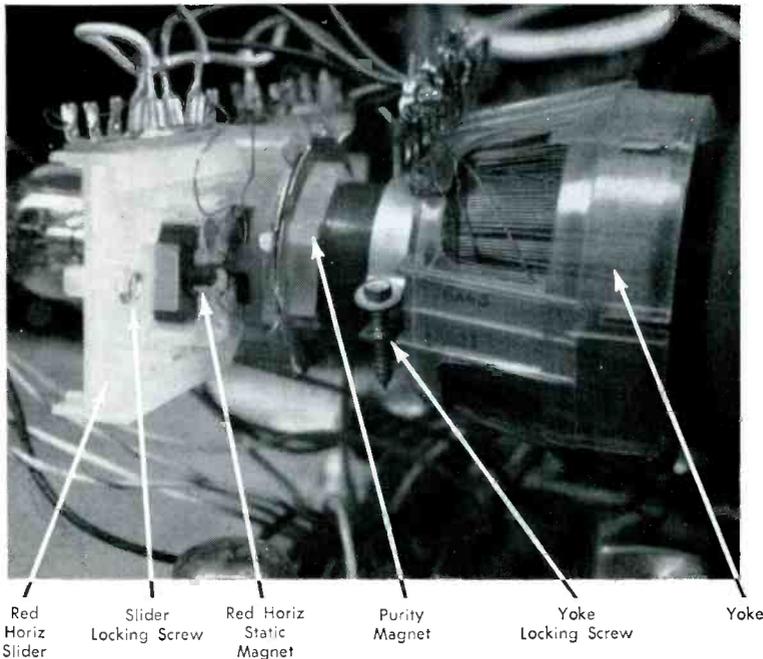


Fig. 6—Location of yoke, yoke locking screw, purity magnet, red horizontal static magnet, slider locking screw and red horizontal slider.

3. Position the purity rings for zero field by adjusting the rings so that the square tab on each ring is 180 deg from the other and then position the assembly on the tube so that the square tabs are on a vertical plane.

4. Position the four static convergence magnets for zero field. For the vertical convergence magnets this is achieved when the line marked on the end of the magnet is in a vertical plane, and for the horizontal magnets, the line is positioned on a horizontal plane.

5. Adjust the master BRIGHTNESS control (on the front of the receiver) approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$  turn CW from the maximum "off" position and turn the CONTRAST control "off" (CCW).

6. Turn the CRT SCREEN controls (R546, R547 and R548) fully clockwise then adjust the green and blue color BRIGHTNESS controls (R539 and R545) for proper gray scale.

7. Using either a dot pattern or a crosshatch pattern, adjust the static convergence magnets to produce center convergence.

8. Turn the color BRIGHTNESS controls (R539 and R545) "off" and loosen the yoke clamp screw (Fig. 6). Slide the yoke back as far as possible. Tighten screw so

yoke will just slide and turn.

9. Adjust purity ring as follows:

Rotate assembly around the tube neck or spread tabs for uniform pure red field in center of raster.

10. Check center convergence as follows:

A. Turn the GREEN color BRIGHTNESS control "on" (CW) to obtain

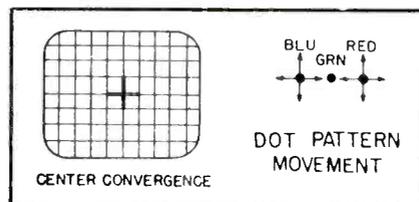


Fig. 7—Red and blue dot pattern movement for center convergence.

a red and green pattern in the center of the raster and center converge the red on the green (see Fig. 7).

B. Turn the BLUE color BRIGHTNESS control "on" and center converge the blue on the yellow.

11. Make preliminary purity check as follows:

Turn the GREEN and BLUE color BRIGHTNESS controls "off" then slide the yoke forward for best over-all pure red raster and proper leveling of the picture.

12. Repeat steps 8 through 11 as necessary to obtain best center convergence consistent with best purity.

13. Make horizontal slider adjustments as follows:

(A) Turn the GREEN color BRIGHTNESS control "on" (CW) and check the relationship between the red and green vertical lines at both sides of the raster.

(a) Move slider close to tube if red appears inside of green (closer to raster center).

(b) Move slider away from tube if red appears outside of green (closer to raster edge).

(B) Rotate red horizontal static convergence magnet to converge the red and green vertical lines at the center horizontal line.

(C) Turn the BLUE color BRIGHTNESS control "on" (CW) and in the same manner as previously described at "A" and "B" and adjust the BLUE horizontal slider along the BLUE static horizontal magnet to achieve blue convergence.

(D) Repeat steps "A" through "C" as necessary to obtain best center and edge convergence at the center horizontal line. Lock sliders in place by tightening the screws.

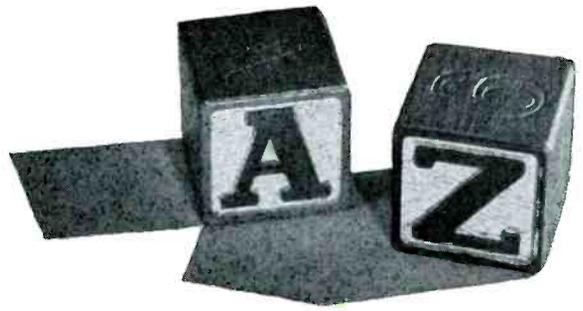
14. Repeat steps 8 through 11 as necessary to obtain best "over-all" convergence consistent with best "over-all" purity.

15. Check convergence of the horizontal lines at the center vertical line. If additional adjustment is necessary, the connections to each vertical dynamic convergence coil may be changed to either reverse its polarity or remove it completely from the circuit. Clips and lugs are provided on the top of the assembly for ease of altering these connections.

16. Check final over-all purity as follows:

Turn the GREEN and BLUE color BRIGHTNESS controls "off" and position the yoke on the neck of the picture tube for pure over-all red raster and for proper leveling of the picture. Tighten the yoke clamp screw while supporting the yoke weight with one hand. Check each color field and check over-all convergence, then lock the convergence magnets in position with a drop of Glyptal cement.

A forthcoming article will explore other circuits and servicing procedures for this unusual color receiver. ■



# Semiconductors from A to Z

Understand how tunnel diode circuits operate and you can troubleshoot them faster

■ Many tunnel diode characteristics were discussed in the February issue of *ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN*. Since these characteristics are important in the proper function of tunnel-diode circuits, the previous article should be referred to when studying these circuits.

The importance of having an output or load resistor ( $R_2$ ) of proper

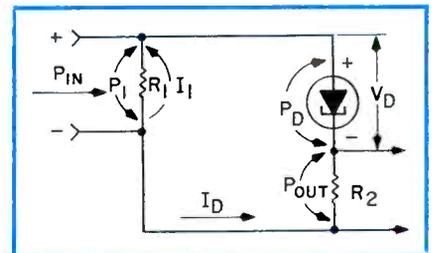


Fig. 1—Power losses in a tunnel diode amplifier.

taking a different look at the circuit (Fig. 1). The power supplied to the circuit ( $P_{in}$ ) must equal the power consumed by the tunnel diode ( $P_D$ ), plus that consumed by the input resistor ( $P_1$ ) and the output resistor ( $P_{out}$ ).

$$(P_{in} = P_D + P_1 + P_{out})$$

The power consumed by the tunnel diode can be calculated by multiplying its voltage by its current ( $P_D = V_D I_D = 50\text{mv} \times 1.3\text{ma} = 50 \times 10^{-3}\text{v} \times 1.3 \times 10^{-3}\text{a} = 65 \times 10^{-6}\text{w} = 0.065 \times 10^{-3}\text{w} = 0.065\text{mw}$ ).

The power consumed by the input resistor ( $R_1$ ) equals the square of the current passing through it times the value of the resistor

$$[P_1 = I_1^2 R_1 = (2.82\text{ma})^2 \times 60\Omega = 2.82 \times 10^{-3}\text{a} \times 2.82 \times 10^{-3}\text{a} \times 60\Omega = 477.1440 \times 10^{-6}\text{w} \approx 477 \times 10^{-6}\text{w} = 0.477 \times 10^{-3}\text{w} = 0.477\text{mw}]$$

The power consumed by the output resistor ( $R_2$ ), like that consumed by the input resistor ( $R_1$ ), is equal to the square of the current passing through it times the value of the resistor. Since the resistor is connected in series with the diode, the same current ( $I_D$ ) passes through both the output resistor and the diode. The power consumed by this resistor has already been calculated for Table II

$$(P_{out} = I_D^2 R_2 = 0.155\text{mw})$$

$V_D$ (mv)	$I_D$ (ma)	$P_D = V_D I_D$ (mw)	$I_1$ (ma)	$P_1 = I_1^2 R_1$ (mw)	$P_{out}$ (mw)	$P_{in} = P_{out} + P_D + P_1$ (mw)
50	1.3	0.065	2.82	0.477	0.155	0.697
75	1.2	0.090	3.09	0.573	0.132	0.795
90	1.1	0.099	3.19	0.611	0.111	0.821
105	1.0	0.105	3.28	0.646	0.092	0.843
117	0.9	0.105	3.33	0.665	0.075	0.845
129	0.8	0.103	3.38	0.686	0.059	0.848
142	0.7	0.099	3.44	0.710	0.045	0.854
157	0.6	0.094	3.54	0.752	0.033	0.879
178	0.5	0.089	3.73	0.835	0.023	0.947
200	0.4	0.080	3.95	0.936	0.015	1.031
227	0.3	0.068	4.24	1.079	0.008	1.155
295	0.2	0.059	5.22	1.635	0.004	1.698

Table I: The power consumed by the various components in a tunnel-diode amplifier.

value in a tunnel-diode amplifier circuit (Refer to Fig. 3 in the Feb. issue) was discussed, and we found that too small an output resistance reduced the circuit's voltage gain while too large a resistance resulted in voltage instability.

