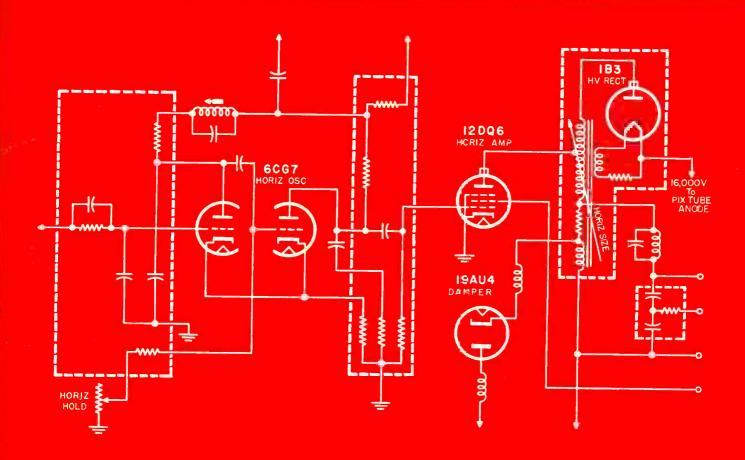
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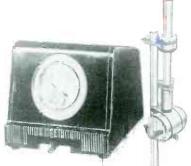
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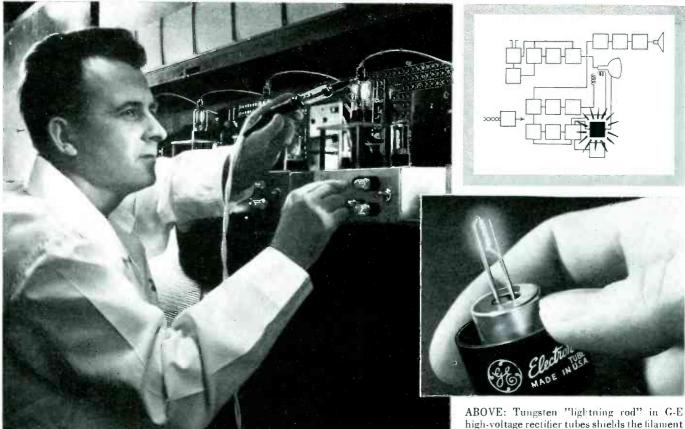
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The New Look In Test Equipment

THE ADVENT OF COLOR-TV, printed-wiring chassis, packaged electronic circuits, miniaturized radio and TV models,* modules and transistors, has brought about the development of a new family of instruments with many operational and application features.

Particularly noteworthy in all designs, even in the most complex equipment, is the simplicity of control that has been achieved. This has been accomplished through the use of not only novel circuit arrangements, but unique mechanical and electrical advancements that have made many functions completely automatic. For color-TV, we now have color-convergence pattern generators with automatic synchronization and stabilizer systems. Also available are signal generators with automatic output-level control.

In color-bar generators there are simplified controls for the expanded values of chroma now required because of the use of vestigial color-sideband-type reception. Some instruments now provide up to -6 db for chroma control, and in addition include a -15 db chroma output to check color lock on a weak burst signal. Color-bar generators also offer $(G-Y)/90^{\circ}$ test signals to take care of the (G-Y) color detectors now being used extensively.

THE INCREASING DEMANDS ON TIME, calling for not only speed, but marked accuracy in repair work, have also prompted the development of a number of specialty-type instruments that can quickly localize troubles. Some of these instruments have taken the form of in-circuit testers and others as equipment-extension accessories that can extend the usefulness of test gear now in the shop. To illustrate, the recently-developed marker-adders have made it possible to increase substantially the effectiveness of sweep generators in alignment work.

In using sweep generator traces for alignment, it is important to know exactly where you are on the frequency scale. Most generators come with a calibrator crystal which can provide specific marker points at predetermined frequencies. These frequencies are accurate because of the

*Analyses of these new developments will appear in the March issue of Service. Watch for this important report:

crystals used. But, even with this aid, it has been found difficult to interpolate exactly the frequency you want to know. It is much more convenient to have an adjustable marker that can be set to a specific frequency that may be required. Signal generators separated from the sweep generator have been used for this purpose by linking to the external marker point on the sweep equipment. However, there is a serious disadvantage to this procedure. In mixing the marker frequency with the sweep frequency, the marker frequency passes through the test section of the receiver, as well as the sweep frequency. Thus, the response curve traced will be invalidated by the presence of the marker signal; it will tend to fill in the slots made by the traps. These disadvantages can be overcome by adding a marker after passing a test signal through the set. In this way, the marker serves to put a pip on the screen at the predetermined frequency, without in any way interfering with the performance of the set by its presence. Such adding must be done electronically, so that no mutual interference takes place. This is the job done by the marker-adder.

Tube and transistor testers have also undergone

quite a change in their design.

The increasing use of tubes and semiconductors, and the exacting requirements that must be met, have made it mandatory for test instruments to be not only more accurate, but easier and quicker to use than ever before. Accordingly, manufacturers have engineered instruments that are not only extremely efficient, but have streamlined function controls to expedite tests.

THE SOARING AUDIO and commercial sound activity have also accented the need for improved test gear.

Here, too, industry has come through by developing a variety of versatile instruments that can check for all types of problems, such as wow, flutter, phasing and intermodulation distortion.

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While all of us make outside calls when necessary, one of our men is a bench-repair specialist. Five of us regularly work on television sets, while one of the crew specializes in radio sets and record changers.

Our business was established six years ago. We handle over 400 service calls each month during which period we use approximately 1500 tubes. A charge of \$4.50 is made for service calls. There is a minimum charge of \$12.50 when sets are brought to the shop. This fee includes pick up and

delivery. Service calls are made as late as 9:30 P.M.

Receivers brought to the shop are plugged in and turned on and allowed to warm up sufficiently so that all tubes can be critically tested. We find that by checking hot tubes it is possible to find those which can cause trouble. Besides checking for shorts and transconductance, all applicable tube types are tested for grid emission with a set of portable grid circuit testers. These tests have served to minimize the callback problem.

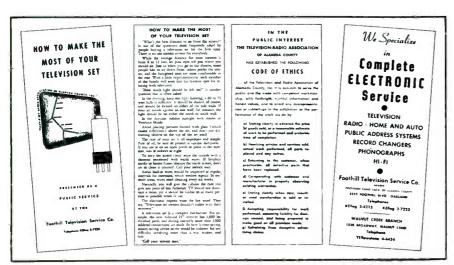
After the tubes have been checked, the set is turned over to our bench specialist who diagnoses the trouble, makes out his report and calls the customer to quote the cost of repairs. We

never urge the customer to give us a go-ahead. Instead, we let the customer decide for himself. If the answer is no, the set is put back in its cabinet and returned with the minimum shop fee assessed. When we bring in an old model TV set and we find the repair costs to be excessive, we recommend that the customer buy a new set.

We do our own color work and have acquired a complete complement of test equipment to do the job right. We do not farm out any color-TV servicing as many shops in this area still do.

Our chief bench man, John Miller, teaches TV servicing two nights each week at East Contra Costa Junior

RIGHT: LETTER and return card used by Foothill shop to determine whether or not service rendered was satisfactory. Comments have proved very helpful in developing business. BELOW: DIRECT-MAIL BOOKLET that has been found to be very effective as a promotional circular.





CHECKING tubes in a set brought in for a shop estimate.

California

College. One night is devoted to black and white TV servicing and the other to color servicing.

Miller took up radio almost 20 years ago at Samuel Gompers Technical School in San Francisco and studied electrical engineering for four years at the University of California after serving in the navy during the war.

Robert Hendrickson, who specializes in radio and record changers, teaches electronics at the junior college. The rest of us have had extensive experience in servicing TV receivers, radios, intercoms and industrial electronic equipment.

TV Antenna Installations

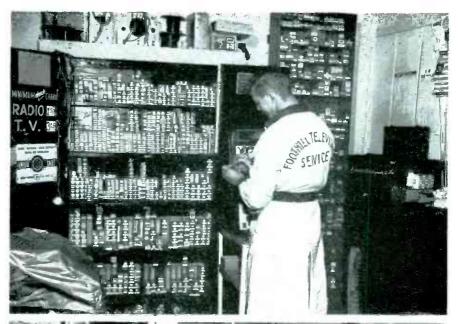
Most of our customers have outdoor antennas. Reception of channels 4 and 5, located on the other side of San Francisco bay, is generally excellent. Sometimes, these signals are too strong, especially for old model TV sets, so it often becomes necessary to install attenuator pads in the (Continued on page 41)

¹Main store is at 3359 Foothill Blvd., in Oakland and the branch operation is a mile down the street.

The staff consists of John Miller, Ron Croft, Arnold Braaten, Robert Hendrickson, Ed and Ernest Copley.

DIAGNOSING TV troubles prior to calling the customer to give an estimate of repair cost. In this checkup tubes are first tested for shorts, electrical merit and grid emission.

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(Above) THE TV bench-repair setup in the Foothill TV service shop.







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[See Front Cover and Page 17 for Complete Circuit Diagram]

FOR THE FIRST TIME in TV receiver design, it has become possible to combine a completely printed-wiring circuit chassis with packaged electronic circuits.¹

In engineering this chassis, all of the circuits, except the high-voltage transformer, vo transformer, tuner, speaker and the customer controls, were placed on two pw panels. These controls were not included as part of the pw panels because of cabinet styling considerations.

The two pw panels have been so constructed that they can be supported by a metal chassis pan, which also supports the horizontal and vertical output transformers. Connections are made between the two panels by means of metal straps called interpanel connectors. These connectors are also used to make contact to the high-voltage assembly. The tuner, yoke and customer controls are connected to the rest of the set by plug-in. Thus, any

By BERNARD SCHLACTER, Senior Development Engineer, Motorola, Inc.

major section of the television set can be removed from the cabinet and from the rest of the set without unsoldering connections, if that section requires servicing.

The two plated-wiring panels consist of an *I* and *H* panels. The *I* panel contains a three-stage 40-mc *if*, video amplifier, audio *if*, audio amplifier, audio output and the major portion of the low-voltage power supply. The *H* panel contains the horizontal sweep, *afc* circuitry, vertical sweep, sync and the remainder of the power supply.

Res-caps² are used throughout to reduce space consumption and simplify the location of a specific resistor or capacitor which may be suspected of being faulty. In this chassis, there are 17 res-cap circuits, which contain

Motorola TS-122 A-00

97 carbon resistors and ceramic capacitors normally found in a conventionally wired chassis.

The tuner is a pentode type with a 3BC5 rf stage and a 5U8 mixer-oscillator. Switch wafers, which contain the tuned circuits for the antenna, rf and oscillator coils, are plug-in to the tuner chassis base. By removing the tuner shaft, these plug-in wafers can be removed and replaced in case of clip contact damage or other failures.

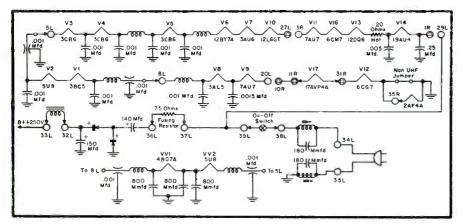
The tuner is insulated mounted to the tuner mounting bracket and can be removed from the cabinet by removing two rear self-tapping screws and unplugging the tuner cable leads from the main chassis. This tuner cable contains two filament, B+, agc, and the mixer output coupling leads.

The agc fed to the tuner is applied to both the rf stage and the mixer stage when the area selector switch is in the local position. This has been found to minimize cross modulation in a very strong signal area. With the area selector switch in the suburban and fringe position, this agc line is grounded so that a minimum of noise from the tuner is contributed to the weaker incoming signals.

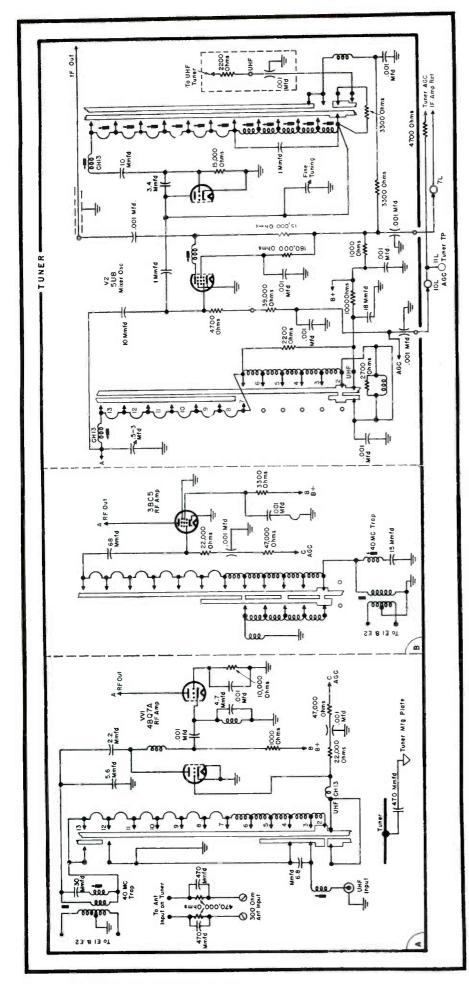
The *if* is a three-stage staggertuned 40-mc system, aligned in a *lo-hi-jack* arrangement for a 3.5-mc band width. The coupling from the

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BELOW: POWER SUPPLY diagram for Motorola packaged-circuit printed-wiring chassis.



