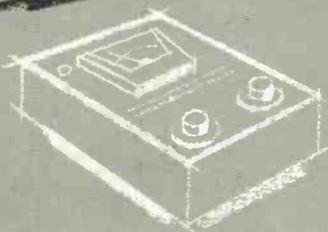
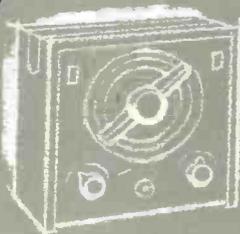
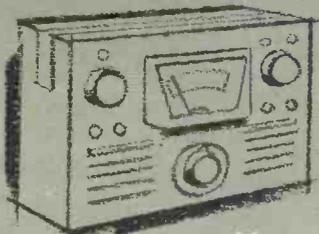
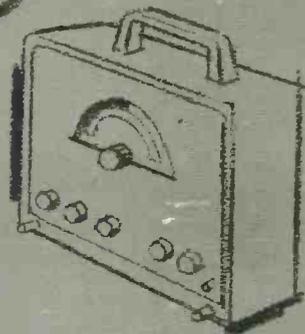
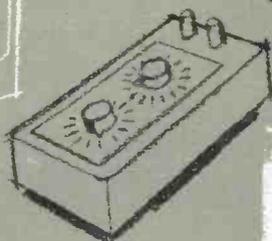
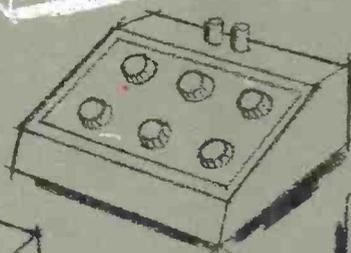
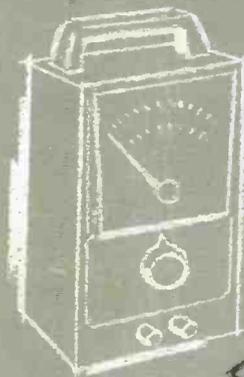
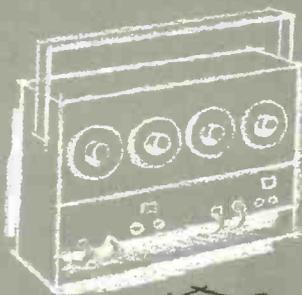
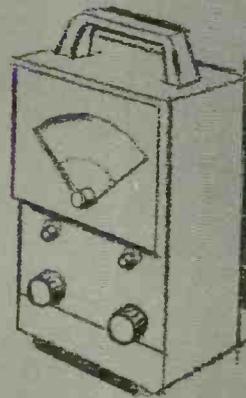
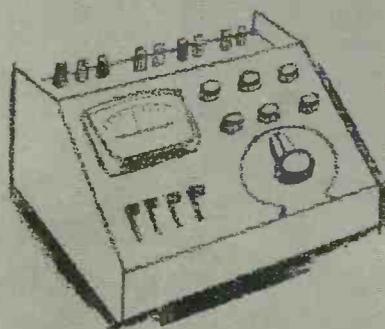


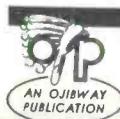
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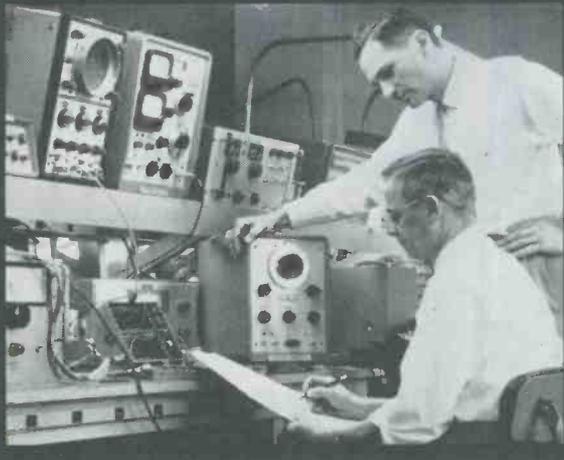
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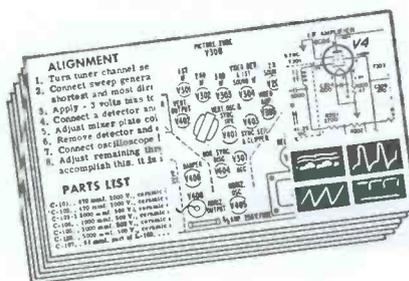


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MAX LEIBROWITZ
Astoria, N. Y.

● *The Association News column has been discontinued. Items of interest, however, may be found in News of the Industry column.*—Ed.

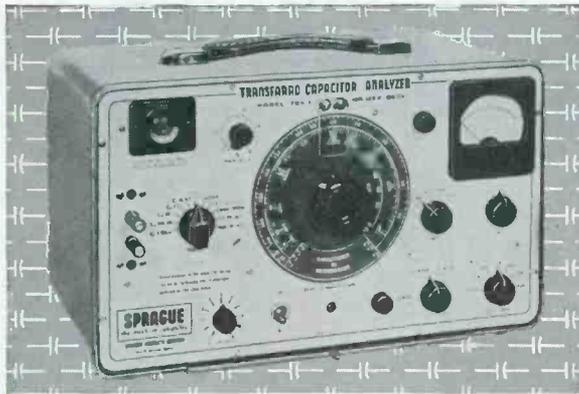
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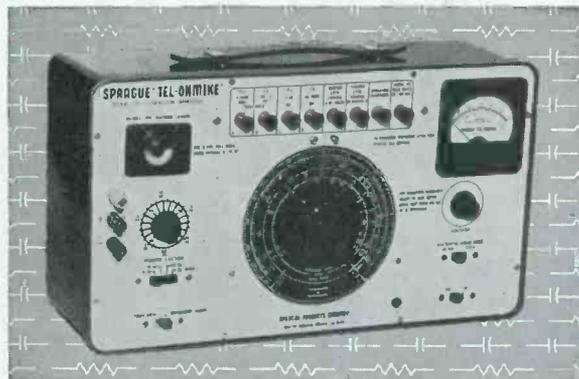
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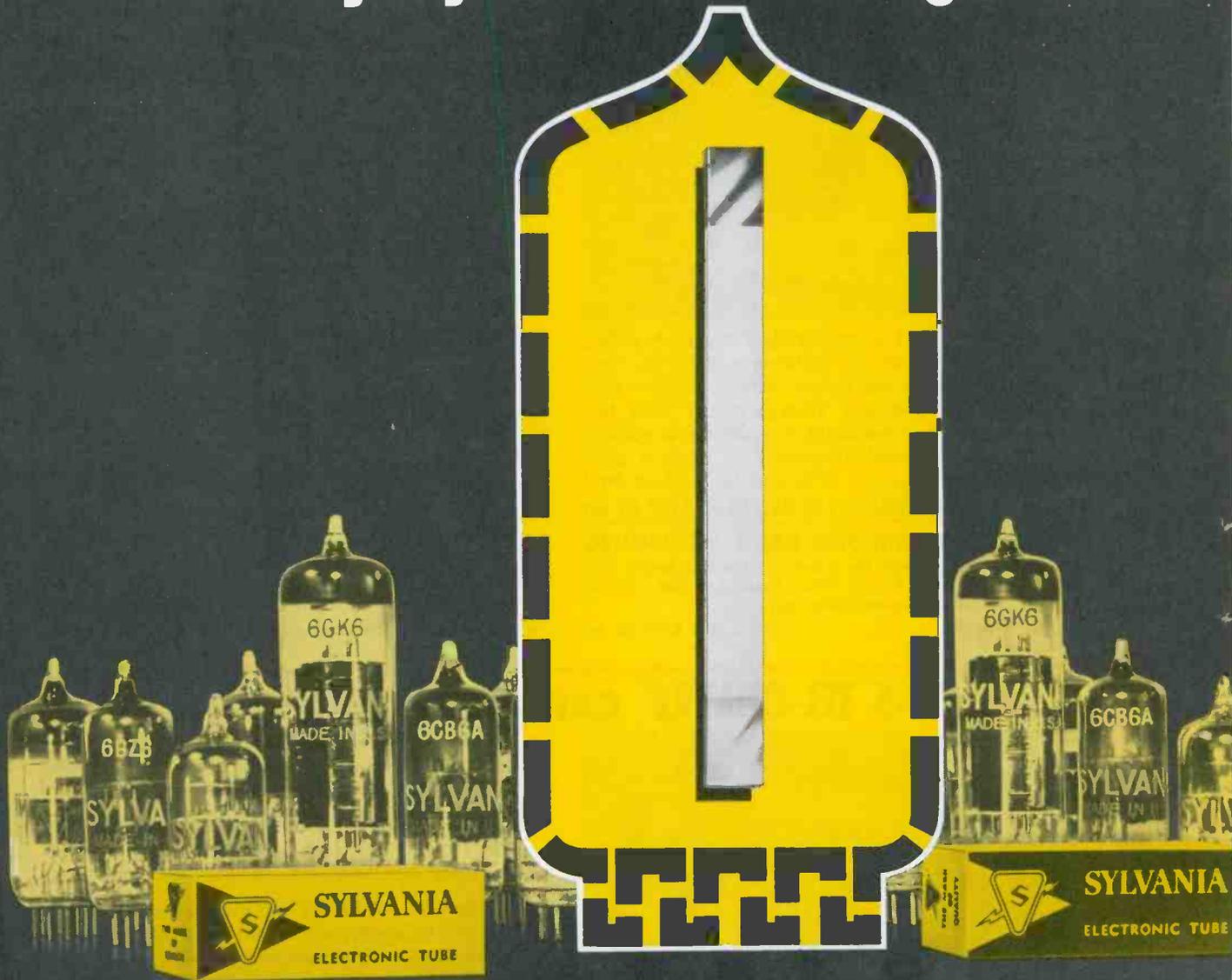
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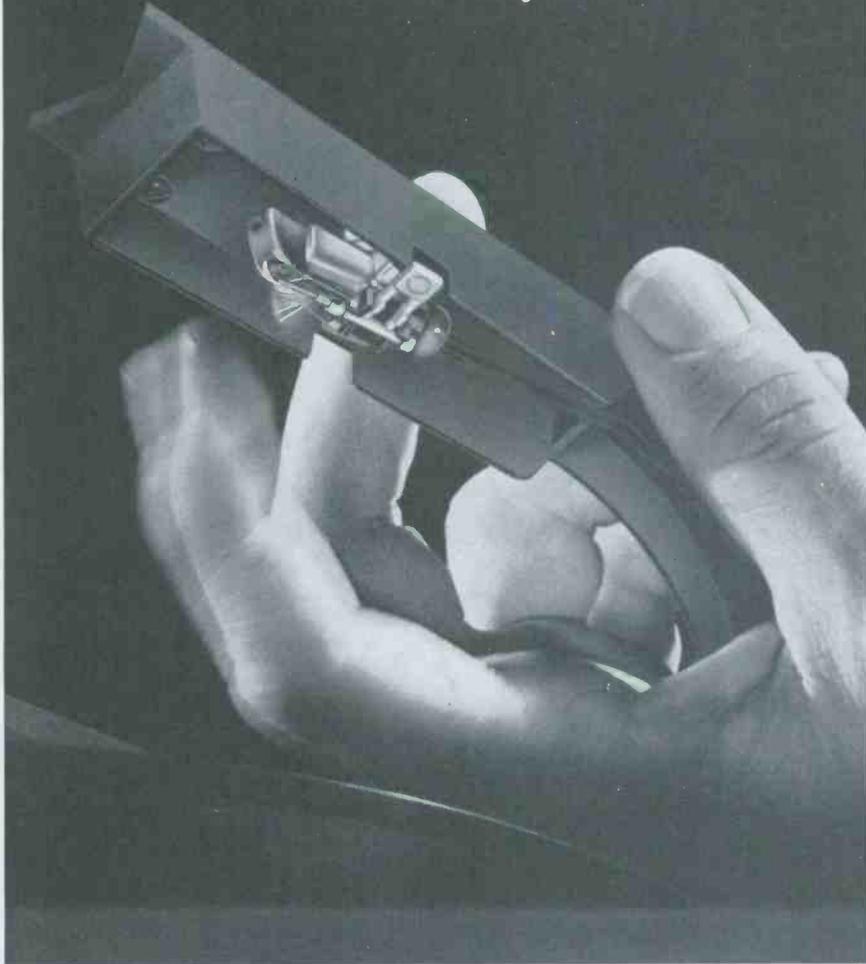
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GEORGE C. TUSINA
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Needs Chart

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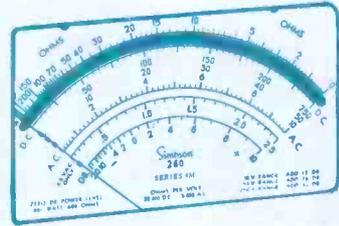
N. H. BOE
Dubuque, Iowa

Permanent Solution

I have just read an item in your "Tough Dog Corner" on "Horizontal Tube Causes Vertical Failure." This is a rather common failure on Sylvania's 1-542-3 chassis. However, Mr. Lingbech will have to keep on replacing 12DQ6 tubes unless the connection on terminal 3 of the horizontal tube socket is not moved to another terminal. Terminal 3 on this socket is used as an anchor for one of the filament supports of the tube. It is this ac filament voltage leaking across filament insulation inside the tube that causes the trouble. So in most cases, all 12DQ6 tubes will in time start doing the same thing. Change the connection from pin 3 to 1.

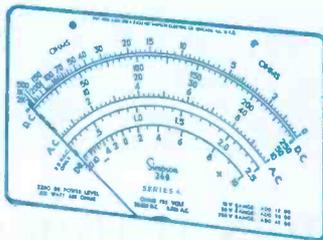
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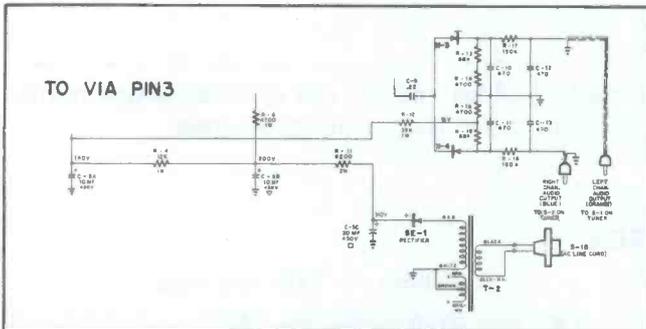
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Partial Schematic, Multiplex Stereo Adaptor No. S-2100.

phase comparator) be wired in the circuit as shown. The diode utilized should be installed in such a manner that the common cathode (center terminal) is connected to the junction of the frequency-doubling diodes (X-1 and X-2), and either one of the anodes (outer terminals) is connected to the chassis. The remaining anode terminal should be clipped close to the body of the diodes to prevent the possibility of shorting to any adjacent components.

On initial release of Model S-2100 stereo adapters, R-4 and R-12 were 22 K, R-6 and R-11 were 12 K, and pin 3 of V-1A was connected to C-5B instead of C-5A.

GENERAL ELECTRIC

Tuners ETX111, 2, 3, 4, and 5 — Production Changes

In tuners with an odd number in the last digit of their model number have been modified to reduce radiation. C120 was changed from 1.5 pf to 6 pf. Tuners which are already changed are coded with a red dot.

To improve the performance in even numbered tuners, C104 was changed from a trimmer to a 313 ff capacitor. These tuners are also coded with a red dot.

MXT TV Chassis — Production Changes

The MXT receiver uses either of the two divider circuits, R403-R404 or R405-R406, (see Tekfax, this

issue) depending on the type of VHF tuner used. Tuners ET86X139, ET86X140, ET86X141, ET86X-142, ET86X143, ET86X152 and ET86X153 require the "low B+" dividers R403-R404 and the +135V connection. Tuners ET86X172, ET86X173, ET86X-176, ET86X179 and ET86X180 use the "high B+" circuitry and have no +135 v connection.

The blocking capacitor C177 was added to the receiver IF board in chassis bearing code stamp 228MXT and higher code numbers. Prior to this change the blocking capacitor was part of the tuner circuit.

In some receivers with chassis code stamps 233MXT and lower code numbers, a capacitor (C174) was connected between the AGC keyer plate and ground and a choke (L257) appeared in the B+ line feeding C265, L256 and R266.

R270 was added to the receiver circuitry beginning with the 233MXT code stamp. At about the same time, R187 and C178 were added to the V5A cathode circuit; and trap L155 and its parallel-connected capacitor, C157 were deleted from the T151 assembly.

R258 was 62K ohms, 5%, carbon, prior to chassis code MXT249.

A 6GE5 compactron was used instead of the 6DQ6 horizontal output tube in some receivers coded MXT251 through MXT302.

Beginning with chassis code MXT302, the 6BE3 damper tube was replaced by a 6AX3 type; R251 changed from 680K to 560K ohms, R261 from 43K to 47K ohms, R262 from 33K to 27K ohms, and the horizontal stabilizer coil, L251, was changed from ET36X436 to ET36X650.

The integrator network RC217 was replaced by individual components beginning with chassis code MXT304. Resistors R225 and R226, respectively, replaced R217A and R217B; capacitors C205, C209 and C210, respectively, replaced C217A, C217B and C217C.

MAGNAVOX

A551 Series Amplifier Chassis — Transistor Replacement

The power transistors used in the push-pull power amplifier stages are matched pairs. This means that they have been selected to have very similar current gain and transconductance characteristics. This match-

ing is necessary in order to insure a minimum of harmonic distortion. Because of this matching, both transistors in the push-pull stage must be replaced in the event of failure. These transistors will be supplied by Magnavox only in matched pairs for replacement.

The power transistors dissipate a considerable amount of heat which must be carried off in order to prevent damage to them. The collector of the power transistor is connected to the metal case and the case is mounted to the chassis by means of an electrical insulator so that the collector is not grounded. A very thin mica insulating washer is mounted between the transistor case and the chassis and a layer of silicone grease (Dow Corning DC4) is applied to both sides of the washer. This silicone grease helps to carry off the heat from the case to the chassis. When the power transistors are replaced, this mica washer must be re-installed and a new layer of silicone grease must be applied to both sides of the washer.

PACKARD BELL

Color TV Chassis 98C6 — Loss of Video and Sync

In several sets capacitor C-313, 560 pf broke down and shorted out. This capacitor is in the plate circuit of the third picture IF ($\frac{1}{2}$ 6AW8). Shorting resulted in loss of video and sync. The 470 ohm resistor R-317 burned out and in some cases resistor R-148, 5600 omhs, 5 w, also had to be replaced.

PHILCO

Model RC-21 Remote Control — Correcting Channel Changing at Turn-on

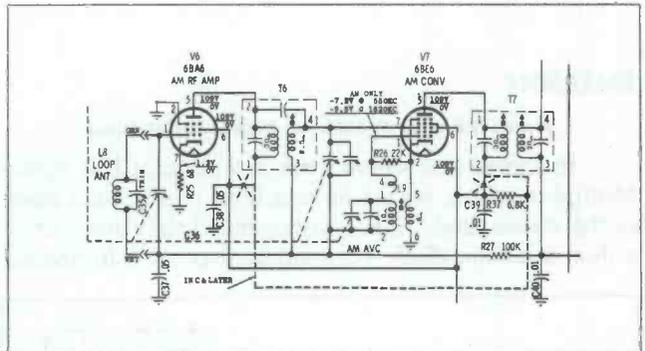
Some RC-21 remote control units change channels when the set is turned on and must be recycled to the correct channel. If this problem is encountered, R7, located across relay K1 should be changed from a 15 K to a 10 K resistor. This modification may also be

accomplished by shunting R7 with a 27 K resistor. The range of the unit will be somewhat reduced when this modification is installed.

