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When transistors' were first used, for example, we heard that TV-radio technicians would soon be out of work because transistors don't wear out. But right now the country is short at least 30,000 technicians. And fortythousand TV-radio shops are piled high with transistorized equipment waiting to be repaired.

Some months ago we heard about the "tele-quick," automated diagnos-ing system for TVs, Hi Fi and other equipment. It seems the system is being used by a franchising company in a number of Midwestern areas. "Probably a scheme to take advantage of the technician shortage," some one said. Whatever it is, we think it would be a mistake to waste time worrying about it. We doubt if it will put any technicians out of work within the foreseeable future. Automation needs a lot of fodder to feed on to make a profit. And people don't walk, ride or Ily very far to get their TV, radio or Hi Fi sets repaired - even at cut-rate prices

A recent issue of BUSINESS WEEK gave three lines to the subject of automated electronic diagnosing. We didn't even mention it when the story broke a few months ago. And to the scare-mongers, we can only say, so what?



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R. CONOVER

BEN MOSCA

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#### **Back Issues of ET**

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E. W. ULRICH

1247 N. Thorne Fresno, Calif.

#### Thanks

As a long time subscriber to ELEC-TRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER, I would like to commend you for the excellent way in which my change of address was handled by your circulation department. Of all the magazines I get, yours was the only one that did not require a magnitude of mail to change my address. Again my profound thanks for efficient and prompt service.

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Max J. Lenke

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ET/D for about six years. Enjoy and look forward to each issue, keep up the good work.

CLARENCE ENGLAND

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#### Antennas

I read with great interest your antenna article which appeared in the September issue. I am eagerly awaiting a continuation of the articles. But, if I may engage in some mild criticism. I think you are talking to the wrong people.

For one thing, I do not believe many antenna manufacturers supply accurate gain figures for their products. Uncalibrated polar graphs seem to be designed to create maximum sales enthusiasm and provide a minimum of useful information. Let's have our polar graphs drawn and calibrated by an impartial certified testing laboratory. And, while we're at it, let's publish the ones for the bad channels as well as the good ones and throw in a set of vertical graphs for



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good measure. Then let's make up a set to cover the most-used stacked arrangements. Some antennas do funny things when stacked. In other words, let the lab do the research not the man holding on to the tower.

I still treasure a nice color brochure from one company which concerns a "turnstile" type antenna with a 4-wire lead-in and a tricky switching arrangement. The gain figures (given to the nearest tenth of a db!) were comparable to those which I measured on a five-wavelength rhombic carefully designed and oriented for channel 2 but my fieldstrength meter wouldn't measure to a tenth of a db! The material reminded me of the old Alaskan definition of a gold mine: "A hole in the ground owned by a damn liar."

... We still have some horrible examples of flimsy construction, elements that break easily, joints that never make a good electrical connection, hardware that rusts and corrodes in the first rain. Are we so short of noncorrosive metals that we can't spare them to make a decent antenna?

There are, of course, some good antennas — but few that could not stand improvement — and you can't get adequate specifications on them without considerable personal correspondence. Performance data should be given in the brochures. I realize that price enters the picture and that many antenna faults actually arise because of manufacturing economies. But is it really economy when the product is downgraded?

FRANCIS C. WOLVEN Saugerties, N.Y.

• The article "Antennas — Sans Bafflegab and Bushwa," which appeared in the September 1967 issue of ET/D, has now become only an introduction to the subject. Beginning with this (March 1968) issue, we will publish the second article in this series, to be followed with at least three more articles covering the technical and merchandising aspects of antennas — including MATV systems which will be run as separate articles. —Ed.

#### What Standards?

I would like to comment on a recent editorial, which has been answered by some of your readers in Letters to the Editor, regarding standardization in the TV industry.

You indicate in your comment to Mr. Neuman (ET, December 1967), that production changes are usually only schematic changes, but there are a lot more things to a TV set than a schematic. I am referring to the physical layout, and that's where we end up "low man on the totem pole."





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Electronic Components, Harrison, N. J.





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And much time is wasted trying to find parts in the double and triple numbering systems used by some of the manufacturers who do not even supply catalogs referencing these controls. Ever since TV manufacturers started expanding their engineering staffs, they have had to expand their product lines to keep these engineers busy. The expanded product line has resulted in a multiplication of new parts which local distributors can't keep up with and they end up being nothing more than back-order-takers.

If we didn't have enough problems with American-made sets, we now have all the foreign ones with their own peculiar methods of layout and rare tubes. I can see why a number of technicians simply throw up their hands and look for greener pastures. Your entire magazine is permeated with how easy it is to fix these "monsters," when in real life it just isn't so.

One foreign TV-radio combination I worked on had the radio chassis in a very inconvenient spot. But they did provide a cutout on the bottom of the console which, incidentally, was covered with screen from the inside. I managed to push through the screen and had barely enough room to put my hand in to solder the replacement parts. When I finished the job, my neck was stiff and my hands scraped raw in places. Of course, I should be grateful for the hole, but why couldn't they make it "American size?"

Standardization is the enemy of the new-parts engineers. And their overuse of these parts wants to make me call them just a bunch of "featherbedders" and rival government bureaucrats pyramiding when it comes to wasteful activities.

HARRY GOLDMAN Harry's Television Service Detroit, Mich.

#### **Import Radio Parts**

I have been a reader of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER for some years now, and I think it is the best. In fact, I've cancelled several other publications to concentrate on ET/D.

I've noticed in Letters to the Editor that some readers offer their assistance in certain matters. If any ET/D reader is interested, I have thousands of spare parts for imported transistor radios. These are parts I have received from the manufacturer and would be willing to supply at my cost.

HUBERT E. SPIEKER, JR. Pennsauken, N.J.

#### **Honest Comparison**

Your magazine is really tops in all the areas it covers, and with subscriptions to seven others, I feel qualified to make an honest comparison. Along with this, I wonder if an ET/D reader can help me obtain a schematic and operating information on a CapaciTester, Model CT355, which was manufactured by the Teletest Instrument Corp., N.Y.

HUGH G. STACEY

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#### Amplifier Chassis M683—Pulse-Noise Radiation from the Power Supply

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supply to pick up this radiation. The intent of C49 was to suppress residual radiation, but it could not handle this excess amount satisfactorily.

In future runs of the M683 chassis, bypass capacitors will be added across each power diode. These chassis will then be coded: "Chassis Code Z."

#### MAGNAVOX

#### Instant Automatic Remote Control—Receiver Circuit Description

The remote receiver chassis is constructed in two sections. The circuits which amplify the transmitted signal and actuate each of the eight functions are located on a circuit board inside the metal enclosure. Additional relays, terminal strips and the search board are mounted on the top cover of the receiver enclosure.

The receiver circuit board contains a power supply, four amplifier stages, eight tuned circuits, eight driver transistors and eight relays. Molex connectors are used to connect the receiver to the TV chassis, tuner and the radio chassis.

The receiver microphone (transducer) is identical to the one used in the transmitter. It is mounted on an opening in the front of the cabinet and plugs into the receiver chassis. The purpose of the transducer is to change the received sound signal to an electrical signal. This is accomplished by applying a dc bias voltage to the mike. As the plates are moved by the sound signal, the capacity is changed and



causes the dc voltage to become modulated. The signal is then amplified by four broad-band amplifier stages.

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The power supply contains two half-wave rectifier circuits. A  $\pm 15$ vdc output operates the transistor stages while the 225vdc supply is used to bias the microphone through a voltage divider. A switch is included in the primary winding of the power transformer so the remote control system can be switched off.

#### **RCA VICTOR**

#### Amplifier Chassis RS238—Circuit Descriptions

#### Predriver / Driver Stages

Because of higher driver power requirements of the output stages, a predriver/driver circuit is used in the RS238. The predriver is a PNP transistor which acts as a voltage amplifier. The stage has an input impedance of about 1.5K to match properly the requirements of the preamplifier in the RC1218 tuner. The direct coupled driver stage employs an NPN power transistor. The base is directly coupled to the collector of the voltage amplifier transistor. Signal from the predriver stage appears across the 470  $\Omega$  predriver collector load resistor. It is evident that signal from the predriver stage is applied between the base and emitter of the NPN driver transistor and is amplified by the driver transistor.

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CAPACITOR	CAPACITOR	CAPACITOR	CAPACITOR
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they yield low distortion at high power levels. Two power transistors are used in each channel in a familiar stacked class "B" arrangement employing a positive and negative 36v supply with about 25db of power gain when driving the 4 sealed speaker system used in the VJT70 series instruments.

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#### **Power Supply**

Two independent rectifier/filter systems are used in the RS238 power supply. The output stages are powered by a center-tapped bridge that produces  $\pm 36v$ . A 36v supply



can be used at these high power levels because the speaker voice coil impedance has been reduced to  $4\Omega$  in instruments using the RS238 amplifier.

An auxiliary power supply operates from another secondary on the power transformer to furnish power for the remaining amplifier circuits and the RC1218 tuner. This full





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wave circuit serves as a -40v source. After filtering, the -40v is applied to the collector of a power filter transistor.

Output from the power filter is a well filtered -30v. This -30v source furnishes emitter voltage to the NPN driver transistors. The predriver transistor bases are supplied from -18v that is obtained by a dropping resistor from the -30v supply.

A second power filter transistor is used to obtain voltage (-9.1v) for the AM/FM and MPX circuits in the RC1218 tuner. The voltage at this point is very stable and no zener diode regulation is required.

## Tape Recorder Models YJC22, MJC28, YJG42/52, YJH32/36/38, MJG66/26 — Isolating/decoupling Circuits

Field reports mention the need for technical information concerning the matching of tape recorders, modules/players to external stereo instruments.



Simple isolating/decoupling circuit



Isolating-decoupling/level set circuit





Any models causing an objectionable disturbance in volume or tone quality when connected to external stereo instruments should be corrected by the following methods: Install a 47K to 68K, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>w, composition resistor in series

with each center lead of the left and right channel cables. This isolating/decoupling resistor eliminates the disturb-

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#### The Need Is Evident

In 1966, there were about 2.5 million licensed stations in the United States. The figure goes up a quarter of a million every year! An even greater number of people participate in boating every year. And, almost every one asks, "What could be more logical than having a two-way radio in your boat?" Just as citizens band radio provided an inexpensive means of communication between home and auto, it has helped fill the need for communications for the small boat owner. Marine electronic equipment is no longer a luxury enjoyed only by yacht owners. The boating industry has geared itself to meet this growing demand for marine electronics in the pleasure craft type of boat. It is providing electrical systems, outboard motors with generators and other accessories to allow the use of electronic equipment.

The popularity of boating and the associated need for communication is startling. In January of 1967, there were an estimated 8 million recreational outboard motor boats in use in the United States. More than 43 *million* people participated in boating activities on a more than casual basis, and — they spent more than 3 *billion* dollars on equipment, accessories and insurance. That means that roughly one out of every five people in the United States has participated in some boating activity at the cost of \$70 each! This is an increase over 1966 of 200,000 boats and \$200,000. With 8 million outboard pleasure boats and 43 million people active in the sport, it's no wonder that many of the electronic manufacturers are building two-way radios, depth sounders and other equipment for marine use.



Heath radiotelephone ground system kit-Model MD-14



Zenith Super-Navigator, portable radio direction finder-Royal 97



Motorola VHF-FM transceiver system-Model T-1141 The sale of marine electronic equipment could range from CB transceivers to complete radar systems. However, the pleasure craft boating enthusiast will probably have an interest only in two-way radio (either CB or marine), depth sounders, direction finders, tachometers, electronic foghorns and other accessory items.

Chart I lists some of the companies which manufacture electronic equipment for marine application. Many of these same manufacturers also make two-way radio and other equipment for use in the industrial and home entertainment areas.

#### **Getting Started**

The easiest way to get started is to have an existing two-way radio repair shop or a TV and radio servicedealer operation in an area of boating activity.

Being in an active boating area is naturally a prime consideration if you plan to sell, service and install marine radio equipment. Make your own survey of the potential marine market in the area. You can check with local boating clubs, boat dealers, resorts, water safety organizations and the conservation department. Many areas even have water safety patrols and volunteer rescue services.

#### Service and Installation

Now that we know we need potential customers, here is what we need to service them. As we said before, if you already have a two-way radio repair or TV service shop, starting in marine radio service should be relatively inexpensive. The basic test instruments include a VOM, VTVM, tube tester, scope, signal generator and, of course, test leads, tools and other accessories found in the normal shop. In servicing marine radio, as in any two-way radio service, adjustments of the transmitter frequency require First or Second Class (Radiotelephone or Telegraph) FCC license and some accurate means of checking the frequency. Other than these basic requirements no major test instruments are necessary for basic marine electronics service. However, there are some special techniques and considerations involved which we will get into a little later.