### The Amplifier's Input Resistance

The value of the input resistor ( $R_1$ ) is also important for the stability of the tunnel diode circuit. This can be seen more effectively if we study the power consumed by

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in the Feb. article. We can add this data to again determine the total power consumed by the circuit

$$(P_{in} = P_{out} + P_D + P_1 = 0.065\text{mw} + 0.477\text{mw} + 0.155\text{mw} = 0.697\text{mw}).$$

(Note: the slight discrepancy between this total power calculated for Table I of this article and that calculated for Table II of the previous article results from rounding off numbers.) In the same manner the total power consumed can be calculated for other voltages across the tunnel diode, as shown in Table I.

With the use of curves (Fig. 2), we can more effectively see the relationships of the power consumed by the various components in the circuit (Fig. 1). As in the case of

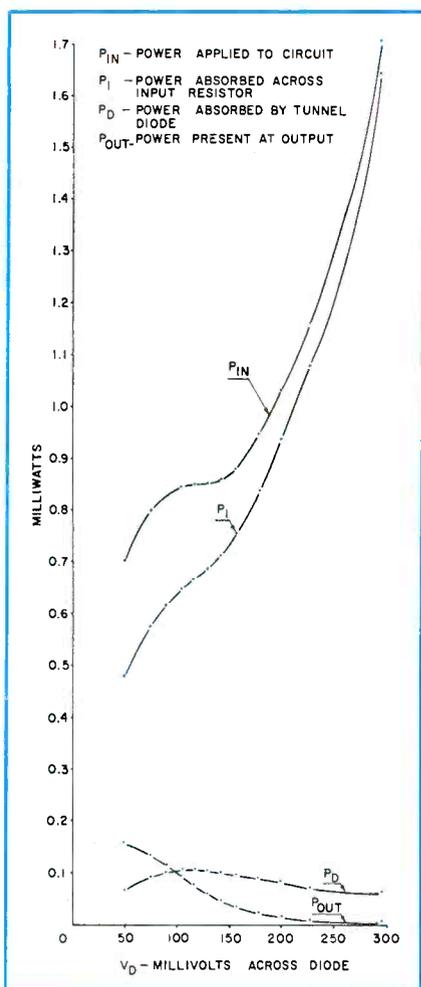


Fig. 2—Comparing the power consumption of components in a stable amplifier circuit.

the voltage curves (Fig. 4 of the previous article) where the input voltage was equal to the sum of the voltages applied to the various components, the applied power curve (Fig. 2) is equal to the sum of the powers consumed by the components.

From the curves we note that as the voltage across the tunnel diode ( $V_D$ ) increases, the power consumed at the output ( $P_{out}$ ) continuously decreases; and above approximately 111mv ( $V_D$ ), the power consumed by the tunnel diode ( $P_D$ ) also decreases. The total power consumed by these two components (the height of the  $P_D$  curve added to the height of the  $P_{out}$  curve) decreases with an increase in diode voltage ( $V_D$ ).

Unlike these curves, the curve representing the power consumed by the input resistor ( $P_1$ ) increases as the diode voltage ( $V_D$ ) increases.

As had been indicated earlier in this article, the power applied to the circuit is equal to the sum of the powers consumed by the components.

$$(P_{in} = P_{out} + P_D + P_1).$$

Since the total power consumed by the output resistor ( $P_{out}$ ) and the diode ( $P_D$ ) is decreasing as the power consumed by the input resistor ( $P_1$ ) increases, there is a very small resulting increase in the total power consumed by the circuit ( $P_{in}$ ), as the diode voltage increases from 105 mv to 129 mv. Over this range of values, a 0.005mw increase in the power applied to the circuit results in a 0.033mw decrease in the power consumed by the output. The power gain curve (Fig. 11 of the previous article) shows that the circuit's power gain is greatest over this range of diode voltages. When the input resistor is of its present value, the power applied to the circuit is able to control the amount of power present in the output.

By increasing the value of the input resistor, we can decrease the amount of power consumed at the input resistor when a given voltage is applied to that resistor. This can be shown by means of some basic electrical equations with which the reader is probably familiar. The power consumed by a resistor is

equal to the voltage applied to the resistor times the current passing through it ( $P = VI$ ). The current passing through the resistor is equal to the voltage applied to the resistor divided by the value of the resistor

$$(I = \frac{V}{R}).$$

These two equations can be combined to show the relationship between the value of the input resistor ( $R_1$ ) and the power ( $P_1$ ) that it consumes

$$\left[ P_1 = V_1 I_1 = V_1 \left( \frac{V_1}{R_1} \right) = \frac{V_1^2}{R_1} \right]$$

If the value of the input resistor ( $R_1$ ) is halved, the power that it consumes ( $P_1$ ) is doubled; while if the value of the input resistor is doubled, the power that it consumes is halved.

By decreasing the value of the input resistor ( $R_1$ ), the power consumed by the resistor increases, increasing the power consumed by the circuit. When the value of the input resistor is reduced, the curve representing the power that it consumes becomes higher and steeper. This in turn increases the height and steepness of the curve representing the power applied to the circuit. A larger increase in input power will, therefore, be required to produce the same amount of change in output power as before, and the circuit's power gain has been reduced.

When the value of the input resistor is increased, the power consumed by the resistor is reduced. The resulting curve showing the power consumed ( $P_1$ ) by this resistor will be lower and less steep. Under these conditions, the decrease in total power consumed by the output resistor and diode ( $P_{out} + P_D$ ) may be greater than the increase in power consumed by the input resistor ( $P_1$ ) over a certain range of values. As a result of this situation, a portion of the total power consumed ( $P_{in}$ ) curve will drop over a certain range of diode voltages ( $V_D$ ). As a result of this situation, we have an unstable power input curve similar to the unstable voltage input curve (Fig. 5 of previous article) discussed before. Just as several output voltages could result from a single input voltage, several amounts of power consumed

at the output can result from a single amount of input power.

We have seen that when the value of the output resistor ( $R_2$ ) is too small, the circuit's voltage gain is reduced; and when the value of the resistor is too large, the circuit loses its stability. We have also seen that when the value of the input resistor ( $R_1$ ) is too small, the circuit's power gain is reduced; and when the value of the resistor is too large, the circuit loses its stability.

Experiments have shown that a tunnel diode circuit is stable when the sum of the positive resistances in the circuit is smaller than the tunnel diode's maximum negative resistance. The total positive resistance calculated for the circuit must include the positive resistance ( $r_s$ ) present in parts of the tunnel diode that are in series with its negative resistance ( $-r_d$ ), as well as the other positive resistances present in the circuit. (Circuit stable when

$$R_1 + R_2 + r_s < -r_d.)$$

The tunnel diode's negative resistance is frequently expressed in terms of its negative conductance

$$\frac{1}{-r_d} = -g_d. (g_d = \frac{\Delta_i}{\Delta_v}.)$$

For the sake of simplicity, we have considered only the positive dc resistances present in the input, output and tunnel diode. At higher frequencies, the impedance of each of these portions of the circuit must be included in their total resistance.

Experiments have also shown that the tunnel diode generally experiences better gain when the value of the output resistor ( $R_2$ ) is greater than that of the input resistor ( $R_1$ ). (Normally  $R_2 > R_1$ .)

### More Common Amplifier Circuits

The tunnel diode circuits that have been shown (Fig. 3 and 10 of the previous article and Fig. 1 of this article) are identical and were illustrated only for the purpose of discussing different aspects of the circuit. The same circuit can be shown in still a different prospective (Fig. 3). Although this circuit has many practical applications in its present form, occasionally the bias supply must be separated from the input signal. This can be done with the use of coils (Fig. 4).

As many readers know, the amount of current that can pass through a coil is dependent on the resistance of the coil, its impedance and the frequency of the voltage across it. When a dc voltage is applied to a coil, the current is dependent solely on the coil's resistance ( $I = \frac{V}{R}$ ).