*Terminology adopted by RETMA standards committee to define capacitor and resistor assemblies manufactured as a packaged encapsulated circuit.



Printed-Wiring TV Chassis

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tuner output cable capacity is part of the coupling network.

Full age is applied to the first and second if stages in the local-suburban position of the area selector switch, but when this switch is placed in the fringe position only half of the available age voltage is applied to these two stages, so that on a very fringe signal the noise does not develop sufficient second-detector volts to bias back the if and reduce picture-tube contrast.

The video amplifier has a 3.8-mc bandwidth. The audio if take-off (4.5-mc) is from the plate of the video amplifier through a 2.2-mmfd capacitor in a res-cap unit, into a limiter tube; the limiter drives an unbalanced ratio detector. To align the ratio detector primary and secondary, test points are provided at the edge of the panel. Video-if alignment test points are also provided on the edge of the I panel near the third if coil can. One half of a 7AU7 is used as an audio amplifier. A drop across a 33,000-ohm plate load resistor is used as the bias for the audio-output stage because of the dc coupling between these two stages. The audio-output stage also acts as a self-regulating dropping resistor for dissipating the power required to drop the B + (265 v) down to 135 v.

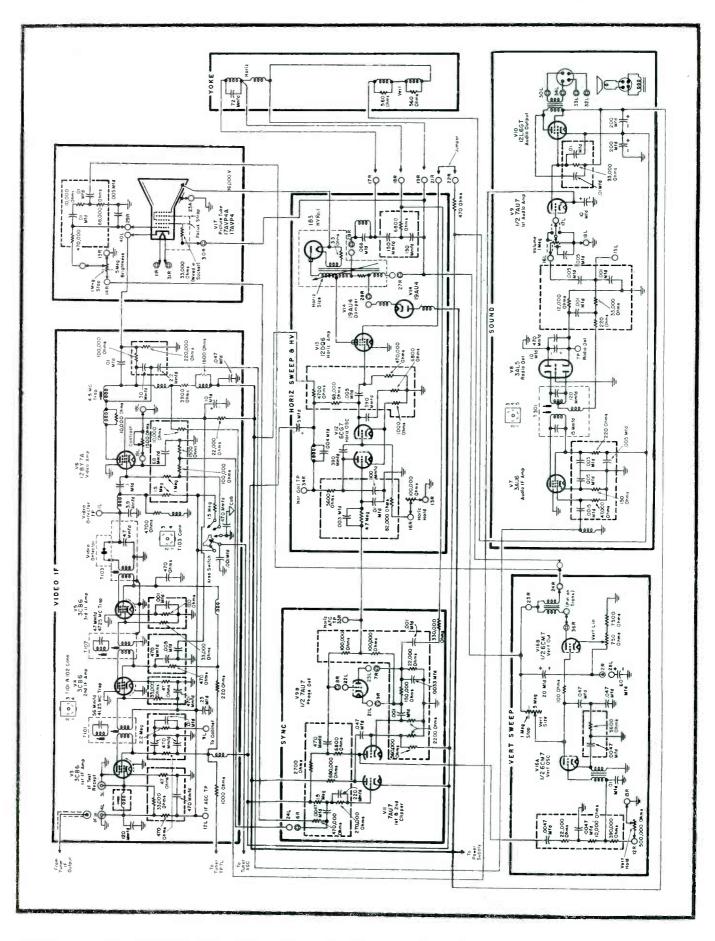
When high total capacity is required in a res-cap, hi-K dielectric ceramics are used, and conversely when a very low value or temperature-compensating type capacities are necessary, a low-K dielectric must be used.

In the *if* strip, grid-coil damping resistors which require low capacities, and *agc*, cathode or other high capacity *bypass* capacitors have been combined in a single res-cap unit. It was found possible to combine these *low* and *hi-K* ceramic dielectrics into a single plate by reducing stray internal capacities between critical points.

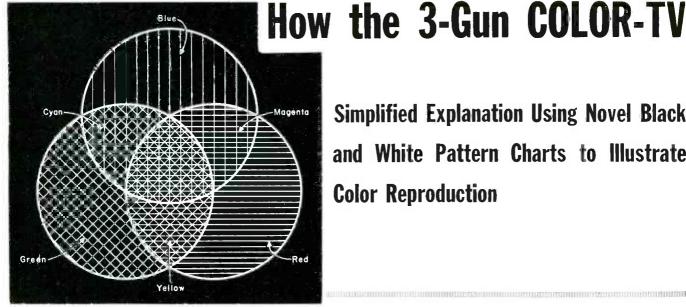
In the audio if res-cap a total of 16,500 mmfd is used for the various bypass and coupling capacitors, but the grid-leak resistor of this stage is also included as one of the resistors; this grid requires only about 30 mmfd capacity across it to maintain high

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LEFT: CASCODE (A) and pentode (B) type tuners designed for Motorola pw chassis. The cascode tuner is included in those chassis having a continuous tuning uhf system.



COMPLETE CIRCUIT DIAGRAM of the 16-tube printed-wiring TV chassis with packaged electronic assemblies; Motorola chassis TS-422A-00.



Simplified Explanation Using Novel Black and White Pattern Charts to Illustrate **Color Reproduction**

THE COLOR-TV picture tube is the heart of the color set. This tube, performing the final function in the reproduction of the televised scene, converts the electrical signal impulses into the color light variations necessary to construct a television picture in full color.

Due to the compatibility aspects of color, one of the requirements of a color receiver is that it must be capable of receiving a b-w transmission and reproducing pictures in blackand-white, as well as color.

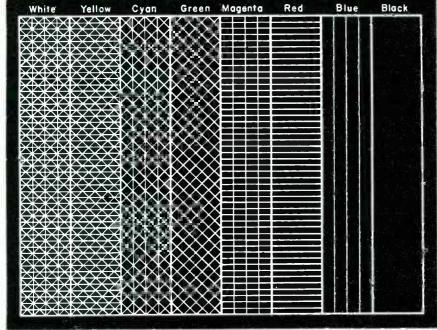
Color picture tubes now in use are of the three-gun type, and contain exactly what its name implies: three electron guns. There are actually three separate picture tubes in one enve-

The black and white color-bar method, (Figs. 1 and 2) designed to illustrate all of the colors that one would see in a color-bar pattern on the screen of a 3-gun tube, was developed by the author and is being considered as an industry standard to define color patterns in black and white drawings.

lope, with three individual electron guns as well as three separate phosphor screens. Each electron gun has a filament, cathode, control grid, screen grid, focus electrode and a corresponding phosphor screen similar to a black-and-white picture tube. Each of the three separate picture tubes functions and operates similar to a monochrome picture tube. The phosphor screen represents the only difference between the three picture tubes; the screens are coated with green, red and blue phosphors, the three primary colors necessary to produce white light, as well as all other colors. A b-w picture tube phosphor screen, when excited by the tube's electron beam, produces varying degrees of white light. In the three-gun color tube, we have three separate phosphor screens, arranged in a regular sequence, which when excited by three corresponding electron beams, produce varying degrees of white light, as well as any combination of color light.

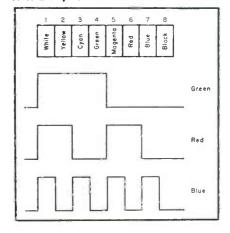
White light is a combination of all colors; however, it has been found

ABOVE—FIG. 1: THREE-CIRCLE DIAGRAM illustrating how combinations of basic colors develop supplementary colors. See Fig. 2, below, for detailed analysis.



LEFT-FIG. 2: COLOR-BAR PATTERN. Blue is represented by vertical lines; red by horizontal lines, and green by diagonal lines. There are three times as many horizontal lines in the magenta bar as there are vertical lines and there are twice as many diagonal lines in the yellow bar as there are horizontal lines. This follows the luminance signal composition: Y = .6G + .3R + .1B.

BELOW-FIG. 3: CONDUCTION period of each gun necessary to produce the color-bar pattern at left is shown here.



Tube Operates

by KEN KLEIDON

National Color Television Manager Hycon Electronics, Inc.

that white light can be obtained by the addition or mixture of three primary colors such as green, red and blue. Three slide projectors can be used to illustrate how white is produced. In place of clear slides which would allow the white light of the projector tube to appear on the screen, green, red and blue filters, representing the three primary colors of a color picture tube, are used. Each filter allows only the appropriate color to reach the viewing screen. As an example, the red filter allows only the red portion of the white light to be projected on the screen. When the projectors are so positioned that each color overlaps on the viewing screen the colors resolve into pure white. To illustrate further how this result is obtained, the drawing, shown in Fig. 1, has been prepared. Here we find a combination of horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines in the center of circles, with green represented by diagonal lines, red by horizontal lines and blue by vertical lines. It will be noticed that other colors result when two of the three primary colors overlap. When green and red colors overlap, we have yellow, witness the combination of horizontal and diagonal lines. When green and blue colors are mixed together, a greenish-blue color (cyan) is obtained; cyan is represented by the combination of the vertical and diagonal lines. When red and blue colors are added together, a bluish-red color (magneta) results; this color is represented by the combination of the vertical and horizontal lines.

With the three-projector arrangement, a variety of other colors can be produced by individually varying the brightness of the three primary col-

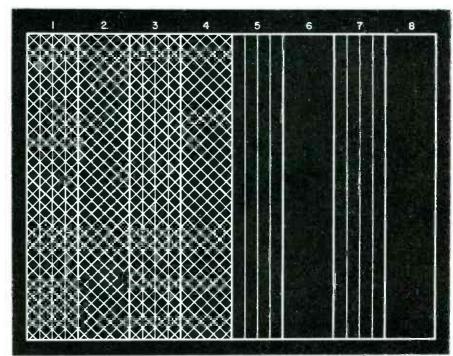
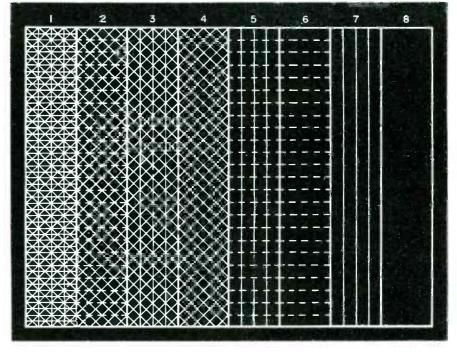


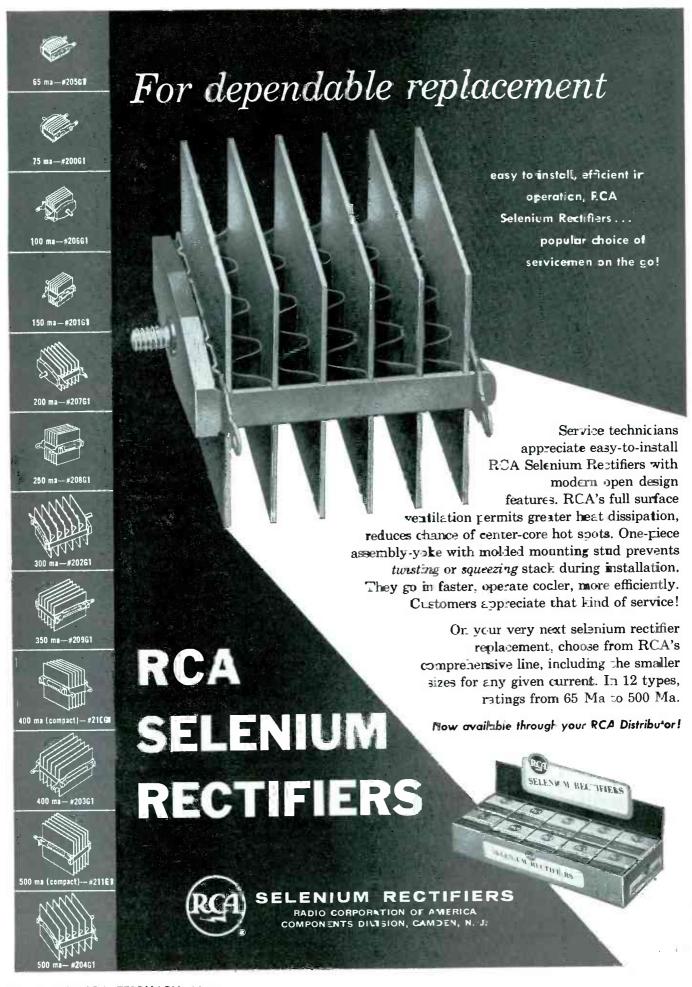
FIG. 4: COLOR-BAR diagram illustrating how picture tube can be used to locate defective section in chassis. Here the color red is missing.

ors. This can be accomplished by varying the input voltage to the projectors which will change the brightness output of the light bulb. As an example, Fig. 1 illustrates that yellow is observed when green and red are mixed together. If the input line voltage to the green projector was reduced, the brightness of the green color would be reduced accordingly. Mixing red and green with a reduced brightness will produce an orange color. Likewise, reducing the bright-

ness of the color red and mixing with green will produce a greenish-yellow color. Thus, we find that the three projectors can be described as representing the three electron guns in a three-gun color picture tube, with the amount of light being projected from each projector being equivalent to the number of electrons emitted from each electron gun. The filters, used in conjunction with the projected image, represent the phosphor dot (Continued on page 60)

FIG. 5: ANOTHER SERVICE problem is illustrated in this color-bar diagram. Horizontal lines (red) are in white bar, but missing in yellow, magenta and red bars. Dotted horizontal lines. Fepresenting luminance signal, cause yellow, magenta and red to appear brighter than in Fig. 4 pattern.





