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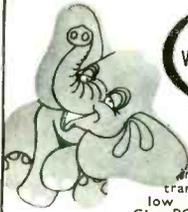


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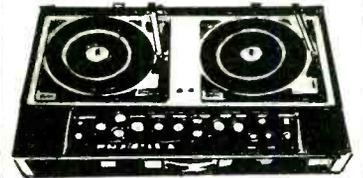
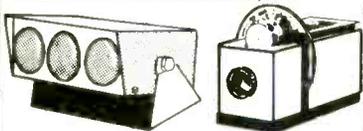


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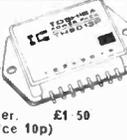
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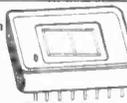
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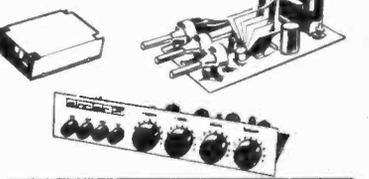
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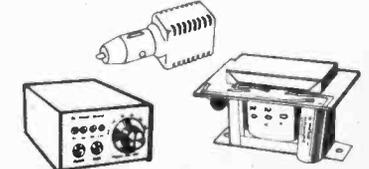
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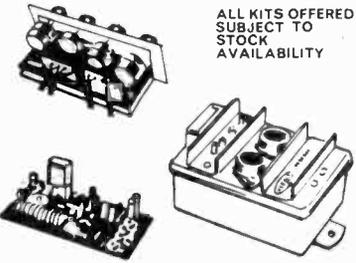


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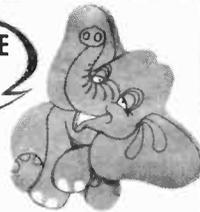
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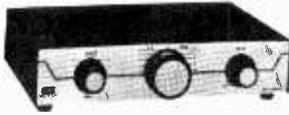
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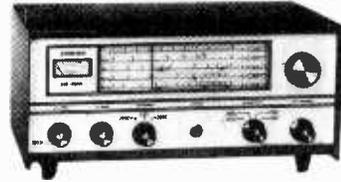
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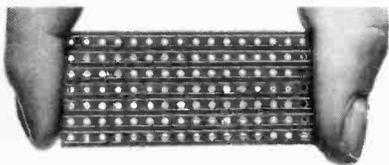
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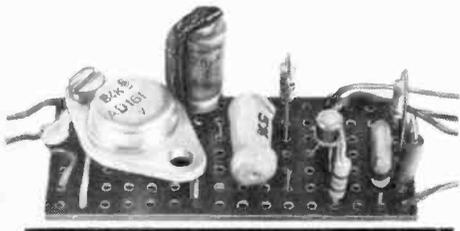
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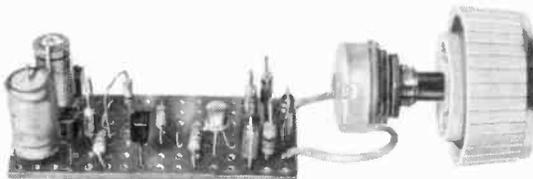
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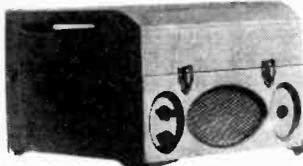
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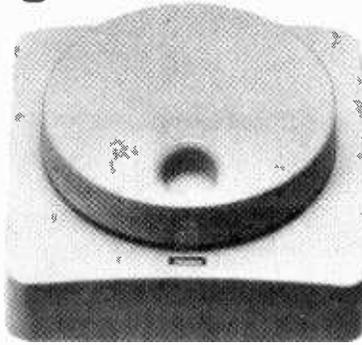
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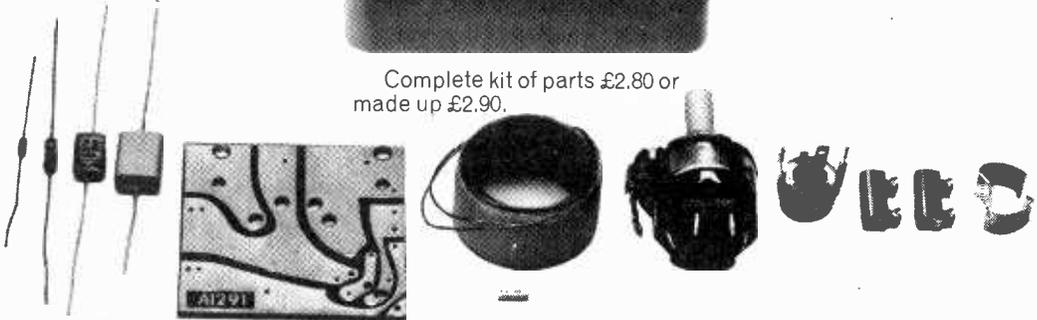
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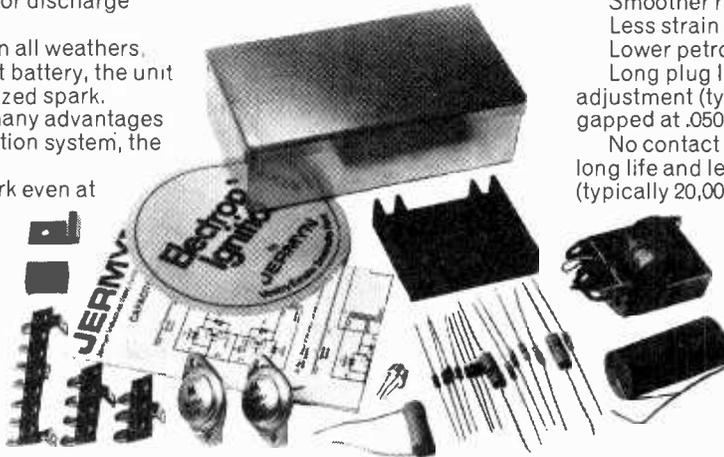
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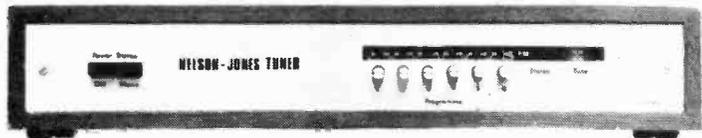
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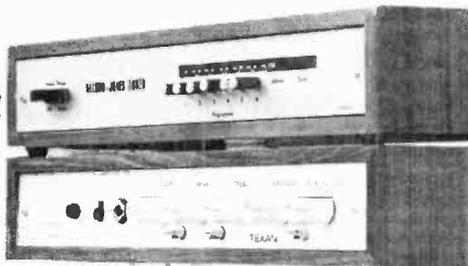
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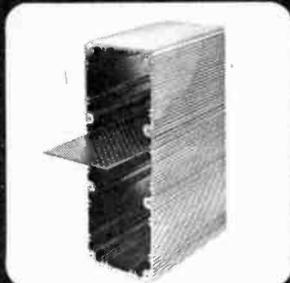
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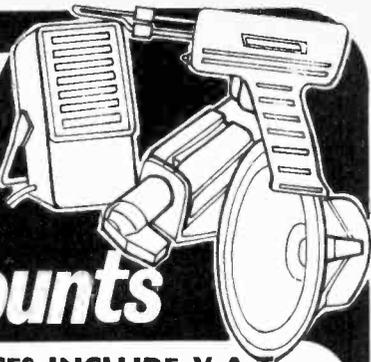
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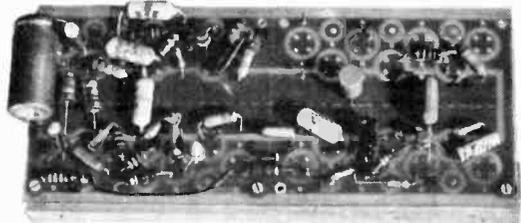
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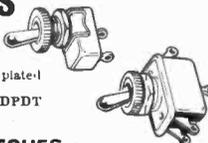
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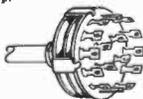


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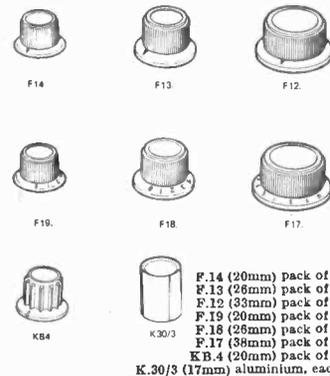
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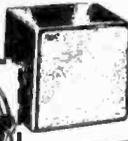
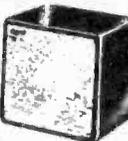
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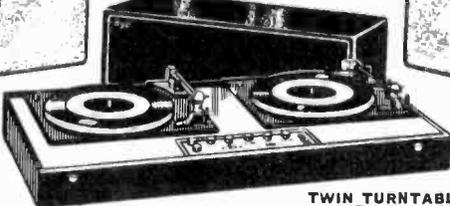
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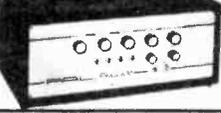
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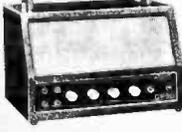


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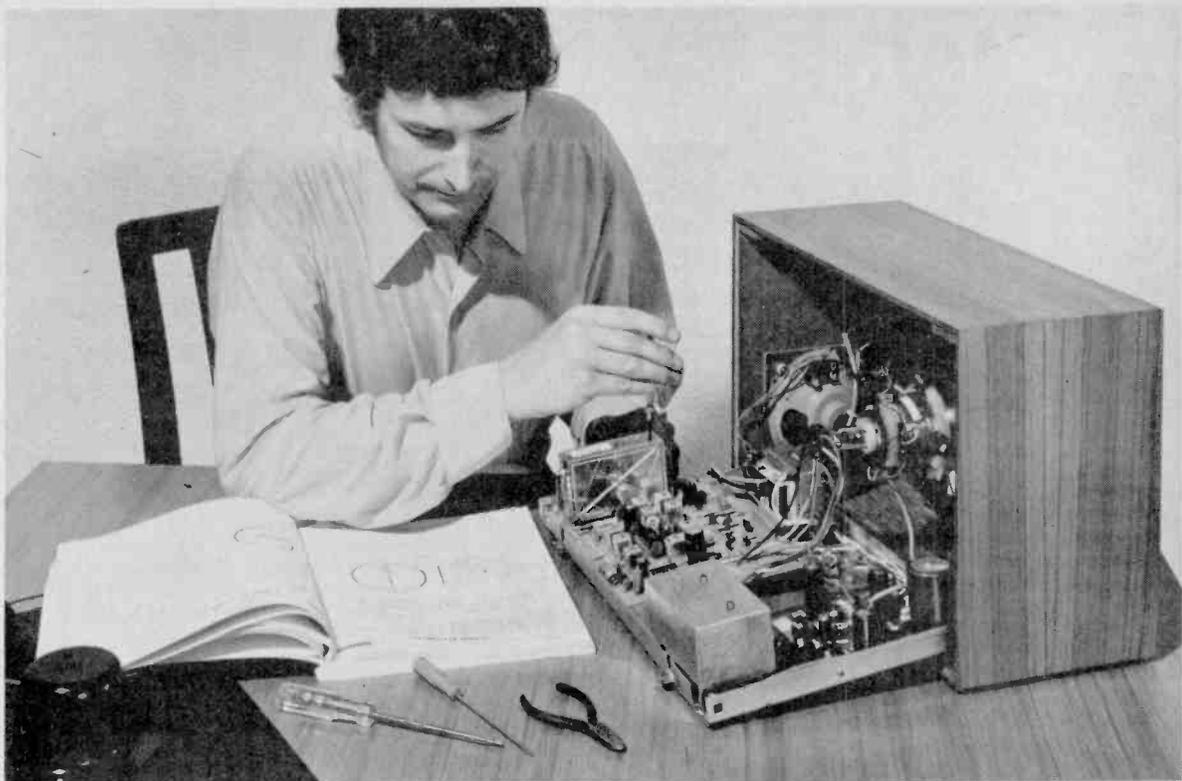
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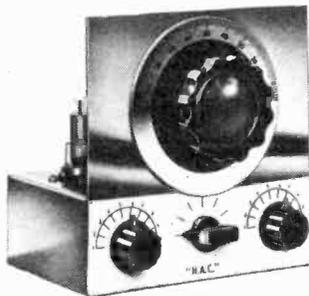
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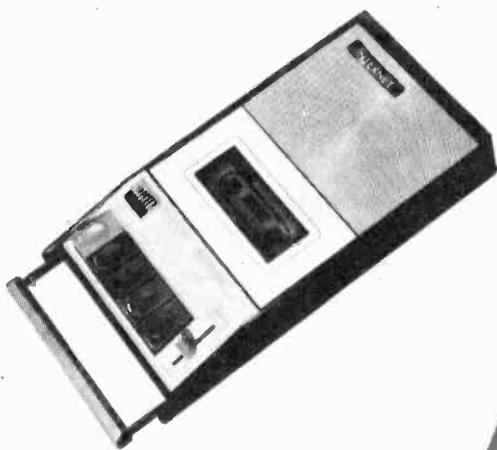
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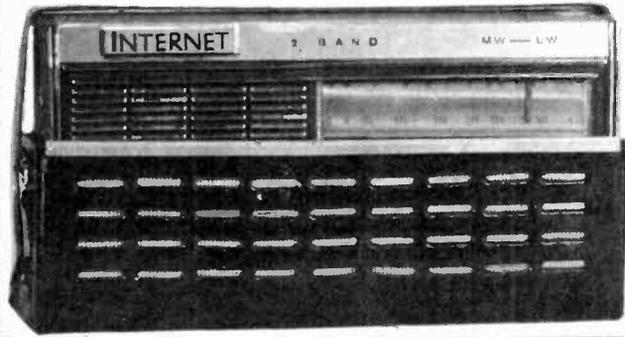
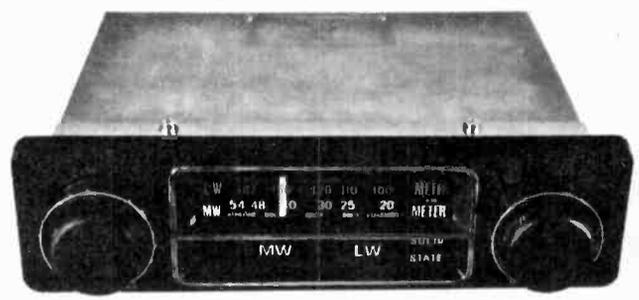
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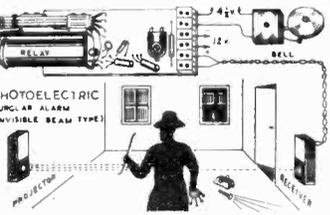
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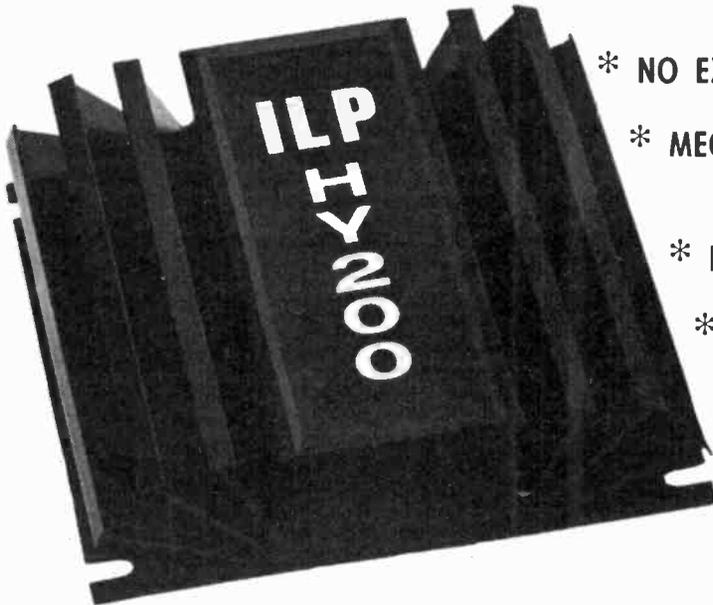
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H8/10	22µf	50v	4p	H7/14	220µf	50v	10p
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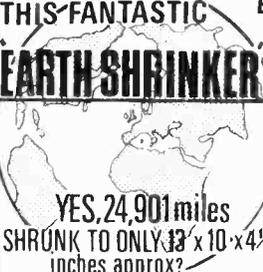
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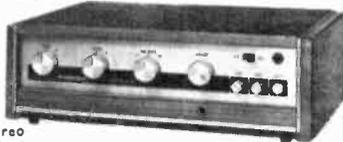
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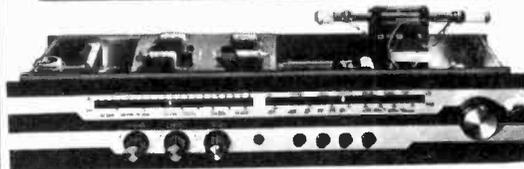
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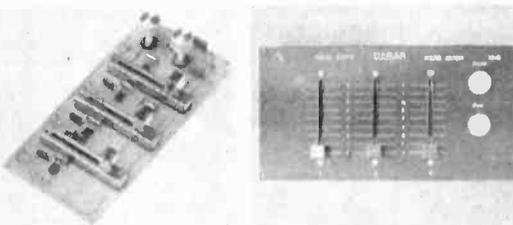
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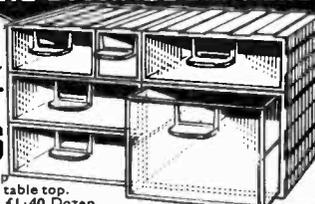
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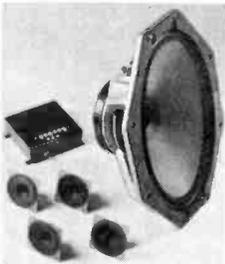
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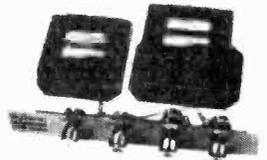
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AUTUMN ACTION

If you were fortunate enough to obtain last month's special issue of *Practical Wireless*, and your particular interests are in audio, short wave, broadcast reception, test equipment, or experimental electronics, you will have found at least one item of interest to you. In very general terms, this is what *Practical Wireless* is about, helping and encouraging its readers to have-a-go. This issue is also special in that it is the largest *P.W.* ever produced, carrying 120 pages and two free colour Datacards.

Activities covered by this magazine are, believe it or not, of a seasonal nature and we are always delighted in one sense when the holiday season ends, because we all settle down again after sun-tan(?) and surf-riding to renew our absorbing interest in d.i.y. radio and electronics.