A coil's ability to conduct current decreases as the frequency of the voltage increases. This reduction in

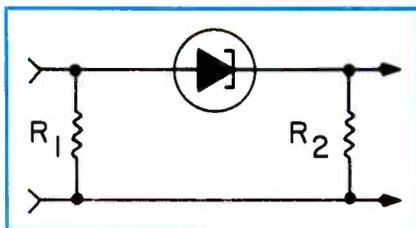


Fig. 3—A more common view of the simplified amplifier circuit.

current flow is due to the reactance ( $X_L$ ) of the coil ( $I \approx \frac{V}{X_L}$ ).

There is a definite relationship be-

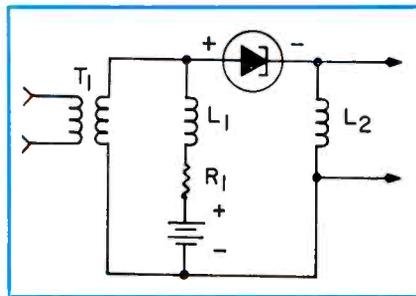


Fig. 4—A more complicated tunnel-diode amplifier circuit.

tween the impedance of the coil ( $L$ ), the frequency of the voltage ( $f$ ) and the reactance ( $X_L$ ). ( $X_L = 2\pi fL$ .) If the impedance of a coil is  $15\mu h$ , and the frequency is  $100MHz$ , we can calculate the reactance ( $X_L = 2\pi fL \approx 2 \times 3.14159 \times 10^6 Hz \times 15 \times 10^{-6} L \approx 9,424.8 \approx 9K$ ).

A resistor ( $R_1$ ) is placed in the circuit (Fig. 4) to reduce the current passing through the tunnel diode and secondary winding of the transformer ( $T_1$ ). If the transformer has a  $60\Omega$  secondary winding and the output coil ( $L_2$ ) has a  $92\Omega$  resistance, the resulting voltage drops would be the same as those shown

in Table II of the previous article, and a current of  $4.23ma$  would have to pass through the resistor ( $R_1$ ) before  $200mv$  could be developed across the transformer's secondary winding. When the power is supplied by a  $3v$  battery, the total dc resistance of the coil ( $L_1$ ) and resistor ( $R_1$ ) must be sufficient to develop a  $2800mv$  ( $2.8v$ ) drop in voltage ( $3000mv - 200mv = 2800mv$ ). We can calculate the total resistance required for these conditions

$$(R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{2800mv}{4.23ma} \approx 662\Omega).$$

If the coil has a dc resistance of  $5\Omega$ , the resistor ( $R_1$ ) must have a value of  $657\Omega$ .

Since the transformer cannot transfer dc currents from one winding to another, the primary winding is free of dc current and the resulting bias. An unbiased input signal can pass through the transformer's primary winding and develop a signal on the biased secondary winding. Due to the high impedance of the coil ( $L_1$ ) in the battery circuit, virtually all of the ac signal current is applied to the tunnel diode portion of the circuit. The signal, imposed on the bias voltage present at the transformer's secondary winding, changes the diode's voltage and the output voltage in the same manner discussed earlier. From Table I of the previous article we see that if a  $2.8mv$  signal is present on the  $200mv$  bias of the transformer's secondary winding, a  $9.2mv$  signal is developed across the output coil ( $L_2$ ).

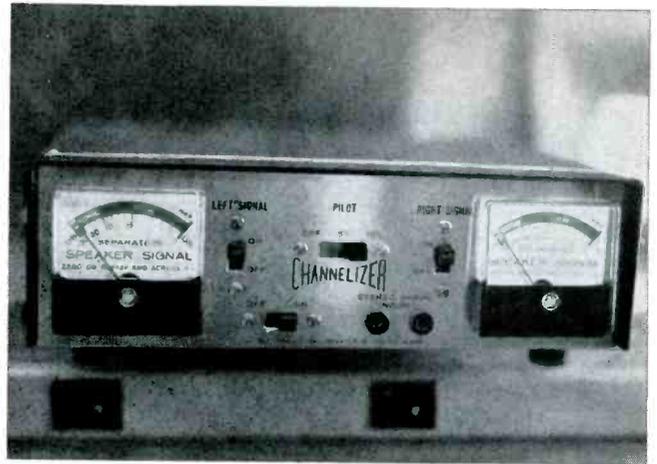
### Tunnel Diode Oscillators

With a slight modification, the amplifier circuit (Fig. 4) can be changed into a Hartley-oscillator circuit (Fig. 5). This can be done by substituting a coil ( $L_3$ ) for the secondary winding of the transformer ( $T_1$ ). By properly aligning the input coil ( $L_3$ ) with the output coil ( $L_2$ ), any signal present across the output coil is induced in an inverted form across the input coil. This signal is then amplified and inverted by the tunnel diode, increasing the amplitude of the signal originally present across the output coil ( $L_2$ ). The circuit oscillates as

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■ More FM broadcasting stations are going over to FM/stereo every year. The public is buying more and more FM/stereo receiving equipment. And alert service-dealers and technicians have already up-dated their test instruments and have "beefed-up" their technical "repertoires." But many service-dealers and technicians have not done this. They cannot continue in the same old rut and operate in this area successfully. There are good reasons why this cannot be done.

The FM/stereo reception standards laid down by the FCC, for example, cannot be met without employing specialized test instruments. And because the public becomes increasingly discriminating and demanding, we already know that signals from FM stations are not accurate enough to align an FM/stereo multiplex receiver. You can't use your ears to determine if the program material from right and left channels is being properly reproduced.

Major test instruments needed for applying fast and accurate troubleshooting techniques to FM/stereo equipment include a good scope—either a dual-trace, dual amplifier type—or one having an adequate accessory electronic switch (flip-flop), a good squarewave generator and a multiplex generator for checking out and aligning FM/stereo

equipment. The latter instrument will be considered first in this article series.

It may prove helpful at this point, however, to briefly review FM/stereo principles by way of refreshing our memories.

### FM/Stereo Principles

To transmit FM/stereo over present FM channels—without having to increase the number of channels—the present multiplexing system was developed. It involves a "time-sharing" process whereby the left and right channel signals are "mixed" together to form two new signals—

sert the 38kHz carrier in the receiver. This is the complete FM/stereo signal as transmitted.

To demodulate and "decode" the signal into left and right, a multiplex section is used in the FM receiver (see Fig. 2). The composite FM signal is detected in the regular way and fed into the multiplex section. Here the 19kHz is picked off and amplified. It is then doubled to 38kHz or used to control a 38kHz oscillator. The signal from the 38kHz oscillator is fed to the diode demodulator. The L—R and L+R signals are fed to the center tap of the transformer secondary at the

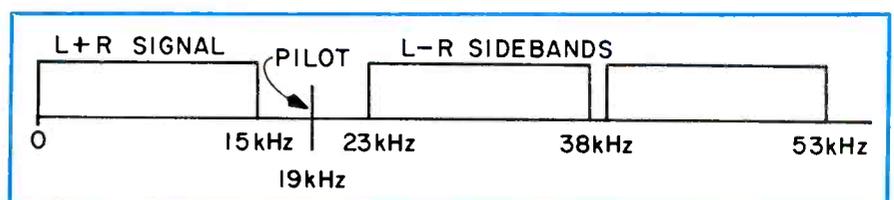


Fig. 1—The complete FM/stereo signal as transmitted.

L+R and L—R (see Fig. 1). The L+R signal is used to frequency-modulate the standard carrier. This gives listeners with a regular FM receiver the full broadcast.

The L—R signal is used to modulate a 38kHz subcarrier and produces L—R sidebands. The 38kHz subcarrier is suppressed at the transmitter and a 19kHz signal, one half of 38kHz, is transmitted to rein-

output of the demodulator. These are mixed with the 38kHz signal and the two are "beat" together again to form the left and right signals.

If the phase of the 38kHz signal in the receiver is not the same as that of the transmitter, then some of the left signal will appear in the right channel and some of the right signal will appear in the left channel.

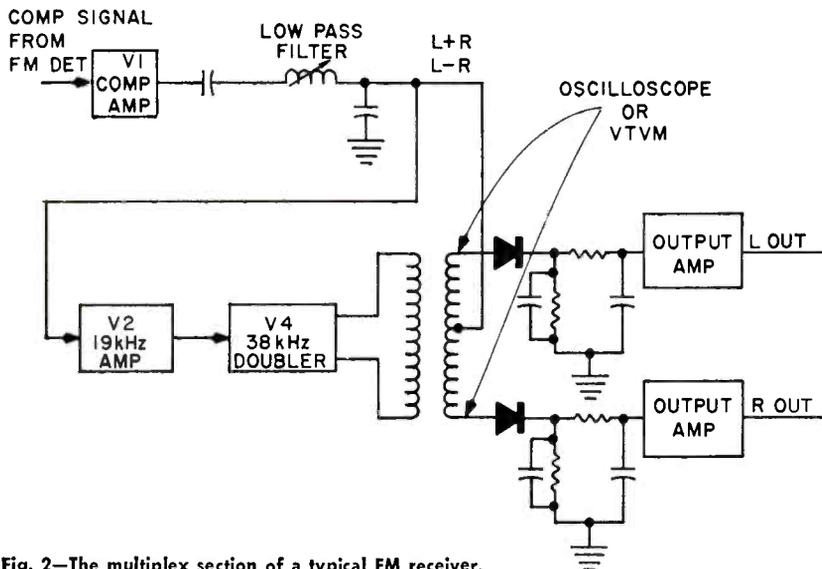


Fig. 2—The multiplex section of a typical FM receiver.