MOTOROLA

Stereo Model H5997C — Production Changes

To reduce the possibility of distortion when tuned to a strong AM signal, R 37 (6.8 K, 1 w resistor)

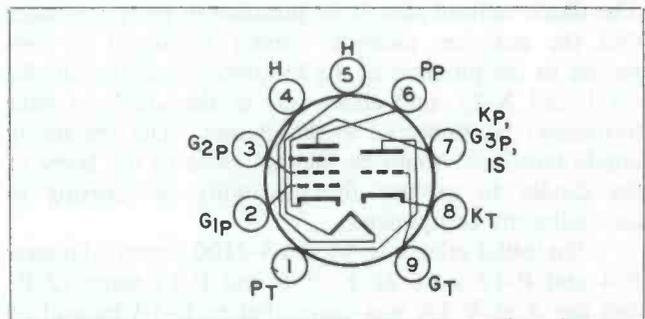


should be added and RF and converter stages rewired as shown in the accompanying diagram.

RCA

New Tubes — 5KE8 and 6KE8

Two new RCA tubes, the 5KE8 and 6KE8, will primarily be used for converters in new TVs. Both tubes utilize the "dark heater" and have controlled



11 sec. warm up times. The base diagram is shown in the accompanying drawing.

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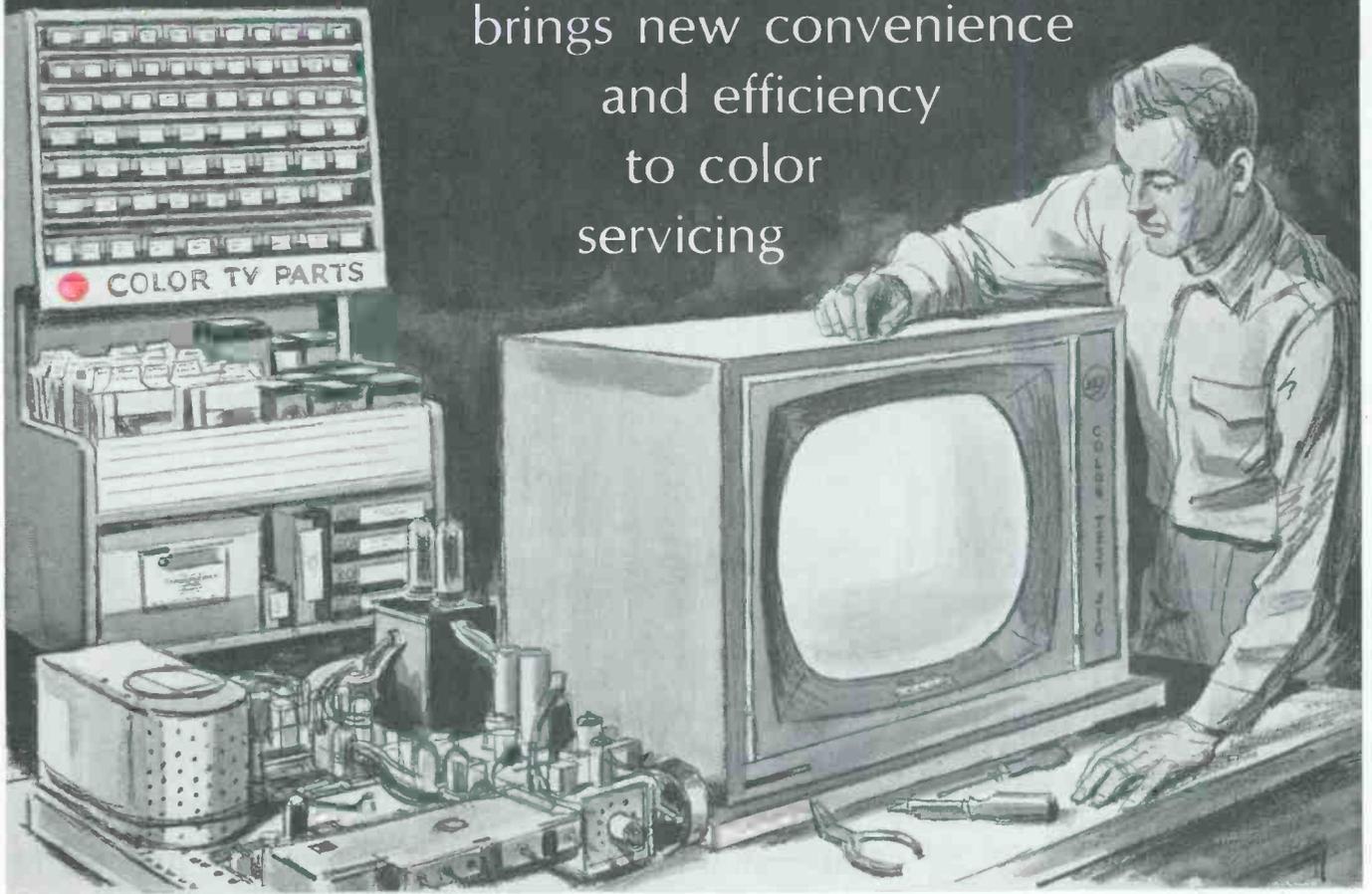
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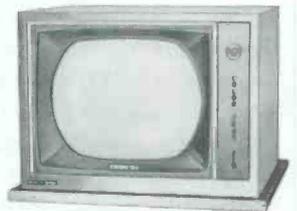
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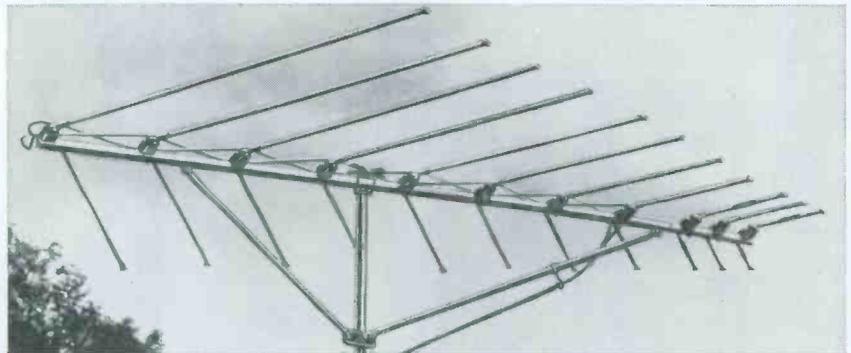
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EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT



Is the Distributor Running Your Business?

Would you let your competitors tell you what kind of parts to buy? Would you listen to a non-technical person extoll the virtues of a new rectifier? I hope not!

But that is exactly what some of you do each time you visit your jobber. Many of you, I'm sure, ask for components and tools by brand name. And the chances are pretty good that the last time you were at the jobber's counter a substitute was placed before you with the words "This is new — a lot better than the other." Or "We sell an awful lot of these things — best item we've got."

Many countermen are in a position to judge certain aspects of a component's quality. Returns and technician comments for example.

There are other reasons, however, why you get this treatment so frequently. Of course few distributors can profitably stock every brand that technicians want. But it doesn't end there. Let's look at a few of your distributor's motives and you judge if you want to continue to take this basically non-technical man's opinion on technical matters.

Profit. The biggest single income item on your books is probably service. Parts profit is important, but with that alone you couldn't exist. Your biggest problem with parts is reliability. The distributor, on the other hand, sells only parts. He must make as wide a profit margin as possible to be successful. To be competitive he may buy another less expensive line. This line may be as good, and again, it may not.

Manufacturer exclusives. Some manufacturers offer their lines to one distributor exclusively in a given area. Your jobber should be willing to tell you if this is the case.

Poor delivery. Some jobbers have tried a line and then abandoned it because of poor delivery schedules. Inability to get needed components rapidly can cause good customers to seek a new supplier.

Sold down the drain. One of the biggest factors for most jobbers when selecting a line is the sales pitch from manufacturers. This sales pitch is often a valid one — showing quality as well as mark up.

Satisfied Customers. Most distributors place heavy emphasis on this aspect. If you are continually given misinformation about various products, there's a good chance you will soon change suppliers. In most cases, the distributor is not trying to give you low-grade components.

In the final analysis, however, you are the most qualified to select the proper components. You know the ease with which a part may be installed, for instance; you have a general understanding of part specifications; you may have past experience to judge from; and you know what kind of customers you're dealing with.

Tough competition between component manufacturers generates continual improvements. Improvements to make their products more reliable and more attractive to you and your customers. Be aware of these improvements and how the manufacturer is helping you with your customers.

Specifications and information on particular products are offered by manufacturers with no strings attached. Read available manufacturers' information, advertisements, and, if necessary, write them for more or specific information.

The next time your counterman offers you something new or different, think about the consequences to you and your customer before you accept it. Weigh the counterman's remarks and then decide. It may only be a matter of principle, but that is one of the most important attributes you can have. Exercise it.

Remember I don't mean only the dollar and ten dollar items; nut and bolt type items are important too.

And not least, don't be afraid to change your mind once you've decided. What is best for you this month may be replaced next month by something far better.

Vic Beale

Simplified TV Waveform Analysis

You can analyze waveform harmonic frequencies and relative voltages with 'in-your-head' arithmetic

by Bob Middleton

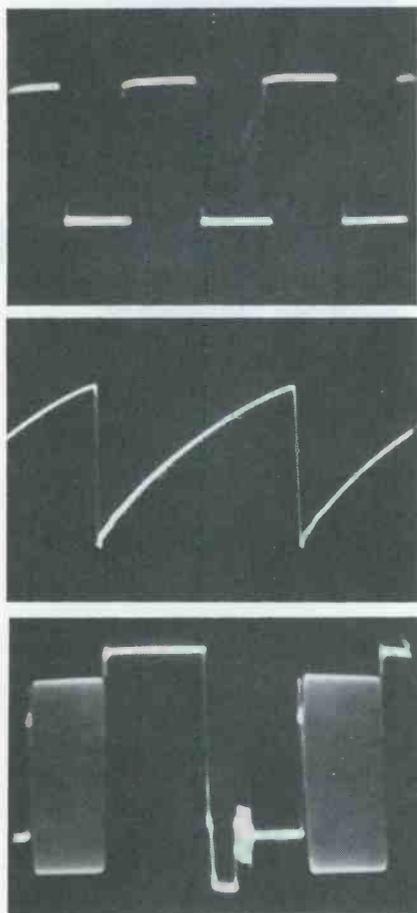


Fig. 1 — Some typical nonsinusoidal waveforms.

■ A nonsinusoidal waveform, as we know, is composed of a sinewave fundamental and a number of harmonics. And the highest harmonic in a waveform is determined by a TV receiver's bandpass circuit. Thus, if a video amplifier has a passband of 4 Mc, no harmonics be-

yond this frequency appear in the output waveforms. Some typical nonsinusoidal waveforms are shown in Fig. 1.

Scope Shows Harmonics

A scope, with a simple absorption-type wavemeter or calibrated "wave trap" (Fig. 2), can be used to check a waveform for harmonic frequencies. If we apply a square or rectangular-type wave from a receiver circuit to the scope, the pattern will "ring," as shown in Fig. 3B and Fig. 4.

We will recall that a low-Q wavemeter causes ringing patterns at all frequencies and a high-Q wavemeter provides ringing patterns only at the harmonic frequencies contained in the waveform. For our pur-

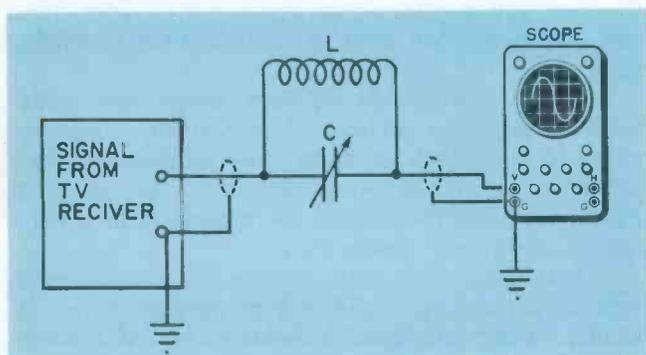


Fig. 2 — A hookup using a simple wavemeter or calibrated trap circuit will reveal harmonics of a complex waveform on the scope.

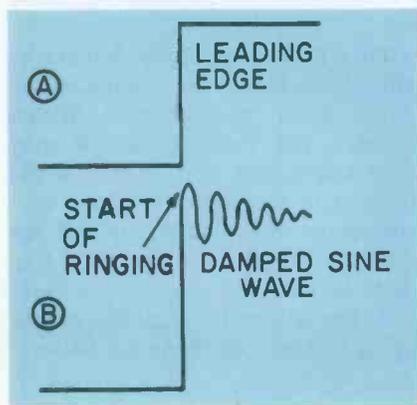


Fig. 3 (A) — Leading edge of a square wave. (B) Leading edge rings LC circuit of wavemeter.

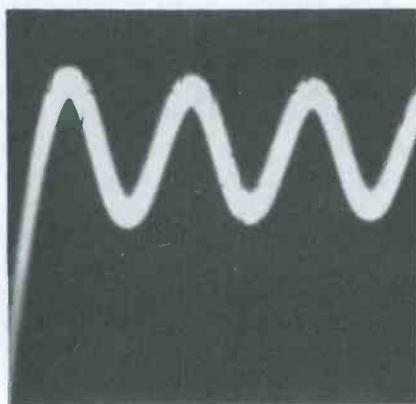


Fig. 4 — Typical scope ringing pattern corresponding to Fig. 3B.

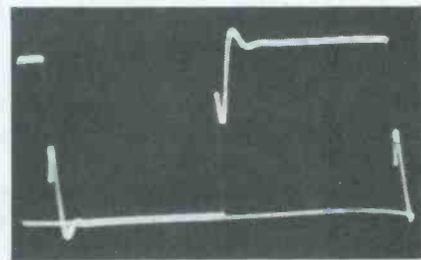


Fig. 5 — A low-Q wavemeter gives a ringing pattern which is damped and dies out quickly. It gives information about the leading edge only.

poses, the waveform must ring through its complete cycle. If a low-Q wavemeter is used, the waveform will ring **only** on the leading edge. Since the leading edge is a step function, it contains all frequencies. Suppressed or damped ringing patterns do not give the information we need. An undamped ringing pattern gives us information concerning the complete waveform. Results of using a low-Q wavemeter appear in Fig 5.

It is sometimes difficult to visualize a part of a waveform containing multitudes of harmonics, while the complete waveform contains a limited number of harmonics. This seems to be a paradox.

But waveforms, in themselves, do not "have" harmonics. Harmonics attributed to TV waveforms are actually circuit responses of a particular TV chassis. It is customary to consider that the harmonics in a waveform are those which the waveform *seems* to contain when the waveform voltage drives circuits: tuned transformers, traps, peaking coils, etc.

If you feed a square wave through two different video amplifiers you may come to the conclusion that the square wave contains either odd harmonics only, or all frequencies. It depends on the damping of the peaking coils. A highly damped peaking coil gives data concerning the square wave's leading edge only, and the amplifier rings at all square-wave frequencies. On the other

hand, an undamped (high-Q) peaking coil gives data through the complete waveform — and the amplifier rings only for odd harmonics of the square-wave's repetition rate.

From a simple and homely viewpoint, this is merely to say that a high-Q peaking coil has a flywheel effect, and acts like a pendulum which gets a "push" at each leading and trailing edge of the square wave. The "push" impulse will put any pendulum in motion. But, on the other hand, the pendulum develops a sustained oscillation only when the "pushes" have a repetition rate equal to the pendulum's natural period. It is as simple as that.

Perhaps the rebellious mind chooses to turn the picture around, and asserts: "Well, that is all very well, but how about the fact that a square wave is built up from sine waves of certain frequencies, as every schoolboy (technical schoolboy that is) knows?" If this argument is advanced, we go one step further, to point out likewise, that the square wave's leading edge is a step function, and that our hypothetical schoolboy also knows that a step wave is built up from sine waves of all frequencies.

Hence, whether we view a complex waveform through analysis, or through synthesis, we are lead to the inexorable conclusion that a square wave has a frequency composition which depends solely upon the circuit with which we are concerned.

Classical Situations

Simple classical situations rest upon linear high-Q tuned circuit responses. A color-subcarrier trap or a sound trap are examples of this and are highly important in practice.

Look at the waveform in Fig. 6. Here we see a horizontal sync pulse and a color burst, as passed by a high-Q color-subcarrier trap. Note how the leading edge rings the sync pulse, and observe how the burst causes two trains of damped 3.58 Mc sinewave. Quite evidently, this is not the trap action we desire in a color-TV receiver — we want the trap to "wipe out" the chroma signal, and we want to avoid ringing action which causes "circuit ghosts." So, we will use a low-Q trap to get the desired action. A high-Q trap is converted to a low-Q trap by shunting a resistor across it.

By using the test set-up of Fig. 2, we find that a square wave has a fundamental frequency and a certain number of odd harmonics. That is, the waveform "rings" on the scope screen when the wavemeter is tuned to these definite frequencies. When we tune outside the receiver's passband, no more ringing patterns are obtained.

A square wave shows ringing patterns on the third-harmonic frequency, but shows no ringing pattern on the second-harmonic. The waveforms in Fig. 7 explain why. The actions of leading and trailing

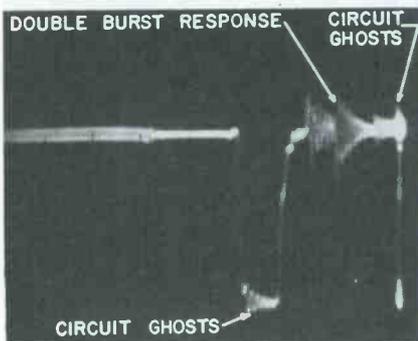


Fig. 6 — We must use a low-Q color-subcarrier trap to eliminate circuit ghosts and double bursts.

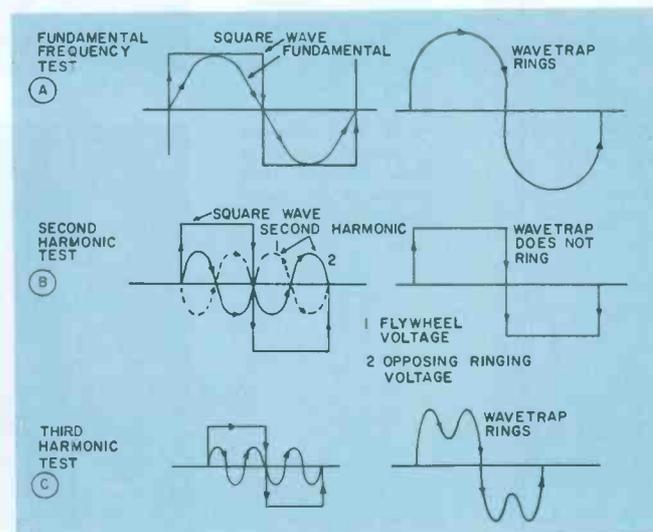


Fig. 7 (A) — Fundamental ringing frequency is sustained on each half cycle because the square wave and the ringing sinewave are always in same direction. (B) — A second-harmonic ringing frequency cannot be developed by the wave trap. A second harmonic of opposing phases is associated with the leading and trailing edges. (C) — A third-harmonic ringing is sustained on each half-cycle of the squarewave.

Waveform Analysis Continued

edges cancel on the second harmonic.

Actions of leading and trailing edges reinforce on the third harmonic, however. You will note, too, that the third harmonic rings less strongly than the fundamental. Again, the fifth harmonic rings less strongly than the third harmonic. By observing the amplitudes of the ringing voltages, we will see that the third harmonic has one-fifth the strength of the fundamental, and so on. But remember that the wavemeter must have a reasonably constant Q as it is tuned over its range, or a correction must be made for the changing Q . If the coil has a very high Q , no corrections are required.

