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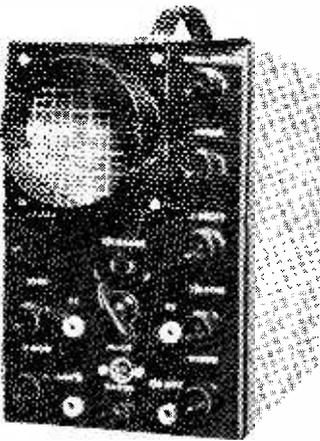
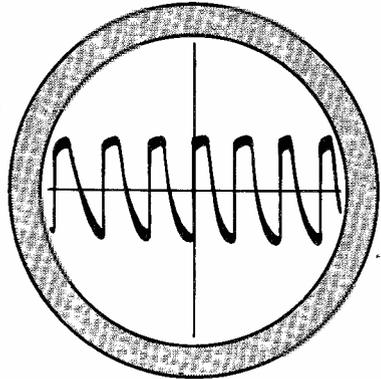
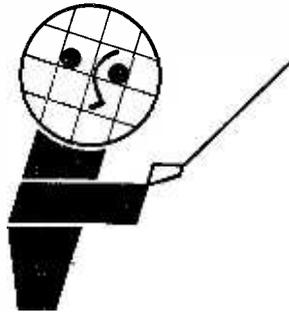
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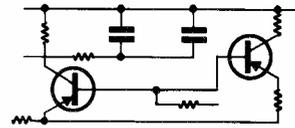
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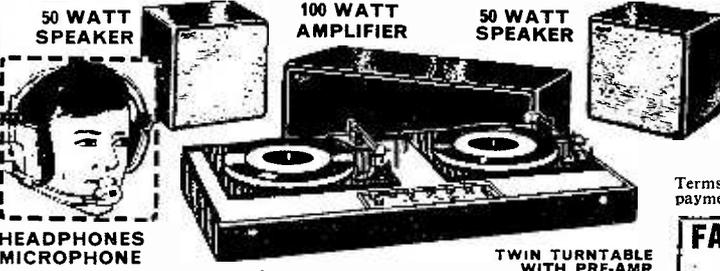
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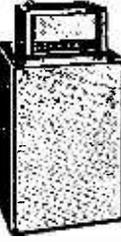


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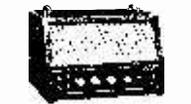
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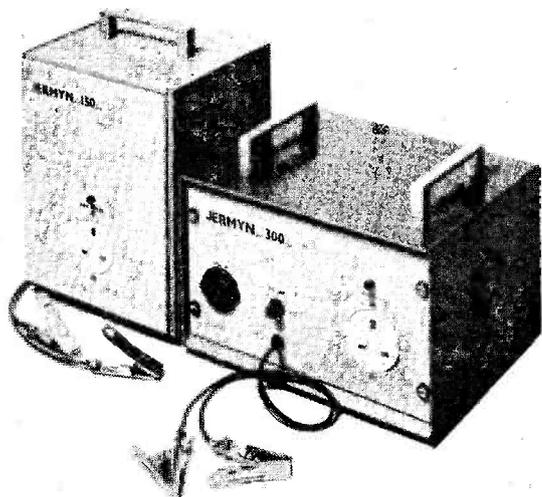
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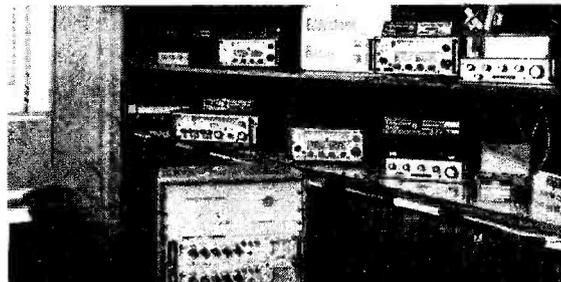
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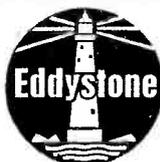
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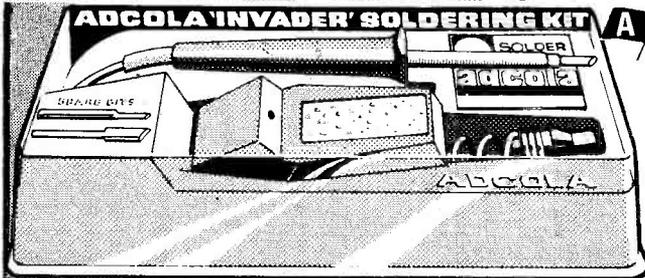
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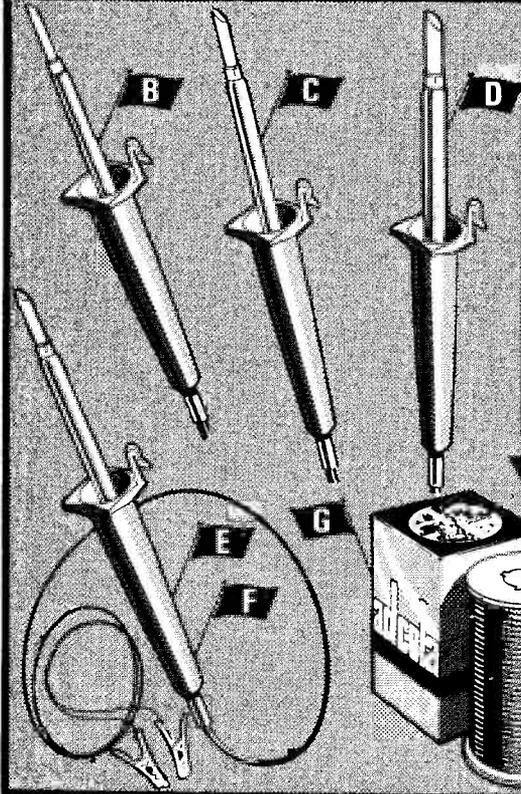
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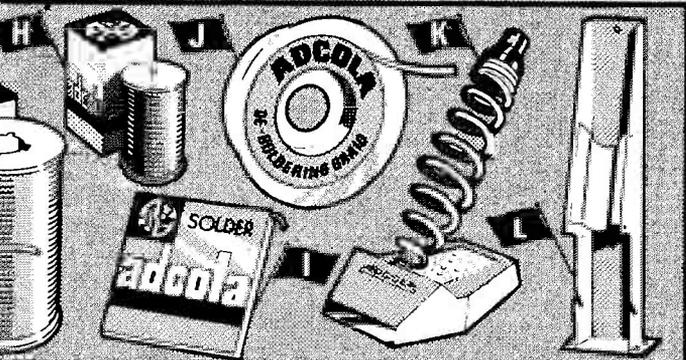


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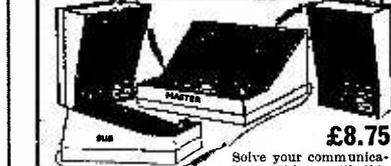
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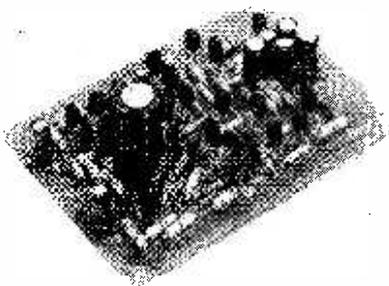
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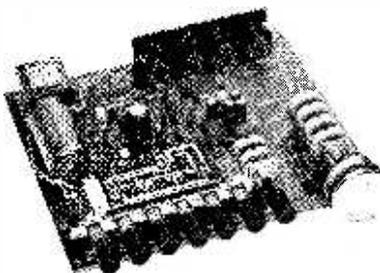
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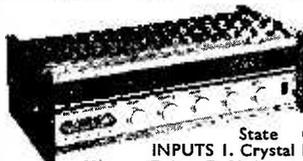
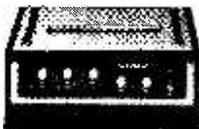
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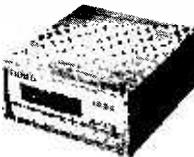
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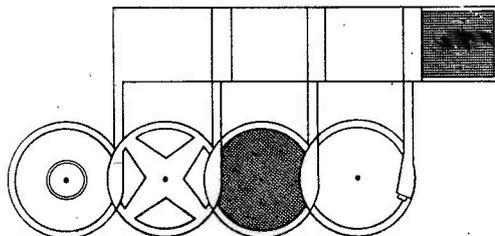
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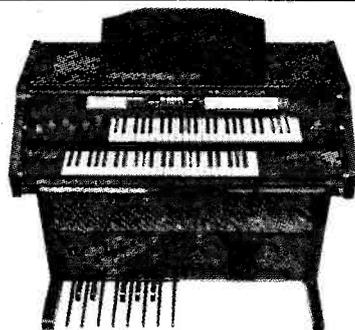
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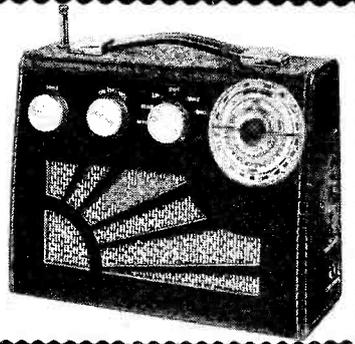
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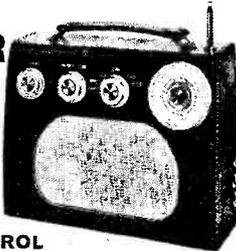
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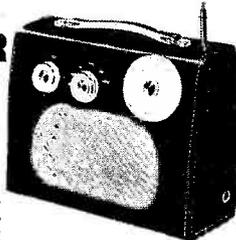
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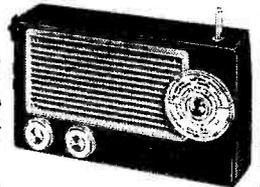
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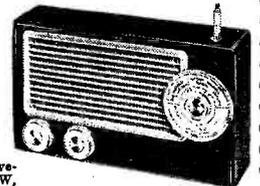


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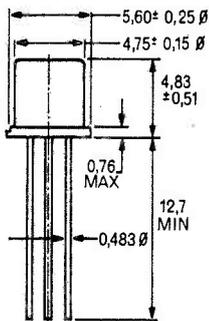
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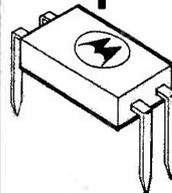


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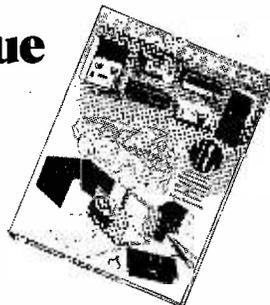
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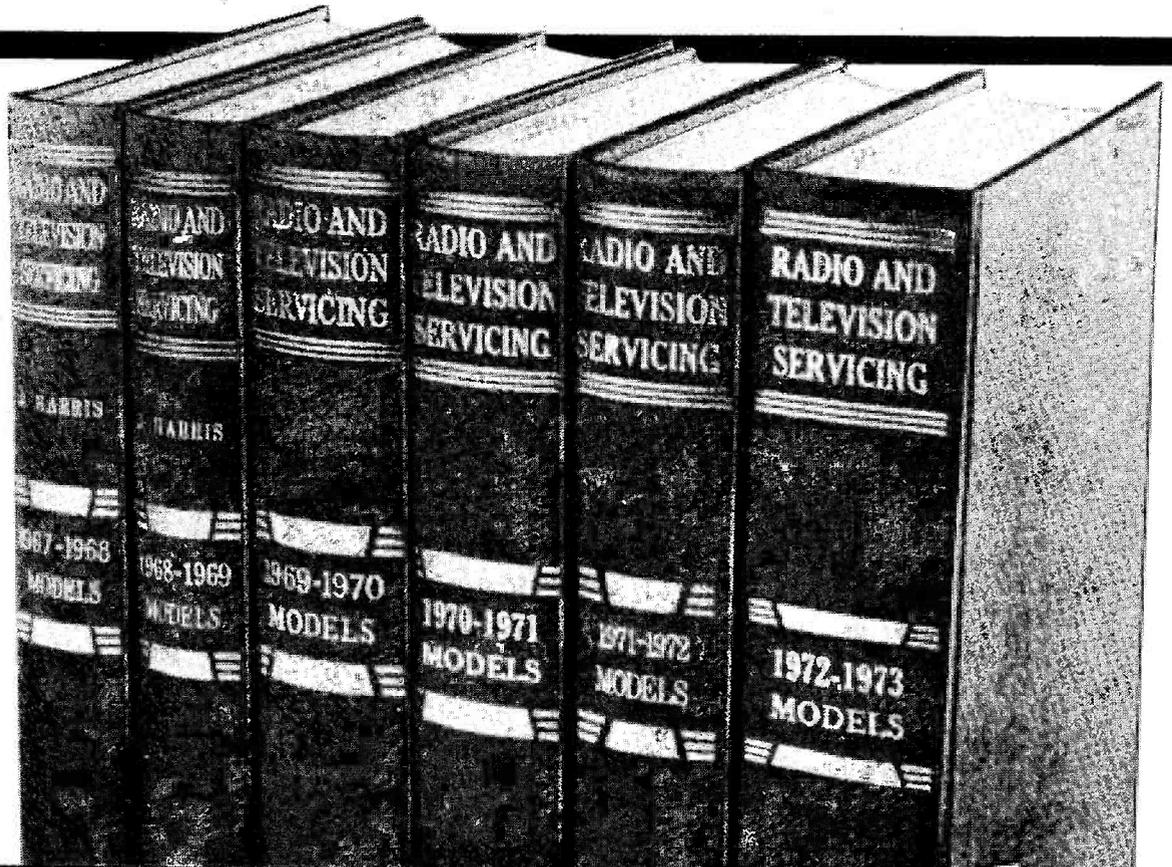
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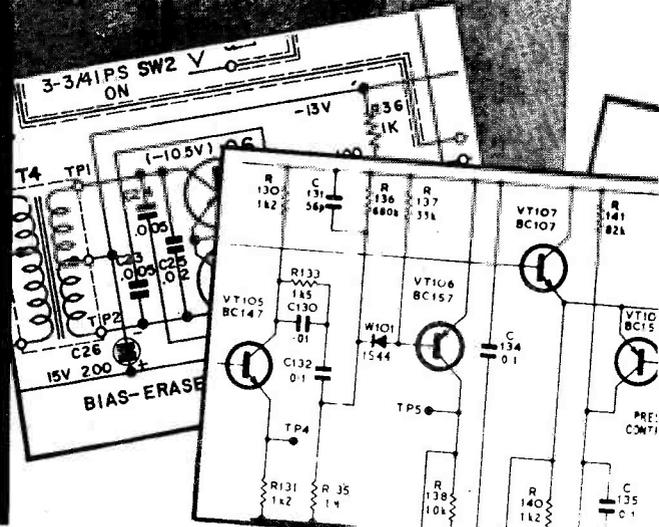
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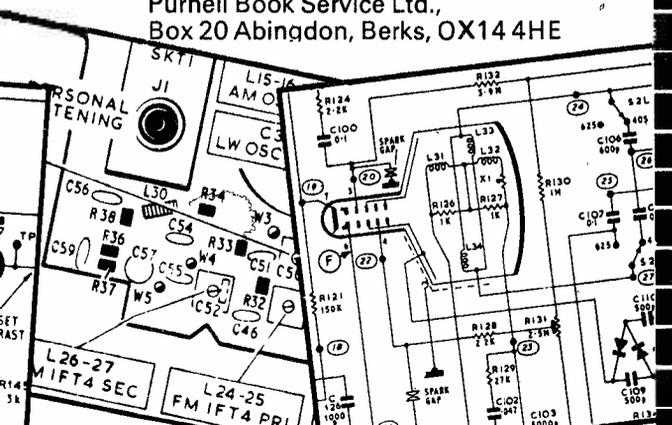
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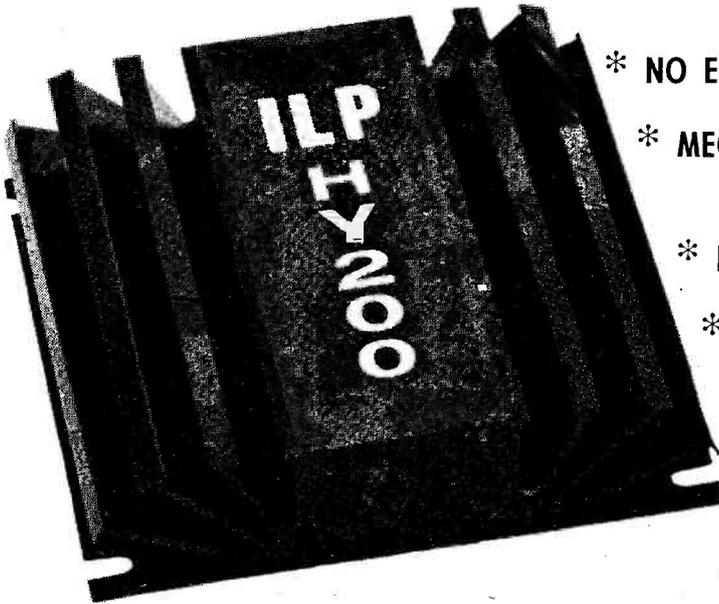
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LISTENERS' CHOICE

THINGS are hotting up on the sound broadcasting front.

With a very large part of England now tuned up for local radio from the BBC, we look forward with fascinating interest to see how the Independents, supported nobly by the IBA, will fare this autumn, when they start transmitting official commercially sponsored programmes. Already the test transmissions on the medium wave have acted as a preliminary publicity exercise. Their intentions are to go straight into v.h.f. as well and incorporate pilot-tone stereo facilities. Circular polarisation of transmitting aerials will be used so that car radios and portables stand a very good chance of receiving these broadcasts.

At the same time, the BBC is pressing ahead with expansion of stereo broadcasting using pulse-code modulation systems for better quality reception. It has taken too many years for them to improve stereo capability and (we suspect) it is due largely to pressure from commercial competition that such a hive of buzzing activity has now resulted in the extended service.

One other point not to be forgotten is the influence of television on radio audiences; with colour now commonplace, sound radio (or "steam" as you prefer) must have threatened to fall on hard times.

The much welcome uplift of interest in sound radio provides the manufacturing industry with impetus for meeting the demand for new receivers. In what proportions (a.m. or f.m. or both) these will need to be is anyone's guess. With the improved service of f.m. broadcasting techniques, allowing for the added interest in stereo, as well as the "booming" in-car entertainment business, we have a hunch that there will be a fairly even distribution.

In the following issues of *Practical Wireless*, you will find many articles devoted to sound broadcasting. We kick off this month with an article to help you understand how and why you should pay special attention to your f.m. aerial installation, particularly if you want to get the best from stereo. We also offer the constructor with little experience a simple a.m. radio, using two integrated circuits.

M. A. COLWELL—Editor

PRACTICAL WIRELESS

The October issue (No 800), on sale 7th September, will start you on the road to making your own quadraphonic sound system, will include the first pair of PW Datacards on resistors and capacitors, will commence a tutorial series for learning how circuits work by practical experiments, and will give first details on our audio supplement for the November issue.

Further details on page 431

TELEVISION

The October issue of *Television*, on sale 17th September, will have for the first time an additional Colour TV Fault Finding Chart. Full colour photographs of fault conditions will be provided on a special quality paper in the magazine. With the additional fault-finding chart you can not only find where the trouble lies, but also learn a bit about how colour television works.

Further details on page 417

NEWS...

Britain/Canada telephone cable

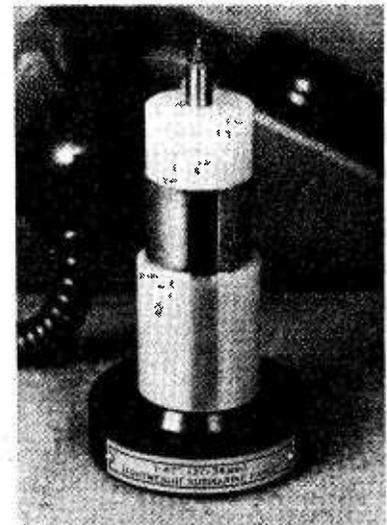
Practical Wireless was recently invited to watch the loading of the Cable & Wireless Ltd. cables ship "Mercury" with the first 200 miles of a £30m telephone cable linking Britain and Canada.

CANTAT-2 as it is called, will handle more than 1,800 phone conversations at the same time. It will have 473 repeaters at 6-mile intervals and 31 equalisers at 90 mile intervals.

The 2,800 nautical mile cable is financed by the Post Office and the Canadian Overseas Telecommunications Corp. S.T.C. Limited have supplied the system and the transistors used in the repeater are being supplied to them by the Post Office Research Dept. Dollis Hill. These transistors (2,800 in all) each have a design life of at least 25 years.

The 1,840 circuits in CANTAT-2 are arranged as 23 supergroups transmitting between 312-6,012kHz. in the UK-Canada direction and 8,000-13,700kHz the other way.

The cable (see picture) weighs under 5 tons a mile, it has an outer conductor of aluminium and is strengthened by a core of steel rope inside an inner conductor of copper.



A piece of the cable showing how it is formed

Practical Wireless in Italy

PRACTICAL WIRELESS will be taking part in the Italian International Music and High Fidelity Exhibition at the Milan Fair from September 6th to 10th 1973. This is the seventh time that the exhibition is being held and will cover hi-fi equipment, components and accessories. Also of related interest is the section devoted to musical instruments and amplifier equipment for them. Concerts, audio shows and lecture meetings will be held at the same time.

This exhibition will occupy about 20,000 sq metres and around 35,000 visitors are expected. There will be about 800 foreign buyers expected from 45 countries including African and Middle East countries.

Practical Wireless will take part in the Technical Journals section of the exhibition where visitors from all over the world will see some of the recent work that we have published and be given detailed information of our Project Q4 (see page 431) which will commence publication in next month's issue.

It is worth remembering that, if you are near Milan during that long weekend and hold a non-Italian passport you will be admitted free of charge.

'English as she is spoke'

IMMIGRANT children who speak little or no English are now learning the language with the aid of the "Language Master System", marketed by Bell and Howell A-V Ltd.

This is a new card programme specifically designed for teaching English to foreign children. Entitled "Let's Speak English", the programme teaches the essential elements of everyday speech using the established Language Master technique of sentence repetition and Q&A.

The pupil learns from audio-visual cards bearing words, pictures and a magnetic tape recording of the same words in the teacher's voice. When the pupil places a card in the machine, the teacher's recording is automatically reproduced.

As the phrases and sentences on the cards are seen and heard at the same time, and are backed up by illustrations of the objects and actions described, new language forms and vocabulary can be grasped more easily and retained better. The system also makes provision for the pupil to record his own voice for practise of pronunciation. He can then listen to the teacher's voice and compare it with his own.

London Independent Radio

THE IBA have announced officially the following allocations of broadcasting frequencies for the London area:

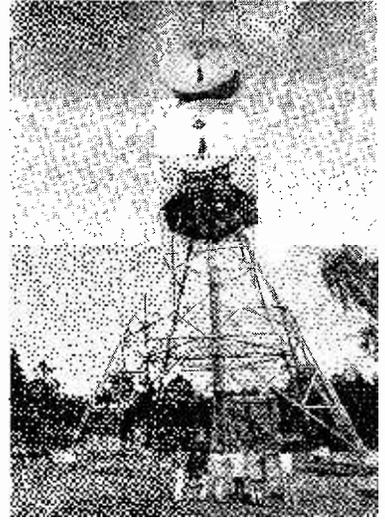
London Broadcasting Company (News Service) 719kHz (417 metres) medium wave and 97.3 MHz v.h.f.

Capital Radio (entertainment) 557kHz (539 metres) medium wave and 95.8MHz v.h.f.

At the time of going to press no definite date had been announced for commencement but it is expected to be in October or November.

Berlin F.M. Tx

NEW f.m. transmitter for broadcasts and mobile radio at Frohnau, West Berlin. See article "Broadcasting in Berlin" on page 411.



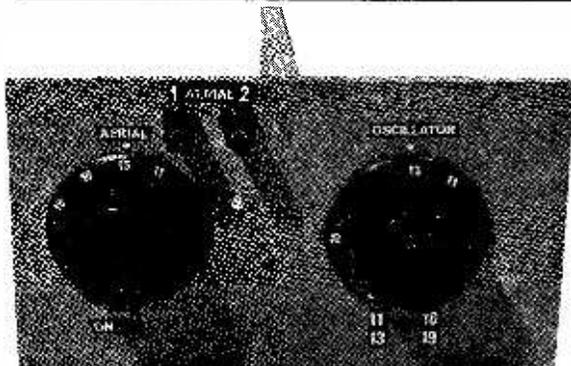
Diary Date

September 23—Harlow and District Mobile Rally will be held at Netteswell Comprehensive School, Harlow, Essex. All the information can be obtained by writing to V. Neard, 106 Vicarage Road, Harlow, Essex.





shortwave converter



THE shortwave converter is a unit that is connected between the aerial and the receiver and serves to convert radio signals in the shortwave bands into one fixed frequency. In our design, this frequency is 1600kHz (1.6MHz) or 190 metres, medium wave. This choice enables us to use the converter, in conjunction with a normal broadcast receiver tuned to 1.6 MHz, for the reception of the shortwave signals for which the converter was designed.

The connection between the converter and the receiver is effected by a few feet of coaxial cable, which is connected to the aerial and earth inputs of the receiver. So no changes in the circuitry of the receiver are needed, which is available for the reception of other radio signals as soon as the converter is disconnected and the aerial connection restored. The unit described here was designed to be acceptable for the listener with little experience in electronics.

The shortwave range of the unit runs from about 15 to 26.5 MHz, incorporating the 11, 13, 16 and 19 metres broadcasting bands. This range has been selected because it is not available on many radio receivers and yet comprises three of the best shortwave-bands for long-distance communication. For those listeners who prefer the range from 5.5-12 MHz (49-25 metres), we have listed additional data.

THE CIRCUIT

The circuit diagram of the converter is given in Fig. 1 which shows the tunable bandpass filter consisting of L1, L2 and the associated fixed and variable capacitors; the oscillator circuit, of which transistor Tr2 is the heart; and the frequency changer (mixer), comprising, among other things, the transistor Tr1 and

output coil L4. The converter can be powered by a dry battery of between 6 and 12 volts since the current consumption is very small, about 3mA. The connection of the unit to the receiver is effected via the terminals A and E of the secondary winding of coil L4. They are connected respectively to the aerial and earth terminals of the receiver. At the converter, a long wire aerial is connected to Input 1 and Input 2 is connected to the chassis. If, however, a dipole is used this can be connected to both of the inputs. The chassis connection of number 2 is now omitted.