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This would result in poor separation—poor stereo reception. Thus, the 19kHz must be peaked to provide good lock-in and the 38kHz must be phased to give good stereo reception. Here is where we need a stereo multiplex generator.

## A Typical Multiplex Generator

The schematic of a typical solid-state stereo multiplex generator is shown in Fig. 3. Important specifications which most technicians are interested in are listed in Table I.

This generator produces a composite multiplex signal similar to that transmitted by an FM stereo station. The generator provides left and right channel signals and a 19-kHz pilot signal. Composite signals can be used to modulate an FM carrier from a jack on the front panel.

This particular generator uses transistor TR1 and the 76kHz crystal in the Pierce-type oscillator to control multiplexing (see Fig. 3). The output of the 76kHz oscillator is coupled through C3 to the shaping stage, TR2. Here, the signal is shaped into pulses, then coupled through diodes D1 and D2 to the 38kHz bistable multivibrator, TR3 and TR4.

The 38kHz bistable multivibrator divides the input 76kHz frequency signal by one half or 38kHz. The 38kHz output signals are sym-

metrically square waves 180deg out of phase with each other, used to control the left and right signal switches, TR9 and TR10.

A phase shift oscillator, TR6, operates at 1kHz producing the audio note for the generator. The output is directly coupled to an emitter follower, TR7. The output of TR7 is coupled through the left and right panel switches, S2 and S3, to emitter followers, TR8 and TR11. When S2 and S3 are off, supply voltage is removed from TR6 and TR7 to prevent interference from the 1kHz signal.

TR8 couples the right signal into the right signal switch, TR10. Here, signal switches turn the left and right signals off/on at the 38kHz rate and produces the multiplex signal. The multiplex signal is taken from the center arm of the balance control, R27, and direct coupled to a balanced emitter follower, TR12. The output of TR12 is coupled through a filter consisting of L2, L3 and C16 (see Fig. 3). This filter removes the 3rd harmonic of the 38kHz signal (114kHz) which causes interference if left in the signal. Linearity control, R34, compensates for any phase shift in the filter. The output of the filter is coupled through R33 to the base of the modulator, TR13.

This particular generator employs a Colpitts oscillator, TR5, used for

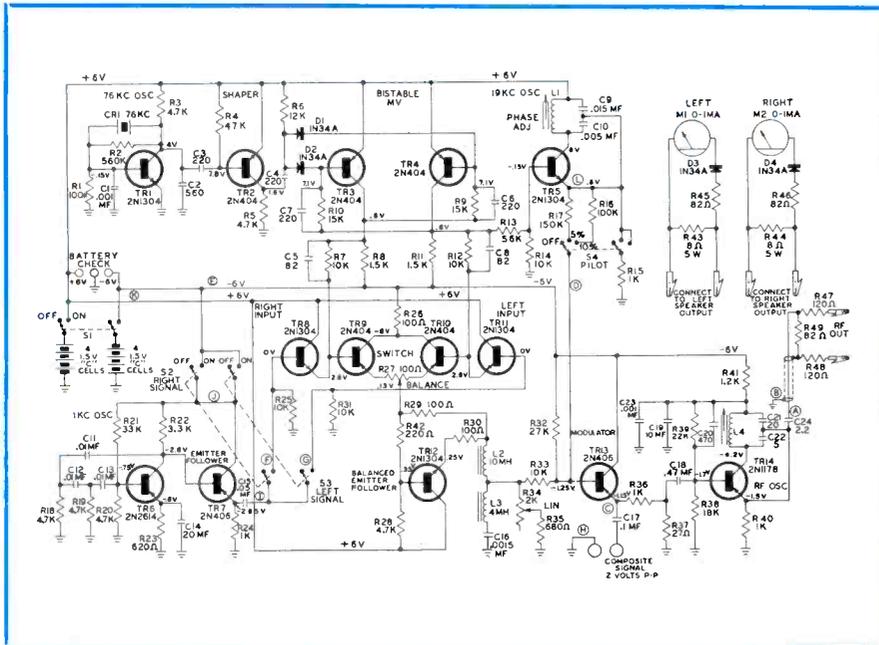
the 19kHz pilot oscillator, controlled by a pulse from one side of the 38kHz bistable multivibrator. The phase is adjustable by the slug of L1 to provide correct phase between the 19 and 38kHz signals. The 19kHz output is coupled through the pilot switch, 54, to the modulator. The pilot switch has three positions, OFF, 5 percent, and 10 percent. In the off position, supply voltage is removed from the 19kHz oscillator to insure no interference when not using the 19kHz signal. In the 5 percent position, the signal passes through R17 and in the 10 percent position through R16 providing the proper amount of pilot signal to the composite signal.

Multiplex signal from the filter and the pilot are fed to the base of the modulator TR13. The modulator output is coupled to the stereo signal jack through C17 (0.1μf 400v) reduced, in divider R36, R37 and coupled to the base of the RF oscillator, TR14, through C18.

The RF oscillator is adjustable by L4 from 90 to 105MHz. The composite signal, from the modulator frequency modulates the RF oscillator. The RF output is taken from the emitter of TR14 and coupled through C24 to the RF cable. The RF cable is coupled through C24 to the RF cable. The RF cable is terminated with a resistor pad, R47, R48, R49, to match the 300 input of the FM receiver.

The generator has a self-contained power supply making it portable, consisting of 8 "C" cells forming two supplies, plus 6v and negative 6v with the same common. When the potential drops below 5v, on either the plus or minus supply, the batteries should be replaced.

In case the receiver outputs are not at ground, the left and right meters, M1 and M2, are separate from other circuitry in the generator and do not tie to a common ground. The meters are simple ac volt meters. In case the speakers are removed, 2 8Ω5w resistors are used as loads, R43 and R44. The ac signals impressed across resistors R43 and R44, are rectified by diodes D3 and D4 which supply dc current to deflect the 1ma meters. R45 and R46 are selected so that 3v RMS will deflect the meter full scale.



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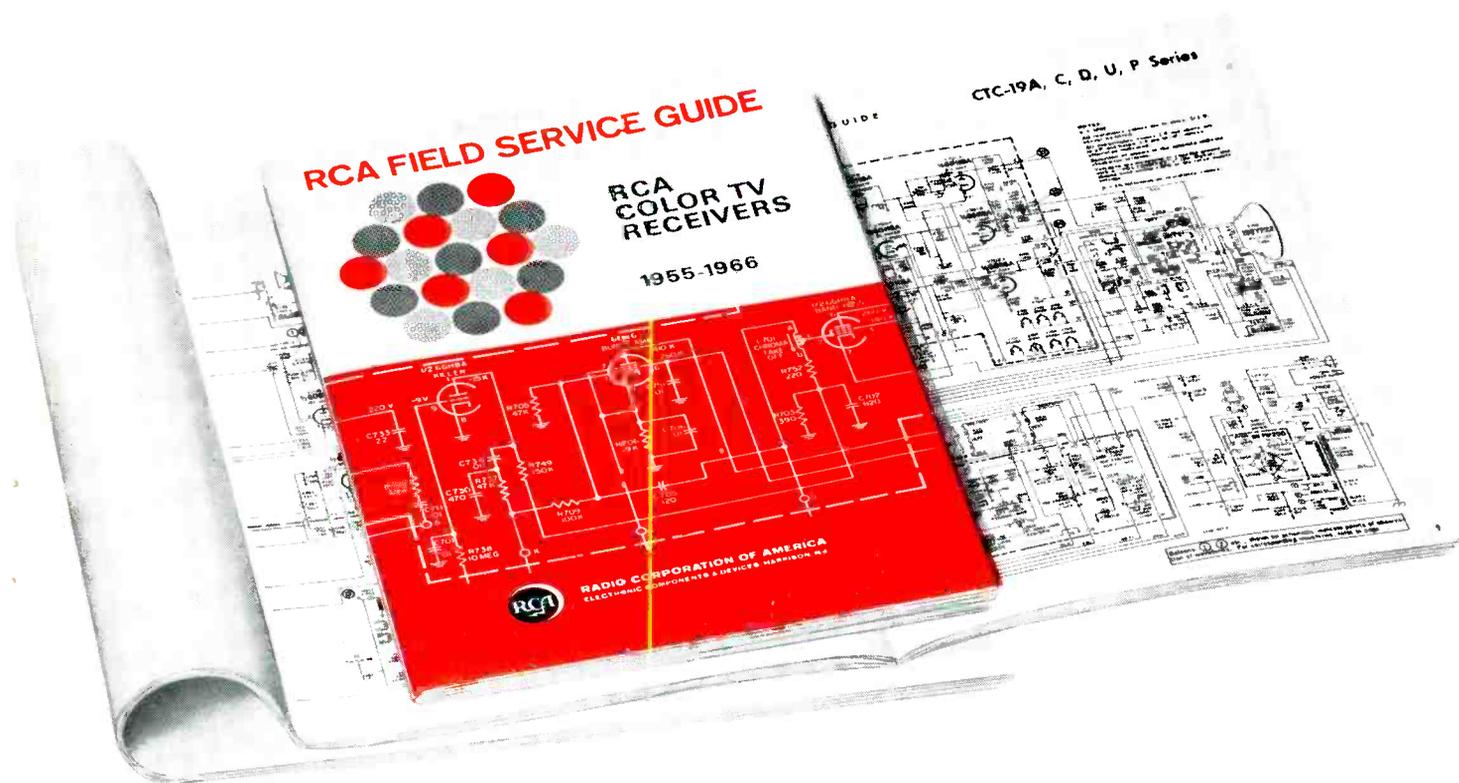
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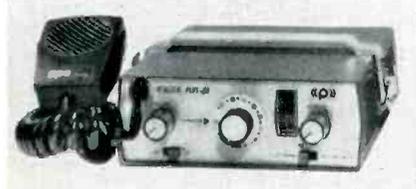