THIS MONTH IN SERVICE

SEMICONDUCTORS AND AUDIO IN SPOTLIGHT AT ANNUAL IRE CONVENTION—The growing semiconductor family will receive headline attention at the forthcoming national convention of the Institute of Radio Engineers, which will be held for the first time at the Coliseum in New York City, March 18-21. . . . Not only will new applications of germanium and silicon transistors be disclosed, but the use of silicon diodes and detectors in new circuitry will also be examined. In one group of talks experts will cover the progress achieved in transistors, particularly in the high-frequency regions, which now makes it possible to use them in video circuitry. Typical TV receivers using these he transistors will be described in a special report.

 $\overline{\text{AUDIO}}$, where transistors found their greatest potential in the early days, continue to be a vital application area for the semiconductors. Developments have advanced so that it is now possible to build very high-power amplifiers with transistors throughout. One such amplifier, a 50-watt model, will be detailed at the IRE meeting.

PHONO PICKUP preamps have also become large users of transistors because of their ability to insure inputs with low-hum and low-noise level, freedom from microphonics, expanded response and low distortion. . . In an audio session at the New York conclave, several transistor preamps will be reviewed. One model, to be described, features the use of transistors and a high-gain double-triode voltage-amplifier tube that serves to bring the input level of the preamp up to the required input sensitivity of power amplifiers. . . In developing transistor-input circuits for either inductive or capacitive pickups, it is necessary to consider noise factors: At present, there are three kinds--white noise, inverse-frequency surface noise and inverse-frequency leakage noise. During the IRE talks, these noise factors and their relation to pickup design and application, will be analyzed.

COMPONENTS will also be on parade at the New York conference. Among the new products that will be displayed and commented on will be ceramic filter and close-tolerance temperature-compensating ceramic capacitors, and subminiature metallized paper capacitors.

SERVICE will be in booth 4512 (fourth floor) at the Coliseum. Hope we'll be seeing you!

MICROWAVES; RADIO'S NEW WORK HORSE--The microwave portion of the rf spectrum (890 to 13,000 mc) is rapidly becoming one of radio's most useful communication mediums. . . In addition to furnishing links to broadcasters and public agencies to protect life and property, microwave nets are now being used by a widening variety of industrial and other business purposes. . . Microwaves have become so vital because they are not affected by weather and man-made interference. In turn, their straight-line directivity permits the same channel to be used by parallel systems transmitting different kinds of information. Since transmitter energy can be concentrated and pointed, microwaves require comparatively little transmitter power. . . Today, microwave systems are used to handle police, fire, highway maintenance, special emergency, conservation, civil defense and general administrative matters. Microwave links also serve to control traffic and helps in the operation of state highways; witness their present use on turnpikes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Ohio. The increasing popularity of microwaves has developed an active field for independent service engineers. . . . The vast opportunities that obtain here are revealed in an exclusive report in this issue on page 28.

TV SERVICEMEN TO RECEIVE NATIONAL TRIBUTE DURING WEEK IN MARCH--The nation's TV Service Men will once again receive a rousing salute during National Television Servicemen's Week, March 25-30. An intensive program in the consumer and trade press and on the air has been set up to call attention to this annual event. . . Commenting on the campaign, a spokesman for the company sponsoring the week said that few people are aware of the impressive growth of TV servicing. He pointed out that in 1946, when the first commercial TV sets were introduced, there were fewer than 20,000 qualified TV Service Men in the country. Thus, while the number of receivers has multiplied more than 4,000 times, the corps of experts now available has expanded only six times. This growth, the company specialist added, has not only placed a responsible burden on the service industry, but as TV sets have increased in complexity, with the advent of color, the Service Man has found it necessary to exercise a higher order of skill in the performance of his work.

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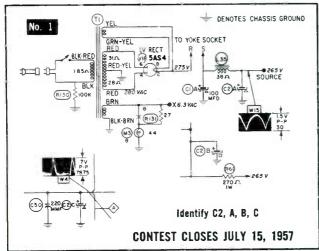
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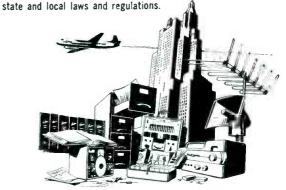
The unidentified capacitor in each entry will be a Pyramid Twist-Mount. All schematics are of TV sets made in the U.S. by a known manufacturer within the past 2 years.

Schematics for reference may be those published by the TV set manufacturers, Howard Sam's Photofacts, or by any other accepted publisher. You may enter as often as you like but be sure to include a box top (showing stock number) of any Pyramid Twist-Mount Capacitor, with your letterhead or business card with each entry.

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Any Radio-TV serviceman or employee of a Radio-TV service company may enter. Officers, employees, (members of their families) of Pyramid Electric Co. or its advertising agency are not eligible to enter the contest. All entries are limited to residents of the continental U.S. over 21 years of age.

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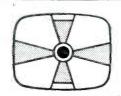
Troubleshooting Horizontal-Output HV-Rectifier

Picture Trouble

Visual Indication

Remedy

Picture width increases or decreases.



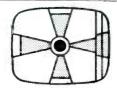
Increase caused by decrease in resistance of horizontal output tube screen and cathode resistors; width coil inductance too high. Opposite of this results in picture width de-

Width coil should be readjusted or replaced; screen or cathode resistors should be replaced.

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(See circled numbers 1, 2 and 3 in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 at right)

Foldover and stretching



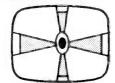
Horizontal output tube coupling capacitor and grid-leak resistor decreases in value. Horizontal drive control has been set for minimum capacity or resistance.

Horizontal drive control should be reset. Coupling capacitor or grid-leak resistor should be replaced.

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(See circled numbers 4, 5 and 6 in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 at right)

Compression in center; stretching at right of pic-



Horizontal output tube cathode bypass capacitor leaky or shorted. Cathode bypass capacitor should be re-

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(See circled number 7 in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 at right)

A) One, two, or three drive lines at left of pic-



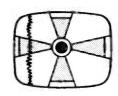
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Horizontal drive control is misadjusted; improperly-shaped horizontal trace at horizontal output tube input due to faulty coupling net-

Horizontal drive control should be readjusted. Components at input circuit of horizontal output tube should be checked.

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Barkhausen oscillations; one or more vertical lines at left of picture.

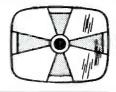


Leakage inductance contributed by flyback transformer and when horizontal output tube screen goes positive, with respect to plate.

(See circled numbers 8 and 9 in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 at right)

Resistance or choke should be inserted in series with horizontal output tube plate or screen. All controls should be readjusted. Horizontal output and oscillator tubes should be replaced. Ion trap should be inserted and adjustments made around horizontal output tube. Better shielding should be provided for the hv

Snivets; dark streaks at right of raster.

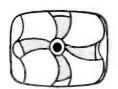


Oversuppression of horizontal output tube suppressor grid resulting in spurious oscillation radiation and pickup by front end of receiver.

(See circled number 10 in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 at right)

One should substitute 6DQ6 for 6BQ6 or 6CU6 and rewire socket connections of a 6BG6 or 6CD6. Antenna lead should be redressed. Remedies suggested for Barkhausen oscillation should be followed.

An ac hum in picture; 120-cps modulation.



Leakage between filament and cathode of horizontal-output tube; open screen-grid bypass capacitor; improper filtering in lv supply or open bypass capacitor in B+ or

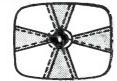
Horizontal-output tube and bad component in low-voltage supply or screen grid should be replaced.

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(See circled numbers 10 and 11 in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 at right)

Horizontal jitter.



Feedback from plate lead of horizontal-output tube (or from voke hot lead) to horizontal oscillator or afc circuit.

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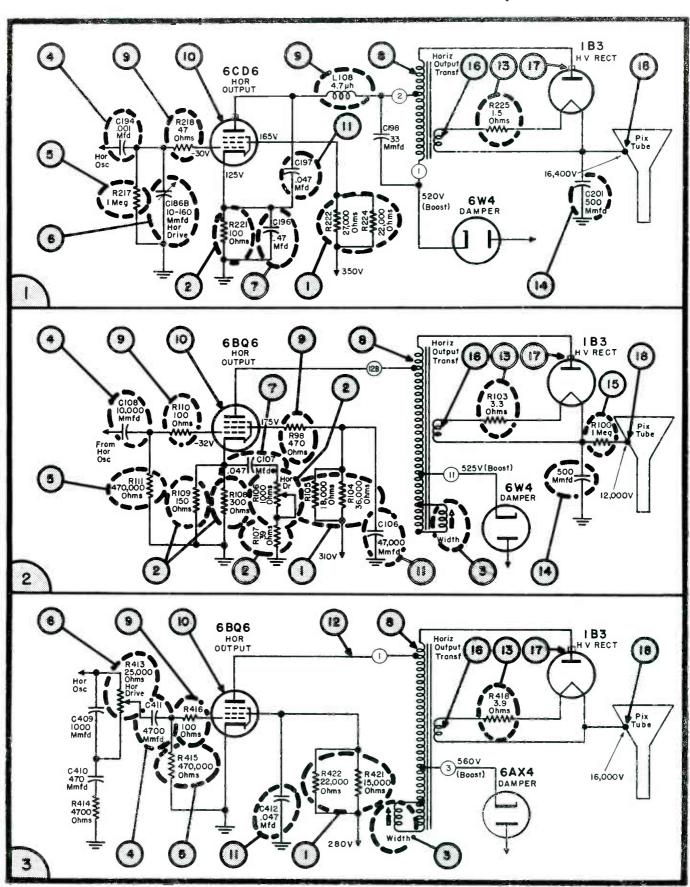
Trouble lead should be rerouted to provide better shielding for horizontal output, horizontal oscillator and afc stages.

Note: In this troubleshooting report, it has been assumed that the horizontal oscillator and afc circuits are operating properly and that the horizontal-output and hv rectifier tubes are okeh. Blooming or no raster, erratic and intermittent vertical jagged lines at left of pix, white streaks flashing through pix and popping sounds, and blooming or no raster accompanied by excessive arcing around hv capacitor, represented by circuit troubles in circled-number areas 1, 2, 4, and 13 to 18 in Figs. 1, 2, and 3 at right, will be analyzed in a subsequent report. *Author of Servicing TV Sweep Systems.

FIGS. 1, 2 AND 3 (RIGHT): The horizontal sweep circuit used in RCA KCS81E is illustrated in Fig. 1. In Fig. 2 appears the circuit of the sweep system employed in Spartan chassis 24U213, while Fig. 3 shows the sweep circuit included in Magnavox CT/CU/CMU401B models.

Circuits in the Horizontal Sweep System

by JESSE DINES*



OPEN LETTER TO THE SERVICING INDUSTRY

Statement of RCA Policy

January 2, 1957

The radio-television-electronics industry has just completed its greatest year in history.

In 1956, the industry contributed more than \$11 billion to the national economy and now, after only ten short years, it has achieved fifth place in American manufacturing.

Servicing, a primary factor in customer satisfaction, has been one of the major elements in this phenomenal growth. In fact, the electronics industry has reached its present high level largely because of the outstanding performance of the servicing profession. Reflecting the importance of its contribution, the servicing profession last year achieved a \$2.8 billion volume—one quarter of the entire electronics industry's gross income.

The rapid expansion of the electronics industry has been characterized, like other fast-growing industries, by many new developments and changing conditions. Some of these activities have created a feeling of uncertainty and confusion in some segments of the servicing profession.

As a timely contribution toward clearing up this uncertainty and confusion, RCA's fundamental policies with regard to servicing are herewith reaffirmed and amplified:

- 1. RCA believes that full customer satisfaction depends on a vigorous and healthy independent service industry and, therefore, RCA will continue to make available to the servicing profession the information and knowledge it acquires in its own operations.
- 2. RCA believes in the free competitive system in the operation of its factory service business. In this, independent service organizations must have equal opportunity to compete with RCA factory service for consumer service arrangements on RCA Victor television sets. It is our further belief that in any plan under which the original price of the television receiver includes service through the warranty period, dealers must have full freedom to provide their own service or provide the service through independent service organizations or RCA factory service. In the exercise of this choice the dealer must not be restricted to "captive service."
- 3. RCA believes in, and plans to continue, its service organization's program for procuring replacement parts and other material on a basis that is fair and competitive with the independent service dealers.
- 4. RCA believes that good customer service requires broad distribution of replacement parts. It will continue its long established policy of making all repair and replacement parts available to the service industry through all of its distributors.
 - 5. RCA believes in supporting every forward-looking industry-

wide program aimed at increasing the respect of the consuming public for this vital arm of the American distribution system. RCA will continue to recognize the independent service industry in its advertising program and printed literature.

Historically, RCA has operated on a basis of cooperation with the independent service profession. When we pioneered television immediately after World War II, we not only developed our own servicing facilities, but also encouraged the growth of the entire servicing profession by inaugurating a program of education and training for independents.