The bandpass filter comprises two circuits, which are mutually coupled. It serves to obtain a preselection for a limited frequency range, in which the desired stations can be found. A dual tuning capacitor of 2 x 470pF or 2 x 365pF is used for this purpose. If we use the 470pF variable capacitors, 330pF fixed (ceramic) series capacitors are necessary to arrive at the right 10-200pF capacity range. If the 365pF variable capacitors are used instead, series capacitors of 470pF must be applied.

The oscillator circuit frequency is determined by the properties of the tuned circuit comprising L3 and the capacities connected in parallel. The 92pF capacity (10pF and 82pF connected in parallel) can be inserted by a switch. This determines the range of the converter: the 15 and 17, or the 21 and 25MHz bands. For the 25 and 17MHz frequency ranges, the oscillator frequency is selected so as to be 1.6 MHz below the frequency to which the bandpass-filter is tuned. For the 21 and 15MHz, respectively, the oscillator frequency is chosen 1.6 MHz above the resonant frequency of the aerial circuit. This makes it possible to use a small tuning capacitor for the oscillator stage of the converter. A 30pF variable is used here, VC3.

The oscillator signal is coupled to the frequency changer stage via capacitor Ck. This consists of two

'Radio Nederland', the Dutch World Broadcasting System, is well-known to short wave listeners throughout the world. It was one of the early pioneers of broadcasting on the high frequencies and today it still keeps in close touch with its listeners through the DX Information Service.

Detailed technical data sheets are issued free of charge under such headings as crystal calibrators, aerial systems, radio interference suppression and many more.

We are pleased to publish here a suitably edited version of the data sheet on the Radio Netherland Short Wave Converter together with our photographs of the prototype so kindly provided by the Engineering Section of Radio Nederland.

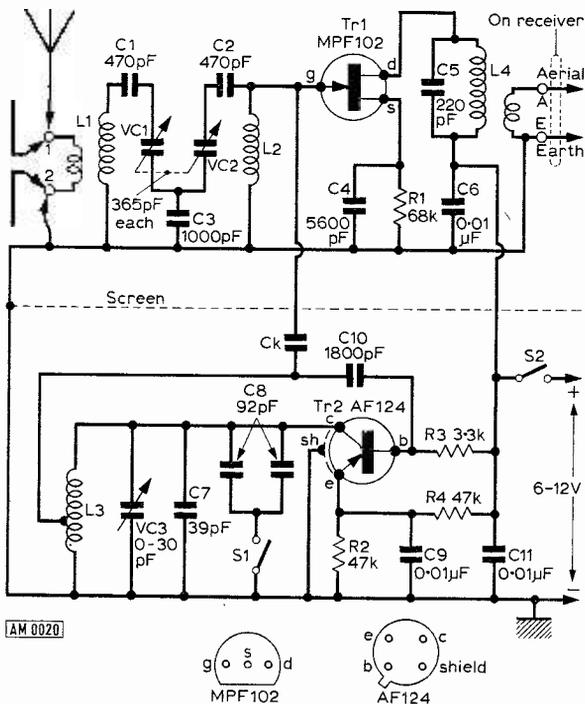
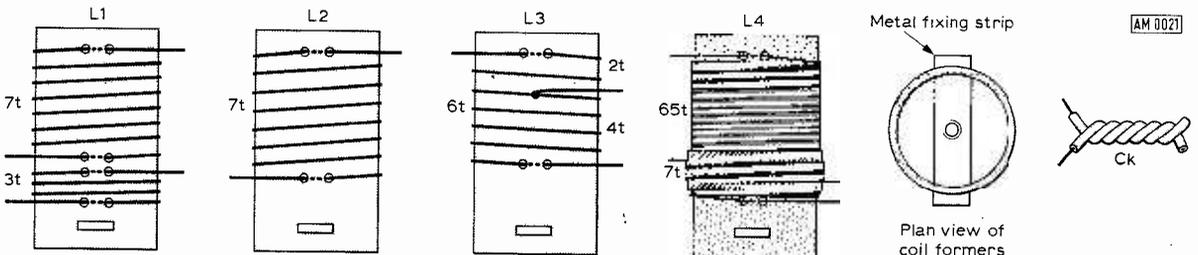


Fig. 1, above, is the complete circuit diagram of the RN converter.

Fig. 2, below, gives winding information for all the coils and illustrates coupling capacitor Ck



insulated wires, twisted over a length of 1 inch as illustrated in Fig. 2.

The mixer uses a field-effect transistor (FET), Tr1, for best results. In its drain circuit, coil L4 and its 220pF parallel capacitor form a resonant circuit that is tuned to 1.6 MHz. The correct frequency of this circuit can be determined more exactly when the unit is operating when variation of the receiver tuning shows the spot where the combination of converter and receiver works most satisfactorily. If necessary, change the resonant frequency of this circuit by inserting a slightly different capacitor.

CONSTRUCTION

The front panel measures 8" x 4½" and consists of hardboard or plywood, the inside covered with a piece of copper, brass, zinc or tin of the same size. In the middle, and at right angles to it, a piece of plywood measuring 4" x 4½" is fixed. This is also covered with sheet metal of the same dimensions, stuck to it on the left side where the oscillator is located. The two metal sheets are interconnected by soldering while a wooden block of about 3" x ¾" x ¾" serves to reinforce the joint. It is glued in its proper place and also carries the dual tuning capacitor and coil L2.

To further support the dual tuning capacitor, another small wooden block of about 1" x ¾" x ¾" is glued in the appropriate place. It carries coil L4 and a small terminal strip to support the smaller components like the transistor and some capacitors. The woodscrews with which the tuning capacitor is fixed, must not touch the metal sheet on the back of the mounting plate, as they would then short-circuit the 1000pF series capacitor. After the chassis has been made the components can be put in their right positions. Care should be taken to insulate the aerial input terminals from the front panel, and to make the holes for the shafts of the tuning capacitor big enough to prevent metallic contact.

Preferably, the wiring should be made with a small 25 watt soldering iron. Keep the connections short and use the sheet metal for the chassis connections. Go carefully when connecting the transistors. If using the alternative types, make sure the connections are right. To prevent damage to the transistor by heat conduction hold the transistor wire near the semiconductor with a pair of pliers, which will act as a heat sink.

The coils of the converter can be easily home-made. For this, obtain a few short pieces of ⅝" outer diameter pvc (plastic) conduit. Use SWG 22 or 21 enamelled copper wire to wind the coils, each over a length of about ⅝", as illustrated in Fig. 2. Before putting them in their proper place, carefully clean the ends of the wires to remove the enamel insulation, and apply some solder. Proceed in the same manner for making the tap on coil L3. Slots are made in the

★ components list

Resistors

R1 68kΩ ¼W 10% R3 3.3kΩ ¼W 10%
R2 47kΩ ¼W 10% R4 47kΩ ¼W 10%

Capacitors

C1 470pF SM or Ceramic C6 0.01μF tubular
C2 470pF SM or Ceramic C7 39pF SM or tubular
C3 1000pF SM or Ceramic C8 92pF SM or tubular*
C4 5600pF tubular C9 0.01μF tubular
C5 220pF SM or ceramic C10 0.01μF tubular
* see text.

VC1/2 2 x 365pF (Jackson O2)

VC3 30pF variable air spaced (Jackson C804)

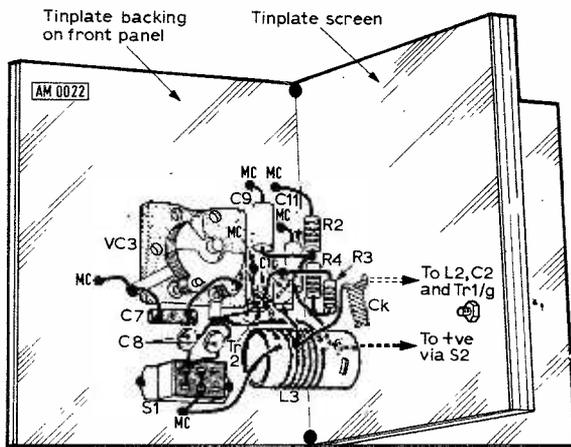
Semiconductors

Tr1 MPF102 Tr2 AF124

Note: In the prototype the BF245 and AF106 were used but since difficulty will be experienced in obtaining these types they have been substituted by the MPF102 and AF124.

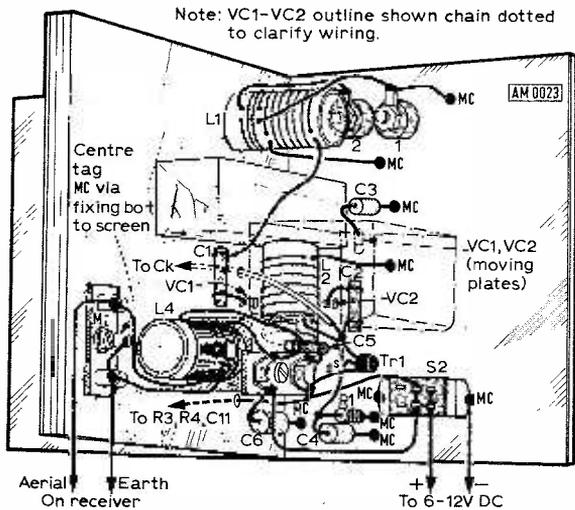
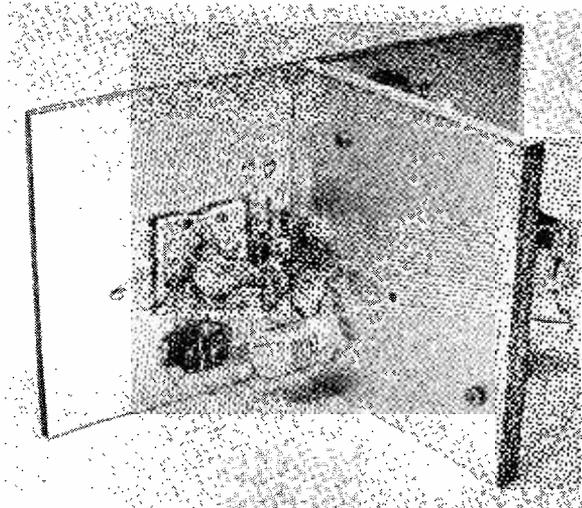
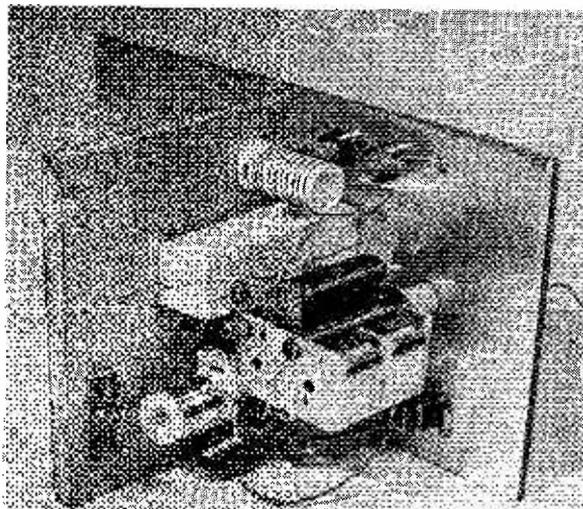
Miscellaneous

Material for chassis, see text. S1, S2, miniature on/off slide switches. Coil formers, see text. Tag strips 2 way (2). Aerial sockets (2). Insulated coupling or rod for VC1/2.



Points marked MC denote earthing connections to chassis (-ve line)

Fig. 3, above, and photograph below show the oscillator section of the converter while to the right are the circuit and photograph of the input and mixer stage.



plastic form, through which a small strip of metal is run with a hole in the middle. This is a commonly applied method for mounting the coils. Instead, however, you can use a proper cement, like Araldite, to fix the coils in place.

The wire used for L4 is SWG 30. The primary winding has 65 turns, the secondary is wound around the first one, after a thin strip of plastic is applied, to separate the windings. The secondary winding consists of 7 turns.

The layout of the components is illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4. It is possible to deviate from this design without trouble, but if you have little experience in electronics, we advise that you stick to it.

OPERATION ON 5.5 TO 12.5 MHz

This range covers the 25, 31, 41 and 49 metre bands. L1 should be wound with 15 turns over a length of $5\frac{1}{8}$ " , the coupling winding consisting of 5 turns. L2 is the same as L1. Oscillator coil L3 also is the same as L1 but a tap is taken at 5 turns from the bottom end. L4 remains unchanged. The oscillator tuning capacitor should be increased to 120pF (VC3).

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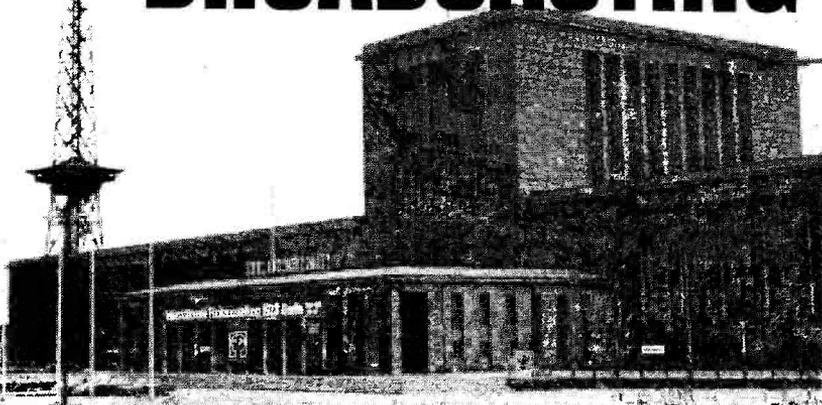
After all the connections have been made check the wiring thoroughly before the unit is connected. Join the converter output terminals to the aerial and earth terminals on the receiver, preferably with coaxial cable to prevent the direct pick up of signals by the receiver on 1.6MHz to which frequency the receiver should be tuned.

It is advisable to first tune the oscillator to the required signal and then to peak the signal with the aerial tuning which will be found to be comparatively flat. After the proper positions of the knobs have been found for all the bands mark them for easy tuning in the future with the help of some dabs of coloured paint or very small labels typed with the frequency bands.

When the whole unit works satisfactorily it can be put in a small wooden cabinet or preferably an aluminium case, again to protect the receiver from direct pick up.

Information on the DX Information Service can be obtained from Radio Nederland, English Section, POB 222, Hilversum, Holland.

BROADCASTING IN BERLIN



Exhibition halls of the Palace at the Funkturm where the Internationale Funkausstellung is to be held.

SINCE 1920, when the German Post Office broadcast its first test programme from the long wave radio station Königswasterhausen, German broadcasting services and associated equipment manufacturers have earned the respect and admiration of many people all over the world. This year they are celebrating fifty years of broadcasting with special events.

The International Radio and TV Exhibition (Internationale

Funkausstellung 1973) brings together the combined resources of broadcasting organisations of West Germany and twenty other countries in the Palace at the Funkturm, Berlin, from August 31st to September 9th. *Practical Wireless* was privileged to be given a preview of some of the current activities in the industry in West Berlin recently.

The exhibition will cover all aspects of entertainment electronics and will show modern forms of transmission techniques using satellites and pulse code modulation, private radiophones, projection colour television, traffic guidance systems and s.s.b./a.m. radio.

Television Studios

The two television transmitting organisations in West Germany are the Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Rundfunkanstalten (ARD) and the Zweite Deutsche Fernsehen (ZDF) which will broadcast the opening ceremony of the exhibition over the Eurovision network on August 31st. As well as the customary display of domestic equipment from industry there will be additional attractions including a fully operational television studio, transmitting equipment, a radio and television servicing

◀ The new SFB television studios with the parabolic reflectors in the recess near the top.

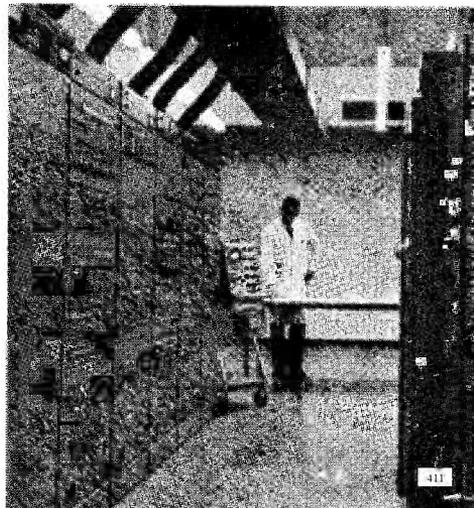
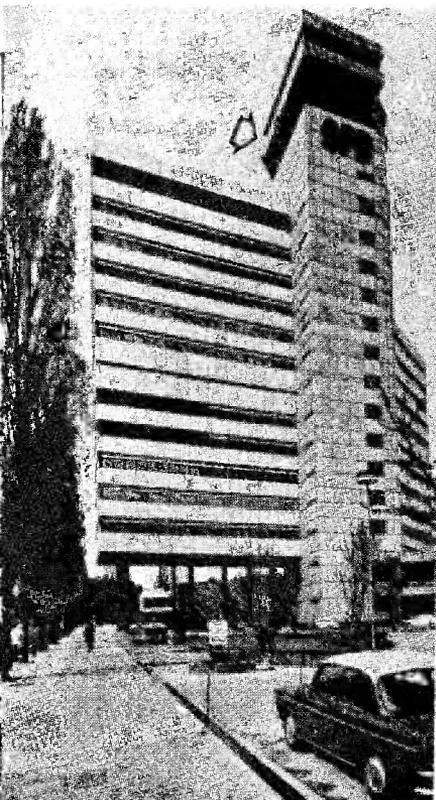
Some of the remote control equipment in the SFB building used to provide automatic operation of studio cameras and lighting. ▶

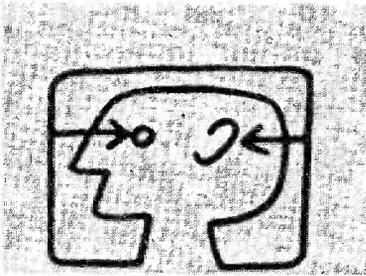


workshop, demonstration of historic equipment by the Deutsches Rundfunk Museum, special transmissions by the Deutschen Amateur Radio club and numerous cultural and sporting events for visitors' relaxation.

The Television Centre in West Berlin is run by the SFB which now broadcasts from the new buildings completed in 1971. The photograph shows the tower block on which are mounted the directional parabolic reflectors linking the centre with the transmitting stations and mobile units. Of particular interest in the Centre is the use of unmanned television studios. Computer equipment installed can operate television cameras and lighting from a remote console, so that the control room has direct control of floor equipment.

SFB (Sender Freies Berlin) has only an 8% share in ARD and





The film scanning room in the technical centre of the SFB.



broadcasts television programmes on Channel 7 (v.h.f.) and Channel 39 (u.h.f.). Sound radio on v.h.f. is on 88.75, 92.4 and 96.3MHz, and on 202m and 530m medium wave, the third programme being distributed through Norddeutscher Rundfunk (NDR). SFB will broadcast during the exhibition using a specially converted hall in the exhibition centre.

New Video Disc

A special feature will be the demonstration of video recording techniques for the home and in particular a new video disc player shown by Telefunken. This system is the production model version of TELDEC (first demonstrated three years ago) and has been developed to provide up to 10 minutes on one side of a 21cm flexible plastic disc. The first demonstration was designed

for monochrome pictures but now the new version, affectionately renamed TED, can provide colour pictures of excellent quality in various simultaneous multiple geometric arrangements, including superimposition. Of significant interest is its ability to be "stopped" to provide still pictures and short excerpt repeats.

The video disc works on the principle of "out-of-contact" pressure scanning, using a small pick-up cartridge about the size of that used for sound record players. The first version introduced in 1970 contained monochrome programme material and a year later the TriPAL-D System was successfully recorded using this medium. Production of disc players is now at an advanced stage and will undoubtedly attract a large market at the exhibition.

The TED System is claimed to be the cheapest of all known

video recording systems but, of course, the domestic unit will not have "record" facilities, only playback.

Other Recording Techniques

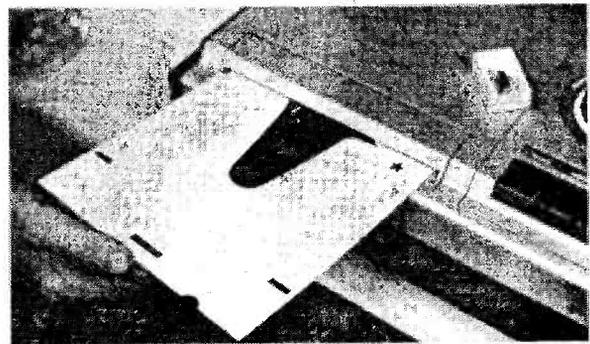
Of the five video recording techniques previously known, the only three to become the subject of further development in West Germany are magnetic tape cassettes, which are now enjoying a boom in demand, disc, and the "Super-8" film scanner, although the latter is only being developed by one company for production early next year.

The connection of a video recorder to the television receiver presents two main problems: mains isolation and time base stability. By connecting through the aerial socket the mains isolation problem is solved but this is only suitable for playback

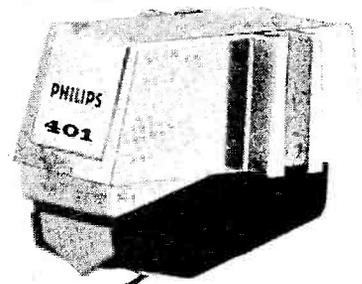
The automatic studio equipment control console in the SFB. Instruction data is displayed on the screen in the background from the computer operated by the central push button panel.



Exclusive P.W. picture of the production version of TED, the Telefunken video disc player. The pickup head is seen in its box on the top. The disc is inserted, complete with sleeve into the slot in the front, the function controls being simple push buttons.



The Philips 401 dynamic stereo pickup head manufactured in West Berlin.





A P.W. photograph of the East Berlin television transmitting tower near Checkpoint Charlie.

machines. Video signal recording machines need an adaptor for use with a.c./d.c. sets but these are expensive and a cheaper solution is still being sought.

Timebase stability can be a problem with flywheel sync circuits and result in severe non-linearity in the horizontal deflection. This problem can be overcome to a large extent by reducing the time constant in the phase comparator circuit. This facility will be incorporated in some sets by adding an "AV" switch, the "AV" designating

Audio-Visual. Some sets have already reduced the time constant without the need for a switch. Permissible maximum time deviations that a receiver should accept or a video recorder should produce is the subject of a German Standards Committee dealing with this aspect.

Seven German companies have now adopted the video cassette system and they are manufacturing cassette recorders on a large scale. All have built-in television tuners and timers, and stereo can be provided although up to now is not built-in. Over 40,000 VCR sets have been built and sold in Europe and manufacturers are having to work hard to satisfy a growing demand. The trend is to omit the u.h.f. tuner and connect to the video signal direct. Some domestic receivers are already being fitted with a video socket for this purpose specially for cassette recorders.

The German Post Office will be showing likely future developments in communications and to emphasise the theme they will give light and sound displays for visitors. Their exhibits include work in laser communications via glass fibres using pulse code modulation, which is particularly suitable for stereo broadcasting for sound only and television channels. Part of the work of the German Post Office is in monitoring the "air waves", particularly

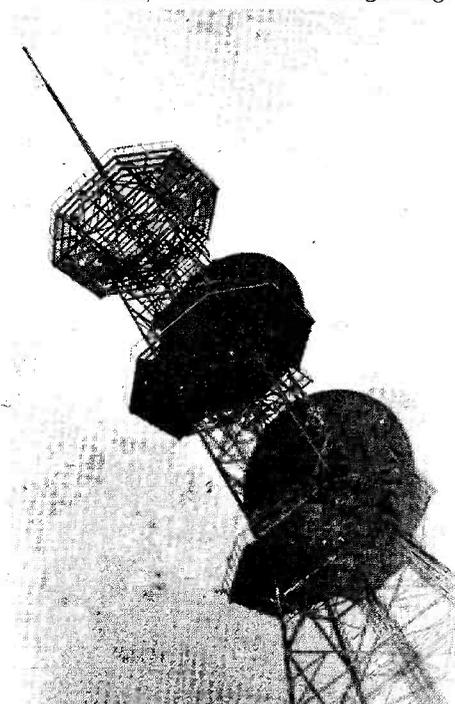


as stringent control must be exercised in Berlin because of its geographical position.

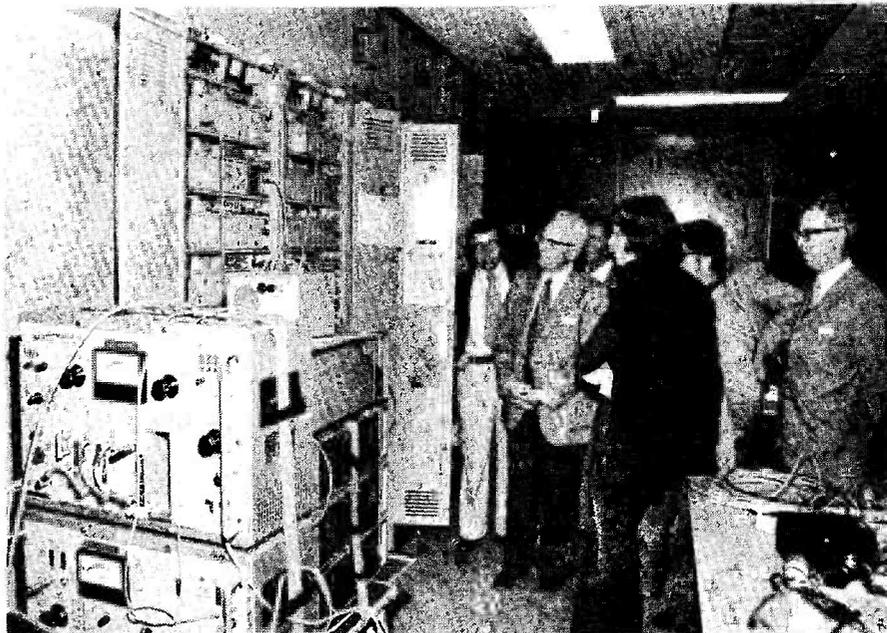
The Post Office is extending its transmission service capability by bringing into service its new "twin-dish" f.m. transmitter at Frohnau, Berlin. This station will handle telephone, telegraph, telex, genex, and data traffic in two directions with a similar station in Lower Saxony, so extending communications from West Berlin without interference to East German transmissions. A fully automatic public land mobile service will also transmit via Frohnau.

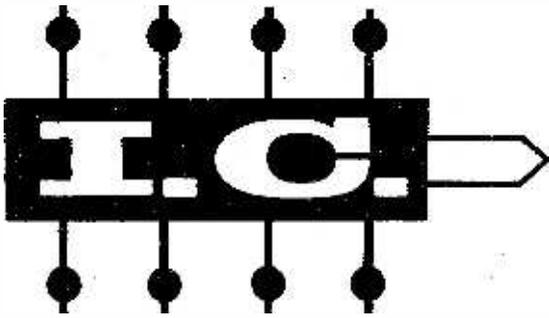
The exhibition organisers, AMK Berlin, are to be congratulated on the magnificent organisation behind the exhibition programme. In turn they have received full co-operation from several Berlin organisations in promoting the 50 years anniversary celebrations including Philips, Telefunken, German Post Office, and broadcasting companies. We would hope that British exhibition organisers will visit Berlin to take notes. ■

F.M. modulator/demodulator equipment in the new transmitting station at Frohnau.