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## Audio Generator 701

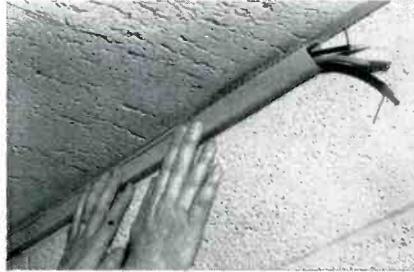
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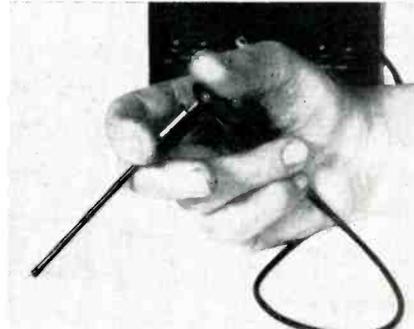
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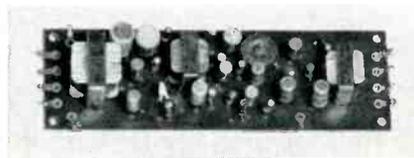
Announced is a test clamp that consists of a fine retractable spring



clamp, which is activated by a light pressure on the head of the handle. According to the manufacturer, the clamp will grip the finest wire and then retract into the insulating sleeve thus permitting its use in high-density circuitry without any danger of short circuits. The head contains a standard banana plug jack which allows flexibility in rapid interconnection. Price \$1.50. Hunter Associates.

## Amplifier/Modulator 704

An assembled amplifier/modulator is available, having a circuit con-



taining 5 transistors and a thermistor. The 5 1/2 x 1 3/4 in. circuit board contains a shielded input transformer with 50Ω and high impedance primary windings and an output transformer with 8Ω and 500Ω secondary windings. Powered by any 9vdc source, the amplifier reportedly has a 200mw push-pull output and an 80db gain. Round Hill.

## Portable Generator 705

A portable electric generator incorporates a permanent magnet outer



space design. Specifications indicate that it provides up to 2kw of 60Hz, 115v or 230v electric power. The voltage as shown on the voltmeter can be adjusted from the throttle of the 5hp engine. It is fused and weighs 76 lb. McCulloch.

## CB Signal Generator 706

A CB signal generator, designed for checking and servicing citizens' band



radio equipment, is announced. The solid state unit provides 24 crystal-controlled channels (23 discrete CB frequencies plus one spare). Modulation is adjustable. Pace.



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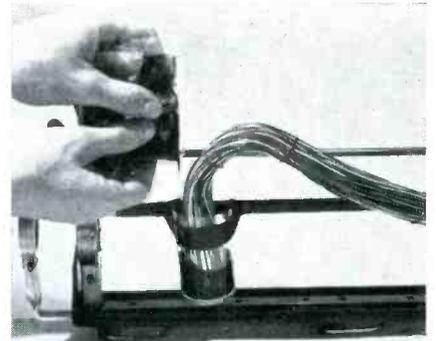
A 5w, 23-channel, CB transceiver of solid-state design, is announced.



Specifications indicate the receiver has an IF selectivity of  $\pm 4\text{Hz}$  at 6db down and over 30db of channel rejection on 5 tuned circuits. They indicate the transmitter has  $\pm 80$  percent minimum modulation with 3w of output power. Powered by 12vdc (negative ground). Price \$84.50. AC power supply \$19.95 extra. Battery pack \$19.95 extra. Allied Radio.

### Resin Cable Sealer 708

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### CB Transceiver 709

Announced is a solid-state CB transceiver designed for 2w input and a minimum of 1w output. Specifications indicate that the receiver has a sensitivity of  $1\mu\text{v}$  and a selectivity of  $\pm 3.5\text{-kHz}$  -6db. The transceiver is designed



for two-channel use and reportedly comes with one pair of crystals. The manufacturer indicates that jacks are included for an earphone plus external antenna, microphone and stabilized 12v power source. Price \$159.95. Shoulder strap with accessory antenna, speaker and microphone, \$39.95. Sonar.

### AM/FM Radio 710

Announced is a solid-state AM/FM radio. The manufacturer indicates that



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## Stereo Amplifier 712

A silicon solid-state amplifier is announced, which reportedly has a 50w IHF power output across an 8Ω load.



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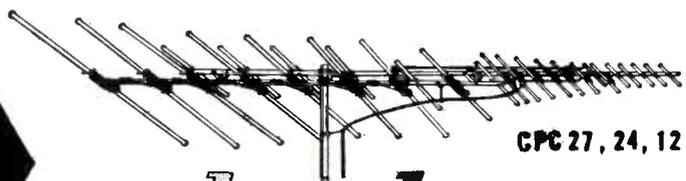
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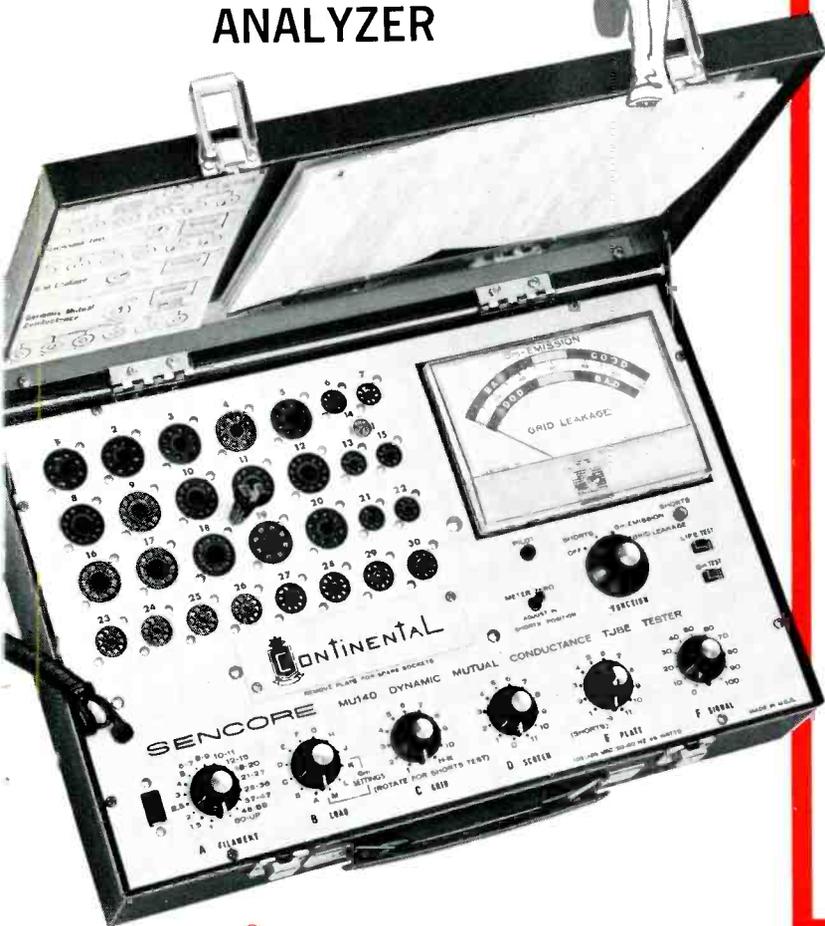
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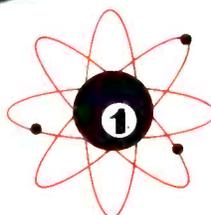


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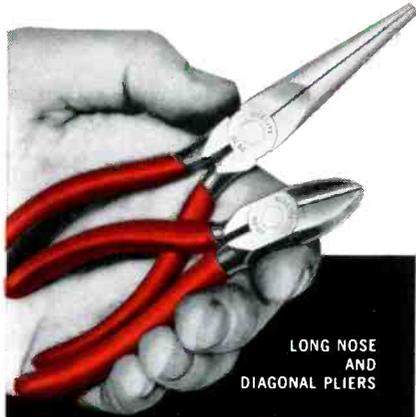
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cuit. Specifications indicate that the variable BFO can be used for the reception of CW and SSB. A Q-multiplier input jack is also included. Kit price \$49.49. Assembled price \$69.95. EICO.

