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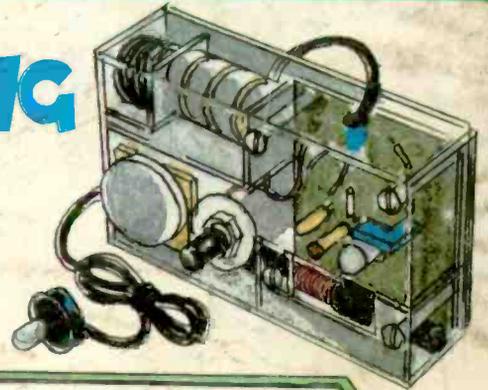
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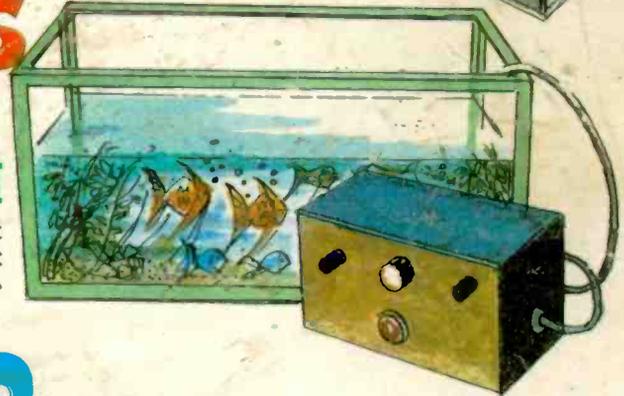
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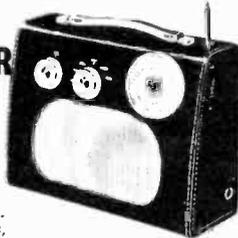


## ROAMER SEVEN MK IV

7 Tunable Wavebands: MW1, MW2, LW, SW1, SW2, SW3 and Trawler Band. Extra Medium waveband provides easier tuning of Radio Luxembourg, etc. Built in ferrite rod aerial for MW and LW. Retractable 4 section 24in. chrome plated telescopic aerial for SW. Socket for Car Aerial. Powerful push-pull output. 7 transistors and 2 diodes, fine tone moving coil speaker. Air spaced ganged tuning condenser. Volume/on/off, tuning and wave change controls. Attractive case with carrying handle Size 9 x 7 x 4in. approx. Easy to follow instructions and diagrams. Parts price list and plans 25p (FREE with parts).

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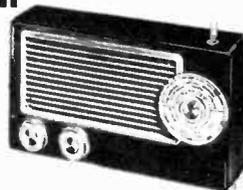


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6 Tunable Wavebands: MW, LW, SW1, SW2, SW3 Trawler band plus an extra Medium waveband for easier tuning of Luxembourg etc. Sensitive ferrite rod aerial and telescopic aerial for Short Waves. 3in. Speaker. 8 stages—6 transistors and 2 diodes. Attractive black case with red grille, dial and black knobs with polished metal inserts. Size 9 x 5½ x 2½in. approx. Plans and parts price list 25p (FREE with parts).

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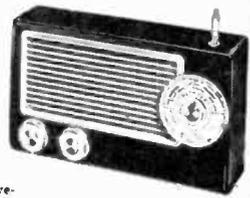
## TRANS EIGHT

8 TRANSISTORS and 3 DIODES

5 Tunable Wavebands: MW, LW, SW1, SW2, SW3 and Trawler Band. Sensitive ferrite rod aerial for M.W. and L.W. Telescopic aerial for Short Waves. 3in. Speaker. 8 improved type transistors plus 3 diodes. Attractive case in black with red grille, dial and black knobs with polished metal inserts. Size 9 x 5½ x 2½in. approx. Push pull output. Battery economiser switch for extended battery life. Ample power to drive a larger speaker. Parts price list and plans 25p (FREE with parts).

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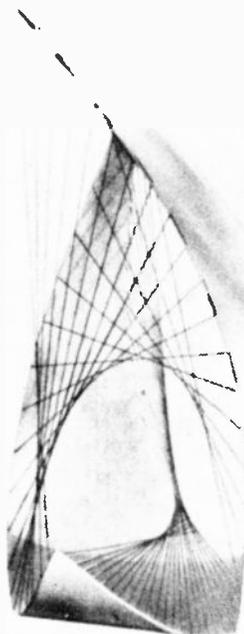
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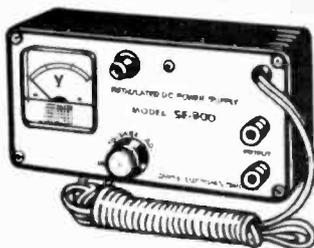
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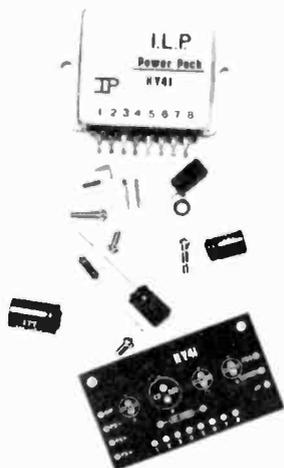
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## THE HY41



The HY41 supersedes the popular HY40 introduced by ILP last year. This highly improved module achieves true High Fidelity with a dramatic reduction in distortion (typically 0.05% at 1KHz into 8 ohms!) and is electronically and mechanically compatible with the HY40.

With this important improvement the HY41 retains all of the quality characteristics found in the earlier version and P.C. board, Resistor, Capacitors, Hardware Mountings and comprehensive manual are included in the basic kit. No further components are required to construct a complete power amplifier of extremely high performance sufficiently versatile to provide power not merely for Hi-Fi but also for public address systems and industry.

The free manual gives a full circuit diagram of the HY41 and its various applications including a complete stereo amplifier.

Like its predecessor the HY41 is based on conventional and proven circuit techniques developed over recent years.

**OUTPUT POWER:** British Rating 40 WATTS PEAK, 20 watts

R.M.S. continuous

**LOAD IMPEDANCE:** 4-16 ohms

**INPUT IMPEDANCE:** 30K ohms at 1KHz.

**VOLTAGE GAIN:** 30db at 1KHz

**TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION:** less than 0.15% (typical 0.05%) at 1KHz.

**FREQUENCY RESPONSE:** 5Hz-50KHz  $\pm$  1db.

**SUPPLY VOLTAGE:**  $\pm$  22.5volts D.C.

**SUPPLY CURRENT:** 0.8 amps maximum.

**PRICE:** inc. comprehensive manual, P.C. board, five extra components and P. & P.:—  
**MONO:** £4.90      **STEREO:** £9.80

## UNIQUE HYBRID PRE-AMPLIFIER

The HY5 has rapidly established a position in the WORLD as the sole hybrid pre-amplifier to contain all feedback and equalization networks within an integrated pre-amplifier circuit.

Supplied with the HY5 are two stabilizing capacitors and by the addition of volume, treble and bass potentiometers it is ready for use.

Internally the HY5 provides equalization for almost every conceivable input, the desired function is achieved by use of a multi-way switch or by direct interconnection.

Two distinctive features of the HY5 are its inbuilt stabilization circuit, allowing it to be run off any unregulated power supply from 16-25 Volts and a balance circuit which, when linked by a balance control to a second HY5, forms a complete stereo pre-amplifier.

Specifically and critically designed to meet exacting Hi-Fi standards, the HY5 combines extremely low noise with a high overload capability. When used in conjunction with the HY41 and PSU45 forms a completely integrated system.

### INPUTS

Magnetic Pick-up (within  $\pm$ 1db RIAA curve)  
 2mV, 47K  $\Omega$

Tape Replay (external components to suit head). 4mV, 47K  $\Omega$

Microphone (flat) 10mV, 47K  $\Omega$

Ceramic Pick-up (equalized and compensatable) 20-2000mV, variable.

Tuner (flat) 250mV, 100K  $\Omega$

Auxiliary 1 250mV, 47K  $\Omega$

Auxiliary 2 2-20mV, 100K  $\Omega$

### OUTPUTS

Main Pre-amp output 500mV.  
 Direct tape output 120mV.

### ACTIVE TONE CONTROLS (Bexendall)

Treble  $\pm$  12db.

Bass  $\pm$  12db.

### INTERNAL STABILIZATION

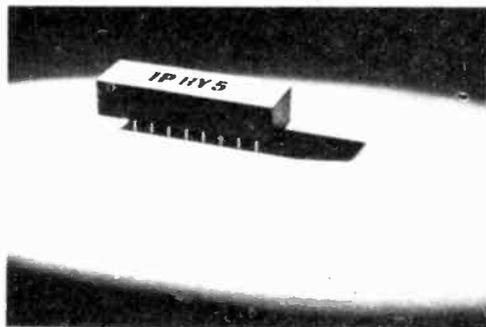
Enables the HY5 to share an unregulated supply with the Power Amplifier.

### SUPPLY VOLTAGE

16-25 volts

**PRICE**      **MONO:** £3.60

**STEREO:** £7.20



### SUPPLY CURRENT

6mA approx.

### OVERLOAD CAPABILITY

better than 26db on most sensitive input infinite on tuner and auxl.

**OUTPUT NOISE VOLTAGE:** 0.5mV.

## POWER SUPPLY PSU45

The versatile P.S.U.45 is designed to supply your HY41's +HY5's in stereo or mono format.



### Specification

Input: 200-240 Volts.

Output:  $\pm$  22.5 Volts at 2 amps.

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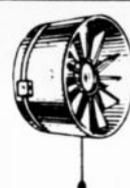
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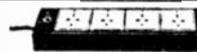
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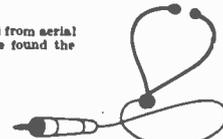
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Size approx. 6 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 2" deep with brass inserts in four corners and bakelite panel. This is a very strong case suitable to house instruments and special rigs, etc. Price 54p each. 5 for \$1.10 extra.

### SPIT MOTOR



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### SOLDER GUN



A must for every busy man, gives almost instant, brilliant illuminated job. 100 watt \$2-47 plus post and ins. 20p.

### TELESCOPIC AERIAL



for portable, car radio or transmitter. Chrome plated—six sections, extends from 7 1/2 to 47in. Hole in bottom for 4BA screw. 42p. KNUCKLED MODEL FOR P.M. 55p

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Made by the famous Smiths Company. 240v  
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### ROCKER SWITCH

15 amp self-flxing into an oblong hole.  
 Size approximately 1" x 1" 9p each  
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### SLIDE SWITCHES

Slide Switch, 2-pole changeover panel  
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 10 for £1-08. SP Change over spring return 250v 1  
 amp. 10p.



**HIGH ACCURACY THERMOSTAT**  
 Uses differential comparator I.C. with thermister  
 as probe. Designer claims temperature control to  
 within 1/7th of a degree. Complete kit with power  
 pack £6-10.

### RELAYS BY KEYSWITCH

Makers Ref. KMK3 Our number REL. A3. Open  
 type mains operated coil—3 pairs change-over  
 contacts rated at 6 amps each. Mounted by 1  
 screw. Solder tag connections. Price 60p each.  
 Ditto but 12V. Our Ref. REL. A4. Price 65p each.

### WATERPROOF HEATING ELEMENT

25 yards length 70W. Self-regulating  
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 automatic switch results in an operating buzzer.  
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 showing how magnetism works.

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 in current and resistance with different types  
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 easy to construct, simple to operate.

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With 6 position programmer. When fitted to hot water  
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Programme	Hot Water	Central Heating
0	Off	Off
1	Twice Daily	Off
2	All Day	Off
3	Twice Daily	Twice Daily
4	All Day	All Day
5	Continuously	Continuously

Suitable, of course, to programme other than central heating  
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 Price £3-85 as illustrated but less case.



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Standard size 1 1/2" wafer—silver-plated 5-amp contact,  
 standard 1/2" spindle 2" long—with locking washer and nut.

No. of Poles	2 way	3 way	4 way	5 way	6 way	8 way	9 way	10 way	12 way
1 pole	44p	44p							
2 poles	44p	44p							
3 poles	44p	44p							
4 poles	44p	44p							
6 poles	44p	44p							
8 poles	44p	44p							
7 poles	77p	77p							
9 poles	77p	77p							
8 poles	77p	77p							
10 poles	77p	77p							
11 poles	77p	77p							
12 poles	77p	77p							

### BURGLAR ALARM KIT

Protect your home & family by frightening away the  
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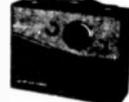


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American made. Our Ref. No.  
 REL. A1. Measures only 1" wide  
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 it's a double change over, we  
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 Price 28p including base.



### METAL CHASSIS

14 gauge sheet steel—  
 size approx. 7" x 3 1/2" x  
 1 3/8" deep. Cadmium  
 plated punched in the  
 centre to take 3 P.O.  
 3000 type relays. There  
 is also a removable cover  
 over this section measuring  
 4 1/2" long x 3 1/2" x 2 1/2".  
 The chassis also has a few holes and could take a  
 small transformer and/or valve holders also some  
 3/8" holes for controls, pots etc. This is an ideal  
 chassis for making up a relay unit or similar.  
 These are ex-equipment but in excellent condi-  
 tion and may have a few resistors etc. still  
 attached. Price 40p each.



### CLOCKWORK TIME SWITCH

For delaying the switching on for up to 12 hours.  
 Being clockwork this is independent of the mains  
 and is therefore useful for remote operation or  
 for battery appliance. The front dial which is  
 calibrated in hours is turned through the required  
 revolution then after pre-set time double pole  
 16 A switch operates. Made by Smiths. Price £1-65.

### MAINS TRANSFORMER

Our Ref. MTJ1. Drop through chassis—open  
 construction. 240v Primary—9v 1A Secondary.  
 Price 77p each.

### MAINS TRANSFORMER

Our Ref. MTJ2. Parmeco Neptune series. This is  
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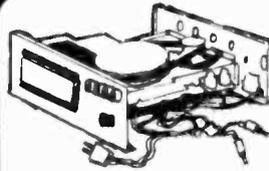
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### Specification:—

	5 Watt	10 Watt
Nominal Volts	12-14V	25-30V
Into 3 Ohms	5W	10W
Into 8 Ohms	2W	10W
Into 15 Ohms	1W	5W
Typical Distortion	-5%	-5%
Freq. response at 3dB	10Hz to 30KHz	10Hz to 30KHz
Sensitivity (Typically)	20mV	20mV
Full power consumption (30 Ohms)	650mA	580mA
Size	2 1/2" x 1 1/2"	2 1/2" x 1 1/2"

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to 75V, 48p each. Clip to increase 1.5W rating to 3 watts  
(type 266F) 4p.

### DIN PLUGS & SOCKETS

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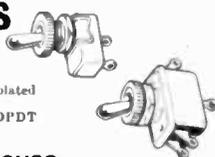
2 way LH—socket 10p; plug 12p. 3 way scr. socket 10p;  
plug 12p. 5 way scr. socket 12p; plug 16p.

### TRANSISTOR ACCESSORIES

To3 cover 7p  
Heat sinks 1°C/w, type 6W1, undrilled 60p Drilled 78p.

### SWITCHES

1011C SPST  
toggle 20p;  
409 DPDT toggle  
29p. (These are chrome plated  
2.5A rating)  
7201 Sub-miniature DPDT  
260V a.c./2A 48p



### ROTARY SWITCHES

Radiospare Miniature Make-switch (in assembly kit form)  
Shaft 48p.  
Wafers, MBB-2P5W, 1P11W; BBM-1P12W, 2P6W,  
3P4W, 4P3W, 6P2W, each, 6p.