It was often the case in the past when we would expect readers who go away in the summer to leave their tools and *P.W.* at home. Imagine some reader on the Costa Brava wielding a soldering iron on a pair of gritty output transistors—it's just not done is it? We were particularly pleased therefore that the temporary summer recess this year was hardly noticeable; surely the summer was not that bad! And it is known that *P.W.* is read on beaches.

The autumn, therefore, is just the time when, if not already bitten by the bug, our readers look around as if to court the means to satisfy their instinctive curiosity in the techniques of working circuits. You might say that we also provide the necessary bait to give newcomers encouragement to have a go. You might be right, but then if we did not learn something about our readers we would not be the highest selling British magazine of its kind. Some subjects do come up for renewed treatment but unlike some magazines, they are seldom in the same guise as before.

Take our Metal Detector on page 634; not a scrap like the earlier models and certainly easier to make.

October is also the time for the London Audio Fair; it is natural therefore that those readers who will be going to Olympia will want to sort out some of the technical jargon used in the audio world. Very sad that we cannot be there this year so we expect every *P.W.* reader visitor to carry this issue in his pocket, so that he can refer to the extra supplement which we have bound in the centre.

Incidentally, we have heard rumour on the "grape vine" that a certain company is biting its tongue for not having published a multi-systems quad matrix decoder as simple as ours.

M. A. COWELL—*Editor.*

The December issue, on sale 2nd November, will include a 12 volt 15 watt fluorescent light unit for your car, caravan, garage, shed or anywhere that emergency lighting is needed during power failure. Also included will be a 3-band short wave superhet, some simple practical applications of the LM380N integrated circuit audio amplifier and another series of circuits for the Experimental Workshop. Also next month don't miss the third pair of *P.W.* Datacards and first details of our new project that you can add on to the *P.W.* Q4 quad decoder.

Further details on page 640.

NEWS...

Paris Component Show

MEASURING instruments will be featured in addition to the usual sections on electronic components, materials, equipment and products at the Paris Component Show.

Venue is Exhibition Park, Porte de Versailles and date 1st-6th April 1974.

Mullard back out

MULLARD Ltd. have decided to kill off their Educational Service. The service has acted as a valuable aid for the teaching profession for the last 25 years.

Oxidising agent

ENTHONE Inc. Ebonol C Special is an oxidising agent which increases the strength of the bond in the production of single, double-sided and multi-layer printed circuit boards. The process involves producing many thousands of little cupric oxide needles. The oxide coating is obtained by the immersion of suitably treated copper in a solution of 180gm/l Ebonol C at 104°C.

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We settle down when the holiday season ends...

Packaging for professionals

THE Inter-Nepcon conference at Brighton specialises in broad terms in electronic component packaging and assembly. There is a very strong emphasis on printed circuit techniques and integrated circuit encapsulation.

Although not strictly dealing with electronics techniques, this exhibition has a distinctly practical emphasis because it concerns the making of component assemblies and modules. It is being held at the Metropole Hotel on the sea-front at Brighton, from 16th to 18th October and is organised on an international basis by Kiver Communications Ltd of 149-155 Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey. Admission is restricted to those who register as being engaged full-time in electronic circuit packaging and production.

No more please!

WITH the Audio Fair about to open its doors on 22nd October (trade only), and 23rd October to the public, it is interesting to learn that one famous British manufacturer, Armstrong Audio, has had to withdraw because it could not contemplate at present the thought of taking on more orders. It seems that the new 600 series has created so much interest that current orders exceed their present manufacturing capacity.

Rather than spend time and money in exhibiting with the prospect of more orders, Armstrong have decided that they should expand their facilities to cope with the rush.

Multimeter competition

WE wish to apologise to readers for the omission of information in last month's issue on the Digital multimeter competition. Due to the fact that so many readers sent in answers that were the best according to the considered opinion of the judges, our Competitions Department is at present organising a further contest for these readers. We will be publishing the result just as soon as we have it.

Derby modellers get together

DERBY and District Amateur Radio Society (G3ERD, G2DJ) are branching into radio control models. The new club is already under way and held its first meeting in September. Anyone interested should contact Ray Webster, c/o 5 Uplands Avenue, Littleover, Derby.

Ham Exhibition

THE Midland National Amateur Radio and Electronics Exhibition will be held at the Granby Halls, Leicester from 25th to 27th October.

Commercials date

AT the time of going to press, we have heard that the London Broadcasting Company will go on the air on Monday 8th October. There will be a special message from the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications. Frequencies 719kHz, 417m and 97.3MHz.

Slimline digital multimeter

OF professional quality, this unusual device is a hand-held digital multimeter from Hewlett-Packard. At £138 (+VAT) this instrument represents a valuable on-line tool for engineers and technicians. A 3½ digit l.e.d. display uses automatic decimal placement and polarity indication.

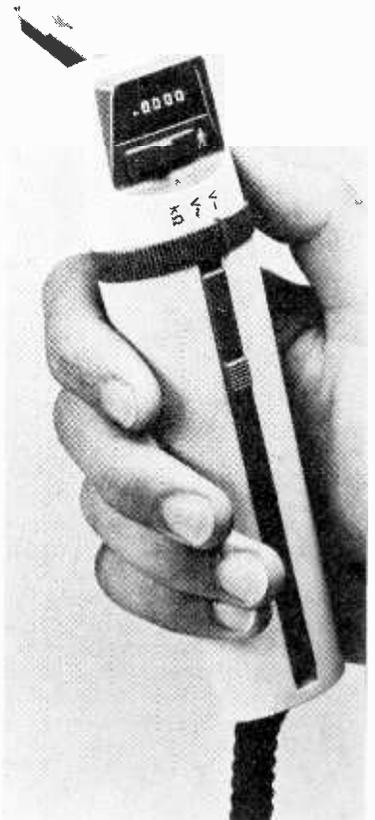
The heart of the instrument is a "postage-stamp" size thin film hybrid circuit with analogue and digital processing. It is claimed to measure d.c. voltage from 0.1mV to 500V and a.c. voltages from 3mV to 500V. The resistance range measures from 1 ohm to 10MΩ. The input resistance is stated as 10MΩ.

Cassette library system

WITH the current boom in tape cassette recorders, BASF are to show at the Audio Fair two new machines for chromium dioxide tape and a (quote) "unique library system for cassettes", that can be free standing or fitted to the wall.

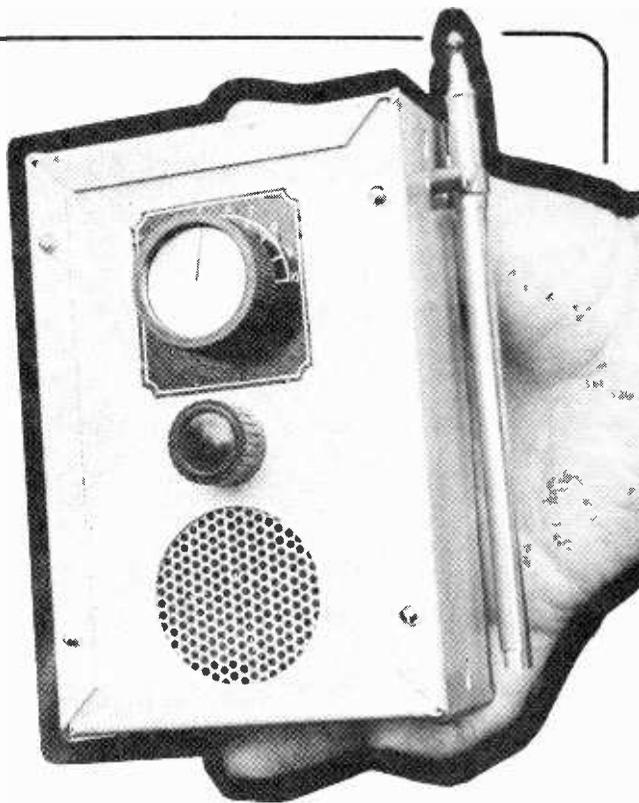
BIB's own set-up

MULTICORE Solders Ltd. have set up a subsidiary company, BIB Hi-Fi Accessories Ltd., to look after the interests of growing range of products with the "BIB" trade name, including record and tape cleaning accessories and splicing kits. The board of the new company is selected from the parent company and will continue to operate from P.O. Box 78, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP2 7EP.



portable VHF receiver

F. G. RAYER G3OGR



SUPER-REGENERATIVE receivers may use a simple and easily built circuit, and are highly sensitive. There are no gauging or other alignment problems, and frequency coverage is easily modified. A straightforward circuit of this type is thus completely practical, as an alternative to a complicated v.h.f. superhet, or v.h.f. converter used with a short wave receiver.

On the other hand, the disadvantages of the super-regenerative type of circuit should be remembered. One is the lack of selectivity, and another the background hiss which is present when no transmission is tuned in. The lack of selectivity means that a strong, local transmission can prevent reception of a weaker signal on a nearby frequency. The stronger signals are, however, very well received, and any signal which is received at sufficient strength will automatically quiet the background hiss.

A further important point is the extent to which a super-regenerative receiver can cause interference to other receivers. Some radiation of this kind seems unavoidable, but it can be kept within limits by screening the receiver, and using an r.f. stage to help isolate the aerial from the oscillating detector stage. In these circumstances, interference is not caused over a wide area.

Interference is primarily caused on the frequency to which the super-regenerative receiver is tuned, and nearby frequencies. As example, if an un-screened super-regenerative receiver is tuned to 144MHz this is found to cause no interference at all to a normal receiver in the 88-108MHz range, with the equipment side by side. On the other hand, interference would arise with nearby receivers tuned to 144MHz or adjacent frequencies.

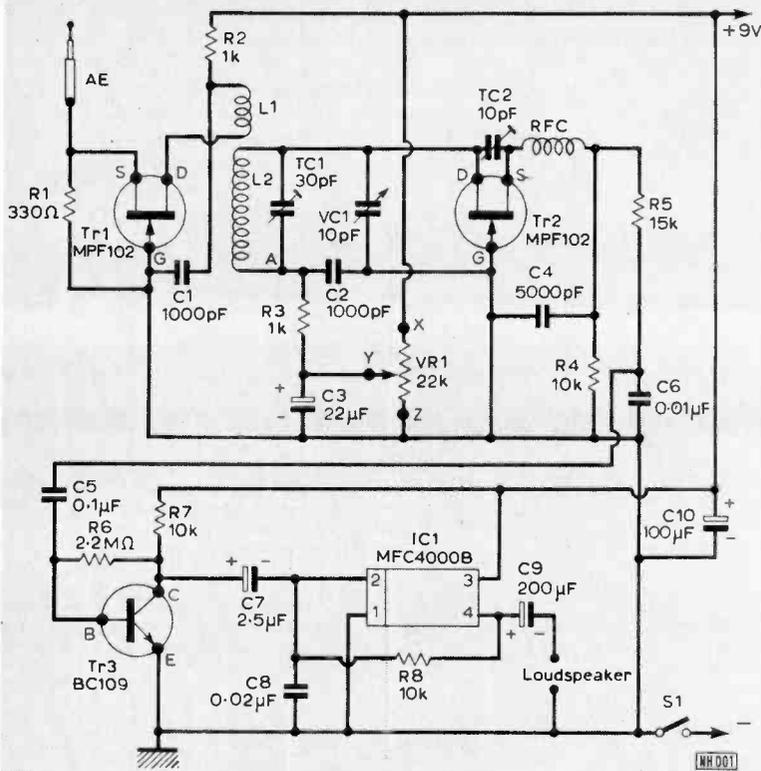
This really means that the super-regenerative receiver should be confined to use in those circumstances where other people are not listening on the same or a near-by frequency. In fact, the receiver described has often been used as the only means of reception for 2 metre amateur band contacts, without any complaint. This does not mean, however, that it would be wise to use it for 2 metre reception when there are other 2 metre receivers or converters in use nearby.

Receiver circuit

This is shown in Fig. 1. Though actually constructed for 2 metre reception as a portable, it can be used over the 90MHz to 150MHz range without any change other than re-adjusting the pre-set trimmer TC1. Tr1 is the untuned r.f. stage, with input to the source across the source bias resistor R1. A tuned r.f. stage increases gain, but has to be screened from the detector, and also requires its own means of tuning, unless a small frequency band is adopted. The main purpose of this stage is to reduce radiation caused by coupling an aerial directly to the detector coil L2. The r.f. stage does not provide complete isolation, due to the internal capacitance of Tr1 and other unwanted coupling through leads.

Tr2 is the detector. The operating frequency depends on the coil L2, trimmer TC1, and VC1. There are of course no alignment adjustments at all. With TC1 fully open, VC1 tuned approximately 130-150MHz. Super-regeneration is maintained until TC1 is about two-thirds closed, giving a low frequency limit of about 90MHz. For lower frequencies it would be necessary to increase the number of turns on L2. The upper limit at which the receiver can be made to operate is largely determined by Tr2.

Regeneration is controlled by VR1, and it is recommended that the values shown for C4, C6, R4 and R5 are as shown, though VR1 can equally well be 20k Ω or 25k Ω . TC2 from source to drain allows



◀ Fig. 1: Complete circuit of the portable v.h.f. receiver.

adjustment of regeneration, and was found of advantage with various transistors employed for Tr2.

A detector of this type is usually considered to have a sensitivity of about $0.5\mu\text{V}$, which offers a useful range with a simple aerial.

Tr3 is an audio amplifier, followed by the i.c., which contains six transistors in a driver-push-pull arrangement. This gives reasonable loudspeaker volume from the internal miniature speaker. The receiver is free from troublesome hand capacity effects, if constructed as shown.

Circuit board

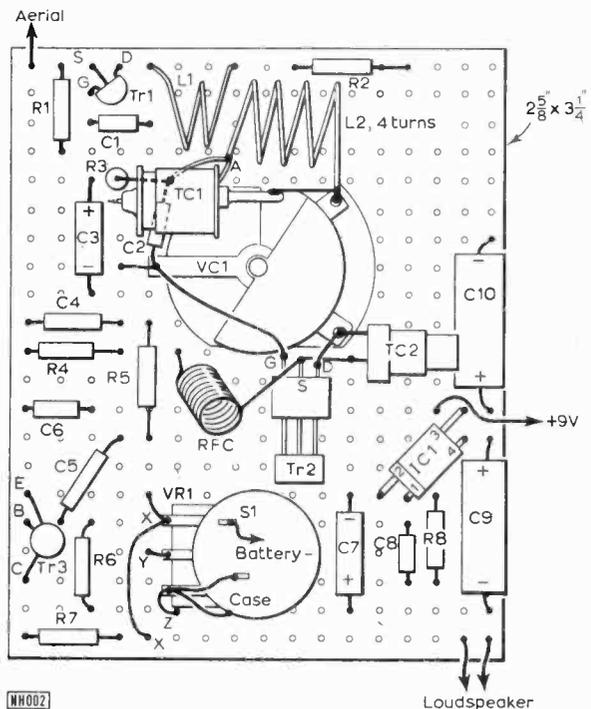
This is plain Veroboard, 0.15in. matrix, and is approximately $2\frac{5}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{4}\text{in.}$, see Fig. 2. The detector stage is assembled in close proximity to VC1.

L2 is self-supporting, and is wound with 18 or 16 s.w.g. wire, with an outside diameter of $\frac{1}{2}\text{in.}$ The coil is approximately $\frac{3}{4}\text{in.}$ long, and its ends are shaped so that they may be soldered to the fixed plates tag of VC1, and to C2. C2 has the shortest possible leads each end. A stout wire supports TC1 just clear of the plates of VC1, and the outer tag A of TC1 is bent down and soldered to L2 as shown. L1 is 2 turns of insulated wire near L2, and is soldered to two Veropins.

Coverage can be modified to some extent by stretching L2, or by compressing it so that the turns are closer together. For the coverage mentioned, four turns are used. The coil should be at least $\frac{1}{2}\text{in.}$ from the metal case.

A small 3-lead holder is fitted for Tr2, and is of

▼ Fig. 2: Component layout on the circuit board.



speaker is fixed with more adhesive. Though the speaker is 40Ω, a 75 or 80Ω unit can be fitted with almost similar results, though the best impedance for the i.c. is in the 15 to 40Ω range.

Washers are put on the bush of VC1 to space the insulated board from the metal panel, and these are then secured together with the capacitor nut. Check that all joints etc. are clear of the metal.

Final assembly

The receiver should be tested and adjusted before fitting it in its case. The box is assembled with 4BA bolts through the holes punched in its flanges, and the panel is fixed with 6BA bolts or self-tapping screws.

A 34in. telescopic aerial is used, bolted to the side of the box near R1, but insulated from the metal. This is done by using insulated washers and bushes, or insulated washers and pieces of sleeving on the bolts. One bolt carries a tag, for the aerial lead mentioned.

The battery rests in the bottom of the box, and folded card can be put round it and between battery and speaker. There must be no contact between the battery clips and metal case.

For 2 metre reception, a $\frac{1}{4}$ -wave aerial is around 19 to 20 inches. But it was found that the exact length of the aerial was not important, there being no noticeable change in volume when changing this

★ components list

Resistors

R1	330Ω	R5	15kΩ
R2	1kΩ	R6	2.2MΩ
R3	1kΩ	R7	10kΩ
R4	10kΩ	R8	10kΩ

All 5% $\frac{1}{4}$ W.

VR1 22kΩ linear pot with switch

Capacitors

C1	1000pF disc or tubular ceramic
C2	1000pF disc or tubular ceramic
C3	22μF 10V
C4	5000pF
C5	0.1μF
C6	0.01μF
C7	2.5μF 6V electrolytic
C8	0.02μF
C9	200μF 6.4V electrolytic
C10	100μF 10V electrolytic
VC1	Jackson C804, 10pF
TC1	Beehive trimmer, 30pF
TC2	Jackson 'Tetter' 10pF trimmer

Semiconductors

Tr1	MPF102
Tr2	MPF102
Tr3	BC109
IC	MFC4000B

Miscellaneous

Speaker 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. or similar, 15 to 40Ω; plain Vero-board 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 0.15in. matrix, aluminium panel 6 x 4in. and 6 x 4 x 2in., universal chassis box (Home Radio), telescopic aerial, small knob, large knob, battery clips, transistor holder, insulated washers and bolts, etc.

from about 20in. to 30in. or so. Some strong transmissions were received with the aerial completely closed.

In many cases it is better to have the aerial sloping or near horizontal, but with a hand-held receiver of this sort it is easy to move around to find the best position for the aerial, if needed.

Indoors, reception is modified by the proximity of objects such as metal windows. On a few occasions an outdoor dipole, with a co-axial feeder, has been connected, and this naturally increased range.

Adjustment

Both TC1 and TC2 may be fully unscrewed, for about 130-150MHz. (Exact coverage naturally depends on L1 and other factors, but is likely to be near this.)