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A 6-lb, portable, solid-state, 3-in. oscilloscope is available. The entire



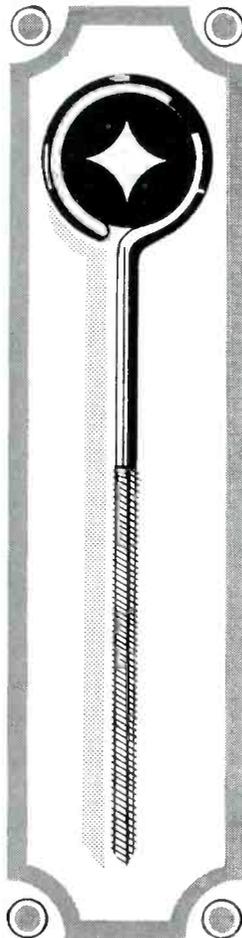
unit measures 3½x7½x12in. Specifications indicate a maximum sensitivity of 10mv P-P per division with a frequency response of 0 to 100kHz for dc or 10Hz to 100kHz for ac. Vertical and horizontal attenuation is adjustable in three ranges of approximately 20db each. The input impedance is reportedly 0.5M shunted by 100pf for both vertical and horizontal amplifiers. Power requirements are 115/230vac, 50-400Hz, 15w. Schaevitz-MCD.

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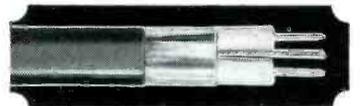


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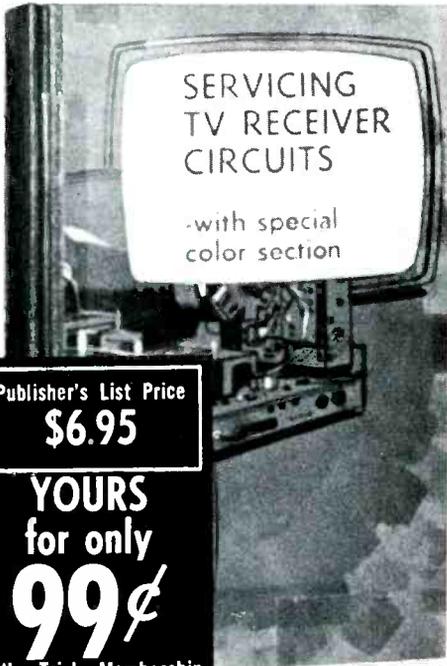
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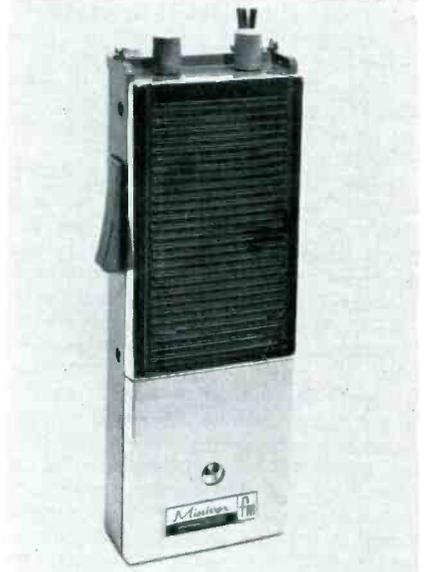
A 2w walkie-talkie, measuring 8x 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ x1 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. and weighing 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  lb, is now available. Powered by a rechargeable nickel cadmium battery,



it reportedly has an operating range of up to 6 miles when used with similar units, and up to 10 miles when operated with a 5w CB base station. Assembled and tested, it is priced at \$99.95. Heath Co.

### VHF/FM Radiophone 717

Announced is a narrow-band FM, two-way radiotelephone designed to



operate on any frequency between 147 and 174MHz. The manufacturer indicates that it contains a 28 transistor, 12 diode circuitry designed to operate from self-contained batteries. According to specifications, it has an RF power rating of more than 1w. Uni-metrics.

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### Tape Recorder 719

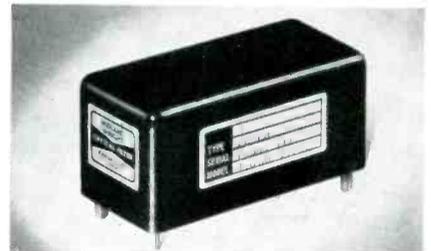
A four-track, three-motor, three-speed, solid-state stereo tape recorder is announced. It features straight-line



tape loading with a swing-away pinch roller. Specifications indicate that the frequency response is 50Hz to 15kHz at 7½ ips, 50Hz to 10kHz at 3¾ ips, and 60 Hz to 5kHz at 1½ ips. List price, \$249. Viking of Minneapolis.

### Sideband Crystal Filter 720

A single-sideband, crystal filter, developed for use in amplitude modulated communications equipment, is announced. The filter features carrier and adjacent sideband suppression.



The manufacturer has rated the carrier attenuation at 50db minimum with the unwanted sideband at 65db minimum from -200Hz to -75kHz. The specifications indicate a 1.65 MHz carrier frequency with a 3db bandpass from +300Hz to +3kHz, a ripple of ±0.5db and a nominal impedance of 12K. Unit price \$75. Midland.

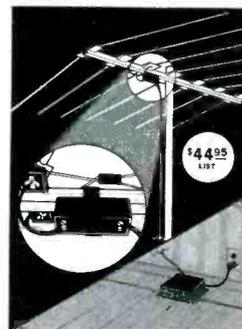
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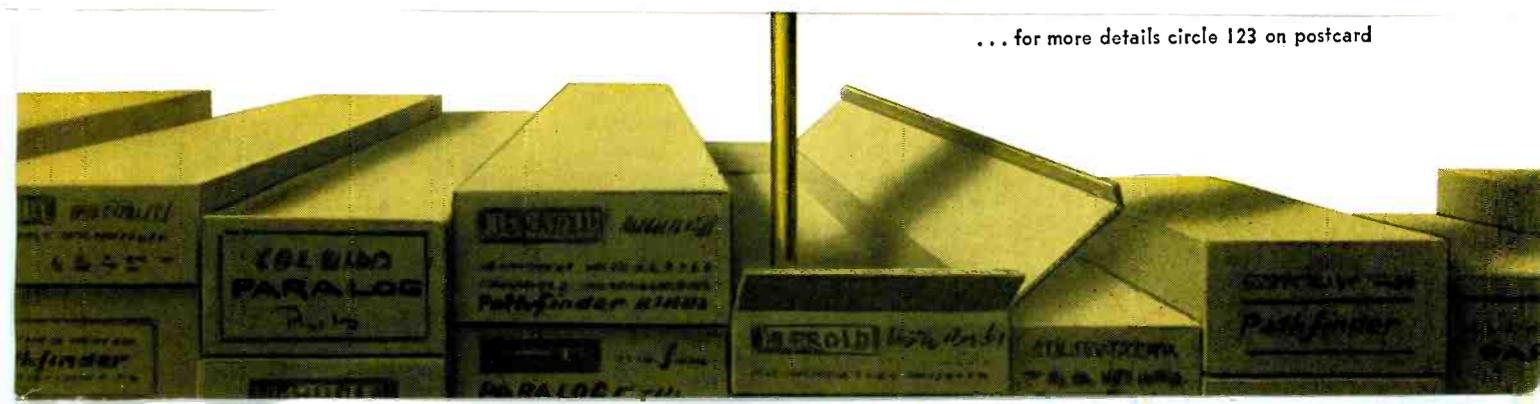
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- Power Transistor** 400  
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- Color Generator** 401

## BOOK REVIEWS

**HANDBOOK OF ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS.** Edited by R. Feinberg. Published by Barnes & Noble, Inc., 196 pages, hard cover. \$9.

A wide assortment of circuits, ranging from dc power supplies to frequency modulators and error predicting circuits, are presented in this book, along with a brief description of their characteristics. Although the book may not tell the reader how to make a finished product as such, it does present basic circuits that can be combined for many applications. The electron tubes for most tube circuits described are generally marketed in this country, while transistor codes for solid-state circuits will seem strange to the average reader and may present a problem for those constructing circuits outside of Great Britain. Under these restrictions, the book should be of interest to anyone who has a basic knowledge in electronics and wishes to construct some electronic circuits.

**101 WAYS TO USE YOUR COLOR-TV TEST EQUIPMENT.** By Robert G. Middleton. Published by Howard W. Sams and Co., 160 pages, soft cover. \$2.95.

A brief discussion of the cost of test instruments in factory assembled and kit form, is followed by techniques for checking the instruments. The book then describes the procedures that should be used for chroma signal tracing, and the tests for color sync, chroma demodulation, matrix, bandpass selection, regeneration, sequential chroma and convergence. Other miscellaneous checks are also included. This information is supplemented with diagrams of circuits checked, plus drawings and photographs of related waveforms. This book should be helpful to technicians who are familiar with B/W TV circuits, and who need to know the fundamentals of color TV repair.