Virtually everything that we learned, and our technical "know how," were made available to servicemen throughout the country. This information was given without charge to 175,000 servicemen through 3,500 seminars and training sessions in 247 cities. Since the introduction of color television, RCA has conducted 2,000 color clinics in more than 150 cities for more than 100,000 service technicians. In addition, our knowledge and experience on color television servicing have been made available to thousands of other servicemen through seminars, lectures, demonstrations and printed material.

This program of cooperation has contributed immeasurably to the tremendous growth of the entire servicing profession.

Today, independent servicemen handle the great bulk of the electronics industry's servicing requirements. For example, more than 90 per cent of all RCA Victor television sets are maintained by independent service technicians, with less than 10 per cent being handled by the RCA Service Company.

We believe that the importance of the RCA Service policy lies in the contributions it makes to the entire servicing industry. It has helped sell the public on the need to buy good service. It has helped raise standards throughout the industry to their present high level.

Cooperation and mutual understanding of the problems common to the manufacturer, distributor, dealer and serviceman are essential. This is the basis upon which we all can continue to win and merit the public acceptance that is so vital to our success.

Frank M. Folsom, President

RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA

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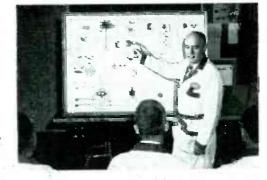
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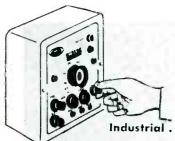
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Microwave-System Field

Servicing by Independent Service Engineers

by GEORGE VASS

Product Service Section
General Electric Communications Dept.

CHECKING FREQUENCY of radio equipment at the main Indiana toll road communications center near South Bend, now being serviced by independent authorized microwave service engineers.

A NEW CHALLENGE has recently been placed in the hands of independent mobile service stations; the servicing of microwave systems. Several* have already proven that independent service organizations are capable of meeting the challenge. For example, one service company in Hammond, Indiana, is maintaining the Indiana toll road communication system, while another independent in Denver, Colorado,2 is maintaining the Public Service Company of Colorado's system. In many cases the user's mobile vhf equipment is directly controlled by microwave and the service for such systems are contracted for as a package.

It, therefore, becomes obvious that the independent mobile service station must be encouraged to enter the field of microwave to insure his share of mobile service and installations in the regions where he operates.

They have found that the best communication service possible is at the local level by local business men. Accordingly, the doors to microwave service should be opened to the independent service organization to compete for the business available in the area. The opened door, however, must lead to the user's satisfaction, profitable results for both the user and

the service organization, and insurance to the user that such service is the best type available to him.

The independent service engineer may feel there are many apparent obstacles which must be overcome. For example, there is engineering training required to become familiar with the various phases of microwave. The distances involved in some systems would appear to present a problem; however, all obstacles thus far faced have been overcome through the joint efforts of the manufacturer, the service engineer and the user.

Many of the obstacles can be eliminated during early stages of system planning and installation. Consider the very first obstacle that faces the manufacturer and ultimate user after it is decided that a microwave system can be beneficial and economically sound for some particular user. Will the terrain, over which the microwave system is proposed, be adaptable for reliable and economical communications? Who better can answer the question than local personnel familiar, not only with the

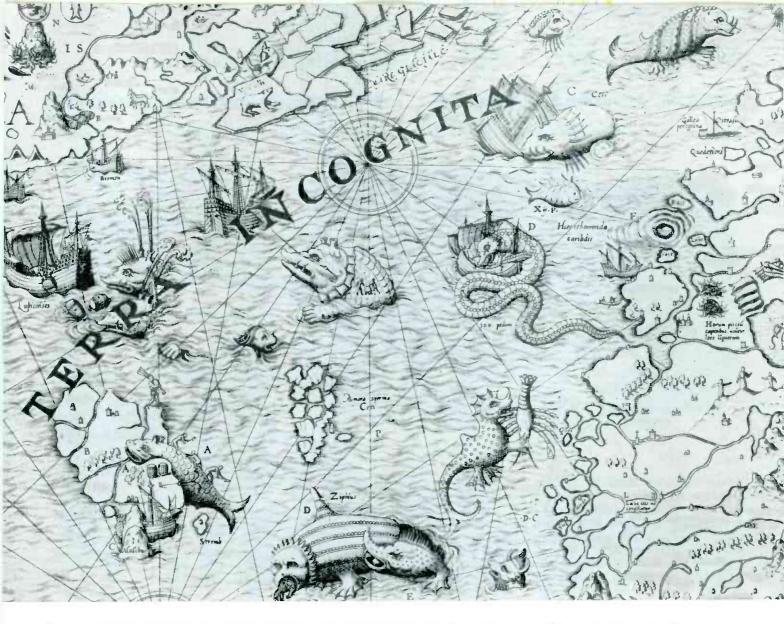
surrounding area, but also familiar with the demand requirements of good communication service? Demands such as road accessibility, power requirements, and the other factors which influence the selection of communication base station locations can only be resolved at the local level. It, therefore, becomes obvious that the local communication service engineer and his experience can be beneficial from the initial conception and planning of the microwave system. The question of frequency propagation in the microwave ranges are no longer a mystery to the average service engineer. He has already, in most cases, cut his teeth on 450-mc mobile equipment, and the jump to still higher frequencies is no longer an obstacle. The service engineer already familian with vhif surveys for coverage purposes can, with only a little additional training and effort, complete the necessary requirements for microwave surveys, While this type of work in the past has been performed only by larger service organizations, the knowledge accumulated and published by them and the simplification of such work makes it possible for the local service

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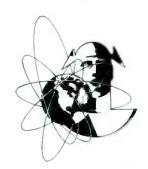
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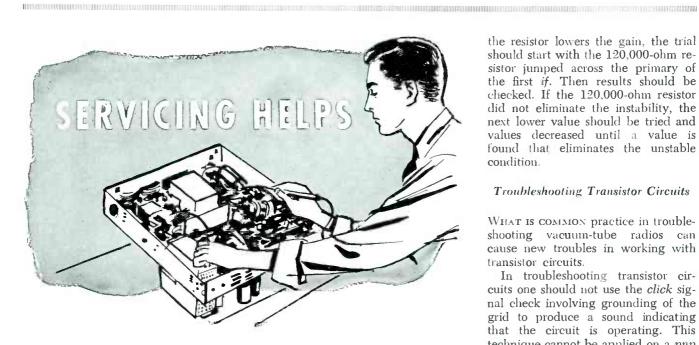
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Converter Transistor Replacement ... Troubleshooting Transistor Circuits ...

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When Replacing a 2N172 converter transistor in Motorola 56T1 radios, it may be necessary to change the original oscillator coil (24B635394) to a revised oscillator coil (24K636690), and add a germanium diode.

These revisions will be necessary only if the sensitivity of the set is low, or high frequency reception is low after replacing a converter transistor. Before making these revisions, one should check the set's wiring for a gain adjusting resistor (R_{10}) wired across the primary of the first if transformer. If this resistor is in the circuit, it should be disconnected and one should recheck for sensitivity; if removal did not appreciably improve sensitivity, the oscillator coil will have to be changed and a germanium diode wired from the top of the tank circuit to a +9 volt source.

In some cases, when a converter transistor is replaced, the gain of the converter stage may be high enough to cause the set to squeal, whistle or be unstable in operation. When this occurs, a gain-adjusting resistor will have to be wired across the primary of the first if transformer.

If the sensitivity and operation of the set are normal after replacing a converter transistor, none of the foregoing changes will be necessary.

The gain-adjusting resistor will not be found in all sets. This resistor is wired across the primary of the first if transformer during production to

help eliminate unstable operation of extremely high-gain sets.

If a set being serviced is found to be unstable in operation (squeals or whistles), a gain-adjusting resistor may have to be added to help eliminate this condition. The value of the resistor that should be used to attain maximum gain without unstable operation is determined by trying several resistors of the 10% 1/2-w type ranging from 68,000 to 120,000 ohms. As

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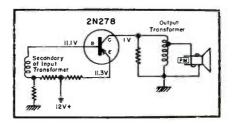
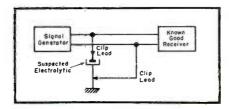


FIG. 1: TYPICAL DELCO radio output transistor circuit employing a pnp

FIG. 2: SIGNAL-GENERATOR setup desgned to detect intermittent electrolytics.



the resistor lowers the gain, the trial should start with the 120,000-ohm resistor jumped across the primary of the first if. Then results should be checked. If the 120,000-ohm resistor did not eliminate the instability, the next lower value should be tried and values decreased until a value is found that eliminates the unstable condition.

Troubleshooting Transistor Circuits

WHAT IS COMMON practice in troubleshooting vacuum-tube radios can cause new troubles in working with transistor circuits.

In troubleshooting transistor circuits one should not use the click signal check involving grounding of the grid to produce a sound indicating that the circuit is operating. This technique cannot be applied on a pnp transistor in a negative battery ground circuit without ruining the transistor. This transistor has a normal forward bias from emitter to cathode of .2 volt. When the base is grounded, the bias is changed to 11.3 volts and the transistor will burn up in a matter of a few microseconds.

One must also remember that the transistor is a low-impedance device, and therefore the impedance from collector to emitter is relatively low. A large increase in this impedance with a signal in the circuit will produce a high collector voltage. If this voltage exceeds the rating of the collector the transistor will be ruined. Therefore the speaker must be connected in the circuit at all times when the radio is on, because if large signal voltages are present and the speaker is disconnected, this voltage rating will be exceeded and the transistor will be destroyed.

Intermittent Auto-Radio Electrolytic Cures

PROBABLY ONE of the toughest intermittent troubles to diagnose is an intermittent electrolytic. This is true because most electrolytics, especially in auto-radios, are securely fastened to the chassis and therefore cannot be moved around in an effort to produce the intermittent condition. An intermittent electrolytic will cause inter-

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Latest Developments In COLOR and B-W TV Picture Tubes and Miniatures, Series-String Tubes and Audio Transistors

A ROUND ALL-GLASS bulb and a new technique of glass sealing have been developed for the 3-gun color-TV

Featuring the same design of internal assemblies, including the aperture mask employed in the metalenvelope types, the all-glass bulb version is expected to become available during the middle of 1957. Both metal and glass versions will be produced thereafter.

One of the problems solved in development of the new glass envelope

was the assembly of its two sections. This was accomplished by sealing the halves together with a glass flux which first melts at a relatively low temperature and then, when cooled, becomes as much a part of the bulb as the original glass.

Wide-Angle TV Picture Tubes

FOR B-W TV a 17-inch aluminized tube with 110° deflection has been made available to the renewal mar-

Designated 17BVP4, the tube features a 11/11 neck and electrostatic

Triode-Tetrodes for B-W/Color-TV¹

A 9-PIN MINIATURE 450-milliampere heater tube containing a medium-mu triode and a sharp-cutoff tetrode intended for application in black-andwhite and color-TV receivers has been announced.

The tube (6CQ8) is useful as a combined oscillator and mixer tube in tuners of TV receivers which utilize 40-mc if. The triode unit of the tube is not only useful as a vhf oscillator, but also as an rf amplifier, phase splitter, sync clipper and sync separator. The tetrode unit can also serve as a sound or video intermediate frequency amplifier tube.

General-Purpose TV Miniatures²

Two 9-PIN triode-pentodes with 600ma heaters for use in both color and b-w TV receivers are now available.

The tubes, designated 6AW8A and 6BA8A, have identical pentode sections. The two tubes permit a wider range of B+ supply voltage (120 volts and up) than their prototypes (6AW8 and 6BA8), a plate dissipation rating of 3.25 watts, reduced sync pulse clipping and minimized white compression.

Featuring a transconductance of 9000 umhos, they are intended for use as video amplifiers. Both tubes can, in addition, serve as video and sound-if and agc amplifiers.

The triode section of the 6AW8A has a mu of 70 and finds usage in sync-separator, sync amplifier, syncclipper and phase invertor circuits.

¹RCA ²Sylvania ³Raytheon



The 6BA8A triode unit has a mu of 18, and can be used in low-frequency oscillator circuits.

TV-Tube Replacements³

A NUMBER of vhf and uhf tubes, which include diodes, triodes, tetrodes and pentodes for series-string chassis, have been designed for b-w TV replacement purposes.

One, the 283, a filamentary diode, has been developed for use as the high-voltage rectifier to supply power to the anode of the picture tube; it is intended primarily for use in flyback type power supplies. tube differs from the 1B3GT by incorporating higher filament ratings, which in many cases will permit the tube to be operated directly from the flyback transformer without the use of a filament-dropping resistor.

Another replacement, the 3AF4A, a heater-cathode type medium-mu triode of miniature construction, has been designed for use as a local oscillator in uhf receivers. Internal lead inductance is reduced by employing double connections to the plate and grid. Except for heater ratings the 3AF4A is identical to the 6AF4A, and has a 450-milliampere heater rating.

Also available now is a 4DT6, a heater - cathode type sharp - cutoff miniature pentode for use as an FM detector in TV receivers. The 4DT6 has been so designed that grid 1 and grid 3 can each be used as independent sharp cutoff control electrodes and connected in delay, gain-controlled amplifier and mixer circuits. Except for heater characteristics the 4DT6 is identical to the 3DT6 and 6DT6. The 4DT6 has a 450-milliampere heater rating.