Marine radio equipment includes CB units, HF transceivers, VHF radiotelephones, and any of them could be AM, SSB, or both! This should be no problem as the basic theory is much like that of the two-way radio equipment used in mobile application. In fact, many of the same manufacturers make units for both marine and mobile use. The only other marine equipment which might be somewhat new to you in theory will be depth sounders and radio direction finders (RDF). Radio direction finders, however, are nothing more than radio receivers with rotating loop antennas usually coupled to some type of meter and compass card for visual reference. A little time spent with technical books and marine electronics manuals will probably clear away some of the cobwebs.

There is one major difference between servicing and installing marine equipment as compared to two-way radio and TV. You can usually bring the defective TV set or mobile unit to the shop for service— in marine service you must usually bring the shop to the boat —

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Company	Marine Electronic Products		
Heath Co. Benton Harbor, Mich.	radiotelephones, depth sounders, direction finders, power converters, ground systems, marine antennas and other accessories		
Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. 4501 Augusta Blvd. Chicago, III. 60651	Maritime FM two-way radio equipment for use in VHF marine bands, systems of transceivers and additional receivers		
Pearce Simpson Marine Electronic Div. 4701 N.W. 77th Ave <i>.</i> Miami, Fla.	radiotelephones, depth sounders, radio direction finders, gas fume detectors, marine band converters and antennas		
Decca Radar Inc. 386 Park Ave. S. New York 16, N.Y.	marine radar nagivational and automatic steering systems		
Zenith Radio Corp. 1900 N. Austin Ave. Chicago, III. 60639	portable <mark>ra</mark> dio direction finders		
Raytheon Co. Lexington, Mass.	VHF-FM radiotelephones and Fathometer depth sounder		

especially for installation work. Don't let this scare you. It just means that you must learn to take what you need along with you to the job. Remember, boats operate from battery power, so a portable battery supply should be included in your equipment. If the boat is near a dock with ac outlets, you might want to take along a converter which simply changes 117 vac to 6 or 12 vdc. If you are doing a radio installation, or work requiring ac operated tools and equipment, an inverter can be used which operates from a dc source. This inverter could be mounted in your car or truck and operated from the battery to provide the ac power necessary for test instruments and power tools. Many test instruments, such as the VOM and portable RF field strength meter, require no power and some instruments including frequency meters will operate from either ac or dc. If you have to drill holes, consider a hand- or battery-operated drill — a little more work but just as effective. You don't need a 20ft trailer full of test instruments to service marine equipment. A few of the right tools and in-



Pearce-Simpson Catalina 85, 8 channel, 85w marine radiotelephone



Pearce Simpson marine band converter



Decca Model 101 radar for small boats



Raytheon VHF radiotelephone-RAY-40



Raytheon Fathometer depth sounder-Model DE728



Heath electronic tachometer-Model MI-31A

struments along with a little brain work will often get the job done.

The installation of marine radio equipment should follow the same rules you use for mobile work. Mount the radio where it is convenient to the operator with consideration for the safe operation of the boat; observe proper polarity, fusing, short leads, clean and secure connections and proper routing for power and antenna leads. The techniques we mentioned at the beginning are those peculiar to marine radio installations, and ones you should be aware of. Some of these techniques fall into a general class, others depend on the size of the boat and whether it is used in fresh or salt water. This article is not directed at marine electronics as applied to large yachts or sea-going vessels, but some outboard motor boats do operate in some of our coastal waters.

As previously indicated, ac tools and instruments could be operated on a boat from a nearby ac outlet on the dock. One caution here - don't ground the ac equipment on the boat because of the danger of corrosion. Wiring should be well insulated and tied or clamped to prevent vibration and chaffing on corners. Cable connections and terminals should be taped. Another consideration in marine radio installation is the need for proper grounding of the antenna and transmitter. If the boat is metal, a copper strap should be connected between the transmitter and the closest point on the hull. If the boat is wooden or fiber glass, a copper plate should be secured to the hull as close to the radio as possible. You can probably obtain information from your local boat dealer for installing the copper plate, but new designs in antennas for marine use have eliminated this procedure somewhat. Also, some boat accessory suppliers have made available grounding kits for use in marine radio installations.

The actual servicing of marine electronic equipment is much like any other communications equipment with the exception of depth sounders. If you plan to service marine radio, contact the various manufacturers for manuals. You might also inquire about warranty and field service policies. Manufacturers are always on the lookout for good service shops as warranty repair centers.
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A number of extra features can also be provided: trigger selection, ac/dc input to allow triggering on dc level change, MANUAL/AUTO control for adjustments when there's no signal input and a TIMES-5 multiplier to slow the sweep half-way between the TIMES-10 steps.

The sweep selector switch is labeled from 0.01sec to 1 microsecond  $(1 \mu s)$  rather than the old

Fig. 1 — Converted EICO model 460 scope.

frequency range (dial markings not visable in photo).

Triggered sweep and the extra facilities may not appear, at first glance, to be worthwhile. But wait a minute! A triggered-sweep scope will run rings around the repetitivetype oscillator-sweep scope if you know why and know how to apply it properly in your daily troubleshooting work.

#### What's Triggered Sweep?

Simply and briefly, a triggeredsweep scope is one which has an additional sawtooth voltage applied to the sweep output amplifier. The sawtooth generator is a nonrepetitive (not free-running) type multivibrator which may be called a "single-shot," or triggered generator. The regular time-base sawtooth-deflection signal is generated only when a sync signal (trigger signal) is applied. When there's no trigger pulse, the scope screen is blank.

The horizontal deflection in a triggered-sweep scope can be set to any value and no overlapping display occurs. Additionally, a small portion of a waveform can be easily expanded. The color burst signal, for example, in a color set can be more easily and accurately observed with a triggered-sweep scope. Other





Fig. 2 - Block diagram of basic trigger sweep circuits.

rapid pulse forms, whether they appear at regular or irregular intervals, can be observed on a triggered-sweep scope. A triggeredsweep can be started at any point along the signal-input time-base so the leading edge, lagging edge or any portion of the signal-cycle may be observed.

What else can we do with a triggered-sweep scope? Let's set the triggered-scope sweep selector switch at 2  $\mu$  s/in. speed, for example, and look at the horizontal TV pulse which has a 4.8  $\mu$ s duration. The pulse will cover 2.4in. on the screen (sync the trigger on the TV's flyback pulse if you like). And, when you flick the switch to the 20  $\mu$  s/in. speed, you'll see a complete horizontal line. Switch to 200  $\mu$  s/ in. and TIMES-5 multiplier, synced to 60Hz, and you will see two-thirds of a frame (adjust 60Hz phasing to move the segment being viewed around). And the scope display will be rock-steady — with no sync control to "diddle." In the same way, you can observe TV vertical integration and horizontal differentiation circuit operation.

An audio or video amplifier's bandwidth can be measured by using pulse techniques — considering the limiting bandwidth of the scope's vertical amplifier. Bandwidth is approximately 0.35/pulse-rise-time measured. With 5 percent or more overshoot (in the case of the EICO 460), the equation becomes 0.45/pulse-rise-time. The scope and generator should have a rise-time 5 percent faster than the measured time to be accurate without calculations. In cases where rise-times are faster than an instrument's capability, use the equation  $t_0 = 1/t_1^2 + t_2^2$  where  $t_0$  is the true rise time,  $t_1$  is the scope rise-time and t<sub>2</sub> is the measured rise-time.

You can measure RC time of a network, too, by pulsing the network at a slow rate (to allow discharge). RC time is the time required to charge 0.63 percent of the total voltage or 0.86 percent for two RC times.

#### **Trigger-Sweep Circuits**

The block diagram in Fig. 2 shows a group of basic circuits used in trigger-sweeping the EICO 460



Fig. 3— Schematic of trigger-sweep circuits used in EICO scope.

scope. When built into a scope, the front panel controls and switches associated with the horizontal sweep are rewired or replaced so the same functions are available. A few other controls and switches are added for trigger adjustments and sweepspeed multiplication.

Operation of these circuits (see Fig. 3, 4 and 6) is typical for lab or professional-type scope sweeps. The first two stages condition the signal and the second stage output is a squarewaye with a repetition rate equal to that of the input signal. The squarewave is differentiated and clamped so that fast positive spikes drive the start/stop generator — a Schmitt trigger circuit.

When triggered, the start/stop generator changes state and switches the Miller sweep generator on. The Schmitt trigger is a flip-flop which must be reset by a strong negative pulse before it will operate again. In the Miller sweep circuit, the capacitors charge at an exponential rate through a resistor capacitor network. The amplified ramp (linear) voltage thus generated is the output.

At the end-of-sweep the hold-off flip-flop (another one-shot multivibrator) changes state and resets the Schmitt start/stop flip-flop. The hold-off RC time constant holds it off for about 10 percent of the sweep time to allow the Miller sweep circuit to discharge.

Action in the start/stop generator drives an unblanking circuit to switch the CRT on during sweep and off between sweeps. This circuit schematic is shown in Fig. 4.

The triggered-sweep circuit board (Fig. 5) is  $4\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$  in. and is placed above the chassis. The power supply board  $4 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$  in., is placed under the chassis. The power supply schematic is shown in Fig. 6 and its location in the underchassis is shown in Fig. 7.

The steps for converting an EICO 460 or comparable-type scope follow:





Fig. 6 - Power supply schematic.

(1) Remove the CRT from the scope chassis. (2) Remove the sweep selector switch and capacitors connected to it. (3) Remove EXT CAP jack and its wire. (4) Remove SAWTOOTH jack and its wire. (5) Remove tubes V5 (12AU7) and V6 (6J6) located on right front of the chassis. (6) Remove the 10K HORIZONTAL GAIN control and substitute a 50K control. (7) Remove the SWEEP VERNIER pot, EICO R54, and replace with R36, the 500K pot shown in Fig. 3.

Drill the following holes ( $\frac{1}{2}$  in. dia for miniature Alco switches): two straddling center panel over SELECTOR switch and two aligned vertically on right edge of panel over the H-INPUT jack (see Fig. 1). Obtain or make four "L" brackets and drill for 6-32 machine screws for mounting the PC boards.

Wire circuit boards, using schematics shown in Fig. 3, 4 and 6. Parts inside dotted line are on boards and parts outside are mounted on the switches and controls.

Wire off-board components to switches and controls. Interconnect terminals on S1 and S2 before mounting since they are difficult to solder in cramped space after mounting. Mount S1 in the hole over H-INPUT jack and S2 in the second vertical hole.

Place the STABILITY control (50K) and TRIGGER control (100K) in the next two vertical holes, respectively. In the two horizontally placed upper center holes of the panel, mount S4 (multiplier) to the left and S3 (MANUAL/AUTO) to the right. Mount the SPEED SELECTOR switch, S5, in the lower center hole just below S3 and S4, where the previous FRE-QUENCY SELECTOR was located. Mount the circuit board along the right front of the chassis as shown in Fig. 1. Mount the power and blanking board under the chassis near the back where the ac power cord enters as shown in Fig. 7. Mount the power transformer next to it.

Now wire controls to circuit board. Run plus and minus power leads from underchassis to circuit board. Rewire horizontal selector switch. Terminals read clockwise looking from the back (terminal 1 connected to fine frequency control, EICO R54, which was removed). Remove and reconnect wires as necessary so switch terminals read as follows: No. 1, no connection; No. 2, no connection; No. 3 and No. 4, tie together and attach 33K, 1/2w resistor (use blank terminal 2 as tie point if desired); No. 5, horizontal input (no change); No. 6, 60Hz sync (no change); No. 7, connect trigger sweep input R1 and C1 going to S1; No. 8, connect to top of horizontal gain control (this was replaced by a 50K value); No. 9, connect to sweep output of trigger-sweep.

Final connections before applying ac power to the scope: Connect blanking stage input from under the chassis board to collector of O5 on trigger-sweep board. Connect blanking stage output to  $0.5 \mu$  f, 1kv capacitor (EICO C23) after disconnecting it from V6. horizontal output tube. Go to vertical rear panel of scope and find the 820K resistor (EICO R32) which is connected to the terminal strip on top where the twin lead sync cable terminates. Replace this resistor with a 0.2  $\mu$  f, 1KV ceramic capacitor. Connect other end of the twin-lead sync cable to the 33K resistor which goes to terminals 3 and 4 of the horizontal selector switch. Reverse leads to CRT socket, pins 9 and 10, so the sweep will go from left to right.

#### **Check-Out and Calibration**

Check your wiring and reinstall the CRT. Switch the scope on and become familiar with the controls. You are now ready to calibrate the sweep with a standard signal source. Calibration on one speed automatically calibrates all the others. Speeds are shown in Table I.