**TRANSISTOR BANDPASS AMPLIFIERS.** By W. Th. Hetterscheid. Published by Philips Technical Library, 338 pages, hard cover.

With the aid of martex algebra, analytical geometry and calculus, the author describes transistor bandpass circuits as four-terminal networks. Such factors as neutralization, double-tuned bandpass filters, staggered tuning and non-ideal transformers are discussed. Since the book was printed in The Netherlands, a three page list

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**COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES.** By *Mischa Schwartz, William R. Bennett and Seymour Stein.* Published by McGraw-Hill, 618 pages, hard cover. \$16.50.

The material in the first portion of this book was prepared as the text for a one-semester graduate course in statistical communications, while the second was prepared for a course in probability and random processes and the third for a graduate communications sequence. The authors have assumed that the reader has a graduate school background in the theory of linear systems and random processes plus a senior level understanding of communications systems. Beginning with the fundamental aspects of digital and continuous-wave communications in the presence of noise, the theories of these types of communications are developed with the aid of waveform curves and calculus.

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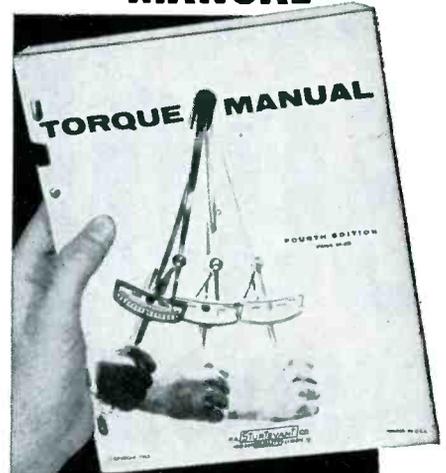
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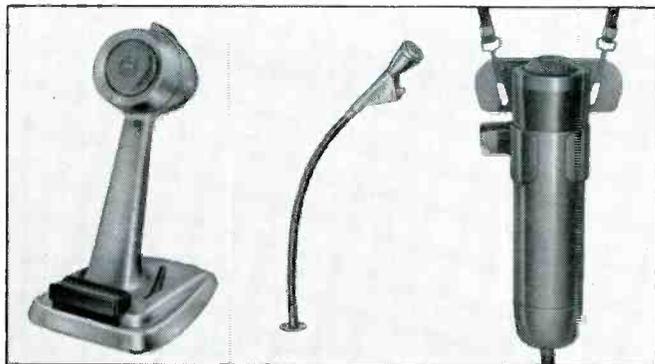
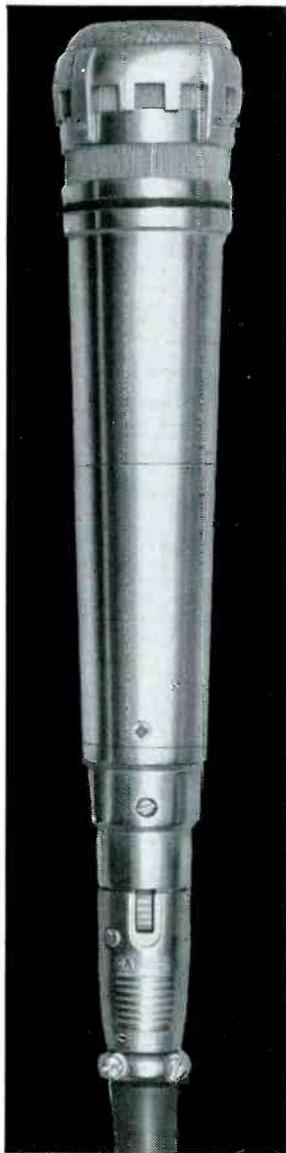
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## NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

### Merger of ITT with ABC Still Delayed

International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. has issued a statement concerning the action of the Dept. of Justice in attempting to delay the merger of ITT with American Broadcasting Co.'s. The statement said "International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. will vigorously oppose the attempt of the Dept. of Justice to reopen the Federal Communications Commissions proceeding.

"The intention to merge was announced by both companies more than a year ago. Voluminous information about both companies was supplied both voluntarily and on specific request to the FCC which has conducted a continuing investigation during all that time.

"The commission held public hearings which were publicized in advance along with invitations to all interested parties to attend.

"Despite this opportunity, no significant opposition to the merger was raised. The Dept. of Justice neither asked for a delay of these hearings nor appeared at them.

"It is quite clear from the commission's opinion that all facts and considerations raised by the Dept. of Justice were the subject of careful consideration by the commission in approving the merger.

"We are advised by legal counsel that the proposed merger will not be in violation of the antitrust laws. Instead, as the commission has found in its opinion, the merger

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Six new portable radios have been added to G-E's 1967 line. They include two miniature, eight-transistor models; two miniature, 10-transistor models, with vernier tuning; a multi-band radio for operation in the 4 to 12MHz SW bands and 540 to 1600kHz; plus a marine band portable operating on 1.8 to 5.1MHz, in addition to the standard AM frequency band. Prices of these radios range from \$9.25 to \$24.95.

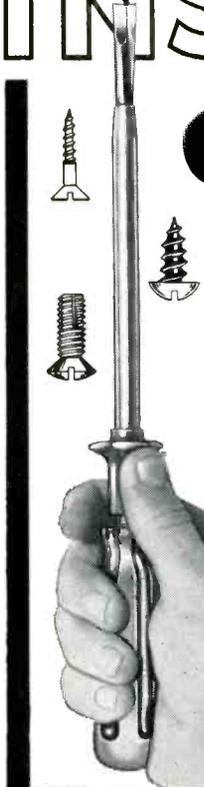
**Reports on 1966 Sales**

While the consumer electronics industry turns its attention more and more to the new year, details of the excellent sales performance of 1966 continue to accumulate.

Color TV and FM radios were the star performers. Year-to-year figures indicate that 4,070,949 color TV sets were sold in 1966, 70 percent more than the 2,394,017 sold in 1965. Predictions for color TV sales in 1967 exceed 7 million sets.

Year-to-year figures show that 1966 FM radio sales were 28.3 percent over the 1965 figures. In 1966, 3,324,707 FM radios were sold as compared to 2,590,387 in 1965. The growth in FM has paralleled the increase in FM stations from 530 in 1965 to over 1500 in 1966.

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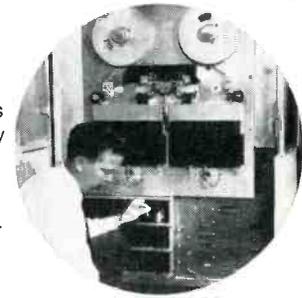
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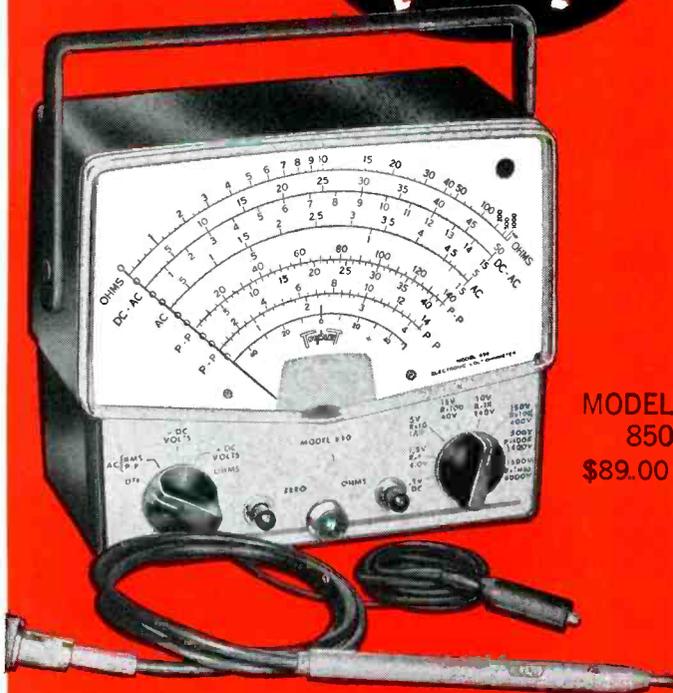
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### **Electronic Parts Distributor Installs Computer for Stock Control**

Radio Specialties Co. of Detroit has installed an IBM System/360 Model 20 computer to provide up-to-date stock control and better serve their customers in south-eastern Michigan. The computer receives information on current inventory levels — new items received from suppliers and shipments of items to customers. With this data, the master records are updated with the latest information and stock below critical supply levels is listed for purchasing. The computer is also used for billing and sales analysis.

### **3M Develops New Lubricated Magnetic Tape**

The market for lubricated magnetic tapes was once limited to background music and broadcast cartridges. D.T. Windahl, professional accounts sales manager at 3M, indicates that the situation has suddenly changed with the development of automobile tape systems. Mr. Windahl said, "This is especially true when you consider that up to eight separate information tracks as small in width as 0.51mm are now recorded on a single length of 1/4-in. wide tape." Sliding affects tape alignment and a good quality oxide is essential for the slow-speed recording and playback techniques employed in popular cartridge systems. Because of this new demand, 3M indicates they are now producing a lubricated tape containing new lubricants designed to increase performance under the temperature and humidity extremes peculiar to the automobile stereo tape cartridge market.