When VR1 is rotated to switch on, a point should be reached where a loud hiss commences. This is the point where super-regeneration, upon which sensitivity depends, has commenced. No reception is possible if this is not obtained. Should super-regeneration be absent, TC2 may need screwing down *slightly*. A setting should be found where super-regeneration continues over the whole band tuned by VC1, with only a little re-adjustment of VR1.

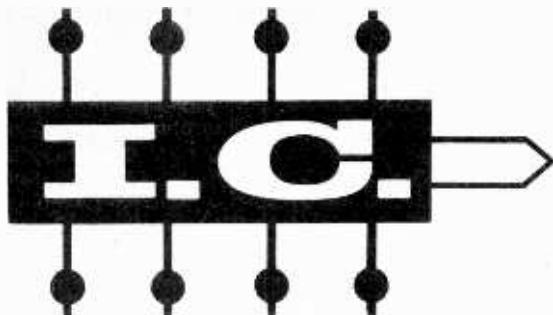
When a signal is tuned in, this hiss should cease. Strong signals will produce this effect with most settings of VR1 which permit super-regeneration; but with weak signals VR1 may have to be backed off slightly.

L1 should be quite near L2, but if coupling is very tight this may prevent regeneration in some circumstances. It is possible to boost volume by using more turns on L1 so that it is broadly self-resonant at the wanted frequency. However, this adjustment is fairly touchy. L1 may be unsoldered from the pins, and a new winding may be fitted, with a minimum of disturbance.

If all connections are short and direct, and no fault is present, the absence of super-regeneration can only arise from Tr2 being inefficient at the frequency wanted. Of several quite inexpensive transistors tried here, one failed to operate at any frequency higher than about 100MHz, while another continued to provide regeneration at over 200MHz. As Tr1 and Tr2 are of the same type, the transistor found to give best regeneration may be used for Tr2. Its leads need not be cut down. This test can be made with the aerial temporarily taken to the drain pin of L1.

It is in order to use a 4.5pF or 5pF capacitor at VC1, if a narrower band is required, or to fit a 15pF capacitor for a larger band. The overall drain of the receiver is about 10-20mA, depending on volume.

The amount of activity on these frequencies varies very considerably in different areas, being least in some isolated parts of the country. Amateur activity on the 2 metre band is most likely at certain times at weekends. It may be considerable during v.h.f. contests, while at other times no stations may be operating. Any amateur in the 2 metre band (144-146MHz) will provide a tuning calibration point which can be noted as a guide for future reference when listening. ■



OF THE MONTH

L.A.J. IRELAND

Number 42

National LM101 for Audio Signal Generators

A simple requirement whose realisation in practice can be rather difficult is the tunable audio oscillator with an accurate sine waveform. At frequencies below 20kHz the use of inductive tuned circuits is not practical and the most commonly used circuit is the Wien bridge using RC circuits to determine the time constant of the oscillator feedback loop. The impedance of such a circuit is, of course, frequency dependent; the loop gain therefore also tends to be frequency dependent, with the result that the circuit can produce some variation in waveform and amplitude as the operating frequency is varied.

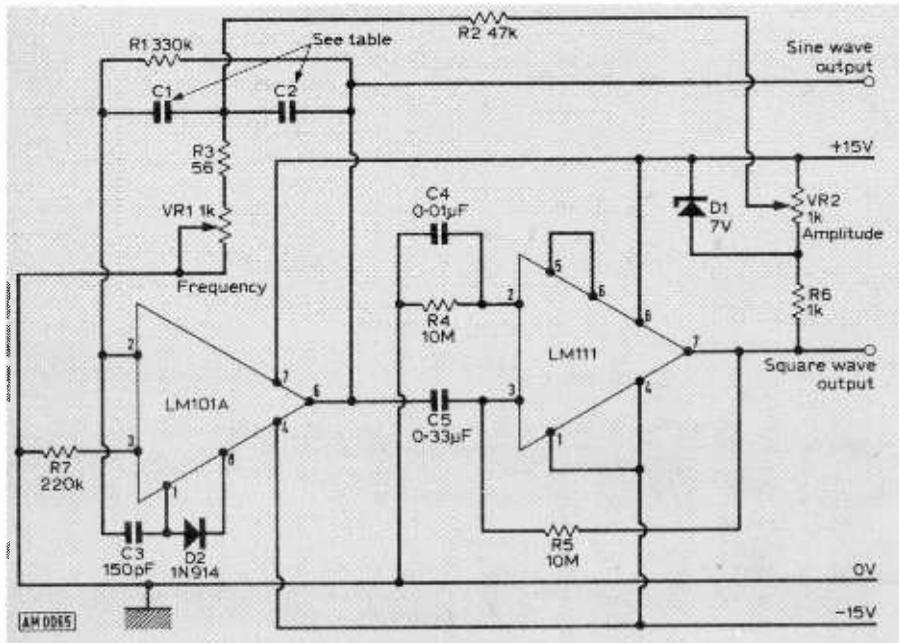
Any departure from a true sine waveform, such as the square wave produced by an oscillator with excessive loop gain, contains harmonics or overtones of the fundamental frequency and is therefore unsuitable for many applications such as the determination of the frequency response of an audio system. Various improvements on the basic Wien bridge circuit have been introduced to overcome these defects, such as the incorporation of an AGC loop with a thermistor to regulate gain.

Op Amp + Comparator

This month, however, a completely different approach is outlined, one first introduced by engineers of the National Semiconductor Corp. and employing two integrated circuits. One of these is an operational amplifier, the other a voltage comparator. The standard application of a voltage comparator unit is as a sensing element, operating a relay or switching the state of a logic circuit on the application of a low level input signal.

Operation

In the oscillator circuit to be described, it is accepted that the output of a comparator will alternate between extreme values irrespective of the waveform of the input signal. If, then, the input signal has a fixed period, the output of the comparator will be a square wave with that period and a fixed amplitude. With effective filtering to remove



C1 and C2	Frequency range
0.47µF	18Hz - 80Hz
0.1µF	80Hz - 380Hz
0.022µF	380Hz - 1.7kHz
0.0047µF	1.7kHz - 8kHz
0.002µF	4.4kHz - 20kHz

Practical circuit for an audio signal generator based on the LM101A/LM111 combination. Capacitors C1/C2 may be mounted on a range switch and should be of close tolerance and best quality. The frequency control VR1 should be large, physically, and again, of highest quality, if accurate calibration is to be achieved.

harmonics, a sine wave of fixed amplitude will remain. The filter in question is in this case an active filter incorporating an operational amplifier integrated circuit, with its centre frequency determined by an RC network. In turn, the output of the filter provides the input signal for the voltage comparator, thereby closing the oscillator feedback loop. It is clear that two separate waveforms are available from the oscillator, both stabilised in amplitude and locked together in frequency and phase; a square wave at the output of the voltage comparator, and a sine wave at the output of the operational amplifier.

Simplified Tuning

There is the further advantage that the frequency is set by a single variable resistor, whereas the Wien oscillator requires matched ganged tuning elements. The audio range from 18Hz to 20kHz is covered in five bands with band switching achieved by changing the capacitive elements in the tuned filter. The limitation on the frequency range covered with any given pair of capacitors is applied by the rise in harmonic distortion to some 2% at the maximum value of R3. Further, the principle is not applicable to the construction of RF signal generators since a sufficiently high Q is not available without the use of inductors.

Construction

In construction of these oscillators, however, some care is necessary to follow good high frequency design practice, since the individual IC's are wide

bandwidth devices. Careless construction could therefore lead to an oscillator with RF instability, and plagued by parasitic oscillations. Both power supply lines, therefore, should be decoupled by 0.1µF disc ceramic capacitors. Further, the output of the comparator should be shielded from the op amp input, to ensure that the only feedback occurs via the intended filtered loop.

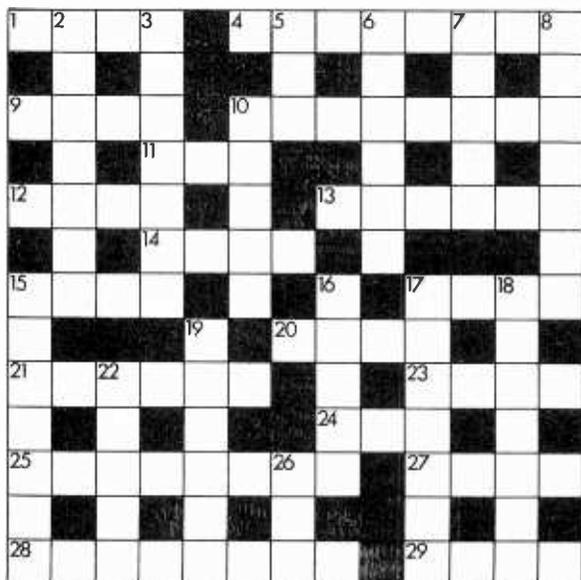
Radio Control

For those interested in radio control techniques, it can be seen that a simple modification to the circuit can produce a frequency-operated switch. If the operational amplifier and associated tuned circuit are examined alone, it is clear that an output signal is produced only if the input applied via R2 contains a component at the resonant frequency. That output signal can then be detected by a conventional diode, and the resultant DC level applied to the voltage comparator, thereby operating a relay. Such a system therefore would function on the presence or otherwise of an appropriate AF modulation on a radio control signal.

The National Semiconductors devices are available from: ITT Electronic Services, Edinburgh Way, Harlow, Essex.

The LM101A and LM111 are manufactured to military specifications and therefore somewhat expensive. The 'civilian' equivalents LM301A and LM311 are very much cheaper and should perform quite adequately in this application (Technical Editor).

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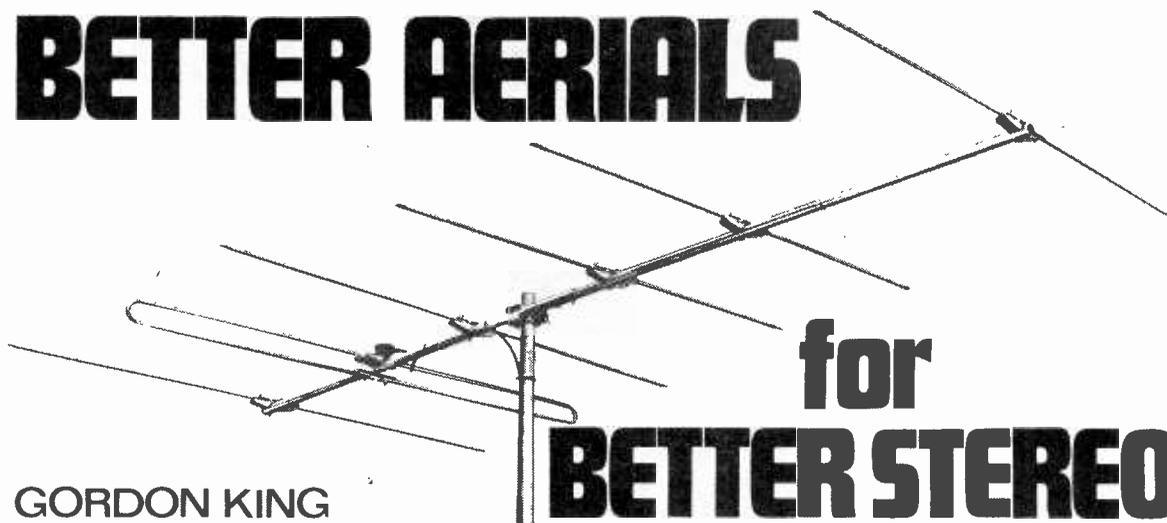
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- 16 A circuit may do so, of course (5)
- 17 Good reception for a type like Rod? (7)
- 18 Crew formation for co-ordinating adjustment? (7)
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**FOR AMUSEMENT ONLY
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BETTER AERIALS



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PART 3

AERIAL DESIGN

Accurate design of good FM aerials of multi-element composition is complex, and since very good FM aerials of all types are readily available at quite reasonable prices it hardly pays the enthusiast these days to tailor his own design. Discarded television aerials as they stand are useless for FM since their tuned frequency is all wrong. However, it is sometimes possible to make use of some of the components of such aerials in the construction of an FM aerial. The elements and cross-boom of a Band I aerial can be cut down to tune Band II, and the insulator at the dipole and other fittings can often be used to advantage. There is no 'standard' design; the absolute dimensions of the elements and their spacings determine the overall bandwidth, the nature of the polar diagram and the correct impedance matching to the feeder over the bandwidth.

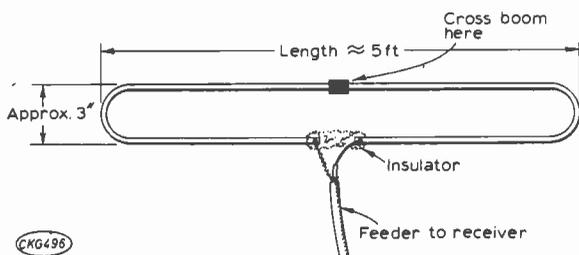


Fig. 7: General construction of a folded dipole which can be used by itself or form the basis of a multi-element aerial.

A simple dipole has a centre impedance of about 72 ohms and thus closely matches 72 ohm coaxial feeder, this being necessary for maximum energy transfer from the aerial to the receiver or tuner. However, when the simple dipole is advanced into a multi-element array by the addition of parasitic elements the impedance at the centre of the dipole falls from the aerial to the receiver or tuner. However, when the simple dipole is advanced into a multi-element array by the addition of parasitic elements the impedance at the centre of the dipole falls and some artifice has to be employed to increase the coupling impedance to a value matching the feeder.

One such artifice is 'folding' the dipole, as shown in Fig. 7. This quadruples the impedance at the

feeder connecting point, increasing it to about 300 ohms in the simple case. However, when a reflector and directors are added the centre impedance of a simple dipole falls to about 24 ohms, so by folding the dipole as shown in Fig. 7 the coupling impedance is restored to about 72 ohms.

HOME-MADE AERIAL

Fig. 8 gives the dimensions for a home-made four-element array which will respond pretty well over the whole of Band II. The dipole can be folded as shown in Fig. 7 and 72 ohm coaxial feeder should be used. Notice that the reflector is slightly longer than the dipole and that the directors are shorter. Additional directors can be used, the third then being 4ft. 3in. and the fourth 4ft. with 1ft. 7in. spacing.

It should be noted that the element dimensions correspond to length plus diameter, so if they are

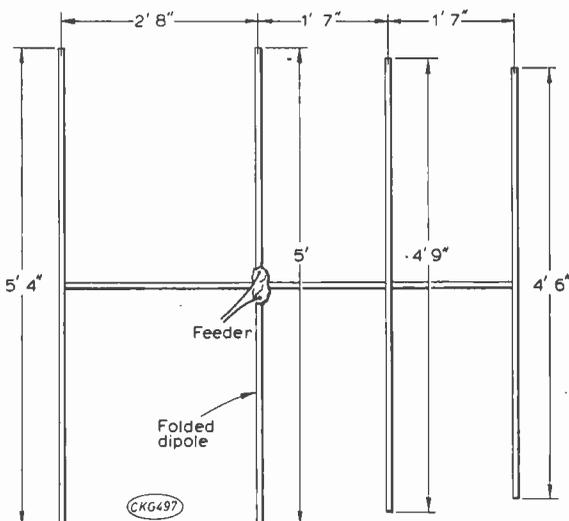


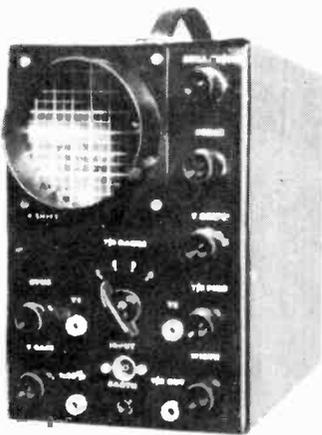
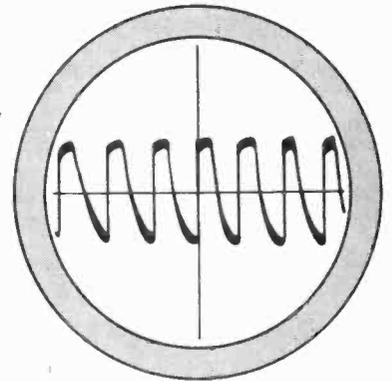
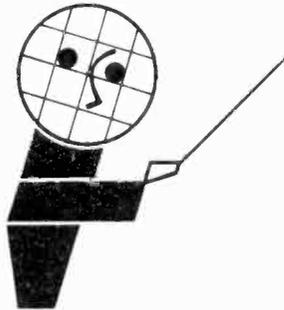
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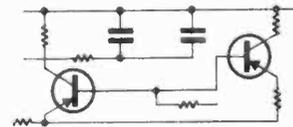
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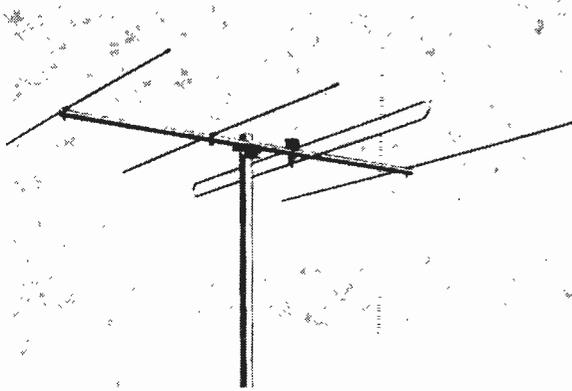
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A commercial version of a four element array for FM (J-Beam Aerials Ltd.).

composed of, say, 1/2in. rod the actual lengths are all 1/2in. less than given on the diagram. The spacings are taken from the centre axis of each rod or element.

INPUT MATCHING

Most British receivers and tuners destined for the British market have aerial inputs suitable for 72 ohm coaxial cable (the British 'standard'). Some imported receivers and tuners have inputs for both 72 ohms coaxial (which is unbalanced) and 240/300 ohms balanced twin feeder, used in European areas and American countries. There are times, however, when the receiver or tuner has only a 240/300 ohm balanced input. By connecting the British standard coaxial cable direct to such an input results in a mismatch and hence loss of signal energy transfer.

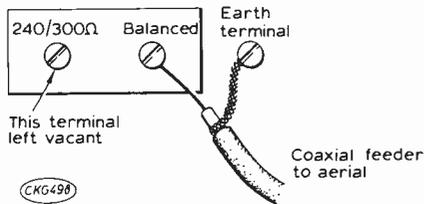


Fig. 9: A useful 'dodge' to permit feeding a balanced input with unbalanced coaxial cable.