Consider next a sawtooth wave. The wavemeter and scope will show that it contains both even and odd harmonics. How the ringing waveforms reinforce at both even and

odd harmonics is shown in Fig. 8. Again, the amplitudes of the ringing patterns show the voltages of the harmonics with respect to the fundamental voltage in the waveform.

Simple Analysis

In fact, when we consider simple waveforms like square waves and sawtooth waves, we can make a complete analysis "in our head," without connecting equipment. By using the elements of electricity, plus the aforementioned outlined principles, we can write down waveform harmonic frequencies and their relative voltages with mental arithmetic.

Another look at Fig. 7 and 8 will show that our lightning calculations also reveal the phase of each harmonic with respect to the fundamental. That is so, because the circuit is "pushed" by the leading and

trailing edges of the waveform. Suppose we consider a pulse waveform — a horizontal sync pulse. A moment's reflection leads to the conclusion that the peak of the pulse must coincide with the peak of its sinewave fundamental. The power of this analytical method is obvious. It throws Fourier series and differential equations right out the window. We don't need any higher mathematics.

Of course, there are many waveforms found in TV circuits which do not have simple geometrical forms. For example, consider the distorted sinewave shown in Fig. 9. Mental arithmetic is inadequate. We must use the test set-up shown in Fig. 2.

We tune the wavemeter, and observe the frequencies at which ringing patterns appear on the scope screen. As seen in Fig. 9, the waveform develops a "wobble" at a harmonic frequency. Again, we observe the amplitude of each ringing waveform, and its phase. Thus we quickly "buzz out" the waveform, no matter how odd or unusual its shape may be. ■

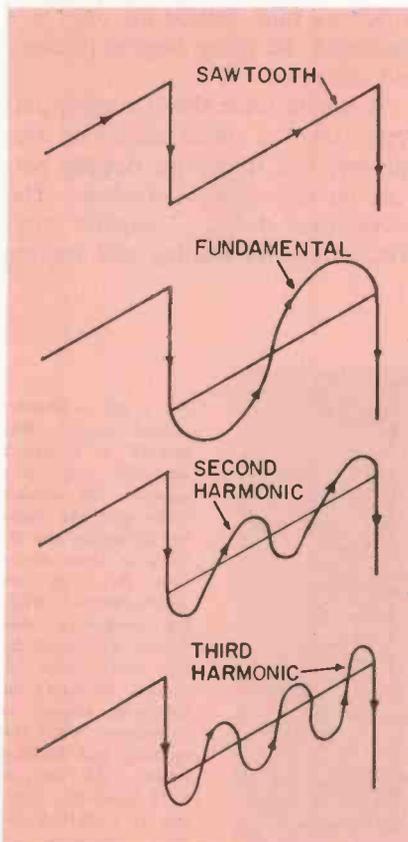


Fig. 8 — How a sawtooth wave rings a wavemeter on both odd and even harmonics.

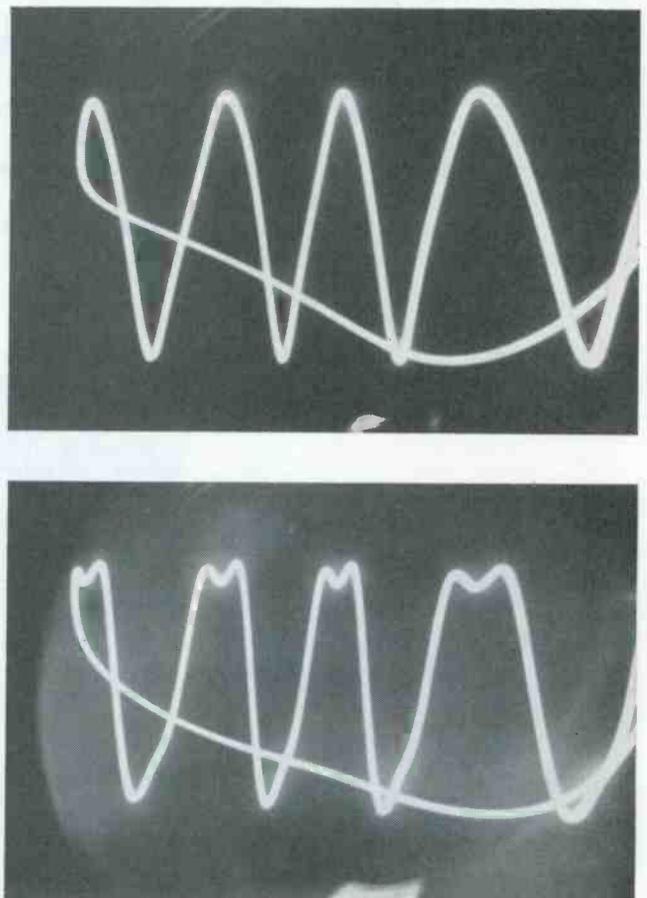


Fig. 9 (Top — A distorted sinewave. Inspection leaves us somewhat uncertain concerning its harmonic content. (Bottom) — The wavemeter test shows ringing patterns at each harmonic frequency in the waveform.

Tips for Repairing Portables

Keep portable repair costs in line
by converting labor into profit

by Max Alth

■ The cost of parts is one problem confronting service technicians when repairing portable receivers. Portables are frequently the second or third set in a family, and usually cost well under \$50. Customers invariably weigh repair charges against the radio's original purchase price. Because of this, it is important that the repair charge be kept at a minimum, but consistent with profit.

One way to keep portable receiver repair costs down is to reduce replacement parts. The single most expensive portable radio part is usually the cabinet, which in many cases can be repaired with Epoxy cement. All you need are the cabinet pieces. Epoxy cement costs about \$1 for enough to repair one or two cabinets.

The cement comes in two tubes. Contents of both tubes must be mixed together (1:1) before the cement can be used. One thing to remember is that the cement must be used in the given proportions for maximum strength. The cement must be well mixed too or it will not harden properly.

Preparing Joints

Preparation of the joints to be cemented is simple. You need to make certain that the edges to be joined are neither dirty nor oily. If so, the cement will not adhere. If the pieces are flat they may be laid on a sheet of wax paper, and simply pushed together. You can use a weight to hold them in place. The pieces should not be moved for at least four hours when the room temperature is seventy or more. It should be allowed to dry for at least 24 hours. Excess cement can be removed later with a razor blade.

If a large number of parts are to be joined it is best to divide the task into two or three sections. Do not attempt to align too many parts at once. If the parts are curved they can be held together with friction or cellophane tape, (as shown in Fig. 1A).

If strain is expected on a cemented joint, back the break up with a thin sheet of plastic or wood. Care must be exercised to make certain that extra joint thicknesses do not interfere with replacing the chassis in the cabinet. Although the cement is usually stronger than the material it binds, there is a tendency for the cabinet to "sheer" or break again close to its original break. There may possibly be many invisible cracks along the line of the break.

When some screws have been pulled out of their holes, or hole threads have been stripped, cement can be used for a quick but permanent repair. By using a thin wood shaving to press a small amount of cement against the sides of the hole, the hole can be reduced in size, and self-tapping screws simply returned to place. Do not replace the screw while the cement is wet unless you want a permanent bond. Do not completely fill the hole unless you plan to re-drill and re-tap the hole, (Fig. 1B).

Because the new cement will adhere to metal, as well as other material, it can be used to tighten spring-clip knobs. The knob is removed and a thin layer of cement is applied to the flat on the shaft. When dry, the knob is replaced. If the layer of cement is too high it can be reduced by filing.

Other Repairs

Another cause of time-waste and

expense is the battery clips. When these fail to provide proper tension, receiver operation may be erratic. If the contacts are "soft" but other-

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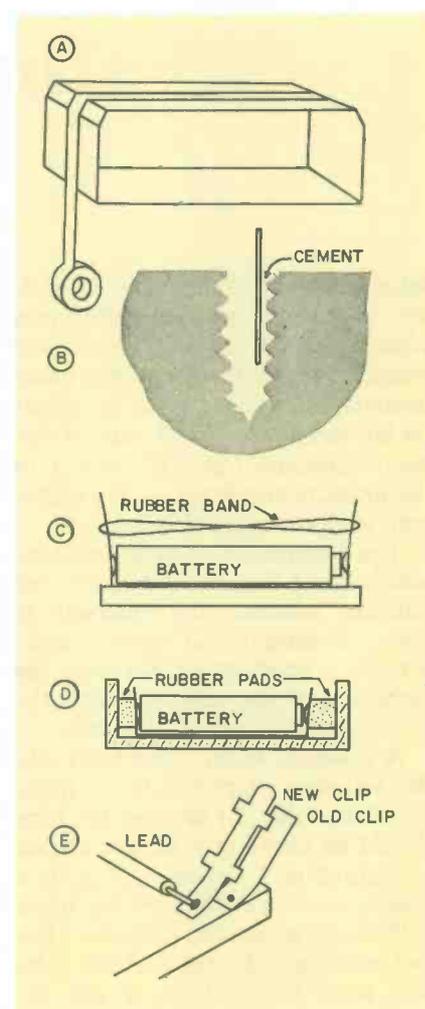


Fig. 1 (A) — Use friction, masking or cellophane tape to hold cabinet parts together while drying. (B) — Apply Epoxy cement to inside of stripped-thread screw holes with thin wood shaving. (C) — Rubber band holds clips tight against battery contacts. (D) — Rubber pads may be cemented behind clips to provide more pressure on contacts. (E) — Clip-stiffeners cut from shim-stock brass are crimped on existing clips.

■ It is generally agreed that the well-equipped technician must be able to identify a bad CRT every time. It is important to convince the set owner that his "big tube" is bad.

A professional CRT tester should, therefore:

1. Provide for rejuvenation and test of color and B/W CRTs.
2. Test all CRT types.
3. Check heater continuity.
4. Check for inter-element leakage and shorts.
5. Check CRT output or emission.
6. Check CRT bias conditions.
7. Check life expectancy.
8. Reweld opens.

No instrument can repair all bad

The life-expectancy test of a CRT is a relative test and requires prior knowledge on the technician's part to evaluate how rapidly the emission falls off since it is directly related to the amount of emitting material on the cathode. The question of gas content (or contamination from original state) will shorten its life as the gas particles ionize within the tube leading to the familiar negative picture effect. A gassy tube must be replaced once this effect has become severe.

Reactivation or rejuvenation may be accomplished in progressive steps and with two choices: The first choice is boosting the filament voltage and watching it reactivate. Serv-

method of reactivation, is the sweeping current or "shot" method. Basically, depressing the "rejuvenate" button applies a high voltage to the CRT grid.

The filament boost method is best used on tubes that indicate a good chance for reactivation on emission and life-expectancy tests. If the outlook is only fair, the shot method is recommended to obtain whatever improvement it will provide.

When the latter is used, emission should be noted before the attempt and again immediately after the first shot. If any improvement has been obtained, another shot may be tried. If adequate emission is not realized after two or three shots at the high-

The Practical CRT Tester

Select an Instrument to serve your needs fully

tubes but it should have the capability of telling service technicians when a CRT is repairable and when it is not. It should also guide technicians in using their judgment on borderline cases and transfer difficult decisions (on CRT risks) to the ultimate consumer — the customer who owns the CRT.

The instrument should simultaneously check filament continuity and indicate whether the filament is open. It should also show if leakage or a short exists between the cathode and grid elements and the cathode and filament elements.

A practical tester should indicate the emission characteristic or quality of the tube. In this test the tube should be tested in a normal circuit configuration. Otherwise, a bad quality reading is obtained for tubes with nearly exhausted cathodes. The bad reading indicates that the tube will need reactivation, if not replacement.

An instrument that provides cut-off voltage for the CRT is also desirable. This makes it possible to measure the contrast ratio that the tube will have on its screen. This may be offset, however, if the cathode emission is high.

ice technicians should be able to see whether the picture tube responds to reactivation. When done in the home, the TV set owner can also see the results obtained with his tube. Frequently a one or two minute period of heating the cathode can dislodge some of the impurities on the cathode and bring the tube to normal emission. Care must be exercised, however, to avoid the danger of heater burn-out.

The second choice, a more potent

est position, further efforts in this direction are probably just a waste of time.

The elevated filament method is more time consuming, generally taking 15 to 30 minutes if it works (after successive tries). There are cases in which the shot method succeeds after the filament technique has failed.

Each method involves some dangers. The shot method may cause total cathode failure or the arc that

B & K's Model 440 CRT tester and rejuvenator.





Sencore's CR 125 cathode ray tube tester.



GC's Model 36-616 tester-reactivator.

and Rejuvenator

by Walker Kruck G-C Electronics

forms during the pulse duration may damage some other part of the electron gun. The strain of the elevated voltage may cause a heater to open. These possibilities should be spelled out to the set owner. In either case, nothing is lost if the tube is not in useful condition. This point should be made clear to the set owner; *then the decision to go ahead with the attempt is the set owner's decision. This last point cannot be over emphasized.* ■



Paco's Model T-36 picture tube tester and rejuvenator.



Mercury's Model 800 tester-reactivator.



Anchor's Model T-75 Reacto Tester.

CAPACITOR TESTERS



Lafayette's model TE-44 capacitor tester gives good-bad indication. \$14.95.



Heath's model IT-22 in-circuit capacitor checker, available in kit form only. \$10.95.

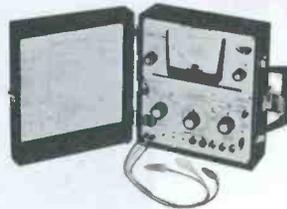


Sprague's model TO-5 Telomike capacitor analyzer tests and measures all capacitors with 3 percent accuracy. \$92.50.

EICO's model 955 capacitor tester measures actual capacity. \$19.95, kit; \$39.95, wired.



TRANSISTOR TESTERS



SECO's model 250 transistor analyzer tests transistors without setup. Also checks tunnel diodes. \$74.50.



Sencore's transistor tester also combines a signal generator in the unit. \$24.45.



Heath's transistor tester has built-in supply with provision to use external supply. Kit only. \$54.88.



EICO's transistor tester checks common transistor parameters in or out of circuit. \$39.95, wired; \$25.95, kit.

TUBE TESTERS



Triplett's tube analyzer is a lab-type mutual conductance instrument. The unit can also be used to plot characteristic curves. \$349.50.

Precision's model 650 tube tester checks most common tubes. Five rotary switches are used for set up. \$69.95.

SECO's 107A has a large number of similar sockets to check tubes with only load and filament voltage settings. \$149.50.



Hickok's 725A is designed to test seven and nine pin miniatures, compactrons, nuvistors, novars and gas tubes. \$345.

SMALL EQUIPMENT FOR BIG JOBS



Precision's model IC-60 capacitor tester also checks electrolytics. \$32.95.



Cornell - Dubilier's model BF-71 tests both low and high voltage capacitors. \$129.75.

Lafayette's transistor analyzer tests all common types of transistors. \$12.75.



Electronic Measurements Corporation's transistor tester is available in kit or wired form. \$48.50, wired. \$13.50, kit.

■ Here's a roundup of several categories of test equipment. The list is not meant to be all-inclusive, but to give you an idea of some of the equipment available and a range of costs.

If additional information is requested on a specific line or item, go to standard literature sources or write the manufacturers directly. In any case, if you're in the market for new test instruments, buy carefully. Spending your money wisely doesn't necessarily mean buying the latest expensive piece of equipment.

Look carefully at special features of the equip-

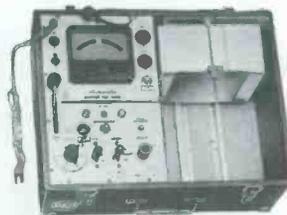


B & K's model 625 Dyna-Quik tube tester tests all common tubes, nuvistors and compactrons. Unit employs multiple socket approach. \$139.95.



Mercury's model 1200 tube tester employs push button set up and short testing switches. Checks common tubes, CRTs and transistors. \$119.95.

RCA's tube tester comes complete with a set of 239 punched cards which are used to "set up" the tester. \$199.50. Gas tube adapter, \$2.95 additional.



EMC's small unit uses slide switches for set up. The unit measures common tubes and nuvistors. \$24.90.



Heath's TT-1A mutual conductance tube tester is available only in kit form. Unit checks all common tubes, including thyratrons. \$149.95.

VOLTAGE CONTROLS



SECO's Vari-Volt has up to 1000 w capacity and controls standard line voltages from 0 to 120 v. \$19.95.

Heath's IP-22 isolation unit controls standard line voltage from 90 to 140 v. Maximum capability: 500 intermittent; 300 continuous. Kit only, \$54.95.



ment and determine how beneficial they will be in your situation. Check to see if the equipment is well built and can still be used as foreseeable advancements are made. If your bench area is displayed before the public, appearance should be one of the deciding factors. Portability should also be considered in some instrument types.

There are just a few of the many factors you should consider; now look at a few of the many pieces of test equipment you might consider. ■

COMPONENT SUBSTITUTERS



G-C Electronics substitution box has common values of resistors, common capacitors and electrolytics. \$24.95.

Precision's model 1904 capacitor substitution unit. Capacitor values in 100 pf steps are available from 100 pf to more than 1 μ f. \$29.95.



Mercury's component substituter for carbon and wirewound resistors, common and electrolytic capacitors. \$37.50.



Sencore's component substituter allows substitution of carbon and wirewound resistors, common capacitors, electrolytics and rectifiers. \$39.95.



SIGNAL GENERATORS



Heath's IG-102 is a compact instrument designed for general shop work. Kit only, \$27.95.

Triplet's model 3432A RF signal generator covers 160 kc to 110 Mc in seven bands. \$119.95.



Precision's E-75 operates to 120 Mc on fundamentals and to 240 Mc on harmonics. \$48.95.



Conar's signal generator operates from 170 kc to 60 Mc on fundamentals. \$29.50, wired; \$21.50, kit.



Lafayette's TE-20 is a general purpose signal generator operating on fundamentals and harmonics. \$27.95.



Test equipment requirements and limitations for TV and audio service work

by Aaron Shaw

EQUIPMENT for the

1 -MAN SHOP

■ Just what equipment a one-man shop *must* have to operate a TV-radio-Hi Fi business successfully is a widely disputed subject. Many old timers in the business haven't kept up with the trends in color and FM multiplex which may soon alter their equipment investment picture. Others, who have been in business only a short time have not yet accumulated some items.

Take stock of your equipment and make arrangements to obtain the items you do not presently have. Since there is a wide range of equipment, let's start with the basic items and build from there.

For All Service Work

The VOM. Probably one of the most valuable tools in any shop. The unit is portable, and finds a multitude of uses. Probably the most serious limitation of this instrument is its relatively low impedance. The user's most serious limitation is his lack of understanding of this.

The VTVM. This unit has all the functions of the VOM but lacks portability in most cases. Its chief advantage over the VOM is its very high input impedance.

The Oscilloscope. One of the

most valuable tools for certain alignments, waveform checking; graph-like readout of bandwidth and instant representation of voltage or current vs time. Although the scope is an extremely important tool, the VTVM can replace it for some tests which are normally thought of as "scope only" tests. Time is saved in all cases when using a scope, however. Even with all its claims to fame, the scope is one of the least used items in the average shop.

The RF Signal Generator. A basic tool for BC receiver alignment and for troubleshooting almost every type of radio equipment. Most

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function over a normal range of line voltage variations. Line voltages in the home are rarely the same as those in the shop.

Special Items

Besides those items which are used daily, several pieces of test equipment fall into the category of "used once in a while." Included in this category are power supplies, bias boxes, special probes, etc.