Operation is slightly different from the conventional oscillator sweep. Switch to X1 on the multiplier, switch MANUAL/AUTO tO AUTO position. Adjust the STABILITY control until you see a trace on the screen and turn TRIGGER LEVEL to where it locks in steady. Trigger Fig. 5 — Components mounted on trigsweep board.





Switch Pos.	SWE	TABLE I	-		
Switch Pos.	Inch Div.		Cm. Div.		
	X1	X5	X1	X5	
1	0.02 sec/in	0.1sec/in	.01sec/cm	.05sec/cm	
2	2msec/in	1 <mark>0msec/in</mark>	1msec/in	5msec/cm	
3	200 sec/in	1msec/in	100 sec/cm	0.5msec/cm	
4	20 sec/in	100 sec/in	10 sec/cm	50 sec/cm	
5	2 sec/in	10 sec/in	1 sec/cm	5 sec/cm	

level adjustments vary for different input signal amplitudes. With internal sync, the signal level is fairly high so the trigger level control will be toward the extremes of rotation — one way is for positive and the other negative trigger polarity. The center area of the control is more sensitive for weaker signals.

MANUAL on the AUTO/MANUAL switch blanks the screen — except when an input signal is present. Adjustment in this position is more critical. The STABILITY control is advanced until the sweep is triggered — but no further.

Attach a signal generator to the scope's vertical input; switch to internal sync, AUTO mode, adjust vertical gain so waveform is several inches P-P and calibrate according to Table I using the calibration pot located on circuit board.

For example, using a 100kHz oscillator signal (which is 10  $\mu$ s per cycle) the calibration pot, R23, is adjusted when speed selector switch is in position 4 so that two cycles cover 1 in. on the screen (or one cycle for 1cm on cm scales). To check results, switch to position 5 and speed multiplier to X5. Now one cycle covers 1 in. (or 2cm on cm scales). A similar procedure is followed for a 1kHz oscillator input at 1ms (millisecond) per cycle. But begin with switch in position 2 for two cycles per inch.

A centimeter scale has been mentioned. This is normal for lab-type scopes. If you can find a suitable cm graticule you may wish to replace your inch/division graticule furnished on most service-type scopes. Centimeters are generally more satisfactory for measuring waveform time.

The partial conversion kit used by ET/D, consisting of two circuit boards both with drilled holes), 13 silicon planar type transistors, 3 diodes and 1 zener diode, plus instructions, is available from Solid-State Devices, 1720 Kimberly Drive, Sunnyvale, Calif. 94087. Other similar units may also be commercially available.

Part two of a series

### **Antennas–Sans Bafflegab and Bushwa**

#### Learn what characteristics are essential for better TV/FM reception

• The first article of this series appeared in the September 1967 issue of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN. The article briefly discussed some important questions regarding the technical and business principles involved in selecting, installing and merchandising TV and FM antennas. For the most part, these questions have been raised by ET readers during recent times. And some technical aspects discussed had been checked previously by ET editors in the field — in actual practice.

Two viewpoints prevail today concerning the over-all business of TV and FM antennas. Both viewpoints were briefly outlined in the introductory article. The first view, held by a significant number of service-dealers and technicians, is characterized by a considerable amount of frank criticism regarding the allegedly "skimpy" technical information provided by antenna manufacturers generally; and the "bafflegab" used to promote sales — no small amount of which is allegedly directed to the general public and the do-it-yourselfer.

Because TV-radio service-dealers and technicians know that the general public does not "buy" antennas, the antenna type invariably being specified and installed by servicedealers and technicians themselves, the criticism regarding general promotional material was exceptionally severe. It was admitted, however, that an occasional do-ityourselfer, probably influenced by



this material, does drop in and ask for a "TV" or "FM" antenna — although seldom specifying the brand name.

The other viewpoint holds, while agreeing with the validity of some criticisms concerning lack of essential technical information, general "gobbledygook" --- including the rash of meaningless buzzwords used by manufacturers — that antennas have been much improved by research and development during the past two decades. And the point was made that many service-dealers have not taken advantage of these improvements to increase sales and, hence, increase their over-all profits.

This viewpoint also held that adequate technical information is available from most manufacturers - although it must again be admitted that considerable effort is required in some cases to obtain this

information and to sort the "meat" from the "bones," the "rice" from the "straw."

Every alert and reasonably informed TV-radio service-dealer and technician already knows that the demand for better color TV and FM reception has been increasing, continues to increase and will continue to increase for quite some time to come. But many are not taking advantage of this situation to augment their incomes by selling and installing more and better antennas. We will not, however, go into this particular phase of the subject at the moment. It will be covered in greater detail in a forthcoming article of this series.

Likewise, every alert and reasonably informed service-dealer and technician knows how important an adequate antenna system is in providing good TV and FM reception. They know that the antenna is the

most important part of a receiving installation and the entire antenna system must be in good condition and the antenna properly oriented if optimum results are obtained. But in many cases very little consideration is given to a particular antenna's characteristics in relation to the equipment to which it is attached, the area in which the equipment is located. It is a fact, discovered and confirmed by those who have had years of experience installing various types of antennas in different locations, that antenna characteristics cause some antennas to work better in one area and other types to give better results in another area.

Now let's shovel down and examine some of the bed-rock technical basics involved with antenna characteristics - spade up a little information that we are primarily concerned with in this business.



#### Chart II

Gain in

db

3 4.8

7.8 8.5

9.5

50	7.07	17
100 400	10 20	17 20 26
1000	31.6	30
10,000	100	40

Chart IV

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DIPOLE <mark>1</mark>0 RELATIVE 4P Z GAIN







#### FREQUENCY IN MEGACYCLES

Gain curve for a modern antenna designed for VHF and UHF bands.



#### **Antenna Characteristics**

We do not intend to become involved here in the semantic sport of word-juggling and phrase-twisting which appears to have become so popular in certain areas where technical writing abounds. But we would like to suggest that you ignore the meaningless buzzwords and phrase constructions (the bafflegab) found today in much of the technical literature concerning antennas.

We are primarily concerned here with two electrical characteristics. These are revealed in *polar patterns* and *gain charts*. You must obtain these from the manufacturer for the various antennas made, and compare them with polar patterns derived from a variety of other antennas before you can intelligently select and install antennas calculated to provide optimum TV and FM reception for your customers. If you don't, then other alert and agressive service-dealers will, and you'll soon "pass away" — like old soldiers do.

Properly prepared polar patterns will indicate the signal pickup response of a particular antenna in all directions. It is important that these polar patterns be obtained for every TV channel involved in your operating area. No antenna designed for broadband reception has similar polar patterns for every channel.

Look at the three polar patterns for VHF TV channels 3, 4 and 9, taken from the low-gain, dipole/ reflector antenna shown in Fig. 1. Although considerably less variation occurs from channel-to-channel in the higher-gain antenna shown in Fig. 2, the patterns do vary on the same three channels. They will show similar variations, in some cases considerably more variation, on the other four VHF channels.

Knowing the precise polar patterns for a given antenna is essential



Fig. 3 — Polar patterns for five VHF and four UHF channels, together with VSWR and gain in db for these channels.

under certain conditions — including problems which arise in areas where multipath signals are received and in areas where co-channel, adjacent channel and other interference exist. Polar patterns are essential as guides to effective antenna orientation under the aforementioned conditions. And the patterns are necessary when selecting the best antenna for a particular application, location, terrain.

Gain charts are also essential aids to selecting the best antenna for specific locations. And it should be realized at the outset — no broadbanded VHF or UHF antenna has yet been designed which has a perfectly flat response. The relationship between the VHF low- and high-bands and the UHF channels, plus a number of other factors, make this an insurmountable problem for antenna design engineers.

Whether the antenna design is based on this principle or that principle — all are forced to trade off one advantage for another, and all are compromises.

Antenna gain curves show us the relative sensitivity of antennas compared to a standard half-wave dipole type antenna at a given frequency. In TV work we normally use a 300  $\Omega$  folded, adjustable dipole as the reference — rather than a 72  $\Omega$  straight dipole.

Look at the gain curve shown in Chart I. This curve is developed from a modern antenna designed to give optimum reception on the VHF low- and high-bands and the UHF band. Polar patterns for some channels are shown in Fig. 3. Patterns cover five VHF and four UHF channels, together with VSWR and gain in db for these channels. Note that gain curves are referenced to db, rather than voltage or power gain. If you want to convert, use the data shown in Chart II.

The gain data shown in Chart III, covers VHF channels 2 to 6, the FM spectrum and the high-band area, channels 7 to 13, of the VHF band. Chart IV shows the frequency response of the same multiband antenna across the UHF spectrum up to 800MHz.

Once again, let's remind ourselves, unless the antenna system

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Columnar speakers by LTV University.



Altec Lansing solid-state power amplifier.



Jensen's VH100 compressiondriver speaker. • Some important people (who should know better) are still talking about "sound equipment" (whatever they mean by that). But the business we are discussing here is audio communications.

What was once a narrow, thin market called "sound equipment" (primarily public address), has long since evolved into something that deserves more definite, more scientific and clearly defining nomenclature. The expression "sound equipment," when used to define audio communications equipment, has always been and still is too indefinite, ambiguous, confusing and communicates no specific intelligence.

The audio communications equipment sector of the electronics field encompasses public address systems (fixed and mobile), various other audio communications systems — including intercoms — paging systems, background music and teaching-lab equipment employed in business, industry, education, religion, the home, etc.

But even the definition "audio communications" is obsolescent. Much audio communications equipment used today is combined with visual communications equipment, particularly CCTV. Hence, "audiovisual communications equipment" would probably be a space-age definition more accurately defining this area of the electronics field.

It seems paradoxical that some people talk out of one side of their mouths about the inevitability of change, of progress. At the same time from the other side (which appears inflexibly frozen) emerges the obsolete and already decayed *sounds* of yesterday, the past, the status quo. One thing is certain: There is no such thing as a "sound equipment market" — unless you include in the equipment catalog all of the sound instruments employed in the research labs of industry, education, medical science and the National Bureau of Standards.

#### Getting into the Business

You can graduate, little by little, into the audio communications equipment business as a specialist or you can go into it in a limited way as a sideline. It depends on your particular business setup, how you plan it and carry it out. You can get quite a bit of help from a number of equipment namufacturers merely by writing and asking for the information.

You will need adequate, specialized technical knowledge in the areas of design and installation of audio systems, a knowledge of troubleshooting and repair techniques and a few specialized test instruments for properly maintaining the equipment you sell and install. The alternative, if you have the capital and sufficient business, is to employ a properly trained, experienced audio technician. Confidence in either your own knowledge or that of an experienced technician, the quality of workmanship and capability of your test in-

Part one of a series

### What about the Audio

#### Learn how to operate in this

### **Communications Equipment Business?**

#### fast-growing area of the electronics field

struments are important prerequisites to a successful and profitable business.

But you do not have to begin by investing a large amount of money in test instruments. Use what you now have to begin and buy the instruments, piece by piece, as you progress. If you don't know your business, the best test instruments in the world will not repair the audio equipment for you.

You *will* need a separate, uncluttered bench for servicing audio equipment that needs shop repair. When you can afford it, the bench would eventually have a good audio voltmeter, sine/squarewave generator having modulation provisions, a flip-flop (electronic switch), a separate scope and perhaps a distortion analyzer.

In the meantime, you can do some modestly accurate work with test instruments you probably already have by adding one or two reasonably good instruments. We will tell you how to go about this in a forthcoming article on servicing.

#### **Design and Installation**

Out in the field, when you're asked to give an estimate on a background music system, PA system, paging system or a variety of other audio systems, you will need a background noise level indicator. The noise levels in a church, restaurant, department store, factory — or what have you — vary widely. And you'll need an instrument to measure it with. Then you'll need previously prepared special speaker/ amplifier power selection charts to save time and to decide intelligently what equipment is required to deliver the goods under specific ambient noise conditions.

You will need to know how to select wire and cable for given applications and how to prevent mismatch when long speaker runs are necessary. On long speaker runs, for example, the size of the wire used becomes important. If not properly calculated, mismatch will result in loss of power and lack of balance between speakers.

You will need nomographs for reading audio levels, charts for calculating acceptable limits for reverberation, information on absorption co-efficients of various acoustical materials used inside buildings. You will learn about constant voltage distribution systems, impedance matching, line matching transformers.

You will learn about speaker "dispersion" characteristics, sound pressure level ratings and other relevant data about speakers.

And you will learn all about specialized speakers designed for every conceivable application, including columnar, paging/talk-back, explosion-proof, weather-proof and even underwater speakers for swimming pools and other aquatic uses.