### WAVECHANGE SWITCHES

1P12W, 2P6W, 3P4W,  
4P3W, each 24p



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	2.2					10p		7p
	4.7			10p		7p		8p
	10				7p	8p		7p
	22		7p	7p		7p		9p
	47	7p	8p	7p	8p	7p		12p
	100	8p	7p	7p	7p	8p		11p
	220	7p	8p	8p	9p	10p		17p
	470	8p	9p	10p	12p	17p		24p
	1000	10p	12p	17p	20p	24p		40p
	2200	14p	17p	22p	26p	36p		
	4700	25p	28p	37p	41p	54p		
	10,000	40p	43p					

### RESISTORS 10%, 5%, 2%

Codes	Power	Tolerances	Range	Values available	1 to 9	10 to 99	100 $\mu$ p
C	1/20W	5%	82 $\Omega$ —220K $\Omega$	E12	9	8	7.5
C	1/8W	5%	4.7 $\Omega$ —470K $\Omega$	E24	1	0.9	0.75 nett
C	1/4W	5%	4.7 $\Omega$ —10M $\Omega$	E12	1	0.9	0.75 nett
C	1/2W	5%	4.7 $\Omega$ —10M $\Omega$	E24	1.2	1	0.9 nett
C	1W	5%	4.7 $\Omega$ —10M $\Omega$	E12	2.5	2	1.6 nett
MO	1/2W	2%	10 $\Omega$ —1M $\Omega$	E24	4	3	2 nett
WW	1W	10% $\pm$	0.22 $\Omega$ —39 $\Omega$	E12	7	7	6
WW	3W	5%	1 $\Omega$ —10K $\Omega$	E12	7	7	6
WW	7W	5%	1 $\Omega$ —10K $\Omega$	E12	9	9	8

Codes: C—carbon film, high stability, low noise.  
MO—metal oxide, Electrofilm TR5, ultra low noise.  
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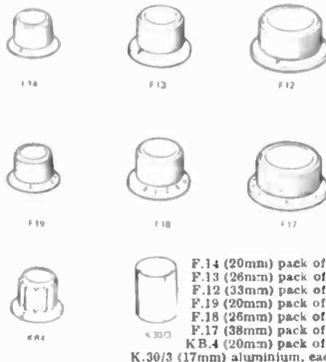
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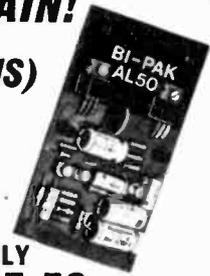


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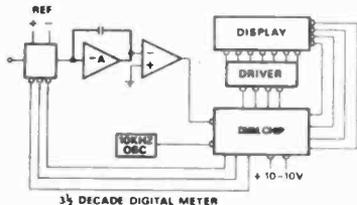
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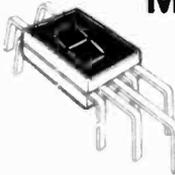
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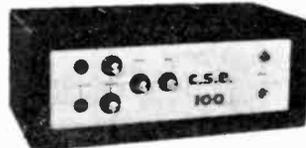
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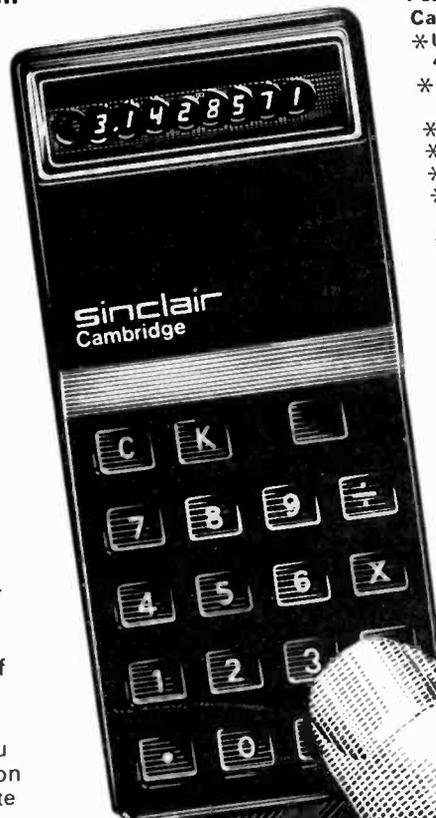
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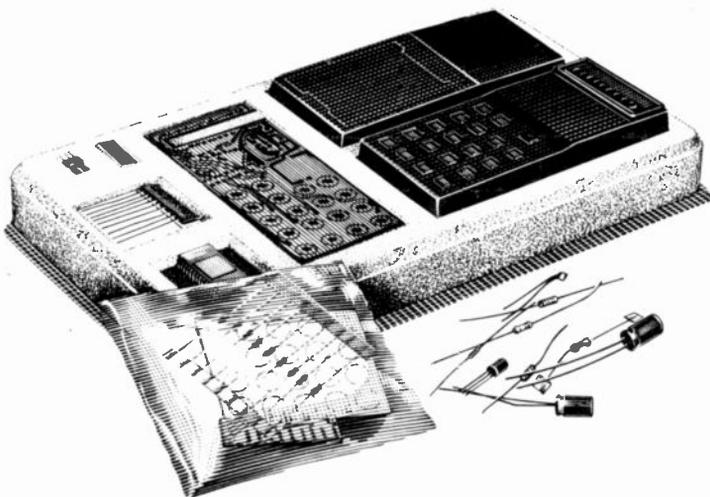
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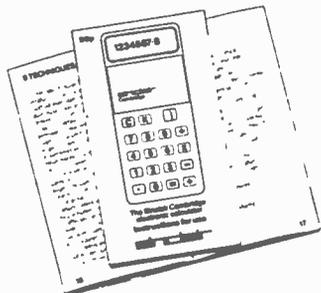
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But to ensure that our readers reap all possible advantages from modern developments, we shall make increasing use of integrated circuits in future designs. For a start, this month we include two quite dissimilar projects that

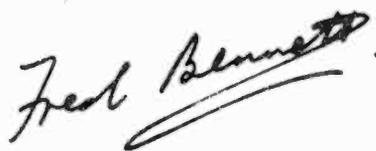
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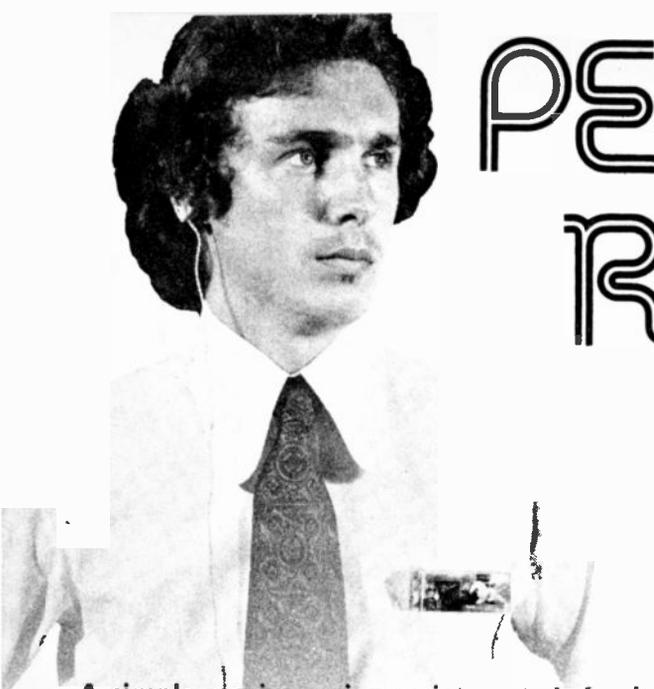
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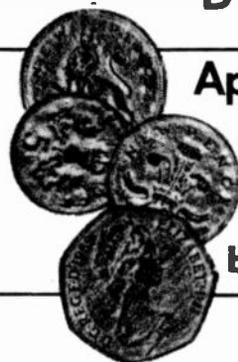
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# PERSONAL RECEIVER

BY F. R. HEATH



Approximate cost  
of components  
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batteries and case

A simple receiver using an integrated circuit and providing excellent reception.

ALTHOUGH it is very difficult to define what fascinates so many people about a miniature radio receiver, the fact remains that a great many people enjoy "messaging about" with radio on this scale, and derive many hours of enjoyment (and learn a great deal of physics) from constructing these devices.

## CRYSTAL SETS

The crystal set is the most basic receiver possible, Fig. 1 shows a typical simple crystal set using a tuned circuit, and a diode to detect the modulation—the audio part of the waveform which drives the earpiece. A long aerial wire and an earth are essential if any volume is to be expected, and unless very high impedance headphones are used the programmes will all merge into one. This is because a low impedance across the tuned circuit will damp it and increase the bandwidth or range of frequencies received.

If one perseveres with the crystal set shown, one will notice that it possesses one or two fine

qualities. These are:

1. The sound quality is very good (if a good ear piece is used).
2. The background noise is very low.

These are the basic requirements for a quality radio receiver. Unfortunately, the receiver has some bad qualities too. These are:

1. The volume is very low.
2. The large aerial necessary is somewhat cumbersome for a portable receiver.

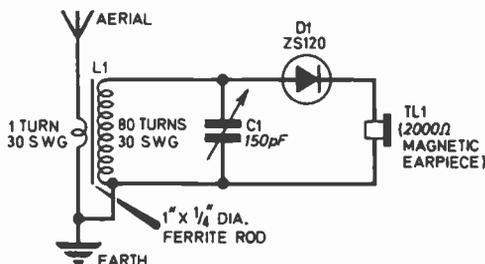
## THE I.C.

Now, if we could add between the tuned circuit and the earpiece a circuit which possessed r.f. gain, low distortion and high input impedance, we would maintain the good qualities above and eliminate the bad qualities.

Using modern semiconductor processes it is now possible to achieve just this and the Ferranti ZN414 offers us complete radio tuner in a 3 pin "transistor" package. If the circuit of Fig. 1 is re-drawn using ZN414 we have an earpiece radio which has real advantages over existing types (Fig. 2). The very high input resistance (greater than 4 megohms) of the ZN414 ensures that the tuned circuit is virtually undamped by the device. Thus very high selectivity, low bandwidth operation is possible. The output of the ZN414 can now drive a lower impedance earphone.

If this circuit is built remember that although layout is not too important leads should be kept as short as possible. When the unit is operating the effects of varying L1 (unwinding turns) and C1 can be noted. Also, if one deliberately damps the tuned circuit by adding a resistor (say 10

Fig. 1. A typical, simple crystal set.



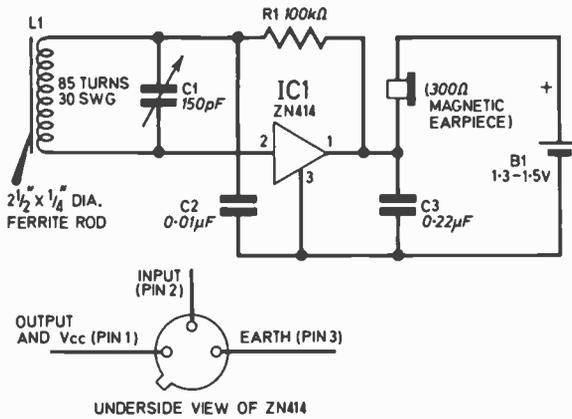


Fig. 2. The basic set using the ZN414.

kilohms) across it, it can be shown that the selectivity is reduced.

It does not need much imagination to realise that the radio shown in Fig. 2 could fit into a very small case. In practise, the size is limited by the ferrite rod which should not be reduced below about one inch in length.

A diagram of the connections to the ZN414 is shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 3 shows the internal circuitry of the ZN414 and is included for reference.

The basic receiver shown in Fig. 2, whilst capable of good results, lacks certain refinements which are desirable if optimum performance is to be achieved under all conditions. For this reason a further receiver circuit has been developed. This can have the refinement of volume control (or preset) volume control and a sensitivity control if wanted, and can be used to drive an amplifier (of input impedance greater than 20 kilohms) if necessary.

The circuit is shown in Fig. 4, the layout for printed circuit board in Fig. 5 and the wiring for the p.c. board in Fig. 6. One advantage of the crystal earpiece used is that two can be "paralleled" up to make a headphone. It is a lot less tiring to listen with both ears than one, and crystal earpieces are much cheaper than other

## Components . . .

SEE  
**SHOP  
TALK**

### Resistors

- R1 100kΩ
- R2 3.3kΩ
- R3 250Ω
- R4 560Ω
- R5 100Ω

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### Capacitors

- C1 100pF to 200pF miniature variable
- C2 0.01μF miniature ceramic
- C3 0.1 or 0.22μF miniature ceramic
- C4 0.05μF miniature ceramic

### Semiconductors

- IC1 ZN414 integrated circuit
- TR1 ZTX300 silicon *n*pn
- D1 ZS120 } or any small signal silicon diode
- D2 ZS120 }

### Miscellaneous

- L1 Ferrite rod  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch diameter and length of 30 s.w.g. enamelled copper wire
- TL1 Crystal earpiece
- B1 3-6V battery (comprised of four RM 675's)

Jack socket to suit TL1 incorporating an on/off switch (S1), 6BA fixings and stand-off pillars, plastic case approx. 3 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

types. The quality of reproduction from two crystal earpieces using this circuit is astonishingly good.

The circuit now includes certain desirable features such as much higher volume (with optional control) and sensitivity control if required. This latter feature is vital for an experimenter, as it enables a much wider range of ferrite rod sizes and/or earphones to be used without making the receiver difficult to operate.

The prototype receiver used miniature "button" batteries which, although expensive, give extensive life and enable a fairly small receiver to be constructed. The voltage is not critical, the higher ranges will give higher volume without distortion.

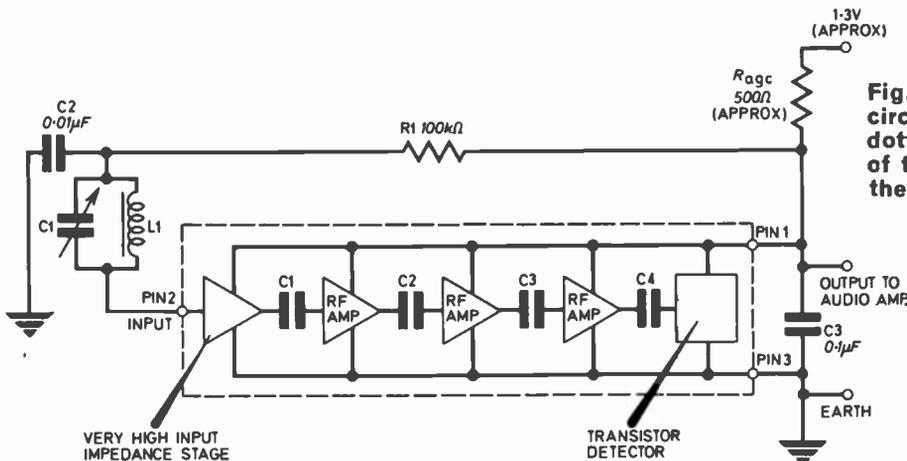


Fig. 3. The ZN414 in a basic circuit. The area inside the dotted line shows the basis of the internal circuitry of the i.c.

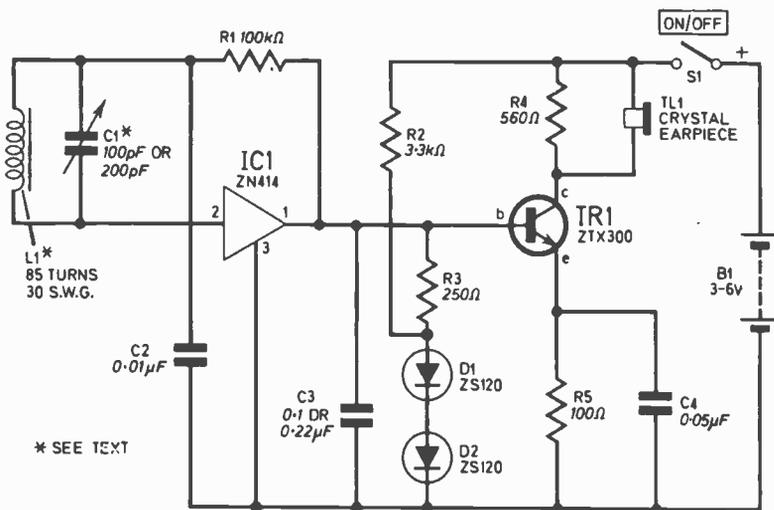
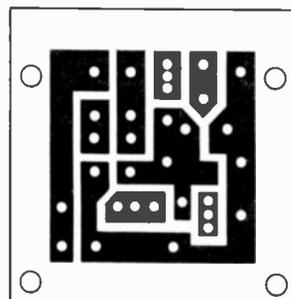


Fig. 4 (left). The complete circuit diagram of the Personal Receiver.

Fig. 5 (below). The printed circuit layout for the receiver shown full size.



A magnetic earpiece may be used in place of the crystal one, by substituting it for the 560 ohm resistor R4 soldered between the collector of TR1 and the positive supply rail; its impedance should be similar (about 500Ω).

If during experimentation one finds earpiece listening tiring (continual removal and replacement of an earphone can be very irritating) the earphone can be replaced by a connecting lead to an amplifier, which has a high input impedance. Most transistor amplifiers are suitable, and no damage will be incurred if the circuit in Fig. 7 is used.

### CASE CONSTRUCTION

The constructional details given are not for a micro-miniature set. They are intended for an easily built receiver. The set is small and yet avoids very "fiddly" working. The complete unit is housed in a transparent Perspex box size 3 inches x 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches x 3/4 inches shown in Fig. 8. Perspex is glued internally with polystyrene cement to provide a battery compartment, and a clamp for the ferrite rod.

The bottom of the box slides out for battery replacement. The batteries are held together by a small spring, laterally they are held by a piece of neoprene tubing slit across to allow the batteries to be inserted easily. The earpiece is connected by means of a jack socket and this also carries an on/off switch. Thus the set is turned on when the earpiece is plugged in.

Care is needed in drilling Perspex; if too much pressure is put on the drill it will crack the Perspex. Slow steady drilling is best.

### VARIATIONS

A volume control can be added by inserting a 250 ohm potentiometer (a preset type could be used) in series with the emitter of TR1 e.g.

between the junction of R5/C4 and the emitter. This control will only reduce the output power from the circuit as shown and was not found to be essential in the prototype. Resistor R5 should not be omitted or have its value reduced.

Diodes D1 and D2 are used to form a voltage stabiliser for the supply to the ZN414. These diodes can be any small signal silicon types, for these the forward voltage drop is about 600mV to 700mV each, giving a supply of about 1.4V.

The sensitivity control, if required, can be obtained by adding a 1 kilohm preset in place of D1.

The aerial coil should be wound using 30 s.w.g. enamelled copper wire. Start winding at about 3/8 inch from one end of the rod and wind on 85 turns. The turns should be touching each other and not crossed or overlapping, insulation tape can be used to secure each end.

Any small (physically) tuning capacitor of value 100pF to 200pF may be used. A few more turns will be needed on the coil if lower values (less than 100pF) of capacitance are used. The internal layout of the prototype receiver is shown in Fig. 8. □

Fig. 7. Additional components and connections for use with an external amplifier.