Multiplex Generator. This will be an absolute necessity if you plan to



Circuit analyzers such as the Win-Tronix can be a valuable time saver.



The transistor radio analyst by B & K is one of the special types designed for a specific repair area.

generators are capable of producing RF frequencies from 100 kc to 50 Mc. Modulation is usually provided externally or internally with a 400 cps signal. The audio signal is frequently available from the instrument separately.

The Audio Signal Generator. An almost indispensable tool for troubleshooting audio equipment. This is one, however, that you can get by without if you don't do Hi Fi work.

The RF Sweep Generator. To do a professional job on TV or FM equipment this is absolutely necessary. Don't try to skimp-by without it. RF and IF alignments cannot be done accurately unless you want to spend several hours with a VTVM,

RF signal generator and some graph paper.

The Tube Tester. This, too, can be pushed aside and not used. But the alert service technician uses it to great advantage by selling more tubes, preventing call-backs and assuring the customer that he's not buying something for nothing.

Transistor Tester. Unlike the tube tester, a good transistor tester is difficult to get along without. Most models combine diode and rectifier test functions as well.

Auto Transformer. Another test item that you can get by without. That is, if you don't care about call backs or boarder-line repair jobs. This instrument should be connected to every set to find out if it will

do any FM multiplex service work. The generator is actually a miniature Stereo FM signal transmitter. Pilot and sideband signals are all sent in the same manner as a station signal.

Color Bar and Dot Generator. Another instrument that's absolutely indispensable in the modern service shop. Most instruments of this type are not only good for color work, but will prove valuable for B/W troubleshooting as well.

Flyback and Yoke Tester. Another item most shops are doing without. But stop and think. What single area of servicing gives you the most trouble? If you're typical, you'll say the flyback or yoke. One of these testers or an impedance

bridge is the only way to get an accurate check.

Distortion Testers. If you're setting yourself up as a Hi Fi authority and service shop, you'll need equipment to measure distortion. You must be able to prove to yourself and the customer that there is or is not distortion present in his system.

The Finishing Touches

The aforementioned pieces of equipment, although sufficient to troubleshoot components normally

make your job easier and faster.

Other available equipment combines the functions of several basic instruments. The tube tester which also checks transistors and rejuvenates picture tubes is an example of this. Whether such equipment is a good buy or not is largely a matter of the type of shop you operate. In the case of a one-man shop, it may be an economy. On the other hand, where several technicians will use the equipment, or where it will be taken on house

bench, should also be considered. If you 'do it yourself,' provisions should be made to feed the unit with low, medium and high output circuits. This is to handle standard outputs, plate outputs and some transistor outputs which use a 500 ohm speaker.

Capacitor checkers can also be very useful equipment for the service shop. While they are not necessary to pin down most malfunctions, they can be extremely reliable indicators of future trouble.



Semcore's two-in-one VTVM and VOM.

encountered, are not the answer to all your problems. The technician should understand the operation and application of each unit. In addition, he should obtain certain other items to make his job easier.

Although batteries can be haw-wired to serve as a "bias box," one of the several units on the market will usually do a better job. Often two or three different voltages are needed. The resulting wire from this kind of lash-up is most frequently a headache.

Batteries can be used in place of power supplies for transistor and car radios too. But this is expensive, and several units available at your distributor combine current and voltage measuring functions to

calls, certain functions of the equipment may not be available when needed.

Highly specialized equipment is also available to do jobs that might otherwise be very time consuming. Some of these types serve to isolate stages in the RF, IF, or sweep circuits by complete substitution of the circuit. Other similar units are available for radio work.

Tube filament continuity testers also frequently save time. Although it is advisable to check all tubes with a high quality type tester, there are occasions when it is feasible to find only the open filament; such as on a relatively new receiver.

Test speakers, either enclosed in a small cabinet or built into the

Of course, several special probes are also valuable. Probes are available to measure high voltage and high frequencies with standard meters or scopes. Other available probes can change meter ranges without moving meter range switch.

The list of adapters, extensions, tracers and injectors for TV and audio work is very long. If you want to speed up your service work and make your job easier, be alert to new test equipment, its functions and how it can complement the equipment you already have.

Don't be taken in by a something-for-nothing deal, but be sure to obtain the equipment that's absolutely necessary, now. Don't risk your reputation with half a shop. ■

The jobs this versatile instrument will perform are limited only by your knowledge and imagination

Your VTVM is a Valuable Tool

by Don Henderson

■ Your vacuum tube volt-ohm-meter is a test instrument that has no practicable substitute. Sure, your scope can perform part of its work — and better. So can a capacitor checker. And a high ohm/volt VOM can give a VTVM a run for its money in some situations. But, in the shop, a single-instrument VTVM remains the versatile top-dog TV-radio tester, indicator, analyzer, troubleshooter, alignment tool and measuring instrument. That is — when we know how it works,

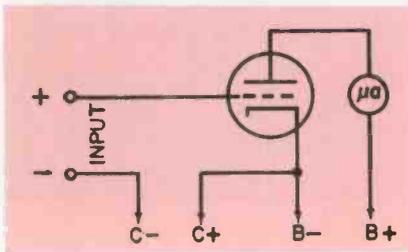


Fig. 1 — Fundamental VTVM circuit.

how to use it properly and how to maintain it in good working order.

Know Your VTVM

One important thing to know about our electronic volt-ohmmeter is how it differs essentially from our VOM. For one thing, it is more sensitive. A sensitive instrument is needed to make low-voltage critical-circuit measurements. A VTVM has a much higher internal resistance and doesn't upset critical circuits. A tube isolates the meter circuit from the measured circuit and incidentally offers considerable excess-current protection to the meter movement. A typical VTVM may have a constant internal resistance of 10 Mohms or more. Our VOM, of course, has a much lower internal resistance which varies with the VOM's range settings.

Our typical VTVM also has a

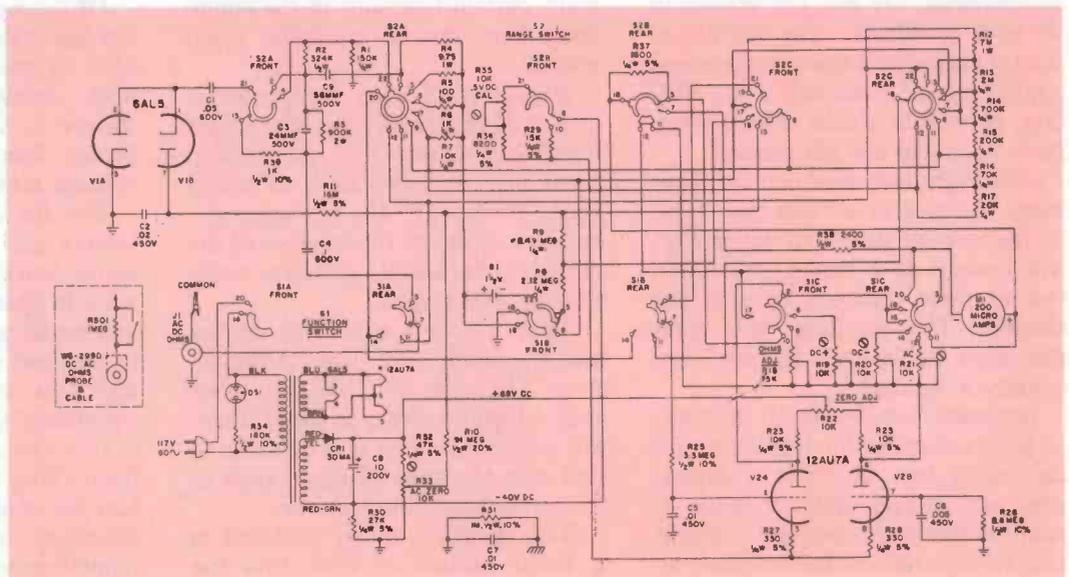
wide frequency response. This allows RF voltages to be measured up to about 250 Mc when a diode probe is used.

A simplified fundamental VTVM circuit is shown in Fig. 1. In practice, a range switch and resistors are used to cover a wide range of voltages.

The triode tube acts essentially as an amplifier; the voltage to be measured is applied to the grid and bucks or aids the grid bias (depending on input polarity) which causes an increase or decrease in the tube's grid current. When the plate meter is properly calibrated, voltages are read directly on its face. A typical VTVM schematic is shown in Fig. 2.

Our typical VTVM uses a double-triode bridge circuit as shown in Fig. 3. The bridge circuit may be degenerative (with resistance arms

Fig. 2 — Schematic of RCA WV-98C VTVM.



connected cathode-series as in Fig. 3A), or as a push-pull dc amplifier with the meter between the plates (Fig. 3B). A typical VTVM uses one or the other circuit arrangement. It is interesting to note that the meter movement does not have to be extremely sensitive as in a VOM. The typical service-shop VTVM may have a 200 μ a meter movement.

Our VTVM also has a number of variable resistors for adjusting the meter. The zero-volt and full-scale (ohms-infinity) adjustments are most commonly used in day-to-day work. The other controls are used for periodic calibration against factory or lab measurement standards.

Most regular VTVMs are equipped with a double diode for ac voltage measurements — usually a 6AL5 tube. This may be wired in a half-wave voltage-doubler configuration as shown in the simplified circuit of Fig. 4. This circuit provides P-P measurements for complex waveforms, including RMS sinewave voltage measurements. A variable control is used to balance out small dc voltages between tube elements. Capacitor C1 makes it possible to measure various types of ac voltages appearing in "live" dc-powered circuits. Modern

VTVMs are usually equipped with a flip-switch probe for measuring both dc and ac. Another switch is provided on the meter's front panel for reversing polarity.

On the Job

A substantial book could be written outlining all the various possible applications for a VTVM.

It's a whiz when analyzing video signal, AGC, AFC and radio oscillator circuits. It should always be used when testing any high impedance circuit. If there is a danger of circuit-loading caused by capacitance of the probe-cable, use a one-Mohm resistor at the probe tip.

Our VTVM is an ideal tool if we want to record accurate voltages throughout a TV's video circuits. But let's not forget to check voltages under "no signal" conditions (channel selector on a vacant channel), unless otherwise specified in manufacturers' service literature.

Some video diode detector problems can be easily and quickly isolated with a VTVM. Assuming normal video at the detector input, for example, but no picture is being received, adjust the VTVM to zero-center and connect it across the detector circuit as shown in Fig. 5. Note the amount of needle deflection from zero. Now flip the

channel selector to an active channel and fine tune it for maximum voltage on the meter. Note the amount of needle deflection from zero. If the deflection is the same as in the first test, the diode is probably bad. In this circuit a sync-negative signal appears at the video output-tube grid and the voltage should increase substantially over the first reading — in a negative direction — if the crystal diode is good. If a substantial voltage increase is obtained, check the video output and CRT circuits.

In the event improper video does not appear at the video detector input, we can use our RF probe and move from grid-to-grid through the video IF stages and obtain similar significant information regarding each stage operation.

If your VTVM has a fractional voltage or millivolt scale it can be used to make stage-by-stage gain checks in audio amplifier systems by feeding a fixed-level 1 kc signal into the system's input from an audio-signal generator.

By placing a proper resistance and power value load resistor across an audio amplifier's output your VTVM can be used to quickly compute the amplifier's power output in watts.

Assume, for example, the ampli-

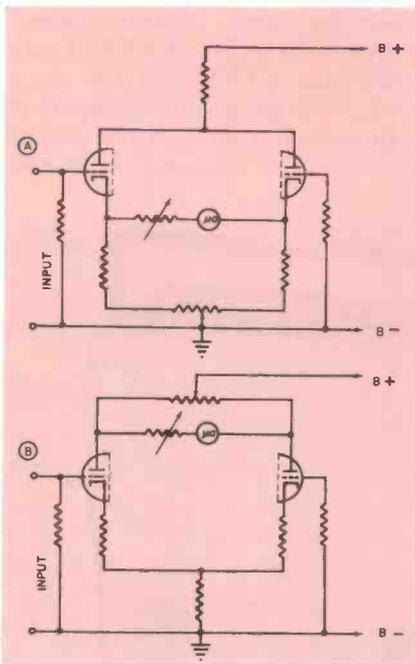


Fig. 3 (A) — Degenerative cathode-series VTVM bridge circuit. (B) — Push-pull dc amplifier bridge.

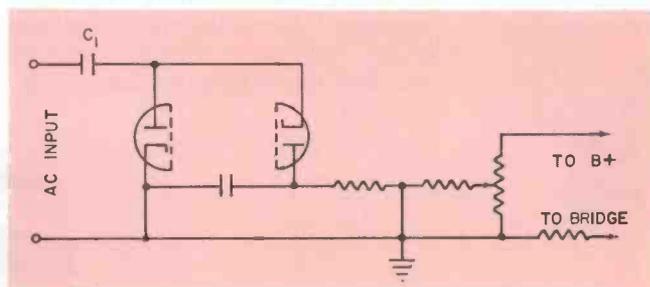


Fig. 4 — Double-diode VTVM voltage doubler ac input provides P-P measurements for complex waveforms.

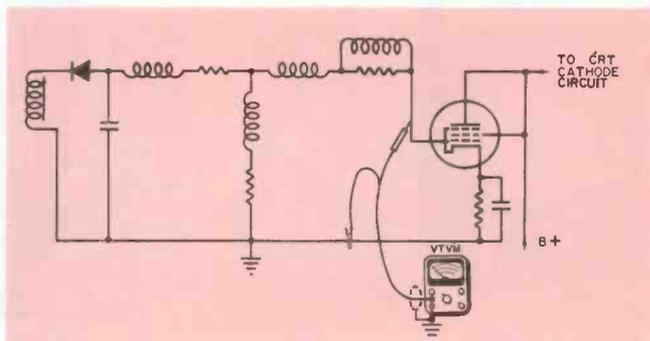


Fig. 5 — Checking video detector with VTVM.



Heath kit model IM-13 VTVM.



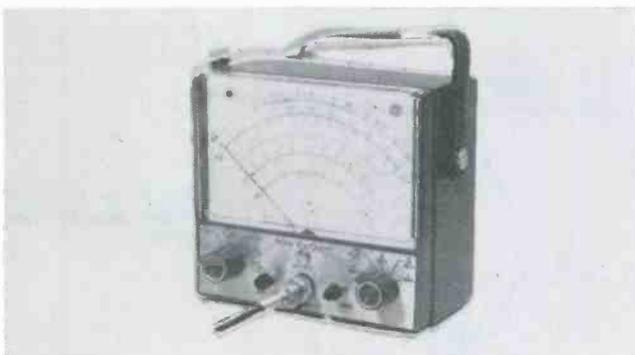
B & K Model 375 VTVM.



Lafayette Model KT-202.



Conar Model 211.



RCA WV98C VoltOhmyst.



Triplett Model 850.

fier is rated at 25 w and calls for a 16 Ω load across the speaker terminals. The load resistor should be rated at 50 w. After the amplifier has been switched on and warms up, set the tone controls to center and turn the volume control up to maximum. Connect the VTVM across the load resistor and inject a 1 kc audio signal into the amplifier's input. Increase the audio generator's gain slowly and watch the meter needle move up until it reaches 20 v. By ohms law:

$$P = \frac{E^2}{R}$$

we know the amplifier is putting out 25 w. It may or may not be distorted, but it's certainly operating normally power-output wise.

When manufacturers' literature specifies P-P voltage values for sync pulses and saw-tooth waves at vertical and horizontal oscillator grids,

vertical and horizontal output grids, etc., quick checks can be made with your P-P-reading VTVM.

And many experienced benchmen use a VTVM to "snoop-out" ac or vertical saw-tooth leakage to B+ supply lines when a scope is not immediately available.

Color sync and demodulation checks — adjusting color amplifier coils, hue controls, etc.; accurate HV measurements with a HV probe — are only some of the chores a VTVM can take care of in color TV servicing, troubleshooting and repair.

Our VTVM has one limitation. We will have to substitute the VOM, with its amp, ma and μ a scales, for quick, accurate current measurements. But if a VOM isn't handy, the VTVM can still do a good job with a little cooperation from you. Just measure the voltage

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Your eyes should focus up close, quickly and accurately for today's repair jobs

SOLVE YOUR VISION PROBLEMS

by James R. Gregg, O. D.



Sharp vision at arm's length may call for a trifocal or a special bifocal on some electronic jobs.

■ Eyesight is your most valuable tool. But it may be far from adequate unless you have given it particular attention. This is so because electronic technicians have some very special seeing needs, seldom solved by ordinary methods. Strangely enough, this may be particularly so if you wear glasses.

Electronic work creates a big variety of visual demands — looking at many heights and distances, and in all kinds of seeing conditions. It can put unusual burdens on eyes. There is the matter of seeing for safety too. And where critical closework is necessary, as it is on virtually every job, sight preservation is particularly important. These are things you should know if you want to get the most from your eyes.

Eyesight Requirements

Don't be fooled by 20/20 eyesight. Your distance vision should be clear because nearly all of your work requires it. Yet 20/20 eyesight is no guarantee you have the visual skills most essential in electronics. You need eyes that focus up close, quickly and accurately, to see tiny connections and your eyes

must aim precisely over a large area to size up the whole job. Your eyes should coordinate together and have good muscle balance, and they must have plenty of focus-power for near objects. Without these sight facilities your job would be difficult indeed.

Because of the detailed nature of some electronic work and the need to get very close to it, the burden on eyesight is greater than for many other jobs. This may put a strain on eyes that can't focus well. Even young technicians can have this difficulty. It may take lenses for inspection, assembly and repair to make seeing easier. The work does not ruin your eyesight, it is simply hard to do.

Here are some danger signals to watch for: Blurry near vision, headache, fatigue, seeing double, and frequent blinking. The symptoms of faulty sight can be vague and uncertain; perhaps loss of interest, more errors or slowing down. Don't wait until your eyes hurt, you may need visual care before that happens.

The most annoying problems start when you reach the bifocal age. Everyone reaches that age because

the human eye slowly loses its own automatic focusing ability. Near objects become blurry, and the closer or smaller they are, the harder it is to see them. The solution is simple as far as restoring clear vision for any desired near-seeing distance. But the matter is very complex for electronic work because there is generally a variety of working distances involved. Perhaps even more significant, the need for near vision is not always downward in a customary "reading" position, but can be anywhere from floor level to high overhead, and sometimes in awkward positions as well.

Considerations

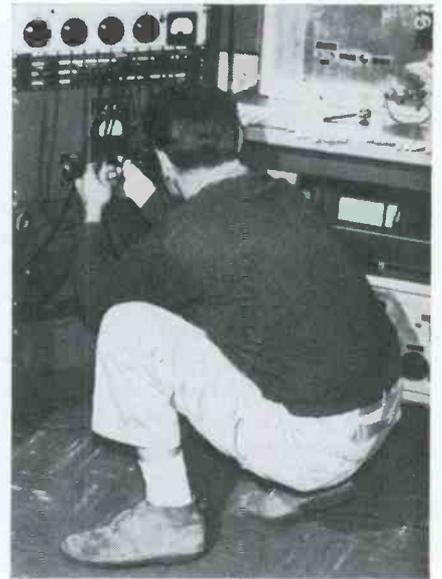
If you need to wear glasses for your work, here are some tips: Be sure the frames are wide enough to give you a good field of view. When moving around on the job, you'll need all the side vision you can get. Properly fitting frames should have temples (earpieces) that hold them snugly in place. Loose glasses will not give satisfactory service for your work. There is even eye hazard on your job (a screwdriver can slip or a loose wire strike your eye) and safety lenses are wise insurance.



Some jobs require the precise vision of minute repair work and at times it may be necessary to get close up.



When glasses become necessary, no ordinary bifocal, focused for a customary reading distance will be satisfactory for a job like this.