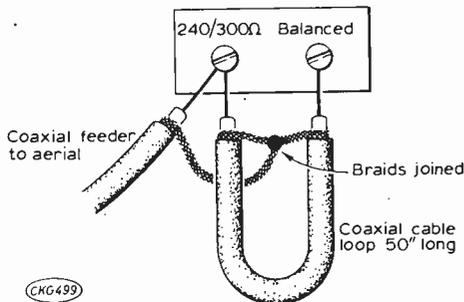


Fig. 10: An alternative method of feeding unbalanced coaxial cable to a balanced input circuit.

In quite a few cases like this it is possible to achieve matching to coaxial cable by connecting the inner conductor to one of the 240/300 ohm sockets or terminals and the braid to an adjacent earth terminal or to the metal part of the chassis (**Important: this must never be done if the receiver is of the 'a.c./d.c.' type which uses no mains transformer for isolation; if in doubt consult a qualified dealer or technician**), as shown in Fig. 9.

This matching results from the centre-tapped winding on the primary of the aerial input transformer, giving a 4:1 impedance transformation since the turns ratio is 2:1.

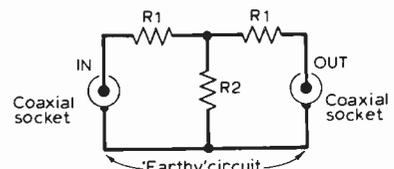
Should the 300 ohm balanced aerial input circuit of the receiver or tuner be unsuitable for matching this way, then an external impedance matching transformer must be used for the best results. A simple coaxial cable transformer arrangement is shown in Fig. 10. It is also possible to obtain commercially small low-loss balun transformers using ferrite cores.



A multi-element FM aerial can be an awkward brute! Erection of these arrays is best left to the experts (R. Smith Aerials, Luton).

INPUT OVERLOAD

When a tuner or receiver is used very close to a powerful station the input stages may be unable to accommodate the multiplicity of strong signals



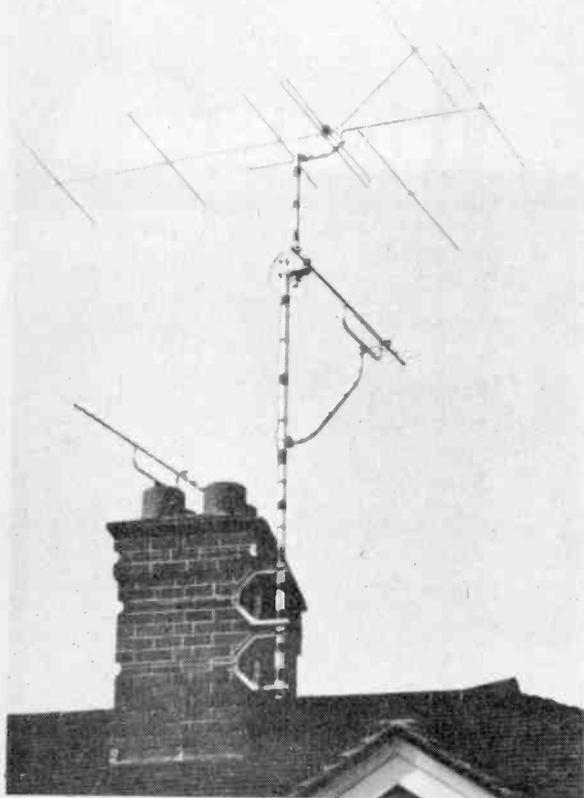
$$R1 = Z \frac{A-1}{A+1} \quad R2 = Z \frac{2A}{(A+1)(A-1)}$$

$Z = \text{Receiver/feeder input impedance}$
 $A = \text{voltage reduction ratio}$

Fig. 11: Overloading of input circuits can cause all kinds of strange noises on FM. Suitable signal attenuators can be constructed using the above formulae.

without overloading. This is manifested by spurious signals appearing at incorrect tuning points over the scale, and intermodulation may occur between the various programmes.

This trouble can also incite a 'warbling' type of interference on stereo. The solution to the problem is to reduce the level (attenuate) the signal from the aerial to the receiver or tuner. A less elaborate indoor aerial may reduce the signal input, but in some cases this could be undesirable, notably when



The lower mast carries a fixed TV array plus a Stolle rotator for the Arrow 7 FM beam above (R. Smith Aerials, Luton).

a directional aerial is used to reduce distortion due to reflected signals (Fig. 6).

Plug-in coaxial attenuators in a range of values are obtainable from dealers, and there is a similar type available with adjustable attenuation values. Alternatively, it is not a difficult matter to make one's own attenuators for unbalanced circuits, as shown in Fig. 11. The resistors, which should be of non-inductive type (i.e., cracked carbon), can be mounted in a discarded tobacco tin, using the tin itself as the 'earthy' circuit.

Overloading can also occur under certain conditions at distances of twenty or more miles from a station at elevated sites with open aspects towards the station. It is likely that more overloading problems will occur when the FM commercial stations go on the air, for these may not be co-sited with the regular BBC stations and thus could introduce heavy signal fields in areas where only moderate signals are present from the BBC stations.

In some cases like this it may be necessary to use frequency-selection attenuation adjusted only to the frequency of the powerful offending station, but this is another story which will be examined in greater detail when the time comes. ■

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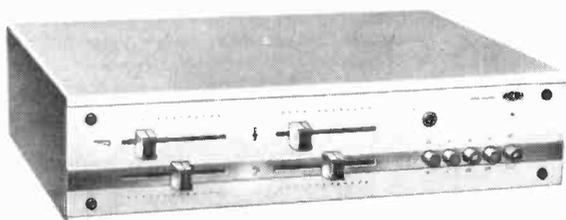
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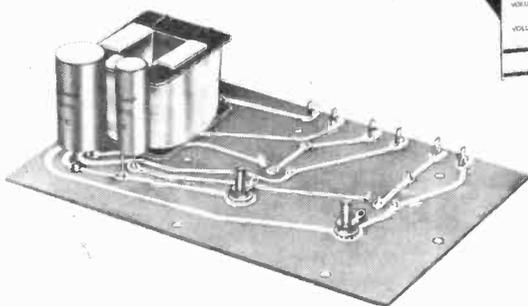
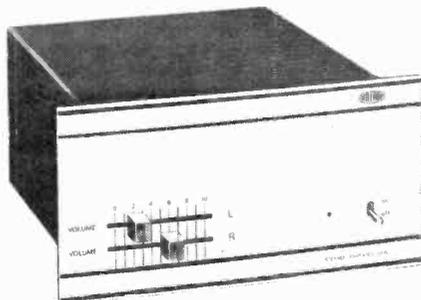


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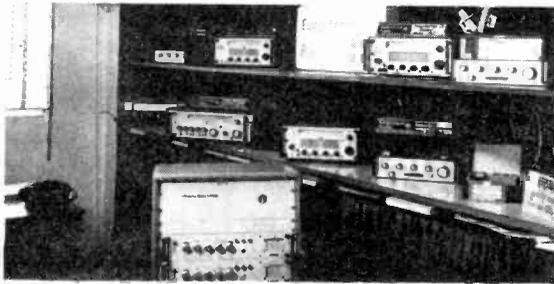
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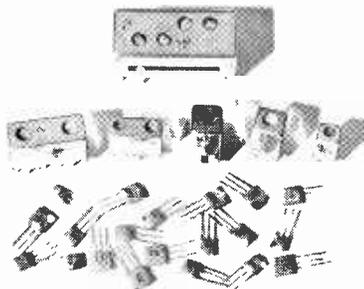
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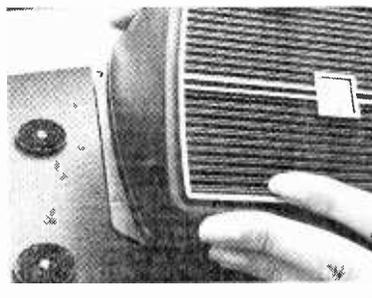


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SPECIAL PRODUCT REPORT

ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR

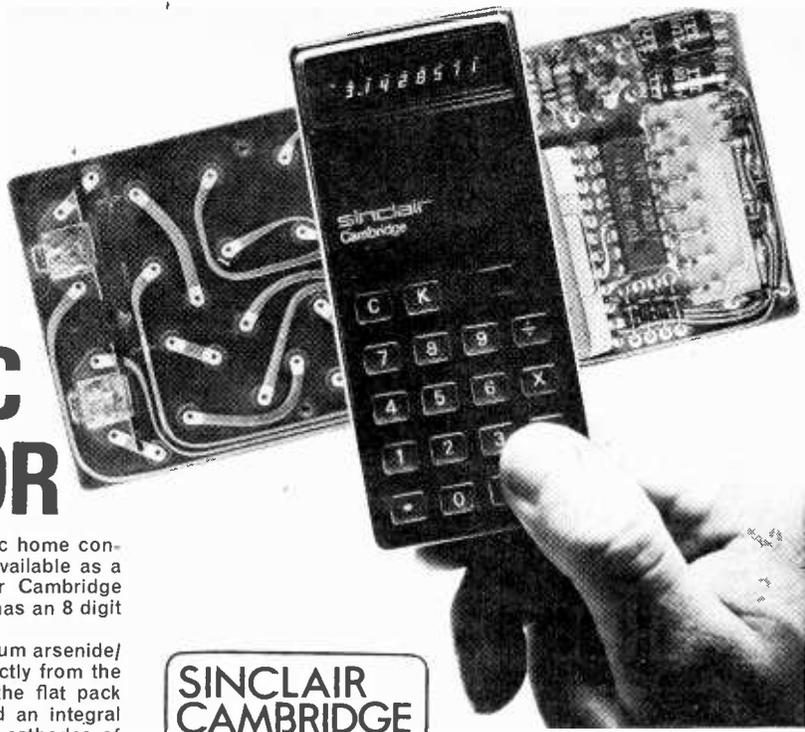
ONE of the latest additions to the electronic home construction market is a pocket calculator available as a complete kit or fully assembled. The Sinclair Cambridge weighs 3½ozs and measures 4½ x 2 x 1½in and has an 8 digit LED display.

The LED display is an 8 digit 7 segment gallium arsenide/phosphide device being driven via diodes directly from the calculator chip. The 8 diodes, D3-D10, and the flat pack resistor package RN1 form both isolation and an integral part of the keyboard's electronic routine. The cathodes of each digit are driven by a sixteen pin integrated circuit.

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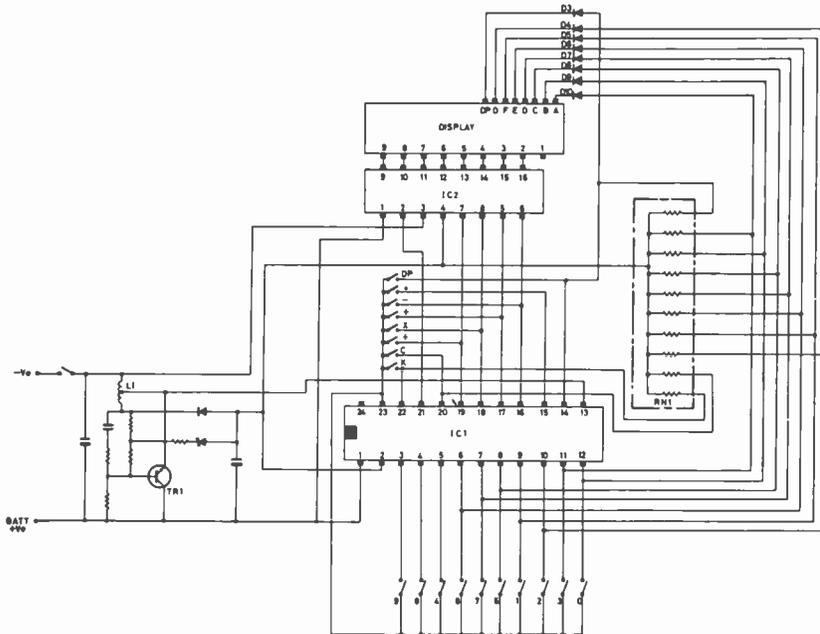
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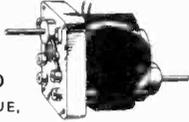


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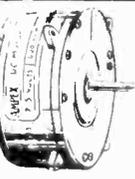


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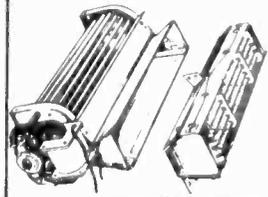


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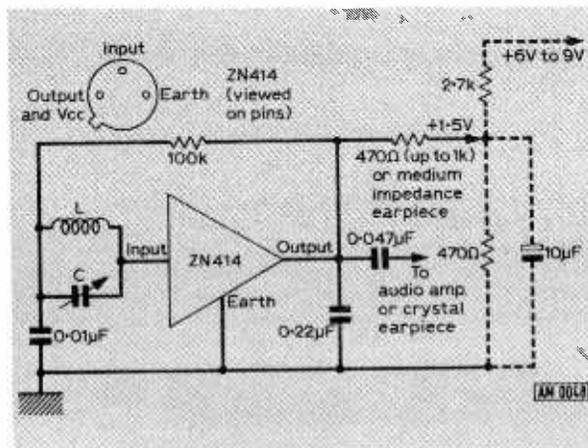
MORE ON THE ZN414

L.A.J. IRELAND

THE first surprise to the reader brought up on radio in the fifties and sixties is to find the TRF (tuned radio frequency or "straight") radio circuit making a comeback in the 1970s. This type of circuitry was discontinued in the thirties, with the development of the superhet, for several good reasons. First, the selectivity of the tuned circuits of the time became inadequate as the number of transmitters on the air increased, with the result that the ability to discriminate between stations closely separated in frequency was impaired. Improved selectivity required more sharply tuned coils, or alternatively the application of reaction or positive feedback. Further, with a series of tuned circuits operating at the same frequency, stray coupling could itself provide sufficient positive feedback to produce instability.

In any event, excessive positive feedback whether due to stray coupling or deliberate application of reaction could, quite simply, cause the circuit to radiate rather than receive and thereby render impossible reception of a broadcast on that frequency, for some distance around. The superhet, in which amplification of the signal occurs mainly at an intermediate frequency separated from that of the received signal, not only guarantees improved selectivity and stability but also permits the easy application of such refinements as automatic gain control (AGC).

The above observations apply generally to valve or transistor systems; it will be noted that, although TRF circuits have a deceptive simplicity, and avoid the purchase, installation and alignment of intermediate frequency transformers, they achieved only a very restricted popularity among the home constructors of the sixties. Also, despite the fact that quality in broadcast sound had been transferred to the FM channels, even the cheapest commercial AM receivers retained the superhet scheme. To be a credible contribution to the radio scene, therefore, the Ferranti ZN414 unit must have featured as distinctly novel in TRF circuits.



It should be clear, though, that the technology of the monolithic integrated circuit is better adapted to the TRF format. In every single operational amplifier or other high gain IC, methods have had to be developed and applied to enable the transfer of signals through several stages of amplification within a single chip without instability developing through stray capacitances. An integrated circuit IF amplifier for a superhet, however, must either lump all the frequency-selective tuned circuits before or after the amplification stage, or alternatively transfer the signal several times between the chip and external discrete circuitry, each time incurring the risk of instability problems which the superhet was intended to avoid. Further, with the high grade ferrites and litz wire, the tuned aerial circuit currently available has a higher "Q" and therefore an inherently improved selectivity, on the circuits of over thirty years ago. Further, a high input impedance can be developed, in the case of the Ferranti ZN414 typically over 1.5MΩ, so that this selectivity is not degraded by the loading presented by the following circuit. Finally, it has been found possible to incorporate an adequate AGC system.

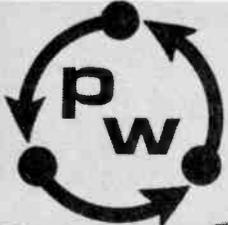
Low current consumption

The unit incorporates the equivalent of ten transistors packaged in a three pin TO-18 can identical with that used for small NPN transistors. The required power source is a single 1.5V dry cell though the unit will function adequately over the range 1.1 to 1.8V; economy of operation is assured by the very low current drain, some 1mA being typical. Under such conditions, and with the AGC system operating on an incoming signal, the circuit produces an output of some 40mV quite adequate to operate a medium impedance magnetic earpiece (about 500Ω) or a crystal earpiece through a coupling capacitor. In general, though, the unit will be used to drive an audio amplifier, for which the output is adequate.

Constructional details

Now for one or two constructional points. The small capacitor from the output pin to earth bypasses to earth any radio frequency signal appearing at the output. It is therefore necessary that it be mounted as close as possible to the output and earth leads of the ZN414. It will be noted that the time constant of the output circuit, determined by this capacitor and the AGC resistor, is some 4kHz a feature tailored to the characteristics of the AM signal, for which a passband of some 10kHz (double side-band) is allowed.

The aerial used, which may be any of those advertised to cover the medium waveband with an appropriate capacitor, should have its ferrite rod at least an inch away from the IC, otherwise all leads should be as short as possible. Due to the high input impedance already mentioned it is not necessary to tap the tuned coil on the ferrite rod to find a matching point to feed the circuit input. However, on commercial rod aeriels employed with this unit, such a tap, or a small secondary winding, may be available; this may be used experimentally for the connection of an external aerial, if so desired. ■



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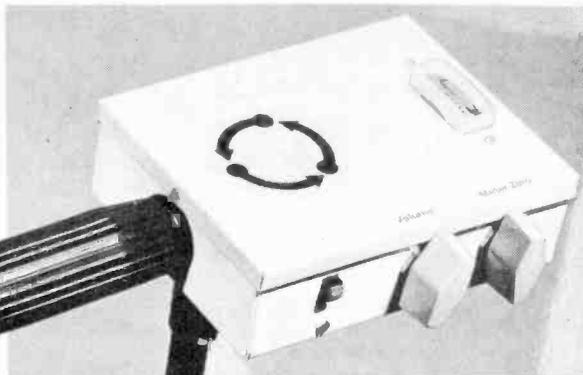
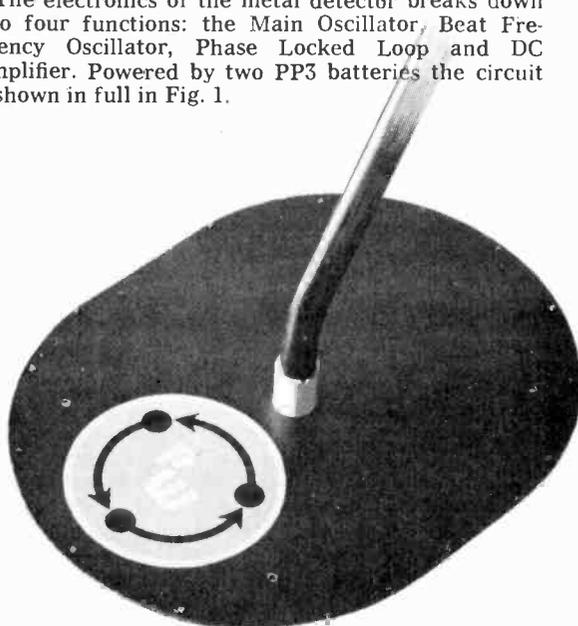
PHASE LOCKED LOOP I.C. METAL DETECTOR

THIS lightweight metal detector operates at a frequency of 120kHz and uses a phase locked loop to provide both an audible and a visual indication of a find. Most detectors use either a variable inductance or a variable mutual inductance as the sensing element. The Ferret is no exception, the inductance of the search coil changing in the presence of metal. Ferrous and non-ferrous metals cause opposite changes in inductance and it is a unique feature of the Ferret that a visual indication of this is provided. The meter deflection is in opposite senses for the two types of metal.