### **G-E Introduces New Tubes**

G-E's tube department is introducing a new pair of color TV HV rectifier diodes — the 3BN2 and the 3CN3. The 3NB2 reportedly has a four-second cathode warm up time and was designed to provide rectified voltage to the CRT anode in transistor color TV receivers. This tube is generally interchangeable with the 3AT2, which takes nine seconds for warm-up.

The 3CN3 is a heater-cathode type diode that reportedly has a special cathode coating to minimize arcing. Specifications indicate that it has a higher current-handling capability and is also designed to provide the rectifier voltage to the CRT anode in a color TV receiver.

G-E indicates that the 6LC6 it is also introducing is an octal version of the 6EF4 introduced last year. The design-maximum ratings of the two tubes are reportedly identical and include a maximum dc plate rating of 27,000v and a corresponding current rating of 1.6ma.

### Polytronics Cuts Price of CB Walkie-Talkie

Jack Spink, general manager of Polytronics Laboratories, Inc. has announced that the price of the Duo-Comm 120 CB walkie-talkie has been reduced from \$129.50 to \$109.50 as part of an effort to capture a larger share of the CB radio market. The transceiver reportedly contains 11 transistors, a dual-conversion super-heterodyne receiver circuit and a nickel-cadmium battery.

### Mass Production Reduces Integrated Circuit Costs

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### Predictions Made For Future TV Receivers

Laser beams for large screen color TV and other special-purpose displays were discussed at the 100th

conference of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers in Los Angeles. Henry R. Senf, head of the applied quantum electronics section of Hughes Aircraft Co.'s research laboratories, indicated that laser beams can be modulated in intensity and deflected in a manner similar to the way electron beams are acted upon in cathode ray tubes by using electro optic techniques.

Mr. Senf indicated that laser beams are sufficiently bright to permit projection of displayed information to a large screen. Since various types of lasers produce intense light beams in different colors, several different lasers could be integrated into a multi-color laser display.

In New York, still other predictions were made for the future of TV. A progress report on the state-of-the-art indicated that, "Pictures in three dimensions will soon become a normal and necessary part of the art of visual presentation just as color and audio have become so essential today." This prediction was made by Alvin M. Marks, president of Marks Polarized Corp., during the opening session of the International Film & TV Festival.

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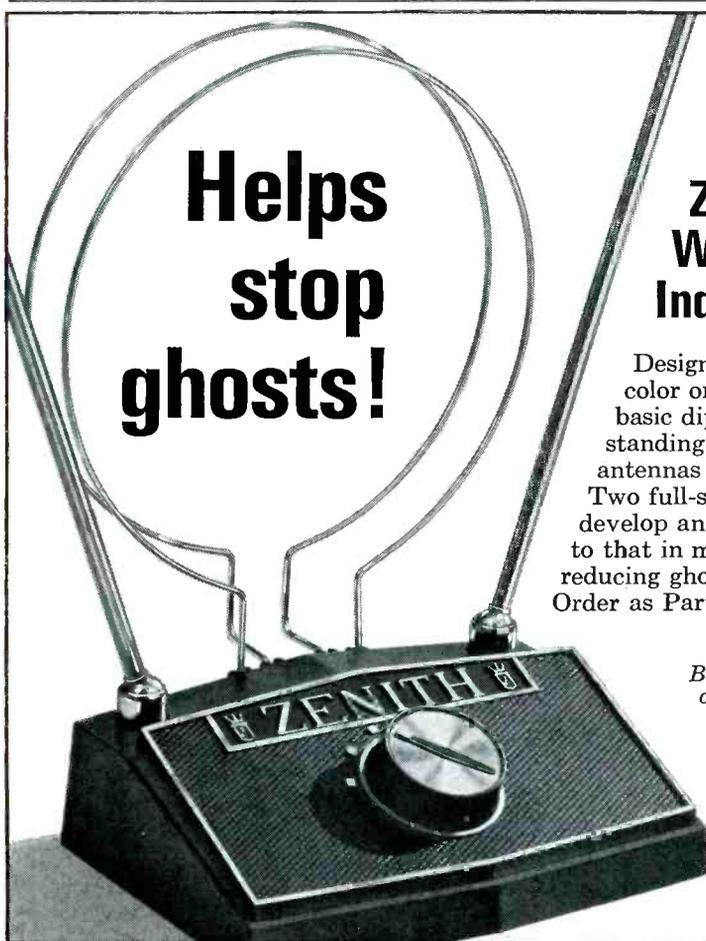
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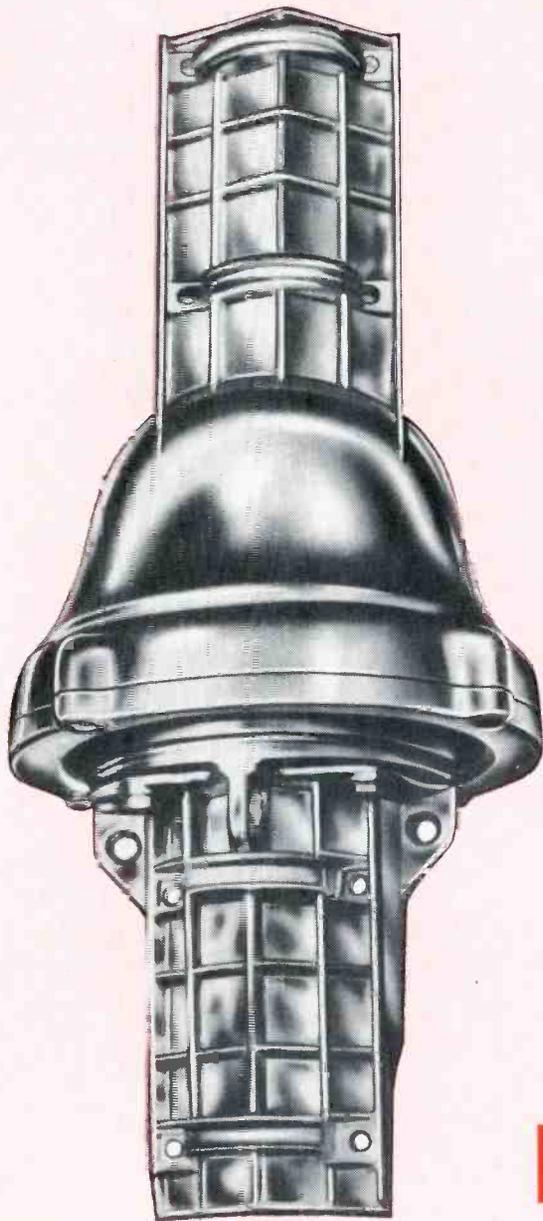
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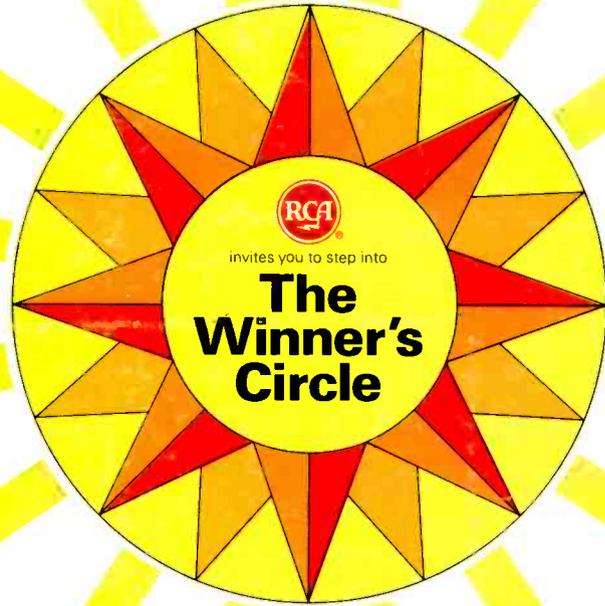
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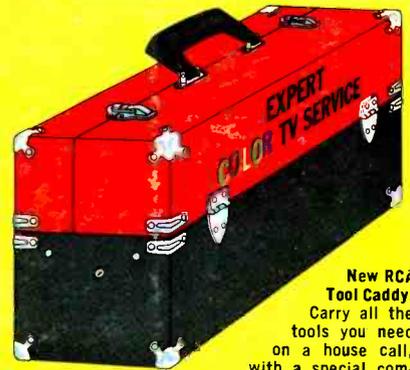
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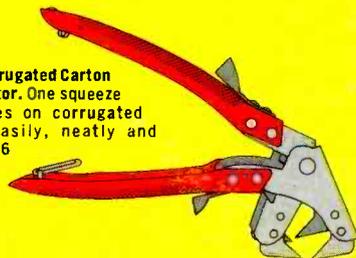
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