Another heater-cathode type twin pentode miniature, 6BU8, now available, has been designed with separate plates and number 3 grids, but a common screen, number 1 grid and cathode.

One section can be used as a sync separator and sync clipper, while the other section is used to generate agc voltage in TV receivers.

For use as a combined horizontal phase detector and reactance tube, a miniature double-diode high-mu triode (8CN7) has been designed. It features a separate cathode for the diode and triode sections. Except for heater characteristics the 8CN7 is identical to the 6CN7, and has a 225milliampere heater rating.

Audio High-Power Transistors

alloy-junction transistor, 2N270, intended particularly for use in large-signal af applications, such as single-ended or double-ended power output stages and high-gain class A driver stages of radio receivers and af amplifiers, has been developed. This transistor, of the germanium pnp type, has flexible leads and is hermetically sealed in an insulated metal case having a length of .375" and a maximum diameter of .360."

In class A amplifier service, a single 2N270 can deliver a maximum-signal power output of approximately 60 milliwatts with a power gain of 34 db. In class B push-pull arrangement, two 2N270's can deliver a maximum-signal power output of approximately 500 milliwatts with a power gain of 32 db.

The current transfer ratio of this transistor has been found to be nearly constant over the full range of the output-signal swing, even when peak output-signal reaches the peak collector current rating. This feature minimizes distortion at high power outputs, especially when low supply voltages are emploved.



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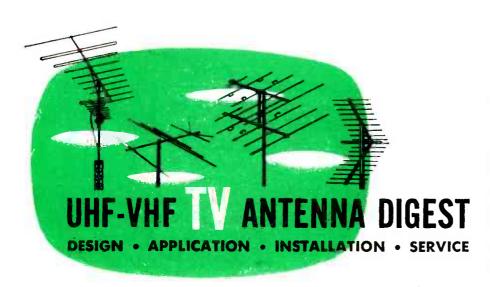
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FIG. 2: MODERN BROAD-BAND 2-section antenna installation. Long antenna below covers low channels, while the smaller antenna above covers the high channels. The two are tied together by a matching network. The tower was used here primarily to clear an obstruction to the south.

by JACK DARR

now in the receiving range of many stations.

This condition has developed a new market for *all-channel* high-gain antennas and rotators, too.

In selecting a site and an antenna for a job, the location of the station's tower must be carefully considered to avoid such problems as co-channel interference. Such interference can cause feed-through of unwanted signals which develop lines, streaks and sound chatter.

In the Ozark mountain area‡ five years ago, there was but one telecaster; a 48-kw, channel-6 station, 78 miles away. At present, the channel-6 station has a 100 kw power and is south of our location; to the east, there is a 100-kw channel-4 station



FIG. 1: TALL TOWER used on house to clear obstruction behind house.

and another, on channel 11 operating on 316 kw about 90 airline miles away. To the north there is a 25kw channel-5 station 70 miles away, while to the southeast, 95 miles away, we have a channel-7 station operating on 150 kw. The latter station provides intermittent signals, due to the pattern of the transmitting antenna, which is oriented away from us, and the mountainous terrain. Shadowed locations, which are the rule rather than the exception in Ozark areas, make it necessary to study receiving sites very carefully. Some locations have reported that they can receive strong signals from all directions, even including the erratic channel 7. Others have said that they are completely shadowed to the south, open to the east; some are just the opposite.

Until one is thoroughly familiar with an antenna and its performance, it has been found that the best procedure is to take measurements with a field-strength meter at each location, to determine exactly what signal strength can be found, and what stations will give satisfactory pictures at this location. In this way, the

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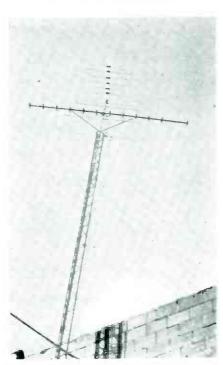


FIG. 3: ANTENNAS used for shop tests. Below is a channel 6 yagi, and above, an all-channel. This setup permits two separate leadins so that two TV sets may be tested simultaneously.

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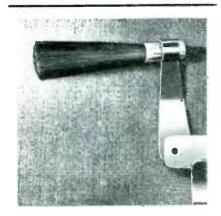
THE DEVELOPMENT of higher power transistors has made it possible to build portable phonos that can produce up to 200-milliwatts output at a fairly low distortion level. In one such model, designed recently, a 3-stage amplifier using 2N109 alloy-junction transistors was included for use with medium-output crystal or ceramic pickups operated from a 9-yolt supply.

The amplifier circuit features a preamp, driver, and class B output

stage.

Volume and tone controls for the amplifier were placed in the second stage so that they could also serve as bias resistors. To reduce the sensitivity of the control at low-volume settings it was found necessary to use a log-taper pot as the volume control. The tone-control circuit, using a linear potentiometer, was so designed that its adjustment can vary the high-frequency rolloff point as well as the amount of high-frequency attenuation.

To obtain the highest possible efficiency and power output, the output stage is operated under substantially class B conditions. The driver transformer has a primary-to-secondary impedance ratio of 3,000 to 5,000 ohms. Although it was recognized that a transformer having a higher primary impedance would provide more gain, the additional cost of such a transformer was considered unjustified because the available gain was found to be more than adequate for the pickup used. Bias voltage for the output stage is obtained from a tap on a decoupling network for the first two stages. Here, a 33-ohm resistor is used in the common emitter circuit to minimize crossover distortion and stabilize the operating point for the output stage. To minimize



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ringing which tends to occur in a class-B stage, when the output current switches from one half of the circuit to the other, a .04-mfd capacitor was placed across the output-transformer primary. The value of this capacitor is not critical and it may be made to serve a double purpose by the choice of a value which will reduce the effects of any high-frequency resonances in the pickup.

At normal listening levels for speech and music (approximately 50 milliwatts) the amplifier was found to draw about 22 milliamperes, representing a power consumption of .198 watt. The amplifier will operate satisfactorily, although with reduced output, at reduced battery voltage. The total battery drain will, of course, depend upon the current drawn by the turntable motor. A typical 45-rpm, 6-volt motor draws 30 milliamperes.

High Hum Level Cures

THE WINDING direction of the motor windings in relation to the winding direction of the power transformer windings has a definite relation to hum. In the RCA 7-TR-2/3 and 7-TRC-1 tape models, residual hum

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level can sometimes be reduced by interchanging either the leads to the motor or the primary leads of the power transformer. Least hum does not always coincide with leads connected according to the colors indicated on the schematic diagrams.

Tape Takeup Drive Slippage

SEVERAL INSTANCES of insufficient tape takeup tension in RCA tape chassis have been found to be the result of a separation in the main drive pulley. This is a dual pulley in which the nylon pulley is held to the (Continued on page 48)



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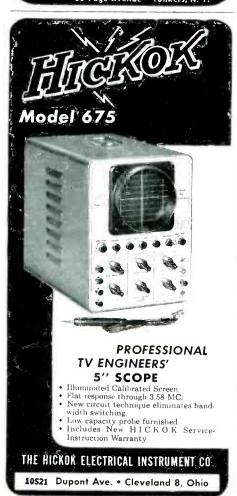
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MIKE PLANT MOVES

THE PACIFIC COAST plant of American Microphone in Pasadena, Calif., will be closed on March 2, and equipment and key personnel will be moved to Elgin, Ill.

Move was said to be dictated by need for a centralized location, as well as closer liaison with the central research and development lab of the Elgin National Watch Co., parent company. New warehousing facilities will be established at Burbank, Calif.

ANTENNA MAKER OPENS FAR WEST WAREHOUSE

ANOTHER WAREHOUSE, the sixth, has been opened by the Snyder Manufacturing Company, located at 1612 Broadway in Seattle, Wash.

The Seattle warehouse and office is under the direction of Milton Schindler, west coast sales manager.

COLOR-TV MEETINGS

Continuing their west-coast series of color-TV meetings, Simpson Electric Co. has announced that Bob Middleton will demonstrate applications of color-bar generators, white-dot generators, wideband oscilloscopes, and related equipment in a number of Texas cities during the month of February. Meetings will be held subsequently in Denver and Salt Lake City.

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY of the Amphenol Electronics Corp., founded in 1932 by Arthur J. Schmitt, will be celebrated during 1957. Ads and trade show exhibits will be keyed to the occasion. Letterheads, catalogs and all metered mail will incorporate anniversary insignia.

Q and A Meeting



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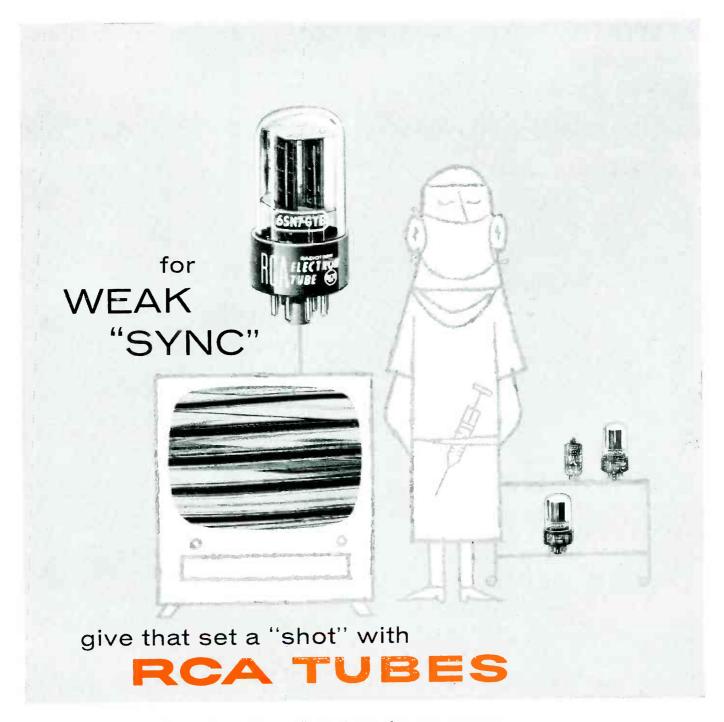
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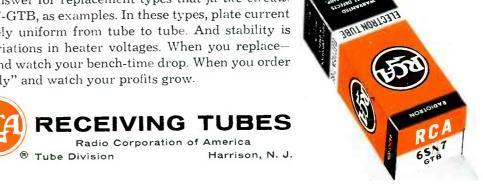


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mittent buzz in the output of the radio.

Since there are connections inside the electrolytic that could become loose or develop a high resistance, some way of making such an internal defect show up would be of great value. One method that can be used features the use of a known good receiver connected up to a signal generator; see circuit on p. 30. The signal generator should be set for an rf-unmodulated frequency, say 1,000 ke, and the radio tuned to this frequency. The signal generator output should be adjusted to at least 1,000 microvolts; if in doubt, maximum output. The volume control of the known good radio should be at maximum

Clip Leads for Checking

Clip leads should be used to connect the suspected electrolytic between the leads going from the signal generator to the good radio. The suspected electrolytic does not have to be disconnected from its radio.

Tapping the suspected electrolytic will cause any intermittent condition to develop noise in the output of the known good radio.

IF Transformer Replacements

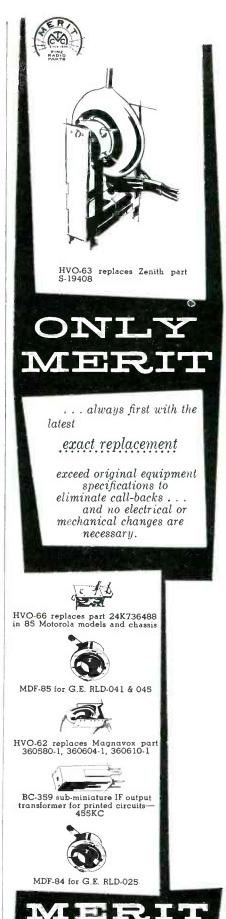
When replacing if transformers in Motorola 56T1 home radio models care should be taken to assure use of proper replacement types. Some sets use if's that require an external 390-mmfd capacitor (C_5 , C_8 and C_1), wired across the primary of the transformer; other sets use if's that have the capacitor built into the base of the transformer, and do not require the use of an external capacitor. When replacing if's, one should check the set's circuit to determine if it uses internal or external capacitor type if's.

Use of Lower Tolerance Capacitors

When replacing the external 390-mmfd micas, 390-mmfd 3% 500 v capacitors should be used in place of the originally specified 10% units. These capacitors are replaceable only in those sets that use external capacitor type if's. The tolerance has been lowered to insure proper range of the if transformers.

NEW RETMA HEADQUARTERS

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Servicing in Oakland

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antenna transmission line. To prevent channel 4 from interfering with channel 5 we sometimes install a shorted stub across the receiver antenna terminals. The stub consists of a 6" piece of 300-ohm transmission line trimmed to the correct length by clipping it down step-by-step with diagonal cutters; sometimes the stub ends up being only 3" long.

Reception of channel 9, KQED, the San Francisco non-commercial community station, is generally excellent. Channel 13, on the otherhand, while over 3000' above sea level on Mt. Diablo, does not come through as well because of intervening mountains, and requires special attention on antenna installations. San Francisco also has a uhf station, KSAN on channel 32, which delivers a good signal.

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MICROTRAN COMPANY, INC., 145 E. Mineola Ave., Valley Stream, N. Y., has published a 20-page transformer catalog listing a line of miniaturized transistor driver and output transformers.