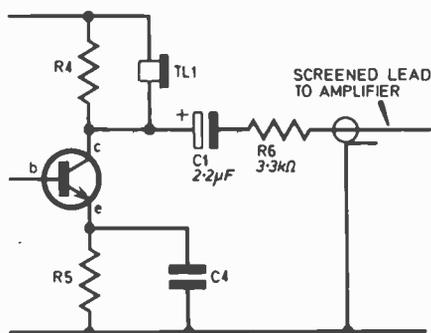


Fig. 6. Wiring of the printed circuit board.

# PERSONAL RECEIVER

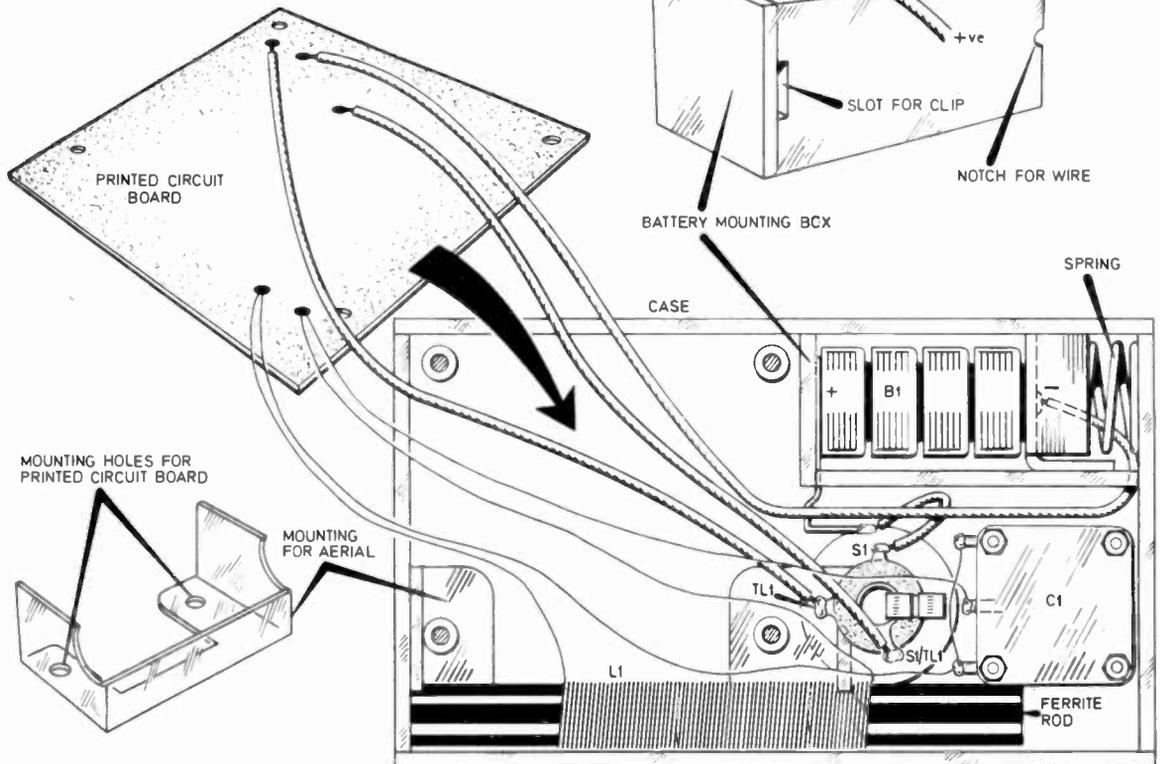
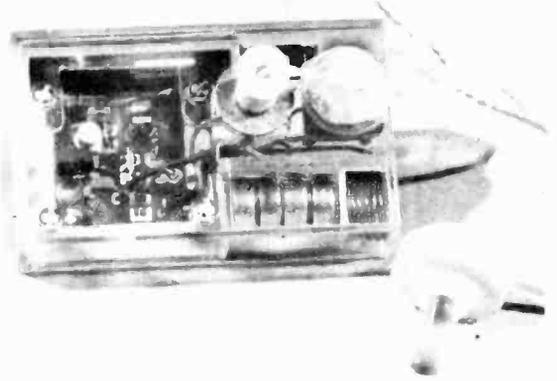
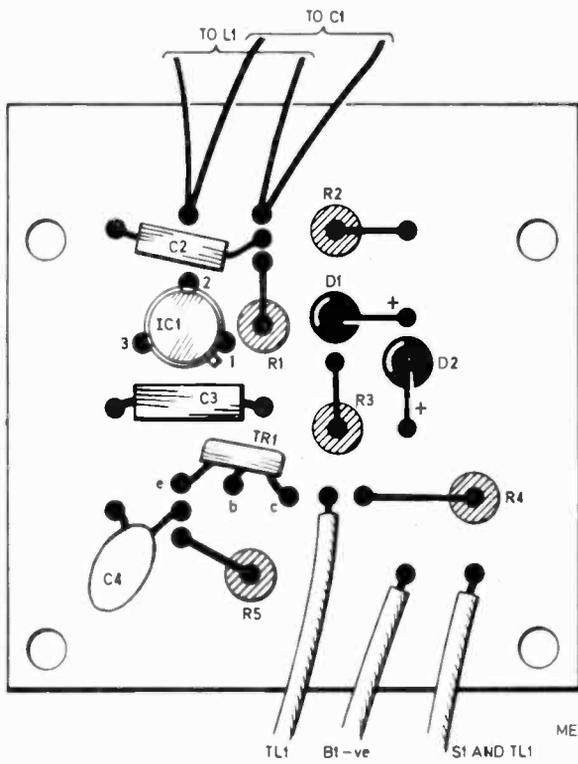
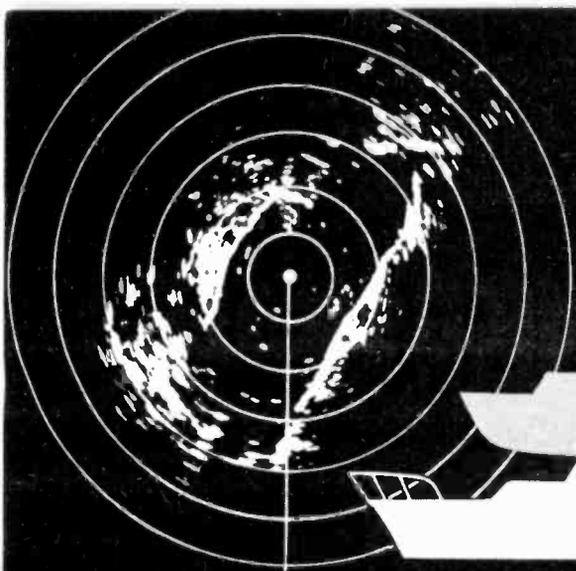


Fig. 8. Layout and General construction of the Personal Receiver.



# Radar for Small Boats

By G.A.G. Brooke

**U**P to the last two or three years many keen yachtsmen and small workboat owners such as inshore fishermen with 40 foot boats were heard to complain of the lack of a suitable "mini" radar. After all, big ship radar had been with us since the early days of the last war, the world's leading manufacturer was about to clock up his 40,000th order, and radar for small craft, as opposed to "very" small boats, had been available since 1963 (in one case a small boat radar had first appeared in 1966, but the smallest boat which could use this is about 40 feet).

Suddenly there was a proliferation of sets suitable for "very" small craft but this was followed immediately by the failure, or at least lack of obvious success, of some of them. What is there to mini radars generally and why do the manufacturers appear to find this particular market so difficult? In answering these questions, it is hoped that old radar hands will forgive a description of basic principles.

## **BASIC OPERATION**

Radar is easily understood, once comparisons are made with sound waves, and the echoes which return from them. We know that sound travels through the air at the rate of about 1100 feet per second. Until radar was developed skippers of boats working near cliffs or up rivers used sound waves to determine distance away from bluffs, buildings and so on. A short blast on the whistle would be sounded, and the seconds counted until the echo was heard. If it took five seconds for the echo to return it meant that the sound waves had travelled a total distance out and back of approximately 5,500 feet; therefore the target was a little over half a mile away.

Now it happens that if you send out radio waves at a suitable frequency (the standard

"X" band is 9380 to 9440 MHz) with sufficient energy, they actually bounce back to you from hard objects in exactly the same way. As the speed of both the emission and the returning echo is similarly constant, all you have to do to measure the distance of the hard object is to record the time taken for the entire operation. A marine radar incorporates many refinements to this principle but basically that is all there is to it.

Taking things a stage further: a radar set consists essentially of the following elements; the transmitter to generate short bursts of radio-frequency energy; a rotating scanner to radiate the radio waves in a narrow beam around the horizon and pick up the returning echoes; a receiver to detect and amplify these echoes; and a display tube to visually present them, with facilities for measuring range and bearing. The transmitter and the receiver are combined in one unit, which for convenience is called the transceiver, and there is an extra unit—making a total of four—for the power supply (all radars work off standard voltages from 12V upwards, but this has to be changed into a form acceptable to the radar, usually by a static inverter).

## **BASIC SYSTEM**

Coming from the general to the particular, these four elements still exist but in recent years have been telescoped into three units, and lately into only two. This naturally simplifies and cheapens installation and there is a useful saving in wheelhouse space, particularly important in workboats which may already have much other instrumentation. The compression from four to three units came about by installing the transceiver immediately under the scanner in a form of a streamlined pod. With the transceiver below—where it still has to be in the case



The "exposed" scanner of the Decca 101 radar.

of larger big ship sets—it is joined to the scanner by an expensive and energy losing waveguide of rectangular copper tubing. The obviation of this, not only simplifies installation but allows a smaller power output for the same radar performance. This again results in a smaller power requirement from the boat's supply, usually a matter of great significance.

Further miniaturisation through the adoption of solid-state techniques (an ill-defined phrase but here taken to mean the latest micro-circuit and other solid-state devices) has enabled the power supply to be incorporated in either the scanner/transceiver assembly or in the display, or shared between the two. This results in a total of only two units, and is standard with mini-radars. With so much of the electronics of the system built into a scanner assembly which may be several feet up in the air, it is important that the different elements are designed on a modular plug-in principle as far as possible, for easy removal below.

## TRANSCIVER

The transmitter and receiver are in appearance almost a unity as the name transceiver implies, but in reality have, of course, very distinct functions. The transmitter and receiver circuits are provided with a means of isolating one from the other, so that when transmitting, none of the energy goes into the receiver; and only when the transmitter has stopped its emission is the receiver **on** and enabled to receive the reflected echoes. To measure the time lag between emission of a radio wave and its reflected echo obviously requires electronic switching **on** and **off** of the transmitted radio waves at a rate so rapid that it nearly defies comprehension.

The bursts of power, or pulses, are timed in two ways. First, the lengths of time measured in fractions of a microsecond that the transmitter is **on**. This is termed pulse length. Second, the number of times per second that the pulses are repeated. This is termed pulse repetition frequency.

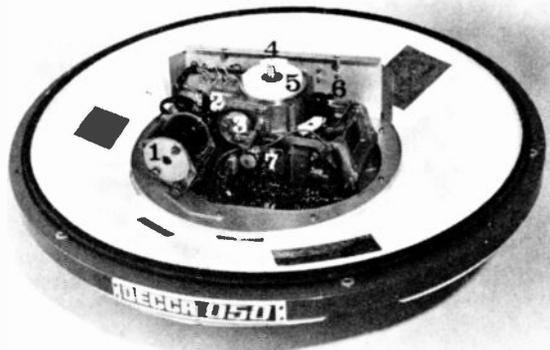
There are short and long pulse lengths automatically controlled by the range to which the radar is set. Usually shorter pulse lengths are used on short ranges for optimum range discrimination between objects; longer pulse lengths for longer ranges because of the need for a greater amount of power to create an echo. These pulse lengths typically vary between 0.05 and 1.5 microseconds.

## SCANNER

It is logical to consider the scanner next. As many readers may have noticed, in a large vessel, it consists of a horizontal bar from 4 feet to 9 feet long and about 6 inches deep. This is mounted on a pillar or other support and made to revolve at about 30 r.p.m. by a small motor mounted beneath. In mini-radars this assembly is invariably cased in a glass-fibre "radome", resulting in a mushroom appearance. The predominant reason is reduction in cost. The radome itself is not expensive and permits the scanner inside to be lighter, easier to rotate—since wind resistance is removed—not weatherproofed, and so cheaper and requiring less electrical power. As we have seen the radome houses the transceiver, and in one design the power supply as well.

Design of the scanner itself is always important but particularly in very small boats. Obviously, the smaller it can be the lighter and cheaper, but there is a limit below which performance in the form of discrimination (the ability to separate adjacent echoes) and freedom from side lobes, suffers unduly (it is impossible to direct all the energy into the desired beam and a small amount will be radiated to

Scanner unit of the Decca 050 radar showing the transmitter and turning assembly.





The two points of the Electronic Laboratories Seascan small boat radar.

either side, this is known as sidelobes and, if excessive, will create highly undesirable false echoes on the display).

The minimum size of scanner would appear to be 30 inches. The actual design of the aerial itself is another important point. Up to the late fifties the cheese type aerial was standard, where the end of the waveguide is positioned at the focal point of a parabolic reflector; the width of the latter has to be large in comparison with the wavelength so that transmission can be made in the form of a narrow beam. It is bulkier and not so efficient as the slotted waveguide scanner now universal in commercial and most other radars.

In the slotted waveguide type a bar aerial has slots cut in the vertical face through which pulses can be transmitted and echoes received. The disadvantage is that the slots have to be cut extremely accurately according to a mathematical formula and a slotted waveguide aerial is considerably more expensive than a cheese type.

## DISPLAY

The echoes are handled in the receiver portion of the transceiver. Obviously they vary greatly in strength; a nearby ship produces an extremely strong echo, while a buoy some distance away produces only a faint one. All are very greatly amplified to bring the weak ones to a level that can be seen on the display. The echoes are then levelled to a common value, so that the echo created by a nearby ship will bear a reasonable relationship in size to that created by a buoy. All this is done electronically and may answer some queries as to why radars are not as cheap as washing machines!

To understand the working of the display,



The Decca Super 101, this is a three unit system suitable for boats down to about 40 feet.

simple comparison with a searchlight may be made. Imagine yourself directly above the boat's searchlight which is being rotated 360 degrees. As it revolves the beam of light crosses boats close by and you see each of these objects momentarily. Consider now the radar's cathode ray tube, the circular extremity of which forms your radar display. As with the searchlight, your position is in the centre of the circle and the display shows all "radar conspicuous" objects within the range set at the time.

There is a difference, however, in that the inside of the tube is treated with a special material that continues to glow for a considerable period after the echo has been passed; in addition, each time the scanner directs the radio waves to cross a target (which it does about every two seconds) the echo is re-illuminated. In this way the entire radar scene is permanently visible, though the targets currently being swept show up more brightly than the remainder.

By courtesy of certain elements in both the receiver and the display any one boat mentioned above will be shown on the display as a bright spot at a range and bearing from the centre (which represents own ship) exactly corresponding to its true position. Radars have several range scales whereby, at the turn of a knob, the radius of the display can be taken to represent different distances from, say, half a mile to 18 miles. Concentric illuminated rings on the display represent increasing distances from the centre; as the range scale is changed the previous rings disappear, to be replaced by new rings in different positions, and it is always easy to gauge the range of an echo by its position relative to the nearest ring.



The display unit of the Decca 050 radar mounted in front of the "helmsman".

The relative bearing of an echo is read off the circumference of the display, with the aid of a revolving transparent disc. Modern big ship sets have more sophisticated facilities whereby, as controls manipulate a variable ring for range, and a radial line for bearing, the two readings come up simultaneously on digital readouts.

### QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, PRICE

So much for the general principle of marine radar. At the outset of this article—which concentrates on mini-radars as being of interest to the widest circle of boat-owners—it was stated that, judging by results, many manufacturers find this is a very difficult market; not so much in selling the finished product but in getting its original design right. Why is this?

The basic reason is that the three-sided equation between quality, performance and price is a very awkward one. The price ceiling simply must be low, bearing in mind the likely pocket of the prospective owner and the danger of being undercut by a competitor. The manufacturer's outlets, usually agents in the case of pleasure craft and his own depots in the case of work-boats will have no chance (particularly with cost-conscious fishermen who form a very large section of the market) if the price is too high.

Performance in the form of maximum range, minimum range, definition (sharp, clear-looking echoes) discrimination, power required and so on must be adequate in view of competition. Last, but by no means least, there is quality; quality of electronic design, mechanical design and materials used; these are the basis of reliability. Contrary to general belief, the smaller the radar, the more hostile an environment it will be in. For example, a 30 foot family cruiser which is shipping a lot of water and spray and vibrating from the action of its engine is probably providing rougher treatment than that experienced by the radar of a large merchant ship on a sturdy bridge high above the

waves and which is being operated by professional mariners.

The manufacturer has an agonising balancing act to perform between performance, extra ruggedness plus highly reliable material leading to high cost on the one hand and the necessity to keep the price down on the other. Some have failed to solve this equation first time, one large company having to dispose of its mini-radar altogether, and at least one other bringing out a second mark with major modifications.

### CHOOSING

When choosing a radar it cannot be stressed too highly that reliability is the first thing to look for. As this is not assessable for any particular set in advance the best thing to do is enquire of existing owners. Performance is naturally important—but is of no account if the set won't work—and in the context of a very small boat it should be realised that theoretically long range may be unattainable in practice. This is because radar sees almost directly like the human eye (the radar horizon exceeds the optical horizon by 6 per cent).