The new Post Office scatter systems aerials at Frohnau. The highest section is used for mobile radio transmissions.





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LP2000 MICROTRANSMITTER

A few years ago the letters column of Practical Wireless bristled with a controversy regarding the pros and cons as to whether the authorities should allow low level radio communication on a specified band analagous to the citizens band in America, without the requirements of having to pass the morse code test and radio theory examination. Allied to this was the profusion of American and Japanese equipment particularly walkie-talkies, available over the counter from many radio and electrical shops giving rise to the rather curious anomaly whereby a person could legally purchase such equipment and yet find himself in the position of using it illegally.

The sale of such equipment even here is quite high and as each specific market for a particular transistorised unit is identified, it is inevitable that the IC manufacturers should turn their attention to fulfilling this need, in integrated form, if at all possible.

Lithic Systems Inc. have now produced the first monolithic microtransmitter, designated the LP2000, the operating frequency being set by external tuning elements so that the device can operate at any frequency up to 150MHz with a power output in the region of 100mW.

Circuit

The complete circuit diagram of the LP2000 together with a functional block diagram is illustrated in Fig. 1. All the active components of the transmitter are incorporated in the IC with the operating frequency set by an external overtone type crystal and a tuned LC tank circuit picking out the required overtone frequency. Tr8 acts as the transistor oscillator operating with AC grounded base and having its DC bias controlled by the internal regulator. Further stability is ensured by having its emitter current controlled by the constant current source Tr7.

Two emitter follower buffer stages Tr12 and Tr13 directly couple the oscillator to the power output stage Tr15 and this rather unique design does away with the more conventional LC or RC interstage coupling networks. The modulator and output regulator form an integral part of the output stage and this is achieved by inserting Tr14 and Tr16 as the emitter loads with their currents controlled by the modulating preamplifier Tr9 and Tr10. In conjunction

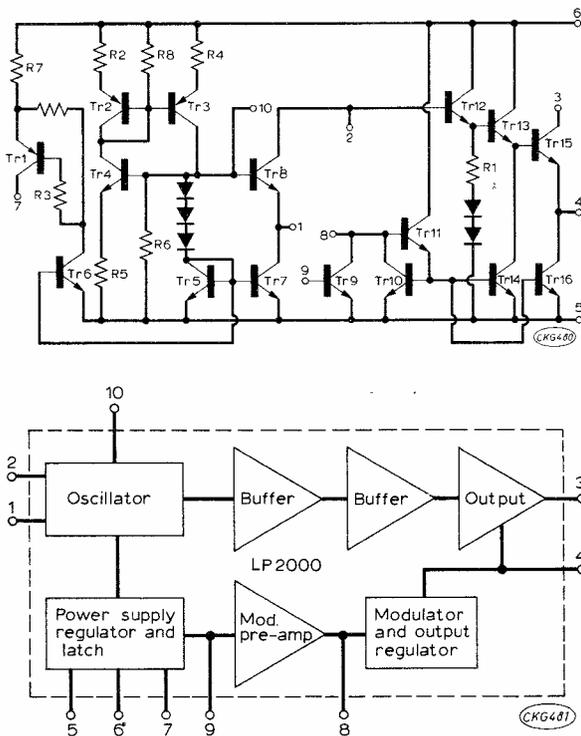


Fig. 1a, top, is the complete circuit of the LP2000.
Fig. 1b, below, shows the circuit by functions.

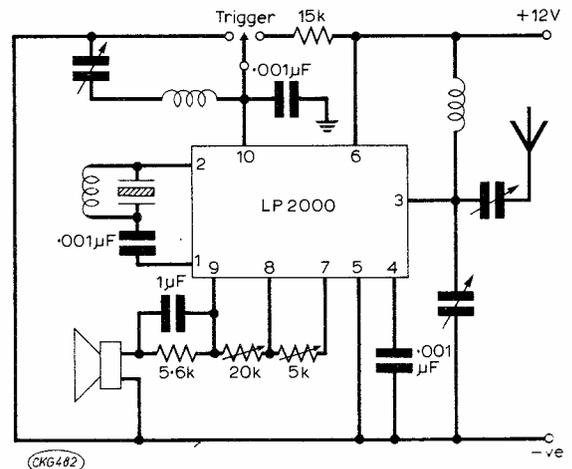


Fig. 2. Circuit for a complete transmitter, based on the LP2000.

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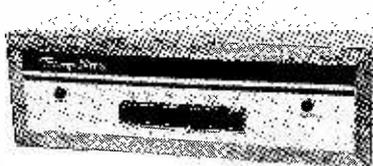
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A Practical Transmitter

A complete radio transmitter circuit, incorporating the LP2000, is shown in Fig. 2. The two pre-set resistors control the idling current and output modulation. One rather curious feature of the design is the DC short through the tank circuit between the base and collector of Tr8 but monolithic transistors still show a current gain even when operated in this mode. The tank coils and variable capacitors will have to be chosen to suit the operating frequency set by the particular crystal used, and while this IC can operate as a complete transmitter in its own right, it can also provide sufficient drive to operate a more powerful PA stage for amateur transmissions.

Also available is the LP2001, electrically interchangeable with the LP2000 but producing a minimum continuous output power of 250mW.

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DEALING WITH DROPPERS

The most common cause of TV set failure is a fault in the mains dropper. In dealing with droppers Peter Graves explains the function of this part of the set, the reasons why failures occur and the recommended ways of putting things right.

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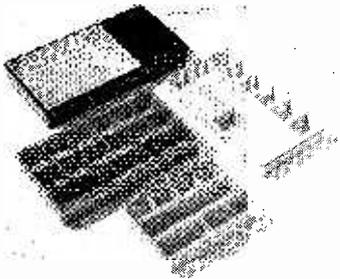
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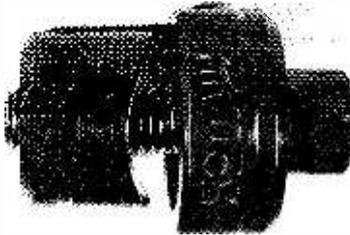
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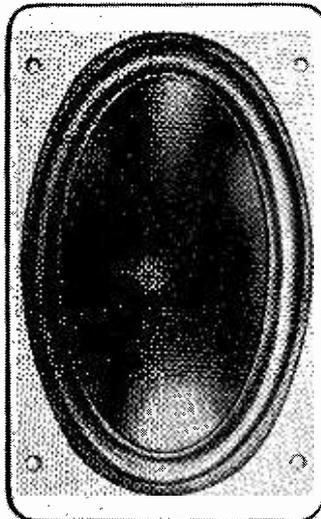
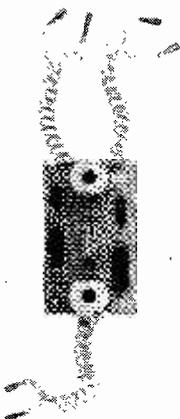
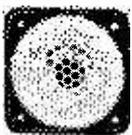
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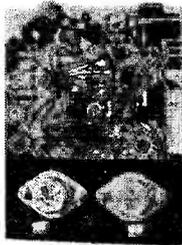
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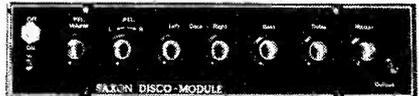
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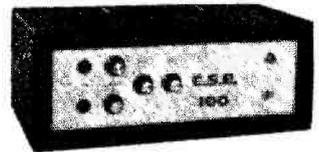
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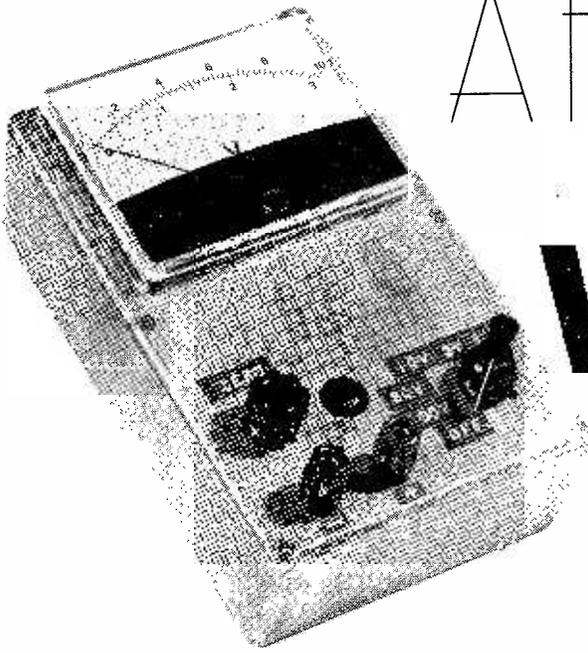
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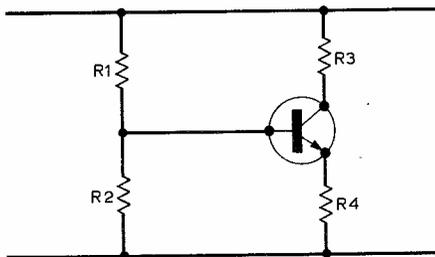
OF ALL of the basic measurements that can be made with a normal multimeter, the determination of voltage is probably the one most commonly attempted and the measurement that is most likely to give rise to erroneous results.

MEASUREMENT ERRORS

Consider for a moment the circuit of a low power audio amplifying stage in any piece of equipment, Fig. 1. The current through R3 will, with no input signal, be of constant value determined by the values of R1, R2 and R4, and will not be altered if the value of R3 is altered providing that the voltage at the collector of the transistor exceeds that at its base by 2 volts or more.

Let us suppose we wish to measure the voltage across R3, and given that the transistor delivers a current of $100\mu\text{A}$ and the value of R3 is $100\text{k}\Omega$, the voltage across the resistor will be 10V.

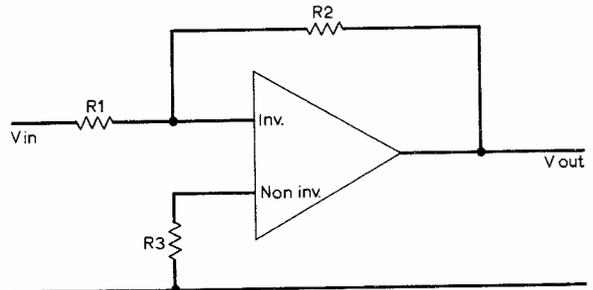
If we measure the voltage across R3 with a normal multimeter of $20\text{k}\Omega/\text{volt}$ sensitivity then, on the 10V range, the meter will appear as a $200\text{k}\Omega$ resistor. If a $200\text{k}\Omega$ resistor is shunted across the $100\text{k}\Omega$ resistor the apparent resistance drops to $66.7\text{k}\Omega$, and consequently the voltage across the combination drops to 6.67V , vastly different from the 10V correct value.



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Fig. 1: Basic transistor circuit to demonstrate errors possible when using low sensitivity meters.

It is obvious therefore that a meter with a higher sensitivity would give much less error, but although valve and FET voltmeters can be built by the home constructor, difficulties can occur due to thermal drifts as the components in the circuit warm up. The circuit to be described uses a μA741C integrated circuit as the amplifying element of the circuit hence eliminating drift problems. Since it is difficult for the amateur to obtain high value, high tolerance resistors the sensitivity of the circuit has to be made $100\text{k}\Omega/\text{volt}$ although $1\text{M}\Omega/\text{volt}$ would be preferable.



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Fig. 2: Use of the μA741C integrated circuit as an amplifier.

★ components list

Resistors

R1	$100\text{k}\Omega$	} $\frac{1}{2}\text{W } 1\%$	R6	$10\text{k}\Omega$	} $\frac{1}{2}\text{W } 5\%$
R2	$300\text{k}\Omega$		R7	$10\text{k}\Omega$	
R3	$1\text{M}\Omega$		R8	$10\text{k}\Omega$	
R4	$3\text{M}\Omega$		R9	820Ω	
R5	$10\text{M}\Omega$				

(R4 is $2 \times 1.5\text{M}\Omega$)

VR1 $10\text{k}\Omega$ linear potentiometer
VR2 500Ω miniature preset pot

Miscellaneous

IC1, μA741C (TO5 or DIL). S1, 4-pole 6-way, (from 2×2 -pole 6 way wafers). M1, $100\mu\text{A}$ FSD, scaled 0-3 and 0-10 (RS-MR31). Case, approx $7" \times 4" \times 2"$. Terminals (2). Knobs (2). Battery clips (2 pairs). Terry spring clips (2). Batteries, PP4 (9V-2 off). Veroboard.

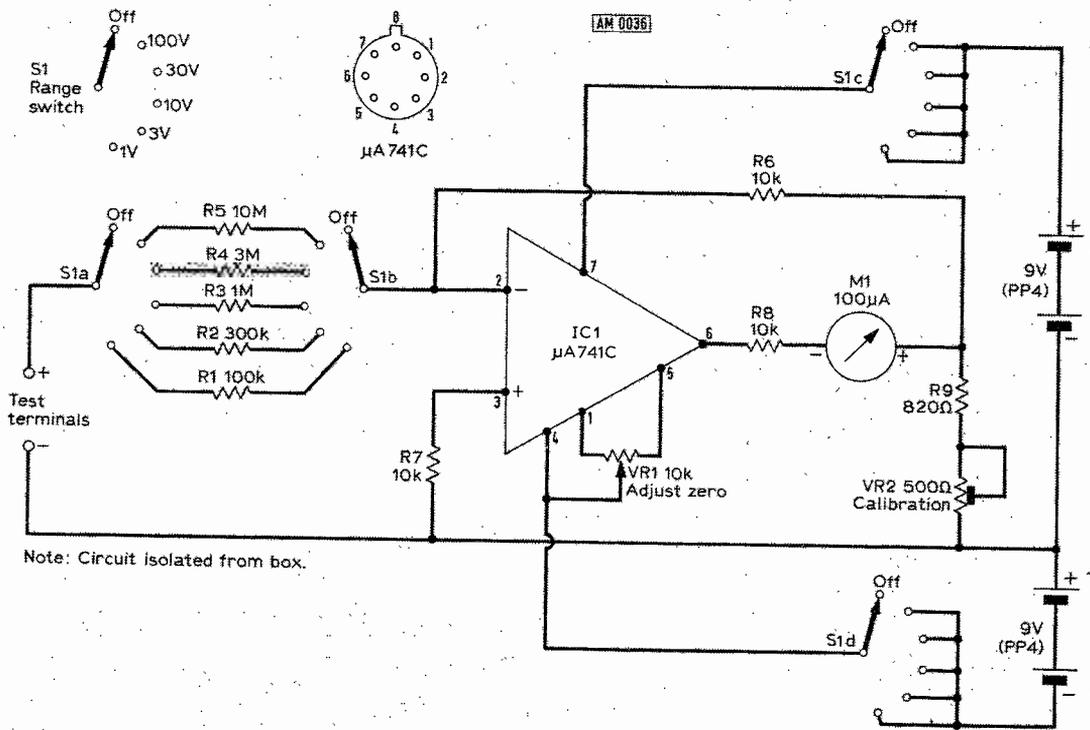


Fig. 3: Full circuit of the high sensitivity voltmeter. If difficulty is experienced in obtaining a suitable wafer switch, S1c and S1d could be replaced by a separate double pole toggle switch.

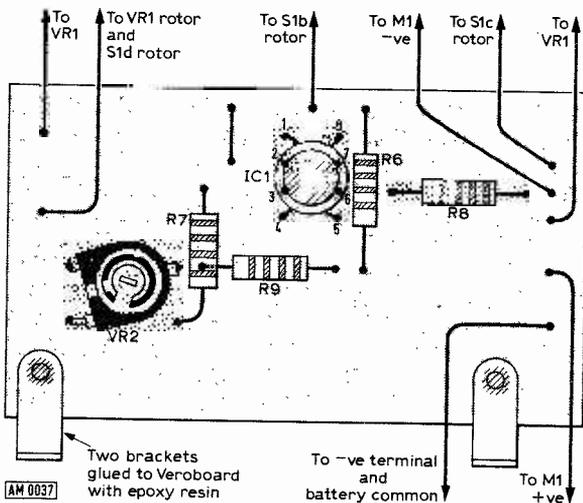


Fig. 4: Layout of the small veroboard carrying the IC. Supporting brackets are cemented to the box lid.

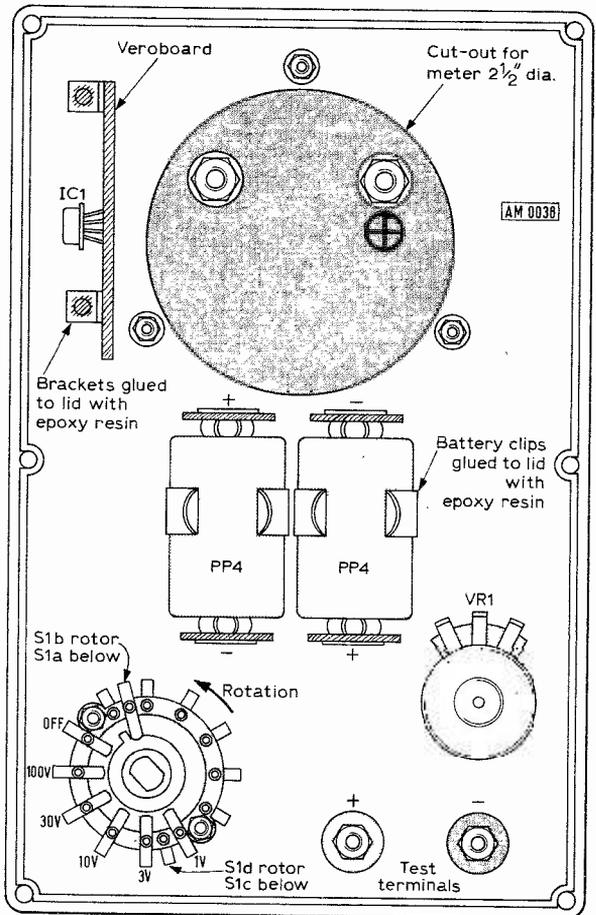


Fig. 5: General layout of components on box lid with connections to range switch.

Fig. 2 shows the basic inverting amplifier used in the meter. If we assume that the IC is perfectly matched (it would give no output if both inputs were earthed), we can prove that if R2 and R3 are not the same value the output voltage will not be zero, due to the currents being drawn through these resistors.

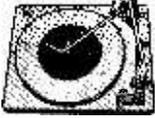
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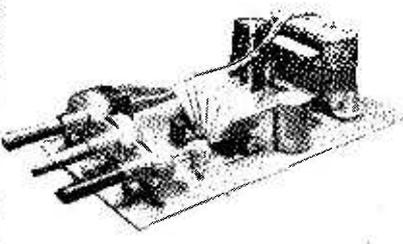
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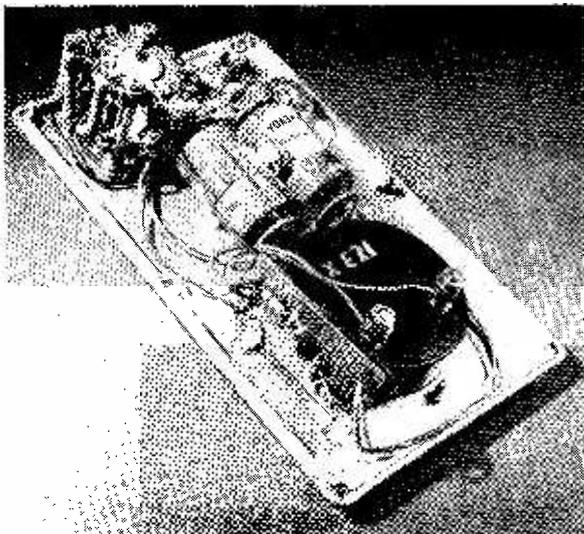
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CONSTRUCTION

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Photograph of completed voltmeter, which can be compared with the layout shown in Fig. 5.

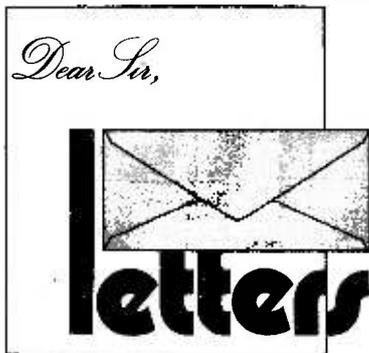
wafers are separated by 6BA spacers, 1" long. The switch should only move through six positions, the "off" position being with the switch turned fully anti-clockwise, when viewed from the front panel.

The resistors R1 to R5 are mounted on the switch so that as the switch is turned clockwise the value is reduced. The remaining switch positions are connected so that when the resistors are in circuit the batteries will be connected to the board.

The circuit board, Fig. 4, should present no constructional problems provided that reasonable care is taken and that the copper strips which are supposed to be cut are completely severed. Fig. 5 shows the details of the switch wiring. The remaining work consists of attaching the assembled parts to the lid. The circuit board is stuck to the case, two pieces of bent metal supporting the board, the Terry battery clips being attached in the same way, after which final wiring can take place.

CALIBRATION

The meter should now be in working order and can be switched on. By turning the offset potentiometers VR1 it should be possible to zero the meter. If the direction of rotation of the potentiometer and the movement of the needle do not coincide the wires to the ends of the potentiometer can be interchanged. The meter is calibrated by using either a known voltage source or a 1.35V mercury battery. This voltage is connected to the instrument and by rotating the present VR2 the meter can be set to the correct voltage. ■



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(1) It may take up to six hours for the paint to dry. This increases the chance of smudging and having to start all over again.

(2) It is difficult to remove the enamel while it is wet. This means that any mistakes made when painting on the resist cannot be easily corrected.

After spending many hours sweating over an artist's brush and hot copper laminate, I decided to try using women's nail varnish on the laminate. This has proved far better than enamel paint and dries within minutes. Mistakes can be corrected when dry by just scraping with a modelling knife.—D. K. Baruth (Northumberland).

Improving VHF radio

Further to my article in the April issue of PW, readers in areas of poor reception may obtain higher gain with the FET amplifier, Fig. 2, by shorting out R4 or reducing the value to 82 ohms. Experimentally, a 250 ohm pre-set potentiometer could be fitted and the optimum value found for a particular location.

Alan C. Ainslie
(Workshop, Notts.)

Power supplies

Correspondents have pointed out to me that in "Regulated Power Supplies for your Transistor Radio", PW June 1973, there is a minor error.

It is not, of course, true to say

that the output voltage is higher than the zener voltage, it is *lower*. This hardly affects the operation of a transistor radio, which is designed to function at low voltages, as supplied by a partly exhausted battery.

The mistake crept into the article due to my misreading a hastily written workshop note.
J. N. Watt (Surrey).

Play the game Lads!

Would it be possible to enlist your aid in bringing to the notice of "CQ!" Column participants that some of them are just bad-mannered opportunists.

I am no eccentric old buffer but admit to having had your magazine every month for years. My grouse relates to having, time after time, sending free copies of P.W. P.E. TV etc. to various people who do not even acknowledge receipt—let alone refund any postage. The last time this happened was in response to a "CQ!" published in the February issue. I'll not mention any names or addresses but hope the recipients' consciences will bother them.—R. Williams (Gloucestershire).

BETTER AERIALS



for BETTER STEREO

GORDON KING

PART 1

THE BBC is currently adopting a new approach with regard to the linking of studio centres to transmitters, notably for mono and stereo VHF radio programmes on the FM system of broadcasting. This is facilitating the introduction of stereo to FM transmitters which have hitherto been too remote from studio centres for equalised and balanced linking via the earlier radio and line analogue circuits.

Stereo demands high performance links capable of conveying two audio signals in isolation over hundreds of miles without quality impairment, imbalance or variation in transit time. Unless these requirements are adequately satisfied degradation of the stereo effect at the receiving points is bound to follow. On mono, of course, the requirements are significantly less critical; for a start there is only a single circuit to bother with, and phase distortion (i.e., transit time variation) on this is of minor consequence.

PULSE-CODE MODULATION

The new approach is based on translating the analogue signal (i.e., the type of signal yielded by a microphone or gramophone pickup, for example) to digital form, linking the signal in this form and translating it back to the original analogue for modulating the transmitter. The series of digits so produced corresponds to amplitude samples of the audio analogue. The digits are of simple zero/one form (i.e., binary) and the nature of the series (i.e., 011, 101, 111, etc.) reflects the instantaneous amplitude and polarity of the real audio signal.

In other words, the manner in which the digit series is coded is a direct function of the audio signal at that instant. It is thus a relatively simple matter to decode the pulse chain to reform the original audio analogue.

A major advantage of this scheme is that it is far less worried by noise and repeater non-linearity

than direct analogue linking. Indeed, any noise on the digits or pulses can be sliced off without impairing quality of the ultimately decoded signal.

The system, which is not new—the BBC has been experimenting for ten years with digital techniques applied to audio signals, is known as pulse code modulation (pcm). A high quality pcm system requires more than a mere three digits to secure the necessary number of sampling levels. The number of levels sampled is related to the number of digits n in terms of 2^n . Thus only eight audio amplitude levels can be sampled with a three-digit binary code. The BBC uses a thirteen-digit binary code which corresponds to the sampling of 8192 levels—but the system also employs a parity 'bit' for error correction—and the sampling rate is 32kHz.

13-CHANNEL CAPACITY

The system carries thirteen high-quality audio signals in a single wideband circuit. The sending equipment is located at the London Control Room and the thirteen-channel multiplexed output is communicated by coaxial cable to the microwave system which directs the pcm signals to the transmitters. The thirteen-channel capacity provides the necessary scope for any future activities, since any one circuit can be used either as a mono channel or one of a stereo pair, and it would be possible to utilise four channels for quadrphony. Thus the future is well looked after!

It is noteworthy that the thirteen, high-quality circuits of 15kHz bandwidth and each of thirteen-digit binary code can be accommodated by any link capable of handling a single 625-line television signal. Each channel has a signal/noise ratio of 70dB (peak signal to peak weighted noise).

The pcm linking thus means that listeners will obtain improved quality signals from their FM tuners, even when the programme source is remote from the transmitter, and that transmitters which have hitherto been out of range of an equalised two-channel link of the earlier kind will be able to pick up high-quality signal pairs from the pcm system.

The six element beam aerial shown in the heading is the Antiference Ltd. "Mushkiller", type FM264.

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Moreover, the capacity of the pcm system allows the transmission of more than one programme in stereo. Already a number of the main FM transmitters are radiating in stereo on several programmes and plans are in hand to extend the coverage with the least delay.

IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING AERIAL

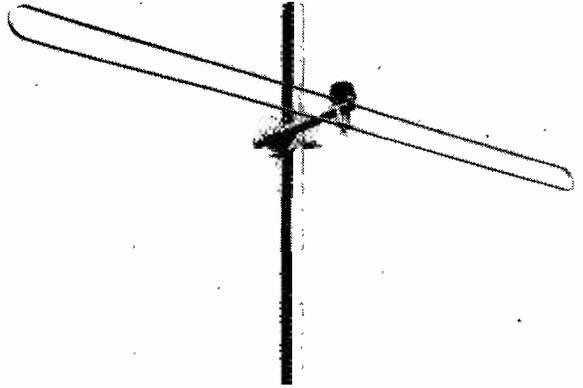
From the actual receiving point of view the conditions are unchanged. That is, there is no change in the transmission system. It is still FM from the transmitters and the same tuners and FM receivers will work just the same as before the introduction of pcm.

However, since stereo will be available to an increasing number of listeners the receiving aerial will assume a greater importance than for mono-only reception. The reason for this is that for a given mono signal/noise ratio threshold, the aerial input required for a similar ratio on stereo can be up to ten times that required for mono. Thus, while a tuner might require, say $50\mu\text{V}$ for a 50dB mono signal/noise, up to $500\mu\text{V}$ could be required for the same ratio on a stereo signal.

There are some hi-fi tuners significantly more sensitive than implied by this example, of course, where for an acceptable ratio about $10\mu\text{V}$ (or less) might be required on mono and $100\mu\text{V}$ (or less) on stereo, but the fact remains that whatever the tuner or receiver a greater aerial signal at the threshold signal/noise ratio is required for stereo than for mono. If a receiver or tuner is receiving just about enough aerial signal for an acceptable mono signal/noise ratio, the same station switching to stereo would almost certainly give rise to an unacceptable signal/noise ratio (obtrusive background hiss) on the same installation working in the stereo mode.

When a station goes stereo and the receiver is not equipped with a stereo decoder, the reproduction, of course, will be in mono. This results from the compatible design of the stereo system. That is, the mono information is carried by it in the usual manner, with the stereo information on a subcarrier, so a receiver devoid of a decoder responds merely to

the mono information and takes no account at all of the stereo information. Since the stereo information is contained in sidebands centred on a 38kHz subcarrier frequency, the normal after-detector de-emphasis of a mono receiver or tuner eliminates or filters out this information. A 19kHz pilot tone signal is also transmitted on stereo for synchronising the stereo decoder in the receiver or tuner, and this too is rolled-off by the de-emphasis.



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Thus a listener using a mono-only receiver or tuner is not aware that the station is transmitting a stereo signal. The signal/noise ratio is barely changed. There is a mild intrinsic impairment to the ratio under this condition owing to the pilot tone accommodating just under 10% of the total deviation of the system and leaving 90% (not 100%) deviation (i.e., modulation depth) for the mono components, but this is rarely detected subjectively by the average mono installation in receipt of a reasonable aerial signal.

SENSITIVITY AND S/N RATIO

A signal/noise ratio much below about 40dB is generally unacceptable by critical listeners. Indeed,

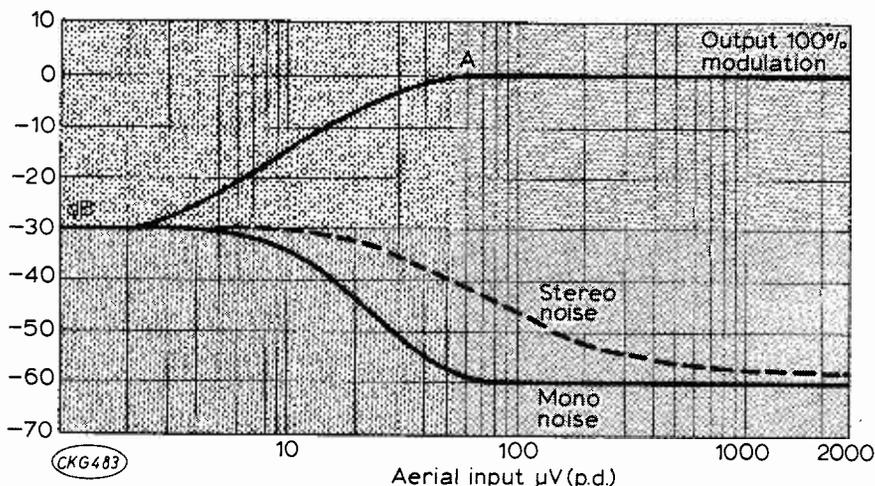


Fig. 1. Curves expressing signal/noise ratio and limiting performance.

for true hi-fi results the ratio should approach 60dB referred to 100% modulation (i.e., $\pm 75\text{kHz}$ deviation on the British system). The top curve in Fig. 1 shows how the audio output gradually increases with rise in aerial signal strength from the very low level. At point A on the curve, corresponding to an aerial input about $60\mu\text{V}$, the output stabilises due to the FM limiting action of the receiver or tuner. This represents the 'limited' output and is referred to 0dB.

The noise on this signal is very low, but at aerial inputs below the limiting level shown the noise constitutes a greater proportion of total output. At zero signal input there is no real signal, of course, just noise, and in the example this corresponds to an output 30dB below the limited output.

The full-line mono noise curve shows how the noise contribution falls as the aerial signal is increased. At $30\mu\text{V}$ input, for example, the noise curve is at -50dB. Now, the signal/noise ratio is the dB difference between the noise and output curves, the ratio thus increasing as the signal strength increases. At $10\mu\text{V}$ input the ratio is just under 20dB, while at $20\mu\text{V}$ it is up to about 38dB. At $100\mu\text{V}$ it has maximised to about 60dB (the ultimate signal/noise ratio of the receiver or tuner), the noise then being so small as to be totally inaudible. This is on mono, but what about stereo?

S/N RATIO AND STEREO

The broken-line stereo noise curve shows this action. At $10\mu\text{V}$ input the ratio is a mere 15dB, and even at $20\mu\text{V}$ it is not much better than about 24dB. Thus noise on stereo at the input would be very troublesome though possibly acceptable on mono. At $60\mu\text{V}$ input there is almost a 20dB difference between the mono and the stereo signal/noise ratios, and on stereo the ultimate signal/noise ratio rarely reaches the mono ultimate. Nevertheless, the ratio of almost 60dB for stereo at highish aerial inputs is perfectly acceptable.

It must be stressed that these curves are not typical of any particular receiver or tuner. The overall design greatly influences the nature of the curves, and the greater the sensitivity of the receiver or tuner the lower the aerial signal required for full limiting and for an acceptable signal/noise ratio, and this applies both to mono and stereo, but with stereo always requiring more signal for a given signal/noise ratio, particularly at the low signal input end of the scale.

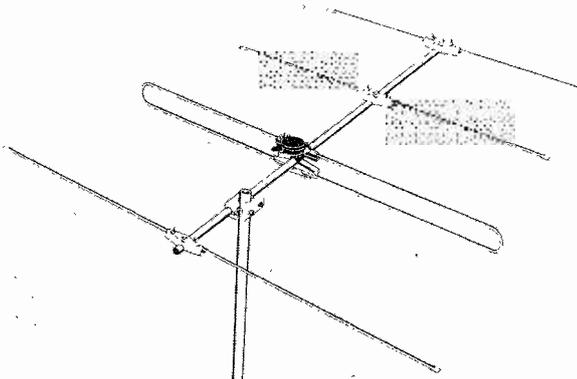
RECEIVER REQUIREMENTS

Clearly, then, the type of aerial required for the best stereo reception depends not only on the strength of the prevailing signal field but also on the sensitivity of the receiver or tuner. Some hi-fi tuners are capable of providing a mono signal/noise ratio of 40dB or more from an aerial input as low as 2 or $3\mu\text{V}$ and a similar stereo ratio from 20 or $30\mu\text{V}$, with the ultimate ratio occurring at 10 or $100\mu\text{V}$ respectively. On the other hand, relatively inexpensive receivers might require up to 1mV signal (or more) for an acceptable stereo signal/noise ratio.

It is a fair indication that the aerial signal strength is insufficient should a tuner or receiver exhibit undue background noise on stereo, while producing an

acceptable signal/noise ratio on mono. It is sometimes necessary to have a decoder fitted into a tuner or receiver to take advantage of the stereo signals when the 'local' FM transmitter goes over to stereo. On the other hand, the tuner or receiver may be 'stereo-ready', meaning that the stereo decoder is already incorporated. Most hi-fi tuners are of this kind.

Working with a stereo signal, a stereo tuner delivers signals in the left and right channels for application to the left and right channels of the amplifier, these two channels then feeding the stereo loudspeaker pair. A fully-fledged stereo receiver contains not only the stereo decoder but also the two amplifier channels, two loudspeakers then being required for stereo reproduction in the normal way.



The Antiference FM244 has the usual folded dipole, with two directors and one reflector element.

To glean some idea as to whether the aerial which is feeding a mono receiver is delivering sufficient signal for reasonably noise-free stereo, a 20dB attenuator can be connected in series with the aerial (coaxial plug-in types of various attenuation values can be obtained from dealers). If the mono reception is then still noise-free, it can be basically assumed that the signal will be strong enough to operate a stereo receiver or the same receiver after a decoder has been installed.

SIGNAL FIELD

The strength of the signal field locally from the nearest stereo-encoded station will depend on how far away the site is from the station and on the site elevation, while the amount of signal induced into the receiving aerial will depend on its height above ground, on the degree of local screening (by hills, large buildings, etc.), on the gain of the aerial (how many elements it possesses), on the attenuation of the download or feeder and on how well the aerial is orientated with respect to the station (some high-gain aerials are very directional such that almost half the signal is lost by a mere 30deg. misbeaming).

NEXT MONTH, IN PART 2, GORDON KING DISCUSSES THE NATURE OF THE TRANSMISSION PATH AND GIVES PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON AERIAL DESIGN.

HOTLINES

ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

"PAPER" I.C. TRANSISTORS

MANY people have watched and wondered where integrated circuit technology will go next. The amount of semiconductor terminology in current usage gives some idea of the path along which i.c. development has rushed headlong.

In America, development has been quietly proceeding over the past few years with some interesting thin film technology. Yes, it had to come—the paper transistor! Devices have been successfully produced on a variety of flexible materials which include metal foils plus numerous plastic films and paper.

These days one thinks of an i.c. as being very small with the latest ones either smaller still, or the same size but with more packed in them. It is surprising, therefore, to hear of a six-inch square i.c. with some 14,000 transistors on it. Such is the state-of-the-art with these flexible circuits. It is envisaged that when this art is perfected further, some half a million transistors will be put onto the same size i.c.

THIN FILM

The interesting thing about these flexible i.c.'s is that they are not hybrids—the only production method used is that of thin film.

Thin film transistors were announced by one researcher back in 1968. The devices were f.e.t. types with insulated gates and were successfully reproduced on paper. Both p-channel and n-channel devices were made.

At this point, gate voltages around 200V were possible and power dissipation was about 0.5W. Two years later this power dissipation capability had been doubled. These flexible beasts are not fragile, either. The active devices will function happily when bent round a radius of some 0.06in. Production-wise it would appear that the flexible substrate—film, paper or whatever, is simply wound onto a spool. From here, it is fed into a deposition "processor" and is subsequently wound onto a take-up spool much the same way in which a cine film travels through a projector.

Please note: these devices are not on the market and no further information is available to date.

ACTIVE FILTERS

Although the above application may indicate a rise in fame for thin film, there are other areas where this technology could have very stiff competition. Hybrid thin film devices may find this from some miniature active bandpass filters which have just appeared. These have pre-tuned centre frequencies from 3,500Hz down to 200Hz. Gains available range from 0 to 40dB with Q factors from 2 to 50. Twist in the tail of this story is the size. These active filters are only 0.25 x 0.25 x 0.25 inch.

S.H.F. — AND HOW!

Still with components but looking at high frequencies, I note that the quest for higher and higher frequency requirements is still very much an active field in every sense of the word. The r.f. enthusiasts were elated when news of the first 1GHz devices appeared. Goodness knows what realms of ecstasy my news will bring but I have just learnt of oscillators using Impatt diodes which give some 120mW at—wait for it—140GHz. Outputs at 200GHz are expected later this year with 100mW at 170GHz already being mentioned.

8192-BITS

Charge-coupled devices are fascinating creatures. Space does not permit a discussion on how they work. However, as a point of information, one company is currently developing an 8,192-bit shift register which should cause a few hiccups in the computer hardware circles. The result could be a system which is 20–30 times faster than comparable rotating discs.

TIME IS PRECIOUS

For those who like to be in contact with electronics all the time, electronic watches are catching on fast. My own wrist watch has an accuracy (written guarantee) of an error not greater than 60 seconds in any one calendar year which, I thought, was pretty fantastic. Unbelievers might care to work out the number of seconds in 365 days and then work out the percentage error*

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has an accuracy of one second a month or 12 seconds/year. Readers will be pleased to know that these electronic watches will be available next year; and not so pleased to know that prices start from £425. Truly, time is precious.

SPIN OFFS

Very often there is a useful spin off of products for the Amateur. Some professional industrial idea has, say, consumer applications. Tape recorders may benefit further from the design and development of tape heads for data applications. An example is the latest tape heads on the data market which are 0.4mil flying lead types. In practical terms this means a recording density on the record discs of 1,500 tracks per inch. A 600 tracks/inch density can allow storage of something like 60 million bits of information. If this ever spreads to tape recorders, then the cassette tape you get with your new recorder will last you for life. How you would locate a particular item on such a tape is quite another matter.

RED CURRENTS?

Radio waves are attenuated by a variety of things. Often the terrain over which they pass is an important factor although the frequency involved is a major consideration. Workers in Russia have been looking into the effects of forests on medium and long wave radio transmissions. The findings are as follows. A tree with a circulating sap was found to be a good current conductor (no, not a Red current bush). Thus an electric current is induced in the tree when it "interacts" with radio waves. The induced current creates an electrical field, albeit a small one, which is radiated into space and thus dissipated. Doubtless we will now have some ingenious Amateurs using centre-fed sycamores or root-loaded rowans.

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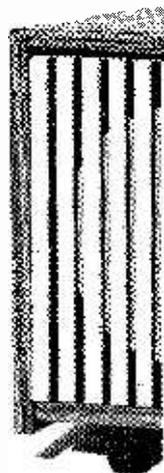
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C1 is fitted to limit h.f. coverage to about 1600kHz, the MW band being approximately 1600-550kHz. For reception of the BBC on 200kHz, S1 is closed. This places TC1 and C2 across L1, and the full swing of VC1 then covers about 195-250kHz. For full LW coverage it would be necessary to have a LW winding on the ferrite rod instead.

RF Section

The ZN414 radio receiver silicon network requires a reasonably stable supply in the 1.1 to 1.8V range, and this is obtained by the potential divider R3 and R4. It was found that best results were obtained with a supply of about 1.4V here.

The best possible supply voltage may depend somewhat on the exact layout of wiring, and in the receiver shown two Veropins were inserted so that R4 could easily be changed. This is scarcely necessary, but the importance of the voltage present here should not be overlooked. It must not exceed 1.8V (this can be checked by clipping a high resistance voltmeter across R3). If it is rather high (in the

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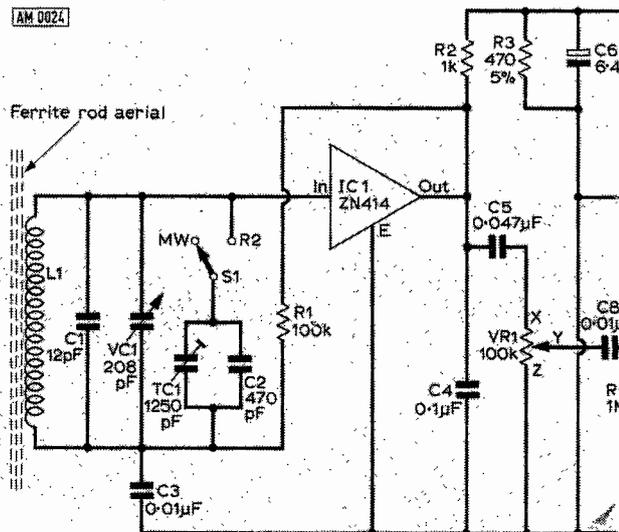


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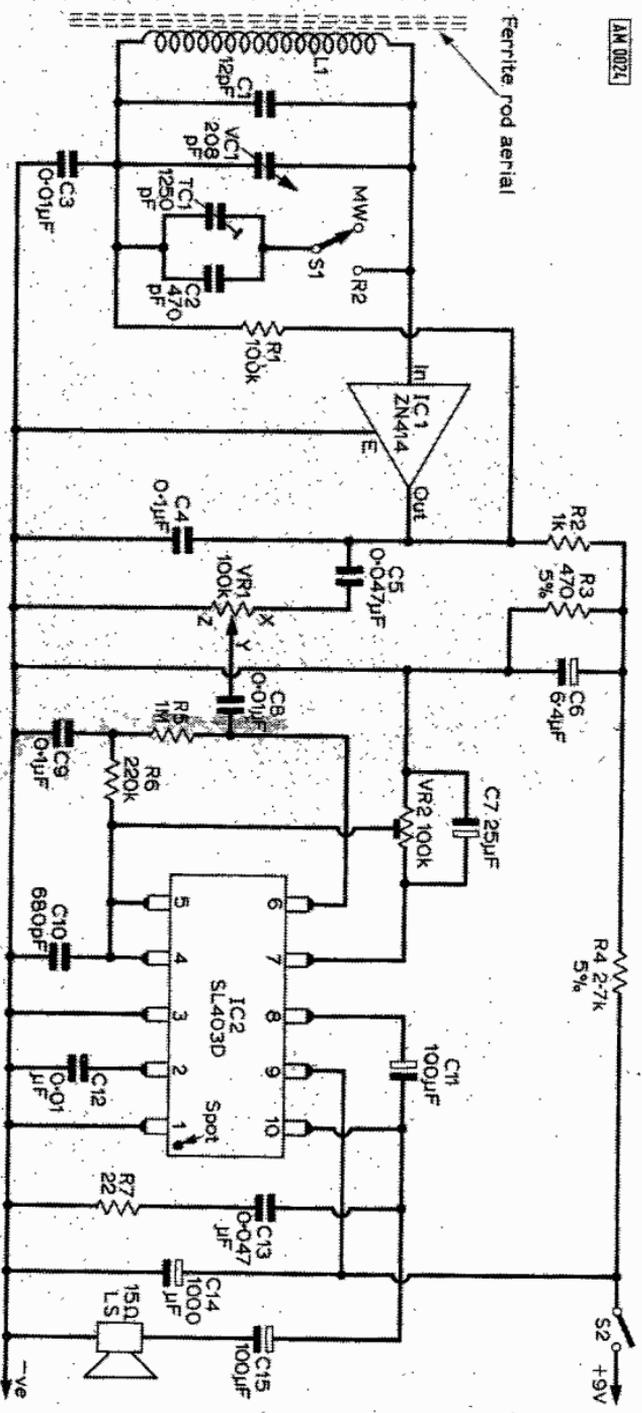


Fig. 1: Circuit of the PW POP STAR receiver.

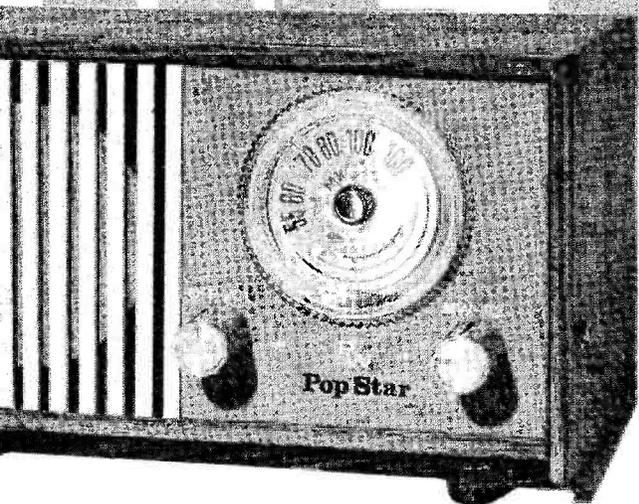
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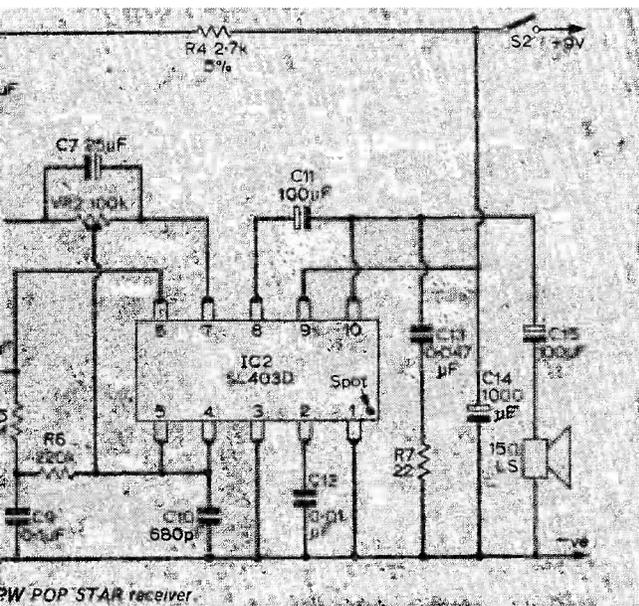
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POP STAR receiver

★ components list

Resistors

R1	100kΩ	} All 1/4w 5%
R2	1kΩ	
R3	470Ω	
R4	2.7kΩ	
R5	1MΩ	
R6	220kΩ	
R7	22Ω	
VR1	100kΩ log pot. with switch	
VR2	Miniature 100kΩ pre-set pot	

Capacitors

C1	12pF	C9	0.1μF
C2	470pF	C10	680pF
C3	0.01μF	C11	100μF, 10V
C4	0.1μF	C12	0.01μF
C5	0.047μF	C13	0.047μF
C6	6.4μF, 6.4V	C14	1000μF, 10V
C7	25μF, 10V	C15	100μF, 10V
C8	0.01μF		

Miscellaneous

- VC1 Jackson 00, 208/176pF
- TC1 1250pF compression type
- M1 Denco FR5, medium wave ferrite rod
- Trans aere medium wave 2 1/2 in. diaf (Home Radio)
- IC1 ZN414
- IC2 SL403D
- 15Ω 3 1/2 in. square speaker
- Veroboard, Veropins
- 1-pole 2-way rotary switch
- Two knobs
- Case:
 - 6mm plywood: Top 8 x 4 1/2 in.
 - Bottom 8 x 4 1/2 in.
 - 2 off 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 in.
 - Back 8 x 3 1/2 in.
- Hardboard 8 x 4 in. 1/8 in. thick
- Panel: Universal chassis flanged member 8 x 4 in.

Audio Section

To assist wiring, pins for the SL403D are shown in their actual positions in Fig. 1. Pin 6 is the pre-amplifier input, from the volume control VR1. This employs cascaded emitter followers and a common emitter stage. Output is at pin 5, which is directly connected to the main amplifier input at tag 4.

VR2 is a miniature pre-set potentiometer, provided

to trim the bias operating point, and it requires no further adjustment, when once set.

The main amplifier has 13 transistors, with cascaded emitter followers between stages. Although up to 18V may be applied to the SL403D, the circuit here is intended for a 9V battery. Output is approximately just under 1 watt with a 9V supply, using a 7.5 ohm speaker. The speaker impedance actually selected is 15 ohms, this allowing approximately 400mW with the 9V supply, with additional current economy. This power output is considered easily adequate for a receiver of this kind.

C10 is a by-pass for the main amplifier input, and R7/C13 are for h.f. compensation, and should not be omitted.

Components

R3 and R4 are shown as 5 per cent, for the reason explained. This tolerance is so generally available that it can be used throughout. There is actually no reason why 10 per cent resistors should not be fitted, provided the voltage across R3 is checked as mentioned.

For the 9V supply, all capacitors could be of 10V rating. In numerous circuit positions a lower rating could be fitted. However, there seems little point selecting the lowest possible voltage ratings, as the usual small capacitors of up to 150V rating are of course perfectly suitable.

Circuit Board

This is 0.15in. matrix plain Veroboard approximately 5 x 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ in., see Fig. 2. Brackets are bolted at holes D-D to support the ferrite rod. Holes B-B are to secure the finished board to the bottom of the receiver.

The a.f. amplifier is bolted with the spot (near pin 1) located as shown. Connecting wires then pass down through convenient holes in the board.

Wiring underneath is shown in Fig. 3. Insert a few components at a time as in Fig. 2, turn the board over, and solder as in Fig. 3, cutting the wire ends of components down as required. Insulated sleeving should be put on any leads which may touch other connections.

Veropins are inserted for external connections to L1, the loudspeaker, and battery circuits. The three thin flexible leads X, Y and Z are for connection to VR1.

Leads from the ZN414 are shown in Fig. 3. Position these so that lead E comes between the other wires, when they are in line as in Fig. 2. Stray feedback from output to input circuits may easily cause instability, so the lead is taken directly to C4, which in turn goes directly to the earth or negative line. The usual care to avoid lengthy heating is taken when soldering the two semiconductor devices.

Ferrite Aerial

The usual superhet type aerial has a small coupling winding, provided for base coupling to the mixer. This is not required here and is removed.

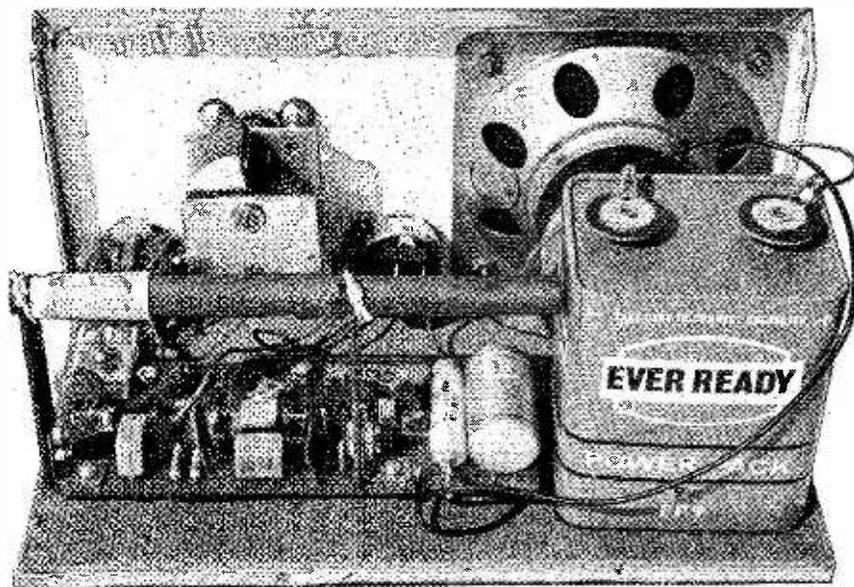
Two pieces of $\frac{1}{16}$ in. thick paxolin or similar material are cut, about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide and 2in. long. A "V" is cut in the top of each, a small hole being drilled just below this.