THE HICKOK ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT Co., 10521 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, O., has announced publication of a folder describing their model 660 white dotbar—color display generator.

RECOTON CORP., 52-35 Barnett Ave., L. I. City 4, N. Y., has released its new 6th edition of the *Recoton Reference Guide* and *B Section*, with cartridge-to-phonoto-phoneedle data.

HEXACON ELECTRIC Co., 594 W. Clay Ave., Roselle Park, N. J., has released catalog 144 showing an expanded line of 40 stock sizes and shapes. Various shapes of plug and screw tips are illustrated and the tip diameter and length, style of tip point and size of tip point are given.

Howard W. Sams and Co., Inc., 2201 East 46th St., Indianapolis 5, Ind., has published a 286-page book on Metallic Rectifiers by Leonard R. Crow. Book presents theory, principles, and applications of the three most commonly used metallic rectifiers; the copper-oxide, the magnesium-copper sulfide, and the selenium. Also presented are rectifier circuits, applications of power rectifiers and small current rectifiers, instrument rectifiers, and rectifiers used as electrical valves. Priced at \$3.00.

COMMERCIAL ENGINEERING of the RCA Tube Division has released a new edition of the RCA Receiving Tube Manual. The manual (RC-18) contains technical data on more than 575 receiving tubes, including types for black-and-white and color television and series-string applications. In addition, more than 75 picture tubes, including color types, are treated. . . . Section on electron tube applications has been expanded to include a description of TV applications such as tuner circuits, video amplifiers, sync circuits, age circuits, and deflection systems. Other sections include information on generic tube types, interpretation of tube data, and electrontube installation. . . . Section on circuits covers such typical applications as superhet, superregenerative, and short-wave receivers. Copies may be obtained from RCA tube distributors, or by sending 75 cents to Commercial Engineering, Tube Division, RCA, Harrison, N. J.



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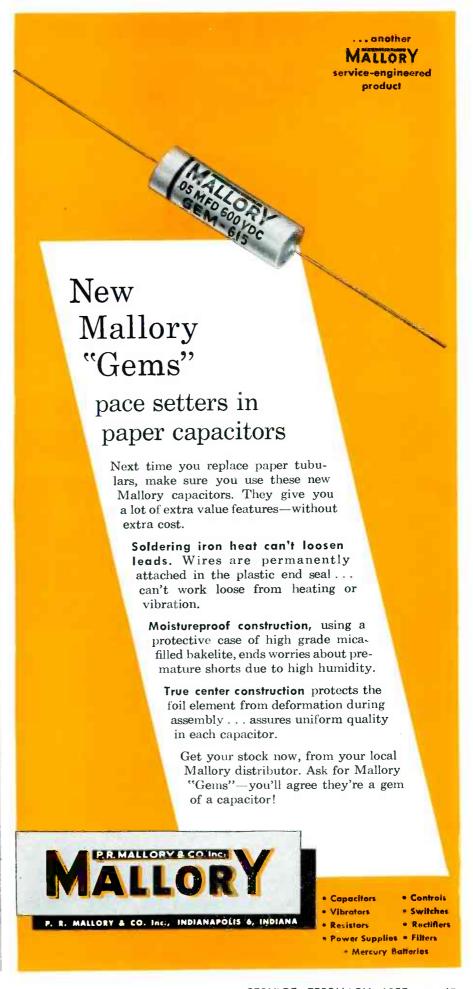
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engineer to become competitive in microwave survey work.

It has often been quoted, and observed, that the initial way communication equipment is installed will reflect upon the subsequent performance of the equipment. This is as true for microwave equipment as it is for the other types of communication equipment such as vhf or uhf mobile. It becomes a type of insurance to the user and to the manufacturer to involve the service engineer, who will eventually service the system in the initial installation. The user knows that the man he is going to rely on to maintain his system is not only familiar with it from its conception, but actually was responsible for its installation. Hence, any confidence obstacle may easily be overcome. To the service engineer, it is on-the-job training; he is actually paid his full rate as he learns the basic fundamentals of microwave; the fundamentals which develop into skill as the system progresses. We have encouraged this type of training by providing our own communication engineers and microwave specialists, to supervise the installation and add the personal teaching that is necessary in understanding some of the microwave system's particular complexities. During the period of the service engineer's paid training, he has the opportunity to save the user and the manufacturer some of the hidden installation costs. Microwave installations involve site clearing, road building, station construction, tower erection, building power wiring, audio or end device wiring and emergency power. All of these are common to various vhf installations. The local service engineer has had experience in most of these phases and is familiar with local tradesmen best suited to perform this necessary work. For example, the power wiring must conform not only to the National Electrical Code, but also to local laws and union regulations. The service engineer can save valuable installation time by acting as the consultant on such matters and add the insurance necessary so that when the work is done all standards will be met and the work accomplished will be acceptable.

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See it at your local distributor or write to Ram for local wholesale source. NET ELECTRONICS SALES CO. Irvington, N. Y.

Canadian Sales Division: Telequipment Mfg. Co., Ltd, London, Ontario Export Dept: Dage Corp., 219 E. 44 St., New York, N. Y.

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VHF-BAND-REJECT FILTERS

SHARP-CUTOFF, high-attenuation band-reject filters have been developed by Entron, Inc., 4902 Lawrence St., Bladensburg, Md.

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REPLACEMENT FLYBACKS

EXACT REPLACEMENT flyback transformers have been introduced by Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., 3501 W. Addison St., Chicago 18, Ill.

Models replace Raytheon numbers 12E25423 and 12E25424; Airline, Coronado, Raytheon and Truetone numbers C-201-19817, -1, -2, -3 and C-201-19533-1; Airline and Raytheon parts 201-22396, -1 and 201-22382, -1, and Philco 32-8677, -1, -2. Complete information available in bulletin 524.

FERRITE DEFLECTION YOKE CORES

FERRITE FULL ROUND deflection yoke cores, series T, for b-w and color-TV picture tube assemblies, have been introduced by Allen-Bradley Co., 136 W. Greenfield Ave., Milwaukee 4, Wis.

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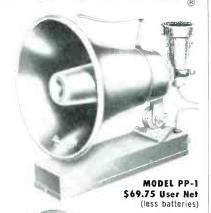
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metal pulley by the bronze bushing. In the instances mentioned the bushing has loosened in the metal pulley and moved endways slightly. This allowed the nylon pulley to slip on the bushing and resulted in insufficient tape takeup tension.

If the nylon pulley shows any indication of being loose, it is recommended that the dual pulley assembly be removed and the bushing tapped back into position. The pulley should then be placed on a flat surface and the small diameter end peened slightly. This should hold the bushing tightly in place and prevent further slippage.

Turntable Cycling

If the turntable in RCA RP-197/RP-198 series should be rotated in a reverse direction when the mechanism is out of cycle, the trip pawl on the cycling gear will be pushed into a position where it will not engage the projection on the turntable hub. When this happens the mechanism will not go into cycle when the off-on-rej control lever is pushed to the rej position.

To correct this condition it is necessary to turn the cycling gear by hand so that it will engage the teeth of the turntable hub. The turntable will then be able to turn the cycling gear through the complete cycle in a normal manner.

Four-Speed Players

A NUMBER of phonos now being made feature four-speed mechanisms de-



PHONO pickup designed as a direct replacement for cartridges employed in many Sears-Roebuck Silvertone record players. Pickups used in these models were Sonotone models that are no longer being made. (Model 430; Astatic Corp., Conneaut, O.)

Un December, 1956, Service, this cartridge was inadvertently described as an auto-record player component.

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signed to play, in automatic sequence, a stack of 7", 10" or 12" records, or 10" and 12" records intermixed. Three types of pickups and three types of motors are used,

Record Separation

In the RCA 205 series, record separation is accomplished by movement of a finger in the center spindle. This finger directly separates records having a 4" centerhole and actuates the knives and shelves of the centerpost used for the playing of records having a 1½" centerhole.

The tripping method used is the acceleration or velocity type in which the trip lever causes a trip pawl to engage a projection on the turntable hub and start the mechanism into cycle. If the record being played causes the pickup arm to move inward at a constant rate without acceleration, a point will be reached where a constant-diameter trip is ef-

A well is provided on the record changer for storage of the centerpost when it is not in use. The centerpost may be firmly secured, after placing it in the well, by pushing down. The shelves of the centerpost will engage with projections on the inner diameter of the well.

The operation of the 16%-45 speed centerpost is unusual. In the out-ofevele position (playing), the records with 11/2" centerhole rest upon the protruding shelves of the centerpost (knives are retracted).

When the mechanism goes through cycle, the record push-off finger in the (Continued on page 50)



POWER AMPLIFIER which has POWER AMPLIFIER which has an EF86 voltage amplifier direct-coupled to a 65N7GTB cathode-coupled phase inverter, which drives a pair of ultralinear connected push-pull EL34 output tubes operated with fixed bias. Rated power output is said to be 60 watts (130w peak). Uses a GZ34 rectifier with indirectly-heated cathode which, it is claimed, eliminates high starting voltage on the electrolytics and delays B+ until amplifier tubes warm up. (Model HF60; Eico, 84 Withers St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y.)

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"center spindle pushes against the actuator slide. This slide actuates two pairs of pivot levers. One pair of these levers pull the shelves inward; downward projections of pivot levers extend through long slots of knives and engage in short slots of the shelves. The other pair of levers push the separator knives outward; downward projections of pivot levers en-

gage small holes in knives—long slot of shelves allow freedom of movement.

Two small coil springs push outward on the shelves and thus return them to the normal outward position. A formed metal spring extending up into the nose cap returns the slide to its normal position.

In the normal position the stack of records is supported by the shelves. During cycle the separator knives are extended first and then the shelves are retracted. The knives extend into the opening between the bottom record and the one adjacent, thus sup-



UNIDIRECTIONAL DYNAMIC microphone designed for use with low-gain public address systems and tape recorders. (Unidyne; Shure Brothers, Inc., 222 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, Ill.)

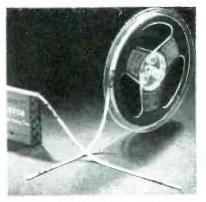
porting all but the bottom record. When the shelves retract the bottom record falls to the turntable.

Careless placement or removal of the centerpost on the center spindle may result in bending of the center spindle. The centerpost should be placed on or removed from the center spindle with a *straight vertical motion*. The word *front* should always face to the front of the record changer.

Correcting Incorrect Turntable Speed

IN CHECKING TURNTABLE speed one should use a stroboscope disc that has been cemented to a 10- or 12-inch phono record to make it more rigid and increase its useful life.

Turntable speed should be checked with the needle in the record groove, using a fluorescent or neon lamp. When the two rows of dots for the speed under test appear to move in



PLASTIC LEADER and timing tape said to have an anti-static coating that, it is claimed, reduces noise as the tape passes over the playback head. For tape speeds of 15 ips there are indicator arrows every 15 inches; plaid sections are printed every 7½ inches. Leader and timing tape is ½" wide by 150' long. (No 43-P; Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., 900 Fauquier Street, St. Paul 6, Minn.)

opposite directions, the turntable speed is within specified limits. If the speed is at the top or the bottom tolerance limit, one of the two rows of dots for the speed under test will appear to be stationary and the changer turntable speed is within factory specifications.

If the two rows of dots both appear to be moving counterclockwise, the turntable speed is below specified tolerance. To service such a changer in Magnavox phonos, the following five steps should be taken:

- (1) Motor should be tapped with a screwdriver handle while motor is running. Motors used in Magnavox models are equipped with a self-aligning bearings and any misalignment should be corrected in this way. One should not, under any conditions, disassemble the motor.
- (2) In the next step, the turntable should be removed and engagement checked between rubber idler wheel and motor pulley. If rubber wheel is dragging on step of next larger pulley diameter, pulley should be pressed all the way down. If this does not alter the condition, idler wheel height should be readjusted by turning the stop nut under the speed-change cam until the idler pulley is centered on each step of drive pulley as speed selector is adjusted.
- (3) Next, one must check position of the neoprene washer inside turntable hub. If it is not properly seated in the groove provided, it should be repositioned and if necessary a small amount of *lubriplate* should be used to hold it in place while the turntable is reinstalled.
- (4) Now the turntable should be rotated by hand with the changer out of cycle and with the idler wheel disengaged from the motor pulley. If the turntable appears to bind at the center bushing (this is evident if the clip on top of the turntable is rubbing it) the turntable should be removed. Then the ball race should be removed from the record spindle exposing one or more neoprene washers. One of these washers should be removed and the ball race and the turntable reassembled; then the turntable speed can be checked. Ordinarily, removal of one of the neoprene washers will provide required turntable bearing clearance, although in some cases two washers may have to be removed.
- (5) Finally, the ball race under the turntable should be lubricated if necessary with a light machine oil. Also this same lubricant should be applied to the inside of turntable hub if it appears dry.