There is little point in buying a 20 mile range radar if you are only going to mount it 18 feet above the water, because its "horizon" at that height will be only five miles. To be fair it will pick up high land at a greater range, but somewhat disappointing since the distance at which a feature will be on the horizon of a radar is found by adding the aerial's horizon to that of the feature. The following aerial heights (in feet) are followed by the corresponding radar horizon (in nautical miles) in brackets: 10 (4), 15 (4½), 18 (5), 24 (6), 32 (7), so that land at 32 feet will begin to appear above the horizon of an aerial at 10 feet, at  $7+4=11$  miles.

Another aspect that prospective owners should look into most carefully is the service organisation of the manufacturer. In spite of what the brochures claim (so often "a new concept in radar reliability") radars do break down, and the proximity of a manufacturer's service depot or trained agent—there are few about—can make or mar a sailing holiday in certain circumstances. This is actually a factor in the price of the radar, since widespread service organisations are not maintained for nothing, and charges must be realistic.

### USE

A brief look at what radar will do for you. Collision avoidance was its original object and still holds pride of place in the minds of most people. On a dark night or in fog, the possession of radar confers peace of mind, in that it should be impossible for anything bigger than a football, providing it is projecting far enough, to come dangerously close undetected. And if you want to see whether another vessel will hit you

if both stand on, it is only necessary to take successive bearings of her when your own boat is dead on course. If they do not alter considerably she will at least pass close. This check is more easily performed than with a compass.

However, study of an article that appeared some time ago in the yachting press on the uses for which radar was put throughout a seven port cruise, showed that collision avoidance came up only once in half a dozen times. Why do virtually all Scottish motor fishing vessels fit a radar when the instance of fog on the North East coast of Scotland is in fact slight? They use it for a multitude of small tasks from locating the small dan buoy which marks the end of their net, to fixing their position. Most radars are efficient, in calm conditions, down to about 20 yards and this can be a great help in locating your moorings or picking your way into harbour among lines of moored yachts.

Coastal navigation is a subject in itself, but basically, everything that the navigator does to fix his craft by cross bearings can be emulated and more quickly, with radar. In addition, a range facility is added, enabling 'range and bearing' fixes to be obtained as well. Is important of course that the point you are taking on the display is exactly identifiable on the chart; this is not difficult with experience but it is advisable to practice in good conditions when checking is easy.

### CONCLUSION

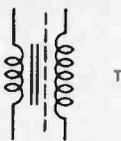
In conclusion, a quote from an american enthusiast, which is being proved by more and

more British owners: "Since the fitting of radar we have cruised thousands of miles more safely and without the anxiety that is ever present when compelled to operate in thick weather, or to enter a strange harbour at night." ▣



## What do you know?

- 1 You want a transformer to supply 24 volts at 1 amp. You have a 24 volt 500mA, a 12-0-12V 2A and 30V 1A which one would you use, and how would you connect it.
- 2 A coil and a capacitor are used to form a tuned circuit in a project you are building. The coil you have is slightly higher in inductance than that required, you cannot alter its value so what could you do to get the correct resonant frequency.
- 3 What does the following circuit symbol represent:



- 4 The impedance of a coil is stated as being

400 ohm, when you measure its resistance on a multimeter it is only 100 ohm. Say if you think this is correct and why.

### ANSWERS

- 1 Use the 12-0-12V 2A, connect across the two tags marked 12V (this gives a 24V winding) ignoring the 0V tag. The 2A is a maximum rating and the transformer can supply the 1A required without trouble (although the voltage may be slightly high).
- 2 Reduce the capacitor value slightly. The resonant frequency  $f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$  thus if L (the inductance) is increased, reduce C for the same f.
- 3 A transformer with two windings, a laminated core and a screen between the windings.
- 4 This could well be correct, the impedance is measured at a particular frequency and will always be higher than the d.c. resistance.

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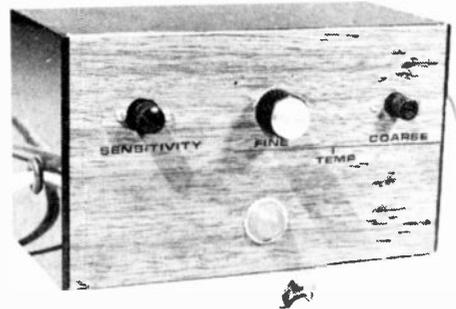
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# Aquarium THERMOSTAT

BY MIKE KENWARD

A unit for accurate temperature control of liquids.



PROPRIETARY thermostats for fish tanks and other heat control and monitoring applications are available and many of them are simple and cheap. However it has long been the requirement of many tropical fish keepers and others to have a more reliable, more accurate thermostat that can be set to the required temperature and that will maintain the temperature of a liquid to within  $\frac{1}{2}$  degree centigrade.

The thermostat to be described in this article was designed for this purpose and was found in practice to be extremely accurate, once set, and able to keep the temperature to within less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  degree should this be required.

## CIRCUIT

The circuit diagram of the thermostat is shown in Fig. 1. Transistor TR1 is operating in the emitter follower mode, the output of which is determined by the setting of VR1 and VR2, and by the resistance of thermistor RTH1 which is determined by its temperature. The output from TR1 emitter is fed, via a current limiting resistor R2, to a Schmitt trigger formed by TR2 and TR3. The use of TR1 prevents undue loading of the Schmitt by the thermistor.

The thermistor RTH1 is located in the liquid, the temperature of which is to be controlled. With a fall in temperature the resistance value of RTH1 rises and causes TR1 to pass less current through its collector emitter junction. Thus the voltage at TR2 base falls and TR2 begins to turn off, at a certain level (set by R3, R4 and R6, TR3 turns on and forces TR2 to



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turn completely off (Schmitt action). This switching of states happens very quickly and TR3 switches from off to fully on with only a slight change in the value of RTH1.

Transistor TR3 operates a relay which is used to switch the mains supply to a tank heater. Thus when TR3 turns on the heater is turned on and the liquid begins to warm up. When the required temperature is reached the fall in the resistance of RTH1 causes TR1 current to rise and the Schmitt to revert to its original state (TR2 on TR3 off) thus turning off the heater via RL1.

## HYSTERESIS

Although the above action is straightforward one problem is encountered—the hysteresis present in the Schmitt trigger circuit. This means that the unit would only switch with a

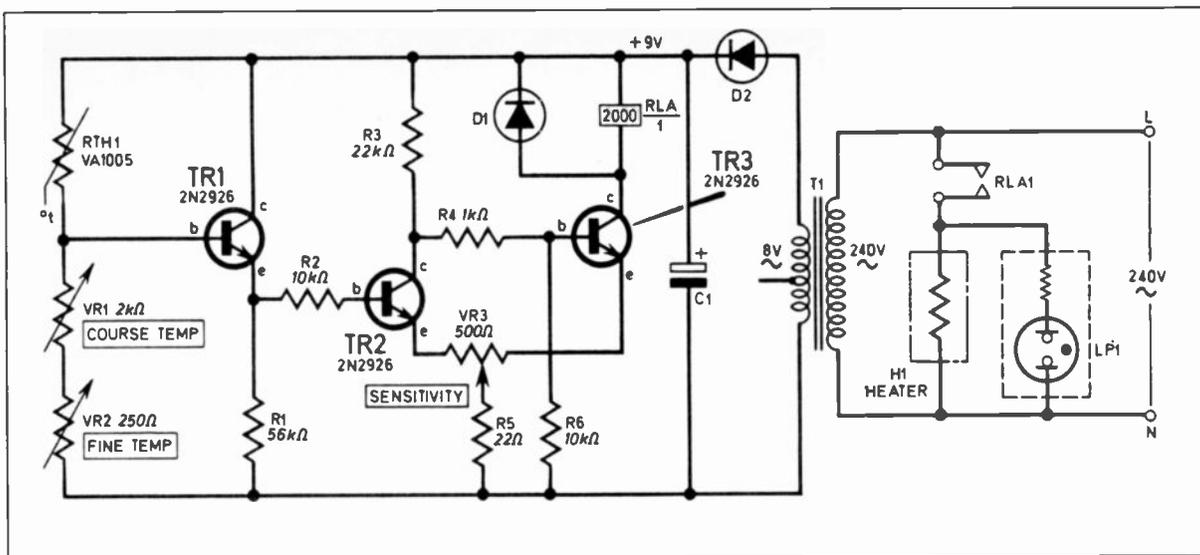


Fig. 1. The complete diagram of the Aquarium Thermostat.

rise and fall in temperature of about 3 degrees centigrade which is greater than the required temperature control.

To overcome this VR3 has been incorporated in the Schmitt circuit and this resistor is used to "balance" the two transistors and thus reduce the amount of hysteresis. Thus this potentiometer can be used to vary the sensitivity of the thermostat and can be set to keep the temperature to within about plus or minus 5 degrees centigrade down to less than plus or minus  $\frac{1}{2}$  degree centigrade. In actual fact the prototype was able to maintain the temperature to a very high degree of accuracy—higher than is practically useful in an aquarium and higher than we were able to measure by conventional means.

## SUPPLY

Power for the circuit is derived from the mains via the bell transformer T1, the rectifier D2 and smoothing capacitor C1. This very basic half wave supply was found to be quite adequate in practice. Diode D1 is incorporated to prevent the back e.m.f., caused by RLA1 switching off, from damaging TR3.

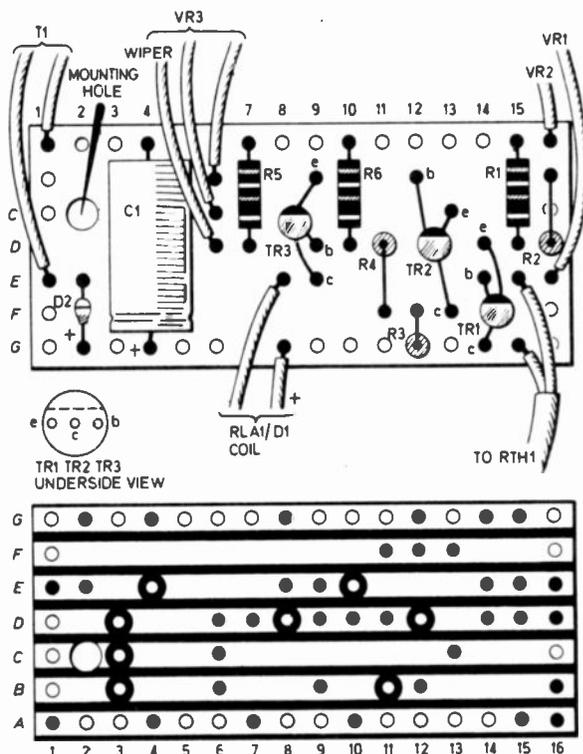
## CONSTRUCTION

Commence construction by cutting and drilling the circuit board as shown in Fig. 2. Mount all the components—soldering in the transistors and diodes after the other components and flying leads.

Next mount all the components in a suitable metal or plastic case as shown in Fig. 3 and wire up the complete unit. Note that if a metal case is used a three core mains lead should be provided and the box should be earthed by means of a tag bolted to the inside.

The themistor must be isolated from the water and can be mounted in any convenient way. The prototype used a thermistor mounted on the end of a short length of plastic tube (ball pen case) and covered in Araldite to insulate and protect it. Take care not to use too much Araldite on the thermistor as this may prevent it from reacting quickly to temperature changes.

Fig. 2. Layout and wiring of the components mounted on the Veroboard.



# Aquarium THERMOSTAT

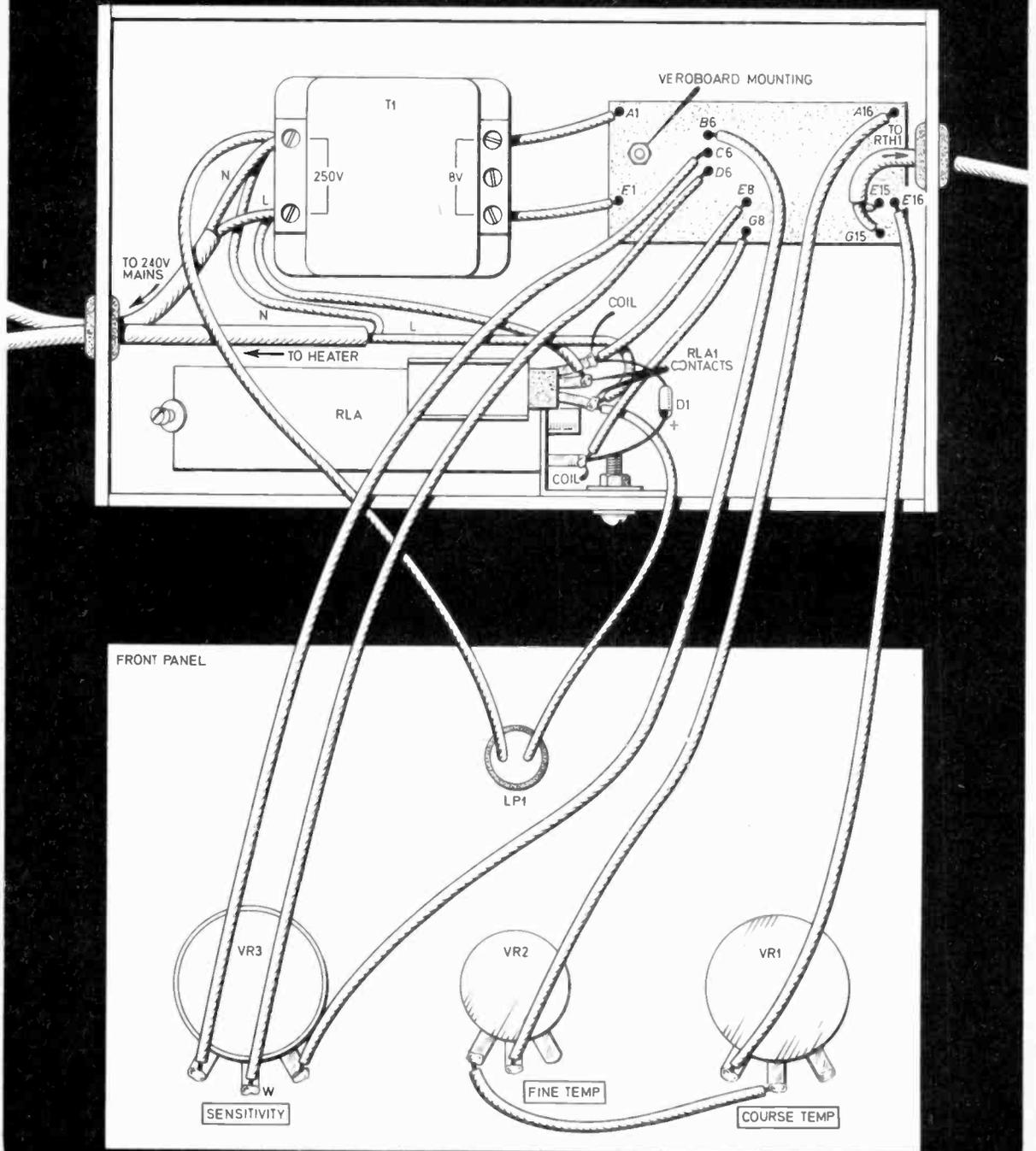


Fig. 3. Layout and wiring of the components mounted in the case.

## Components . . . .

### Resistors

- R1 56k $\Omega$
- R2 10k $\Omega$
- R3 22k $\Omega$
- R4 1k $\Omega$
- R5 22 $\Omega$
- R6 10k $\Omega$

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### Capacitor

- C1 100 $\mu$ F elect. 15V

### Variable Resistors

- VR1 2k $\Omega$  carbon linear
- VR3 250 $\Omega$  carbon linear
- VR3 500 $\Omega$  carbon linear

### Semiconductors

- D1 Any small signal silicon diode
- D2 1N4148 or any 50V 200mA silicon diode
- TR1 2N2926 (any colour) silicon *npn*
- TR2 2N2926 (green) silicon *npn*
- TR3 2N2926 (green) silicon *npn*

### Miscellaneous

- RTH1 VA 1005 thermistor
  - RLA 2000 $\Omega$  P.O. type 3000 relay with one set of normally open contacts
  - T1 Friedland bell transformer (200–250V primary, 8V secondary)
  - LP1 Neon indicator lamp with built in resistor
- Veroboard 2½ x 1½ x 0.15 inch matrix, small aluminium bracket for RLA, mains lead, materials for mounting RTH1 (see text), plastic case approx. 7 x 4 x 3 inches, 4BA fixings, mains plug, knobs as required.

## TESTING

Connect the unit to the heater and mains and with RTH1 in free air and VR3 fully clockwise switch on. Turn VR1 (coarse temperature) through the range and check that RLA1 clicks in and out as you do this, LP1 is incorporated to show when the relay is operating (ie. heater on). Next set VR2 (fine temperature) fully clockwise and VR1 so that RLA1 has just operated—switched on the heater—now turn down VR2 and check that as it nears its minimum value RLA1 drops out—turn up VR2 until RLA1 just operates.

By breathing on the thermistor it should now be possible to cause RLA1 to drop out and switch off the heater. Now test the function of VR5 (sensitivity) by turning it fully anticlockwise and resetting the unit as above. It should now take a greater rise in temperature to make RLA1 operate.