Another feature not found on previous metal detectors is the use of harmonic mixing. Although the two oscillators in the Ferret are both operated at about 120kHz the beat note is derived from their fifth harmonics and the sensitivity is accordingly five times as great.

Main Oscillator

The electronics of the metal detector breaks down into four functions: the Main Oscillator, Beat Frequency Oscillator, Phase Locked Loop and DC Amplifier. Powered by two PP3 batteries the circuit is shown in full in Fig. 1.



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The search coil L1 and the series combination of C4, C5 and C6 form a tuned circuit with Tr1 acting as an oscillator taking the voltage at the C4-C5 junction, amplifying it, and feeding it back to the C6-L1 junction in the correct phase for maintaining the oscillation. Diode D1 clamps the gate of Tr1 below earth potential and provides AGC action to stabilise the output and prevent it from being clipped. DC power is fed to the amplifier through the choke L2 the value of which is not critical, but 25mH should be considered a minimum and the value chosen (40mH) happened to be available to the author in a convenient size. An output of at least 5V peak to peak should be available, the frequency being adjusted by altering the number of turns on L1.

Beat Frequency Oscillator

An NE555 timer IC is used in astable mode to provide a variable frequency oscillator. Suppose C1 is charging up through R1, R2 and VR2; when the voltage across C1, sensed by pin 6, reaches $\frac{2}{3}$ Vcc pin 7 is earthed and C1 begins to discharge through R1. When the voltage across C1, sensed by pin 2, has fallen to $\frac{1}{3}$ Vcc pin 7 is allowed to float and C1 begins to recharge. The switching applied to pin 7 is amplified and presented at the output, pin 3, as a squarewave which swings between earth and Vcc.

$$C1 \text{ charge time} = 0.685(R1 + R2 + VR2)C1$$

$$C1 \text{ discharge time} = 0.685R1C1$$

$$\text{Frequency} = 1 / (\text{Charge time} + \text{Discharge time}) \\ = 1 / (2R1 + R2 + VR2)C1 \times 0.685$$

Substituting the circuit values gives a range of frequencies, as VR2 is varied, of 103-160kHz. The upper frequency is not reached due to stray capacitances and internal resistances (the chip is only specified to 100kHz) but an adequate band to either side of 120kHz can be swept.

Phase Locked Loop

The operation of the NE561B phase locked loop was described last month, but is outlined again below owing to the unconventional used made of it in the Ferret.

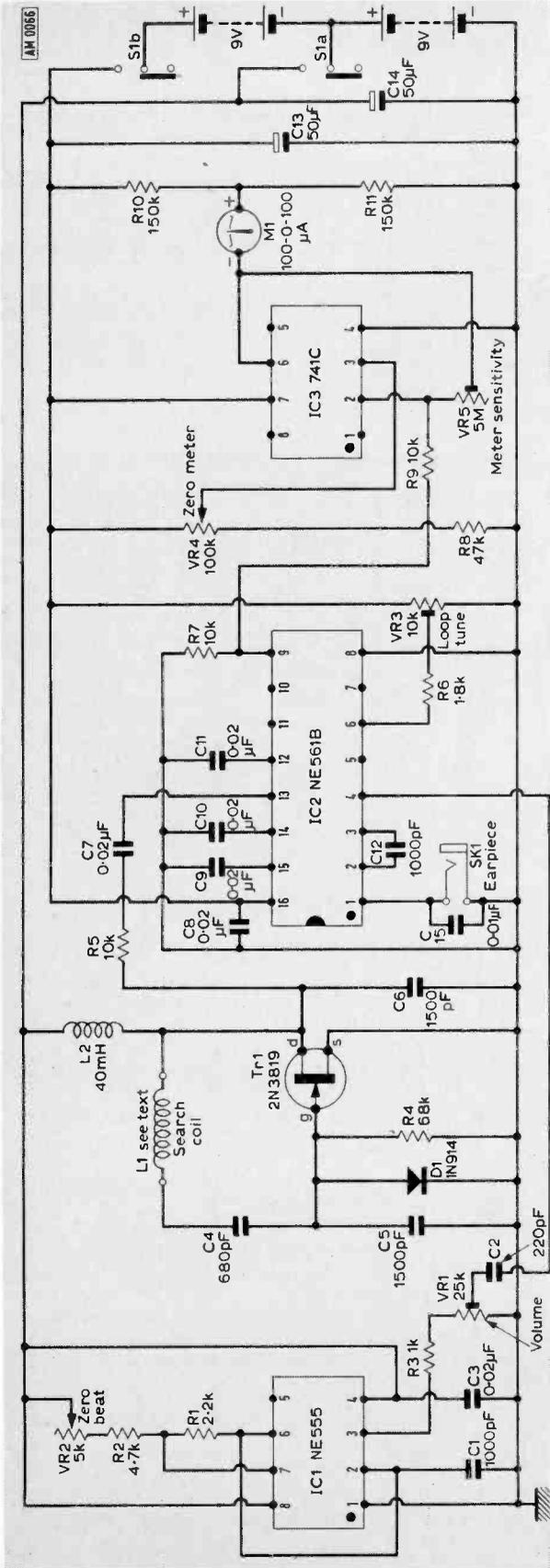


Fig. 1 : Complete circuit of the P.W. Ferret

When the PLL has no input signal, the Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO) frequency resulting is called the free-running frequency and is determined by C12 and the current injected into pin 6 from VR3 and R6.

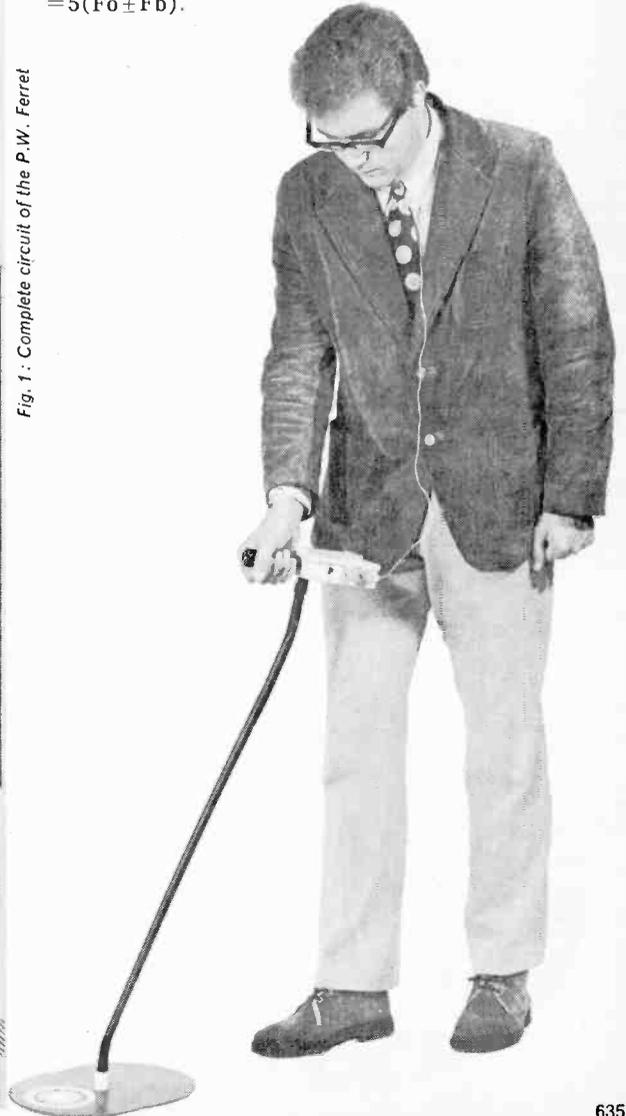
In Fig. 2, Vc assumes a quiescent value. On applying the main oscillator output to the FM input, pin 13, the phase sensitive detector and low pass filter cause Vc to change just enough to make the VCO frequency equal to the input frequency ($5 \times F_0$).

The amount that Vc changes depends on the difference between the free-running frequency and $5 \times F_0$. In this circuit the free-running frequency is fixed so Vc can be regarded as a function of F_0 only.

$$\frac{\text{Change in } V_c}{\text{Change in } F_0} = 200\text{mV}/\%$$

Thus changes in the inductance of L1 have been transformed into changes in F_0 which have in their turn been transformed into changes in Vc.

The VCO frequency, which by PLL action is exactly equal to $5 \times F_0$, is mixed with the Beat Frequency Oscillator output $5 \times F_b$ in the internal multiplier intended for AM demodulation, Fig. 2. An audible beat note, F_a , results where $F_a = (5 \times F_0 \pm 5 \times F_b) = 5(F_0 \pm F_b)$.



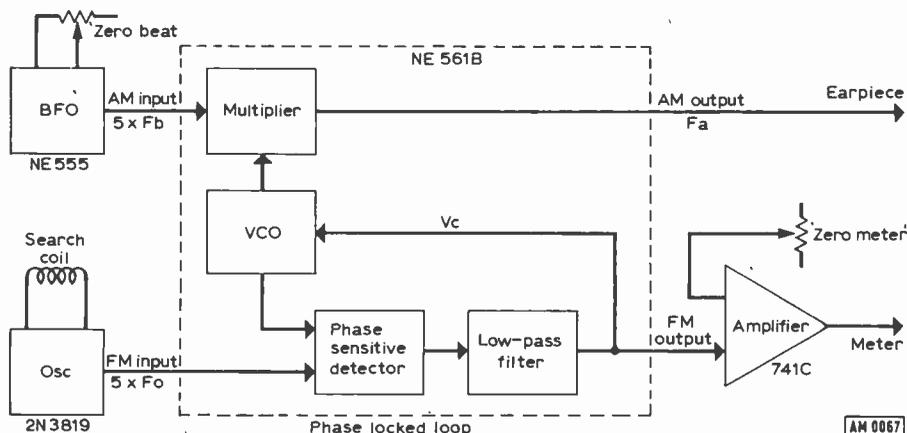


Fig. 3: Block diagram illustrating circuit function.

Fig. 3: The printed circuit board—to scale.

If F_o and F_b are very large compared with F_a , and are nearly equal to each other then very small changes in F_o will produce large changes in F_a . Suppose F_o changes from 120kHz to 120.120kHz, with $F_b = 119.9$ kHz.

V_c will change by

$$\left(\frac{120.120 - 120}{120} \right) \times 100 \times 200\text{mV} = 20\text{mV}$$

and F_a will change from $5(120 - 119.9) = 500\text{Hz}$ to $5(120.120 - 119.9) = 1100\text{Hz}$.

The output from the Beat Frequency Oscillator is dropped by the volume control VR1 to a level suitable for the phase locked loop and C2 tailors the frequency response of the coupling network to attenuate the fundamental of 120kHz but pass the required harmonic of 600kHz. An input of more than two volts will cause damage to the IC. The mixed output is fed directly into a crystal earpiece, and is quite sufficient for all but the most noisy surroundings. As mentioned above, VR1 acts as a preset volume control.

DO NOT attempt to drive a magnetic earpiece directly from the IC as this will seriously overload it. If it is required to run a magnetic earpiece or speaker then it is quite permissible to add a suitable amplifier stage, remembering that the AM output of an NE561B has a DC level of about +14V.

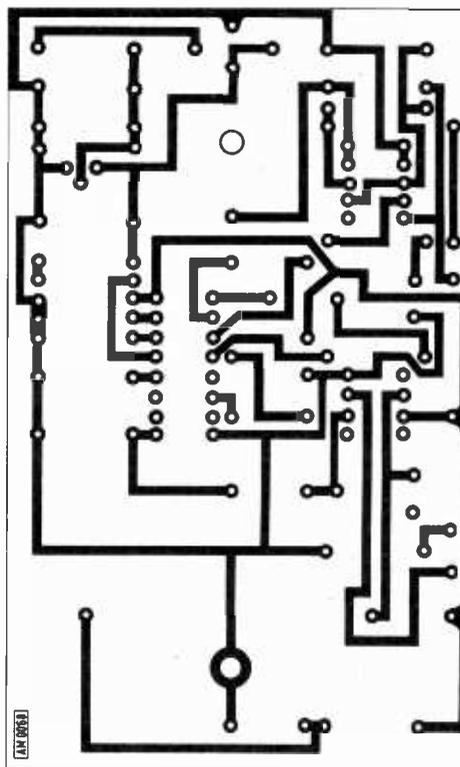
Capacitors C7-C11 perform coupling and bypass functions and any value between $0.01\mu\text{F}$ and $0.1\mu\text{F}$ should be adequate.

D.C. Amplifier

A 741 operational amplifier is used as a variable gain inverting amplifier. By altering the value of VR5, the preset sensitivity control, the gain of the amplifier can be adjusted from $\times 1$ to $\times 500$. At maximum gain an output swing of 1 volt is obtained for a 0.01% change in F_o .

Because the normal output level at pin 9 of IC2 is +12V a voltage divider VR4 and R8 is provided to give a zero-set control. The meter M1 will give a zero indication when the voltage at pin 3 of IC3 equals the voltage at pin 9 of IC2.

Resistors R10 and R11 are equivalent to a single resistance in series with the meter and connected to +9V. Their values should be adjusted so that



full scale deflection of the meter occurs when the amplifier output is either at earth or +18V. 150k Ω was found to suit the miniature meter used in the prototype. Power supply decoupling is provided by C13 and C14.

Transistor enthusiasts may be interested to know that the three integrated circuits contain about seventy-five semiconductor devices although it is not often clear which of these are transistors and which are diodes!

Circuit Board

A printed circuit board $4 \times 2\frac{3}{8}$ in. has been designed to take the Ferret, see Fig. 3. Only one interconnecting wire is used on the board and all terminations

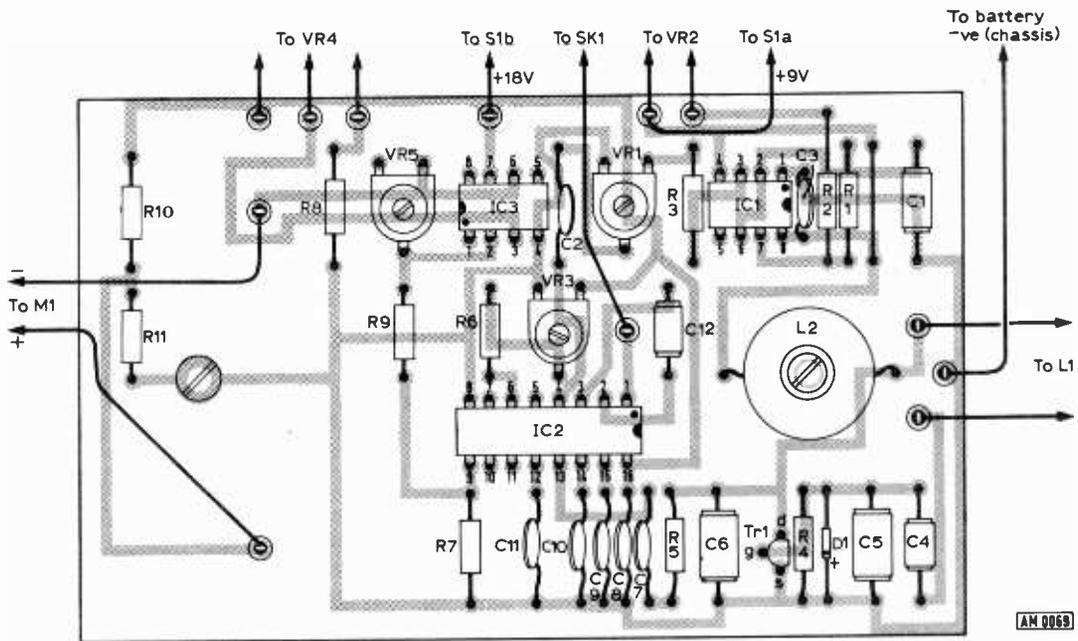


Fig. 4: Component layout and interconnections.

are taken to convenient points. The meter is intended to be positioned over the large clear area at one end of the board. Two holes are drilled to enable the board to be bolted into the box, one being positioned to take the integral screw of the specified pot core L2.

All the component holes except those for the preset potentiometers VR1, VR3 and VR5 are positioned on a 0.1in. matrix so the circuit could be made up as shown on perforated paxolin with pins and underboard connecting wires. Component positions are shown in Fig. 4.

If a new component layout is contemplated then the only precaution to take is to keep the leads to IC2 as short as possible and the circuit basically split up into its four sections, as depicted in Figs. 1 and 4.

Assembly

A small aluminium box $5\frac{1}{4} \times 4 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ in. has the remaining components mounted inside it with the meter in the lid. It is important to use a metal box in order to keep down stray radiation. Fig. 5 shows the positions of VR2, VR4, S1 and SK1. The cutting details for the meter will depend on the actual type used.

A 6BA bolt is used to augment the 6BA bolt in L2 for holding the circuit board. It is important to see that the case is earthed via the copper conductor pattern by at least one of these screws. The best way to ensure that the component wires do not short out on the case is to introduce a couple of extra nuts on the bolts between the board and the case.

If plastic electrical conduit, as described later, is used to construct the shaft of the Ferret then a hole large enough to accommodate the fixing bush must be punched or cut in the base of the case and a similar one for the handle.

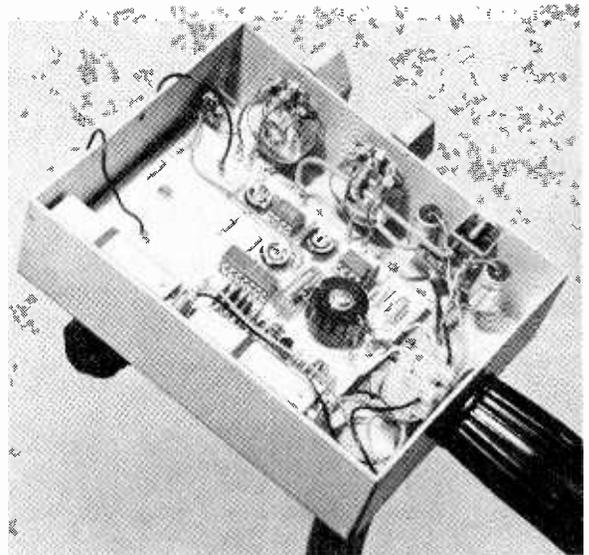


Fig. 5: The positions of the main controls can be clearly seen above.