You should know your exact job visual requirements because seeing heights and distances vary widely.

These can be heat-treated glass or plastic lenses.

No one lens will thoroughly solve all electronic technicians' seeing problems after the mid-forties. At the very beginning, "ordinary" bifocals may do, if the eyes can still focus some without glasses. "Reading glasses" (same focus all over the lenses) can provide good near-vision but they make everything more than a few feet away appear blurred. They may do very well for close jobs only but this means taking glasses off to look at any distance, or when walking around the job. If a distance correction is necessary also, two pairs of glasses must be used. Some kind of multifocal lens offers the most practical solution, even if no distance correction is required, since they can eliminate the blurry distance-seeing of the single-vision near lens.

Some acute problems for the electronic technician arise because the range of vision (inward or outward) possible with any one lens power is not great enough for much of the

work he performs. General electronic work is from 18 in. to arm's length away from the eyes and may not require fine critical seeing, yet it can't be done with blurry vision. Fine repair and detail work is another thing, often as close as 10

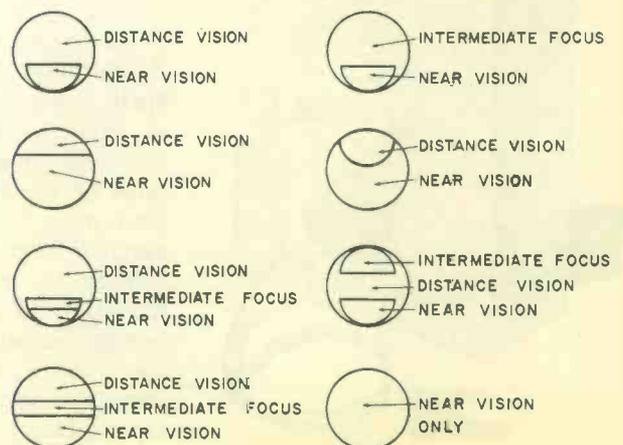
to 12 in. and this calls for the sharpest eyesight possible.

But good vision is also essential out to arm's length, 24 to 30 in. and beyond, on many jobs; particularly at eye level and above. Ordin-

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CHART 1

TYPES OF MULTIFOCALS USEFUL FOR ELECTRONIC WORK



Multifocals are the answer for many visual problems encountered in electronic work.

AUDIO ANALYZER

For Manufacturer's brochure of this equipment circle 400 on post card.

Heath's IM-22 Audio Analyzer kit at \$56.95 — Here's a unique instrument that will prove to be a valuable tool for the audio service technician. The unit combines the functions of an ac VTVM, wattmeter and IM distortion analyzer. With leads connected to an amplifier's input and output, the analyzer checks power, noise and distortion by simple manipulation of the controls.

Although no other test instruments are needed to perform these standard tests, a separate signal generator enables the unit to perform complete response tests. Auxiliary loads are not necessary; 4, 8,

16 and 600 ohm loads are built into the tester.

Not only can an overall check be accomplished with the IM-22, but a stage-by-stage check is possible using the high impedance input.

The ac VTVM portion of the instrument is flat within 2 db from 10 to 100,000 cps; the wattmeter is within 2 db to 50 kc. Ten ranges are available with full scale readings from 0.01 to 300 v. It is also calibrated in dbm from -40 to +50. The wattmeter reads from 0.15 mw to 150 w; distortion full scale readings are from 1 to 100 percent in five ranges.

The output impedance is 3 K; 60



and 6000 cycles are available externally. The unit measures 13 x 8½ x 7 in.

Although this unit does not measure harmonic distortion, it will go a long way toward setting up a Hi Fi test center and satisfying yourself and your customers who decide that "it doesn't sound just right." Don't give yourself credit for having a golden ear — there aren't too many of them around. Buy the right equipment and use it.



TEST INSTRUMENTS for Bench and Caddy

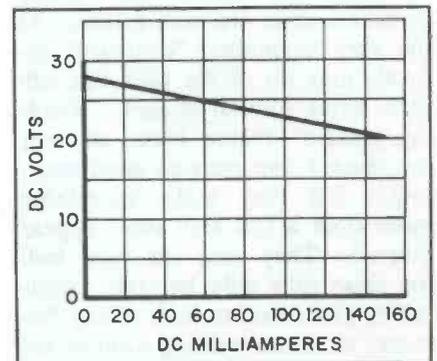
POWER SUPPLY

For Manufacturer's brochure of this equipment circle 401 on post card.



Electro Products Laboratories EC-3 Power Supply at \$19.95 — Small power supplies have become an important part of servicing transistor equipment. Some of the features of the EC-3 are particularly interesting: The bias is continuously variable from 0 to 7 v; the supply voltage is continuously variable from 0 to 20 v; the maximum rated voltage output can supply 150 ma continuously; and both bias supply voltages and ma are read on the same meter.

Operation of the unit is very simple. Three color-coded leads (which can be stuffed in the cases) supply



the power and bias. To set up the instrument, the output voltage knob is rotated full counterclockwise and a screwdriver is used to adjust the bias registered on the meter. Rotation of the output control then indicates the supply voltage.

To check the current drain, a slide switch is moved from VOLTS to MILLIAMPS.

The unit measures 6¼ x 5 x 3¼ in. Rubber feet are located on the bottom and the back of the unit.

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The morning after the night of a big wind...



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For names of manufacturers of these rugged masts and towers, write Armco Division, Armco Steel Corporation, Dept. A-1493, P. O. Box 600, Middletown, Ohio.



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Dick Nyholm, Radio & TV, 108 N. Lower Ave., Centralia, Washington

"Television antennas represent an important part of my business. Since handling Winegard Colortrons, my business has increased greatly. Seems that one person tells another and your advertising also pays off."

Edwin L. Fisher, Fisher Appliances, Inc., 107 N. E. Front Street, Milford, Delaware

"During the thirty-one years I have been in the Radio and Appliance business few new items have been so immediately successful as your Colortron antenna."

"Our sales of color television testify that your new Colortron antenna has been the answer. In fact we will not sell a customer if they are not willing to install a proper type antenna to operate the new color set."

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Ken Kesler, Electromatic, Inc., 237 N. E. Broadway, Portland 12, Oregon

"We have used the Winegard assortment of antennas for over three years and find that whatever situation we encounter, Winegard has the answer."

"We have been especially pleased with the WINEGARD COLORTRON which we have used extensively since Color TV has come into its own."



Ray Summers, Ray Summers, Inc., Louisville, Illinois

"We live in an area which has the poorest television reception in the State of Illinois. There are no stations closer than 100 miles. Our TV and antenna sales have more than doubled since using the Winegard Colortron as it has improved reception to the point where we can get good reception from several channels."



George W. Terry, Terry's Electric, McLean, Texas

"I am so pleased with the new Winegard Colortron antennas that I would like to tell you about the reception we have here in McLean, Texas."

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"We have installed over 200 Winegard Powertrons and Colortrons on a money back guarantee. As yet we haven't had the return of even one antenna!"



Twin City Radio & TV, Inc., 97 National Avenue, Chehalis, Washington

"We are especially pleased with Winegard Colortrons and the Nuvisor amplifier is the best by far. Keep up the great engineering and your fine advertising—both help us sell more antennas and boosters."



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Some of America's leading dealers tell why they think Winegard Colortrons are



Dave Tucker, Avon Television Co., 189 Bway, Amityville, New York

"We here at Avon T.V. have used many different antennas for our color installations and have found that for best all around results in color as well as black and white reception the Winegard Colortron is superior in every respect."



William D. Miles, Miles Electronic Co., Baxley, Georgia

"We are over one hundred miles from the nearest commercial station. We have tried most of the so-called color antennas. Thanks to Winegard's high signal-to-noise ratio and high directivity Winegard is the only acceptable antenna-booster combination which was found to meet our 'customer's satisfaction' requirements. Beautiful color is being received now with the Colortron."



Roy Sahlin, Central Television & Appliance, 911 Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, Washington

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Walter Finkbeiner, 107 New Jersey Ave., Absecon, New Jersey

"I have found the Winegard Colortron and Electronic Power Pack to be the most powerful antenna in our fringe area. Colortron antennas make a perfect combination with our Admiral Color television installations."

"I install Colortrons on trial and have not lost a sale to date."



Charles Dumaine, Dumaine Antenna Service, 735 Woodtick Road, Waterbury, Conn.

"Among the top three antennas I have found it to be the best for any reception. The AP220N Nuvisor Amplifier is tremendous in controlling both high and low channels; eliminating all types of interference. Being an exclusive Winegard dealer, I make between 30 to 40 installations per week of the Winegard Colortron and Amplifier. The people for whom the installations were made are all well satisfied with the performance; bringing more business my way than I can handle."



Leonard P. Hellenenthal, Nielsen & Nelson, Inc., 1462 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles 26, California

"I am extremely happy to inform you that we have been a constant user of the Winegard line of antennas and related products for six or seven years."

"We are now moving into the Colortron series which we find to be another added improvement in new type hardware and improved over-all performance."

"As you know, our clients in this area consist of many television and movie stars as well as prominent city officials. We are, therefore, of necessity, quite concerned about the equipment we use and its performance. We are looking forward to future success with this newer series of antennas and amplifiers."



J. C. McNiven, The Gester-McNiven Co., 305 N. Tower, Centralia, Washington

"We feature Winegard Colortrons because they have helped us immeasurably to sell more color sets. They really bring in a magnificent color picture and black and white is also the best. Finest antenna on the market, and we've tried them all."



G. Borders, Borders Radio & TV Service, Flora, Illinois

"In my opinion, the Winegard Electronic Antenna is perhaps the finest piece of equipment I have worked with in the last thirty years."



J. A. Etchison, Etchison Brothers Appliances, Flora, Illinois

"The new Winegard Colortron with the twin nuvistor amplifier permits us to give our customers the best television reception ever!"

Berkeley M. Phelps, TV & Radio Repair, Washington Depot, Conn.

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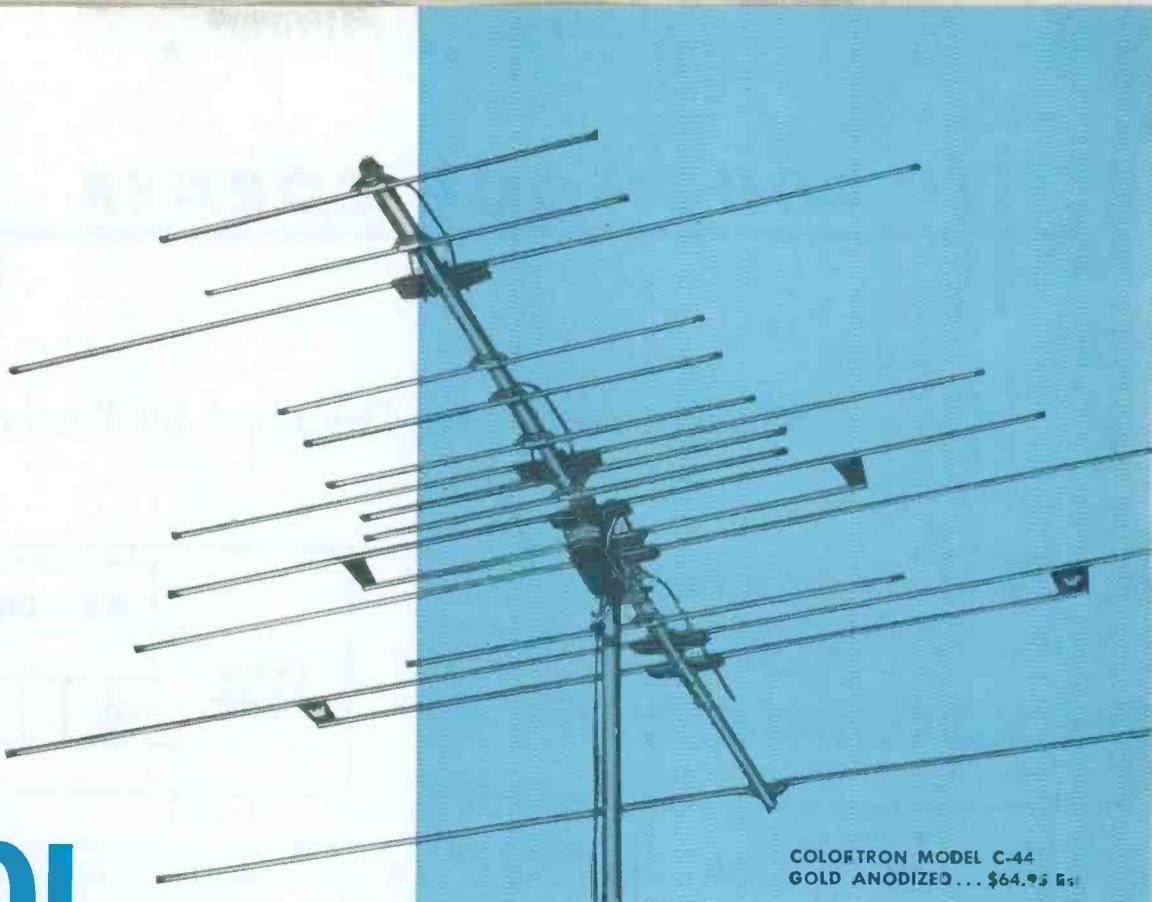
David B. Newman, Radio Service Co., 262 Ninth St., Astoria, Oregon

"With the new Colortron TV antenna and Stereotron FM antenna and matching Nuvistor boosters we have obtained excellent reception of the Portland, Oregon TV and FM stations. We are 100 miles from Portland with the coast range of hills between us. We also obtain good results from Seattle, 150 miles away. These are the finest antennas on the market today!"



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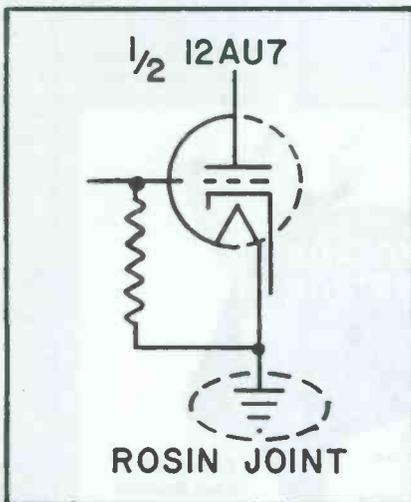
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Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers

Rosin Joint

An RCA TV KCS83C Chassis was brought into the shop with hum in the picture. All electrolytic filters tested good. The hum remained when all "video-carrying" tubes except the 6X8 and 12AU7 video amplifier tubes were removed. A scope



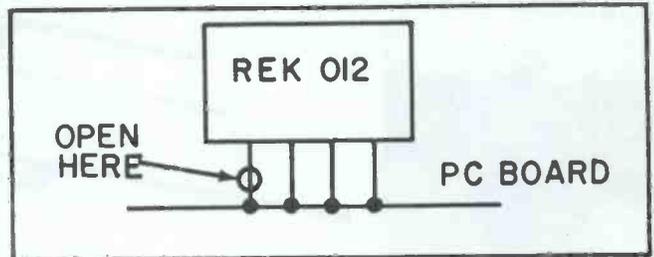
Rosin joint on video tube socket caused ac to be impressed on grid.

showed the hum to be originating in the grid circuit of the 12AU7. The low side of the 470 K grid resistor in this stage shares a common ground-return wire with the grounded side of the filament. The wire was connected to a grounded lug of a nearby capacitor "twist-tab" with an intermittent rosin joint. Resoldering this connection cured the hum.—*Glen H. Bryant, Hoisington, Kan.*

Open Couplate Lead

This is a tough dog problem which I encountered; A G-E portable TV model 17P1330 was brought into our shop for repair of the audio circuit. The customer complained that the volume would rise and fall five minutes after the

Break in couplate lead caused intermittent sound.



set was turned on, however, after the set had run for a period of time, the volume returned to normal. I tested the tubes, checked the discriminator transformer and associated circuit and also resoldered many connections on the printed board in the audio circuit thinking perhaps it was a faulty joint, however, none of these tests revealed the cause of the trouble.

After some time I found the trouble to be caused by a break in one of the leads to a de-emphasis audio couplate part #REK-012.

This break could not be seen because the broken wire was butted together and appeared to be whole. The other three leads held the couplate firmly in place. — *Verne M. Carlson, Sioux Falls, S.D.*

Morning Glory Kills Sound

I ran across an unusual situation the other day on a TV call. The customer explained that her color set was not getting channel #12 sound while channel #3 had good sound and picture. Investigating, I found channel #12 a little snowier than usual. I changed both tuner tubes to no avail. Then the customer told me her other set was doing the same thing.

I reasoned that it must be in the antenna system. I disconnected one set from the coupler but had the same symptom. It was pointed out by my associate that a morning

glory vine had grown winding up the lead-in to the antenna. By cutting the vine the sound and picture were restored to normal.—*Wesley Bazell, Yazoo City, Miss.*

Diode Kills Video

A Magnavox 19 in. table model was brought into the shop with sound — no video on any channels — and a small raster (chassis 34-01-00).

With these symptoms, naturally, power, sweep, video and AGC were checked. My shop man was at the end when I walked in, pointing at the set and explaining the tests made, he threw up his hands and went for lunch.

I fired up the set and took careful notice of all symptoms. Noticing a horizontal drive line I wondered if horizontal oscillator could be weak — although the 6DQ6B didn't show signs of over heating. I took the voltage reading at the

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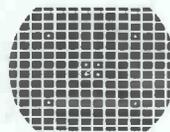
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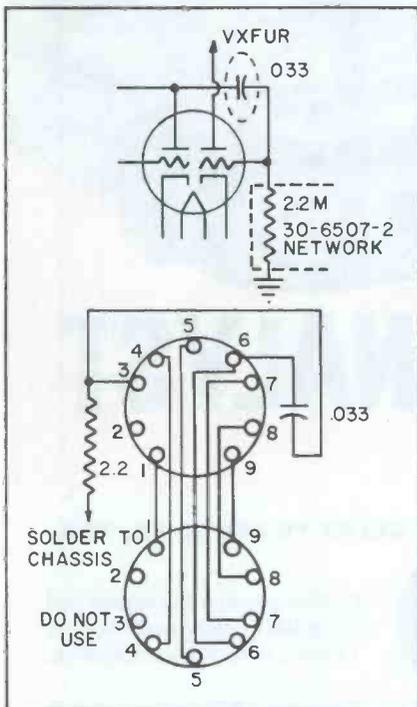
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SHOP HINTS

SERVICE TIPS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL TECHNICIAN

Removing Component Topside

A common affliction of Philico chassis 8L41-2-3 and 8P51 is leaky coupling capacitors from the verti-



Top — Bypassing faulty capacitor in Philico chassis can be accomplished without chassis removal. Cutting marked lead No. 1 on network No. 30-6507-2, above the chassis. This lead is easily reached by pulling the 5U4 removes 2.2 μ resistor from network. Bottom — Wiring of new circuit.

cal oscillator to the output section causing bottom fold-over. These chassis take time to remove since they are vertically mounted with complex side and front controls. Adapters for the vertical oscillator-output tubes, constructed and wired as shown will "out-circuit" the faulty capacitor. A Vector P-9 plug, a 9 pin miniature socket, 0.033 μ f, 600v capacitor and a 2.2M, $\frac{1}{2}$ w resistor are all that is needed. The long leads on the plug permit direct and rigid wiring of the socket. Total cost of this job is \$.93 and 20 minutes of time. A big saving over removing the chassis.—*Philip Ross, Fort Lee, N.J.*

Color Coding Test Sockets

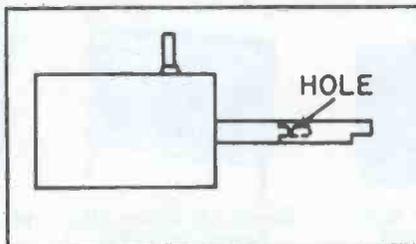
When using test sockets for taking measurements on tube side of chassis, put a dab of paint next to each test point using a standard RETMA color code. This is very helpful in a poorly lighted or crowded chassis to quickly identify pin numbers. Most test sockets have the pin numbers between the two test points and make it difficult to know which way to go. I just paint the even numbers 2, 4, 6, and 8, having no trouble identifying the odd ones falling in between. This has greatly increased my speed and accuracy in taking above chassis measurements. The four colors can be obtained at most dime stores or hobby shops for a dime each. — *General Electric Co., Owensboro, Ky.*

Tuner Shaft Repair

On Portable TV sets where the Tuner Shaft is insulated from the chassis the shaft sometimes slips where the insulation joins the shaft together.