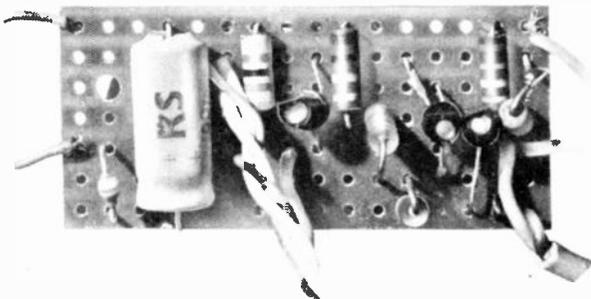
If all is well place RTH1 in the tank and turn VR1 up, when the required temperature of the liquid is reached back off VR1 and adjust both VR1 and VR2 until RLA1 just drops out. Leave the unit set and observe the rise and fall in the

temperature.

By adjustment of VR3 and the two temperature controls the correct temperature and controlled level (rise and fall) can be set. This may take a little time but once set will remain constant. Any latter alteration of VR3 (sensitivity) may also mean slight adjustment of VR2 and possibly VR1 to maintain the correct temperature.

The thermostat can be used to maintain the temperature of other liquids—such as used in colour photographic work—but for accurate control the thermistor should be mounted away from the heater and some means of “stirring” the liquid introduced. □

Photograph of the completed Veroboard with the components mounted on it.



# PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The connections to VR1 and B1 positive on the *Waa Waa* Veroboard layout (page 439, August '73) should each be moved one place to the left to position A9 and A8 respectively. The wiring diagram of Fig. 6 with reference to these connections is correct. The connection from A2 to SK1 should be omitted and the screen from C2 should be connected to SK1 auxiliary tag.

In the *Electronic Doorbell* article (August '73) transistor TR5 was incorrectly shown as an AC 126. This should have been an AC 176.

Under *What Do You Know* it was stated that the AC 127 could not be used in place of the BC 109 because it is a *pnp* device. It is an *npn* device but it would not be as likely to work as the 2N2926 because it has a much lower gain.

We apologise for any confusion caused by these mistakes.

# SEMICONDUCTORS

FOUR

THE TRANSISTOR

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WE continue this month with further properties and theory of the transistor and introduce some transistor types which will be completed in Part 5.

## COMMON EMITTER CURRENT GAIN

The a.c. current gain of a transistor in the common emitter circuit is usually designated  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha'$ ,  $h_{21}$  or  $h_{fe}$ . It is given by the equation:

$$\beta = \frac{\text{change in collector current}}{\text{change in base current}}$$

The current gain of typical transistors in the common emitter circuit varies from about 5 to 1,000. It varies from one type of transistor to another, but even amongst transistors of the same code number there are variations in the current gain of between about two times to five times (depending on type). The current gain is temperature dependent.

The common emitter current gain usually rises at first with increasing collector current until it reaches a maximum, after which it falls again (see Fig. 4.1).

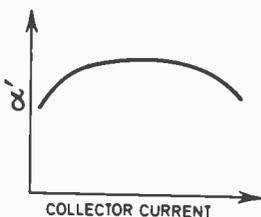


Fig. 4.1. Variation of current gain with collector current in a typical transistor.

Some transistors (such as the 2N2484) are designed so that they provide a high current gain even at very low collector currents (perhaps 0.01mA), whilst other transistors provide a high gain in the medium current range (typically 1mA to 100mA) and yet others in the high current range (perhaps 5A to 10A).

The common emitter circuit not only provides a current gain of over unity, but it also provides a voltage and a power gain when used in a suitable circuit. The power gain provided is normally greater than that obtainable using the same type of transistor in either of the other basic circuits.

## LEAKAGE CURRENT

In Fig. 4.2a, a transistor is biased in the normal way with the collector positive with respect to the base, but the emitter is left unconnected so that the emitter current is zero.

Although the collector/base junction is reverse biased, a small current will pass, since both of the materials contain limited numbers of minority carriers which are attracted across the junction (as in the reverse biased diode). This small current is known as the leakage current.

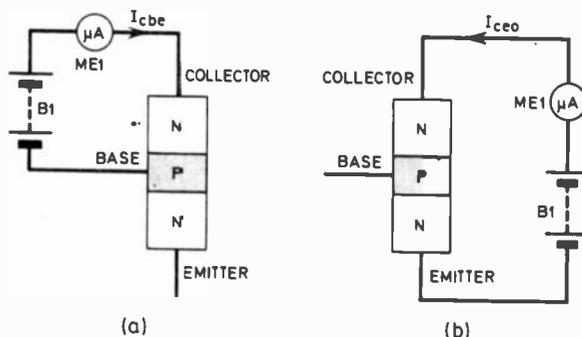


Fig. 4.2. Measurement of leakage current.

The leakage current in the common base connection is designated  $I_{cbo}$  (or sometimes  $I_{co}$ ). The subscript "cb" indicates that the current flows between the collector and base, whilst the third subscript, "o", shows that the current passing to the third electrode is zero.

The leakage current in Fig. 4.2a is that of the collector/base diode and is therefore much smaller in the case of silicon transistors than in germanium devices.

The common emitter leakage current is measured with the base open circuited as shown in Fig. 4.2b. It is normally given the symbol  $I_{ceo}$ , but is sometimes designated  $I_{co}$ .

The value of the common emitter leakage current is much larger than that of the common base leakage current. The leakage current of the collector/base diode acts as the base current and is therefore amplified by the current gain of the transistor concerned.

In a germanium transistor  $I_{ceo}$  may be some hundreds of microamperes, increasing slightly with applied voltage over the working range of the transistor.

The leakage current of any transistor increases rapidly with temperature for the same

reason that the leakage current of a diode increases with temperature.

## PNP TRANSISTORS

The principles of operation of *pn*p transistors are exactly similar to those of *npn* transistors, but the polarities of the applied voltages are reversed and the charge carriers are of the opposite polarity.

As shown in Fig. 4.3, the base is forward biased with respect to the emitter, so in this type of transistor the base must receive a negative bias (as opposed to the positive base bias of the *npn* type). Similarly, a negative voltage is applied to the collector so that the collector/base junction is reverse biased.

The *n*-type base is lightly doped, so the emitter/base current consists mainly of holes moving from the emitter to the base with only a few electrons moving in the opposite direction.

Most of the holes passing from the emitter into the base reach the depletion region of the collector/base junction and they are then swept into the collector to form the collector current in the external circuit.

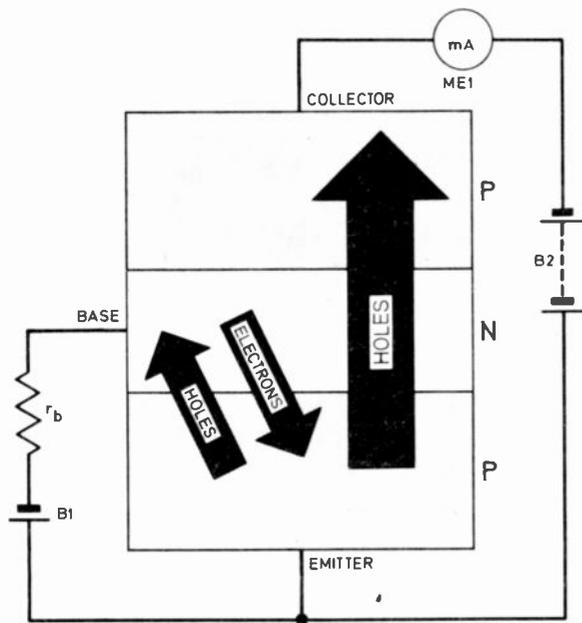


Fig. 4.3. Flow of charge carriers in the *pn*p transistor.

## SYMBOLS

The normal symbol for an *npn* transistor is shown in Fig. 4.4a. Sometimes the circle is omitted for simplicity, since it is only used to indicate that the device is sealed in a suitable encapsulation.

The direction of the arrow shows the direction in which conventional current flows in the emitter circuit. (Conventional current flows from the positive to the negative terminal of a

battery in the opposite direction to the flow of electrons.)

Fig. 4.4b shows the symbol used for a *pn*p transistor. It is similar to that of the *npn* transistor, except that the direction of the arrow is changed.

Alternative symbols for the *npn* and *pn*p transistors are shown in Figs. 4.4c and 4.4d respectively.

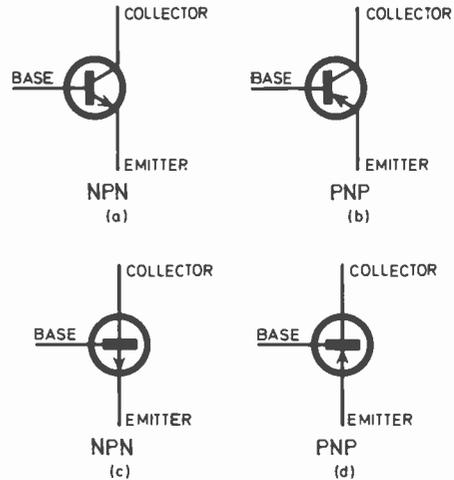


Fig. 4.4. Symbols for *npn* and *pn*p transistors.

## BASE VOLTAGES

The forward bias applied to the base of a silicon *npn* transistor results in this electrode being about 0.5 to 0.6V positive with respect to the emitter.

This follows from the fact that a forward biased silicon diode does not pass very much current until this forward voltage is reached, but the current then increases very rapidly with forward voltage (refer to Fig. 2.8 in Semiconductors Part 2).

Similarly, the base of a germanium *npn* transistor operates at about 0.15V positive with respect to the emitter.

The base operating voltages of silicon and germanium *pn*p transistors are about -0.5 to -0.6V and about -0.15V respectively relative to the emitter.

## COLLECTOR VOLTAGES

If the collector of a transistor is operated from too low a supply voltage, the maximum output voltage swing will be limited and the gain may be reduced. Generally, supply voltages below about 3V are seldom used. The upper limit depends on the type of transistor used for the reasons discussed below.

Some silicon transistors are designed to operate with collector voltages well above 100 volts, but most types are only capable of satisfactory operation at lower voltages.

Germanium *pn*p transistors are seldom

designed to operate with their collector voltages more than 80V negative with respect to their emitter voltage.

If the collector/base voltage is made greater than the maximum permissible value quoted in the manufacturer's data sheet, **avalanche breakdown** of the collector/base junction may occur. (The doping level in transistors is usually greater than that at which true Zener breakdown takes place.)

A maximum permissible value of the collector/base reverse voltage,  $V_{cbo}$  (or, sometimes,  $V_{cb}$ ), is therefore quoted in the data sheet. This is the collector/base maximum voltage when the emitter current is zero.

The maximum permissible collector/emitter voltage with the base open circuited (that is, with zero base current) is designated  $V_{ceo}$  and is often lower than  $V_{cbo}$ , since the collector/base leakage current is multiplied by the current gain of the transistor.

In addition to normal avalanche breakdown, an effect known as **second breakdown** can occur in which some parts of the junction become hotter than others. If any part tends to become hot, conduction in that part may become more like conduction in a metal, so that the current concentrates there and makes it hotter still.

A voltage applied between the collector and emitter (but not between the collector and base) can lead to an effect known as **punch-through**.

In this case the collector/base depletion region becomes so deep that it encompasses the whole of the base region and enters the emitter. When this occurs, a large current can flow between the collector and emitter.

The punch-through voltage depends mainly on the base width and resistivity; in many transistors the punch-through voltage is arranged to be of the same order as the avalanche breakdown voltage of the collector/base junction.

Although avalanche breakdown and punch through do not *in themselves* destroy the transistor, in most circuits they would cause such a high current to flow that the power dissipation in the device would be great enough to destroy it. The manufacturer's limiting values of  $V_{cbo}$  and  $V_{ceo}$  should therefore be strictly observed.

## FREQUENCY LIMITS

The amplification given by a transistor falls off at high frequencies, the symbol  $f_T$  is used as a measure of this fall in modern transistors; it is the **gain-bandwidth product** or, more precisely, the common emitter current gain multiplied by the bandwidth measured in the frequency region where the gain is falling fairly rapidly.

It must be stressed, however, that the high frequency performance is dependent on the circuit in which the transistor is used as well as on the properties of the transistor itself.

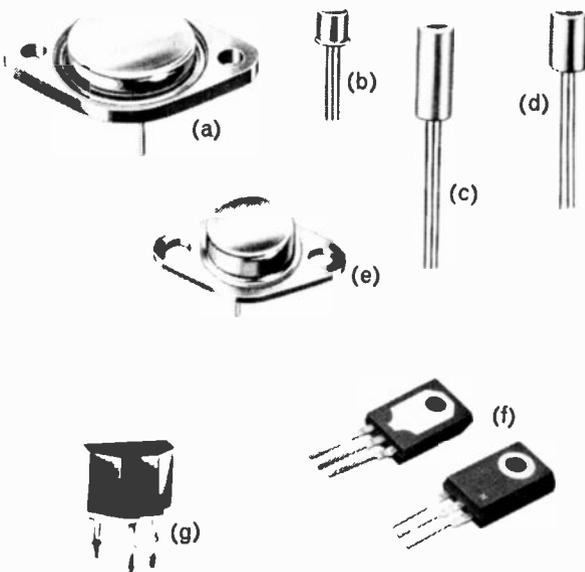
It is not always wise to use a transistor with a good high frequency performance in a circuit where this property is not really needed, since oscillation at a very high frequency may occur. The latter may not be easy to detect.

It should be remembered that the value of  $f_T$  quoted by most manufacturers is the minimum value and many specimens of their transistors of a specified type number may have a far higher value of  $f_T$ .

## TRANSISTOR TYPES

The number of transistor types on the market is extremely large. It is obviously necessary to have many different types available for various purposes but the profusion of type numbers now available tends to confuse not only the beginner, but also the somewhat more experienced designer.

This series will give some information on the ways in which some types of transistor provide the characteristics required by the circuit designer, but it is obvious that this account cannot be a comprehensive review or even cover the majority of the types in normal use. In general only the more common types will be considered and no attempt will be made to include details of transistors suitable for operation at GHz (1,000 million Hz) frequencies or of any radio frequency power transistors.



Photograph showing some of the various transistors available:  
(a) AD149 (b) BC107 (c) OC72 (d) AC128 (e) AD161  
(f) BD201 (g) BC147—Lockfit.

(Mullard)

## TOLERANCES

Manufacturers can produce cheap transistors only if they can sell huge quantities of each type and if they do not have to carry out long testing procedures or guarantee that their products have very close tolerances.

The most expensive devices have tended to be used in the military and space research fields where human lives may depend on the satisfactory operation of a large number of devices over a long period.

Somewhat cheaper transistors have been used for general industrial purposes and in instrument manufacture, whilst the cheapest devices are used in the domestic entertainment field where wide tolerances are of no great disadvantage if one allows for them in the circuit design.

## REPLACEMENT TYPES

Although this article may help readers to choose a suitable replacement type for a defective transistor, it cannot be stressed too strongly that *the manufacturer's data sheet should always be examined in detail* before any transistor is used to replace another type or is used in a new circuit.

In many cases modern epoxy encapsulated silicon transistors can be used as a cheap (but perfectly satisfactory) replacement for some of the types supplied in metal cans. Epoxy encapsulation is a kind of plastic material and can be used for silicon (but not normally germanium) device manufacture.

Germanium devices were developed before the more modern silicon types and will therefore be covered first.

## PNP ALLOY JUNCTION GERMANIUM TYPES

Some of the earliest transistors were produced by the alloy junction process. If a *pn*p ger-

manium transistor is to be made, pellets of the *p*-type additive are placed on each side of a wafer of lightly doped *n*-type material.

In the case of the OC71 transistor, for example, the size of the *n*-type wafer is 4 x 2 x 0.12mm.

After suitable heat treatment, the *p*-type additive diffuses into the wafer to form a *pn*p device with a lightly doped base. The cross section of such a transistor is shown in Fig. 4.5.

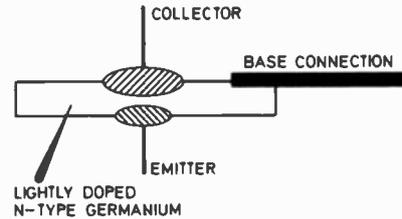


Fig. 4.5. The structure of an alloy junction transistor.

Transistors manufactured by this technique are suitable for use only at audio and low radio frequencies. For example, the *pn*p audio frequency transistor type OC71 has a typical common emitter cut off frequency of 11kHz (minimum 5kHz) and a common base cut off frequency of 600kHz.

The *pn*p OC45 has a thinner base and can be used as a 475kHz intermediate frequency amplifier in radio receivers, since the thinner base raises its common base cut off frequency to about 6MHz.

The *pn*p OC44 has about the optimum high frequency performance possible with transistors manufactured by the alloy junction technique; it has a common base cut off frequency of typically 15MHz (minimum 7.5MHz) and is often used as a self oscillating mixer in radio receivers for the medium and long wavebands. Various other types, such as the OC42, are similar to the OC44.

Table 4.1: Germanium Alloy Junction Transistors

Device	$V_{cbo}$ (V)	$V_{ceo}$ (V)	$I_{c\ max}$ (mA)	$P_{I\ max}$ (MW)	$h_{re}$	$f_T$ (MHz)	Application
<i>pn</i> p							
OC71	-30	-20	10	75	50	0.6	Medium gain general purpose
OC75	-20	-20	10	75	90	0.6	High gain general purpose
OC45	-10	-10	5.0	43	50	6.0	I.F. amplifier in medium frequency receivers
OC44	-10	-10	5.0	43	100	15	Mixer/oscillator in medium frequency receivers
OC72	-16	-16	125	75	70	>0.35	Low power output transistor
OC77	-60	-60	125	75	>45	>0.35	High voltage low power switch
2N1309	-30	-15	200	150	60-120	15	General purpose
<i>np</i> n							
OC139	20	15	250	145	20-84	3.5	} Medium current transistors
OC140	20	15	400	145	20-150	4.5	
OC141	20	15	400	145	80-200	9.0	
2N1308	25	15	200	150	80-300	15	} General purpose

Returning to audio transistors, the OC71 has a common emitter current gain of 30 to 75 at a collector current of 3mA. The OC75 is a high gain version with a current gain  $h_{fe}$  or  $\beta$  of 60 to 130 at a collector current of 3mA.