The search coil, L1, must be wound for an inductance which gives a frequency of 120kHz in the main oscillator. It can be shown that the inductance is proportional to N^2D , where N is the number of turns and D the diameter of the search coil. Many different coils have been wound for the prototype using this formula based on an original made with the aid of a digital frequency meter. All have fallen well within the band that can be tuned in by the rest of the circuitry.

Fig. 6a shows a small coil for localised searches and Fig. 6b a larger coil, which is slightly less sensitive, for extended searches. The number of

turns are respectively 90 and 65. To wind the coil, first nail a few small pins into the upper rim of the top plate and carefully wind the required number of turns from any thin insulated copper wire. When this is complete push the coil down on to the hardboard and secure with a dozen or so blobs of glue. When the glue is dry the pins can be removed and the two pieces of hardboard sandwiched together. Drill four holes in the complete assembly, as shown in Fig. 6, and bring the plates together with 4BA bolts.

The connection to the circuit board is made by a length of coax cable and a terminal block inside the case.

One of the easiest materials to use for the shaft is a length of plastic conduit intended for electrical wiring. Having been bent to the shape shown in Fig. 7, by gently heating the relevant section, it is fixed into the base of the box and the search coil top plate with termination pieces. The fixing to the search coil should be completed before it is finally screwed together.

A short length of conduit, fixed as described above into the end of the case, covered with a bicycle handlebar grip will suffice for a handle.

★ components list

Resistors

R1 2.2k Ω	R5 10k Ω	R9 10k Ω
R2 4.7k Ω	R6 1.8k Ω	R10 150k Ω
R3 1k Ω	R7 10k Ω	R11 150k Ω
R4 68k Ω	R8 47k Ω	

All $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ watt, 20% or better, see text
 VR1 25k Ω pre-set pot., horizontal, miniature
 VR2 5k Ω pot., standard
 VR3 10k Ω pre-set pot., horizontal, miniature
 VR4 100k Ω pot., standard
 VR5 5M Ω pre-set pot., horizontal, miniature

Capacitors

C1 1000pF polystyrene	C8 0.02 μ F ceramic
C2 220pF ceramic	C9 0.02 μ F ceramic
C3 0.02 μ F ceramic	C10 0.02 μ F ceramic
C4 680pF polystyrene	C11 0.02 μ F ceramic
C5 1500pF polystyrene	C12 1000pF polystyrene
C6 1500pF polystyrene	C13 50 μ F 25V electrolytic
C7 0.02 μ F ceramic	C14 50 μ F 25V electrolytic
	C15 0.01 μ F ceramic

Polystyrene capacitors 5% or better

Semiconductors

IC1 NE555 8 pin DIL	D1 1N914 or similar
IC2 NE561B 16 pin DIL	Tr1 2N3819 or similar
IC3 741C 8 pin DIL	

Miscellaneous

L1, L2 see text. Jack socket, 3.5mm. Crystal ear-piece and plug, 3.5mm. S1, 2 pole c/o slide switch. Aluminium box 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (AB10). Batteries PP3 (2) and 2 pairs battery clips. Knobs (2). Plastic conduit, 36in. approx. and conduit terminations (3). Plastic handlebar grip. Terminal block, 2 way. Hardboard and wire for heads. Co-axial cable. Printed circuit board. M1, centre-zero edge panel tuning meter (Henrys F11).

Ambit International, 37 High St., Brentwood, Essex, can supply the pcb for 78p inc., the three IC's and transistor for £4.90 inc. or a complete kit consisting of the pcb, three IC's and transistor, all remaining components, aluminium box and wire for search head for £9.50 inc.

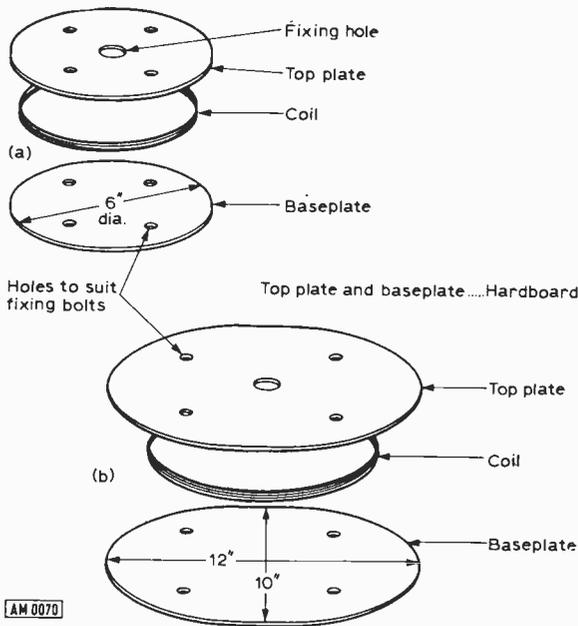


Fig. 6(a): A small coil used for localised searches and Fig. 6(b) a larger coil, although less sensitive, used for extended searches.

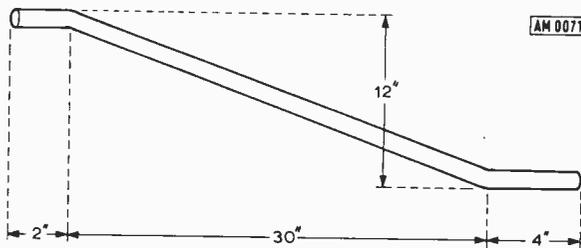
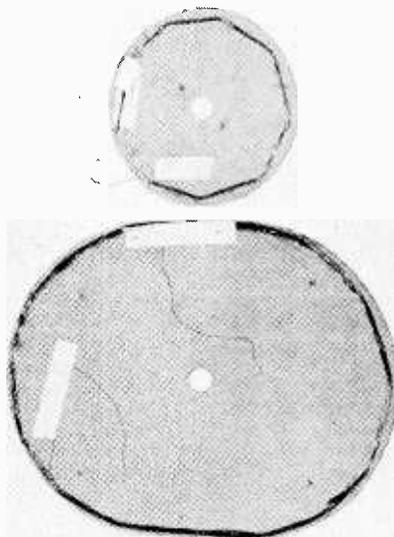
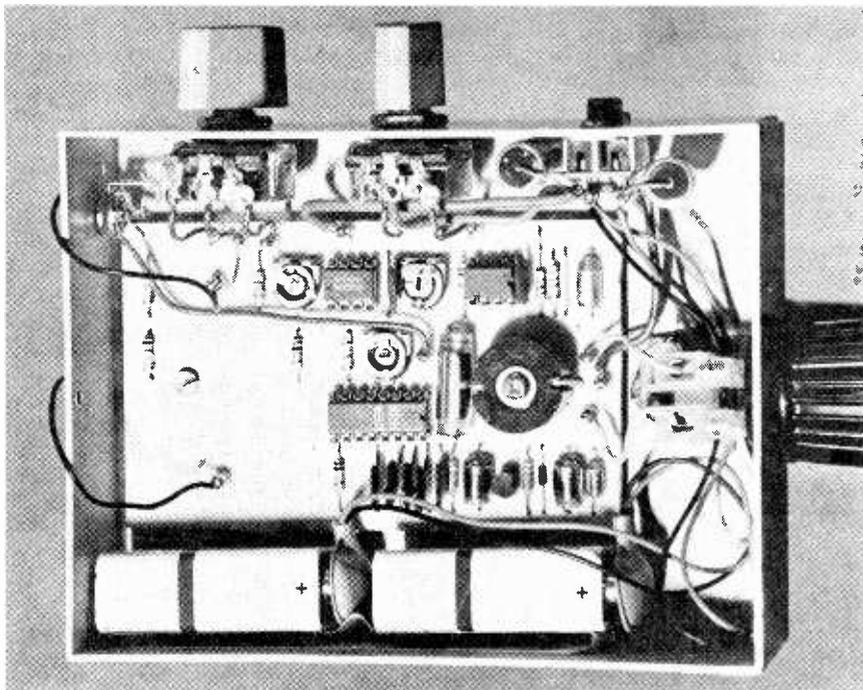


Fig. 7: The handle is formed as shown above.



Photograph shows two of the coils made by the author.



Close-up view showing the inside of the PW Ferret. Compare this photograph with Fig. 4.

Setting Up

With the search coil connected, set all the preset pots to mid-rotation and switch on. Adjust VR2 for a strong and constant beat note. If only weak and varying notes can be obtained then the loop is not locked and VR3 must be rotated until the required note is heard. Set VR3 in the middle of the portion of its travel over which the beat note is clear. VR1 can then be set for the required volume in the earpiece.

Adjust VR4 to zero the meter, this will be a sensitive setting, and move the Ferret towards a large metal object. An indication should be both heard and seen. VR5 will then determine the strength

of the meter reading when an object comes within range.

It may be possible to obtain beat notes from harmonics other than the fifth. It is sufficient, however, to select that beat note which gives the most sensitive audible response when the Ferret is brought near to some metal test object.

As has been already suggested in the text, a lot of the component values are non-critical and, in general, all except the polystyrene capacitors can have 20% tolerance. It is recommended that first grade integrated circuits are used, especially the NE555. If required, integrated circuit mounting pins can be used. ■

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life. Sinclair Radionics claim that mercury cells will give 12 hours continuous operation. Certainly a small mains unit would be an advantage if continuous use of the calculator is contemplated.

The kit is intended for constructors with previous soldering experience. Estimated assembly time is approximately 3 hours. Tools required—and the most important item—is a properly earthed sub-miniature soldering iron with a $\frac{1}{16}$ in. bit or smaller. Other items are wire cutters, tweezers and instrument type pliers.

The 15 page step-by-step assembly instruction booklet contains a section on special safety precautions which should be observed before and during assembly of the kit.

Attention is drawn to the point, that static electricity can be a hazard unless proper precautions are taken. The manufacturers instructions should be carefully read and fully understood before assembly is contemplated.

Care is necessary when assembling the kit, especially because of the numerous tiny solder connections to be made. Blobs of solder must be avoided and close inspection of the completed printed circuit board is essential after soldering has been completed. Examination of the finished p.c.b. with a magnifying glass is recommended to ensure a clean product.

Those constructors who after purchasing the kit and then having read the assembly instructions find that they are 'stumped' may return the kit (untouched) plus a cash balance

in exchange for a built version. What could be more fair? Sinclair Radionics state that full service facilities are available for kits and ready built units.

Also included with the calculator is an informative 32 page booklet detailing the wide range of calculations that can be carried out. From simple arithmetic, compound interest, logarithms, trigonometric functions, roots, polynomials, hyperbolic functions and so on. In addition a credit card size aide-memoire with calculations summarised in formula form is included.

Calculations of all types were performed with the Cambridge and it is surprising how simple it is to use. It brings about a new and refreshing interest to calculations. In the calculation of square roots the iterative Newton-Raphson method is used. This sounds quite complex, but you simply take a (wild) guess at the square root and enter it on the keyboard, using the procedure outlined in the instruction booklet. We tried this method many times—feeding way-out guesses to the keyboard. The correct answer came up every time.

The kit is attractively packaged and includes all necessary components to complete the calculator. Even solder is supplied.

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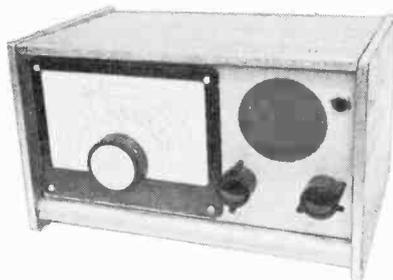
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A-B. This is the kind of audio comparison test where any differences in sound quality can be assessed immediately upon switch-over, i.e. on "A-B" comparison between items of equipment A and B. Often the left and right-hand channels or the record and replay sound signals are designated A and B.

ACOUSTICS. The study of the behaviour of sound. The "acoustic characteristics" of a room are dependent on its size, shape and the reverberation time according to the reflective or absorbent items present.

ACOUSTIC FEEDBACK. Cycling of sound build-up to a continuous squeal as the microphone picks up a signal from a loudspeaker connected to the same microphone amplifier.

ACOUSTIC SUSPENSION. Some loudspeaker systems employ a sealed cabinet. This enables the acoustic pressure of the air enclosed therein to provide the principal restoring force for the diaphragm of the speaker.

A.F.C. Automatic frequency control. A control circuit in a receiver or tuner which compensates for small variations in the carrier signal frequency to provide a stable audio output. A circuit function in a tuner

or receiver which keeps the unit accurately tuned to the desired station, eliminating any tendency to drift.

A.G.C. Automatic gain control. A circuit which stabilises a large variation in the strength of an incoming signal.

A circuit function in a tuner or receiver which maintains the mean amplitude of the modulated signal at almost a constant level. A.G.C. or A.V.C. (Automatic volume control) as it is sometimes called is also used to describe the audio compression system employed in automatic tape recorders, in which the recording signal level is adjusted to compensate for widely differing sound levels.

ALIGNMENT PROTRACTOR. Indicates errors in a pickup's lateral alignment. It fits on the centre spindle of the turntable, and the pick-up stylus fits into a small hole on the device. The correct indication is shown when the angle of lateral movement of the pick-up head is at 90° to the tangent of the groove at any point, although minimal tracking error is expected with most pick-up arms.

AMBIENCE. The "feeling" given to sounds by a room. The effect of the environment on the coloration of sounds produced.

AMBIENT NOISE. Unwanted background noise picked up by a microphone, i.e. any extraneous

clatter in a room. Also any acoustic coloration that influences sounds, brought about by the acoustic properties of a room in which a recording is being made or replayed.

AMPLIFICATION. An increase in the magnitude of a signal brought about by passing it through an amplifier.

AMPLIFICATION FACTOR. The symbol used to signify this is " μ ". It is the measurement of amplification in a circuit usually in voltage or current terms calculated by dividing the output by the input. This figure is often converted to decibels (which see).

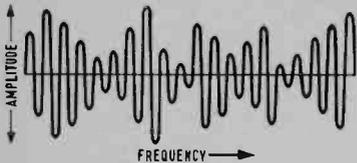
AMPLIFIER. A device for increasing the magnitude of a signal by means of a varying control voltage, maintaining the signal's characteristic form as closely as possible to the original.

AMPLITUDE. The level of an audio or other signal in voltage or current terms.

AMPLITUDE DISTORTION. The distortion of a signal by the undesirable influence of a circuit or component and takes place when there is a change of amplitude in part of the input signal bringing about harmonic distortion and inter-modulation distortion. This part is expressed as a percentage of the whole waveform at any given period of time.

AMPLITUDE MODULATION. Commonly known as a.m. and

refers to the method of radio transmission where the audio modulating signal is made to vary the amplitude of the radio carrier wave.



The audio information is carried on a high frequency radio wave.

ANECHOIC CHAMBER. A special room used for testing audio transducers, where all wall surfaces have been covered with acoustically absorbent materials so that reflections of the sound waves are eliminated. Otherwise known as a "dead room".

ANTI-PHASE. Where two identical signals are disposed in 180° phase opposition. When superimposed, they tend to cancel each other because their waveform patterns are of equal magnitude but opposite polarity.

ANTI-SKATING DEVICE. A device found on many modern pick-ups which provides an "outward" force on a pick-up arm. This counteracts the arm's tendency to move towards the turntable centre due to offset geometry, and reduces stylus/groove friction.

ANTISTATIC CLEANER. Substance used on gramophone records which helps to prevent the build-up of a static charge which attracts dust.

ATTENUATOR. A device which reduces the amplitude of a signal by known proportions.

AUDIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM. Mainly the full range of sounds we can hear. In a person with good hearing the range of sounds in the audio spectrum is usually between 30Hz and 16,000Hz. In older people this is usually 50Hz to 10,000Hz.

AUDIO OUTPUT. The output signal from any audio equipment. It is generally measured in volts or watts r.m.s.

AUTO-CHANGER. A device on a record-playing turntable which facilitates the automatic positioning of a disc and pickup ready for playing.

AUX. Abbreviation of auxiliary. Often applied to amplifier inputs and refers to an extra input facility as distinct from "mic", "tuner", "pickup", etc.

AZIMUTH. The angle which recording and playback head gaps make with the line along which the tape moves. The head is oriented until this angle is 90°.

B

BAFFLE. The mounting for a loudspeaker usually comprising a flat non-resonant panel. It is used to increase the length of the path of the sound waves between the front and rear of the speaker to minimise bass losses.

BALANCE. Equality of amplifier gain or signal level from right and left channels of a stereo amplifier. In theory the balance between each channel should be electrically perfect but there may be mismatch of nominal signal level from one or other channel which is compensated by adjustment of the "balance control".

BALANCE CONTROL. A variable resistor used to compensate for any slight loss of signal in the right or left channel of a stereo amplifier. To some extent, this control can compensate for unbalanced speakers and be used for adjustment when the listener is not in an equidistant position between the two loudspeakers.

BANDWIDTH. The range of audio frequencies over which an amplifier or receiver will respond and provide a useful output.

BASS. The lower end of the sound spectrum (usually 150Hz and below). An amplifier "bass control" usually provides a variance of decrease or increase in response at frequencies below 1kHz.

BEL. A ratio of two signal levels, such as at the output and input, in logarithmic terms. It is too large a unit to use for precise measurement and we use tenths or "decibels". These are defined in power terms as $10 \log_{10} \frac{\text{output}}{\text{input}}$ or in voltage or

current terms as $20 \log_{10} \frac{\text{output}}{\text{input}}$.

BIAS. A high frequency signal applied to the audio signal at the tape recording head to make the audio signal magnetise the tape over the linear part of head's magnetic characteristic. The bias signal is usually above 40kHz to avoid audible intermodulation distortion. Bias is also a term used to denote the sideways thrust of a pickup arm.

BIAS COMPENSATOR. A device which counteracts the inward bias of a pick-up arm as it tracks the disc. The compensator exerts an outward force on the arm and generally can be adjusted to have a definite relationship to the playing-weight of the pick-up.

BI-RADIAL STYLUS. Also known as elliptical stylus. This is used with lightweight pick-up arms to reduce tracking distortion. The stylus tip has a small radius where it touches the walls of the record grooves as distinct from a conventional stylus which has a hemispherical tip.

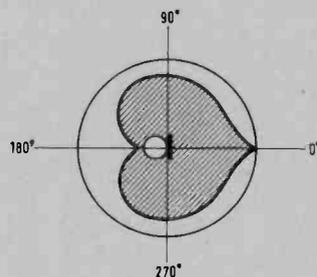
BOTTOMING. A situation in which a stylus reaches the bottom of a record groove because its tip radius is smaller than optimum for the groove. Also the opposite of the pinch effect.