#### Tomorrow — your Future

We mentioned audio-visual communications equipment. You know Continued on page 103



Synchro-Mite's audio-visual equipment used for industrial training and sales presentations.



Fasco Model 8000 intercom in apartment house.

The 20th article in a continuing series

# **Semiconductors from**

Technicians must have a general understanding of optics service new optically coupled semiconductor instruments and

• The January and February 1968 articles in this series have described the operation of photovoltaic cells, photoconductive cells, photodiodes, photosensitive transistors, photofets, photomos' and light-emitting diodes. Next month we plan also to describe the application of many of these semiconductors in instruments and consumer products that the technician may have already encountered or may soon encounter. We plan to include an optically coupled integrated circuit; contactless meter relays; optical-electronic insulators for a floating ground on electronic scope switches, remotely tuning the radio described in the December 1967 article and a stereo amplifier balance meter; plus a solid-state phonograph designed to play optically the standard stereo and monophonic records in current use without using a needle.

Nearly all of these photosemiconductor applications require a general understanding of lenses or fiber optics for effective servicing.

#### Lenses

An in-depth understanding of lenses, including the complex mathematics for determining lens curvature for minimum distortion and the compounding of lenses to reduce shape and color distortion, is not required for the successful servicing of photosemiconductor applications normally encountered. Unless a technician is repairing TV cameras, it is fairly safe to say that none of the lenses that he will encounter are color corrected (achromatic) since there is generally no need for having the photosensitive semiconductors respond to more than one color of light. Generally, an understanding of lens focal lengths and the images formed by lens optical systems is all that is required for servicing them in new opticalelectronic products.

The image (Fig. 1) used to demonstrate the function of lenses on an optical bench is merely a black silhouette of a leaf on a clear cellulose film, mounted in a supporting rectangle. When light from some relatively distant source passes around this silhouette, a fuzzy shadow of the leaf (Fig. 2) is formed on the screen without the aid of a lens. An even less distinct image of the leaf is formed (Fig. 3) when only a lens is placed near the screen. The pattern then seen is a white ring surrounding a white disc. The outer edge of the ring is the same as the outer edge of the projected disc shown in Fig. 2, while the inner edge of the ring is the shadow cast by the lens.



Fig. 1 — A black silhouette of a leaf on a clear cellulose film is the image used to demonstrate the function of lenses on an optical bench.



Fig. 2 — A distant light can be used to cast the shadow of the leaf on a screen without using a lens.

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#### before they can effectively consumer products

(The shadow of the lens holder can also be seen on the screen.) The leaf image formed in the central disc is not in sharp enough focus to be seen in Fig. 3. This demonstrates a problem common to many lenses. There is no sharp focal point for the entire lens. The outer edge of the lens tends to focus the image differently than the inner portion of the lens, and as a result, when light passes through the entire lens, it fails to focus sharply enough to be seen in the picture.

Without moving the lens, screen or mounted leaf pattern, the problems shown in Fig. 3 can be corrected (Fig. 4) by a mask which permits light to pass only through the central portion of the lens before striking the screen. The image of the leaf now appears in sharp focus on the screen.

Since the lense shown in Fig. 4 is nearer the screen than the cellulose film, the image on the screen is smaller than the design on the film. If a photosensitive semiconductor is substituted for the screen, the entire image of the leaf could be projected on the semiconductor despite the mounted leaf's design being considerably larger. This semiconductor is not capable of identifying the shape of the leaf's stationary image since it contains merely a single photosensitive surface which indicates only the average amount of light exposed to it. It can, however, be used to determine whether or not the entire image of the leaf design is projected on its photosensitive surface, since this image is black and reduces the total amount of light exposed to the semiconductor.

By placing the lens nearer the cellulose film than the screen (Fig. 5), the projected image becomes larger than before. The image shown (Fig. 5) is not satisfactory, however, since we again (as in Fig. 3) failed to use a mask. The white circle in the central portion of the projected image is formed by light passing around the edge of the lens. The shadow of the lens can be seen within that circle.

This problem can be corrected by again using a mask (Fig. 6) which blocks the light passing around the lens or through its outer circumference. Only light passing through the central portion of the lens is used to form the image seen. The projected image is now complete (Fig. 6) and in better focus than before (Fig. 5).

Since the lens in Fig. 6 is nearer the cellulose film than the screen, the image on the screen is larger than the design on the film. In some rare instance, a photosensitive semiconductor might be secured to the upper portion of the screen and used in an electronic circuit for



Fig. 3 — An unshielded lens usually fails to project a satisfactory image.



Fig. 4 — When the lens is nearer the focused image than the film, the image on the screen is smaller than the design on the film.



Fig. 5 — A lens usually fails to form a satisfactory image when there is no shield to block light passing around the sides of the lens or through its outer circumference.



Fig. 6 — When the lens is nearer the film than the focused image, the image on the screen is larger than the design on the film.



Fig. 7 — Nearly half the light normally passing through a lens can be blocked without affecting the quality of the image formed.

counting the stems of passing leaves — the image has been magnified so that the photocell can detect it.

It is interesting to note that we can block nearly half the light passing through the lens to form the image shown in Fig. 6 without reducing the quality of the projected image (Fig. 7). (This fact is important for one of the products that we expect to describe next month.)

When light from a relatively distant source is brought to focus on a screen (Fig. 8) through the central portion of a lens, the distance between the screen and the lens



Fig. 8 — Light from a relatively distant source can be focused on a screen at virtually the focal length of the lens.



Fig. 9 — The shape of an image formed at the lens' focal length is not affected by reducing to less than half the portion of the lens used to focus it.

is virtually the focal length of the lens. Even when light is permitted to pass through less than half the portion of the lens used to focus it in Fig. 8, the remaining light is still focused as before — the image formed (Fig. 9) is merely a little less intense. This fact is also important.

The lens must be a certain distance between the object and its projected image (Fig. 10) to form the images shown in Fig. 4 and 6. The focal length of the lens (f), the distance between the object and the lens ( $d_1$ ) and the distance between the focused image and the lens ( $d_2$ ) can be applied to the equation:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2}.$$

If we know that a lens has a 5-in. focal length and that the object is 20in. away, we can calculate the distance from the lens where the image can be focused on the screen.

$$\frac{1}{5in.} = \frac{1}{20in.} + \frac{1}{d_2}.$$

$$\frac{1}{d_2} = \frac{1}{5in.} - \frac{1}{20in.} = 0.20/in. - 0.05/in.$$

= 
$$0.15/\text{in.}$$
  $d_2 = \frac{1}{0.15/\text{in.}} = 6\frac{2}{3}\text{in.}$ 



These calculations indicate that when an object is 20in. from the 5-in. focal length lens, its image is formed  $6\frac{2}{3}$  in. from the other side of the lens.

We know from Fig. 4 that since the image in our example is nearer the lens than the object is, the image is smaller than the object. If the image and object distances are interchanged (Fig. 6), the image would be larger than the object.

The same equation can be used to show that when the object is 10in. from the 5-in. focal length lens, its image is formed on a screen 10in. from the other side of the lens. In this instance the image and object are the same distance from the lens and are the same size.

The equation can also be used to show that a 5-in. focal length lens will focus the light from a source 1000 in. away onto a screen 5.025in. from the lens. As indicated for Fig. 8, the lens is focusing light at virtually its focal point. If the light had been from an even more distant source, its image would have been focused even nearer the lens' focal length.

There are occasions when a greater magnification or reduction in image size requires more than a single lens. When two lenses are used (Fig. 11),  $d_1$  represents the distance of the object from the first lens,  $d_2$  represents



the distance of the imaginary image (the image that the first lens could have formed had there been a screen) from the first lens,  $d_3$  represents the distance of that imaginary image from the second lens and  $d_4$  represents the distance of the final focused image from the second lens. These distances can be applied to the equations:

$$\frac{1}{f_1} = \frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2}$$
 and  $\frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{d_3} + \frac{1}{d_4}$ 

Since the distance between the two lenses  $(d_L)$  in this optical system must equal the distance of the imaginary image from the first lens  $(d_2)$  plus the distance of the imaginary image from the second lens  $(d_3)$ ,  $(d_L = d_2 + d_3)$ , we can combine the two preceding equations and arrange them in a more convenient form.

$$\frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2} + \frac{1}{d_3} + \frac{1}{d_4}$$
$$= \frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_L} + \frac{1}{d_4}.$$
$$\frac{1}{d_4} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} - \frac{1}{d_L} - \frac{1}{d_1}.$$









In a double lens system the focal lengths of the lenses used  $(f_1 \text{ and } f_2)$  remain constant while the object and focused image distances  $(d_1 \text{ and } d_4)$  can vary and are mutually dependent — like the object and focused image distances  $(d_1 \text{ and } d_2)$  in a single lens system. Since a change in the distance between the two lenses  $(d_L)$  can vary the relationship between the object and focused image distances  $(d_1 \text{ and } d_4)$ , changes in this distance  $(d_L)$ have the effect of changing the total effective focal length  $(f_T)$  of the double lens system

$$(\frac{1}{f_T} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} - \frac{1}{d_L}).$$

#### **Fiber Optics**

Light can also be "piped" to perform many desired functions. When light is applied to one end of a bundle of glass or plastic fibers (Fig. 12), it travels through the fibers and appears at the other end of the bundle.

There are many types of fiber optics on the market, ranging from the flexible. relatively coarse plastic fibers shown in Fig. 12 to rigid glass fibers that are so fine that one fiber can not be distinguished from another with the unaided eye (Fig. 13).

When an image is focused on one end of a fiber optic rod, like the one shown in Fig. 13, each fiber independently transmits a minute segment of the image from one end of the rod to the other (Fig. 14). In some rods the grain is so fine that an unaided eye can not detect it in the transmitted image.

Earlier in this article it was indicated that a single photosensitive semiconductor is unable to identify the shape of a stationary image, although it is able to determine the portion of the object's image focused on it. (It can only tell if it sees half of an object, a quarter of an object, etc.) It can not be designed to center an object on its photosensitive surface. However, by splitting an image with three fiber rods (Fig. 15). three photosensitive semiconductors can be used to center the image on the common fiber rod surface. The image is centered when the three photosensitive semiconductors receive the same amount of light.

Fiber optics that transmit light in a coherent manner (maintaining the image's shape) are more expensive to produce than fiber optics with twisted fibers that break the picture up in a random manner. Since the photosensitive semiconductors are unable to distinguish the shape of a stationary image and respond to only the light intensity corresponding to the segment of the image focused on their photosensitive surface, there is no need to use more expensive coherent fiber optics in the products that we plan to describe.

Three photosensitive semiconductors connected to the fiber rods shown in Fig. 16 can be used to center the image on the common fiber rod surface as effectively as three photosensitive semiconductors connected to the fiber rods shown in Fig. 15.

Next month we will cover several practical applications for photosensitive and photoemissive semiconductors, while the following month we expect to begin a study of solid-state power supplies.

# THREE DOWN...

Bob shows 'Scoot' how to lick three common

problems in record time

• "Hey Bob," Scoot said to his boss, "this color chassis Tommy brought in has a keystoned raster but a new yoke doesn't fix it. What do you make of it?"

"Let's see, Scoot — hmmm. It doesn't look keystoned too much, kind of pinched at the bottom. I'll have to admit, though, it does look like a yoke problem. Did you use the proper yoke for it?"

"Of course I did. I have just one problem. What do I do to find out what's wrong?"

"It's a job for the scope, Scoot. Wheel the scope over and we'll have a look at it. Set it up. What frequency do you want to look at?"

Scoot moved the scope as Bob spoke but stared blankly at it.

"Well, the raster is smaller at the bottom than at the top which means

Fig. 1 — With the scope connected to the grid of the horizontal output tube the waveform was flat on both top and bottom.



that the horizontal scan lines are shorter at the bottom of the screen. I guess that means we need to look at the 15.75kHz waveform."

"Almost right, Scoot. We need to look at the horizontal waveform all right, but at a vertical rate. Remember, the horizontal scan lines are becoming shorter as the sweep progresses toward the bottom of the screen so we will need to see these waveforms at the vertical rate. Now, where do we start?"

"At the risk of being wrong again, I'll say at the grid of the horizontal output tube."

"Very good, Scoot. Hook the scope probe on to the grid."

Both men studied the waveform. The pattern was straight-edged on top and bottom (Fig. 1).

"It looks OK to me, Bob. Or

Fig. 2 — Both the plate and cathode signal showed a taper to the waveform although the signals were 180deg out of phase.



### THREE DOWN ....

don't I know what I'm looking for?"

"It looks good all right, but don't make me answer your question. Let's move the scope probe to the output plate."