Small brackets are bolted to the strips, and secured in the holes D-D, Fig. 2. The rod, with winding, is then secured with string around it and through the holes in the paxolin strips. The ends of L1 are soldered to the pins provided on the board.

Front Panel

This is a 8 x 4in. flanged universal chassis side. An aperture is cut to match the speaker cone—this is most easily done with an adjustable tank or washer cutter. Also position holes for VR1 and S1, as in Fig. 4, and lin. from the bottom edge.

VC1 has to be set back as in Fig. 4, to allow the



Photograph showing the inside of the completed receiver.

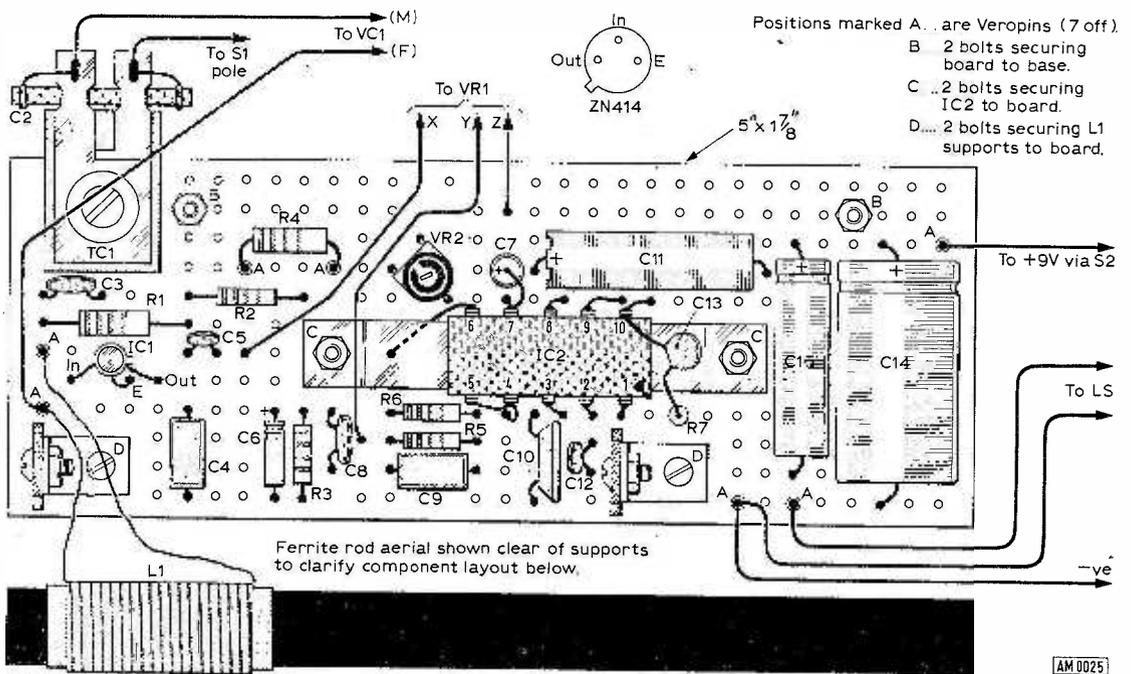


Fig. 2: Component layout on the Veroboard chassis.

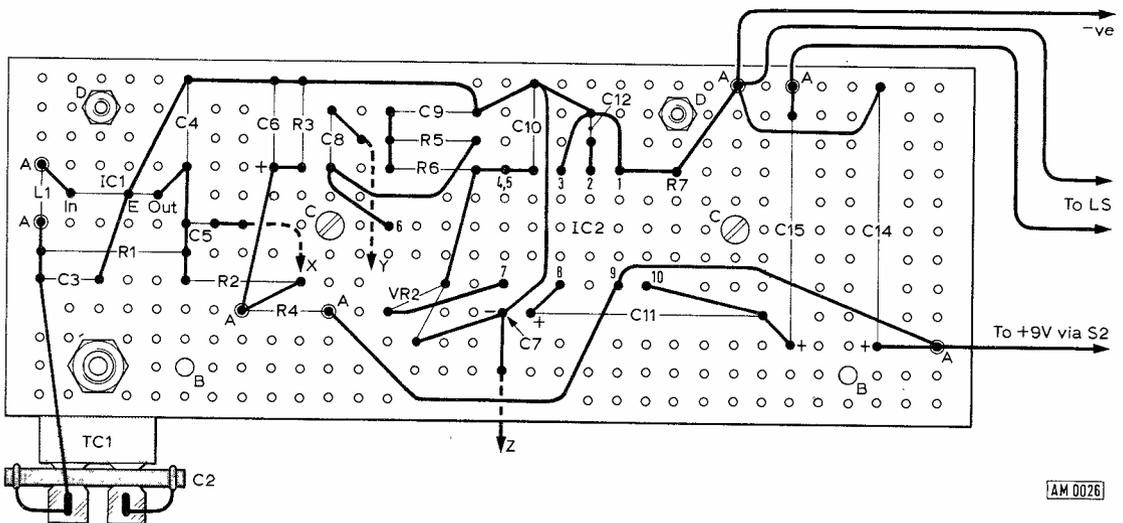


Fig. 3: Underside wiring. Insulated sleeving should be used where necessary.

transparent dial to be fitted, and the frame of VC1 must also be insulated from the aluminium panel. The spindle is $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. from the top.

Three $\frac{3}{4}$ in. 4BA bolts were used to secure the capacitor. A piece of paper with a hole for the spindle is pushed on to the front of the capacitor, so that the location of the fixing holes can be marked. This paper is then placed on the front and drilling positions are marked with a sharp tool. The central hole is $\frac{1}{2}$ in. diameter and the three fixing holes are $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

An insulated bush and washer is placed on each bolt, followed by a plain washer, and two nuts.

The bolts pass into the threaded holes of the capacitor, and are adjusted so that it is square with the panel. The nuts are then locked against the frame, and front washers.

An alternative is to drill two pieces of thin paxolin, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ x lin., to match the capacitor fixing holes. One piece can then be used each side the metal panel. Contact between the bolts and metal can be avoided by carefully locating the bolts before tightening the nuts, or by placing thin insulating washers on them, or using extremely short pieces of insulated sleeving.

The dial is a tight push fit on the spindle, and has a metal clip. A check should be made that this can be fitted. If not, the end of the capacitor spindle will have to be filed slightly, to produce a taper to get the push fit started. If necessary, the centre hole of the dial can be enlarged slightly with a $\frac{1}{4}$ in. drill, using very light pressure indeed.

If an ordinary knob or dial is used instead, the capacitor should be insulated from the panel, but with its spindle projecting.

A piece of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. hardboard 8 x 4in. is fixed to the inside of the lower flange with 6BA bolts. The circuit board can then be fixed as in Fig. 4, using screws or bolts with extra nuts or spacers to give a little clearance to underside wiring.

Connections are then completed as in Fig. 4. Note that the metal panel is earthed to the negative line by the lead Z, from VR1. This was found necessary.

Adjustments

These are very few, as there is no alignment in the manner required with a superhet.

Band coverage is adjusted by the position of the winding on the ferrite rod. This can be placed nearly at one end. Or the dial can be set at 550kHz, with VC1 closed, and the winding moved along the rod to tune to this frequency.

VC1 is then set half open, S1 is closed, and TC1 is rotated to tune in the BBC on 200kHz. When this is done, VC1 merely acts as a fine tuner for this frequency. The position of L1 on the rod has considerable effect on the setting of TC1. Should TC1 be fully open without 200kHz being reached, L1 must

be moved a little towards the end of the rod. On the other hand, if TC1 is fully compressed without 200kHz being reached, L1 must be pushed a little further on the rod. As there is considerable adjustment, and L1 is of suitable inductance, no difficulty should arise here.

VR2 has to be rotated with a small screwdriver, for best audio results. If VR2 is too far one way, reproduction is very distorted indeed. Moving VR2 too far the other way will cause a considerable increase in battery current, as shown by a meter in one battery lead. With normal adjustment, which is not at all critical, current should be about 20mA with low volume, peaking up to 40mA or more with considerable volume. If wrong adjustment of VR2 causes an extremely heavy current, this may persist. If so, momentarily break one battery connection (or switch off). This effect arises from the automatic s.c.r. protection integral in the module, and does not cause damage.

Finish

A piece of self-adhesive material, as used for shelves etc., and about $4\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ in., is placed on the control side of the front. It is better to cut this to clear the bushes before stripping the backing paper.

A piece of silk material about 4 x 5in. is stretched over the speaker, which is secured with countersunk bolts. This material is held at the edges only with Bostik 1 or similar adhesive. A vertical strip about $\frac{3}{8}$ in. wide and 4in. long covers the joint. This can be wood, metal, plastic, or as sold for shelf edgings etc.

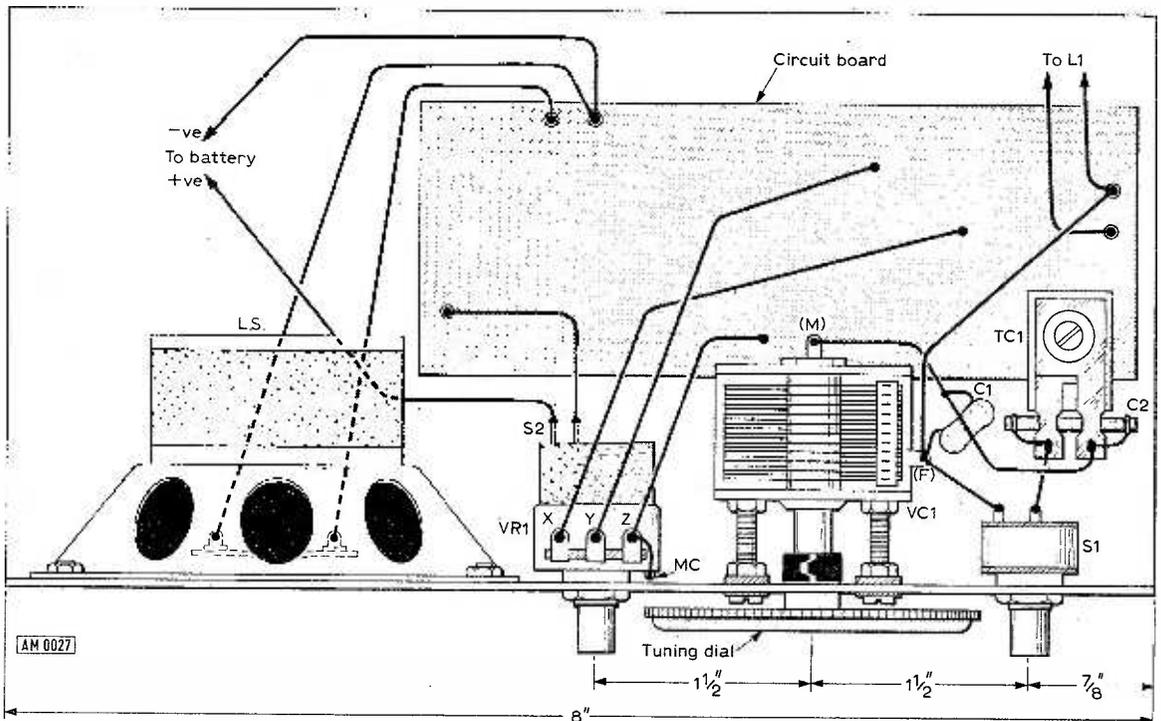
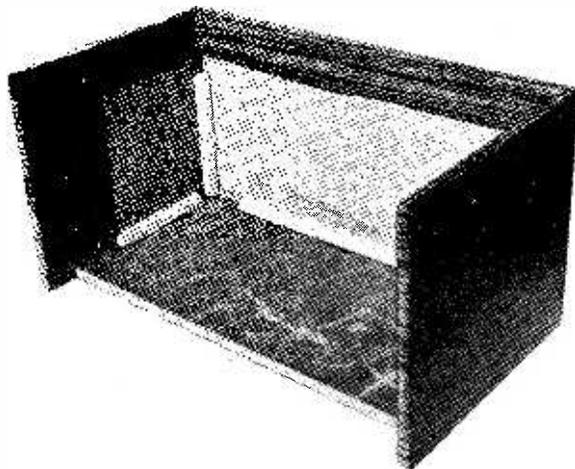


Fig. 4: Above chassis wiring and layout of panel components.



Photograph of the PW POP STAR cabinet. In this photograph the cabinet back is shown face downwards.

In some parts of the country there may be no point in providing 200kHz coverage. If so, TCl, C2 and S1 may be omitted.

Case Construction

This is made just to clear the receiver (see photograph) so really needs to be very slightly outside on the 8in. dimension to avoid a tight fit. The pieces were secured together by spreading adhesive on the meeting surfaces, and securing them with a few panel pins. Some $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$ in. strips were also cemented inside to strengthen the joints. When the adhesive is hard, the outside is glasspapered. Dust is blown or wiped away (this is essential) and the outside is covered with a wood-grained self-adhesive material.

The case fits over the receiver, and is held by two self-tapping screws, with washers under their heads, which run into the end flanges of the metal front.

At the bottom, strips about 1in. wide and 8in. long were fixed at the front and back, the front strip being covered with the wood-grained material first. Rubber feet at the front raise this a little.

An alternative is to make the case complete with bottom and back the full depth, so that the whole receiver can be slid in from the front.



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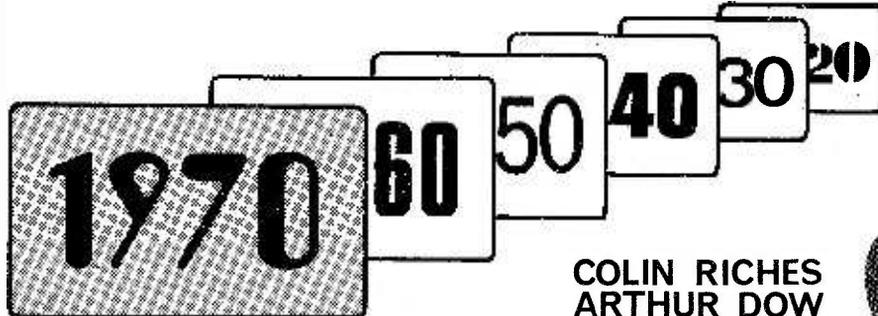
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GOING BACK...



COLIN RICHES
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WHILE visiting Sweden recently, Colin Riches called on one of our Going Back readers—Gunnar Carlström, SM6KT who has a fine collection of Vintage radio equipment.

He told how, when broadcasting started in Sweden about 1925 he was a boy of twelve and became very interested in the new wonder of radio. His financial situation did not permit him to buy much equipment but he managed to build one or two crystal sets then progress to valved receivers. A simple receiver of that time consisted of a one-valve detector. Headphones would have to be used as there was not enough power to drive a speaker.

In some more advanced receivers Gunnar built, one or two valves were used as r.f. amplifiers with tuned circuits. After the detector, one or two stages of audio amplification were used.

A very common type of receiver used in Sweden in the early '20s was equipped with one valve as detector and two others for amplification. This set-up gave good volume over a loudspeaker when tuned to the local station and British and European stations could be picked up but at vastly reduced volume.

Feedback was frequently used in order to increase the amplification and selectivity of Gunnar's re-

ceivers. When he tried using it in some of his home-built sets which had no r.f. amplifier stages it often brought irate neighbours rushing in complaining of oscillations on their receivers!

In those days, the high tension batteries were very expensive and if a 90V supply was required, Gunnar said that poor boys like he had to wire a lot of torch batteries in series so that they could get the required voltage. Accumulators were used for the 4V supply.

Around 1930, receivers working from the mains supply were made available in Sweden and Gunnar told how he remembered his first experiment to build a unit so that he could work his battery receivers from the mains. The great difficulty was to eliminate the hum because only low capacity paper condensers were available at the time.

Gunnar explained that the experimenting of those earlier years really inspired him and made radio his hobby for life. In 1938 he gained his licence to transmit with the callsign SM6KT.

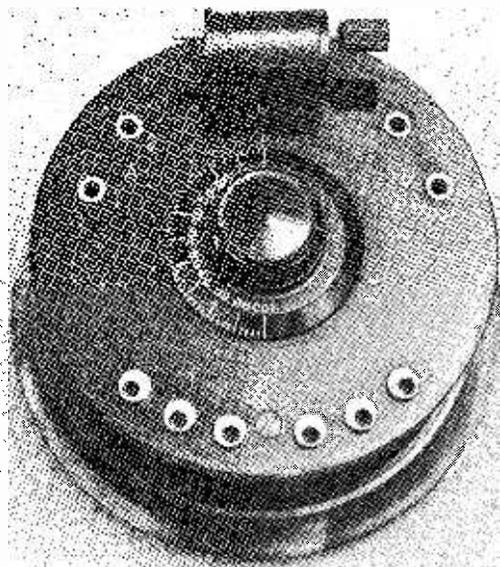
He has found the rapid development of radio very fascinating and he has realised that so many of the old pieces of equipment are very well worth saving.

Some items in his collection of Vintage gear have been in his possession for 40 years but most of the others have been collected quite recently. Gunnar explained how he took great delight in completely restoring old sets to their former glory.

A particular interest of Gunnar's is his collection of old valves. He describes them as his "Aladdin Lamps", and says that it was really them that made radio possible but now their rôle in ordinary receivers is almost terminated, and he feels that this is a great shame. He has a collection of receiving valves which covers 50 years of valve development. They are all put together in chronological order and although Gunnar has only valves dating from the early 1920s at the moment, he hopes to obtain some earlier types. He is also very interested in pre-1920 receivers and speakers.

Incidentally, Gunnar has asked if anyone can help him locate a mains transformer for the Phillips 2514 receiver shown in the pictures. It must have an output of 200-0-200V and two 4V windings. The width must be 72mm. He has one 75mm wide transformer but this will not fit.

If anyone wishes to write to Gunnar on any aspect of Vintage radio, his address is: Gunnar Carlström, S-540 MOHOLM, Sweden.



A crystal set C1925 from SM6KT's collection.

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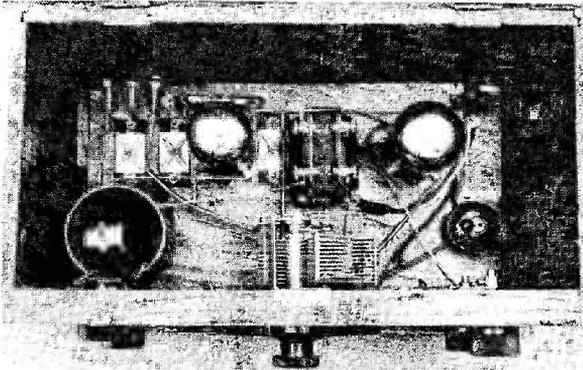
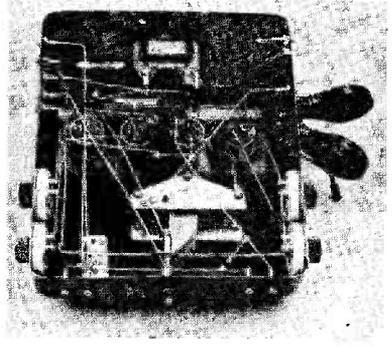
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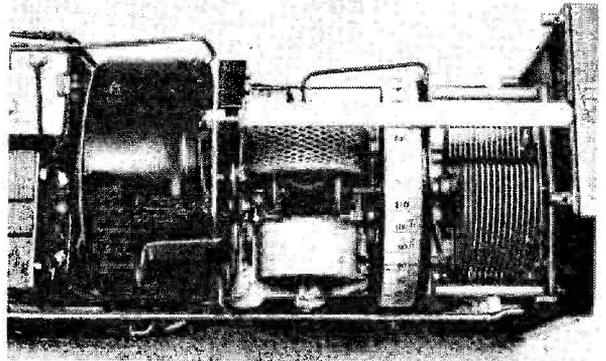


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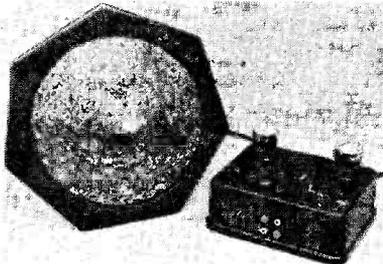
This receiver has four valves—1 detector and 3 audio. The feedback coil is shown on the right of the picture. The manufacturer is unknown but could possibly be VDFI. Date is about 1924 and the type number "E36" is printed on a small panel.



Interior view of a home-constructed receiver. It has a detector and audio valves and is dated about 1926. Power supplies are 4V and 60V.



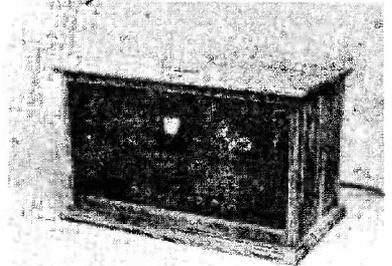
Philips 2514 for a.c. operation. Contains a universal supply unit for filament current, anode current and grid bias. Valves used are SV4, 154V and PM24. The a.f. side of this set could be used with a pickup to reproduce records. A popular design in the mid to late 20's, this set would be quite sensitive using only a short indoor aerial.



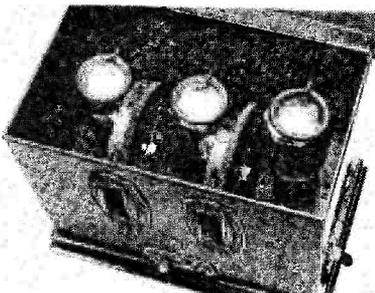
This receiver was bought from a local farmer in 1936 and is dated c1926. It is in good working condition and is made by Stern & Stern of Stockholm. Called the "Concerto II" it employs two valves and uses a wirewound pot for the filament supply. The speaker is a Philips type 2016 and was a common design in the 1930's. If anyone has more gen on this speaker, Gunnar would like to hear from you. Philips have not answered his letter to them asking for gen.



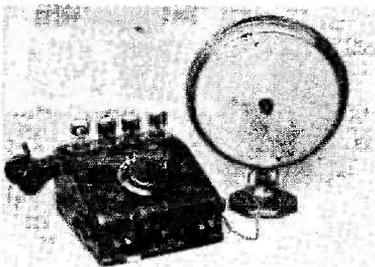
Telefunken receiver. The three valves are held in place by three sprung holders. This set was found in an attic in very bad condition but Gunnar Carlström has completely renovated it and built a new lid to the cabinet. Date is c1927. The speaker is a NORA type and more gen on this would be appreciated.



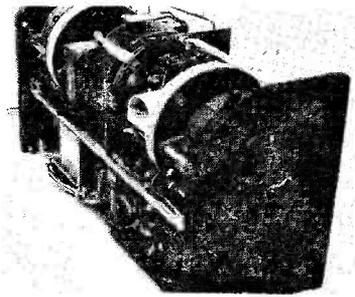
An external view of the above (left) receiver. The cabinet is in very fine condition and the control panel is of black Bakelite.



Interior view of the Telefunken receiver. Bandswitching for m.w./l.w. is on the front panel. Power supplies are 100V and 4V.



The "E36" shown with a "Tefag" loud-speaker. Manufacturer of the speaker is not known.



Another view of the Philips 2514 showing the tuning capacitors. This is the set that lacks a mains transformer (see opposite page).

Lusitania Messages

T. A. Ledward, 4 Haulfryn Terrace, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Merioneth writes . . . "In the year 1910 a school friend, living only a quarter of a mile away, suggested that we should make a transmitter and receiver. We did so and were licensed by the Post Office who allotted us a call sign and wavelength. The transmitter utilised a spark coil and the receiver a crystal, with coil and slider for tuning, and a single headphone. It worked well. I became so interested that after spending some time apprenticed to heavy engineering between the age of fifteen and eighteen, I took a course in Wireless at the Manchester School of Wireless Telegraphy. I quickly became proficient in morse and had quite a thrill when listening at home on my own crystal set I picked up messages passing between the Lusitania at Liverpool Landing Stage (I was only six miles away), and the Seaforth Station. I joined the Marconi Company, as a sea-going operator, and after serving on several merchant ships, I volunteered at the beginning of the first World War in 1914 for service on H.M.S. Victorian, an armed merchant cruiser, only just fitted with guns, etcetera. My sea-going career ended in 1917, when the ship on which I was serving was torpedoed and sunk. The German submarines had been having so much success that there were not enough armed merchant cruisers left to give employment to all the available operators, and I joined the R.A.F. (just re-named from the R.F.C.) and was appointed radio instructor in a home camp.

"Make Your Own Wireless Valves"

W. A. Field, 10 Thurlestone Gardens, Dartmouth, Devon says . . .

"I have been reading your article Going Back with very great interest. My practical experience goes back to 1916. I made my first radio set in 1917, then continued to complete the transmitter in early 1918. The entire equipment was made with the help of "The Boy Electrician", published in 1915 by A. P. Morgan (Duckworth & Co.), 3 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden W.C. (Little did I know that this subject was to be my career). This book was wonderful. It described each item, how to construct it, what it was for, then building the item into a complete circuit.

I constructed everything in this book from the crystal detector, tuning coils and condensers to the complete wireless station for amateurs, which I ran for many years. When the BBC started regular transmissions I constructed sets for the market. I had quite a lot of experience with the S T Manual. This was the first edition. I used the ST 200 as a basis for a radio set which could be used from a car, the audio side had to be altered and increased. Triode valves were coming in, and the famous Model Engineer came out with Make Your Own Wireless Valves. These were made of carbon filament motor car bulbs. The filament acted as the heater and a small ring or copper plating on the outside of the bulb as the anode. The deficiency here was the electrons had to pass through the glass first, later on we improved on these. All through my experiments I kept notes, and I have an old crystal set procured in 1917 and still working by my side now. (Is this a record?)



Amateur Radio Techniques (Fourth Edition)

By Pat Hawker G3VA

Published by the Radio Society of Great Britain

256 pages, 9½ x 7¼in. Price £1.60.

EVERY radio amateur has a few favourite reference manuals on his bookshelf and among these must surely be numbered Amateur Radio Techniques, published by the Radio Society of Great Britain. Their monthly magazine Radio Communication features "Technical Topics" and the reviewer knows that he is not alone in making this priority reading as each copy drops through the letter box. ART is a collection of choice items from TT since Pat Hawker G3VA began the series in 1958. If a quick recap on a particular circuit or idea is needed the chances are that it will be found in ART. It would be quite wrong to imagine that this book is just for the "ham" fraternity because it can be found on the desk of many professional electronics engineer, in Government departments and in the Services. This much enlarged edition contains over 600 diagrams with all necessary component values helping to illustrate and explain the plethora of practical ideas under such headings as Receiver Topics, Oscillator Topics, Transmitter Topics, Audio and Modulation, Aerial Topics and Fault-Finding and Test Units. Chapters on Semiconductors and Components and Construction fill in the gaps to provide an excellent publication. As the author points out, this is an "ideas" book rather than a conventional text book, the reader being left to use his own knowledge and experience in making up a particular circuit but it would be a poor experimenter who would not glory in doing just that. Altogether a fabulous book which can be picked up and read to advantage at any time but particularly useful when inspiration is needed. AED

Guide to Broadcasting Stations—17th Edition

Published by The Butterworth Group—Iliffe Books

201 pages, 7¼ x 4¾in. Price 75p (paper back).