BULK ERASER. An instrument which erases recordings from a whole tape at once while it is still on the spool. It does this by producing an a.c. magnetic field of high intensity.

C

CAPSTAN. The drive spindle in a tape recorder, which in conjunction with the pinch-wheel, pulls the tape across the heads at constant speed.

CARDIOID MICROPHONE. A microphone which has a sensitive response to sounds on one side.



This makes the response very directional. It is called "cardioid" because it has a heart-shaped polar diagram.

CARTRIDGE. The electro-mechanical transducer of a pick-up head that converts stylus vibrations into an electrical signal. It is generally detachable and fits into the head-shell of a pick-up.

CERAMIC. Piezo-electric part of a pick-up, speaker or microphone that acts as a transducer. It has characteristics similar to a crystal transducer but is more robust.

CHANNEL SEPARATION. The degree to which the two signals in a stereo system are electrically isolated. Usually expressed as a ratio in decibels.

CLASS-A. An amplifier where the output transistors or valves are operating permanently on linear portions of their transfer characteristics. Efficiency is low, but a constant current is drawn from the power supply whatever the signal level. Usually recognised by the use of a single transistor or valve driving the loudspeaker.

CLASS-B. An amplifier where two transistors or valves operate on positive and negative half cycles of the signal wave form. Each operates from a low initial current but this rises as the signal level increases. Usually recognised by the use of two transistors or valves operating in anti-phase to drive the loudspeaker.

CLIPPING. Severe distortion caused by overloading the input of an amplifier. A sine wave signal waveform has a flat top and bottom at the peaks when clipping occurs.

COAXIAL CABLE. A screened cable where the inner conductor is surrounded by a concentric outer screen. Commonly known as "co-ax" the cable is carefully manufactured so that it has a constant characteristic r.f. impedance of 70-80Ω. It is used for aerial down-leads and for sending r.f. from one unit to another. Also used to inter-



connect audio stages or equipment of high impedance to minimise the risk of hum induction.

COLUMN SPEAKER. A loudspeaker cabinet of long "column" shape. Usually the loudspeaker is at one end so that the rear of the drive unit is loaded by a column of air. Often columns are made from drain-pipes. Also the name given to a long speaker cabinet containing several loudspeakers for public address work.

COMPARATOR. Often found in audio showrooms, it is a unit which by switch selection, will connect up a combination of speakers, amplifier, tuner, pick-up, tape player, etc. For comparing different types. Also the name of a circuit which compares two signals and provides a "difference" signal.

COMPATIBILITY. The ability of one unit to be used with another without detrimental effect on the signal through mismatch. A compatible pick-up will play both mono and stereo records.

COMPLIANCE. The ability of a stylus to respond to both horizontal and vertical movement. The degree of compliance is a measure of the

capability of the stylus to follow rapid variations in the groove surface.

COMPRESSION. This occurs when the dynamic range is reduced electronically so that quiet sounds are raised and loud sounds lowered. The most common application is an "automatic" recording where it is important that all sounds recorded are made intelligible when played back. Also used where necessary to avoid over recording and distortion, or to lift the signal level clear of background noise or hum.

CONDENSER MICROPHONE. A microphone which contains a metal plate and a thin metal diaphragm set close together. A polarising voltage is applied to the plates. The capacitance of the microphone is thus affected by movement of the diaphragm from air pressure waves.

CONTROL UNIT. A pre-amplifier unit in an audio set-up. Signals from audio sources, i.e. tuner, pick-up microphone, are fed into it. Equalisation (where necessary) is applied, then the signal is fed to the main amplifier. Volume and tone controls are usually incorporated together with any necessary programme selection switch.

COUNTERBALANCE. Counterbalance is a weight, usually adjustable, fitted at the pivot end of a pickup arm. It counters the weight of the pickup head and cartridge unit and allows adjustment of the stylus pressure to the desired value.

CROSSOVER NETWORK. A circuit usually employing capacitors and coils which feeds low notes to a low frequency speaker (woofer) and high notes to a high frequency speaker (tweeter). The crossover frequency is that at which frequency bands divide. Sometimes the audio spectrum is divided into more than two bands to drive more than two speakers.

CROSSTALK. Breakthrough of the signal from one channel to another by conduction or radiation.

CUT-OFF FREQUENCY. The frequency response limitation, either upper or lower end, of a given component or piece of apparatus where the response falls off by 3dB, then is even lower beyond this frequency.

D

DAMPING FACTOR. The ratio of the impedance of a speaker to the amplifier impedance. A high damping factor is desirable to

subdue speaker resonances.

DECIBEL. One tenth of a Bel (which see).

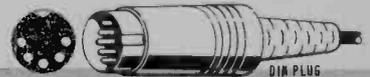
DE-EMPHASIS. Reduction of the level of the higher audio frequencies during f.m. reception or tape replay, so that they compensate for the pre-emphasis (which see) applied to the transmission. This restores an overall uniform response, with improved signal-to-noise ratio.

DEMAGNETISER. A device which removes residual magnetism from tape heads. This magnetism, if not removed can introduce noise on recordings and cause high frequency loss.

DEVIATION. In f.m. transmissions and reception deviation is the increase or decrease of signal carrier frequency from the nominal; also applied to drifting. Standard maximum deviation rating is ± 75 kHz for f.m. radio.

DIN. Stands for Deutsche Industrie Normenausschuss. This is an organisation in West Germany (similar to the British Standards Institution) which sets certain industrial standards.

A well-known standard is the DIN 45,500 which applies to domestic hi-fi equipment. Various plugs and sockets are popularly known



as "DIN plugs". They have DIN standard geometry and connections.

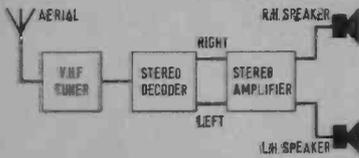
DIPOLE. An aerial generally used for v.h.f. receivers.

DNL. Dynamic noise limiter. A compatible circuit designed by Philips Ltd. primarily for use with tape recorders. It improves the effective signal-to-noise ratio during replay by selective filtering at low signal levels.

DOLBY SYSTEM. A noise reduction system which compresses signals before they are recorded on tape and expands them again on replay. This results in a reduction of background noise and is particularly designed for use with tape recorders.

DRIFT. Variation of r.f. signal carrier frequency above and below the nominal due to unstable reception conditions. It can be alleviated to a great extent by applying automatic frequency control.

DECODER. A circuit built into an f.m. tuner to enable it to translate stereo signal information into two matched stereo audio outputs. Also a



means to extract and process recorded quadrasonic sound information from a complex signal into four matched outputs.

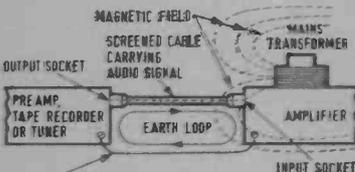
DISTORTION. Unwanted changes in the purity of sound being reproduced or in r.f. signals. In audio it generally implies intermodulation and/or harmonic distortion. These are derived from phase differences and/or amplitude distortion where the amplitude of the output does not bear the same proportion to the input at all frequencies.

DROP-OUT. Sudden decrease in the recorded signal level due to tape imperfections.

DYNAMIC RANGE. The range of signal amplitudes from the loudest to the quietest that can be reproduced effectively by the equipment. The upper limit is set by inherent distortion level, and the lower limit by background noise and/or hum.

E EARTH LOOP

The wiring of the interconnections between items of audio or radio equipment such that there is more than one return path for the "ground" side of the signal-carrying



loop is caused by this earth connection between the two chassis as well as by the screen of the signal cable.

wiring. This generally results in a loud hum from the speakers.

ELECTROSTATIC. Applied to loudspeakers and microphones (condenser type). An electrostatic force is used to activate the diaphragm. The charged diaphragm is suspended between two perforated plates. As an a.c. signal is applied to the outer plates, the diaphragm vibrates.

EQUALISATION. A pre-arranged circuit that applies correction to a given recording characteristic dur-

ing replay to result in a uniform frequency response at the output terminals.

ERASE HEAD. A head on a tape recorder which applies a strong high frequency alternating magnetic field to the tape so that earlier recordings may be "erased" as the tape runs past the head.

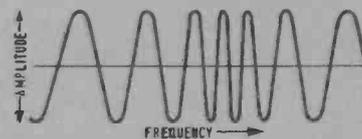
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FADING.** A drift in the level of received radio signals beyond intelligibility. It is often caused by changes in the upper atmosphere. Also applied to deliberate slow reduction of signal level by means of the volume control.

FEEDBACK. A system where part of the output signal from an amplifier is applied to the input. When in antiphase (i.e. negative feedback) this results in reduction of distortion, lowering of the amplifier output impedance, improvement in signal stability.

F.E.T. Field Effect Transistor often used in early stages of an amplifier or tuner to give a high input impedance for minimum loading of the programme source, i.e. aerial or pick-up.

FLUTTER. Rapid variations of pitch or frequency caused by inconsistent speed of a turntable or tape transport mechanism.

F.M. Frequency modulation is a system of transmitting a radio signal where the frequency of the carrier wave is altered by changes in the amplitude of speech or music.



F.M. is applied to v.h.f. sound broadcasting above 87MHz.

FREQUENCY. The number of complete cycles in one second of alternating current, voltage, electromagnetic or sound pressure waves.

FREQUENCY RESPONSE. A graphical characteristic showing relative signal levels at different frequencies with respect to a given reference level. A "flat" frequency response is one that has a uniform level at all frequencies within a given band width.

FRONT END. Refers to the first stage of an amplifier or tuner.

**G
GAIN.** The increase in the power or voltage level of a signal due to amplification, i.e. the ratio that

exists between the output signal level and the input signal level, usually quoted in decibels (which see).

GROOVE. A record "track" which carries the audio signal information in two 45° displacements (stereo). In a long-playing record, groove dimensions could be: width 2.5 mils.; depth 1 mil. and pitch 250-350 groove revolutions per inch.

**H
HARMONIC.** A harmonic of a fundamental frequency is the frequency of its exact multiple. Thus twice the fundamental frequency is the second harmonic (one octave up) and so on. If the fundamental frequency is 1,000Hz, the second harmonic would be 2kHz, the third 3kHz, and the fourth harmonic 4kHz (two octaves up from the fundamental).

**I
IMPEDANCE.** Opposition to a.c. current presented by capacitors, inductors and resistors. This effect is measured in ohms and is related to frequency.

INFINITE Baffle. A loudspeaker mounting where ideally there is no path of air between the back and front of the speaker diaphragm. An infinite baffle improves the forward radiation of sound at low frequencies and preferably should be a very large plane surface like the wall of a room or a screen of very rigid material (e.g. 2in wood) on which a loudspeaker is mounted. In practice truly infinite baffles are rarely accomplished except in sealed boxes, but these give rise to problems of resonance.

I.P.S. Inches per second. Used for signifying the speed of a tape travelling past the heads of a tape recorder. The most common speeds used in this country are 1 7/8 i.p.s. (4.75cm/s); 3 3/4 i.p.s. (9.5cm/s) and 7 1/2 i.p.s. (19cm/s).

**J
JACK.** A type of two-or more-ways concentric contact socket for carrying audio signals.

JOHNSON NOISE. A frying or sizzling sound produced by thermal agitation voltages generated in amplifier circuits. It usually occurs

in the input circuit (or front end) of an amplifier.

L

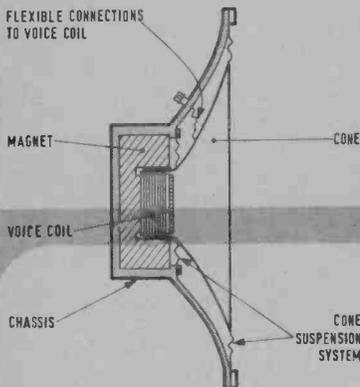
LEVEL. The voltage or power of a signal, or the relative voltage or power compared with a reference.

LIMITER. A circuit in an amplifier or tape recorder which reduces volume when over-modulation or distortion is likely to occur.

LINE SOURCE SPEAKERS. A chain of speakers used in public address work that are driven from an amplifier with 100V or 600ohm output line.

LOUDNESS. The intensity of a sound as subjectively judged by the human ear. Loudness levels are measured in "phons" and may differ in effect from one person to another.

LOUDSPEAKERS. A transducer which converts a.c. electrical energy into acoustic energy by movement



of the diaphragm causing air pressure waves.

M

MAGNETIC PICK-UP. A pick-up which employs an electro-magnetic transducer. An armature bears the stylus. The armature is pivoted between the poles of a magnet and stylus movement makes the magnetic field change, inducing a variable voltage in coils wound on the magnet.

The name refers to pick-ups of the moving coil type, moving magnet, moving iron, induced magnet and variable reluctance types.

MATCHING. Equalisation of the input impedance of one unit to the output impedance of another connected to it. Also used to refer to pairs of loudspeakers, microphones or other components which have similar characteristics and which are employed in the two channels of a stereo system.

MICROPHONE. An electro-acoustic transducer which converts sound energy into electrical energy. The method depends on the material used in the microphone.

MIXER. A device which combines two or more separate signals into a common output.

MODULATION. The process whereby an r.f. or other signal is mixed with and caused to vary in accordance with an audio signal. The degree to which a tape or disc recorder is made to record without introducing distortion.

MONITORING. Listening to a signal as it is being recorded so that a check can be made on the quality.

MONOPHONIC. The reproduction of sound through a single channel amplifier.

MUSIQUE CONCRETE. A musical work comprising natural sounds which are recorded, then edited or manipulated and treated so that they do not sound like the original recording, but present an artificial form of musical composition.

MULTIPLEX TRANSMISSION. The transmission of two or more simultaneous signals on a common carrier wave. Used for transmitting stereo broadcasts. A multiplex decoder is needed before these transmissions can be resolved into stereo or other multiple channel audio.

N

NEGATIVE FEEDBACK—See "Feedback".

NOISE. Unwanted sounds of multiple and irregular frequencies and heard as a hiss or click.

O

OFFSET ANGLE. The angle at which the pick-up head is offset from a line through the centre of the arm. Correctly set, it minimises wear on stylus and record groove, and distortion of reproduction by keeping the tracking error down to a minimum.

OMNIDIRECTIONAL. Generally refers to a microphone which has approximately uniform sensitivity in all directions, the polar response being completely spherical.

OVERLOADING. An amplifier or piece of equipment operated beyond its signal-handling capability so as to create a distorted output.

OUTPUT STAGE. A power amplifier's final stage which feeds

the audio signal to a loudspeaker or other device.

P

PARALLEL TRACKING. A pickup cartridge's movement which is exactly parallel to the radius of the record, with the stylus always positioned on that radius for zero lateral tracking error.

PEAK PROGRAMME METER. A meter and associated circuitry which is used for indicating the peak levels of programme volume. Commonly referred to as P.P.M.

PHASE. Phase is the angular relationship in time of an alternating voltage or current with reference to zero voltage (or current) or another comparative waveform. Sound waves are said to be in phase when the voltage of one at any instant is the same polarity and angular displacement as the other and when crossing the zero voltage line in the same direction. "In-phase" sound-waves are identical in frequency and polarity at any instant; out-of-phase, waves may be identical in frequency (but not necessarily) and of opposite polarity at some instant. Anti-phase waves are identical in frequency and exactly opposite in polarity, i.e. 180° out of phase.

PHASING. The arrangement of loudspeaker or connections in a stereo set-up so that when an identical signal is fed to the two speakers, the speech coils are so connected that the cones both move in the same direction at the same time.

PHON. A unit of measurement of loudness allowing for the difference in sensitivity of the ear at differing frequencies. The phon is related to the decibel, but is in terms related to one frequency and determined from sound pressure measurements.

PHONO PLUG. A connecting plug often used in audio equipment. It has a centre "live" pin and an outer "earth" shield. Used with



screened cable for connecting pickups and tuners to an amplifier or control unit.

PICK-UP. The part of a gramophone which extracts recorded information from a disc and

changes it to an electrical signal.

PICKUP ARM. The cantilever support for the pickup head with counterbalance weights, pivots etc. for carrying the cartridge.

PICKUP HEAD. The end of the pickup arm containing the cartridge. It is often removable from the arm and is usually called the "head shell" which carries the actual cartridge.

PIEZO ELECTRIC. An effect whereby a substance generates an electrical current when it is subjected to mechanical stress. This characteristic has been made use of in the design of pickups, microphones and loudspeakers.

PILOT TONE. A 19kHz tone used in stereo broadcasting at the equivalent of 10% f.m. modulation ± 7.5 kHz. It is transmitted with the sum-and-difference signals to assist in the stereo decoding process in the f.m. receiver.

PINCH EFFECT. The vertical movement of a stylus which takes place during record reproduction when irregularities in groove width occur.

PINCH WHEEL. The rubberised wheel in a tape transport mechanism that holds the tape against the capstan so as to ensure that the tape does not slip.

PITCH. The pitch of a sound is the musical term for sound vibrations. Standard U.S. and European pitch is based on $=440$ Hz. When the pitch is raised one octave, the frequency is twice the original.

PLAYBACK. The reproduction of a tape recording or disc through an amplifier and loudspeaker or phones.

PLAYING WEIGHT. Downward force of a pickup on a record. Sometimes called stylus pressure.

POLAR RESPONSE. Polar diagram or circular graph which shows the sensitivity of an aerial or microphone or the output from loudspeakers in an angular mode through 360° .

POLYESTER BASE. A base material used for magnetic tape on which is coated the magnetically sensitive substance. Widely used for long playing tape, it is less prone to stretching than acetate film.

POWER. The energy dissipated in an electrical or electronic circuit or component that is conducting either a.c. or d.c.

POWER AMPLIFIER. The stage of an amplifier which supplies audio signals to a loudspeaker or phones.

POWER-HANDLING CAPACITY. The maximum power rating of a loudspeaker or other

component which determines how much current can be passed safely through without adverse effects.

PRE-AMPLIFIER. An amplifying system for low signal levels. It boosts a low-level signal from a cartridge, for instance, and feeds the signal to a power amplifier. It may contain additional circuitry that affects the frequency response in some way.

PRE-EMPHASIS. The boosting of high frequencies in f.m. broadcasting or recording. Uniform frequency response is restored by "de-emphasis" in the receiver or replay amplifier. The purpose is to reduce the noise level that arises through transmission and tape recording.

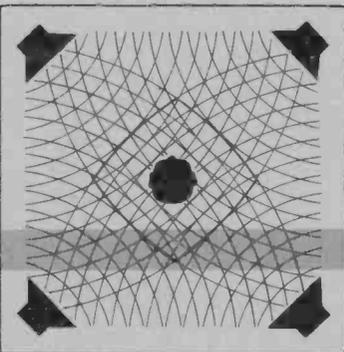
PRESSURE PAD. A felt pad which applies a gentle but firm force to keep a moving tape in good contact with the heads of a tape recorder.