To repair this trouble, align the shaft so the channel knob indicates the correct channel then drill small dia hole through the shaft. Insert a pin made from a fiber glass rod or other strong non conducting material.

This type of repair can be made

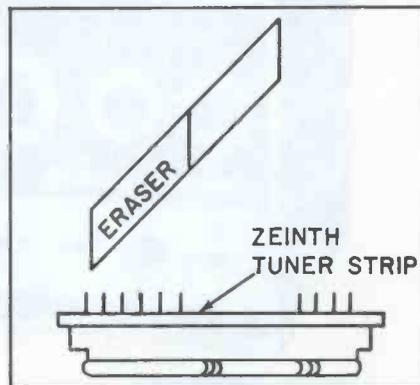


Fiber glass pin prevents slippage on insulated tuner shafts.

strong enough to do the job and still provide isolation from the chassis.—*Carl Adcock, Aurora, Mo.*

Eraser Cleans Contacts

Older Zenith turret tuners have



Eraser cleans contact strips on pin type tuner strips.

flat protruding contact points. I have found that cleaning a tuner of this type with sprays does not last very long. After disassembling the tuner I use a pointed five cent eraser, and polish each side of each contact. This gives a much cleaner and longer lasting cleaning job.

This works very well on the regular flat contact tuner strip also.—*Darrell Nissen, Jackson, Minn.*

Bleach Cleans Knobs

A fine way to clean "knurled" knobs consists of "soaking" the knob in full strength Clorox for 15 to 20 minutes. Then remove knob and wash with water.—*Moe Schleicher, White Plains, N. Y.*

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SECO Crystalign Meter Model 500A at \$48.95 — The Model 500 is actually a two-way radio tester and combination crystal checker.

In crystal test functions the unit tests 20-40 Mc overtone types, 1-20 Mc fundamental types and 400-

500 kc low frequency IF types. A factory calibrated accessory is available for testing output of crystals in-circuit.

The Model 500A indicates modulation, RF field strength, audio output (across voice coils) and beat note in RF comparisons. It generates a crystal controlled RF signal with 400 cps tone modulation and serves as a .05 v audio frequency signal source. Current is checked in ranges from 0-5 vdc and 0-1-50-100 ma dc. With the RF probe, the unit can be used as an RF voltmeter for 0-25 v and as an RF wattmeter for 0-10 w.

Two "C" cells are required to operate the transistorized unit. Indications are easy to read on the large diameter, high contrast 3½ in. meter scale.

Accessories available include a factory calibrated RF probe at \$7.95, field strength cable at \$4.95, the Attenuload at \$15.95 which serves as 50 w dummy antenna and 50-5 w attenuator, and special crystals cut to any requirement with .002% tolerance.

The unit can be used for all types of two-way radio, remote control devices and industrial control apparatus.

TEST INSTRUMENTS

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REACTO-TESTER

For Manufacturer's brochure of this equipment circle 403 on post card.

Antronic T-475 Reacto-Tester at \$64.95 — The T-475 CRT tester and rejuvenator checks and reactivates all B/W and color tubes now being used.

Six filament voltages from 2.35 to 12.6 v. The unit checks for opens, shorts, and emission and corrects them when possible. Two stages of reactivation are used for tubes that are "a little off" and for "do or die" cases.

We used the tester on several tubes and were able in some cases to bring tubes which were not usable to a reasonable brightness level. The tester was also used to "even up" the emission in a color tube with reasonable success.

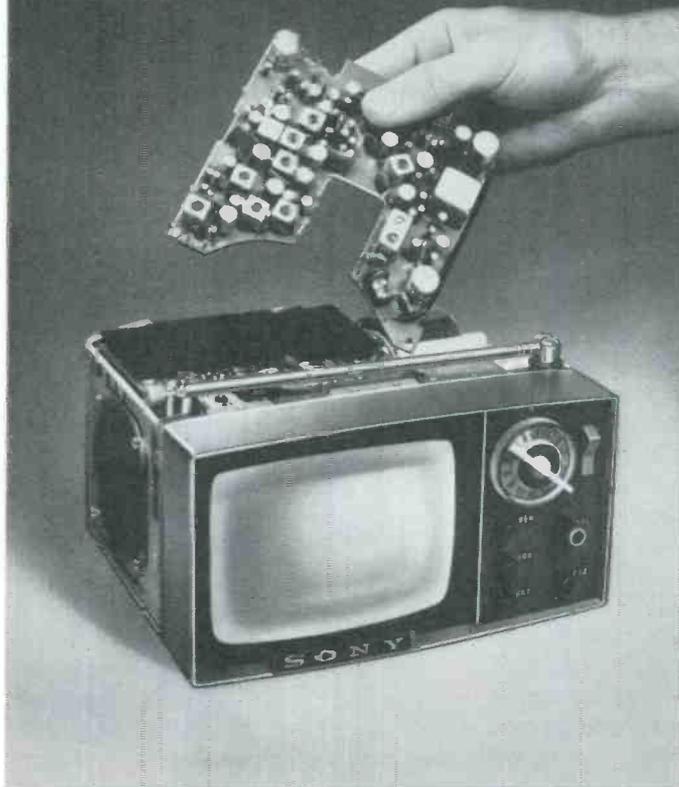
Most technicians are missing the

boat when it comes to CRT rejuvenation. In many cases, the technician rejuvenates a tube but fails to charge the customer. The equipment and time costs you money — so charge for it. In most cases you can offer a money back guarantee for 30 days and a percentage of the cost back when it becomes necessary to purchase a new tube. It's a simple way to assure yourself of a job when the tube finally goes and it builds the customer's confidence.

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NEW PRODUCTS

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RADIO-PHONO 200

The SWING-ALONG, Model 6550 is claimed to be the "teen-age rage" in Europe. In making pos-



sible both live and recorded music in a 2-in-1 cordless combo, the unit reportedly offers a host of different features which, the company feels, should also made the SWING-ALONG extremely attractive to the American "Swing-Age Market." Specifically, the unit is a 6-Transistor Fringe-Area Radio combined with a 45 RPM precision phono with an "invisible" tone arm. The unseen tone arm ingeniously plays from underneath the record. The phono reportedly will play on end while user is carrying it like a briefcase, and will even work upside down without damage to phono or radio. The Swing-Along which carries a 90-day free repair warranty, can be sent directly to the manufacturer or serviced locally. It lists for \$79.95. Channel Master Corp.

AVALANCHE RECTIFIER 201

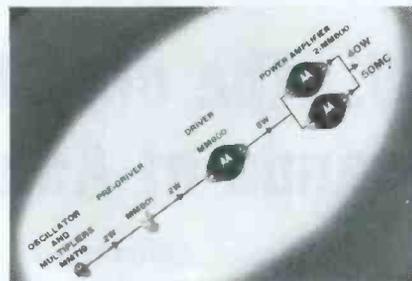
Control of the reverse breakdown voltage regulation characteristic within 10 v maximum, in the ava-



lanche region, is the main feature in a new line of silicon flangeless rectifiers. The close control of this dynamic reverse characteristic is said to provide greater junction uniformity, surface stability, and increased transient voltage protection. In addition to a general purpose series, the rectifiers are also available in a line specially designed for high temperature applications. The latter reportedly features a guaranteed forward voltage drop of 1.2 v maximum at 1 amp, and a guaranteed reverse current of $1\mu\text{a}$ maximum at 25°C ambient temperature, at the rated peak reverse voltage. Atlantic Semiconductor, Inc.

VHF POWER TRANSISTORS 202

A line of silicon transistors consists of four devices including: a 15 w and a 10 w, 50 Mc power amplifier, a 3.5 w driver/amplifier and an oscillator/multiplier. These de-



vices reportedly represent the first complete line of transistors for high-power, high-frequency transmitter applications to be put in mass production. The new 50 Mc power devices, types MM800 and MM799, have a guaranteed power gain of 7 db at 15 w power output and 5.2 db at 10 w power output respectively. The MM800 has a guaranteed rated carrier power of 20 w at 50 Mc. In 50 Mc FM or CW transmitters, two MM800 devices will produce a power output of 40 w with an 8 w drive signal while operating from a 28 vdc source. In AM transmitters operating at 30 Mc from a 15 vdc source, two devices provide 30 w of power when 100% modulated. The MM801

has a guaranteed power gain of 10 db for a 3.5 w power output at 50 Mc. It is rated at a maximum power output of 5 w. The MM719 "STAR" passivated amplifier transistor is designed to deliver 70 mw at 60 Mc. Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc.

LUBRICANT 203

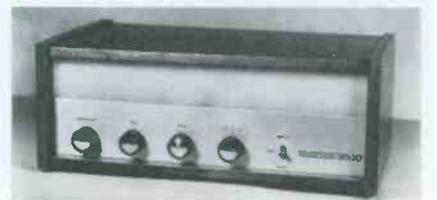
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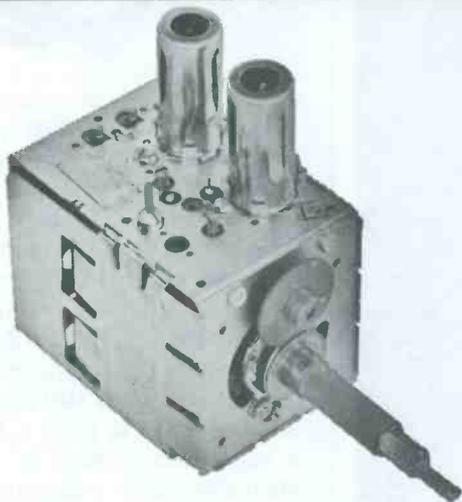
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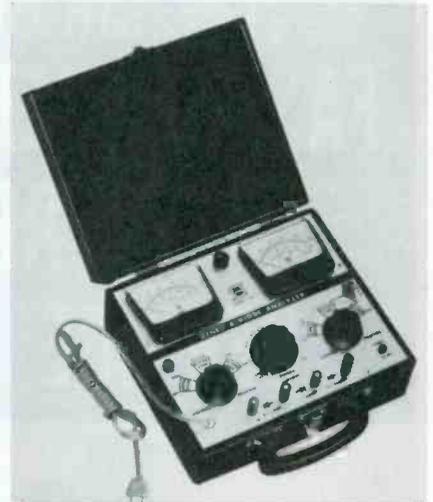
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CB RADIO 208

Said to be the most powerful hand-held, portable CB transceiver available today, the C-75 features a

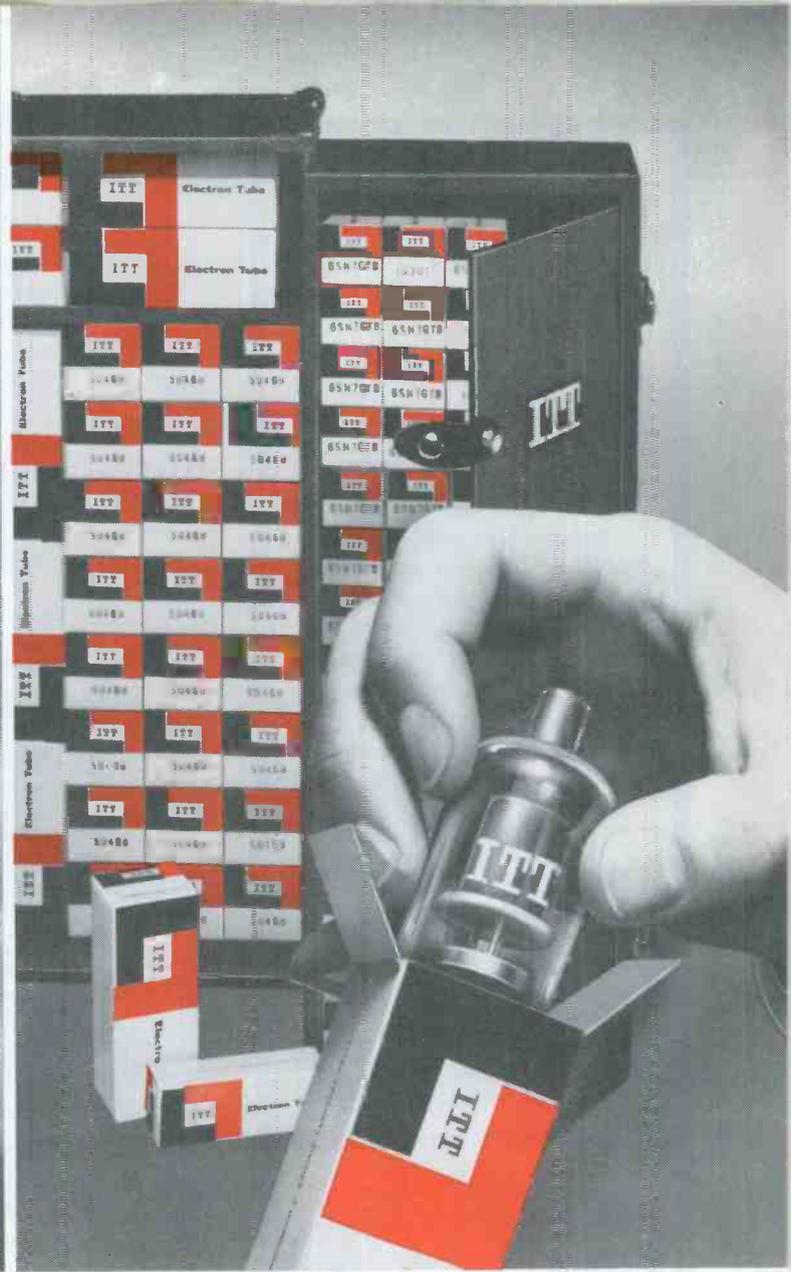


1.5 w transmitter input power. This completely transistorized unit (11 transistors, 2 diodes) reportedly has a range of five miles in virtually all operating conditions. The C-75 is available with rechargeable batteries and can be used as a base station while recharging. The unit can also be operated from penlight cell batteries. Total weight of the unit, with rechargeable batteries, is 2 lb. The C-75 has a suggested retail of \$109.95, and with two nickel cadmium batteries and recharger \$139.95. Cadre Industries Corp.

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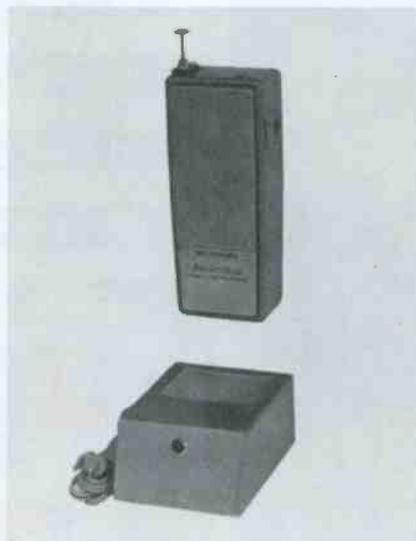
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UHF CONVERTER 211

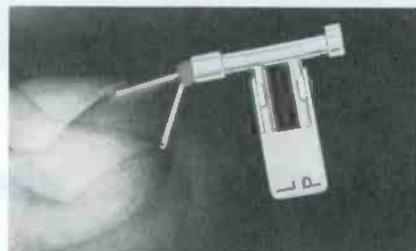
The Ultra-Vista is claimed to be the only converter on the market with a built-in stage of UHF pre-amplification. This "top-of-the-set" converter also is claimed to feature slide-rule tuning — tunes as easy as a radio. The circuitry is new to the converter market. It combines a frame-grid tube, a nuvistor, a diode and a transistor — for a unit with low-noise and high-gain characteristics. Designated the Model UVC-7083, it uses a 6DL4/



EC88 frame-grid tube as the RF preamplifier — boosting weak antenna signals before applying them to the mixer diode. The mixer-diode is the K3D, a silicon crystal type presently used in radar receivers for low noise figure and long life. The Ultra-Vista reportedly conforms to the FCC rules for radiation. Input impedance is 300 ohms with a VSWR of 1.5 maximum. Output impedance is 300 ohms. List price is \$49.95. Distributor Sales Div., Jerrold Electronics Corp.

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COLOR TELEVISION 213

Three 21 in. lowboy color television sets feature two-knob control intensities and hues. An additional feature is all channel UHF convertability which can be accomplished in the home by the techni-

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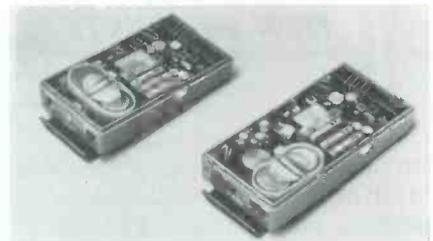
cian, without the addition of cumbersome attachments or change in the appearance of the set. Similar to the company's black and white models introduced last December, the UHF conversion can be accomplished at the customer's convenience, through the addition of a UHF modification kit. The new color sets also may be ordered with UHF, factory installed. The new color sets carry manufacturer's suggested list prices of \$599.95 for model 21LC11 in Danish Modern; \$629.95 for model 21C12 in Early



American, and \$725.00 for model 21C14 in Italian Provincial. The UHF conversion kit carries a manufacturer's suggested list price of \$30. Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.