THIS latest edition of a well established reference book lists broadcasting stations from information supplied by the BBC. It includes articles on various related topics for the listener and a listing of V.H.F. Sound Broadcasting Stations.



Construction

Because of the length of the 3BP1 cathode ray tube, it is necessary to use a *deep* chassis. In fact the oscilloscope chassis is 14in. long (from back to front). The overall oscilloscope chassis dimensions are 14 x 9 x 2½in.

The front panel has to accommodate the c.r.t., seven variable controls, two input sockets, sync on/off switch, pilot lamp and an earth terminal. The main panel and chassis dimensions are given in Fig. 4. The drilling layout for the oscilloscope front panel is given in Fig. 5.

The astigmatism (VR7) X shift (VR6) and the X linearity (VR5) controls are mounted along the side of the chassis. The a.c. inputs from the mains transformer sub-chassis (containing T1, T2, and T3 etc) enter the oscilloscope chassis via the 10 way cable. This saves space on the front panel and simplifies the layout.

The Veroboard panel containing the main oscilloscope circuitry is mounted in a 12 x 3½in. cut-out in the oscilloscope chassis. Use the Veroboard panel as a template when drilling the fixing holes in the oscilloscope chassis.

The oscilloscope front panel also has an aperture covered by a piece of laminated plastic sheet. This

is necessary because the brilliance control VR9 is approximately 720 volts negative with respect to the chassis and therefore needs to be well insulated. There is about 50 volts across the brilliance control. The focus control VR8 is also at a high negative potential with respect to the chassis and this has about 300 volts across it.

The laminated plastic sheet is extended to make a mask for the face.

The angle pieces holding the front panel to the chassis should be 16 or 18 s.w.g. aluminium and the bolts are 2BA with shake proof washers and firmly tightened nuts.

The method of supporting the c.r.t. is unconventional but it allows the tube to be adjusted to level the X axis (timebase) and at the same time the tube is held against a rubber ring glued to the back of the front panel.

The bracket which supports the back of the c.r.t. is secured to the chassis by four 4BA bolts which pass through grommets in the chassis and make the tube mounting more flexible. All the bolts have a full nut and a half nut for locking.

The main transformer sub-chassis carrying the three mains transformers, T1, T2 and T3 utilises a

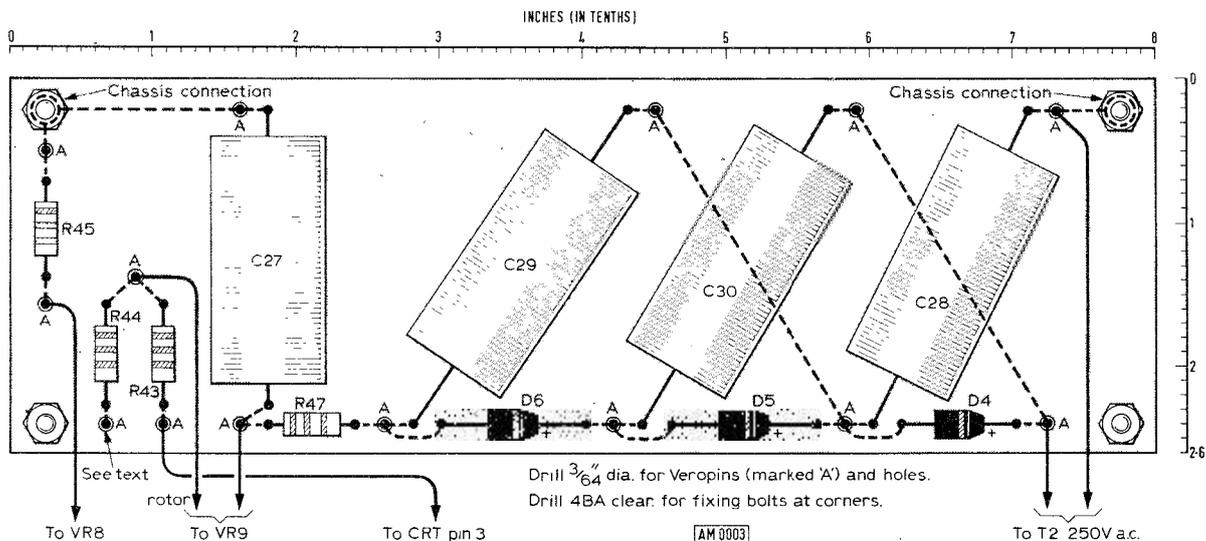


Fig. 3: Component layout and wiring on the EHT panel.

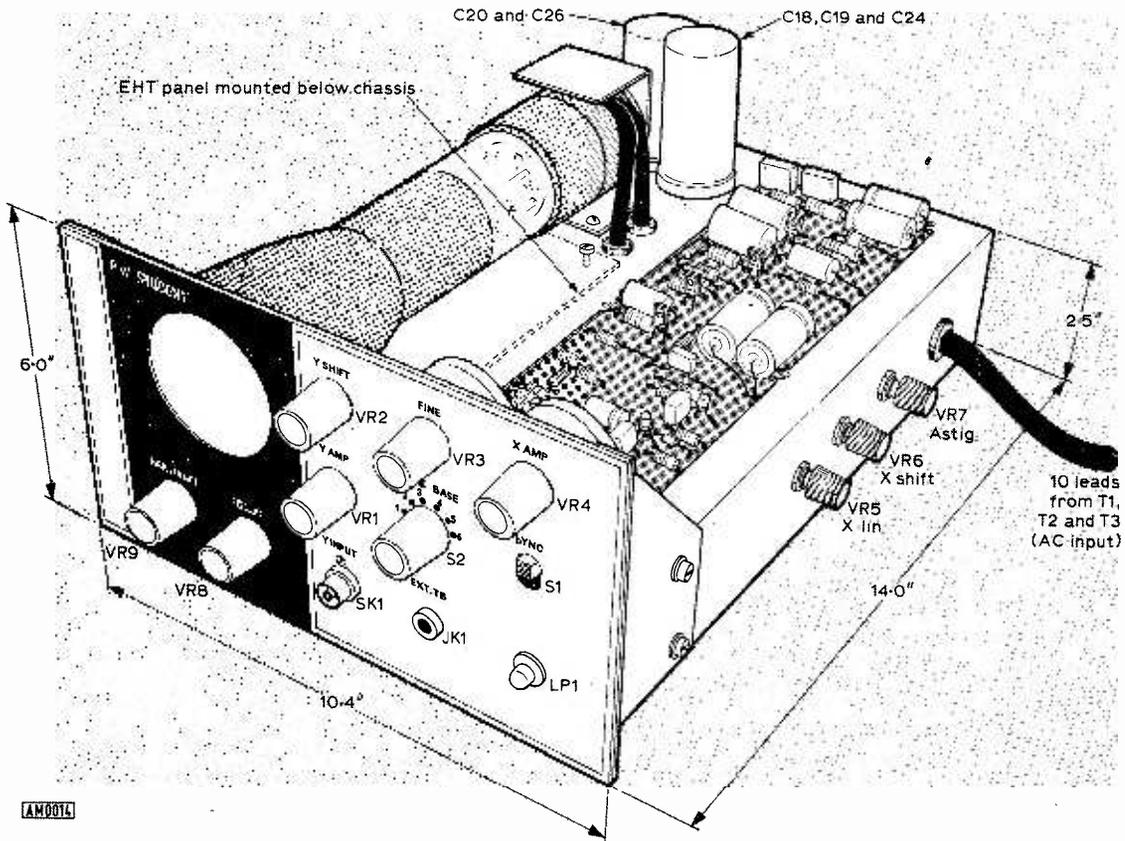


Fig. 4: General view of the PW 'Student' Oscilloscope, showing the location of major components.

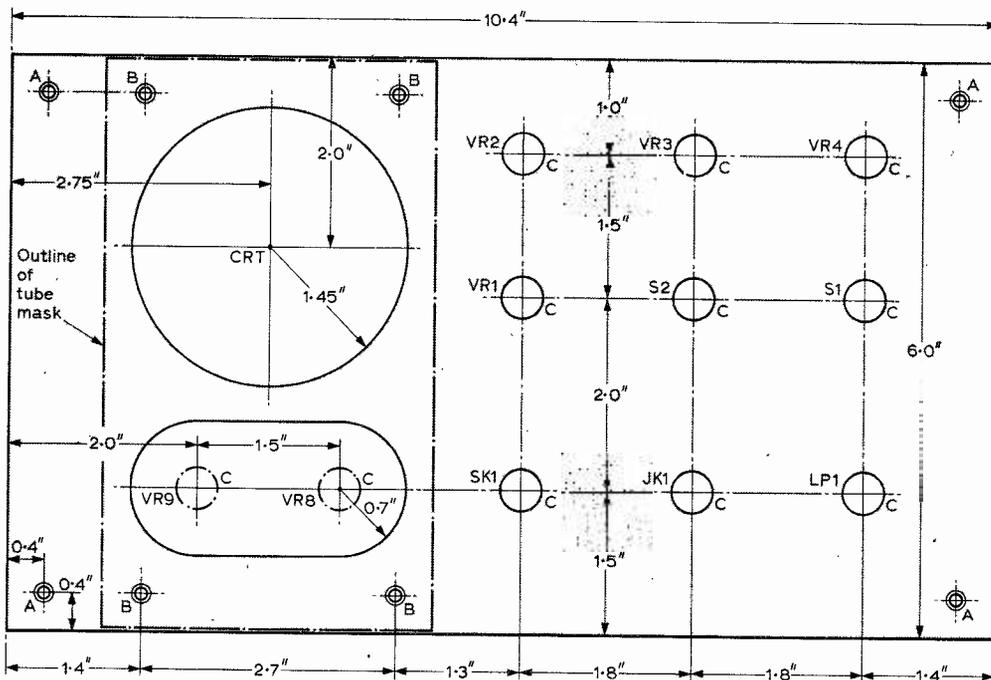


Fig. 5: Drilling layout for the front panel.

Note: left section of S2 is used only for earthing C5,6,7,8,9 and C10.

Rubber gasket stuck onto rear of front panel to cushion CRT face.

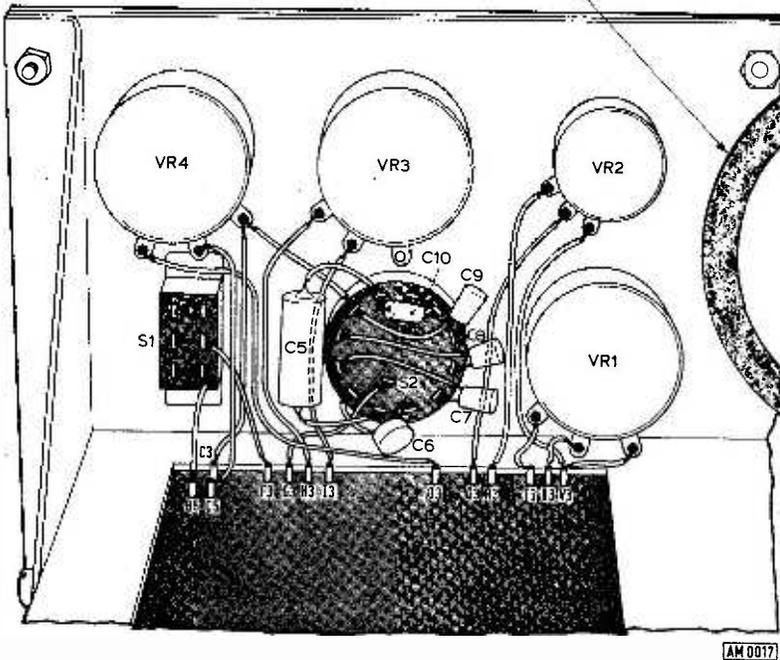


Fig. 6: Interconnection between Veroboard panel and front panel controls.

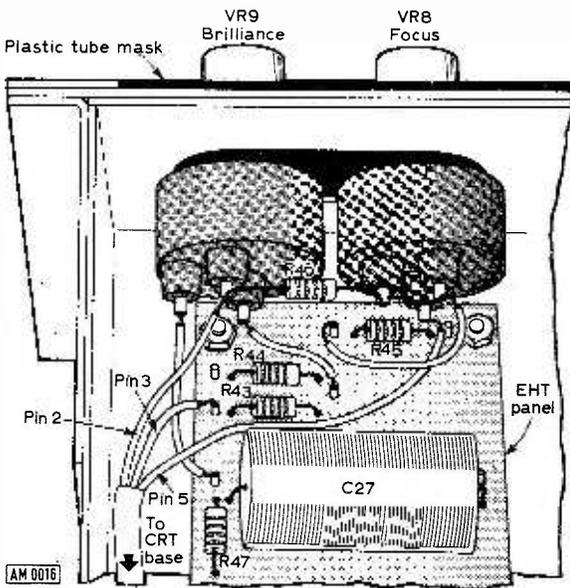


Fig. 7: Interconnection between the EHT panel and front panel controls.

wood base for mounting these components. The size of this base will depend upon the mains transformers used. Mains transformers usually have identifying tags for connection of leads. The arrangement behind the panel (from the 10 way socket to the mains transformer) will depend upon the transformers used, but should be quite straightforward once individual windings have been identified.

A suitable mains on/off switch, pilot lamp and a 2A mains fuse and holder may also be fitted to the sub-chassis front panel. It is recommended that the complete mains transformer sub-chassis is suitably enclosed to avoid accidents.

It is also possible to include a 100mV a.c. calibrating source from the 6.3V winding on T1 mains transformer. This is obtained from a 620Ω and a 10Ω resistor in series across the winding, and the junction is taken to a co-axial socket on the sub-chassis panel. The bottom of the 10Ω resistor goes to chassis. Because the 100mV signal will be fed into the Y input it is important to use a screened lead to avoid stray pick-ups. When wiring the 6.3V winding to the coax-socket, make sure that it is the earthy side of the socket that goes to the earthy side of the 6.3V winding (remember—one side of this winding is earthed on the oscilloscope chassis).

Other Facilities

The design as outlined is a compromise, being mainly concerned with the construction of a basic oscilloscope. For instance, no oscilloscope is complete without flyback suppression, but this requires further circuitry. The author so far has been unable to decide upon a suitable circuit.

Another area in which the instrument could be improved is the Y input, but the author believes that the best solution here would be to design a separate unit which can be plugged into the Y input, capable of accepting any signal from 10mV/cm to 50V/cm.

Beam slitting facilities and a mixer for two inputs could be added. However, such a unit would require complete screening which would be difficult to attain within the present design.

As the instrument is used for checking the performance of Hi-fi equipment as well as general laboratory work, it is housed in $\frac{1}{2}$ in chipboard cases covered with imitation mahogany laminated plastic.

Both cabinets have aluminium instrument case handles, 4 ins centre to centre.

In part 1, last month, LP2 as shown in Fig. 1 would not function. The upper lead from LP2 should go to the top end of the 6.3V winding instead. Attention is drawn to the breaks in the Veroboard strips—especially between Tr3 base and Tr4 collector.

Caution

This instrument **should not** be used on TV or radio or any apparatus where the chassis is live to the mains supply. ■

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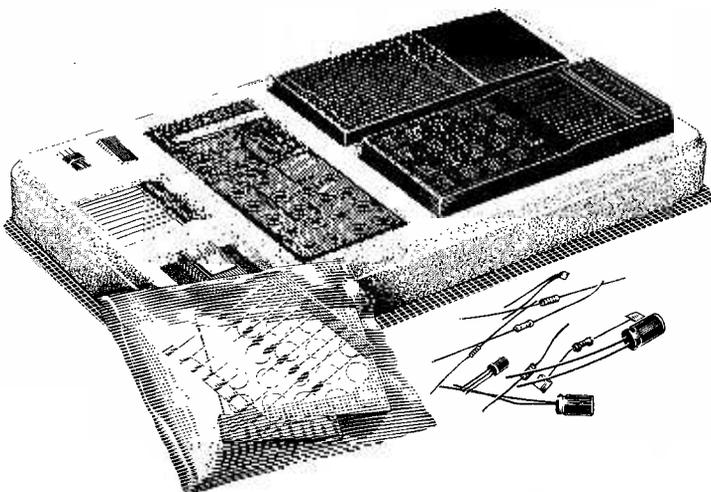
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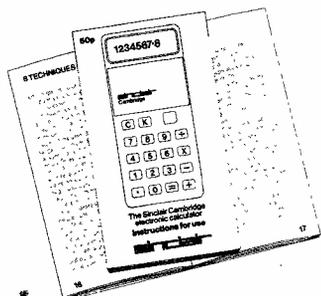
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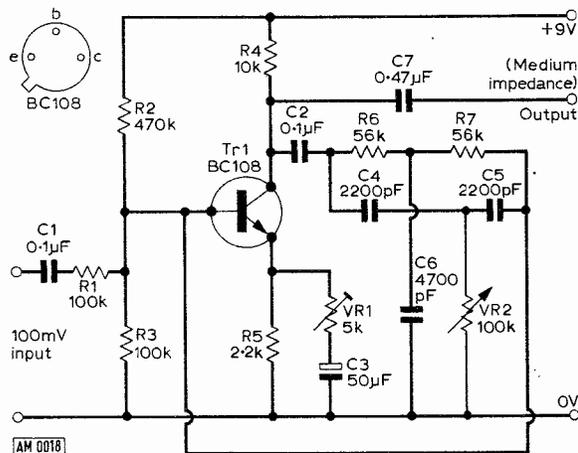
A series of simple transistor projects, using not more than twenty components.

WE'VE got very good value for the enthusiastic guitarist this month; a very simple Waa Waa unit that gives quite a dramatic effect with either guitars or electronic organs. There might need to be a little work done to the basic circuit to make it suitable for every application, but as there are so many different permutations on signal levels and input/output impedances we thought we would compromise with a circuit that can be inserted into the signal line where there is a typical level of between 50 and 100mV at medium to high impedance. Most equipment should have some point in it where this type of signal can be located.

Circuit

The circuit is basically a phase shift oscillator using the twin T bridge as the frequency selective element. C4, 5, 6 and R6 with R7 and VR2 form the bridge. Feedback is taken from the collector of Tr1 via C2 into the bridge and then back to Tr1's base. Negative feedback is also applied to Tr1 by means of VR1 in its emitter by-pass circuit; the level of the latter has to be adjusted so that the feedback is just insufficient for oscillation to be maintained.

The Waa-Waa effect is obtained by giving preferential amplification to certain frequencies within the musical note and then sweeping this frequency up and down. The chosen frequency is set by the component values of the twin T bridge and this can be varied over a useful range by adjustment of VR2. The gain of the circuit is greatest at the frequency when the level of positive feedback is greatest.



Circuit of the Waa-Waa unit which is essentially a phase-shift oscillator.

Chords or single notes will give the effect but in the case of the latter there should be a good range of harmonics present as well as the fundamental. A pure sine wave input, for example the flute stop of an organ, will give no effect whatsoever.

Almost any npn silicon transistor can be used for Tr1; the only feature of importance is that its h_{FE} should be in the order of 150 minimum (this is easily met by most BC108s). C4, 5 and 6 have been chosen to keep the Waa-Waa effect within the higher band of frequencies which adds more "sparkle" to the sound. If, however, a more mellow effect is required increase the values of these capacitors keeping the same ratio between them.

★ components list

R1	100kΩ	1p
R2	470kΩ	1p
R3	100kΩ	1p
R4	10kΩ	1p
R5	2.2kΩ	1p
R6	56kΩ	1p
R7	56kΩ	1p
VR1	5kΩ linear pre-set	8p
VR2	100kΩ linear	15p
C1	0.1µF	4p
C2	0.1µF	4p
C3	50µF 9VW min.	15p
C4	2200pF	4p
C5	2200pF	4p
C6	4700pF	4p
C7	0.47µF	5p
Tr1	BC108	10p
		80p

No allowance is made for minimum order costs or for postage and packing and these points should be checked carefully before ordering.

Adjustment

When wired up it is only necessary to adjust the value of the pre-set potentiometer VR1 to give the correct level of negative feedback. To do this start with VR1 at minimum resistance and then turn VR2 over its full range. At some point a loud howl will be heard from the amplifier; this is the unit oscillating. Leave VR2 in the position for loudest howl and then slowly increase the value of VR1 (increasing the negative feedback) until oscillation stops. Readjust VR2 over its full range; if oscillation occurs at another point carry out the same procedure until VR2 can be swept from one extreme to the other with no oscillation occurring. The unit is then ready

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JOINING COAXIAL CABLE

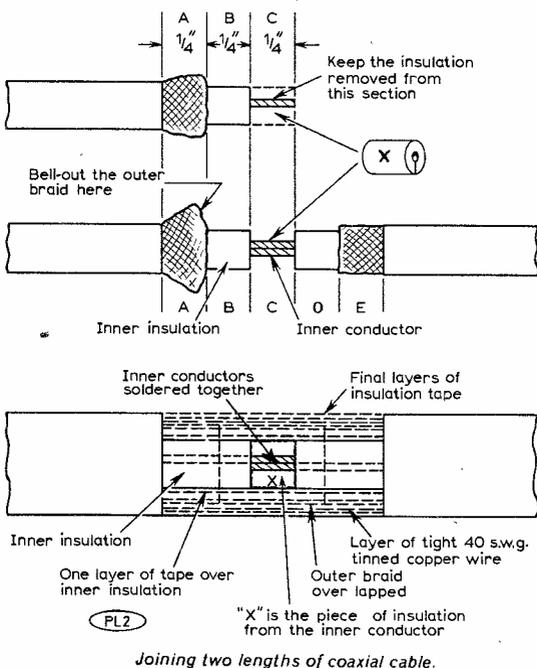
R.A.BUTTERWORTH

THE usual and accepted way of extending coaxial cable is to use the back-to-back coaxial connector. After a few months exposure to the elements it is not uncommon to find that the whole contraption has become oxidised, despite the fact that it was 'protected' by a generous layer of insulation tape of one kind or another. If, after you have managed to get the joint apart, close examination of the plugs and connector will usually reveal your so believed good electrical joint in an advanced state of corrosion.

The method to be described should appeal to those who like the writer, wish to join up these odd lengths of coaxial cable and forget about them.

Proceed as follows referring to the sketches for any clarifications necessary:

1. Cut the ends of the coaxial cable to be joined to give clean ends. Carefully cut off $\frac{3}{4}$ in. of the vinyl covering at the end of each cable, taking care not to cut the outer braid.
2. Loosen and push back the braid like a concertina. Bell-out the outer braid of one cable.
3. Now carefully cut off $\frac{1}{4}$ in. of the inner insulation, again taking great care not to cut any strands of the inner conductor, so that the insulation slides off the wire. Conserve one of these pieces of material, it will be required later.



4. Lay both cables down on the bench and clamp down in position so that the two inner copper conductors lay close together and parallel. Now solder the two inner conductors together.

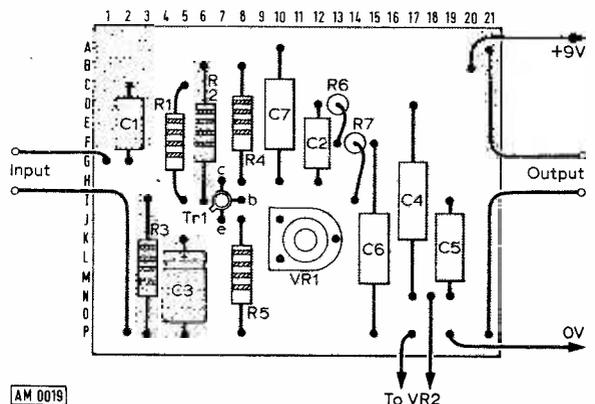
5. Take one of the pieces of inner insulation and slit it length wise with a sharp razor blade. Slip it over the soldered inner conductors.

6. Cut a piece of aluminium cooking foil $\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide and long enough to make a double thickness cylinder to cover the areas marked 'B', 'C', and 'D'. Heat this cylinder to about 100°C with a soldering iron when the insulation will be pliable enough to weld together. Discard the foil and leave the insulation to cool.

7. Now tightly wrap a single layer of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. adhesive vinyl insulation tape over the section 'B.C.D.'. Now smooth section 'A' over section 'E'. Roll and smooth this overlap to make it even. Spot solder the edges where 'A' overlaps 'E'.

8. Starting at one end of the outer conductor braid close wind the whole areas of 'A.B.C.D.E.' with 40 s.w.g. tinned copper wire. Lightly solder several spots of this covering. Don't try to make it a solid soldered job, or you will ruin the inner insulation. ■

TAKE-20 WAA-WAA UNIT—continued from previous page



Suggested layout of components on a piece of 0-1" matrix Veroboard.

for operation. If the Waa Waa effect is too fierce increase the value of VR1 further.

It might be that no oscillation occurs with the above procedure. This means that the transistor has low gain but do not give up—you will probably find you still get a useful effect when signal is applied at the input. ■



SHORT WAVE DX by MALCOLM CONNAH

BRITISH HONDURAS: Radio Belize has been noted with an extended schedule in Spanish. The frequency is 3300kHz and programmes have been heard up to 0730.

El Salvador: Radio Nacional de El Salvador has moved from 5980 to 6010kHz and has been heard at 0050 to 0055 with news, advertisements and music.

Malagasy Republic: RTVM Tananarive is using a new frequency of 6170 for the French Service. The transmissions have been noted in parallel with 7105 from 1400 to after 1900.

U.S.A.: According to 'DX Party Line' on HCJB, WNYW has now been taken over by Family Radio. Programming will, however, remain the same and the schedule for May-September is:

1700-2200 on 21525kHz	} All transmissions in English to Europe
1700-1900 on 17845kHz	
1905-2130 on 17845kHz	
2135-2330 on 15440kHz	
2215-2400 on 11855kHz	

Vietnam: The Voice of Vietnam, 58 Quan-Su Street, Hanoi broadcasts in English at the following times: 0100-0130, 0200-0230, 1000-1030, 1300-1330, 1530-1600, 1800-1830 and 2230-2300. The frequencies announced are 10040 and 15105kHz but the later frequency has been noted at 15012kHz.

South Vietnam Liberation Radio, c/o Bureau d'Information du C.R.P. de la R.S.V.N., 39 Avenue Georges Mandel, Paris 16e, France. Broadcasts in English on 10010 and 7470kHz start at 1100, 1230, 1430 and 2330 respectively. The programme at 2030 uses 14990 and 12115kHz.

(The last two items came from **Adrian Pell** of Wareham in Dorset, other items courtesy of Sweden Calling DXers.)