"Wait a minute, service instructions say not to observe or measure the output plate waveform. As I recall, it's a 5kv pulse and it can damage test instruments."

"That's partly true, Scoot. But if you want to look at the waveform, you can — by clipping the scope probe onto the insulation of the plate cap lead. You won't be able to measure the waveform amplitude but you can look at the waveform shape. And more important, in this case, the shape of an entire field of horizontal waveforms.

"Now clip the scope probe on the lead and we'll have a look."

"Hey! By jinkies it does have a taper to it (see Fig. 2). But what's that mean? The grid signal was good. Trouble in the plate circuit?"

"Not hardly, Scoot. This set has a resistor in the cathode circuit. Take a look at the waveform there."

Scoot hooked the scope on the cathode and reset the gain of the scope to read the pattern.

"I'll be darned. The waveform is tapered there, too (Fig. 2)."

"Right. Now what could cause the waveform on the plate and the cathode to be different from that on the grid: How about the screen?"

Scoot grabbed a meter and was about to measure the voltage.

"Wait just a minute. You've got a scope in your hand, what do you want that meter for?"

"Well, there's nothing on the screen except dc. A scope won't see anything."

"You mean there's not supposed to be anything on the screen but dc. Put the scope probe to it."

"Looks sort of like a sawtooth (Fig. 3). You mean to say that's what's modulating the output?"

"That's it all right. Now all that's left is to find the bad filter and you've got it licked. There's a couple in that line — try jumping them to locate the bad one. Seems almost too easy to have asked for help, doesn't it?"

Scoot looked perplexed at Bob's last statement and went for the 'lytic sub box.

"This is it, Bob, this two-section job up in the power supply. But I don't see why you're acting so smug. I'll bet you couldn't have found that yourself when you had no more experience than I have."

"Undoubtedly, Scoot. When I had that little experience, the color set hadn't been invented!"

#### Almost Focused

"OK, OK. Don't rub it in. Say, I've got another one over on the 23in. jig that's giving me trouble. How about having a look at it?"

Bob nooded his head and Scoot went on.

"I can't quite get it focused. The slug is all the way in and the focus voltage is just about what the book calls for."

"With the focus voltage 'just about' what the book calls for, the slug should be about in the middle. Do you have any other symptoms? I mean, like narrow picture or low high voltage?"

Scoot looked up at the high voltage meter built into the jig. It read 24kv. The line meter read 115v so Bob and Scoot concluded that all was well there.

"With the high voltage and the width normal, we can assume that everything at the plate of the horizontal output is normal. And since that's where the waveform for the focus circuit is picked up, the trouble must be in the focus circuit."

Bob pulled the plug on the set and reached into the high voltage cage.

"There's the trouble, Scoot. A bad focus rectifier. Here, feel this."

Bob guided Scoot's hand into the cage and moved Scoot's fingers along the focus rectifier stack on the side of the flyback.

"It's got little bumps on it. What's that mean?"

"It probably means that there are several shorted selenium cells in the rectifier. Go ahead and change it and your problems should be solved.

"You can't always spot a bad rectifier by feeling for bumps on it but it's a sure sign that it is bad if there are bumps on it. Even if it feels good, I'd advise changing it. That's what usually goes wrong in this particular circuit."

Scoot began to change the rectifier while Bob went back to the 21 in, jig to hook up another chassis.

"Here's one you should have, Scoot. You brought it in. Let's see. It belongs to the Gordens."

"Oh, yeah. That one had absolutely no color. And don't say it's probably the killer. I tried it in the house."

#### **B/W Rainbows**

Bob had the set hooked up and switched it on. He connected the antenna to a coax jack on the front of the bench marked generator and set the generator under the bench to "color." A B/W "rainbow" pat-

Fig. 3 — Power supply ripple modulated the horizontal output signal through the tube screen.



tern came on the screen. He switched the color killer on the set to OPEN and adjusted the color control fully clockwise. He adjusted the fine tuning but with no results. He walked for the scope.

"Stuck, huh Bob? You should be able to put your finger on that without the scope."

'I'm sure I could, Scoot, but the scope will make it quicker. Why don't you come here and watch. You might learn something."

Scoot walked over to watch the master.

"One thing that can cause this is no burst getting through to the phase detector, killer and so on. We can find that out if we go first to the plate of the chroma amplifier. But since we haven't any idea of where the color signal has been lost, we might as well start right in the middle at the most convenient spot. Right? Now where do you suppose that would be?"

"It seems like you told me that one of the controls was the best place. I guess it was the color control."

"You're batting about 750 today, Scoot. That's it." Bob walked to the file nearest his bench and pulled out a schematic (see block diagram, Fig. 4.).

"Now we'll connect the scope probe on here (point 1). So, there's the answer — nothing. That means the trouble is ahead of the demodulators and the color difference amplifiers. So, we'll have to look at the schematic closer and find out where to go.

'We might just as well start in the middle of this circuit, too. Here's the plate of the first chroma amplifier (point 2). The signal is good there. The next stage is the bandpass amplifier."

Bob moved the scope probe to the bandpass plate (point 3).

"Looks like there's plenty of signal there, too, Bob," Scoot said. "And that's just ahead of the color control."

"Not quite. The bandpass transformer and a lot of wire goes between. The fact that the signal is normal on the plate of the tube is a good indication that the primary of the bandpass is OK, so let's check showed the secondary open.

Bob picked up the "soldersucker" iron and removed the solder

Fig. 4 — The arm of the color control is a convenient starting place to trace color trouble. Points one, two and three show how Bob progressed to find the broken lead in the bandpass amplifier.

from the terminals of the bandpass transformer. An ohmmeter check proved Bob's suspicion that the secondary was open.

"Now what are you doing? It's open. Why don't you just replace it?" Scoot asked.

"It's a standard part, Scoot, and I used the last one yesterday. Farber goofed up on our stock and we're out of them. I've fixed a lot of these. It's usually a broken wire right at one of the lugs or a cold solder joint."

Bob had the case of the transformer now and was examining the connections.

"Here it is. See, this wire is barely touching the lug. We're lucky this wasn't an intermittent."

Bob bent the lug slightly and soldered it back. In a minute the can was back in the set.

"Won't the set need a color alignment now?" Scoot asked.

"No, they're not that critical. You'd have to hang quite a blob of solder on the terminals before it would make much difference here. Somewhere along the line a lot of technicians got the idea that the color section was more critical than any other part of the set but if they'd stop and think, they'd realize that 3 or 4MHz could not be nearly so critical as the 44MHz IF components. Now there's where a blob of solder can make quite a difference.

"There's your color, Scoot. Learn anything?"

"I think so, Bob. But I never realized how hungry I could get listening to you talk. Let's go get something to eat. My wife yells at me every night because I don't eat and it's all because we never get to Pete's until 2:30."

"All right, I get the idea. I can't afford to get in trouble with your wife, too. I've got enough trouble with my own.

"When we get back, I'd like you to get those two other color sets out. I've got a couple of two-way jobs to finish."



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## **`LIGHT-HEARTED**

'We never get serious about spending

• It wouldn't be fair to say that any one service-dealer has cornered the market on unique sale approaches, but ET/D recently visited a very interesting man with some very interesting sales techniques. His name is Richard Bischke, owner of Richard's TV in Miracle Mile, a shopping center in Rochester, Minn.

Mr. Bischke grew up in a familyowned radio-appliance sales and service store in Harvey, N. D. He spent 14 years in the store repairing radios. In 1952, he went in business for himself selling and servicing radios and phonographs. His store was a \$25-per-month rental area in the basement of a department store. By 1958 he outgrew the basement and built his own store, a block structure 25 by 50ft. The main floor was devoted to sales and the basement divided half for service and half for stock. At this time he had two technicians and grossed about \$60,000 a year. In 1960 he sold the store to one of his men and struck out for greener pastures.

Mr. Bischke and his family decided on the Rochester, Minn., area and purchased an existing TVradio and appliance store. A short time later they sold out the appliances to become strictly a TVradio service-dealer operation. For the past eight years Richard's TV has been a vital part of the Miracle Mile business community.

Richard's TV has a staff of two full-time technicians and one salesman. Besides Mr. Bischke, his wife and daughter are very active in the business. Mr. Bischke takes part of the sales load and schedules shop service repair and home service calls with his technicians. His wife and daughter keep the book work in order, which is a big job in any business. The store does an annual gross business of \$180,000 and carries an inventory of about \$35,000. About 3 percent of the annual gross business is spent on advertising, which is done in the local newspaper. Mr. Bischke writes all of his advertising material and estimates about 50 percent of his business is from customers who recommend the store to their friends. As he puts it, "We have a close working relationship. We aren't trying to get rich, but we have a good business, a fine location and we're happy — and best of all, our customers are happy."

#### 18-Month Warranty on TV?

Typical of Mr. Bischke's sales initiative is an 18-month warranty on new TV sets, which he once instigated to compete with some other local stores offering one-year warranties. The program worked like this, Mr. Bischke explained: "Each customer purchasing a new TV was given three coupons. For every service call made after the set was installed, the customer surrendered a coupon. The warranty lasted for 18 months or until the three coupons were used, whichever came first.

We did this for two reasons. It

allowed us to offer the customer more than the one-year warranty, and it kept the 'nuisance' calls to a minimum. In fact, the nuisance calls were so few that I found we were providing service on many of the sets which had been in operation for almost 18 months. People used their coupons only when the set had a real problem. Consequently, many customers had coupons left right up to the end of the warranty! But it proved to be a good way for us to get around the year warranty offered by our competitors." He even has a little gimmick for collecting accounts. "I have a magic sentence at the bottom of each monthly statement," he smiles. "It says '\$1 service charge per month on the unpaid balance." This is typical of the many ideas Mr. Bischke has put into action to make his business a success.

#### Keep Em Smiling

Mr. Bischke has a very unique sales tool — a winning personality. And he knows how to use it!

"The first thing I do when a customer comes in," he smiles, "is get him smiling. Selling is like a sport — like boxing. You have to get in step with the customer and punch accordingly. There can be a million reasons for a person to be unhappy, but get a man to smile and you have opened a big door. When people are happy they generally like to do things that will keep them that way. We sell merchandise to give people pleasure.

# **APPROACH WINS SALES'**

money — the customer's money,' says Rochester, Minn., service dealer

"I usually approach a customer coming into the store by asking him if I can be of service in some way only I do it in a manner that immediately throws him off guard. I use a light-hearted approach. I *never* get serious. For instance, when a customer comes in I say 'Can I help you?' The customer might then say he is only looking, to which I answer, 'Fine, we are happy to have you in our store, some of our best customers started by looking.'

"We have about six stock questions we normally ask a customer to qualify him — to feel him out as to which set fits his needs. We try to act as though the customer is going to buy, it's just a matter of which set will make him happy. One ingredient we feel essential in sales is enthusiasm. You have to believe in what you are trying to sell. It rubs off on the customer.

"As I said, I never get serious, especially about the business of spending money. Spending money is the worst part of buying in the customer's eyes, so why emphasize it? Even when I get to the point of closing a sale on a contract for example, a customer isn't signing a big monthly installment plan, he's signing our 'guest book.' "

#### We Sell Happiness

Richard Bischke feels that people come to the store to buy something which will give the family enjoyment.

"We don't sell nuts and bolts,"



Richard's TV in Miracle Mile Shopping Center.



Main floor display area — well lighted with large selection of TV and stereo equipment.





Technicians mount a color TV on portable table for servicing. Table is innovation of technicians and consists of cloth covered bench with legs and casters.

Richard Bischke uses two-way radio to maintain contact with his service trucks.

says Mr. Bischke. "Customers want to be happy with what they buy, and they have their own ideas of what they want. When a man and wife come into the store to buy a TV or stereo, they usually size the item up for its style and color — in other words, they want a compatible, good-looking piece of furniture. So I give them what they want in terms of a fine piece of furniture, then it's easy to sell them on the features.

"We take trade-ins, too, but I use a little different approach when selling used TVs," says Mr. Bischke as he leads ET/D's reporter to a row of assorted cabinets along the wall. "Take a look at the tags on these TVs and you'll see what I mean," he smiles. On each of the sets there is a tag with a little poem and the price. Every one is different and normally has something to do with the appearance of the set. On one set was written "Take me home — I'm priced right. An extra TV can prevent a fight — \$50." Every used TV in the store had some little ditty attached to brighten it up.