RADIO PAGING SYSTEM 214

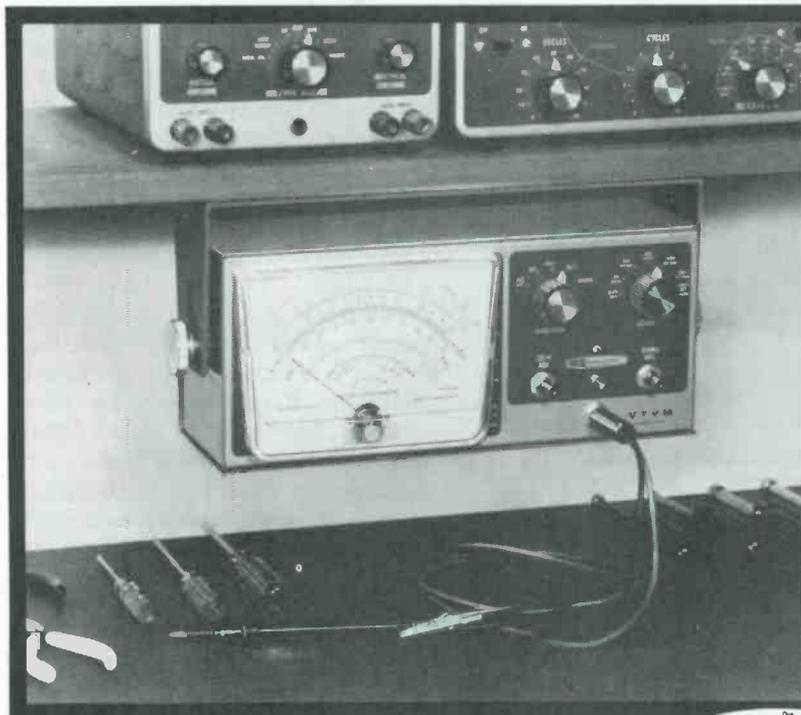
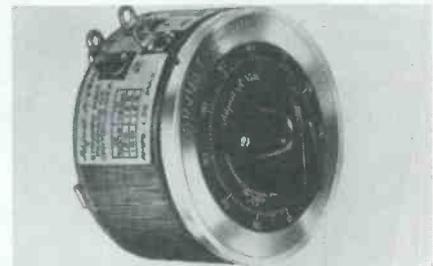
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ELECTROSTATIC TWEETER 217

Known as the JanKit 51, this speaker uses the JansZen Electrostatic mid and high frequency tweeter in a single radiator version that reduces cost and cabinet space requirements. The electrostatic tweeter is acoustically paired in with an

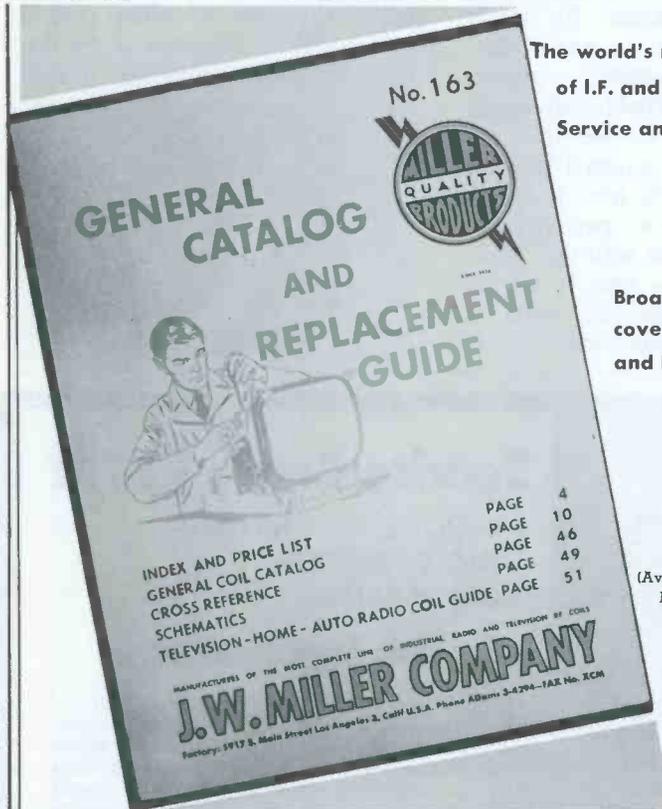


eleven-inch Model 350A dynamic woofer designed to provide low frequency reproduction which complements the aural characteristics of the tweeter. The entire frequency spectrum from 30 to 30,000 cps is said to be covered with low distortion when enclosed in simple, infinite-baffle cabinets as small as 2 cu ft. The special reflective tweeter housing provides a way of acoustically "curving" the flat surfaces of a standard JansZen Electrostatic radiator. It reportedly provides 72-degree sound dispersion and high electrical efficiency that previously could be achieved only by using multiple, flat radiators aimed directly at the listener. Price of the complete JanKit 51 is \$94.95 including a built-in power supply and high-pass filter. Neshaminy Electronic Corp.

COLOR BAR GENERATOR 218

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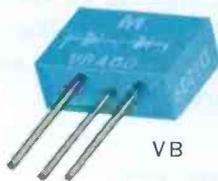
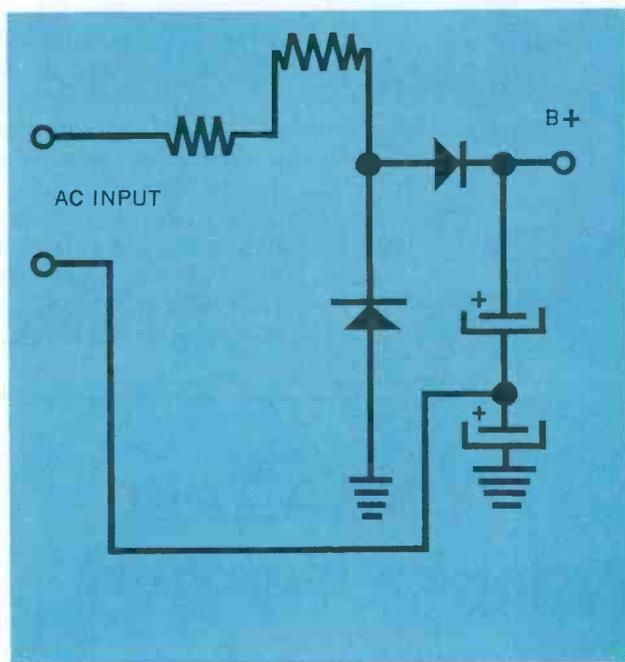
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CRYSTAL TEST SET 219

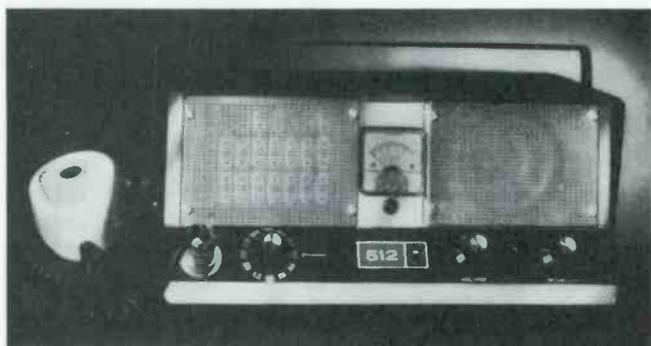
A two-way radio tester and combination crystal checker is called the Crystalign Meter Model 500A. The unit features accessories for in-circuit crystal testing and several field and current indications. As a crystal test set, the Model 500A tests 20-40 Mc overtone types, 1-20 Mc fundamental types and 400-500 kc low frequency IF types. A factory calibrated accessory is available for testing radio frequency output of crystals in-circuit. It indicates modulation, RF field strength,



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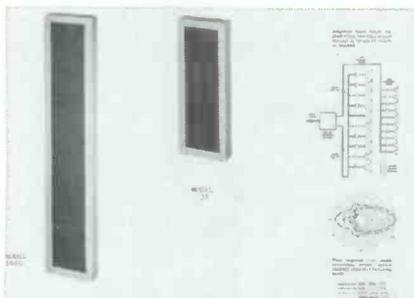
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has vertical coverage angle of 60 deg and a power rating of 30 w. It is designed for the high ceiling multi-balcony type hall. The Model 1010 with a total of 20 units has vertical coverage angle of 30 deg and power rating of 60 w. Commercial Sound Products Dept., Jensen Mfg. Co.

TRUCKS AND WAGONS 221

A 25% more powerful engine for trucks and station wagons is said to provide increased versatility and



reserve power for those box-shaped vehicles. The new engine has 91.1 cu in. displacement and develops 50 horsepower compared with the 72.7 cu in. displacement and 40 horsepower of the standard engine. Both engines have four horizontally opposed air-cooled cylinders. Brakes on the more powerful trucks have been increased in size to provide safety margins at the higher speeds. Trucks line include standard panel delivery trucks with 1830 lb payload capacities and both single and double-cab pickup trucks. Station wagons include the Kombi which can be used either as a station wagon or panel truck and both standard and deluxe station wagons seating up to eight people and carrying payloads up to 1632 lb. Volkswagen of America.

TUNER KIT 222

Retailing for only \$109.95, this tuner kit includes "Time-Switching" multiplex circuitry, precision tuning indicator and separate level controls for perfect channel balancing, according to the manufacturer. This kit, called the model LT-111,

comes with a full color instruction book. The high conductivity copper RF front end is pre-wired and aligned at the factory. All wires are pre-cut and stripped. Usable sensitivity is 4.0 μ v, signal-to-noise ratio is 55 db, harmonic distortion is 0.8%, drift, 0.2%. Capture



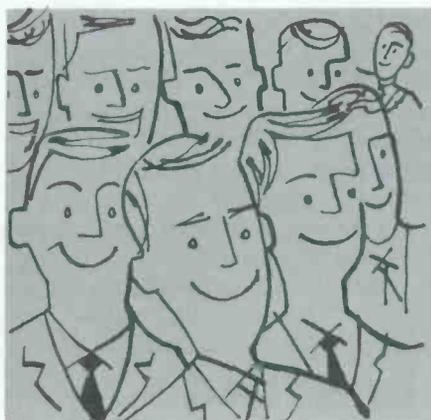
ratio is 6 db, selectivity 32 db, IM distortion, 0.3% (CCIF) and separation is over 30 db. H.H. Scott Inc.

CB TRANSCEIVER 223

Designated the "Range Gain" Transceiver, this unit reportedly achieves coverage of up to four times that of other CB units. An exclusive "Double Side Band Reduced Carrier" feature is said to make the horizon a reasonable operating range for citizens band communication. The unit delivers maximum power within FCC re-

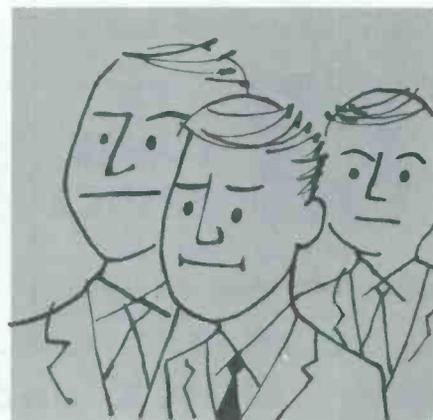
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x 4½ in. high x 8¾ in. deep. Regency Electronics.

CLEANING KIT 224

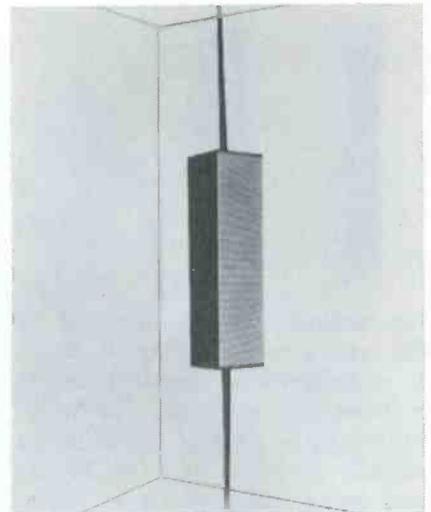
A kit for the preservation of all types of phonograph records is enclosed in a plastic package which measures approximately 13 x 13 in. The package is designed to fit any record browser made for 12 in. LPs and it is also holepunched for pegboard displays. Included in the kit are: 12 contour record covers, wiping pad, 45 rpm adaptors, "electro-wipe" cleaning cloth, needle cleaning brush, selecto-brush



(which hooks into tone arm), needle replacement screwdriver, mirror and a bottle of anti-static detergent. The kit is available for immediate delivery and retails for less than \$6. Duotone Co.

SPEAKER ENCLOSURE 225

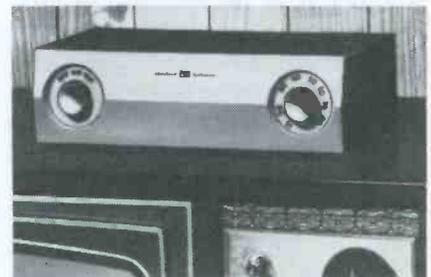
A high-fidelity speaker enclosure of unusual design is called the "Stereo Master." It is pole-mounted with a spring-loaded top section enabling it to fit all standard ceiling heights. It was designed to allow positioning for stereo, occupying a minimum of floor space, and for speaker placement where tables or shelves are not conveniently located. Enclosures are finished on



all four sides for use as a room divider. Internal capacity is in excess of 4620 cu in. and acoustic lining is employed to prevent bass reverberation. Enclosures are supplied with Jensen 8 in. extended range woofer, 3½ in. tweeter, and precision cross-over network. Dimensions of the enclosure are 40 in. high x 11 in. wide x 10¼ in. deep. Designated Model SM8-C the complete unit lists for \$66.90. Wald, Inc.

UHF CONVERTER 226

A line of Ultra-High Frequency (UHF) portable converters that allow VHF color and black and white television sets to receive both UHF and VHF is being introduced in



6DZ4 oscillator tube, a 6DS4 Nuvistor IF amplifier tube and a IN82A mixer diode. Installation between TV and UHF antenna is simple. A built-in UHF-VHF coupler permits easy hook-up with existing antenna lead using only a screwdriver. The Model "A" converter is priced at \$39.95. The Model "B" which is similar to the Model "A" but omits the 6DS4 IF amplifier circuit sells for \$29.95. Standard Kollsman Industries, Inc.

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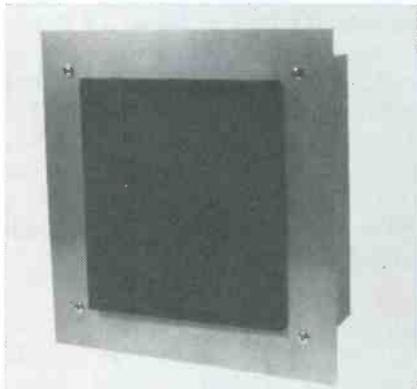
tube tester is for shops with limited floor space. It tests all tube types including Nuvistor, Novar, Compactron and 10 pin tubes. Provision is also made for the test of vibrators, fuses and pilot lights. A "quick flip" tube chart lists over 1200 different types. Charts listing new tube types are released periodically. A multi-color illuminated display sign tops the cabinet. Dimensions are 28 in. high x 20 in.



wide x 20 in. deep. User net price is \$129.95. Mercury Electronics Corp.

LOUDSPEAKER BAFFLES 228

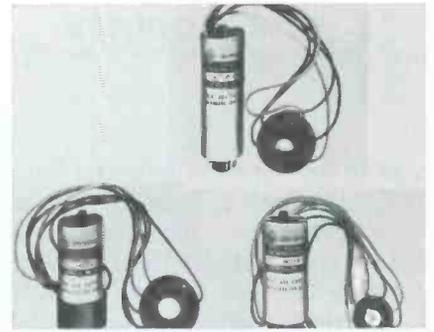
This group of loudspeaker baffles, the Series 80, are said to feature the "Total Dispersion" concept, a recent engineering development for which a patent has been applied. "Total Dispersion" provides a sound transmission factor of over 95% with a distribution pattern of 180° from the plane of the speaker. All baffles in the series are identical to the eye in both shape and color. The baffles are available for wall and ceiling locations, both recessed and surface installations and in the sloping front and bi-directional corridor configurations. The baffle plate is 12 x 12 in. for all models. Interiors of all Series



80 baffles are lined with an acoustical damping material and the baffles will accept any standard 8 in. loudspeaker. The Series 80 units are constructed of 18 gauge steel and are finished in hammertone over zinc chromate. Westlab, Inc.

"UNIVERSAL" BOOSTERS 229

TV technicians need now only carry three types of picture tube boosters for use on any TV set made, according to the producers of this product. The new boosters



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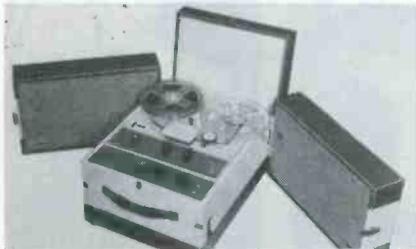
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said to be that they no longer have to tie up capital on numerous types of tube boosters. The three tube boosters are: Model CR-188: For Sylvania 110° tubes, for all voltages and currents, series or parallel circuits; Model CR-186: For all 70°-90° CRTs, for all voltages and currents, series or parallel circuits, and Model CR-187: For RCA 110° tubes, for all voltages and currents, series or parallel circuits. IEH Mfg. Co., Inc.

STEREO TAPE RECORDER 230

Used as an independent recorder or to drive hi-fi system or separate speakers, this unit is completely



self-contained. Inside are stereo preamplifiers and power amplifiers for recording or playback purposes, plus speaker systems. Stereo inputs accommodate microphones stereo FM tuner (no preamp needed), stereo amplifier, or other sources (line inputs are automatically cut off when microphones are plugged in). Outputs are provided for the built-in speakers and for stereo headphones . . . also may be used to drive external speakers or a separate

stereo amplifier system. Kit AD-72 weighs 43 lb. and is priced at \$198. Heath Co.

DISTORTION METER 231

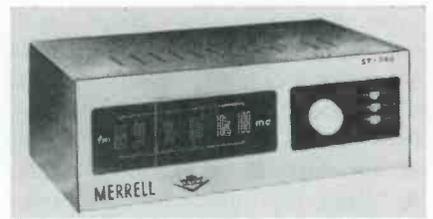
The model 902, Intermodulation/Harmonic Distortion Meter and ac VTVM is said to be a com-



plete audio tool combining IM and harmonic distortion meter, sensitive ac VTVM and db meter in one compact instrument. The 902 is equipped with a 4½ in. meter that provides full-scale pointer deflection for as little as 0.1% distortion or 10 mv ac rms voltage. A linear scale permits precise distortion readings as low as 0.01%, and to a low as 1 mv ac. There are 6 full-scale IM ranges to 30% distortion, 7 for harmonic distortion to 100%, and 10 for ac voltage to 300 v rms, with ±5% accuracy on distortion and ±4% accuracy on voltage. EICO Electronic Instrument Co.

TUNER KIT 232

This FM Multiplex Tuner Kit features a pre-wired and pre-aligned "front end," Automatic Frequency Control (AFC), pre-wired and pre-aligned FM Multiplex and pre-aligned IF transformers, according to the manufacturer. The chassis and clean layout are claimed to assure



professional looking work. Included are step by step instructions, large pictorials, and schematic drawings. Specifications are: frequency response of 20 to 20,000 cps, ±0.5 db. Sensitivity: 1.4μv for 20 db quieting. Distortion: less than 1%. Hum: 6 db below 1 v. Output level: 2¼ v at 100% modulation. It is also available as FM tuner without multiplex. Price of the multiplex kit is \$54.90, without multiplex the kit is \$34.95. Merrell Electronics, Inc.

STEREO AMPLIFIER 233

This stereo amplifier reportedly features high-fidelity performance and handsome styling. Finished in



gold and contrasting brown, it has standard headphone jack on front panel to accommodate most stereo phones. Output is 30 w, 15 w per channel. Frequency response is ±0.5 db 30 to 25,000 cps, and harmonic distortion is less than 1%. Tube compliment is 2 — 12AX7, 4 — 6BM8 and 1 — 6CA4. Size is 12¾ in. wide x 4¾ in high x 10½ deep. Price is \$69.95. Olson Electronics.

... 'TOUGH DOG'

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grid of the 6DQ6B — Zero! Tubes had been tried, of course, and plate voltages were high. A real head scratcher, I thought. Grid readings on the 6CG7 were weird. On the sync input the voltage would go up and down.

The dual selenium diode in this model plugs in. I removed it to check horizontal oscillator. When the diode was removed, a click was heard and the set played normally except for no horizontal hold. Replacing the diode returned the set to normal.—Leon De Sanzo, Hartford, Conn.

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A 40-page "handbook of Voltage Control with the Variac Autotransformer" include principles of autotransformers, descriptions and diagrams of many "Variac" circuits and information on the use of auto transformers. Over 80 circuit diagrams, charts and photographs are included. General Radio Co.

POWER SUPPLIES 301

Specifications of a complete line of semiconductorized, precision power supplies are given in a short form catalog. The two-color catalog pictures the units and includes outline drawings of a variety of rack panel adapters. Power Designs, Inc.

AUDIO EQUIPMENT 302

A catalog includes information on all models of the firm's loudspeakers and turntables. It also describes the books published by AR, and accessories such as needle force gauge and speaker stands. Acoustic Research, Inc.