Readers' Logs

Once again **Roy Patrick** of Derby kicks-off with the following log using his Trio 9R59DS and National 1400 receivers:

- 4854 *R. Clube de Mozambique*, Portuguese at 2130.
- 4940 *R. Abidjan, Ivory Coast*, in French at 2100.
- 4995 *R. Brazil Central* noted as early as 2230.

6030 *T.W.R., Monte Carlo* testing in Norwegian, 2030.

- 9023 *R. Tehran, Iran*, heard in English at 2000.
- 11650 *R. Bangladesh*, news in English at 1700.
- 15084 *R. Iran, Home Sce.* in Farsi at 2100.
- 15415 *R. Kuwait* heard in English at 1700.
- 15520 *R. Bangladesh* in English at 1700.

Fred Wall of Walthamstow returns to the page after a long absence having used his Plessey PR155 and 50 foot long-wire with A.T.U. to hear:

- 6065 *R. Vilnius, Lithuania* in English at 0045.
- 9540 *R. New Zealand* with news at 0800.
- 9655 *R. Damascus, Syria*, light music at 2045.
- 11780 *R. New Zealand* with news at 0800.
- 11855 *Saudi Arabia B.S.* news in English at 1700.
- 15125 *Voice of Free China*, Taiwan, English at 1800.
- 15265 *R. Afghanistan* noted in English at 1810.
- 21545 *R. Accra, Ghana*, with local music at 1730.

Ian Gordon of Birmingham has again been busy using his Codar CR70A receiver, 25 metre (Metrication no less!) long-wire and A.T.U. to hear:

- 7230 *T.W.R., Monaco* in German at 0905.
- 9560 *ORTF, France* in Russian.
- 9620 *R. Belgrade, Yugoslavia* noted at 2200.
- 9640 *Adventist World Radio DX News* at 0935.
- 9745 *R. Baghdad, Iraq* noted at 1955.
- 9912 *All India Radio, Delhi* at 2000.

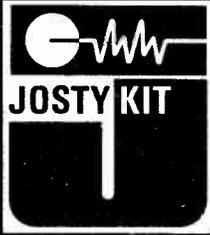
Christopher Hodgson of Sunderland is a new reporter to this page, his equipment consists of a Codar Multiband-6 receiver with a 50 foot long-wire aerial and the PW A.T.U. His log included:

- 6100 *R. Belgrade, Yugoslavia* at 2200.
- 6130 *R. Norway* from Oslo at 1810.
- 7260 *R. Berlin International* at 1850.
- 9006 *R. Tehran, Iran* noted at 2000.
- 9525 *All India Radio, Delhi* at 2100.
- 9525 *R. Warsaw, Poland* at 1200.
- 9645 *Vatican Radio* noted at 1505.

The last report for this month comes from **Patrick Henderson** of Ledbury, Herefordshire who used a six transistor superhet with a 17 metre Windom aerial to hear the following stations:

- 6025 *Radio Portugal* with DX News at 2105.
- 6070 *Radio Sofia, Bulgaria*, Mailbag at 1930.
- 9570 *Radio Australia* noted at 0730.
- 15012 *Voice of Vietnam, Hanoi* at 1805.
- 15130 *R. New York Worldwide* at 2300.
- 15165 *Kol Israel* noted at 2030.
- 15175 *RSA, South Africa* in English at 1825.

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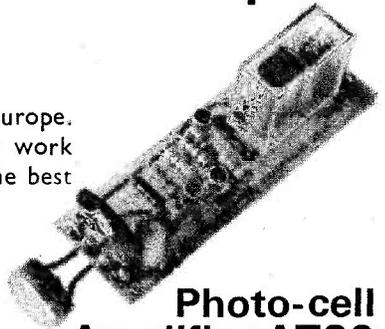


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MEDIUM WAVE BROADCASTS by CHARLES MOLLOY

SEARCHING out BBC local radio stations is becoming popular and there are a number of reporters this month. G. M. Christie (N.L.S. Pole Star) used his Eagle Rx 60 while sailing off the east coast of Shetland to log BBC Radio Newcastle on 1457kHz. **Richard Ellis** (Ruscombe Glos.) has an Eddystone EC10 Mk2 and a 50m longwire feeding and aerial tuning unit. He reports reception of BBC Radio Blackburn on 854kHz; Solent on 998kHz; Sheffield 1034kHz; Birmingham 1457kHz; London 1457kHz; Oxford 1484kHz; Bristol 1546kHz; Leicester 1594kHz.

Martin Hall (Southsea) heard BBC Radio Teesside 1546kHz under Radio Bristol at 0502hrs while during the daytime he logged Radio Blackburn 854kHz and Radio Leeds 1106kHz. Martin has received a QSL card from Radio Blackburn and a QSL letter from Radio Leeds. Hunting out BBC local radios can be interesting at this time of year and all of these stations will confirm a correct reception report with either a letter or a QSL card.

Paul Petty (Canterbury) has been trying his Midland 9 transistor portable on the medium waves using its internal aerial and he has heard programmes in English from Trans World Radio,

Montecarlo 1466kHz at 2130hrs; Radio Tirana, Albania 1394kHz at 2030hrs; Vatican Radio 1529kHz at 2100hrs; American Forces Network, Frankfurt 872kHz; Radio Berlin International 1511kHz at 2130hrs; Radio Prague, Czechoslovakia 1286kHz at 2200hrs, all times in GMT.

Jeff Driver (Woodham, Surrey) reports hearing Milan, Italy 899kHz which is on the air nightly from 2305hrs until 0500hrs GMT with news in English at 3 minutes past the hour. Jeff has also heard Radio Norway 1579kHz which broadcasts in English every Monday at 0200hrs and 0400hrs GMT. **John Thompson** (Gillingham) has heard the IBA on 719kHz. This transmission is in parallel with the tests on 557kHz which are on the air 24 hours a day.

Roger Thomas (Port Talbot) enquires about the possibility of using his AR88LF receiver on the medium waves. There is unfortunately no easy way of doing this as the intermediate frequency of this version of the popular AR88, lies well inside the medium waveband. The writer would be glad to hear from any reader who has successfully made this conversion.

Portugal is well represented on the medium waves. The international service of the Emissora Nacional de Radiodifusao is on the air every night in English at 2245hrs GMT from its transmitters at Lisbon on 755kHz and Norte on 1061kHz and these are easily heard in the UK. Among the commercial stations, look for CSB2 Porto on 1034kHz, which is on the air all night with pops; CSB3 Lisbon on 1286kHz; CSB4 Lisbon on 1594kHz and CSB5 Porto on 1578kHz. All these stations will QSL, the cards issued from the international service being particularly colourful.

Sp-E on VHF by SIMON DAVID

SINCE I last wrote to you, a number of outbursts of "foreign" noises has been taking place. That sporadic-E interference I mentioned has been having a field-day. Continental stations have been coming in all over the place, but in particular around the 65 to 75MHz region. This is outside the usual f.m. band, but it shows that f.m. stations turn up in odd places.

Hugh Cocks of Mayfield, Sussex, tells me that he has picked up several stations from Yugoslavia on 23rd May around midday. He also reports channel-5 television buzz from the vision signal on 93.25MHz. Other signals include Albania television sound on 87.75MHz and vision signal interference on 82.25MHz; a Dutch station on 98.6MHz; AFN Stuttgart, West Germany on 102.4MHz.

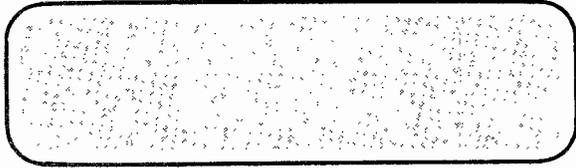
The eastern European f.m. stations have come in around 66 to 72 MHz using a four-element aerial and two BF180 pre-amps but Mr. Cocks has a problem. When his aerial is directed north or south he gets i.f. breakthrough which disappears when the aerial is due east or west. He thinks that this is largely due to burbles and interference from Radio Moscow in Austria. Any readers have a theory?

Peter Tyler of Whitton, West Middlesex, has sent in a long and detailed log. His home-made "curtain-rod" three-element Yagi is in his loft and drives an old valve Pye Fen Man I. His long list includes several French, Dutch, Belgian and German stations. The latter were NDR II Oldenburg 99.8MHz, Radio Bremen II 88.3MHz. Peter has also received an

Italian station in 87.7MHz on 23rd May; signal strength was generally very good but subject to fading. On 24th June he received eight different Dutch stations and three German stations. He rightly complains of the effect of police transmissions on the band which spoil DXing. Further to his big bag was a bonanza of 10 Scandinavian stations, possibly Danish, on 16th June between 1400 and 1500 hours, between 87.7MHz and 99.5MHz. There was a high pressure area over the North Sea near Denmark at the time, which could be responsible for the good reception he obtained.

Recent information issued by the BBC includes a complete list of BBC local radio transmitting stations, revised reception area maps to cover BBC Radio Programmes in stereo from Wrotham and BBC Radios London, Brighton, Oxford, Teesside, Leicester, Birmingham, and Bristol. The BBC has also issued information sheet 1608 (1) which has some advice to help listeners to get the best they possibly can from BBC v.h.f. stereo broadcasts (see also Gordon King's article elsewhere in this issue).

Test tone transmissions on Radio 3 v.h.f. for stereo programmes are detailed on information sheet 1605 (9). These transmissions are usually broadcast on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays to facilitate channel identification and adjustment of cross-talk, and on Wednesdays to assist in technical assessment and setting-up of stereo receivers. All such tests occur after close down in the late evening. Full details on these BBC Information Sheets from: Engineering Information Department, BBC Broadcasting House, London W1A 1AA. Please enclose a stamped envelope.



SHORT WAVES

by **DAVID GIBSON, G3JDG**

IT is a strange thing. Summertime is just the time for the DX-type listeners to flap their ever eager earholes all over 14MHz. What ever has happened? Far from multiple earhole flappings there is barely the twitch of a lonesome lobe. Just at the time when this band is the main one for most DX traffic, everyone is sending in logs for—you'll never guess—two metres. Nobody seems interested in hearing juicy jingles on 20 metres from people like SU1MA, XT2AK, KG6AAAY and YB3CW to mention but a few who were about last month.

Equally strange is the marked lack of logs for 21MHz, too. On this band, African countries and most of South America were all happily squirting r.f. everywhere. Wait till I get my 700 element Yagi for 14MHz, I'll put you all to shame.

Twenty eight megacycles (or Hertz?) has apparently been abandoned by practically everyone. This is rather sad because this particular band is probably one of the most interesting now that the sunspot peak has passed.

One station who puts in an appearance is ZS4AA on 28·60MHz. Name is Basil and he also appears on 21·42MHz most weekdays from 1600 hours. Sundays finds Basil on 21·20MHz around 0900 hours. Location is Kroonstad.

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Readers' reports

According to **Bill Yates** (Bedford) it is well worth listening for W6KNH on Tuesdays around 1700 hours. Frequency quoted is 14·24MHz and a sked is usually heard with ZK1MA. Another piece of information for DX types is that Andaman Island is due for a surge

of extra activity. Twist is that it could mean yet another callsign change—listen for VU7.

Russell Corner sends in a log of G stations heard on topband and eighty metres. Russell's best from further afield on 3·5MHz includes: ZM1MH, 3A2AOO and 4XZSNJ. All these on a 9R59DE and 360ft. of wire in the loft at Walworth Grove in Middlesbrough.

Tony Mountifield (Gosport) claims to be a member of the RSGB and a passer of RAE. He also says, "I have read your column for a few years" (splendid fellow this Mountifield). Receiver is an R1155L (aren't those the ones you have to light with a match?) and among the best heard on twenty were: A6XF, CT1MA, EA8IX, LX1DU, SV5HH, TF3EB, VE3SR, W6UFG, ZD8RW, 4Z4GH, 9G1AR.

Bernard Hughes (Worcester) has sent in an updated portion of the Potty callsign changes list. In all seriousness, I do hope these will help those with computers to keep up to date with these callsigns. Bernard lists them as follows: HA25—25 years of post war Amateur Radio; HA100—Budapest Centenary; OK5OR—celebrates 50 years of Amateur Radio; KW9WEZ—station operating from Indianapolis car races (now I've heard it all); VE3RCMP—Centenary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; IT57—Targa Florio award.

Just to show what's about on 14MHz, Bernard lists the following heard with the aid of his JR-310 and dipole; CR5AJ, HC2YL, JA4FAB, JA3LOJ/MM, JA6CNL, JY5HC, JX9XP, KW9WEZ, MP4BJR, PY9KC, PT2JB, VE8RCS, VP7ND, YA1DT, ZL1AUM, ZL2CE, ZL3FM, ZD7SD, ZD7SS, 7X2MD, 9K2CA.

Andrew May (Bromsgrove) got these on 28MHz with an HA-350 and 67ft. long wire (all s.s.b.); WA7CAE/P/YV5, YV5CWO, YV5DEO, 4X25HF, 4Z25MQ, 5U7BA, 6W8DY.

Lindsay Pennell is leaving Hong Kong and is due back in the UK. Perhaps we will see some UK-type logs (I was getting fed up with translating Chinese, anyway). Heard from Hong Kong on 28MHz; 9M2DQ, A4XFE, CR6SR, 9J2DT.

Two metre tweets heard from; DL7FQ, F1CCP, F6CKU, G1AAAT, GM3BA, GW3UUC/P, ON5NY/P, PA0FHV. These were bagged by **Paul Marks**, G8FVK, who lurks at Woodford Green with an 8-element beam, homebrew converter and Eddystone 730/1A.

Diary dates

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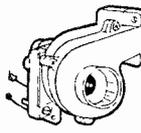


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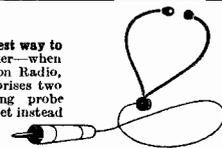
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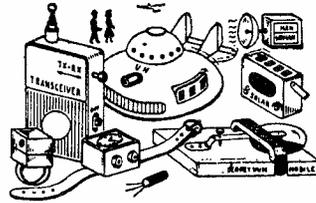
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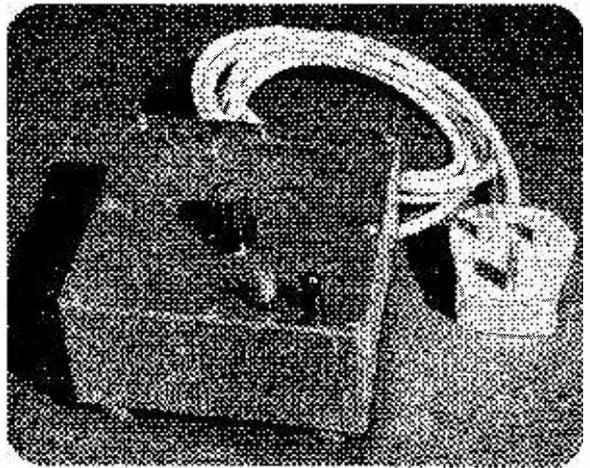
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STABILISING CIRCUITS

To overcome these difficulties it has become common practice to use zener stabilised supplies or to add a transistor to that simple arrangement to give series or shunt stabilised supplies. Examples of these are shown in Figs. 1-3. Fig. 1 shows a simple zener circuit; the trouble here is that when no load is applied the zener has to be capable of dissipating all the power which should be consumed by the circuit, and due to zener spread and tolerance it is sometimes difficult to get an exact voltage. Fig. 2 shows a transistor-aided zener as a shunt regulator whilst Fig. 3 is a series regulator. Both these have the advantage that they can deal with higher currents and the output voltage can be varied continuously. The shunt circuit is also short-circuit proof though it does have

a relatively high output resistance; the series circuit on the other hand has a low output resistance but it is not short-circuit proof. Short the output on this one and the transistor can easily blow.

The stabilisation offered by these simple circuits leaves a lot to be desired and some constructors have devised extra circuitry to add to them to give a feedback sensing of the output voltage. Fig. 4 shows this in block form. The idea is that as the output voltage changes this is sensed and the input to the base of the output transistor is varied to oppose the change. With the advent of cheap integrated operational amplifiers it became easy to replace the sensing circuit with, say, a 741 and this gave very satisfactory control. An outline of such a circuit is shown in Fig. 5.

As the shunt circuit had this high output resistance plus poor efficiency, as all the current flowed through it continuously, the practice was to use a series output transistor—but this suffered from the short circuit trouble. To overcome this a means was devised to sense a short across the output and then to limit the current flowing through it, achieved as shown in Fig. 6.

All these refinements meant that the power supply unit was becoming quite large and complex so the manufacturers started to produce integrated circuits which combined the functions of regulation and protection in one package. One of these is the Signetics 550 which is a precision voltage regulator designed for general purpose use. It will work from input voltages of 8.5 volts to 50 volts making it ideal for amateur use. On its own it can supply an output of up to 150mA and if an external power transistor is added the current output can be increased to a number of amperes. It also features current limiting and continuously variable output.

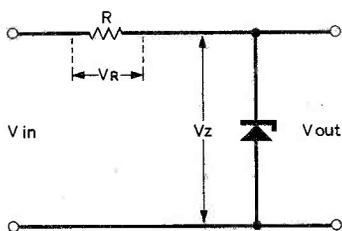
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BR1	Bridge rectifier 500V PIV (RS REC65)
C1	2000µF 25V electrolytic
C2	470pF polyester
IC1	NE550A (IC8 Components)
N1	Miniature motor (RS)
R1	2.2k 1/4W
S1	2 pole mains output switch
T1	Transformer 240V/20V + 20V (RS)
Tr1	488245 (IC8 Components)
VR1	10k 500k wire wound potentiometer
VR2	Variable resistor, about 4k x 4k x 2"
Veroboard	0.1" pitch, about 4 1/2" x 1 1/2", to fit box.
	Red and black output terminals

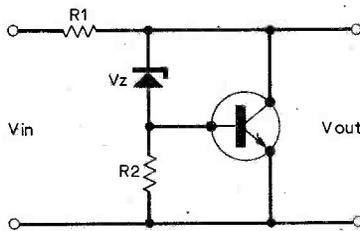
USING THE 550

The 550 is available either as a 14-pin DIL or a 10-lead 'transistor type' can. The actual internal circuitry is complex having some 15 transistors, 7 diodes and 8 resistors in it. To understand its operation it may be better to look at a block diagram of its internal functions, Fig. 7.

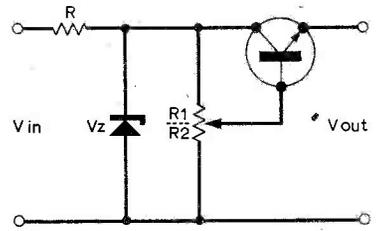
A reference voltage is produced of about 1.6 volts which is independent of supply variations, this being fed into the noninverting input of an operational



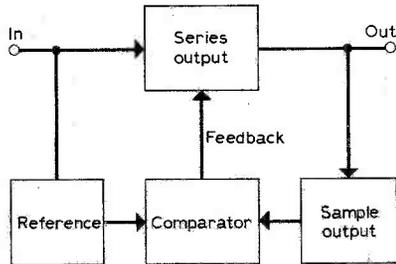
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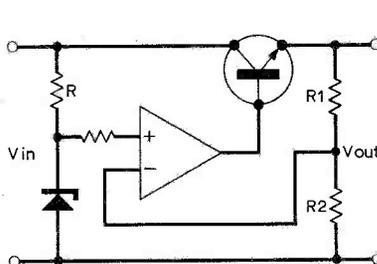
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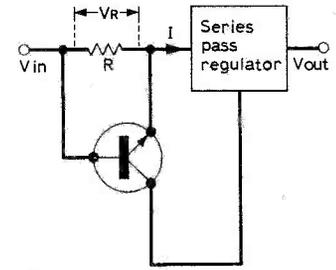
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4 Feedback sensing

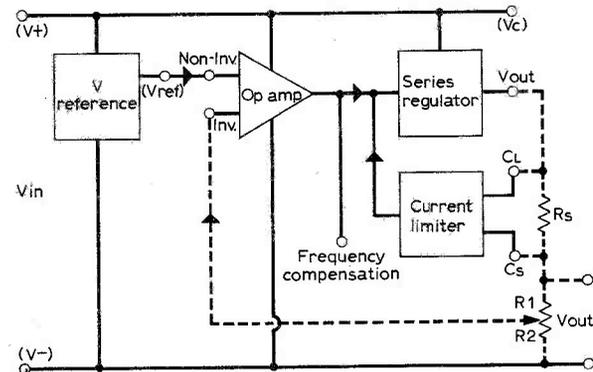


5 Op. amplifier stabiliser



6 Current limiting

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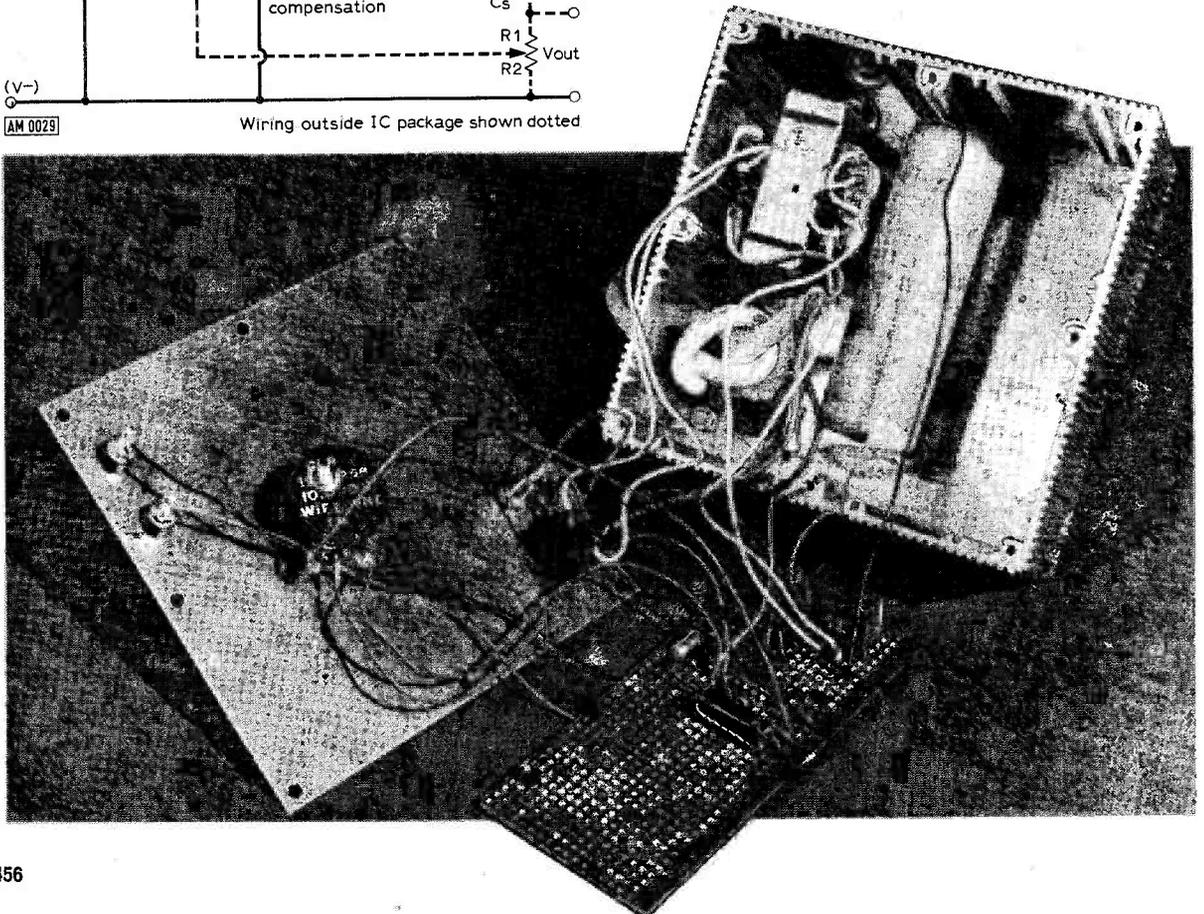
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Wiring outside IC package shown dotted

Figs. 1 to 6, above, show the development of a simple zener circuit into one incorporating an IC operational amplifier providing greatly improved stabilisation and proof against short circuits by current limiting.

Fig. 7, left, is a block diagram of the functions performed by the 555 IC voltage regulator.

The photograph below is of the author's prototype dismantled to show the veroboard carrying the IC and other small components. The board fits into the slots at the right of the box. The output is variable between 1.5 and 20V, current limited to 300mA.



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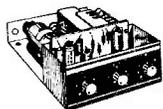
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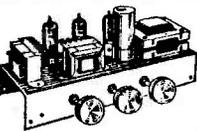
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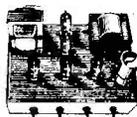
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If more than 100mA or so is required all that need be added is a single NPN external power transistor as shown in Fig. 9, which is also the complete circuit of the practical unit.

The max current then available is given by:—

$$I_{max} = I_{limiting} \times h_{FE(min)}$$

For a 2N3055 whose $h_{FE(min)}$ is about 50 the maximum current which can be obtained is 3 amps assuming that one is keeping to an output current of 60mA from the IC. If this is uprated to 100mA then the current is 5 amps.

In order to calculate the value of R_s the following formula is used:—

$$R_s = \frac{0.6}{I_l}$$

Where I_l is the current at which limiting is to start. The wattage rating for the resistor R_s is given by $W = 0.6 \times I_l$.

Thus, in the prototype, the limiting current I_l was set at 300mA which meant that R_s had a calculated value of 2 ohms and a power rating of 0.18 watts. In point of fact the only available resistor of about this value was a 2.2 ohm 3 watt one, so this was used.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSISTORS

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$$W = (V_{in(unreg)} - V_{out(max)}) \times I_l$$

CONSTRUCTION

The IC is best mounted on 0.1" matrix veroboard together with R_s and C_1 , and also $VR1$ if this is to be a preset. Should an external transistor be needed then this should go on a heat sink together with the rectifier. The case size will depend on the size of transformer used; a suitable case can be found from the

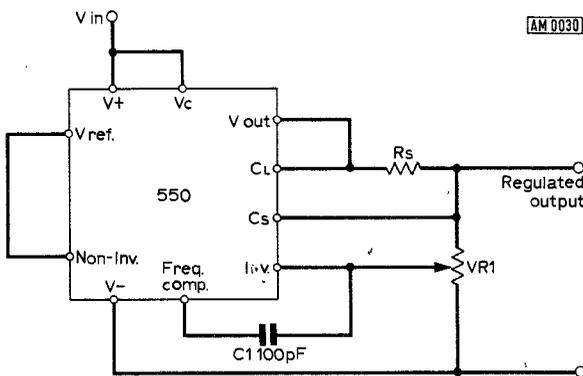


Fig. 8. External circuitry of the 555 to provide currents up to about 60mA from 2 to 20V.