We asked Mr. Bischke about his color TV sales in particular, and whether he had a problem with other stores in the area which offered free home demonstrations. Mr. Bischke grinned and said, "Well, I have an answer for that, too. We don't give free home demonstrations and the reasons we don't are very simple. First, when a customer comes in for a color set we offer what's being looked for - something to give the family pleasure. The customer has a choice of furniture, sees the set in operation and knows we will make sure it stays in top shape. What more could a customer want? If we sold TV on home demonstrations, there would always be the possibility that the customer would want to argue price once the set is installed. We avoid this problem. When we sell a set. the customer gets it at a fair price and it's finalized before the set goes into the home. For that reason we don't end up haggling price with the customer and we don't end up with a bunch of used color TV sets. Our customers know what they are getting, how much it is costing and that we will stand behind it.

#### Service and Rental TV

"We carry our light-hearted approach right on through to our service department," continues Mr. Bischke. "Service makes up about 15 percent of our business, and a lot of our service customers come back to the store to buy."

Richard's TV has two service trucks and the technicians normally spend mornings in the shop and afternoons in the trucks making house calls. The trucks are equipped with two-way radios which, Mr. Bischke feels, help him make more efficient use of the vehicles, especially if a rush service call is necessary. Mr. Bischke also has a rental TV service which is kept fairly active because of the large number of transients in town who visit the world-famous Mayo Clinic.

"We have to keep in touch when the trucks are out on calls to service our customers and rental accounts properly," asserts Mr. Bischke. The technicians schedule service calls for the following day which normally amounts to about 25 calls for the two trucks. When a tough problem is encountered during a service call and the set has to come into the shop, the technician will call the store on the two-way radio and schedule the set for pickup later that day. Two part-time men are used for pickup and delivery.

The technicians at Richard's TV work on a variety of items and labor charges are made accordingly. Bench charges are \$7 per hour for color TV work. A \$4 per hour flat rate is charged for transistor radios brought into the shop, \$2 per hour for tube type radios and \$3.50 for portable TVs. House calls are \$7.50 per hour for color TV, \$5.50 per hour for B/W and \$5 for pickup and delivery (or \$2.50 one way). ADVERTISING/MERCHANDISING/SALES/BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



# **No Secrets To Merchandising**

Modest-sized family-owned operation shows steadily increasing sales

• "There are no secrets to successful merchandising," says Earl Saathoff, president of Saathoff's, a twostore, family-owned operation in San Antonio, Tex.

"We think the two most important things are adequate floor space and a good service department," Mr. Saathoff emphasizes.

The Saathoffs have sufficient space to display about 50 color sets in each store. In addition to the special rooms for demonstrating color, another room in each store displays B/W sets.

The volume of business at Saathoff's has increased 20 percent every year for the past four years. Gross sales of TVs, radios and stereo equipment were about \$500,000 during the past year.

Earl Saathoff feels that this steady increase in business has come about primarily because of his merchandising policies which can be briefly summed up in his own words: "We give people value for their money and personal attention to service problems."

"Ninety-eight percent of our prospective customers want color TVs," Mr. Saathoff says. "And we started selling color here 12 years ago, before any other dealer would touch them," he smiles.

Generous parking space in front of each store is another important factor in merchandising, the Saathoffs believe.

"When a customer does not have to worry about a parking meter, he can spend more time deciding to buy that TV set you want to sell him," Earl Saathoff says.

This generous parking space brings in more customer traffic to both stores, one located at 1134 W. Hildebrand and the other at 2340 E. Southcross.

"One store serves the South side of the city and the other serves the North side," Mr. Saathoff explains.

The Saathoffs now have four of their sons working in the business. Three salesmen are employed full time in each store.

#### The Service Stance

Earl Saathoff believes in a wellmanaged and capable service department. "Customers feel more confident when a member of our family takes care of their problems," he declares.

Cliff Saathoff, one of the sons, gives personal attention to all service problems that arise. He is assisted by four technicians, two at each store.

"One technician has been specially trained to handle the shop work," Cliff Saathoff explains. "The other three have been trained for installation and in-home service work," he concludes.

And many times the youngsters will return with their fathers who frequently wind up buying a color TV set.



Comfortable chairs around a B/W TV facing the front door brings in the "little fries."





**DEALER SHOWCASE** 

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#### **Tape Deck**

700

701

Announced is a playback-only solidstate four-track stereo tape deck designed for installation into an existing



stereophonic playback of four-track prerecorded stereo tapes. The TC155 operates at  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  and  $1\frac{7}{8}$  ips. It also has a retractomatic pinch roller for threading ease as well as a stereo headphone jack. Sony.

#### Columnar Speaker

A Columnar speaker has been added to a line of audio communications equipment. Specifications indicate that it contains six transducers arranged in a frequency tapered array designed to produce audio at the same level for people located in both the back row and up front. Its rated frequency response is 150 to 8000Hz  $\pm$  5db with a sensitivity greater than 48db. The manufacturer indicates



that it is inclosed in a 30in. high, walnut-veneer case with brown grille cloth and a carrying handle on the side. Manufacturer's suggested net price \$59.95. Perma-Power.

#### Two-Way Remote Controller 702

A line of low cost wall-type and desk-top remote control consoles called "Deskon" — for FM two-way radio systems is announced. All solidstate and designed to control remotely placed two-way radio base stations over a telephone line, the unit comes



in the familiar telephone style with many features found only in larger consoles, it is said. All models are equipped with intercom as a standard feature, which enables up to five consoles, connected in parallel, to be used like an office intercom system without tying up the air frequency. An optional supervisory control feature permits the supervisor at that control console to monitor and cut off, if necessary, transmission from other consoles to mobiles. G-E.

#### Indoor Antenna

703

Announced is a "rabbit ears" antenna which features a tall slim silhouette, fold-away dipoles and a synchronized rotating scanner making it unnecessary to rotate the antenna base. The Monitor 1000 works on UHF (channels 14-83), VHF (channels 2-13) and FM. Other features of the antenna include a dual UHF loop, rugged, highly conductive brass dipoles plated with satin finish chrome. The antenna is said to have a virtually unbreakable, static repellent plastic case. A UHF/VHF function switch, a multiposition phasing switch and separate leads for UHF and VHF with



heavy-duty terminal lugs are also provided. Gavin.

#### Earphones

704

705

Announced is a set of earphones that reportedly use a dynamic woofer and a ceramic tweeter interconnected



by a crossover network. Specifications indicate that a soft, tight ear seal is provided by removable vinyl cushions filled with urethane foam. A spring steel headband is designed for all head sizes. Net price \$50. Superex.

### Stereo 8-Track Cartridge Recorder

An 8-track cartridge recorder is designed for those who are building a library of stereo 8-track cartridges for automobile or home enjoyment. The cartridge tape recorder provides an economical means to record and duplicate 8-track stereo cartridge



## the most important instrument you can own for Color TV and FM alignment now costs a lot less...the Heathkit IG-14

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No Trace Distortion. One of the big values to using a post marker generator like the IG-14 is that markers are injected after the sweep signal passes through the set being tested, thereby eliminating the 'scope trace distortion usually found when injection or absorption type marker generators are used.

Crystal-Controlled Markers For Any TV Alignment Task. Four marker frequencies are provided for setting color bandpass, one marker for TV sound, eight at the IF frequencies between 39.75 and 47.25 MHz, and markers for channel 4 and channel 10 picture and sound carriers for checking tuner RF response. With the ability to use up to six markers at once, such as picture and color carriers at 6 dB points, corner marker and trap frequencies, alignment is fast and precise. Trap alignment is just a matter of selecting the appropriate trap frequency, applying the 400 Hz modulation, and tuning the trap for minimum audio on a scope or meter.

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710

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Stereo headphones having separate tone and volume controls in each earpiece are said to have both a comfortable and an airtight fit. The adjustable stainless steel headband is cushioned and earseals are fashioned of soft polyvinyl chloride that is kind to the ears



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#### Color TV Chassis M663—Vertical Green and Purple Stripes

Failure of C268 (.1 $\mu$ f 1kv - open) causes the appearance of a vertical green line approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. wide



displaced from the left edge of the screen by roughly 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in. Approximately in the center of the screen a faint purple line will also be seen.

This effect is more readily noticeable on a blank channel with the color control fully clockwise. This fault will also cause poor color rendition because of an improperly shaped flyback pulse appearing at the grid of the burst gate tube.

#### Color TV Chassis M678/M679 — Poor Color

Colorfax November 1967 covered checking the color demodulator and pointed out that the demodulation angle should be checked to insure that skin tones would be correct.

The importance of this has been minimized by some technicians and there are a number of complaints from dealers, customers and technicians regarding color quality.

1. If the demodulation is less than 90deg or more than 110deg, not only skin tones are affected but the entire color reproduction of the televised scene will be drastically changed from the original.

2. If the angle is less than 90deg, the tint control will be very critical in adjusting for skin tones and they will change from one camera to another.

If the angle is too wide (over 110deg), the skin tone range will be fairly broad but probably appear brownish. A more important factor, however, is that color reproduction of light blues, pinks and greens, etc., will be very poor. Therefore, if a customer or dealer complains of poor color, the first logical step is to determine if the demodulation is correct.

4. When examining a 10-bar color pattern on the screen for a demodulation check, do not try to evaluate it with all three guns at the CRT switched on. To do so will invite confusion and inaccurate results. The reason for this is that the eye is too easily misled in determining the correct color of each bar. If the receiver's color control is set too high, overload of the receiver color circuit will occur causing misleading results.

For the technician who uses a three color bar type of generator, the following method may be employed:

1. Connect gun killer to CRT.

2. Switch off the blue and green gun.

3. Adjust tint control so that the middle bar blends into the red back-ground.

4. Turn all guns on and adjust the B-Y coil until the third bar starts going very slightly bluish (cyan).

5. If more than slight adjustment ( $\frac{1}{8}$  turn) was required, go back to step 2, and repeat if necessary.

Before aligning any color set be sure the set has operated one hour to minimize drift. It is strongly recommended that if the set is new, the customer should be advised running the set at least one day before set up, to compensate for any aging process.

#### MAGNAVOX

#### Color TV Chassis T919/T920 — Horizontal Centering

These chassis employ a diode (SR-104) paralleled by a  $4.7\Omega$  resistor (R171) which is series connected with the horizontal deflection coils. This diode/resistor combination is connected between pin 8 on the deflection yoke plug (blue lead) and terminal BB on the horizontal output transformer. This circuit is used to provide



horizontal centering of the picture which can be shifted either to the left or right. In some chassis you will find a jumper wire connected across the diode resistor combination.

In cases when horizontal centering adjustment is needed, check the wiring of SR104. The illustrations indicate the direction of picture movement provided in each case.

If the circuit is connected as shown in Fig. A, placing a jumper across the diode will shift the picture to the right approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. If additional shift to the right is needed, remove the jumper and reverse the connections to the diode as shown in illustration B.

To be sure of the direction and amount of picture movement, it is suggested that you use a crosshatch generator and mark the center vertical line on the tube face with a piece of masking tape.

#### Color TV Chassis T924 — Horizontal output Circuit

The modified sawtooth signal, developed by the horizontal oscillator, is capacitively coupled to the horizon-



tal output grid (see illustration). The horizontal output tube conducts during approximately 50% of scan time and is responsible for scanning only the right hand side of the screen. When the beam reaches the right hand side of the screen, the horizontal output is driven to cut-off. At that time the field which has been developed in the flyback collapses causing a reversal in the voltage across it. The voltage across the yoke is suddenly reversed and the beam is moved from the right side of the screen to the extreme left side. This means yoke current has decreased from maximum in one direction to zero and then to maximum in the opposite direction. After this current reversal, yoke current ceases to flow and its field collapses causing a reversal in voltage which forward biases the

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The pulse, developed across the flyback transformer as a result of the collapsing field, measures about 5kv at the plate of the horizontal output. This pulse is stepped up through the HV winding and rectified by a 3A3 to provide 24kv for the CRT anode.

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The dc return for both the focus rectifier and HV rectifier is through R114 and the horizontal output tube to ground. The reason for this arrangement is that the focus voltage will "track" the high voltage.

This is required for proper focusing of the beams with different values of anode voltage. The anode voltage can vary slightly from one scene to another or as the brightness control setting is changed. If the focus voltage did not change accordingly, defocusing of the beams would occur at all levels of brightness except for the point where the two voltages were exactly equal.

The basic idea is to make the focus voltage go up as high voltage goes up, or down as the high voltage goes down.

To see how this is accomplished, assume the brightness control was advanced. This would cause the CRT anode to draw more current and since its dc return to ground is through R114 and the horizontal output tube, a voltage drop is developed across R114 making the anode side of the focus rectifier become more negative. The focus rectifier, therefore, cannot rectify as much of the 5kv pulse as before so the resultant dc focus voltage will be lower.

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To understand how this circuit regulates the HV, assume the video scene suddenly became brighter. The HV would drop because of increased loading on the output system.