The OC71 has a collector voltage rating of 20V, but the thinner base of the OC44 and OC45 involves a reduction of the collector rating to 10V.

All of the above types except the OC42 are encapsulated in a small, black painted, glass tube with the three leads emerging from the one end, as shown in Fig. 4.6.

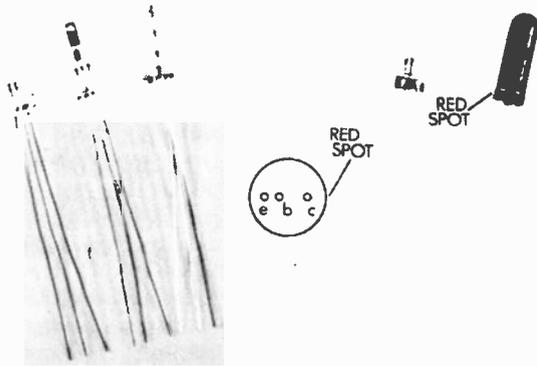


Fig. 4.6. The OC71 type transistor showing stages of production.

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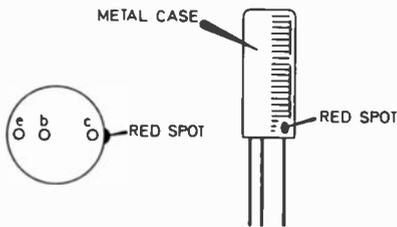


Fig. 4.7. The OC72 type transistor.

The OC71 is rated at a maximum average collector current of 10mA. The OC72 has a maximum average collector current rating of 125mA and has been much used in the past in the output stages of small radio receivers. It is encapsulated in a metal tube, as shown in Fig. 4.7, so that the heat will be conducted away if it is placed in a small heat sink.

The OC77 is essentially a high voltage version of the OC72.

Low noise types, such as the AC107, are available, but one can obtain a better low noise performance with a modern silicon planar type.

### PNP ALLOY DIFFUSED GERMANIUM

The *pn*p alloy diffused germanium transistors have been widely used in the radio and inter-

mediate frequency sections of radio receivers.

A cross section of such a transistor is shown in Fig. 4.8.

The manufacturing technique employed enables a base width of a few thousandths of a millimetre to be obtained. A drift field is developed by adding both *n*- and *p*-type impurities to the emitter pellet and allowing the *n*-type material to penetrate more deeply into the crystal than the *p*-type at a high temperature so that a graded base layer is formed.

Such transistors have a high gain at a low collector current and a low collector base feedback capacitance.

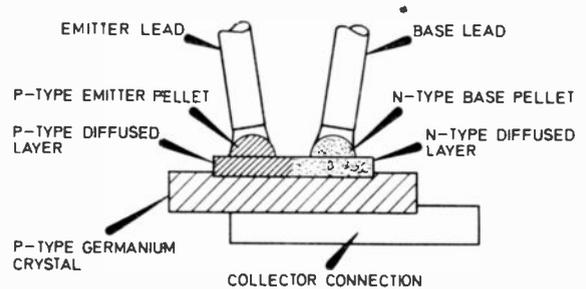


Fig. 4.8. The structure of an alloy diffused germanium transistor.

The OC170 and OC171 are two well known types manufactured by this technique. They have an  $h_{fe}$  value of about 100 (minimum 20) and a cut off frequency of around 70MHz.

In current radio receivers these transistors have been replaced by the AF114 to AF117 series. The AF114 is a v.h.f. amplifier for f.m. receivers, the AF115 a mixer/oscillator for a.m./f.m. and short wave receivers, the AF116 an i.f. amplifier for f.m. receivers and the AF117 a mixer/oscillator and i.f. amplifier for the long, medium and short wave bands.

Another use for alloy diffused transistors is as video amplifiers in television receivers and the AF118 has been designed especially for this purpose.

All of the alloy diffused transistors mentioned above have the type of construction shown in Fig. 4.9. The shield electrode is connected to the metal case and should be earthed.

Alloy diffused *npn* germanium transistors do not appear to be available.

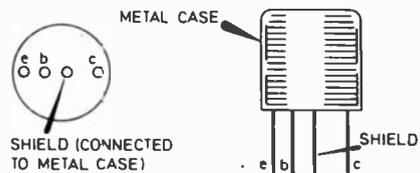
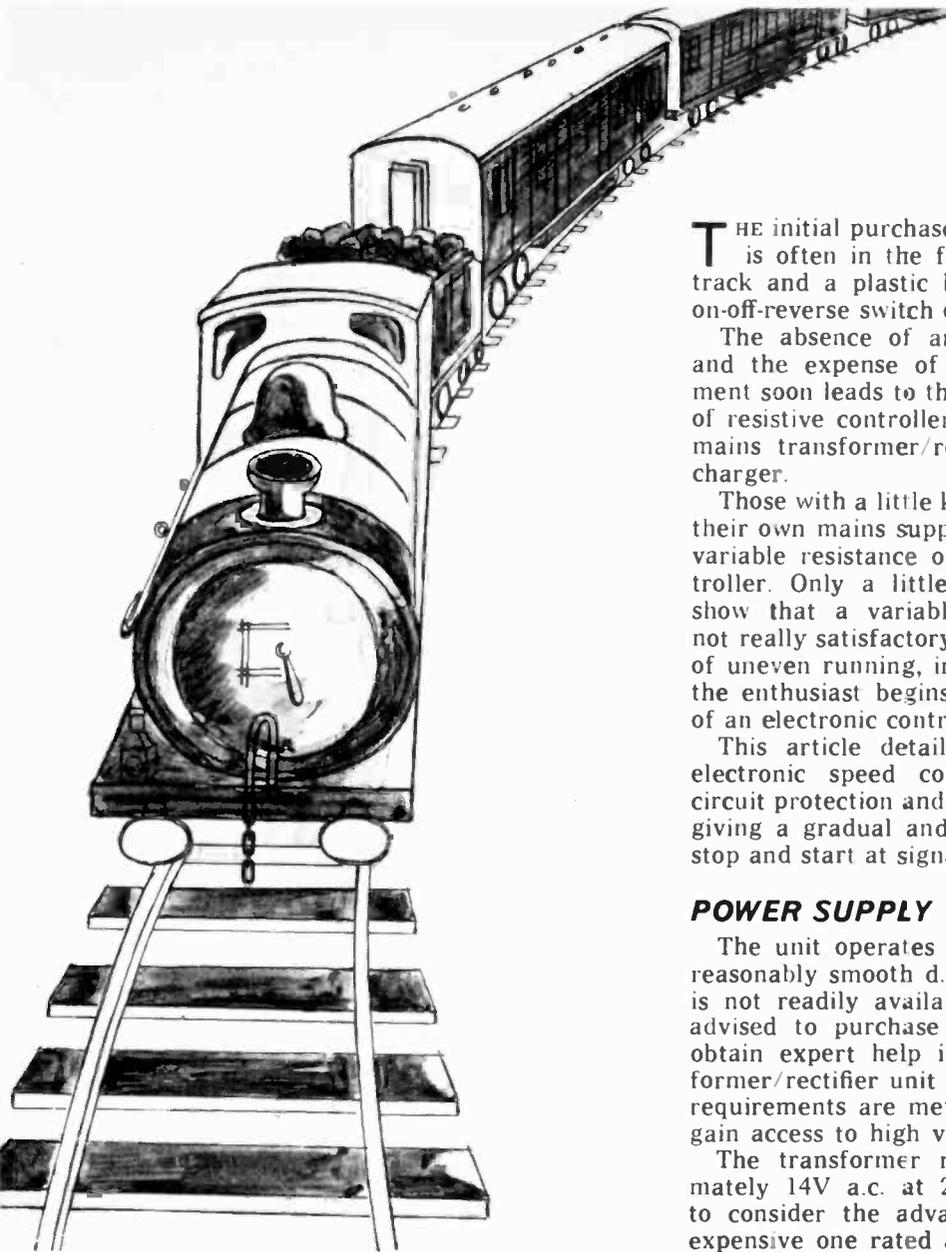


Fig. 4.9. The OC170 and OC171 types of transistor.

Next month: More types, manufacture of planar devices and testing.



**T**HE initial purchase of model train equipment is often in the form of a "set" with train, track and a plastic battery box fitted with an on-off-reverse switch only.

The absence of any form of speed control and the expense of frequent battery replacement soon leads to the acquisition of some form of resistive controller and, either a proprietary mains transformer/rectifier unit, or a battery charger.

Those with a little know-how elect to construct their own mains supply unit using a heavy duty variable resistance of 100-200 ohm as the controller. Only a little experience is needed to show that a variable resistance controller is not really satisfactory and to counter the effects of uneven running, indeterminate starting, etc., the enthusiast begins to consider the purchase of an electronic control unit.

This article details the construction of an electronic speed control incorporating short circuit protection and a facility for automatically giving a gradual and realistic speed change to stop and start at signals and stations.

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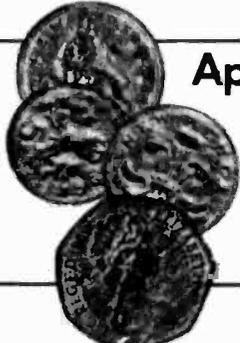
The unit operates from an approximate 12V reasonably smooth d.c. supply. If such a supply is not readily available the novice is strongly advised to purchase a proprietary unit or to obtain expert help in building a mains transformer/rectifier unit since it is vital that safety requirements are met and that children cannot gain access to high voltages.

The transformer rating should be approximately 14V a.c. at 2 amps, though it is well to consider the advantage of a slightly more expensive one rated at 4 amps preferably with two sets of windings to provide two independent

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Many proprietary units have no smoothing since the action of the train's motor is to average out the waveform. If such a supply unit is available it may be used if an electrolytic capacitor of approximately 2000 $\mu$ F is connected across its terminals.

The working voltage of such a capacitor should be at least 20V since it will charge up to the peak value when not connected to a load; when on load the voltage will fall to a lower voltage with a waveform as in Fig. 1.

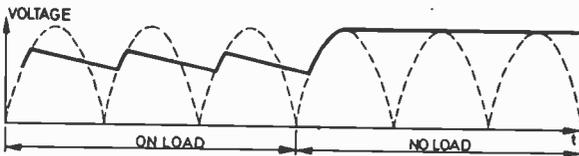


Fig. 1. Shows the voltage increase for no load condition.

Such a smoothing capacitor will take a momentary large charging current, possibly in excess of a fitted current trip. In such a case the trip should be wired *after* the supply has been smoothed. Should it be intended to use an unprotected d.c. supply other than for the short circuit protected circuit to be described, it would be necessary to provide a means of short time constant overload protection such as a quick acting magnetic cut out. Similarly, any a.c. output could be protected by a thermal cut out.

### DESIGN REQUIREMENT

The starting performance of a loco is a common source of dissatisfaction; unless the resistive controller is well advanced it is often found that the loco will not move at all and then it suddenly speeds up, requiring immediate controller adjustment to avoid excess speed at points, curves, etc.

This effect is comparable to attempting to start off and drive a car in top gear; obviously the equivalent of a gear box is required, or a means to change the torque/speed characteristic.

In this design, this effect is achieved by switching the supply on and off at a fast rate; the ratio of the time it is switched on to the time it is switched off (the mark-space ratio) is varied by a control so that the extreme ends of the control range corresponds to the supply being virtually fully on or off.

In the condition of starting from rest, the supply is switched on for brief periods only (Fig. 2a), each period being long enough to develop the maximum torque from the motor but not long enough to allow for much movement so the loco moves in a series of almost undetect-

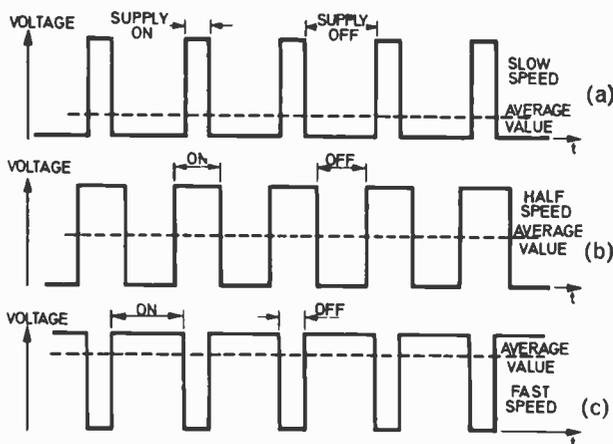


Fig. 2. Shows that the average value is proportional to the mark-space ratio.

able jerks, slowly increasing speed.

In the half-way position, the controller creates an equal mark-space ratio or on for half the time (Fig. 2b) and the inertia of the motor integrates this and runs as if powered by half the supply volts.

In the fast position the controller switches the supply on for most of the time (see Fig. 2c) and the loco rail voltage is therefore the supply voltage (12-14V d.c.) less a 0.7V drop across TR1 and less the small voltage drop across R6 dependent upon the current taken.

### TRAIN MOTOR

Consider the loco motor as shown in Fig. 3 here the resistance of the motor windings is shown as  $R_m$  in series with a generator—this being the back e.m.f. generator with an output proportional to speed.

At rest, when the supply is connected, the current that flows is the supply voltage  $V_s$ , divided by  $R_m$  plus the control resistance  $R_c$  (including the supply resistances). The torque caused by the current causes the motor to revolve and overcome initial or static friction whereupon the motor runs faster and the back e.m.f. increases.

The current taken is now

$$\frac{V_s - V_g}{R_c + R_m}$$

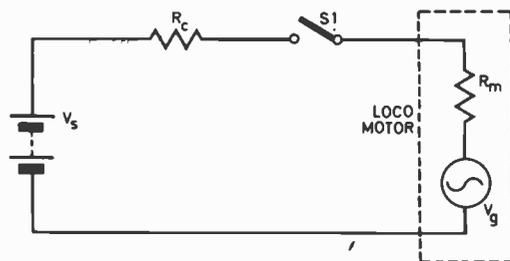


Fig. 3. The equivalent circuit of the loco motor in circuit.

and the torque is reduced accordingly. It is obvious that if  $V_s$  and  $R_c$  are both made very large and constant (normal constant current circuit) the motor speed will vary as a function of the load and, in cases of indeterminate frictional effects, will vary wildly.

From this consideration, the series resistance should be reduced as far as possible and the motor speed controlled by either a variable voltage low impedance source or by a fixed voltage and switched time division.

## CIRCUIT

The complete circuit diagram of the train controller is shown in Fig. 4. Transistors TRA and TRB (inside the integrated circuit) form a multivibrator whose period is determined by the values of the capacitors C1, C2, R1 and (R2 + VR1). The mark-space ratio is approximately 1:1 with the wiper of VR1 in the central position, and the collector of TRB (pin 5) is alternately at the supply voltage or approximately +0.2V when TRB is turned on hard or saturated. This square wave signal is applied via R4 to TRC which is switched on or off.

For the moment leaving aside transistor TRD, the collector of TRC is connected to the base of TRE which forms, with TR1, a compound emitter follower giving a large current low impedance square wave output.

Diode D2 is wired in the circuit, reverse

biased, to protect TR1 from transient reverse voltage produced by the inductance of the motor winding and commutator switching.

## SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTION

Short circuit protection is provided by the use of R6 (approximately 0.5 ohm), the connections to TRD being so arranged that if a current in excess of 1.5 amps flows through R6, the voltage across it will turn on TRD.

The base current of TRD is limited by R7, but it will saturate and the collector of TRD will fall to approximately +0.2V pulling down the base of TRE and virtually turning off TR1.