CALCULATING AIDS 303

This catalog is devoted entirely to special calculators, slide rules, selectors, punch cards and other devices used in business, industry, science and engineering. Many of the devices are standard special-purpose slide rules that have been in use for years, while others are entirely new. Dyna-Slide Co.

SEMICONDUCTORS 304

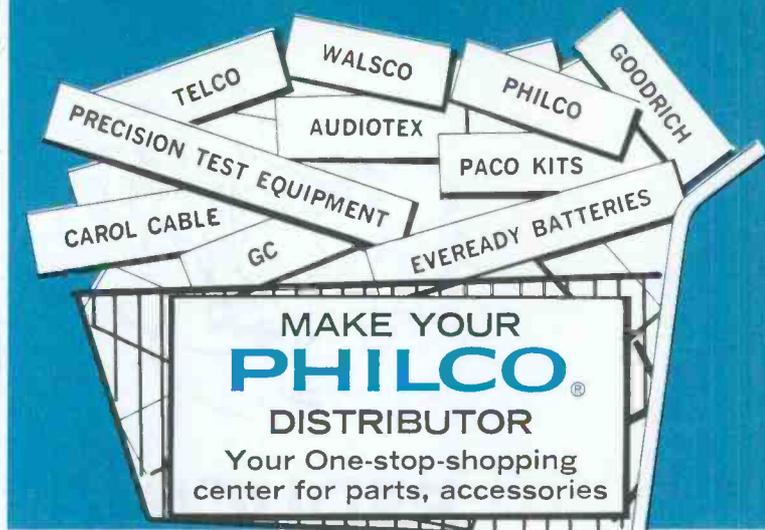
Over 3500 semiconductor devices, including glass zener diodes, silicon controlled rectifiers, silicon and selenium small power, medium power, high power and super power rectifiers, photocells and zener reference elements are included in this 24 page catalog. Ratings, characteristics and descriptive data of the devices are covered in a condensed tabular format. International Rectifier Corp.

NEEDLE REFERENCE 305

The 1963 Wall Reference Chart lists replacement needles by manufacturer's cartridge number, shows illustration of needle replacement, the record speed and the needle number in either diamond, synthetic sapphire or osmium. Duotone Co.

MICROPHONES 306

This catalog contains detailed application and specification information on a line of microphones and accessories. Included are sections on broadcast and professional microphones, units for high quality public address advanced amateur recording, industrial sound, mobile radio, language laboratory, as well as general purpose microphones. American Microphone Co.



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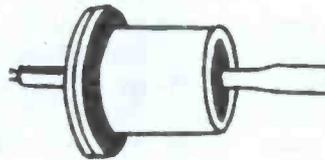
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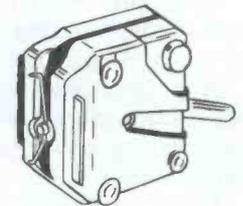
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REDUCING CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

by Ernest W. Fair

■ A customer complaint can lead to loss of future business in a number of ways. And complaints can ultimately lead to increases in operating costs. Both mean profit reduction. Hence complaint elimination is well worth your effort.

Complete elimination of complaints is an impossibility, of course. But steps can be taken in day-to-day operations which will keep complaints at a relatively harmless minimum. Here are some basic musts for complaint reduction.

Make sure every repair part used is in proper working condition. Test all parts before installation.

Any electronic part which has been dropped or arrives in a damaged carton should be fully tested before using.

Never promise anything in ambiguously worded advertising or promotional material. Although service-dealers sometimes become carried away with their cleverly worded advertising blurbs, the customer is seldom affected in the same way. Fewer adjectives in advertising can lower chances for complaints. Tell them in simple every-day words what you have to offer.

Check periodically for misplaced

"look-alike" parts. It is easy to assume that a part conforms to certain specifications because the bin or container is labeled that way.

Make certain the customer is receiving the specific service requested. The surest way is to write it down in detail at the beginning and never leave details to memory.

Where a below-standard condition exists in a TV, radio or Hi Fi, it is best to inform the customer about it before proceeding with requested repairs.

Make certain that charges are correct every time; check and double check with each transaction. Nothing will make a customer more unhappy than an overcharge, even if it is accidental.

Never sell something damaged or below standard at a price reduction unless the customer clearly understands the conditions.

Be sure that fragile merchandise is properly wrapped or packaged before being handed or delivered to the customer. When breakage occurs enroute home you will be blamed for not packaging it properly.

Keep after the dust in easily overlooked corners. Dust can put many

customers in a complaint-finding frame of mind.

Never take a customer request for granted. Be sure you clearly understand what is desired.

Always be ready to fill a reasonable request for a small extra service. Customers see these as one-time requests — neither expensive nor inconvenient — even though you know it is both when multiplied many times during each business day. It will pay off in public relations benefits.

Where specific sales conditions exist, be sure the customer understands your definition of the conditions. More customer complaints arise from misunderstanding conditional definitions than for any other cause.

Know everything possible of the electronic units that customers may ask questions about. They expect you to know, and if you cannot answer their questions they become dissatisfied.

Make sure the customer understands limitations of guarantees. The word "guarantee" frequently has a different connotation to customers than implied by manufacturers.

When handling money, be sure no mistake occurs. And when a foreign coin turns up, pull it out for bank deposit. Don't pass it along to a customer.

Avoid selling an "old model" without pointing this out to the customer. Chances are that an advertised improvement in the item is what brought the customer in to make the purchase. He isn't going to be happy with the old model and will resent your having sold it to him.

Make it easy and convenient to do business with the shop. Inconveniences wear down the good nature of even the best customers and leads to complaints which would otherwise never arise.

Don't let sick employees work. Unfavorable impressions are left with customers.

Make it easy and convenient for a customer to contact the shop owner or manager. The easier the shop owner or manager can be contacted the simpler it is to turn a minor customer irritation aside and prevent a complaint developing. ■

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WESTINGHOUSE

V-2437-7 Chassis Tuner — Production Changes

Some of these chassis, used in models H-P3370/1-3 use a 470V070H04 tuner. This tuner is electrically similar to the 470V099H01 tuner (except for the low side coupling capacitor) found in the V-2416 chassis manual, TV1077. Tuner 470V099H01 is not adaptable for UHF but tuner 470V070H04 is adaptable.

... TIPS FOR REPAIRING PORTABLES

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wise satisfactory, a rubber band may be used as shown in Fig. 1C.

If the clips have no room for a rubber band, a pair of rubber pads may be cemented behind the clips to provide more pressure on the battery, (Fig. 1D). If this cannot be done, it may be possible and practical to cut some clip-stiffeners from shim-stock brass which are then crimped in place over existing clips as shown in Fig. 1E. Battery leads should be soldered to the new clips.

Still another frequent cause of portable malfunction is the speaker. This is frequently caused by dropping the receiver in sand on the beach. When the speaker's magnetic gap is sand-jammed the sound is reduced tremendously and the voice coil cannot be moved up and down in the magnetic gap. If the shop has an air compressor it may be possible to blow the sand out with a blast of air from a small nozzle. ■



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	0-16	6	10				
M	0-8	10	20	Metal	.62	1 Year	Stud and wing nuts
	0-16	6	14				
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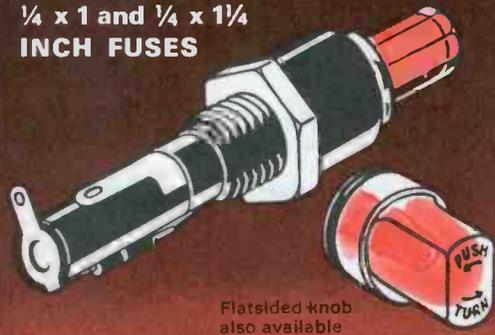
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with a new low noise, shielded tuner with a planetary drive providing continuous, fine tuning. The tuner in the converters uses a 3-gang tuning element, eliminating sliding contacts from the main tuning circuits to add performance reliability and longer life. A new 6DZ4 oscillator tube, 6DS4 nuvistor IF amplifier tube and IN82A mixer diode is used. A built-in UHF-VHF coupler permits easy hook-up with existing antenna lead using only a screwdriver.

Scott's Management Philosophy

National attention was recently focused on the unique management philosophies of H. H. Scott, Inc. of Maynard, Mass., in a feature article by BUSINESS WEEK. Spotlighting the company's success through application of unconventional management techniques, the article said that Scott has risen to the forefront of the hotly competitive quality Hi Fi components industry under the guidance of two men with sharply different management philosophies. Traditionalist president Hermon H. Scott is an exponent of old Yankee perfectionism, stressing engineering and product excellence. Modernist executive vice-president Victor H. Pomper is more concerned with employee morale and seeks to create a friendly atmosphere.

"Under Scott's and Pomper's conflicting philosophies, the company has roughly doubled its sales every two years, with the number of employees rising from 15 in 1950 to 300 today," BUSINESS WEEK said.

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NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

CB Radio for the Farm

Raytheon CB radios will be offered as accessories by International Harvester Company's 6600 truck and farm equipment dealers under terms of an agreement reached between the two firms recently.

The units also will be marketed to the construction industry through International Harvester's 200 construction equipment distributors.

Breaks Color Price Barrier

Grand Rapids, Mich. television dealer recently advertised color TV sets at \$399.97. The only other price cut in color television pricing came in 1962 from a nationwide mail order house, according to RADIO & TELEVISION WEEKLY.

The S & S Television & Appliance of Grand Rapids claimed January color sales equalled the combined total of November and December as a result of the price break.

Standard Kollsman Enters UHF Field

Standard Kollsman Industries, Inc. has developed two UHF portable converters. They are engineered

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mated provision for Federal income taxes of \$5,871,513. This represented a 7 percent increase over the previous record first quarter earnings reported in 1962 of \$4,728,794, or 52¢ per share.

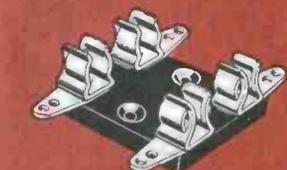
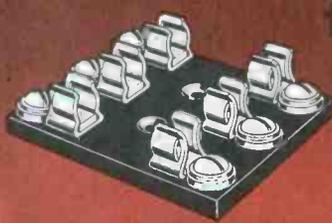
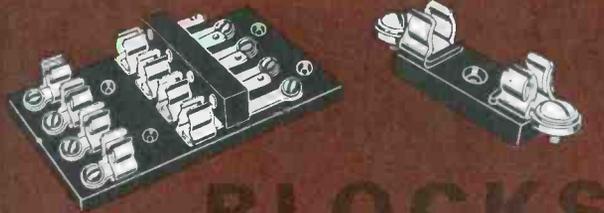
Amperex Contest Winners Announced

Ten major prize winners in the Amperex Telequiz Sweepstakes Contest have been announced. Each of the 10 winners in the first of four contests receives a Model 23K95 Motorola Console television set.

The 10 winners in contest number one, all electronic technicians and service dealers, are: Eric McLoughlin, Larchmont, N. Y.; Morris W. Hughey, Asheville, N. C.; Mike Kelly, South Point, Ohio; Robert A. Cheever, De Motte, Ind.; George W. Miller, Ellwood City, Pa.; James D. Emerine, Stockton, Calif.; A. J. Schiefelbein, Waycross, Ga.; Emerson W. Shaw, Woodland, Pa.; Charles G. Reames, Millbrook, Ala. and John Urbank, Gary, Ind.

Academy Award to Electro-Voice

Electro-Voice, Inc., was presented an award by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Basis for the award was the firm's contribution to motion picture sound pickup, made by a highly-directional microphone which permits the simultaneous filming and pickup of action, even at considerable distances from the point of origin.



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Scott ranks high in its industry and has a reputation for quality and service," the magazine concluded, observing that the mutual efforts of Scott and Pomper prove that two differing management theories need not conflict but can equal one good approach.

Kierulff Sells Hi Fi Business

Kierulff Sound Corp., Los Angeles, has sold its entire inventory and the right to continue the retail Hi Fi business to Acorn-Arrow stores, a southern California Hi Fi component retailers chain.

Kierulff Sound Corp. stated: "This sales is in line with a decision to continue to build the growing Kierulff corporate image as an industrial electronic parts distributorship and retire the name from all activity in the retail Hi Fi market at this time. The name 'Kierulff' remains the exclusive property of the continuing industrial business.

Zenith Has Record First Quarter

Zenith Radio Corp. reported record first quarter sales and earnings. In addition to all-time high first quarter sales and earnings, the company also reported color television unit sales from distributors to dealers were approximately doubled from a year earlier. Black-and-white television unit sales were the highest of any quarter in its history.

Profits for the three months ended Mar. 31, 1963, amounted to \$5,062,980, or 56¢ per share, after esti-

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... VISION PROBLEMS

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ary bifocals are usually too strong for these jobs, and are often set so low in the lenses that awkward head-lifting is necessary to see at eye level or above.

Solving the Problem

What is the solution for electronic technicians of bifocal age? First of all it depends upon you and your work, and of course upon your eyes. You should measure your prime working distances, determine how far it is from your eyes to the points where you must see, and also how high these areas are from the ground. Take this information with you when you have your vision examined. Here are some possible kinds of vocational lenses which could be used for your work:

Bifocals: The bifocal part (See Chart I) should be set high in the lens to minimize head tilt. It should be wide (it can cover the entire bottom of the lens) to provide a big near-vision area, if this is your primary need. The bifocal should be kept as "weak" as possible to supply a good outward range (such lenses may be too weak for fine work at 10 to 12 in.

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work, and these are handy on many jobs. Sometimes upside-down bifocals are used. These have a little window of distance-vision at the top with the rest of the lens for near work. Double bifocals are the ideal answer for whatever seeing distance is desired. When working near eye-level, it is easy to see through the top area, the remainder of the lens is an ordinary bifocal with sections for distance and near seeing.

Why should you know these things about your visual problems? Why not leave it up to the refractologist? For one thing, he will need to know about your individual habits and seeing demands. But more than that, successful fitting of occupational needs depends greatly upon your understanding of the problems, and acceptance of a solution to them — generally with a lens prescription tailor-made for your unique seeing demands.

Results? More comfortable seeing and a better day's work with glasses, like your tools, designed to fit the job. ■

... VTVM TOOL

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drop across the load resistor in the circuit you want to check, note the resistor's value and use ohm's law:

$$I = \frac{E}{R}$$

Suppose you want to measure the total current being drawn by a 6BQ6 horizontal sweep amplifier. Measure the drop across the cathode resistor. If the resistor is 100 and the voltage reads 11, then the current is 110 ma — which would be reasonably close. You can find out how the screen circuit is doing in the same way.

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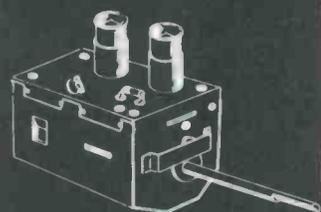
If you want to know that your meter is always accurate, you should calibrate it periodically for dc, ac and ohms accuracy. If you have a variable line transformer, reasonable accurate adjustments can be made by following the manufacturer's instructions on calibration. ■

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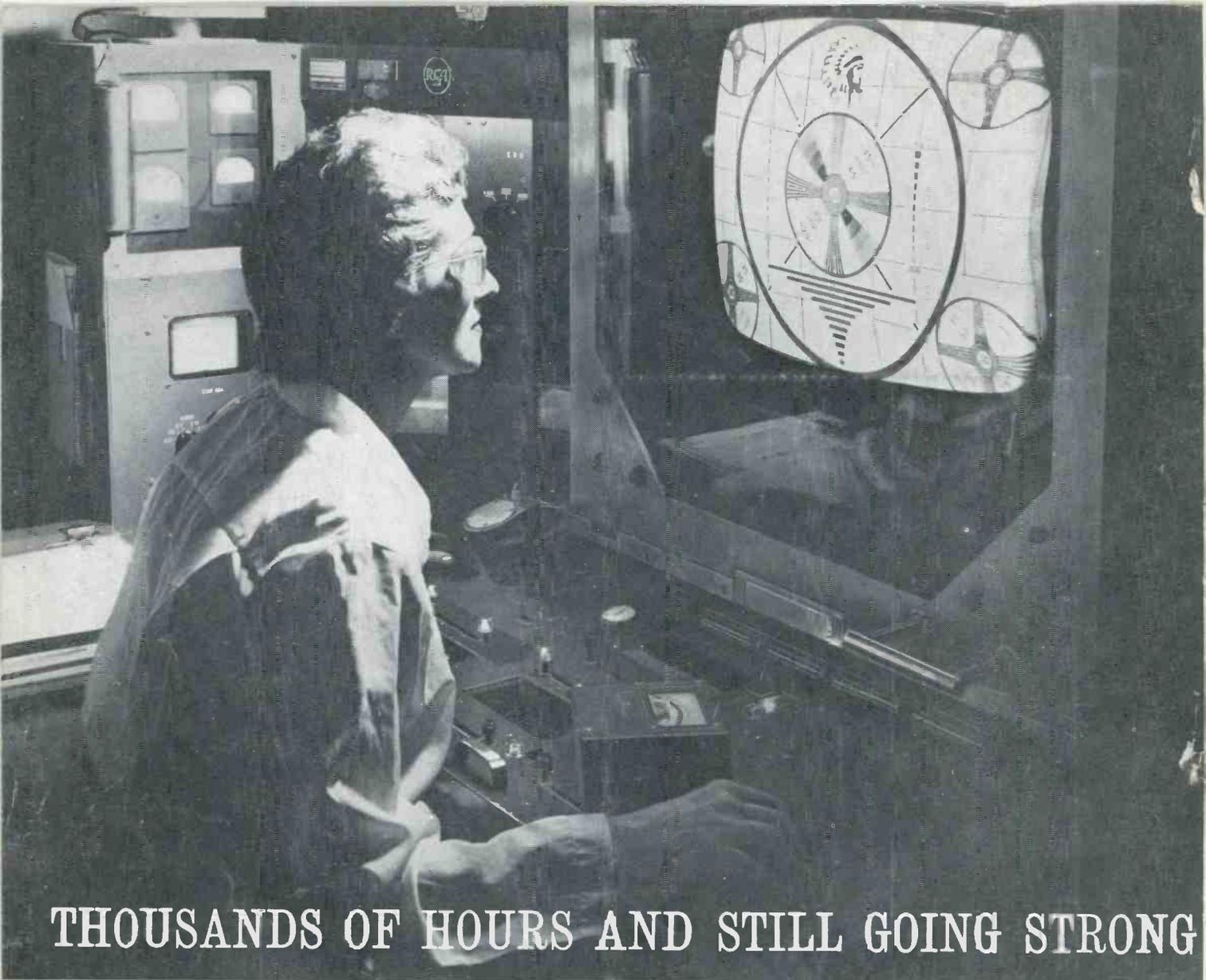


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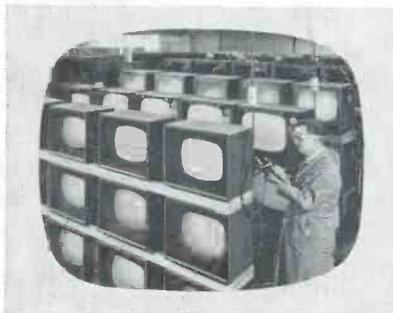
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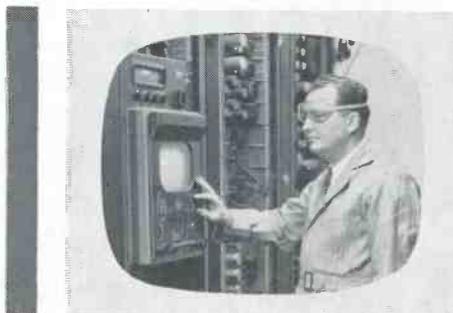
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