The increased loading causes the amplitude of the pulse coupled through C530 to decrease; therefore the negative voltage developed at the anode of D503 becomes less. The grid voltage of the horizontal output becomes less negative (or more positive) and the stage conducts harder, thereby compensating for the additional load.

The opposite would occur should the loading on the output system decrease. As in the vertical circuit, this system also compensates for slight variations in ac line voltage.

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The 3CU3 is just one of a new "posted filament" family which includes the new 3BL2 and 3BM2. They're designed for use in new color TV sets. These tubes are especially good for transistorized TV where their fast warm-up fits in with the "instant on" feature of solid state circuitry.

The new construction has higher reliability and longer life and should give you fewer and less troublesome callbacks.





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## Two-Way Radios712A dual line of all solid-state FMtwo-way radios — a "Royal Professional Series" and a "Royal Executive



Series" has been added to mobile communications equipment for cars and trucks. Fully transistorized both transmitter and receiver — the models are available in 25 to 50MHz and 132 to 174MHz. Fifty-watt models are available for low band and 35w units for high band. A new protective circuit in the equipment — first to be engineered into solid-state equipment — is said to provide computerlike protection for power transistors. G-E.

#### Liquid Sprayer

713

A self-powered sprayer suitable for pushbutton dispensing of a wide range of industrial liquids is introduced. The



sprayer is said to have a broad spectrum of uses in production and servicing electrical and electronic gear. It is said the sprayer will dispense contact cleaners, fluxes, lacquers and masking liquids, insulating and waterproofing compounds and even two-part epoxy systems of sufficiently low viscosity to be sprayed by a commercial gun. Precision.

#### Antennas

Announced is a line of rugged LPVtype antennas for MATV use. The antennas are made of heavy gold anodized aircraft aluminum. Heavy-duty

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elements and double-boom construction add to their ability to withstand the most severe weather conditions, specifications indicate. Output is matched to 75  $\Omega$  coaxial cable, eliminating the need for a matching transformer. All units are shipped complete with an F59 coaxial connector and a weather boot. JFD.

#### High Voltage Probe

Announced is a 40kvdc high voltage portable test probe specially designed to operate with the manufacturer's 11M input impedance, batteryoperated transistorized volt-ohmmeter. model 600. The test probe, model 72-265, permits technicians to perform accurate and safe high voltage checks on all color as well as B/W TV receivers prior to making color alignment adjustments on the CRT. Three ranges can be checked with the probe, 40kvdc, 16kvdc and 4kvdc. To obtain proper readout, the model 600's selector range switch is simply set to the 40vdc, 16vdc or 4vdc range and multiplied by 1000, correspondingly. A spring-loaded cap in the well-insulated



handle of the probe permits easy removal of an internal resistor making the probe flexible and functional for other test instruments like the voltohmmeter. A large circular-shaped corona guard located at the front of the fluted black plastic handle is said to prevent the hand from slipping during checks. The tip of the probe is nickel plated to insure better conductivity and longer life. The lightweight probe weighs approximately 71/2 oz., is 121/2 in. long and has a 7/8 in. diameter. Suggested user net is \$25.20, complete with heavy-duty ground lead. Triplett.

#### Cable Clip

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A "J" configuration for a complete line of adhesive-backed cable clips is announced. Clips look neater, it is said, because they can be installed closer to moldings, door jams and interior edges and take up less equip-



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ment space. According to the manufacturer, the new "J" style is more efficient because of increased holding power provided by the new design. Five sizes are available to hold wire bundle sizes ranging from ½ to 3/8 in. nominal od. Lengths vary from 1 to 2 in. depending on clip size; 48-in. lengths of all sizes are also available. 3 M.

#### Hook-Up Wire

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Announced is hook-up wire having a 1/64in, wall and stranded tinned copper conductor. The insulation is said to be temperature resistant from  $-10^{\circ}$ C to  $+80^{\circ}$ C with a maximum



load capacity up to 300v. Known as series 7230-7235, the wire is available in AWG sizes No. 24, 22, 20, 18 and 16. The od range is 0.057in. through 0.095in. Standard colors No. 1 through No. 10 and stripes are available. Birnbach.

CB Transceiver 718 Announced is a 23-channel CB transceiver which features a cascode front-end with nuvistor mixer and is



said to include every known feature to dampen and filter noise. The unit has dual conversion, transistor power supply, illuminated S-RF meter, illuminated channel selector, PA system, auxiliary speaker jack, single-knob tuning, modulation indicator and built-in range-expander circuit. The unit comes complete with crystals for all 23 channels, mounting brackets, power cords and microphone. according to the announcement. Net \$199. Courier.

#### **RF Mini-Monitors**

Announced are three palm-sized RF directional wattmeters for servicing communications equipment in the 2-175 MHz range. They weigh one lb and are said to be built to high quality



specifications and contain 1 to 2% tolerance components. Over-all accuracy is  $\pm 5\%$ . The wattmeters, only 2 x 3 x 4½ in. can be switched from forward to reflected power on the blow-protected front panel. The 50  $\Omega$  instruments are completely self-sufficient without batteries, line power, charts or plug-ins. Bird.



#### **Test Adapter Holder**

A test adapter holder is designed to keep tube test socket adapters and alignment tools organized and readily accessible for TV-radio service technicians. Holder supplies stor-



age space for seven socket adapters of 7/8 in. dia or less, and six adapters of 1 9/32in. dia or less, plus room for 12 alignment rods, screw drivers or other small service tools. Mounting holes are provided for easy installation on any vertical surface. The unit is fabricated from cold rolled steel with baked enamel finish and is available only through electronic parts distributors. Price \$2.50 for model 2898. Pomona.

**NEW PRODUCTS** 

#### **Convergence Rectifiers**

A series of color-TV convergence rectifiers are reportedly adaptable to any color set currently on the market. A cross reference part numbering guide is provided for correlating the 3, 4 or 5-cell part with that used as original equipment. GC Electronics.

#### **Flexible Cable Tie**

Announced is a cable tie, the TY409, a general purpose, heavy-duty tie and lashing strap. The strap has a wide application for lashing cables to messenger wires, a practice widely used by telephone companies, electric utilities and contractors. The one-piece strap exceeds a 200 lb loading. Its

19in. length will accommodate bundle diameters from  $1\frac{34}{100}$  to  $4\frac{34}{100}$  in. Width of the tie is  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., which provides good bearing surfaces on conductors. This plastic strap, unlike metal bands, cannot injure installers hands it is said. Thomas & Betts,

#### Oscilloscope

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A low cost, general purpose scope having an extended frequency range to 7MHz is introduced. The Model 555 is designed for both laboratory and field use and contains performance and construction features normally found only in larger expensive units. Its CRT is a 5 in. flatfaced, Braun tube, divided into a viewing area of 8 x 10cm by a removable edge lit graticule. All amplifiers are multi-

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#### Safety Belt

A safety belt which is said to provide built-in safety against the fall hazard is announced. A small light capsule attached out of the



way on the side of the belt contains a shock absorber which pulls loose from the belt and starts to work instantly should a fall occur. When force is applied to the shock absorber, the sewn-in threads start breaking row-by-row to absorb the damaging forces that would otherwise be transferred to the person wearing the belt. Exhaustive tests indicate that only 600lb pressure would be transferred to a person's body, well within the body's tolerances. Two models are available the No. 2189 and 2190, with adjustable lanyard sewn in. Rose.

### **MOVING?**

Be sure to let us know your new address. Please enclose a complete address label from one of your recent issues. Illuminated Magnifier 725 Announced is a magnifier that reportedly has a built-in light to illumi-



nate a 48-sq-in. work-viewing area. Specifications indicate that it provides 3X and 2.5X magnification. Edroy.

Proximity Switches 726 Announced is a proximity switch featuring the inherent simplicity of the basic dry reed switch for long life (18 million operations @ 48v). An encased permanent magnet provides the



force to actuate the reed switch within distances of lin. apart (center to center), it is said. The current rating is 0.5a (break) and 1.0a (carry), with a potential breakdown of 300vdc. Alco.

Alignment Tool Kit 727 Introduced is a special alignment tool kit containing six alignment tools for any make or model TV set, whether monochrome or color. The kit includes two double-ended 0.100 in. hex wrenches, 5 and 11in. long for standard IF transformers and coils; a 5in. long alignment tool with both hex and screwdriver tips; a pair of tuner alignment tools 7in. long and 12in. long; and double-ended 0.075in hex wrench, 5in. long for miniature transformers and coils. All the tools are made of nylon and are said to flex without breaking. Because no metal is used, and because of the choice of convenient lengths, all problems encountered through improper tools and

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screwdriver use are said to be eliminated. Each tool is double ended, facilitating alignment of cores having either slotted or hex ends. Tools are said to be nonmagnetic. Price \$1.95. Injectorall.

#### **Power Riveter**

Introduced is a power riveter of

728 which it is said a squeeze of the hand

will fasten anything up to 1/2 in. thick from one side. Specifications indicate that the riveter expands up to its own head-diameter for use in widetolerance holes; one length fits all



thicknesses within the grip range; clamp-up action assures a snug fit, eliminating the possibility of loose assembly and other features. The bubblepacked riveter includes a free supply of assorted rivets and instructions. \$4.95. Vaco.

#### Grid Dip Meter

729

Announced is the No. 90651-A grid dip meter having transistor dc amplifier and taut band meter. It provides full scale meter readings at all frequencies from 1.7 to 300MHz. The





meter is supplied complete in a convenient polypropylene carrying case which keeps the coil/probes with the grid dip meter and protects both. Five additional coils are available for extending the range to 165kHz. Millen.

#### **Diode and Transistor Tester 730**

A diode and transistor tester, model DT100, a low-current instrument for checking diodes and transistors is announced. The unit is a "go," "no-go" tester. Diodes are checked by touching the leads to the binding posts on the tester in either direction. If the diode is good, the light on the panel will glow. No indication of light means that the diode is either open or shorted. Transistors may be checked by clipping one of the test leads sup-

plied with the tester to the base of the transistor and attaching the other lead to the emitter and then to the collector. If the transistor is good, the lamp will glow on both connections. If the lamp does not light in one or both positions, the transistor is bad. Texscan.



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### NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

#### CB Industry Moves To Promote Solid Image

TV, radio and magazine messages carrying the story of CB two-way radio to the mass consumer marketplace in 1968 will spearhead the citizens band, industry's first concerted, cooperative advertising and publicity program, enthusiastically approved by the Citizens Radio Section of the Electronic Industries Assn.

Recognizing a need for a united educated effort at all potential user levels, the group is launching a market development program to expand public awareness of the value and simplicity of CB radio through consumer-oriented literature, highway signs, feature articles and store displays.

A separate campaign has been developed to promote better, more sympathetic understanding of the role and potential of CB in public service and safety among officials of government organizations such as highway, civil defense, law enforcement and fire protection. One prime objective is to assist the Federal Communications Commission in promoting more effective and mature use of CB.

#### Commerce Department Communications Questionnaire

Firms producing TV-radio communications equipment, electronic components and accessories are among the various types of manufacturing firms which will help provide an over-all picture of the nation's economy by taking part in the 1967 Census of Manufacturers, according to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce's Census Bureau.

Firms being canvassed in the census will receive forms by mail early in 1968. Completion of these questionnaires is required under terms of an Act of Congress (12 U. S. Code). All answers on census questionnaires are confidential and are used only to produce statistical totals.

#### Norelco Introduces New 'Car-Mount'

A new Norelco "Car-Mount," cassette tape audio system for automobiles, having a variety of special performance features, is introduced by North American Philips Co.

The "Car-Mount" consists of a sliding tray which holds the Norelco "Carry-Corder," a miniature cordless tape recorder using compact cassettes with up to 90 minutes of playing/recording time. The unit, which is attached below the car dashboard, provides for playback through the car radio.

#### **RCA Institutes Moves**

RCA Institutes announces a 20-block move to larger quarters—without interruption of classes.

Expansion of the 59-year-old school will help meet the serious shortage of trained electronics personnel in all areas of the industry, including computer programers, TV and nuclear instrumentation technicians, according to President A. L. Baker.

As the 4000 resident students left classes Friday afternoon and evening at the old school at 350 W. 4th St.—near 13th St. and Eighth Avenue in Greenwich Village—a small army of professional movers began loading more than 150 van loads of classroom and laboratory gear. The equipment ranged from tiny transistors to huge electronic test instruments.

Some 30 hours later each numbered piece was in its proper place in what only a little more than a year ago was a warehouse for Franklin Stores, a few steps away from the new Madison Square Garden at Penn Station.

#### Toshiba America Moves

Toshiba America will move to new and larger headquarters at 477 Madison Ave., New York City.

The new offices will be more than twice as large as the previous space at 530 Fifth Ave.