Accidental short circuits are thereby limited to approximately 1.5 amps though this figure may be readily changed by changing R6 such that,

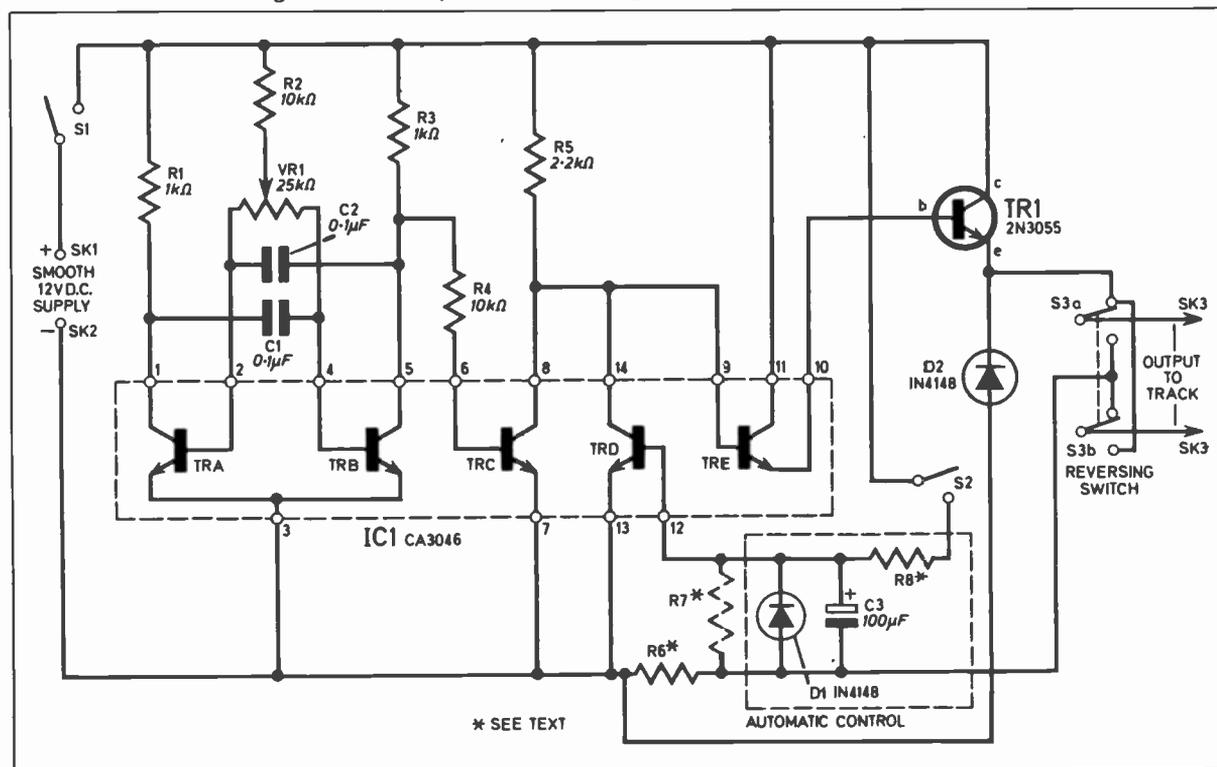
$$(\text{short circuit current in amps}) \times (R6 \text{ in ohms}) \approx 0.7V.$$

## AUTOMATIC CONTROL

Automatic control is achieved by replacing R7 with D1, C3 and R8 as shown in Fig. 4.

Consider first that S2 is open: if a short circuit is applied to the output, the voltage across R6 will be applied via D1 to the base of TRD. The voltage that must be produced across R6 to saturate TRD is now approximately 1.4V made up of 0.7V to turn on D1, and 0.7V the voltage dropped across the base/emitter junction of TR1.

Fig. 4. The complete circuit diagram of the Train Controller.



# TRAIN CONTROLLER

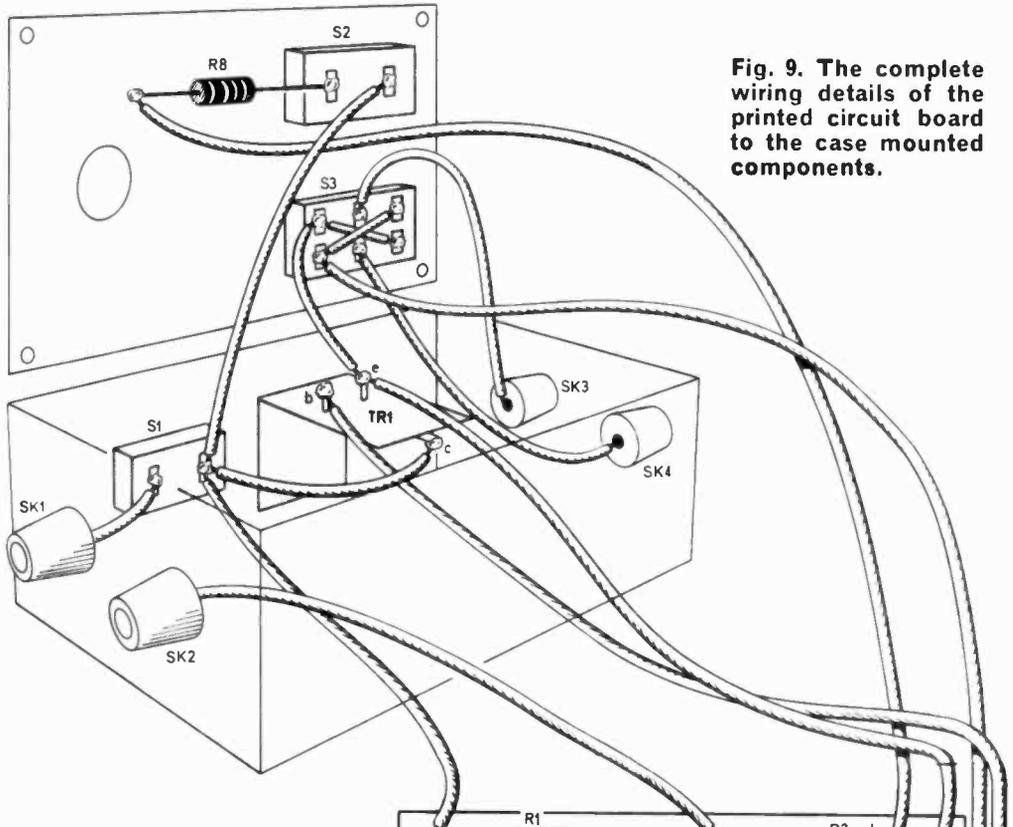


Fig. 9. The complete wiring details of the printed circuit board to the case mounted components.

Fig. 8 (below). Details of the heatsink bracket for securing TR1. Mica washer and insulating bushes must be used.

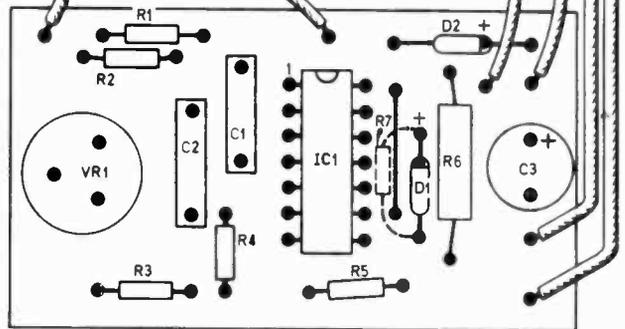
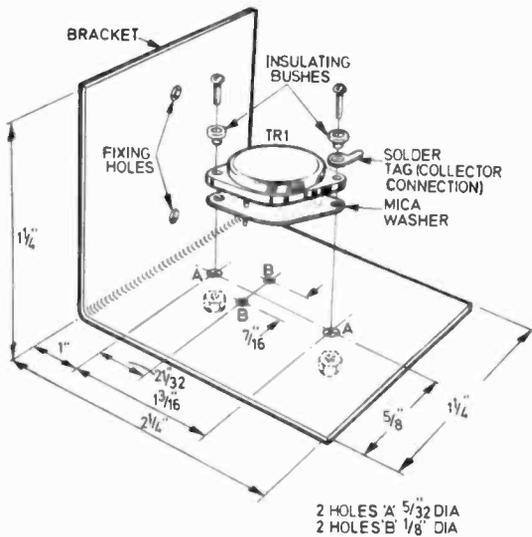


Fig. 7 (above). The layout of the components on the top side of the printed circuit board. Note the polarity of the diodes and the integrated circuit.

The value of R6 should be selected accordingly.

Assume that the control VR1 is adjusted centrally to give a 1:1 mark-space ratio and that a train is running to a signal set at stop.

If S2 is closed, C3 will charge slowly via R8. The time constant of C3, R8 is given by

$$t(\text{secs}) = (R8 \text{ in ohms}) \times (C3 \text{ in farads})$$

With R8 at 100 kilohm this gives  $t = 10\text{secs}$ .

However, this corresponds to approximately 60 per cent of the charge voltage, or 7V from a 12V supply and only approximately 1V is necessary to operate TRD. The relationship between time and charge is approximately linear so 1V will be obtained in one-seventh of the time for 7V or  $10/7\text{secs} \approx 1\frac{1}{2}\text{secs}$ .

As C3 charges, TRD will gradually pass more current, limiting the pulses from TR1 and after 1½ seconds TR1 will be cut off and the train stopped.

Consider now that the signal aspect is changed and that by the use of a parallel switch or a relay, S2 is opened. The charge on C3 cannot pass via D1 (reverse biased) and so must dissipate by providing the base current to TRD. As the charge on C3 falls, so the current taken by TRD falls and output pulses from TR1 increase and start the train. After a short period C3 is virtually discharged and the train runs as in the original condition.

### PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD

The unit is to be constructed on a piece of printed circuit board the full-size drawing of which is shown in Fig. 5. The component layout on the top side of the board is shown in Fig. 6, the only critical positioning being the holes for VR1 and the integrated circuit, IC1 via its holder.

Note that R7 is shown (dotted) for initial testing; automatic control is obtained (if desired) by replacing R7 after testing with D1 and C3 wired as shown.

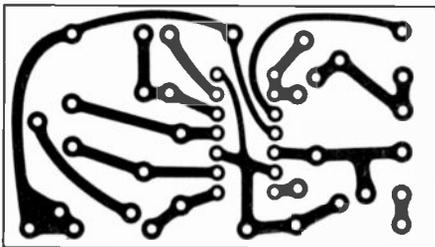


Fig. 5. The full-size master of the printed circuit.

### CONSTRUCTION

The printed circuit board should be produced as described in the article *Making Printed Circuit Boards*, E.E. June 1973.

When the board is ready, drill all the holes with a No. 62-68 drill bit and then enlarge the holes to take the potentiometer VR1 with a larger drill or small file so that a snug fit is

obtained.

Next solder VR1, the i.c. holder, the resistors and capacitors in position as indicated in Fig. 6. If the automatic control is to be installed leave the leads of R7 long for easy removal later. When this has been done plug in IC1 ensuring that it is the correct way round; this is done with reference to the notch at one end of the integrated circuit.

Next make the aluminium heatsink bracket as shown in Fig. 8 for the power transistor TR1 and fix the latter to the bracket via a mica washer and insulating bushes.

Secure the solder tag to the case of TR1 via one of its fixing bolts; this is the connection to the collector of TR1 since the casing is internally connected to the collector.

Put some heatsink compound on the bracket where it is to be in contact with the diecast case and tightly bolt the bracket in position.

Fix the other components to the case and wire up as shown in Fig. 9.

## Components . . . .

### Resistors

- R1 1kΩ
- R2 10kΩ
- R3 1kΩ
- R4 10kΩ
- R5 2.2kΩ
- R6 0.5Ω 1W wirewound
- R7 100Ω
- R8 100kΩ

All ½ watt carbon ± 10% unless otherwise stated.

### Potentiometer

- VR1 25kΩ carbon linear, printed circuit type

### Capacitors

- C1 0.1μF
- C2 0.1μF
- C3 100μF 12V elect.

### Semiconductors

- TR1 2N3055 silicon npn
- IC1 CA3046 integrated circuit
- D1, D2 1N4148

### Miscellaneous

- SK1-4 Screw terminals (4 off)
  - S1, S2 On/off toggle or slide (2 off)
  - S3 D.P.D.T. break-before-make
- Printed circuit board, size 58 x 32 mm; etchant —ferric chloride; diecast aluminium case or similar metal case; knob; 16 s.w.g. aluminium; mica washer and bushes for TR1; 14 pin dual-in-line socket.

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### TESTING

The board should be carefully examined to ensure that the components have been wired up correctly paying particular attention to the polarity of D2 and the wiring to TR1.

Check for short circuits, solder bridges, etc., and that the polarity of the supply is correct.

falls towards zero—and this encourages more current to flow in from the emitter which again makes  $R_{b1}$  reduce in value. We have, in effect, a sort of positive feedback reaction. The current flowing into the emitter flows out of C1 and the potential at B falls rapidly towards zero. When it reaches almost zero the inflow of current reduces and the resistance of  $R_{b1}$  rises back to its original level; the diode again becomes reverse biased and C1 is free to charge up again.

## OUTPUTS

The nice thing about a unijunction oscillator is that we have two possible waveforms at our disposal; one approaching a sawtooth at point B which rises—as the capacitor charges—along

an exponential curve and then falls very rapidly to zero. While the feedback reaction is taking place extra current flows through R1 (because the internal resistance of the unijunction falls) and we will get very short duration negative going pulses at point A.

Resistor R2 should always be greater than a certain value otherwise sufficient emitter/base current could flow through it to maintain the unijunction in conduction. On the other hand it can be as high a value as you like—provided it does not approach the leakage resistance of the emitter base junction. Capacitor C1 can be of almost any value hence it is possible to get a tremendous range of frequencies with this very simple circuit by changing the value of C1 and making R2 variable—above a certain value.

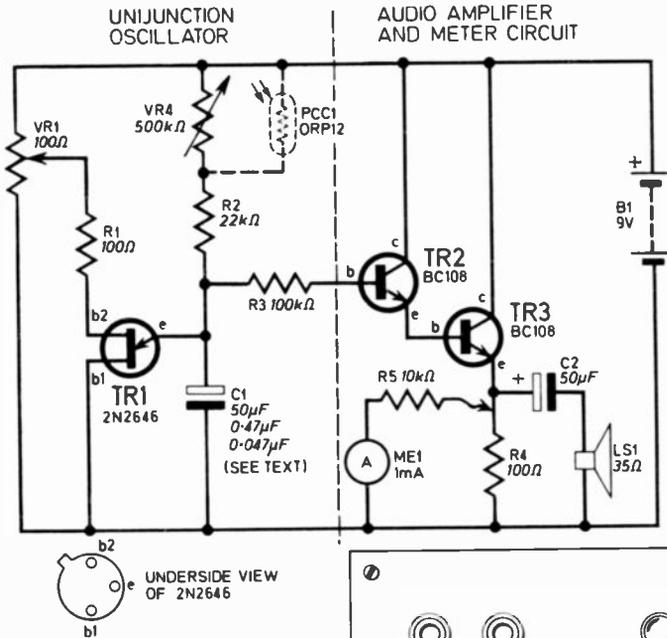
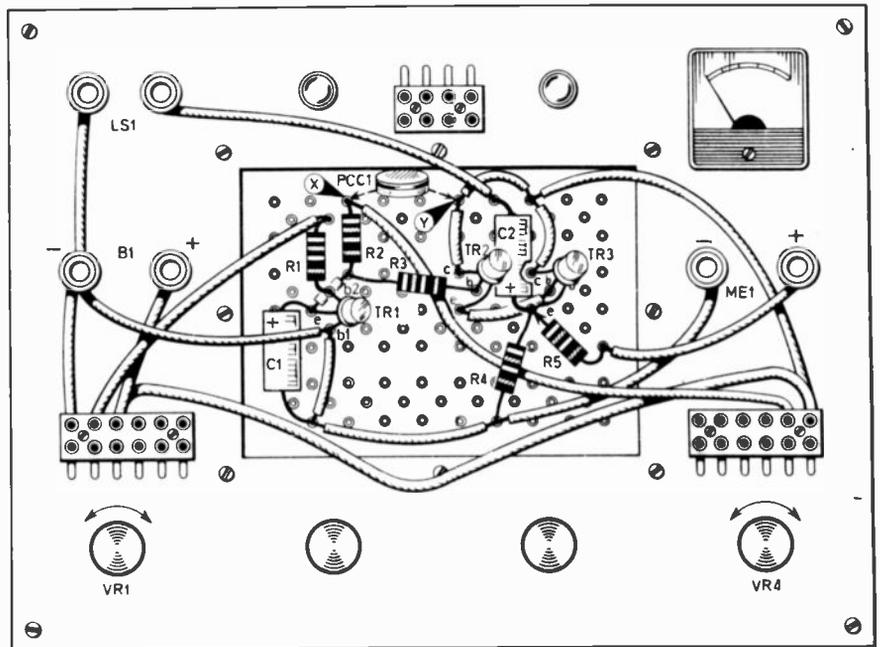


Fig. 10.3. Practical circuit used to demonstrate the operation of the unijunction oscillator. Alteration of C1 varies the frequency, as does VR4 or PCC1, whichever is in circuit. Potentiometer VR1 will also alter the frequency but this will affect the amplitude of the output.

Fig. 10.4. The circuit of Fig. 10.3 wired up on the Demo Deck.

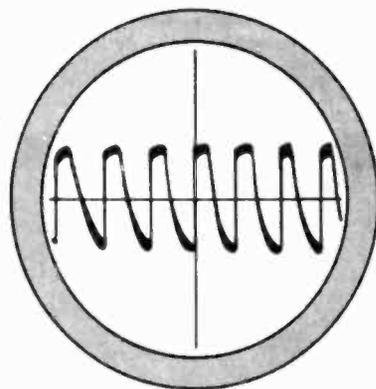
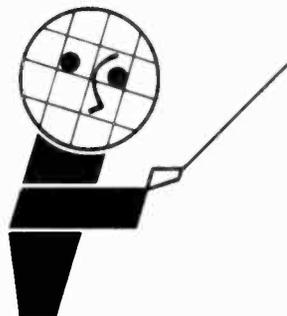


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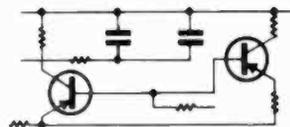
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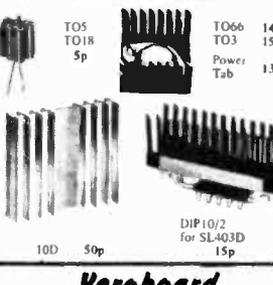
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1.5	—	6p
2.2	—	6p
3.3	—	6p
4.7	—	6p
6.8	—	6p
10	—	6p
15	—	6p
22	—	6p
33	—	6p
47	—	6p
68	—	6p
100	—	6p
150	—	6p
220	—	6p
330	—	6p
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## EXPERIMENTAL CIRCUIT

The experiment—shown in Fig. 10.3 will operate very slowly (several seconds per cycle) if C1 is made to be  $50\mu\text{F}$  and thus it is possible to monitor the exponential waveform at the emitter on the 1mA meter movement of the Demo Deck. Alternatively insert a lower value capacitor (two alternative values are suggested) and listen to the sound on Demo Deck's loudspeaker. Fig. 10.4 shows the experimental circuit with audible and visual monitoring wired up on the Demo Deck.