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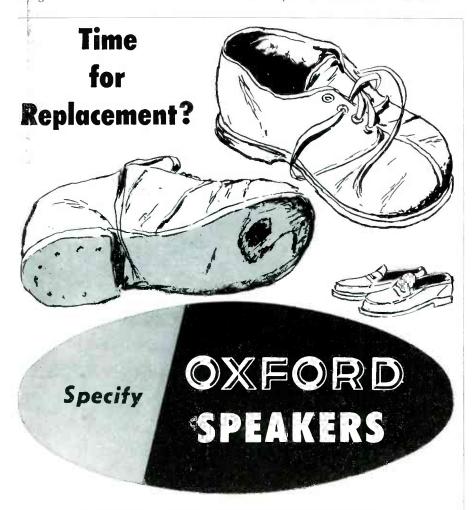
Directors named were: Al Szalav, Nick Mitri, Ed Danaher, Joe Miller, and loe Adams

Newly elected officers were installed at the annual banquet held at Chestnut Lodge. TSA, Detroit, Mich.

AN ALL-COLOR 2-day service clinic, sponsored by the Television Service Association of Michigan, was held recently in the Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, Mich.

Displays on color sets and components were offered by 20 manufacturers. A number of the exhibits featured demonstrations.

Subjects covered by industry experts were antennas for color, troubleshooting color, new tubes for color, color circuitry development and color transmission.



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The proposed measure notes that a license may be granted without an examination if one has actually been engaged in the installation and servicing of domestic radio or television receiving sets for not less than twelve months prior to the effective date of the bill, and shall apply for a license within six months of the effective date of the bill. Applicants who do not take a test will have to show if their qualifying experience was gained as an employee, or while self-employed.

In a section on disciplinary proceedings, the bill states that the administrator may suspend or revoke the license of any licensed person for any cause for disciplinary action, such as gross incompetence, violation of any provision of the bill, conviction of a criminal offense involving moral turpitude, conviction of a felony arising out of servicing electronic devices, fraudulent misstatements or misrepresentations in applicant's application, and aiding and abetting any person or persons to work without a license.



AT FIRST '57 MEETING of the Radio and Television Guild of Long Island, Chris Stratigos (left) and Ralph Milne (center), the new president and vice president, respectively, with outgoing president Murray Barlowe.

TEN YEARS AGO IN SERVICE

STANDARDIZATION OF BASIC designs, components and circuits for phono, autoradio, FM and TV chassis was recommended by the engineering department of RETMA. The plan provided for drivepulley simplification, phono-record di-mension control, auto-radio signal measurements, 21.25-21.9 mc channels for TV. 300-ohm TV antenna inputs, color-coded wiring and streamlined diagram symbols for tubes and switches, which would include voltage information at key points. Associations were notified by manufacturers that they would supply speakers explaining the new program and its effect on servicing operations. . . . The first of a series of two-week television courses were announced by the receiver division of G.E. . A pocket-size Ohm's law calculator was produced by Ohmite. . . . Aluminum-

was produced by Ohmite... Aluminumfoil-base voice coils were announced by G.E... The first complete list of miniature tubes, involving 40 types announced by RCA, were detailed in a special chart in Service.

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PRE-INSULATED CONNECTOR

A SPRING-TYPE insulated connector, Scotchlok Type R, to prepare solderless, insulated splices in one step without tools, has been introduced by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., 900 Fauquier St., St. Paul 6, Minn.

Connector is said to provide a vibration-resisting pig-tail splice that will hold regardless of thermal or mechanical changes and meet requirements for high and low voltage building and fixture wiring. Unit consists of a cone-shaped coil spring within a steel shell.

PISTOL-TYPE WIRE-WRAPPER

HAND-HELD pistol-type wire-wrapping tools, powered by either air or electricity, designed to speed electrical connections in radio, TV and other electronic chassis, have been developed by Ingersoll-Rand, 11 Broadway, New York 4, N. Y.

Skinned wire is inserted in a loading groove, which can be set to six different positions for wire insertion from any angle. A notch in the winding bit anchors wire and bit is then placed over terminal lug. Wire-to-terminal connection is made by pressing trigger which shoots connecting wire around terminal about 6 times per second under high tension. Winding bits and sleeves are interchangeable and can be changed without

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A CONTACT PRESERVATIVE and cleaner, Cramolin, said to contain a chemical compound that is attracted by metal surfaces, has been announced by Caig Laboratories, 46 Stanwood Rd., New Hyde Park, N. Y.

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Commercial Sound

Basic Types of Lines and Installation

by FRANK TIMMONS

Product Engineer, Belden Manufacturing Company

COMMERCIAL SOUND SYSTEMS require a number of carefully designed cable networks that must be fed to assorted components to insure maximum performance. Basically, cables are designed for input and output use, and for connection to power and control sources. Almost all of these cables are of a shielded construction.3

High-Impedance Patching

For high-fidelity service there are cables that can be used for short length (3' to 6') patching in high-impedance circuits between record player, radio tuner and tape recorder output terminals and power amplifier input terminals.

For application in long runs between preamps and power amps, when using low-impedance balanced circuits, special cables are also available. In such applications, the shield drain wire has been found effective permitting shield termination and providing low circuit noise level.

Cables for High and Low-Impedance Microphones

Cables for high-impedance microphones designed for long life in rough service, can deliver small voltages with minimum loss directly from microphones or high-impedance units directly to tube grids.

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Low-impedance microphone cables can be used to feed low voltages in a balanced-to-ground circuit from the

microphone to the amplifier-input transformer.

They can be used in runs far longer than high-impedance cable, due to circuit balance and transposition of the conductors. Rubber or polyethylene insulation is in their construction.

The polyethylene conductor insulation and vinyl jacket over shield has been found to provide the highest insulation resistance and nominal capacitance per foot. Cables with rubber conductor insulation and rubber jacket over the shield can be used where flexing service and physical abuse are more severe.

These cables are also designed with more than two conductors for control circuits and special arrangements.

To insure long service life with low noise level, copper braid shields of high coverage are employed in all types. Alternate designs, using spiral-served shields of conductive

The development of the served or wrapped-type shield has been found to offer a considerable saving in time as compared to the tedious process of making connections with the braided type shield. However, these served shields are not suitable for cables which require considerable flexing; therefore they are not applicable to microphone cables as such, but can be used in stationary applications.

Cables

System Requirements

cotton with spiral stranded drain wire, have been found very practical, too, since they afford cable limpness.

For low-impedance balanced circuits suitable for low noise, long-run applications, special audio cables are available. Classed as broadcast type, they feature small cable diameter, high shield coverage, solid conductors for ease of termination and balanced design for low noise level. They are designed for installation in fixed position; not for continued flexing.

For interconnecting power supplies to electronic equipment where voltages used are at or below 1000 volts and where shielding is essential, special cabling must be used. For this purpose shielded multiple-conductor types have been designed.

They may be employed in some installations to supply power to, and signals away, from isolated equipment, when used with proper terminal equipment.

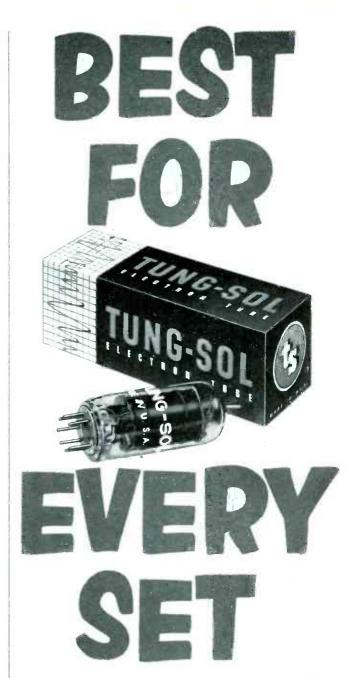
These cables are often used to supply power to equipment, conduct control impulses and to convey signals back from remote and isolated devices. Proper impedance matching and balanced circuits are necessary in these applications.

Unshielded output cables have been designed for application in delivery of audio power from amplifier to speaker only. They are fully adequate when adjacent cables are in service, where crosstalk voltages do not interfere.

Shielded (using tinned copper braid) output cables have the widest application range. Shielded output cables have been found to reduce induction and crosstalk voltages to a minimum and permit the same cables (in some applications) to be used for talk-back to the control point. Tinned copper (spiral wrapped) shields are widely accepted for their higher shield coverage, lower shield weight, lower diameter and ease of shield termination.

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SEVEN TYPES of cables specially designed for commercial sound application: Types shown in 1, 2, 3 and 4 are for microphone use and for high and low-impedance applications; the cable shown in 5, a special broadcast audio type, can be used for long runs between preamps and power amps; a shielded multiple-conductor cable, shown in 6, serves to interconnect power supplies where shielding is necessary, and 7 illustrates a commercial sound output cable.



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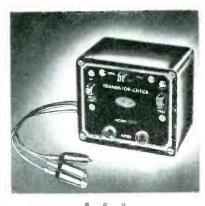


INSTRUMENTS

TRANSISTOR TESTER

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COMPONENTS

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A 65-MIL selenium rectifier, featuring a metal wrap-around design, has been introduced by the components division of Federal Telephone and Radio Co., 100 Kingsland Rd., Clifton, N. J.

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TV Antennas

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set owner can be told just what stations he will be able to get. This will avoid the biggest headache of all; customer dissatisfaction. The one thing which has been found to be a cause of trouble is overselling performance. It is best to be absolutely frank with the prospective user, explaining the performance limitations of any type of antenna. Service Men understand the many vagaries of a transmitted TV signal, but the customer does not. It is far better to take a few minutes to explain this in advance demonstrating the actual performance of the antenna, so that the user will know that there will be times when he is unable to get a given station, through neither the fault of his set nor the antenna. While there will be a certain number of unreasonable people, as usual, the majority will be quite easy to convince, if the proper explanation is made.

In this area, most Service Men have abandoned the *house-top* antenna entirely. Now, the antenna must be moved to get reception from the necessary direction; so, in most cases we use 30-foot telescoping

masts, set at the side of the house on the ground, instead of the fixed tenfooter set atop the house. The ground-mounted mast may be turned by hand, to permit pickup of the different stations, if the guy wires are fastened to floating guy rings provided with this type of mast.

Rotators represent the ideal solution to insure all-direction pickup. Installation of a rotator is simple; the mast can be lowered, the rotator installed, and the mast raised again.

Height-Signal Relation

As far as the extreme heights, once thought essential, actual experiments in this area have shown that there is no usable gain in signal strength above 30' from the ground, 20' to 30' having been found to be the best heights. Therefore, very tall towers are used only where the added height is necessary to clear obstructions. An example of such an installation appears in Fig. I (p. 35); although it is not visible in the photo, the ground behind the house rises sharply. A 50' tower atop the house was necessary to clear this level. Once the tower was installed, good pictures were obtained, even though a much higher mountain between the house and the station was about a mile away.

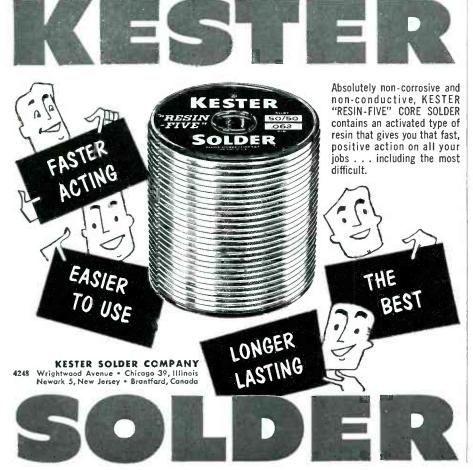
Another home installation is shown in Fig. 2 (p. 35). Here a 36' tower was used to get clearance of a rise in the ground to the southward.

Smaller Antenna Installation

In some locations, excellent results can be obtained with smaller antennas of the type shown in Fig. 3 (p. 35). The lower antenna is a channel-6 yagi pointed south; the upper one is a multi-band model pointed east. Dual leadins are used in this installation at the shop of the author of this report. Signals from three stations are available; channel 6 (south) and channels 4 and 11 (east). This installation also provides the convenience of two leadins, so that two sets may be tested simultaneously. The tower was used here to clear another rise of ground to the south and also to get above the downtown noise.

Antennas for Shadowed-Area

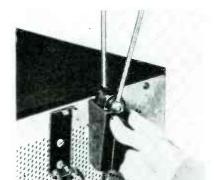
In the most elaborate installation possible and in an extremely bad location at the bottom of a deep valley,



shadowed from all sides, where practically no TV signals were available, it was found necessary to take the antennas up to the signal. Atop the mountain, where signal strength was found to be very high, long yagi antennas for each channel were installed. The signals from these were combined in a matching network and filter system and fed to the house over an open-wire leadin. In this case, the leadin was over 1,100' long. For another home, on the other side of this mountain, a set of antennas, mounted not over 100' from the original setup, was installed. The leadin to this receiver was almost 1,000' in length.

Although this is quite a long line, it was not found necessary to use boosters; the signals at the bottom of the line were of ample strength to provide snow-free pictures from three of the four stations received; the fourth was the unreliable channel 7. A disadvantage of this type of installation is that adjacent channel signals cannot be fed through the filters; 4 and 5 may be used, as they are not actually adjacent. In this case, both 5 and 6 happened to be on the same network, so that there was no loss of programs.

The advent of color-TV has developed another installation problem; most of the broad-band antennas have a bandpass sufficient to pass color signals, but there are many whose gain is entirely too low for fringe applications. Once again, only by field-testing on location can one determine the effectiveness of the antenna. One should remember that color demands a very strong signal at all times.



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3-Gun Color-TV Tubes

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screen of the picture tube, while the brightness levels or the amount of light variation from the projectors represent intensity variation of the electron beam. By varying the intensity and with the proper mixtures of the three primary colors, almost all the colors found in nature can be reproduced by this method.