Noboru Takamiya, president, said the move was necessitated by a growing volume of business requiring a substantial number of new staff members.

#### U. S. Hi-Fi Manufacturers Go After Scandinavian Market

Scandinavian businessmen will hear the sound of music from the newest in American high-fidelity components when U. S. firms feature their latest lines in a special show at the U. S. Trade Center in Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 15 to 21.

The Trade Center show comes at a time of strong consumer demand for all types of high-quality convenience and luxury items. Sweden's economy is flourishing, giving its people one of the highest standards of living in the world.

U. S. makers of high-fidelity components have been successful at selling abroad through past commerce export promotions. For example, the 32 U.S. firms at a show of high-fidelity and stereo components at the U. S. Trade Center, London, in April, 1966, report doing more than \$1 million worth of business abroad in the year following the show. They also report signing 32 agents and distributors to handle their products on a long-term basis.

#### Atomic Second Adopted as International Unit of Time

A new definition of the international unit of time, the second, was adopted in Paris by the 13th General Conference on Weights and Measures. The second has now been defined as the duration of 9,192,631,770 periods of radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the fundamental state of the atom of cesium 133.

The frequency (9,192,631,770 Hz) that the definition assigns to the cesium radiation was carefully chosen to make it impossible, by any existing experimental evidence, to distinguish the new second from the "ephemeris second" based on the earth's motion.

#### EIA Service Technician Development Program

The Electronic Industries Assn.'s Consumer Products Div. announces implementation of the first phase of its Service Technician Development Program (STDP) an intensive "win friends and influence people" effort at the American Vocational Assn. (AVA) annual convention at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. The AVA represents some 45,000 vocational education teachers and counsellors and is considered a major factor in that field.

The STDP is the EIA Consumer Products Div's long-range effort aimed at increasing the number of qualified service technicians for consumer electronic products. Over half a million dollars has been ear-marked for



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this manufacturer-sponsored effort over the next five years. One thrust of the program will seek to work closely with vocational educators and counsellors at the secondary school level.

The STDP eventually intends to influence and improve electronics teaching at the classroom level all over the country through teacher training seminars and institutes, curriculum upgrading programs and consultation services. In conjunction with a public relations and career guidance program, these activities are intended to gradually bring more and more well-trained and well-motivated young people into consumer electronics servicing as a career.

#### Philco-Ford Corp. Opens New District Sales Office

A district sales office has been established in Atlanta, Ga., for the sale, distribution and servicing of Philco-Ford Corp.'s consumer products.

The new district office, located at 700 Forrest Road, N. E., Atlanta,

and operated as Philco Distributors, Inc., by the Sales and Distribution Div., will serve dealers in most of Georgia, eight counties in South Carolina and two counties in Alabana. (The Savannah, Ga., area is in Philco-Ford's Miami sales district.)

#### Tuner Div. Will Change Name To Standard Components Div.

The Tuner Div. of Standard Kollsman Industries has been renamed and is now called the Standard Components Div. of Standard Kollsman Industries. TV tuners will remain the division's principal product line.

#### Philco-Ford Appoints District Service Manager

Michael Viall has been appointed Philadelphia district service manager for Philco-Ford Corp.'s Parts and Service Office. In his new position he will serve Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

#### RCA Distributor For Hartford Area

Eastco, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Eastern Co., Cambridge, Mass., will assume responsibility immediately for the distribution of RCA Victor products in the Hartford, Conn., marketing area. Martin F. Bennett, vice president, distributor and commercial relations, announces.

Mr. Bennett said the Eastern Co., which distributes RCA Victor products in the Boston and Providence marketing areas, has acquired Radio & Appliance Dist., 95 Leggett St., East Hartford, Conn., and will serve home instruments and record dealers from that address.

#### Belden Corp. Constructs New Wire and Cable Plant

Belden Corp. plans to build a 150,000-sq-ft plant on a 43-acre site in central Louisiana's LaSalle Parish. The plant will be constructed during 1968. Approximately 200 employees will initially staff the new facility, which will produce insulated copper wire and cable.

#### Integrated Circuit Sales Continue Their Rapid Climb

U. S. factory sales of semiconductor integrated circuits totaled \$162 million during the first nine months of 1967, climbing 57 percent above the sales figure for the same period in 1966, the Electronic Industries

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#### Vidaire Electronics Appoints New Sales Representative

J. B. Parent Co. has been appointed sales representative for Vidaire Electronics. It will represent Vidaire in Ohio.

#### Electronic Industry Show Elects New President

Arthur Rabb, president of United Technical Publications, was elected President of Electronic Industry Show Corp.'s Board of Directors for the 1968 Electronics Show to be held June 14 to 16 at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City.

#### Littelfuse Appoints Sales Rep.

The Mel Foster Co., 228 S. Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis, Minn., has been appointed the sales representatives for distributor and OEM product sales for Littelfuse, Des Plaines, Ill., it is announced by Walter A. Clements, vice president of sales and marketing. The new appointment was effective Dec. 15, 1967.

The sales organization will represent Littelfuse in Minnesota. North and South Dakota and western Wisconsin.

#### Fred Jones Named Director Of Sentry Manufacturing

Fred Jones, an Oklahoma City industrialist and former chairman of the board of Braniff International, has been named a director of Sentry Manufacturing Co., producers of quartz crystals and electronic components for the communications industry.

#### Curtis Mathes Names Sales Manager

Curtis Mathes Manufacturing Co. (AMEX), Dallas, has named William D. Goldberg Northeastern regional manager for sales. His appointment is part of the company's continuing program to market Curtis Mathes color television and home entertainment centers in the Eastern United States, Horace B. Kelton, executive vice president, said. Mr. Goldberg will be responsible for all sales and marketing in the metropolitan New York, New Jersey and lower Connecticut areas. His address will be 414 Elizabeth Ave., Newark, N. J.

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#### Old Tubes to Smithsonian

Historical TV tubes, among the world's first, are donated to the Smithsonian Institution by Dr. Philo T. Farnsworth, noted scientist of ITT. Five 40-year-old camera and picture tubes, plus all of his documents and laboratory notebooks of the time, were given upon invitation by the Smithsonian. Dr. Farnsworth earned the sobriquet "Father of Electronic Television" for his inventions in his late 'teens and early twenties, which tri-



umphed in the patent courts. The tubes, dating from 1927, include, left to right on the table, the first image dissector, first projection oscilloscope, a primitive image orthicon with electron multiplier and the first oscilloscope tube with a flat screen. Victoria Lynch of ITT holds the world's first oscilloscope with internal deflection plates.

#### FTC Hits TV Sales Company

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a complaint charging violations of law by Lawrence TV Corp., 5832 Georgia Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., and George Harris, the concern's manager.

The FTC's complaint states that, "Respondents are now, and for some time past have been, engaged in the advertising, offering for sale, sale and distribution of television sets, and television, radio and phonograph combinations to the public."

The complaint charges that, contrary to representations made in newspaper advertisements for the purpose of inducing the purchase of their products:

"1. The offers set forth in said advertisements were not bonafide offers to sell the advertised products at the prices and on the terms and conditions stated. Respondents' salesmen, who called upon persons responding to the advertisements, did not display the advertised product. Instead, respondents' salesmen disparaged the advertised product and attempted to sell a higher priced product. By these and other tactics, purchase of the advertised product was discouraged and respondents frequently sold a higher priced product.

"2. In a number of instances, the respondents did not give a free home demonstration of the products advertised.

"3. In a number of instances, the respondents advertised a product when they did not have sufficient quantities on hand to make it available for purchase.

"4. Purchasers of the advertised television, radio and stereo combination did not receive free record albums."

The complaint further alleges that illustrated advertisements placed in newspapers by respondents represent that the cabinets of TV sets are wood, when "In truth and in fact, the cabinets of the advertised television sets were not wood, but were metal."

The respondents have 30 days within which to file answer to the complaint.

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HOW TO USE SIGNAL GENERA-TORS IN COLOR TV SERVICING. By John Lenk. Published by John Rider Publisher, Inc., 108 pages, soft cover. \$3.25.

Slightly more than half the book is devoted to basic color-signal generator operating principles, controls and procedures, and color-signal generator testing and calibrating. Some technicians may find that the manufacturer's manual for the test instruments that they already own provides them with all of this type of information that they need. This material may, however, be of some value to technicians confronted with the task of selecting new test instruments best designed to serve their purposes. The remainder of the book describes purity, convergence and linearity adjustments, and testing color sync characteristics, chroma demodulation characteristics and matrix circuit characteristics. plus some miscellaneous applications. Where practical, many simple test circuits are included. We feel that a few of the scope tracings drawn for the book may mislead new apprentice technician readers. This book should however, be of some value to technicians just learning about a few of the intricate problems they will eventually face in color TV servicing.

#### HOW TO USE SIGNAL GENERA-TORS IN RADIO/TV/HI-FI SER-VICING. By John Lenk. Published by John Rider Publisher, Inc., 128 pages, soft cover. \$3.25.

More than a third of the book is devoted to basic signal generator operating principles, controls and procedures, and signal generator checking and calibrating. The remainder of the book describes procedures for checking TV antenna systems, AM receivers, FM receivers, TV sets and audio amplifiers. The many testing procedures included are illustrated and briefly described. The book may help the experienced technician expanding his checking techniques, and some of these checks may help the apprentice technician learn more about impedances and tuned circuits in antennas. leads and electronic circuits. We feel, however, that the book would have been more useful if it contained fewer circuits - described in more detail. The descriptions with a few diagrams stated that a variable resistor should be adjusted, while no variable resistors were shown in these diagrams.

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#### TV Chassis KCS158 Series—Apparent 'Hum bar'

Field reports mention an apparent "hum bar" on some KCS158 chassis. Investigation reveals that L110 positioning



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ance and permits tape unit to be used with all types of external stereo instruments.

The illustrations show a series of networks that may be used, ranging from a simple 2 resistor type to a manual level-set type.



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## CATALOGS AND BULLETINS

Photoelectric Controls 400 A 36-page catalog is loaded with practical application data and contains 51 application sketches. Included are specifications and prices of 130 preengineered control packages; a large selection of controls, photo sensors and light sources including retro-reflective, fiber optic and miniature; dual filament, adjustable focus and high intensity light sources with optional safety relay; electronic timer; bin and liquid level controls; also extremely sharp overload and underload controls. Autotron.

#### Precision Instruments

This catalog covers over 5000 instruments which measure voltage from Imv to 100kv and  $1.5\mu$  a to 1kva. Included is information on electrostatic voltmeters, precision panel meters and automatic ac/dc transfer standard. Singer.

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#### Components and Tools 402

The products of more than 80 electronics manufacturers are listed in this 328-page catalog which includes a MIL specs guide, MIL/EIA standard resistance value table, quick reference capacitor and resistor code data chart and industrial tube cross reference. Pyttronic.

#### Miniature Lamps

A miniature lamp catalog describes over 100 different styles of low-voltage lamps. Lamp sizes range from tiny grain-of-wheat size to 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. ultrathin "long lines." Styles include fuse type, pig tails, neons, self-leads and complete lamp assemblies with colored lens caps and 6in, leads. Various currents and bases are offered. Mura.

#### Television Systems

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Three instructor-controlled television systems are shown in an eightpage brochure. Techniques for using the systems to increase teaching effectiveness in single classrooms, team teaching and instructional telecasting are also described. RCA.

#### **RFI Filters**

A four-page bulletin contains specifications and performance characteristics of RFI filters for power lines. Features described include availability of filters at three noise rejection levels to supply desired attenuation in single, dual or triple circuit configurations and in 45 standard models with ratings from 20 through 100a. San Fernando Electric.

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provides an undistorted station signal to the receiver antenna terminals — especially on color installations — weak sync, poor picture definition, distorted audio, ghost reflections and interference may result.

Other important antenna characteristics to be considered, especially in selecting modern all-band antennas which cover VHF, FM and UHF frequencies, include the VSWR and the front-to-back ratios for each individual channel to be received. The VSWR, at a given frequency, affects the signal-to-noise ratio. And a high VSWR at a given channel can cause color-smear, for example.

The next article will cover other important points to be considered in selecting antennas and installation techniques involved in immediate, secondary, fringe and deep-fringe areas.

#### Audio Communications ...

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that the video section of a TV receiver isn't much use without the audio section. And it follows that the future of audio communications is tied inexorably with CCTV, video tape recording and other visual communications methods. For this reason, we believe that your efforts in commercial audio should be synchronized with at least some effort in the direction of CCTV and VTR. These areas are expanding but are little cultivated today. They are wide open to all alert, aggressive servicedealers and technicians who would like to divert some or all of their efforts toward new, more fertile, more profitable frontiers.

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