Potentiometer VR1 is included to alter the quiescent potential at the point originally called A. Start with VR1 set with the wiper nearest the positive supply rail and then reduce this voltage by turning the potentiometer down; the

frequency of the oscillator will increase because the level to which the capacitor has to charge is being reduced—the amplitude of the signal will, however, reduce. Adjustment of VR4 will modify the frequency over a very wide range without altering the amplitude.

Substitute PCC1 for VR4 and it is possible to make a light controlled oscillator—the basis for an interesting musical instrument if you shade the cell with your hands! An interesting feature of the unijunction is that b1 can be interchanged for b2 and the device will still work, but this will be turning the intrinsic stand off ratio on its head and the amplitude of signal will be nothing like as great—try it and see!

Next part: The Hartley Oscillator



keeper—remember that in this business he is at the bottom of a very long list when it comes to supply deliveries from the big companies.

### Personal Receiver

The *Personal Receiver* is likely to fall foul of the problems mentioned above—two of the capacitors may be difficult to get (C3  $0.1\mu\text{F}$  and C4  $0.05\mu\text{F}$ , miniature) to overcome these problems we have given an alternative for C3 ( $0.22\mu\text{F}$ ) and we suggest that you use the receiver without C4 until this can be purchased. This will result in some loss of volume as the audio signal will have to pass through R5 instead of being decoupled by C4 but the receiver will work quite well like this.

A marked and drilled printed circuit board for the receiver is available from Valance Electronics, 2A Canel St., Droglesden, Manchester. We believe this firm may also be able to supply the plastic case used.

Finally, remember that this project is fairly small and all the components used should be miniature or very small types as listed in the components box.

### Train Controller

It seems strange that this issue contains two projects which use integrated circuits, perhaps it's a sign of the times—no doubt these devices will be featured more and more in our projects as

the months go by. We suggest that you use a socket for mounting the i.c. in the *Train Controller* so that this can be soldered in without fear of damage to the i.c.

The electrolytic capacitor used should be a printed circuit type and the right size component is available from Electrovalue, 28 St. Judes Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey.

It is mentioned in the text that a metal case should be used as this forms a heat sink for the power transistor. Diecast boxes of the appropriate size are available and should make excellent cases for this project. If you paint the case remember that darker colours dissipate the heat better.

### Aquarium Thermostat

We had better not praise the *Aquarium Thermostat* too much, someone might notice who wrote the article! In fact, it is difficult to say much about it since most of the components are generally available. The transformer should be available from most electrical shops or Woolworths. The thermostat can be obtained from most of the larger suppliers, while the relay is available from G. W. Smith should other sources fail.

The heater used with the prototype was a standard one sold for aquarium use. Incidentally, too large a heater (wattage size that is) will result in a poor constant temperature.

**B**ECAUSE the electronic component industry is booming private constructors are having difficulty in obtaining some components. It sounds stupid but it's true, the manufacturers have trouble in keeping up with the demands of industry and very often cannot supply the smaller customer. At the present time a number of capacitors are difficult to get and we know some firms have been quoted delivery times months away.

Unfortunately there is nothing that either we or the retailer can do about this situation other than be aware of it and try to help you overcome the problems by finding alternative components. So don't always blame the shop-



is now totally enclosed by the screen it will pick up no hum.

## Output Stage

In the days of valves we had to drive loudspeakers with transformers but it seems as though this is not necessary with transistors. Why is this so?

Valves operated by controlling quite high voltages at small currents while loudspeakers—because of their low coil resistances need high current at quite low voltages. If you assume that there is conservation of power between input and output of a transformer it is an excellent device for converting from high voltage swings at low current to low voltage swings at high current. This is why they are used in valve circuits.

On the other hand transistors are basically current controllers and consequently are able to handle low voltages at reasonable currents directly and there is no need to use transformers in most cases. It is, of course, highly desirable to remove transformers from circuits because they are bulky and are never perfectly efficient; they also introduce a degree of distortion that had to be overcome with quite complicated circuitry in the old valve days.

## Smoothing

In the old days I used to use chokes for smoothing but never see these in modern equipment. Are they not as good as the modern approach—which seems to use a resistor?

The resistor between the two capacitors in a smoothing circuit is not as good as the "old fashioned" choke because it is inefficient (wastes power) and the smoothing effect is not so good.

However, these days when we use transistors in most equipment the current that is drawn from the power supply tends to be very high (compared with that taken by equivalent valve circuitry) and to prevent the core of the choke becoming "saturated" it would be necessary to have a large amount of iron. Not only this but the windings would have to be of stouter wire to carry the higher current. Consequently chokes would be very expensive and far too cumbersome in modern systems. One

of the sacrifices in quality we have to make for the convenience of modern living?

## Wiring Layout

Why is it that some of your articles say "layout" is important? Surely a wire is a wire and provided it goes to the right place—irrespective of position—then all is correct.

Layout is not always important but in some cases it is. More particularly when the circuit is dealing with high frequencies. All connecting wire—even if it is straight—has a small amount of inductance. This can modify the tuning of radios and introduce reactance where it is not wanted.

There is always a degree of capacitance between a wire and neighbouring components—it may only be small but at very high frequencies this small capacitance can transmit small a.c. currents. These currents might cause positive feedback—making the circuit oscillate—or negative feedback which reduces the gain of the system. You can also get inductive coupling.

In a.c. circuits it is good practice to keep wire lengths as short as possible and to separate input circuits from output circuits. Sometimes neat "loomed" wiring makes matters worse because the bundling together of the wires makes the inter-wire capacitive coupling greater. Generally speaking there are no problems with simple d.c. and logic circuits unless they are operating at very high speeds.

## Bulb Resistance

I measured the resistance of a 6V, 0.04A bulb and was surprised to see it was much lower than expected. To pass 40mA with 6V applied, it should have a resistance of  $\frac{6}{0.04} = 150$  ohm but mine was round about 80 ohm. Is this a "rogue" lamp?

No. The tungsten filament in the bulb has what is called a "positive temperature coefficient of resistance". This means that when it is cold it has a lower resistance than when hot. The current stated for the bulb is that which it draws when it has got up to its working temperature—well over 1,000 degrees Centigrade.

## Screening

Could you explain—in simple terms—how a screened lead prevents hum pick up?

Hum pick up is often caused by capacitive coupling between a wire and mains wiring in the same area. If you surround the wire in question with a shield (the screen) capacitive coupling will be between the mains lead and this screen. If the latter is connected to ground the potential of the screen remains constant and the capacitively induced current runs straight to ground. According to Faraday (his ice pail experiment) no charge can be induced on a totally enclosed body and as the conductor wire



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# DOWN TO EARTH

By GEORGE HYLTON

"In published circuits a volume control is sometimes connected as in Fig. 1a, with the input to the slider, and sometimes as in Fig. 1b, with the output from the slider. Which method of connection is correct?"

The short answer is: when the output from the volume control is connected to a low impedance load, use Fig. 1a. For high impedance load, use Fig. 1b.

The essential point is that a volume control doesn't exist in isolation. The way it works in a practical circuit depends on what comes before it and what goes after it. Disregard this simple fact and you may end up with a control which has no effect as it is turned until the slider is very nearly at the end of the track, whereupon the volume suddenly changes from minimum to maximum. What's known to the trade as a "fierce" control.

## ENDS AND MEANS

The circuit of Fig. 2a is a case in point. With the slider at the start (s) of the track, the signal (here 1 volt from a source of 100 ohms) is shorted, so the output is zero—the output in this case being the voltage which appears across the 1 megohm load resistance. With the slider at the finish (f) of the track, the signal source is connected to the total resistance of the track (100 kilohms) in parallel with the load (1 < megohm), i.e. about 90 kilohms.

When current flows, only a small amount of the 1 volt signal is lost in the signal-source's own internal impedance of 100 ohms (it might be a 100 ohm micro-

phone, for instance) and practically the whole 1 volt appears across the load  $R_L$ . In a word, volume is maximum.

So the volume is zero with the slider at s and maximum with the slider at f. This is alright if you only want to operate your equipment at maximum volume, but not for intermediate settings.

## CALCULATE

First, calculate, or at any rate get a rough idea of the current through the load when the slider is at f. As we saw, the voltage across the load is almost 1 volt, so 1 micramp flows. Now move the slider back to the bottom (s) of the track and then adjust it so that there's just 1 kilohm between slider and earth. What current flows?

Well, obviously the current from the source divides at the slider, part flowing up and through the load and part down to earth. But since there's nearly 1100 kilohm in the upper path (1 megohm plus 100 kilohm) and only 1K in the lower, we can safely say that the lower path has the controlling effect and forget about the upper.

For practical purposes, the signal "sees" a load of its own 100 ohms plus the 1 kilohm between slider and earth: in other words, the total resistance is 1100 ohms, which with 1 volt gives a current of 0.9 milliamps

(using ohm's law  $I=V/R$ ). This 0.9 milliamps flows through the 1 kilohm, setting up a voltage drop of 0.9 volt between slider and earth.

## LOAD VOLTAGE

Now we come to the important point of the voltage across the load. The 0.9 volt at the slider drives a small current up through the track and then on through the 1 megohm load and back to earth. The resistance in this loop is 1.1 megohm, near enough, so the current is  $0.9/1100000=0.8$  microamps approx. Now, 0.8 microamp in 1 megohm produces a voltage of 0.8 volt, so, with the slider at the 1 kilohm point, the output is 0.8 volt. This, you'll note, is only 20 per cent less than the maximum output of 1 volt, and in terms of audibility is just perceptible.

So in moving the slider up to the 1 kilohm position we've changed the volume from zero to just below maximum. With a logarithmic law 100 kilohm volume control the 1 kilohm change calls for a rotation of about 10 per cent. The other 90 per cent produces hardly any further increase in volume.

The correct arrangement is as in Fig. 2b. But it's not universally correct. If you have a high impedance signal source Fig. 2c feeding a low impedance load, then this will now give a fierce control and the correct arrangement is as shown in Fig. 2d. These second two circuits are a complete reversal, in terms of fierceness or gentleness, of the first two, even though the volume control is 100 kilohm in every case.

A final tip. If, as sometimes happens, you are stuck with a particular value of volume control, then the best compromise is to use whichever of the two connections produces the least variation in the input signal current drawn as the control is turned from minimum to maximum volume.

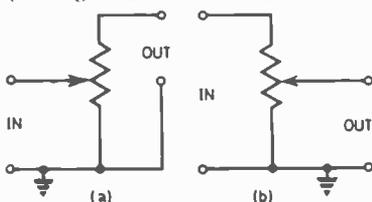


Fig. 1. Two common ways of connecting a volume control.

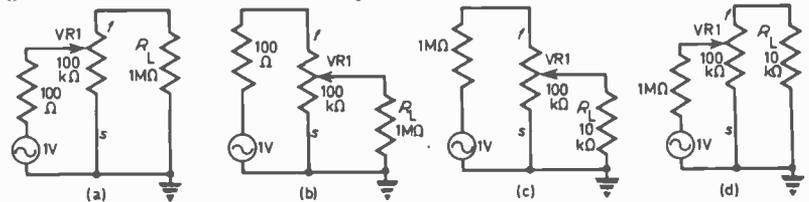


Fig. 2. Fierce (a and c) and gentle (b and d) volume controls.

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# Readers Letters

## Simplified

Would it be possible to give me a brief description of the Demo Deck as I unfortunately missed that particular issue. I am now taking EE regularly, and I find it more suitable at my age (I am 75 yrs old), having started back in the old cat whisker days. I find the other publications a bit too complicated but interesting, what with all this hifi etc., which is a vast improvement on the old methods of valves and corner wall baffles etc. The explanations in EE are also much plainer, this must suit the younger people

also, making it easier to grasp. The gadgets for the home are a great attraction for experimenting with, and your simple circuits require less time to make. Hoping you will carry on providing even more simplified versions.

E. Skidmore  
Birmingham.

*The Demo Deck will no longer feature in our pages. It has been used since December '71 and can still be used by readers for experimenting. The new beginners series Teach-In '74 will not be based on the Demo Deck.*

## Radio Amateurs

I write to ask that a brief item be inserted in EVERYDAY ELECTRONICS re. the amateur radio course run by the Northumberland County Education Dept., at Gosforth, very near to Newcastle upon Tyne.

The course to prepare students for the R.A.E. (Radio Amateurs Examination) in May/June 1974 will be run at the Grammar School, Gosforth, Northumberland, commencing in September 1973.

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I take the class and your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

D. R. Loveday.  
Newcastle upon Tyne.



**BRIGHT  
IDEAS**

Readers' Bright Ideas; any idea that is published will be awarded payment according to its merit. The ideas have not been proved by us.

I find etching p.c. (printed circuit) boards takes a long time, to speed up the process all that is needed are two match sticks. Make up the etchant in the usual way, but before putting the p.c. board in the etchant dish, put the two match sticks in, parallel but some distance apart. The board rests on the match sticks keeping it away from the bottom of the dish.

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J. Majchrowski.  
Ayr.

Having made numerous projects I always find that the front panel or fascia presents a problem with respect to labelling. Engraving and "silk screen printing" being very expensive for the home builder and Dymo labels not giving a suitable appearance. I think the method I have adopted might be of interest to many other readers.

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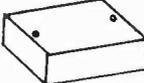
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# Sinclair Project 60

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### Z.50 Mk.2 SPECIFICATIONS

Input impedance 100 K $\Omega$   
 Input (for 30w into 8 $\Omega$ ) 400mV  
 Signal to noise ratio, referred to full o/p at 30v HT 80dB or better  
 Distortion 0.02% up to 20W at 8 $\Omega$ .  
 See published curve  
 Frequency response 10Hz to more than 200 KHz  $\pm$  1dB  
 Max. supply voltage 45v (4 $\Omega$  to 8 $\Omega$  speakers) (50v 15 $\Omega$  speakers only)

Min. supply voltage 9v  
 Load impedance - minimum: 4 $\Omega$  at 45v HT  
 Load impedance - maximum: safe on open circuit

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Nominal working output 45V.  
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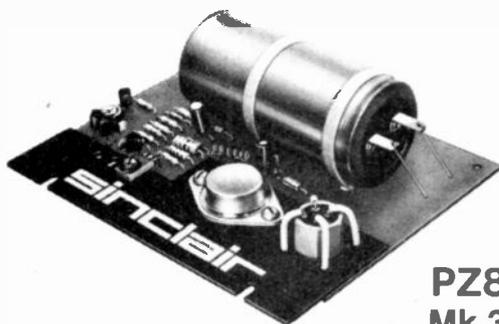
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PZ8  
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Indoor P.A.	Z.50 Mk.2, PZ.8 Mk.3 transformer	Mic., guitar, speakers, etc., controls	£19.44 + V.A.T. £1.94

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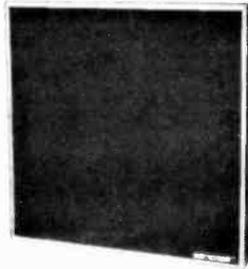
### Specifications

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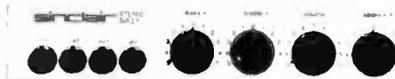
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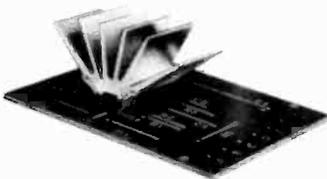
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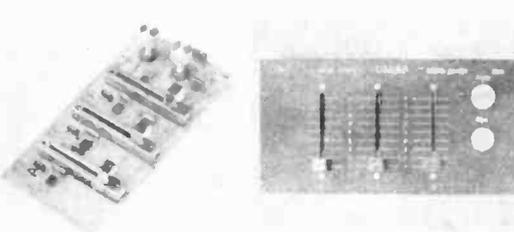
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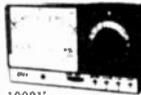
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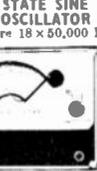
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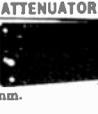
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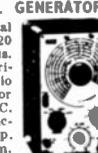
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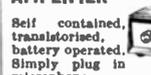
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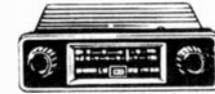
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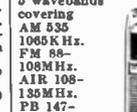
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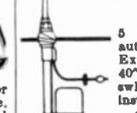
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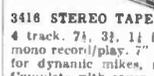


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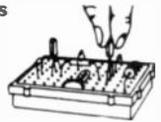
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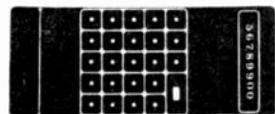
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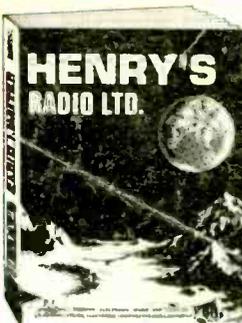
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