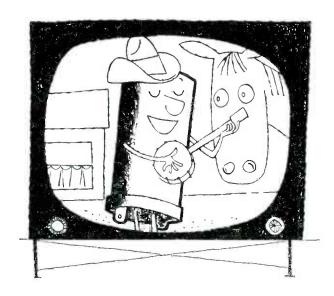
If the projectors were positioned so that each color overlapped entirely, only white would be produced. The white developed by the mixing of the three colors depends on the brightness level of each color, as well as the color of the filter used in each projector. If the correct filters are used and the input line voltage to each projector adjusted, a true white will be obtained. If then, the input line voltage to each projector was reduced the same amount, the bright-

ness of each color would also be reduced the same amount and a grey rather than a white would be observed; this serves to illustrate how a color picture tube operates to produce a black-and-white picture.

As noted earlier, in a three-gun color picture tube, the green, red and blue phosphor dot screens are arranged in a regular sequence. But, the phosphors do not overlap; they are arranged in a triangle. The mixing of the color light is actually accomplished in the human eve. By observing a color-bar pattern on a picture tube through a magnifying glass, the mixing qualities of the eye are revealed. If the magnifying glass is placed over the white bar in Fig. 2° (p. 18), three individual color dots (green, blue and red) will be observed. When the magnifying glass is removed, the human eve blends the three colors together and we have the illusion of white.

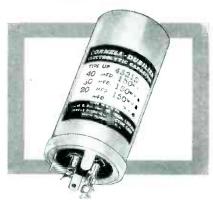
In the Fig. 2 color-bar pattern, horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines again represent the three primary colors as in Fig. 1. The color bar sequence, from left to right, is white, vellow, cyan, green, magenta, red, blue and black. This method of representing various colors in a black and white drawing, using diagonal, horizontal and vertical lines, also details the brightness characteristic of each color. There are approximately three times as many horizontal lines contributing to the brightness of the magenta bar as there are vertical lines and there are approximately twice as many diagonal lines in the yellow bar as there are horizontal lines. This follows the luminance signal composition; Y = .6G + .3R +

An analysis of one horizontal scanning line in the center of the screen will serve to illustrate how the three electron beams function to produce the various colors. The first bar on the left is white, and, as illustrated in Fig. 2, this is produced by the combination of all three primary colors; green (diagonal lines), red (horizontal lines), and blue (vertical lines). All three electron guns must be conducting to produce white. The second bar (yellow) shows diagonal lines representing green and horizontal lines representing red, vellow being produced by the conduction of the green and red electron guns. The blue electron gun is prevented from operating during the scanning of the second or yellow bar. The third bar



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(cyan) is produced by the conduction of the green and blue electron guns represented by diagonal and vertical lines. The red electron gun is not conducting at this time. The fourth bar, represented in Fig. 2 reveals that the red and blue electron guns are cut off and only the green electron gun is conducting, as only diagonal lines appear. The next color bar (magenta) shows horizontal and vertical lines, illustrating that the red and blue electron guns are conducting and that the green electron gun is cut off. The sixth bar (red) shows that only the red electron gun is conducting. The seventh color bar illustrates the color blue by virtue of vertical lines. Only the blue electron gun is conducting during the scanning period of the seventh bar and the green and red clectron guns are cut off. The eighth bar does not indicate any lines whatsoever and represents black. Neither of the three electron guns are conducting.

Fig. 2 illustrates that the green electron gun conducts during color bars 1, 2, 3 and 4, and is not conducting during bars 5, 6, 7 and 8. The red electron gun is operating when bars 1, 2, 5 and 6 are being scanned and prevented from operating during the scanning of bars 3, 4, 7 and 8. The blue electron gun is conducting during the 1, 3, 5 and 7 color-bar period and not conducting during bars 2, 4, 6 and 8. Therefore, the on time of each electron gun varies. This is shown in Fig. 3 (p. 18); the conduction period of each electron gun necessary to produce the color bar pattern of Fig. 2 is illustrated here.

The color picture tube is also an important and readily available piece of service test equipment; it can furnish a great deal of servicing data. Information on the face of the color picture tube will enable one to locate a defective section or stage. A typical example of the use of a picture tube to locate a defective section or stage is illustrated in the color bar pattern in Fig. 4 (p. 19), where we find that the color red is missing. A comparison of the color bar pattern of Fig. 2 with that of Fig. 4 will reveal the absence of horizontal lines which represent red. Horizontal lines are missing from the white, yellow, magenta and red bars, which leaves evan in place of white, green in place of yellow, blue in place of magenta and black in place of red. The red electron gun is not conducting, due possibly to an open filament or a component failure in the cathode, control grid or screen grid circuits.

A slightly different service trouble is illustrated in the color bar pattern of Fig. 5 (p. 19). Horizontal lines

representing red are presented in the white bar, but missing in the yellow, magenta and red bars. However, dotted horizontal lines representing the luminance signal (equivalent to the monochrome video signal), are shown in the three bars. Since white is produced, all three electron guns must be conducting as previously mentioned. Therefore, the trouble must be in those circuits handling only the red color video signal. The luminance signal is present in the color bar pattern, represented by dotted horizontal lines, which would cause the yellow, magenta and red bars to appear

brighter in Fig. 5, than in Fig. 4. It the receiver employs I and Q type demodulators, the red adder, red output and red-de restorer stages would be the possible source of the trouble. If B-Y and G-Y demodulators are employed, the R-Y matrix stage is probably at fault and if a R-Y demodulator is used, the R-Y signal path to the red grid of the picture tube is possibly open.

Analyzing the face of the picture tube and using a color-bar generator when trouble develops will prove to be a time-saving asset for efficient color service.

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Printed-Wiring TV Chassis

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audio if gain and tune a take-off coil. Thus, here too, it was necessary to combine a hi and low-K material into a single plate.

The sync feed is taken off of the plate of the video amplifier through a 10,000-ohm resistor and is carried across to the *H* panel via one of the interpanel connectors. The sync clipper and separator is a two section

(7AU7) clipper. The vertical sync is fed into an integrator network from the plate of the second clipper, while the horizontal sync is fed push-pull to the phase detector tube.

All of the shaping and biasing components necessary for the *afc* tube are located in one res-cap unit, on the *H* panel, but the tube itself is located on the *I* panel, thus using

three more interpanel connectors. Two interpanel connectors are for B+ and B++, and two others are for the filaments.

Interpanel Test Points

Since the chassis is a 600-ma series string type, these interpanel connectors represent convenient test points for checking continuity of the filament string to determine, more rapidly, the location of the tube with an open filament.

Vertical/Horizontal Oscillators

The vertical oscillator (½ of 6CM7) is a blocking-oscillator type and drives the other half of the tube as an output stage. The horizontal oscillator (6CG7) is a multivibrator type. Both the horizontal output tube (12DQ6) and the damper (19AU4) are on the pw panel and connections are made to the horizontal output transformer by plug-in interpanel connectors.

High-Voltage Assembly

The high voltage assembly includes the transformer and a 1B3 high voltage rectifier mounted to a one piece molded base. Horizontal size adjustment is obtained by varying the gap between the two halves of the core. The assembly and shield are designed to withstand a supply of 25 kv, although this chassis uses 17 kv for an aluminized 17" picture tube.

To comply with the new FCC regulations regarding spurious radiation from a television receiver into the *ac* line, a pair of traps have been built into the chassis and located on the *ac* interlock assembly.

New Ad-Agency V-P



BURTON BROWNE (right), president of Burton Brown Advertising, congratulating Robert E. Abbott, whom he has appointed vice-president and general manager of the agency. Abbott has been an account executive, creative director and assistant to Browne since 1952.





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tion. The purchasing of installation material or parts at the local level is a good example. In many cases, the local service engineer can supply the demand from his own local stock, and if not, will know exactly where it can be purchased locally at the best price. Without this type of assistance, there are often costly delays of waiting or searching for material. The local service engineer is therefore exchanging knowledge for knowledge as he receives his microwave training on a paid hasis

System distance, considered by many to be the obstacle that limits the independent service engineer's advance into the field of microwave, is on the contrary, an aid to growth. It permits the opportunity for expansion into other areas-an expansion which is in business on a paying basis the day it is made. Or, it provides for strengthening independents as two or more independents may well combine to share in the service of a long system. The combination of independent service shops for mutual aid has been growing and will continue to grow. For example, during the floods in New England, service stations in New York City lent both manpower and equipment to the service stations in New England that were affected by the flood. Combined service of microwave systems tends to strengthen the bonds between independent service organizations and at the same time offers the user excellent facilities along his complete system. This becomes very important when the user has a large mobile vhf application. The readily available service in cities or states along his line are important to him. The facility available to him can be top notch, yet the price is reasonable as he shares the cost with other vhf users.

The initial trend in the microwave industry was for the user's self service, or service by his own employees, or direct service by the manufacturer, or limited to the large service companies only. The smaller service organizations only subcontracted for the vhf mobile portion; only recently have they commenced to wrestle with the full challenge.3

The nature of communication service engineers is such that they relish a challenge. This, coupled with the fact that microwave servicing opens the door to their expansion growth, and resulting profit, are the motivating factors behind the independent mobile service engineers moving into the microwave field.

3It is difficult to predict at this time the number of independent service organizations interested in the microwave field. However, enough interest has been shown to substantiate a study and to prepare written training courses on microwave equipment and their application. George A. Svitek, national service manager of the G. E. Communication Prod-ucts Department, is in the process of developing the GESS's who have shown interest in the microwave business.

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WILLIAM R. ANTON and George Avalon have been appointed vice president in charge of sales and vice president in charge of manufacturing, respectively, of Permo, Inc., 6415 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 26.

J. RICHARD KRAPFEL has been promoted to product sales manager of electronic components for the parts division of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. *Krapfel* has been district sales manager in the parts division sales office in Chicago.

JAMES B. IRWIN has been appointed sales manager of The Radix Wire Company, 26260 Lakeland Boulevard, Cleveland 32, O. *Irwin* was formerly sales manager of Eastern Insulated Wire Corp.





Jatis

JOSEPH P. JATIS is now manager of twoway radio service training of Motorola's communications and electronics division. In this new post Jatis will be responsible for all of the service clinics held throughout the U. S. each year, as well as the service classes held at Motorola's factory in Chicago.

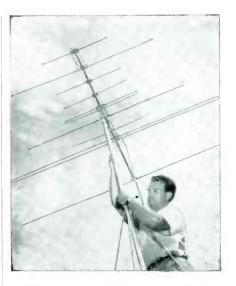
JULIUS DORFMAN has been named manager of special tubes sales for Raytheon Manufacturing Company's receiving and cathode-ray tube operations.

Brenton T. Morse has been elected vice president and treasurer of Krylon, Inc.

Garth J. Heisig has been named director of TV engineering for Motorola, Inc. William Hinton is now assistant to Heisig.

Walter Goodman has been appointed sales manager of the products line division of the Jerrold Electronics Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.

GEORGE BEAVER has been appointed field service engineer for the Chicago region by The Magnavox Co. His office will be in the Chicago Merchandise Mart.



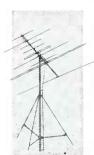
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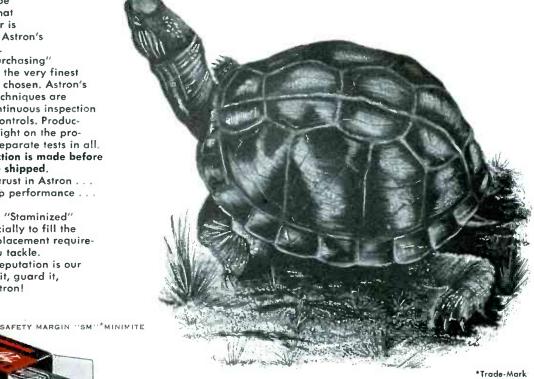
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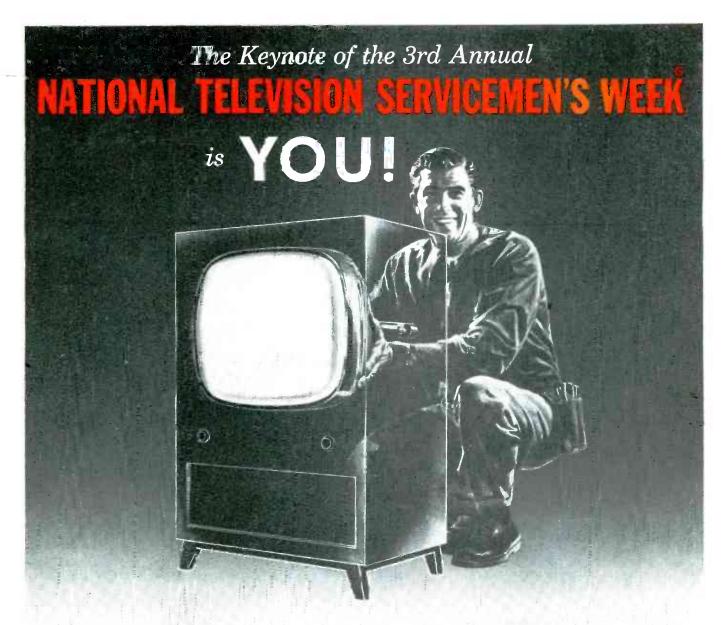
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