Fig. 8 shows the IC connected for use as a power supply unit to give 2 to 20 volts at a maximum current of 60mA. R_s is chosen to be 10 ohms so that it will limit if the output current should exceed 60mA. If R_s is increased to say 20 ohms the limiting current now drops to about 30mA. If R_s is decreased to 5 ohms the current is increased to about 100mA. Care must be taken not to reduce the value too far or the short-circuit current could exceed 150mA. It is possible to replace R_s by a preset to give adjustable current limiting. The potentiometer $VR1$ is connected so that the output voltage can be adjusted. C_1 is added to provide frequency compensation.

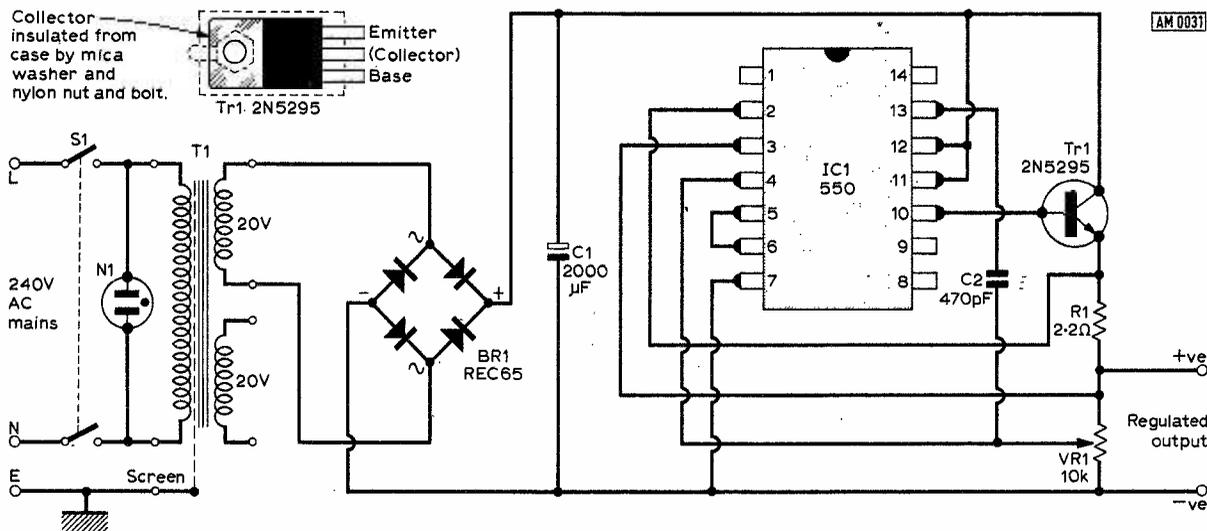


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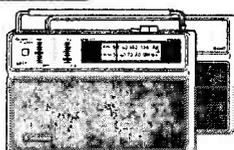
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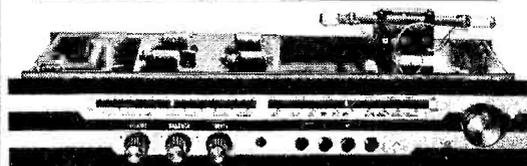
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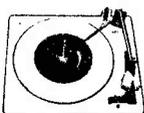
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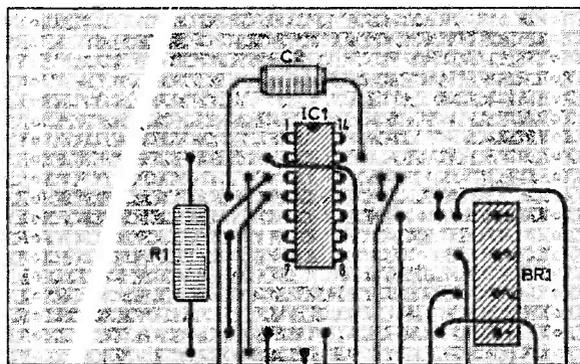
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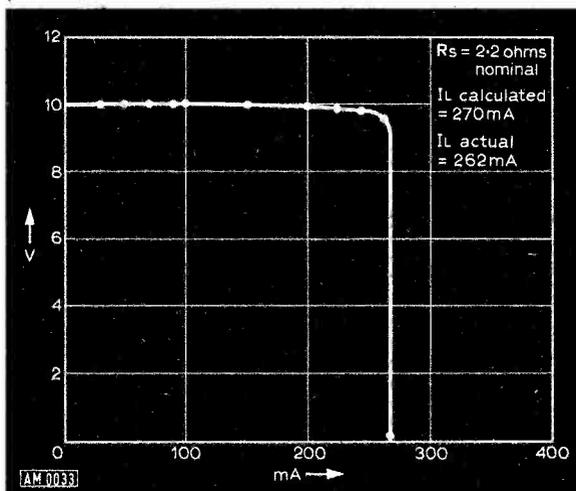
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Fig. 10 Layout of components on the strip of veroboard.

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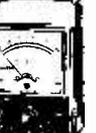
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High quality instrument to test Reverse leak current and DC current. Amplification factor of NPN, PNP, transistors, diodes. SCR's etc. 4" x 4" clear scale meter. Operates from 6000mAh batteries. Complete with instructions, leads and carrying handle. £12-50. Post 30p.



MODEL 449A IN CIRCUIT TRANSISTOR TESTER

Checks true A.C. beta in / out. Checks Iobo. Checks diodes in / out. Checks SCR, etc. Beta HI 10 - 500. LO 2 - 50. Iobo 0-5000μA. 220/240 V A.C. operation £17-50. Post 25p.



LB3 TRANSISTOR TESTER

Tests ION and B. PNP / NPN. Operates from 9V battery. Complete with all instructions, etc. £3-95. P. & P. 20p.



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Tests PNP or NPN transistors. Audio indication. Operates on two 1.5v batteries. Complete with all instructions, etc. £4-50. P. & P. 20p.



TE-40 HIGH SENSITIVITY A.C. VOLTMETER

10 meg. input 10 ranges: 0/1/002/1/3/10/30/100/300V. R.M.S. 4cps-1.2 Mc/s. Decibels -40 to +60dB. Supplied brand new complete with leads and instructions. Operation 230V. A.C. £17-50. Carr. 25p.



TE-65 VALVE VOLTMETER

28 range D.C. current ranges 1.5-1,500V. A.C. volts 1.5-1,500V. Resistance up to 1,000 megohms. 200/240V. A.C. operation. Complete with probe and instructions. £17-50. P. & P. 30p. Additional probes available: R.F. £2-12 1/2; H.V. £2-50.



KAMODEN HM. 720B F.E.T. V.O.M.

Input impedance 10 meg ohms. Ranges: 0/25/1/1/2/5/10/50/250/1000V. D.C. 0/2.5/10/50/250/1000V. A.C. 0/25μA/2.5/5/25/250 MA. D.C. -20 to +62dB 0/5K/80K/500K/5 meg 500meg ohms. £41-95. Post 30p



TMK MODEL 117 F.E.T. ELECTRONIC VOLTMETER

Battery operated, 11 meg input, 26 ranges. Large 4 1/2" mirror scale. Size 5 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 2 1/2". DC VOLTS 0-3-1200V AC 0-25μA-2-5-20-50V RMS. 8-0-800V P-P. DC CURRENT 12-12MA. Resistance up to 2000M ohm. Decibels -20 to +51dB. Complete with leads/instructions. £17-50. P. & P. 20p.



MODEL L-55 FET V.O.M.

Input impedance 10 meg ohms. 0/-3/1-2/6/30/120/800V. D.C. 0/3/12/60/120/600V. A.C. 0/120μA/12mA/100μA/0/1K/100K/10 meg/100 meg ohms £15-97. Post 15p.



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Range 0-1000 Meg-ohms. 500 Volt. Battery operated. Wide range clear meter 4 1/2" x 4". Complete with deluxe carrying case, instructions. £19-95. Post 30p



MODEL U4311 SUB-STANDARD MULTI-RANGE VOLT AMMETER

Sensitivity 330 ohms/Volt AC and DC. Accuracy 5% D.C. 1% AC. Scale length 160mm. 0/300/750μA/1.5/3/7.5/15/30/75/150/300/750mA/1.5/3/7.5/AMP DC 0/3/7.5/15/30/75/150/300/750mV/1.5/3/7.5/15/30/75/150/300/750V AC. Automatic cut out. Supplied complete with test leads, manual and test certificates. £49-00. Post 50p.



BELCO AF-5A SOLID STATE SINE SQUARE WAVE C. OSCILLATOR

Size 18 x 200,000 Hz; Square 18 x 50,000 Hz Output max. +10 dB. (10 K ohms) Imp. 2 meg Ω 20pF. Time base. 5 ranges 10 cps 300 kHz. Synchronization. Internal/external. Illuminated scale 140 x 215 x 330 mm. Weight 10 1/2lb. 220/240V. A.C. Supplied brand new with handbook. £47-50. Carr. 50p.



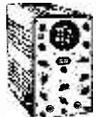
TO-3 PORTABLE OSCILLOSCOPE

3in. tube, V amp. Sensitivity 0.1v p-p/C.M. Bandwidth 1-5 cps-1.5 MHz. Input imp. 2 meg Ω 25pF X amp. sensitivity 0.9v. p-p/C.M. Bandwidth 1-cps-800KHz. Imp. imp. 2 meg Ω 20pF. Time base. 5 ranges 10 cps 300 kHz. Synchronization. Internal/external. Illuminated scale 140 x 215 x 330 mm. Weight 10 1/2lb. 220/240V. A.C. Supplied brand new with handbook. £47-50. Carr. 50p.



CI-5 PULSE OSCILLOSCOPE

For display of pulsed and periodic waveforms in electronic circuits. VERT. AMP. Bandwidth 10MHz. Sensitivity at 100KHz VRMS/mm. -1.25; HOR. AMP. Bandwidth 500KHz. Sensitivity at 100KHz, V RMS/mm. -3.25; Preset triggered sweep 1-5,000μsec.; free running 20-200,000Hz in nine ranges. Calibrator dpps. 220 x 350 x 430mm. 115-230V. AC operation. £39-00. Carr. paid.



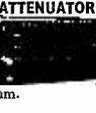
RUSSIAN CI-16 DOUBLE BEAM OSCILLOSCOPE

5 mc/s Pass Band. Separate Y1 and Y2 amplifiers. Rectangular fin. x 4in. C.R.T. Calibrated triggered sweep from 2 μsec. to 100 milli-sec. per cm. Free running time base 50 c/s-1 mc/s. Built-in time base calibrator and amplitude calibrator. Supplied complete with all accessories and instruction manual £87. Carr. Paid.



MODEL AT201 DECADE ATTENUATOR

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ARF-300 AF/Rf SIGNAL GENERATOR

All transistorised, compact, fully portable. AF sine wave 18 Hz to 220 KHz. AF square wave 18 Hz to 100 KHz. Output sine / square 10v. P-P. RF 100 KHz to 200 MHz. Output 200mW maximum. Operation 220/240V. A.C. Complete with instructions and leads. £29-95. Post 50p.



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Transistorised. Operates as Grid Dip, Oscillator, Absorption Wave Meter and Oscillating Detector. Frequency range 440Kc/s-280Mc/s. 4 coils. 500μA Meter. 9V battery operation. Size 180 x 80 x 40mm. £15-00. Post 20p.



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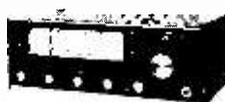
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UNR 30 RECEIVER



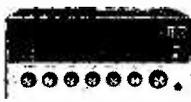
4 Bands covering 550 kc/s-30 mc/s B.F.O. Built-in Speaker 220/240 v. A.C. Brand new with instructions.
Our Price £15-75 Carr. 37p

UR-1A RECEIVER



4 Bands covering 550 kc/s-30 mc/s FET, 8 Meter. Variable BFO for SSB. Built-in Speaker, Bandspread, Sensitivity Control. 220/240 v. A.C. or 12 v. D.C. 12 1/2 in. x 4 1/2 in. x 7 1/2 in. Brand new with instructions.
Our Price £25-00 Carr. 37p

SKYWOOD CX203 RECEIVER



Solid state, 5 bands covering 200-420 KHz and .55 to 30 MHz. Illuminated slide rule dial. Bandspread. Aerial tuning. BFO, AVC, ANL, "S" meter. AM/GW/SSB. Integrated speaker and phone socket. 220/240 v. A.C. or 12 v. D.C. Size 325 x 286 x 150 mm. Complete with instructions and circuit.
Our Price £32-50 Carr. 50p

LAFAYETTE HA-600 RECEIVER



General coverage 150-400 kc/s, 550 kc/s-30 mc/s, FET front end, 2 mech. filters, product detector, variable B.F.O., noise limiter, 8 Meter Bandspread, RF Gain, 15in. x 9 1/2 in. x 8 1/2 in. 18 lb. 220/240 v. A.C. or 12 v. D.C. Brand new with instructions.
Our Price £50-00 Carr. 50p

TRIO 9R59DS RECEIVER



4 bands covering 550 kc/s to 30 mc/s continuous and electrical bandspread on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres. 8 valve plus 7 diode circuit. 4/8 ohm output and phone jack. SSB-GW, ANL, Variable BFO, S meter. Sep. bandspread dial. IF frequency 445 kc/s, audio output 1.5w. Variable RF and AF gain controls 115/250 v. A.C. Size: 7in. x 3 1/2 in. x 10in. with instruction manual.
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Model 350. 13" x 8" with single tweeter/crossover. 20-20,000 Hz. 15 watt RMS. Available 8 or 15 ohms. £7-25 each. P. & P. 37p.
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All silicon transistor amplifier operates from magnetic, ceramic or tuner inputs with twin stereo headphone outputs and separate volume controls for each channel. Operates from 9v battery. Inputs 5kVU/100mV. Output 50mW.
Our Price £6-97 P. & P. 15p

1021 STEREO LISTENING STATION



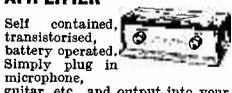
For balancing and gain selection of loudspeakers with additional facility for stereo headphone switching. 2 gain controls, speaker on-off slide switch, stereo headphone sockets. 6" x 4" x 2 1/2".
Our Price £2-25 P. & P. 15p

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5 microphone inputs each with individual gain controls enabling complete mixing facilities. Battery operated. 9 1/2" x 5" x 3". Inputs: Mic: 3 x 3mV 50K. 2 x 3mV 600 ohm. Phono meg. 4mV 50K. Phono ceramic 100mV 1 meg. Output 250mV 100K.
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Self contained, transistorised, battery operated. Simply plug in microphone, guitar, etc., and output into your amplifier. Volume control, depth of reverberation control. Beautiful walnut cabinet. 4 1/2 x 3 x 4 1/2 in.
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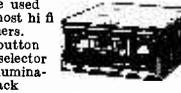
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ACD.660 Stereo Cassette Deck



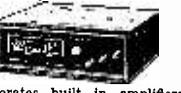
A beautifully styled 4 track stereo deck with an outstanding specification offered at a remarkably low price. Incorporates a host of features including switchable noise filter normal/chrome tape selector, twin VU meter, slider record/playback level controls, front panel headphone socket, recording indicator lamp, phono/DIN line input sockets, 3.5mm mike input sockets etc. Frequency response 100-8KHz (100-12KHz Cr2) S/N-45dB. Crosstalk 45dB. Separation-35dB. Noise Limiter-6dB at 10KHz. Complete with phono connecting leads.
Our Price £39-50 Carr. & Ins. 50p

AHP-8D 8 Track Stereo Tape Deck



Can be used with most hi fi amplifiers. Push button track selector and illuminated track indicators. Attractive cabinet with black and silver trim. Output level 750mV. A.C. 220/240v.
Our Price £11-95 P. & P. 50p.

APH-8A 8 Track Stereo Tape Player



Incorporates built in amplifiers giving 2 1/2 watts rms output. Push button track selector, illuminated track indicators, slider controls for volume, balance and tone. Attractive cabinet with black and silver trim. Output impedance 8 ohms. A.C. 220/240v.
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Stereo Headphones

- LSH.20 Individual volume controls Stereo mono switch 8 ohms. 40-19,000 Hz. £3-50 P & P 30p
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AUDIOTRONIC DOLBY 'B' NOISE REDUCTION UNITS

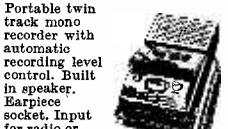
Reduce tape hiss by 3dB at 600Hz, 6dB at 1200Hz and 10dB for all frequencies above 3000Hz. Size 16 1/2" x 8" x 2 1/2". AC 200/250v



PROCESS FOUR
 For use with semi-professional tape recorders. Freq. res. 30Hz-20KHz ± 2dB. S/N better than 70dB. Full source tape monitoring. Record/Replay metering. Switchable multiplex filter. Supplied with test tape.
Our Price £50-00 P & P 50p

PROCESS TWO
 For use with cassette and tape recorders. Freq. res. 30Hz-20KHz ± 2dB. Off tape monitoring. Switchable multiplex filter. Two Dolby calibration meters. S/N better than 70dB. Supplied with test cassette or tape as required.
Our Price £34-50 P & P 50p

ACR.14 Battery Mains Cassette Recorder



Portable twin track mono recorder with automatic recording level control. Built in speaker. Earpiece socket. Input for radio or record player. Fast forward and rewind. Output 500mW. A.C. 220/240v or 6v DC operation. Complete with remote control microphone, mains lead, earpiece and batteries.
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LOW NOISE TAPE CASSETTES

TYPE	5	10	25	Cassette
C80	£1.29	£2.83	£5.99	Tape Head
C90	£1.85	£3.82	£8.59	Cleaner 30p
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P. & P. 15p. post free

ACR 3500 CAR RADIO



Manual tuning of Medium and Long waves. 12v pos, or neg, earth. Complete with speaker, mounting brackets and instructions.
Our Price £6-50 P & P 50p

ACP.8 8 TRACK CAR PLAYER



12v neg. earth. Slider controls for Volume, Tone and Balance. Channel selector button with red pilot lamp, with speakers, mounting brackets and instructions.
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AMR-900 GLOBAL AM/FM PORTABLE RADIO



10 wavebands covering AM: 535-1605 KHz, LW: 150-380 KHz, MB 1.6-4.00 MHz, SW1: 4.0-8 MHz, SW2: 8.0-1.6 MHz, SW3: 16-24 MHz, PSB1: 30-50 MHz, PSB2: 143-174 MHz, FM 88-108 MHz, AIR: 108-136 MHz. Features time zone map and timing dial. Large clear scale. Telescopic aerial and built in aerial. AFC or FM. 6" x 4" speaker and personal earpiece. Battery/mains operation. Size: 345 x 133 x 305mm.
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5 wavebands covering AM 535-1665KHz. FM 88-108KHz. AIR 108-135MHz. PB 147-174MHz. V.B. 162, 5MHz. Large horizontal slide dial with logging scale. Slider volume and squelch controls. 7 section telescopic aerial for FM and built in ferrite bar for AM. AFC. 3in. speaker. Earpiece socket. Green leatherette covered cabinet with metal side panels. Size 152 x 79 x 219mm. Battery/mains operation. **Our Price £11-50** P. & P. 35p.

AUDIOTRONIC AMB.500 MULTIBAND RADIO



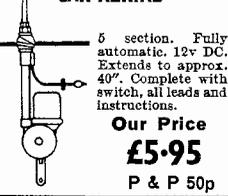
5 wavebands covering MW 535-1605KHz and FM 88-175MHz. All transistor. Battery or mains operation. Built in aerial and 8 section telescopic aerial. Complete with batteries, shoulder strap and earpiece.
Our Price £6-95 P & P 35p

ACRI PUSHBUTTON CAR RADIO



Push button tuning of one LW and five MW stations of your choice. 12v pos, or neg, earth. Complete with speaker, mounting brackets and instructions.
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For conventional or Chromium Dioxide tape. 4 track record/playback. Volume and tone controls. Frequency response 40-16kHz (using CR02 tape). distortion better than 2% wow and flutter better than 0.2% RMS. Complete with pair of matching Akai CS88 speakers.
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OUR PRICE £56.50

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4 track record/playback deck. Accepts chrome/regular tape cassettes.
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4 speed autochanger unit fitted with stereo ceramic cartridge.
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Outstanding value. Soft ear-pads, adjustable headband. 8-16 ohms. 20-20,000 Hz. Complete with lead and stereo plug.

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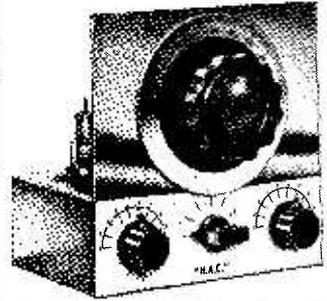
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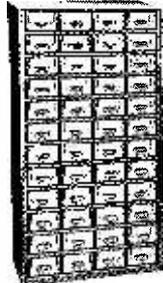
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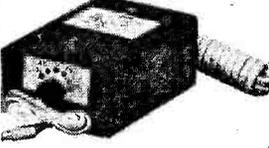
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2.5	16	63
3.3	16	63
4.7	16	63
6.8	16	63
10	16	63
15	16	63
22	16	63
33	16	63
47	16	63
68	16	63
100	16	63
150	16	63
220	16	63
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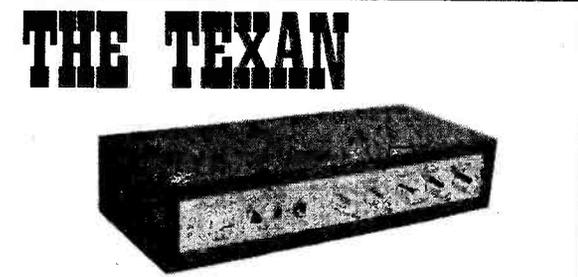
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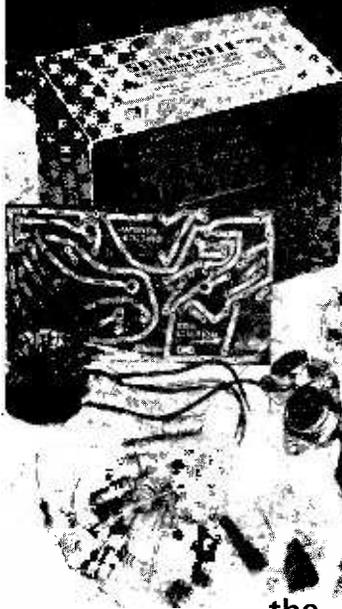
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2000	16	25
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3000	16	25
4000	16	25
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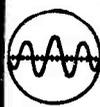
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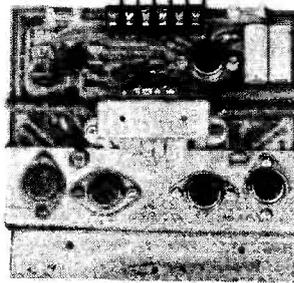
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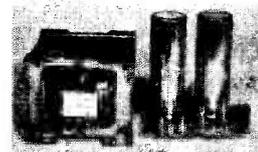
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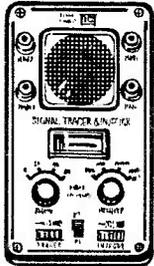
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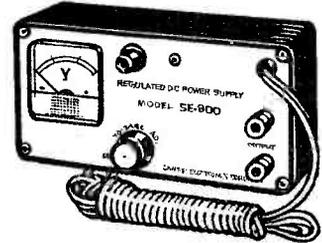
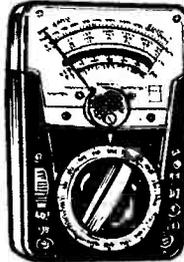
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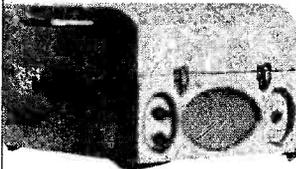
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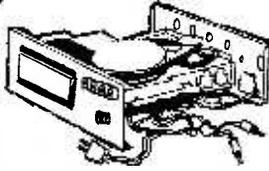
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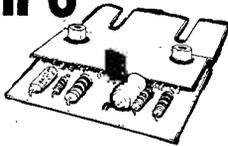
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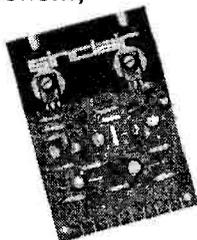
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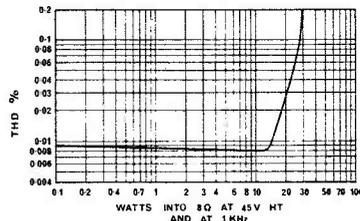
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Typical Project 60 applications

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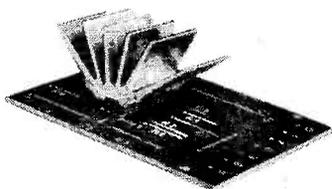


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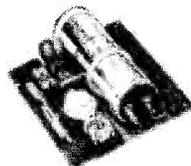
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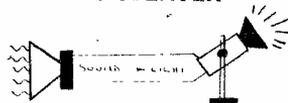
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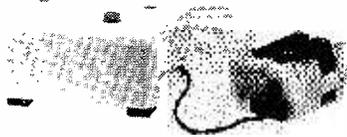
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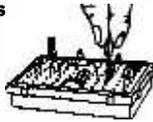
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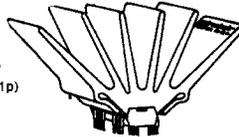
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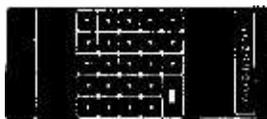
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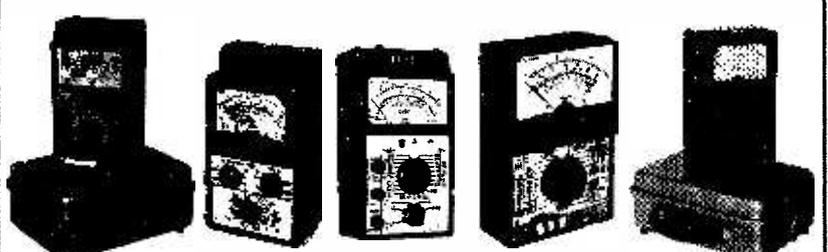
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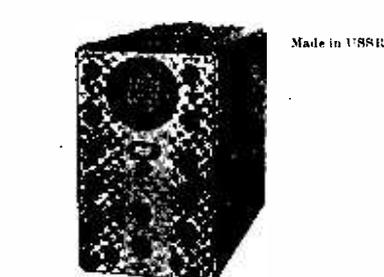
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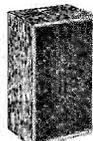
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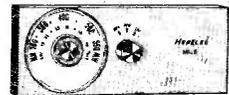
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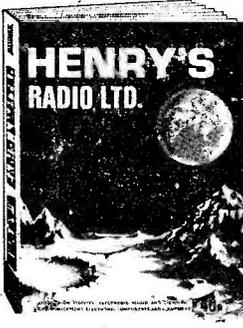
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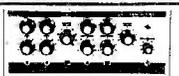
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