PRESSURE UNIT. A moving-coil speaker drive unit which usually has as its diaphragm a small dome of plastic or metal. It is designed for use in the throat of a horn.

Q

QUADRATURE. Two a.c. signals of equal-frequency are said to be in quadrature when they are phase displaced by 90° .

QUADRAPHONY. Four matched discrete audio channels are employed in true quadraphony; four matched microphones are used in the recording process, four-track tape or "quad" records are used for replay through a four-channel amplifier which feeds four loudspeakers.



Various modulation or matrix systems are sometimes used so that four channels can be obtained by using some two-channel (stereo) equipment. The signals are then "decoded" so that four channels of sound can be reproduced through four speakers.

Systems known as "surround sound" are used to produce "synthetic" quadraphonic effects. These units use matrix circuits in conjunction with conventional stereo equipment and records.

QUADRUPLE PLAY. Magnetic recording tape which is thinner than "standard play" tape and consequently enables one to make recordings four times longer than with 'SP' tape.

Q4. The name given to the Practical Wireless quadraphonic decoder to enable quadraphony to be reproduced from stereo or quadraphonic recordings.

R

RADIO FREQUENCY. A term describing incoming radio signals to a receiver or outgoing signals from a radio transmitter. There are no finite limits in the r.f. range but it is usually considered to denote frequency above 150kHz and extending up to the infra-red range.

RAKE. The "rake" angle of a stylus is the angle that the stylus bar makes with a gramophone record when viewed from the side.

RANDOM NOISE. Noise generated in a circuit by random movement of electrons caused by thermal agitation. In tape recording it can be caused by uneven distribution of magnetised particles and is reproduced as a background "hiss".

REAR SUSPENSION. Used in moving-coil loudspeakers, it is a pliable support situated near the apex of the cone, and assists in keeping the coil in a concentric position in the air gap between the magnet poles.

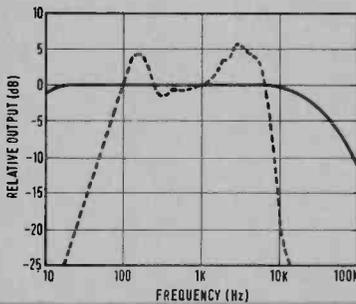
REFLECTOR. An element in a v.h.f. aerial which is situated to the rear of the main dipole. It helps to reflect radio waves on to the dipole. Also the name given to the "dish" often employed to reflect quiet or distant sounds in the open air on to a microphone.

REFLEX CABINET. A type of speaker enclosure fitted with a vent or port through which out-of-phase signals from the rear of the cone are "reflexed" by allowing the enclosed air in the cabinet to be tuned for a coupled resonance effect with the cone of the drive unit. The signals are then brought into phase with the front radiation from the cone of the speaker so as to reduce the "boomy" effect of resonance.

REJECTOR. Filter or part of a circuit which rejects a particular frequency or band of frequencies.

RESONANCE. The nature and dimensions of any object or enclosed volume of air will vibrate at a calculable frequency when disturbed by striking. This frequency is said to be the resonant frequency. When the object is made to vibrate at this frequency by a corresponding sound pressure wave the resonance is enhanced, producing a "boomy" effect, i.e. the volume at that frequency is apparently louder than at any other.

RESPONSE CURVES. Usually measured in decibels, with reference a given level, on a vertical scale, the response curve is a graphical representation of frequency response.



When the response curve of an amplifier, pick-up, microphone, etc. is accurately plotted it represents the relative levels of amplitude at all frequencies within a specified bandwidth.

REVERBERATION. Reflected sound. It is produced by the gradual decay of sounds being reflected from ceilings, walls, floors and furniture.

Reverberation units create an artificial representation of the decay of the sounds electronically.

RIBBON MICROPHONE/SPEAKER. Uses a narrow corrugated aluminium alloy strip suspended in a magnetic field. Sound makes the strip vibrate in a direction perpendicular to the magnetic field, resulting in an a.c. current being induced in a coil.

The natural response of a ribbon unit is bi-directional and a ribbon microphone has certain areas of minimum sensitivity. Only a very small response is produced by quite loud noises from the sides, the polar diagram for this type is known as "figure of eight".

A few ribbon microphones will give cardioid and hypercardioid responses.

RMS VALUE. The "root-mean-square" value of a.c. voltage, cur-

rent, or power is calculated as 0.707 of peak amplitude at the given frequency. It represents for mathematical purposes an acceptable level by which relationships between these units can be accurately established.

RUMBLE. Low frequency noise produced by the turntable bearings and motor of a record player, and transmitted mechanically by vibrating the pick-up. These vibrations are then detected by the transducer in the cartridge for conversion into an electrical signal.

RUN-IN. The start of a groove at the beginning of a side of a gramophone record which "runs in" to the recorded section.

S

SCRATCH FILTER. A low-pass filter, often an integral part of an amplifier circuit, which attenuates the higher frequency noise derived from disc recordings. The scratch filter is also suitable for the suppression of background noise produced by tape background hiss.

SCREENED LEAD. A cable which has an outer sheath of braiding which provides electrostatic screening of the inner conductor and so makes it ideal for connecting high impedance pick-ups, microphones and tuners to the input of an amplifier. Its purpose is to reduce the effects of hum caused by radiation from a.c.-carrying wiring or components.

SELECTIVITY. A tuner's ability to discriminate between a wanted signal and an interfering signal on adjacent frequency settings of the tuning dial.

SENSITIVITY. The ability of any communications equipment, including audio to reproduce very low signals.

SEPARATION. The degree to which right and left stereo signals are isolated in pickup or stereo amplifier.

SHELL. Refers to that part of the pick-up which carries the cartridge. The head shell can often be detached from the pick-up arm.

SIBILANCE. The strong emphasis in pronunciation of the letters "S" and "SH" in speech. It can be exaggerated by microphones having peaks in their high frequency response.

SIDE-THRUST. The tendency of the stylus to "skate" towards the centre of a record causing increased wear on the inner groove wall. With low tracking weight, side thrust can cause the stylus to "jump" the record's groove.

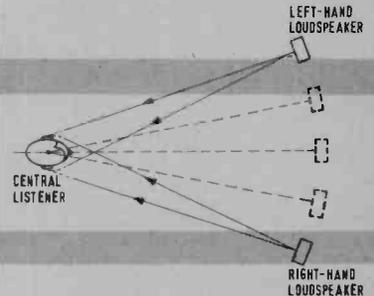
SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO.

The difference, measured in decibels, between a specified signal reference level and the level of unwanted noise. The higher the ratio, the better the equipment.

SINE WAVE. A waveform (often viewed on an oscilloscope) of a pure alternating current or voltage. It is drawn on a graph of amplitude versus time or radial degrees and follows the rules of sine and cosine values in relation to angular rotation of an alternator. It can be simulated by means of an electronic oscillator.

SOLID-STATE. A general term that applies to any semiconductor device such as transistors, diodes, an integrated circuit. Can also be used to describe equipment that employs miniaturised modules or building blocks, integrated circuits or micro-circuits.

SOUND STAGE. The area between the two or more loudspeakers of a stereo or quad set-up where subjective sound images or imagin-



ary loudspeakers seem to be, providing a wide area of apparent sound source.

SPEECH COIL. The moving coil in a dynamic loudspeaker. It is suspended in the field of a permanent magnet and is fixed to the speaker diaphragm.

SPLICE. A joint in a length of magnetic tape. For a good strong splice, the two ends of tape should be cut at an angle of 45° so that they butt together in line without any gaps.

SQUARE WAVE. An a.c. periodic waveform in which voltage alternates rapidly from a positive peak value to the negative peak value, and vice versa after a delay.

A waveform with these characteristics is ideal for testing audio equipment with an oscilloscope to test for good transient and frequency response. Square waves are also used in switching circuits.

STANDARD PLAY. An arbitrary description given to identify a spool of thick recording tape with a specified playing time according to reel size. For example, a 7in. spool will hold 1,200ft of "standard play" tape a 5in. spool 600ft. The actual playing time is then dependent on tape speed.

STANDING WAVES. The behaviour of air pressure waves in an enclosed room or box, giving rise to resonances which occur. They are created by the effects of multiple sound reflections between opposite walls and cycle at frequencies determined by the distance between them. In effect, the room acts as a resonator.

STEREOPHONY. A two channel recording and reproduction system more popularly referred to as "stereo". At the recording studio separate microphones are used for each recorded channel. The correct reproduction of stereo signals in the home gives to the listener a sense of direction of sound and thus enhances the realism.

STYLUS. A small piece of industrial grade diamond or artificial sapphire, conically-shaped, which tracks the groove in a gramophone record.



STYLUS ARM/BAR. Cantilever which carries the pickup stylus. It is suspended at one end so that it can be allowed to vibrate in a magnetic field or transmit mechanical stresses through a piece of piezo-electric material.

SUPERIMPOSE. To record one or more signals over another without erasure, so that when a tape is played back, all recordings can be heard simultaneously. This is particularly useful if one wishes to have a spoken commentary with a musical background.

SURFACE NOISE. Noise generated by contact of a gramophone stylus with minute particles of dust or other irregularities in a record groove. Can also be caused by excessive wear of a disc or by poor quality coating on recording tape.

TANGENT. A straight line that meets a curve or circumference at

one point only, such that it is at 90° to the radial line between the centre of the circle and that point. A tangential pick-up arm is one that maintains this condition throughout its tracking across a disc.

TAPE DECK. The mechanical part of a tape recorder. It comprises the complete tape transport system, motors and drive mechanisms. It may also include the heads.

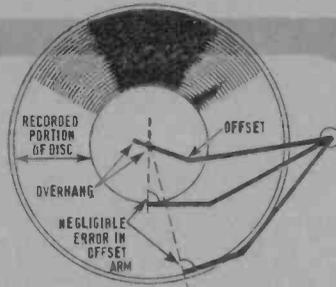
TAPE HEAD. The transducer on a tape recorder past which the tape runs during record or replay. It applies a magnetic field to the tape during the recording process and provides electrical output during replay.

T.P. Triple-play tape. Very thin recording tape of which it is possible to wind 3,600ft. onto a 7in. spool. This would give 180 minutes of playing time at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ i.p.s.

TRACING. The ability of a stylus to follow the variations or modulation pattern of a record groove.

TRACKING. The movement of the record player stylus across a gramophone record.

TRACKING ERROR. The deviation of angle between the stylus bar axis and the radial line between the disc centre and stylus point.



This is a factor applied to pickup arms with offset angle heads.

TRACKING WEIGHT. The downward force of a pick-up stylus which ensures optimum reproduction of recorded groove modulation with minimum wear of groove wall and stylus.

TRANSCRIPTION. Word commonly used to describe high quality pick-up and turntable units. Literally it is a copy or a recording of an audio programme onto tape or disc.

TRANSIENT RESPONSE. The ability of an amplifier or transducer to handle and faithfully reproduce rapid changes in signal amplitude. A very short "rise-time" is a measure of this characteristic.

TREBLE. The high frequency end of the audio spectrum.

TWEETER. A loudspeaker de-

signed specially for reproducing high frequencies. It is used in conjunction with a "woofer" (bass speaker) and a crossover unit for audio reproduction.

VARIABLE RELUCTANCE. Principle employed in certain pick-ups. Deflections of the stylus when playing a record, make an armature vibrate between the poles of an electromagnet. The reluctance is the ratio of magnetic force to magnetic flux in a magnetic field. Variations due to stylus movement create variations in the current through the electromagnet.

VERTICAL TRACKING. Stylus motion path which is near "vertical". Applies to "hill-and-dale" recordings on stereo discs.

V.H.F. Very high frequency radio band. Broadcast v.h.f. Band 2 is the 87 to 108MHz range. Also applies to frequencies above 30MHz for radio or television.

WAFER SPEAKER. Thin compact loudspeaker with an "inverted" cone where the magnet is sited forward of the cone.

WATT. Unit of electrical power, often used to signify the signal power output from an amplifier.

WAVEFORM. A graphical representation of the relationship between voltage, current or power against time. It also provides a picture of the behaviour of signals at given frequencies.

WHITE NOISE. The random motion of electrons in a conductor which, when reproduced through a loudspeaker or phones, sounds like noise and covers a wide frequency range. It is used to test loudspeakers and phones for resonance and sensitivity.

WOOFER. A low-frequency or bass loudspeaker for reproducing musical notes in the approximate range of 25-2,500Hz. Employed with a "tweeter" and crossover network to reproduce a range of frequencies for audio reproduction.

WOW. Slow regular variations in the speed of a record turntable or tape transport mechanism. It is heard through a loudspeaker system as a wavering of musical pitch. ■

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PART 2—THE BISTABLE

WE are going to look at a very fundamental switching circuit this month that is based on the principles we developed in the last part. It is called the *bistable switch*—the reason for this name should become clearer as its story progresses. If you look at the basic circuit in Fig. 9a you will notice a marked similarity to the experiments we did last month; two transistors are cross connected—the base current for each being drawn from the collector circuit of the other. Notice, however, that both base resistors (R2 and R3) are permanently connected in and we are not using switches this time!

Basic assumptions

For those who like to sweat over puzzles try this one before reading on. Assuming that the circuit is completely wired up and power is supplied use your knowledge regarding base current and driving voltages to work out whether Tr1 and Tr2 are conducting or not conducting!

Unless you have made an assumption you should be completely stuck because the system does not seem to make sense. In stages you could have said that when power is not applied both transistors must be non-conducting hence at the instant you apply power both points A and B will be at +9V. This set of circumstances, however, provides base current for the opposite transistor and the effect of this is to make each transistor go into conduction and *both* the respective voltages will fall cutting off the base current; the result of this would be to make both collectors rise back to +9V and we are again at the start point of a vicious circle! To arrive at a sensible result we must make a practical assumption—that there is bound to be a slight difference in the current gains of the two transistors used and the one that has the higher value will go more rapidly into conduction when power is applied. Let us assume Tr1 has a nominally higher current gain than Tr2.

When power is applied Tr1 will draw base current from point B through R3 and the voltage at A will fall rapidly—cutting off the supply of base current to

Tr2. The latter therefore will *not* go into conduction and the voltage at B will stay at +9V while that at A will fall to nearly zero. Try this with your experimental circuit making and breaking the power line and you should find that it is always the same transistor that goes into conduction—in your case, of course, it might be Tr2.

Anyway we shall carry on with our assumption that after switch on point A is at zero volts and we have—after all—a stable state. Let's assume

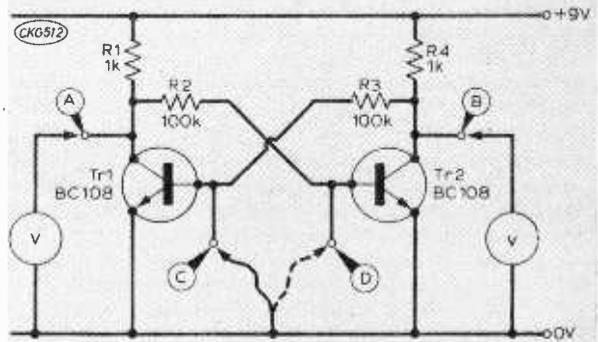


Fig. 9a: A conventional bistable circuit.

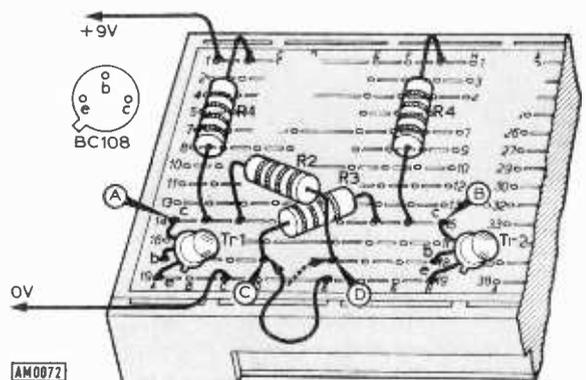


Fig. 9b: T-Dec layout for Fig. 9a.

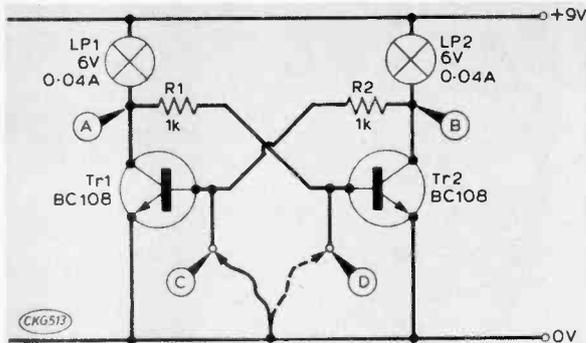


Fig. 10a: A bistable with components modified to drive lamps direct.

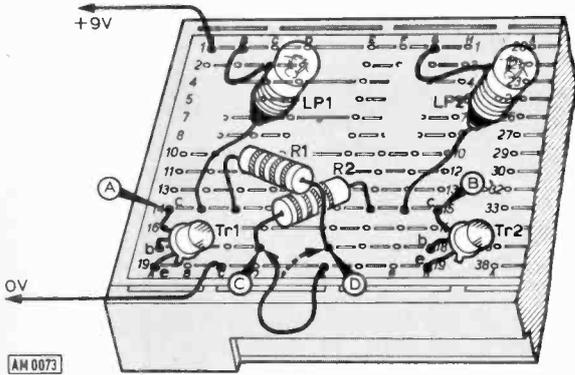


Fig. 10b: T-Dec layout for Fig. 10a.

that we really wanted point B to go to zero volts. For this to happen we must, somehow, make base current flow into Tr2. To do this we must make the voltage at A rise to +9V by momentarily removing Tr1's supply of base current—conveniently done by shorting point C to ground. Do just that and watch the voltage at B as you make the short. Sure enough, it falls to zero while you make the short, but notice that when you have removed the shorting link from C point B stays at zero volts—not only that, but A is now at +9V and the system is again stable. You can make the circuit revert to its original state by momentarily shorting point D to ground. The circuit has two possible stable states (hence its name) and we can make it go into either of them by externally tampering with the base current supplies.

Alternative loads

The rules of current gain apply in this circuit without undue complication and taking into account the normal current limitations of transistors you can use collector loads other than pure resistors. Fig. 10a is an identical circuit in which lamps are used; the cross coupling resistors have to be of lower values to ensure that enough base current flows to control the larger load. Alternatively connect the flying lead to points C and D and you will see that you can make LP1 go on—and stay on—when point D is quickly shorted to ground and similarly with LP2 and point C.

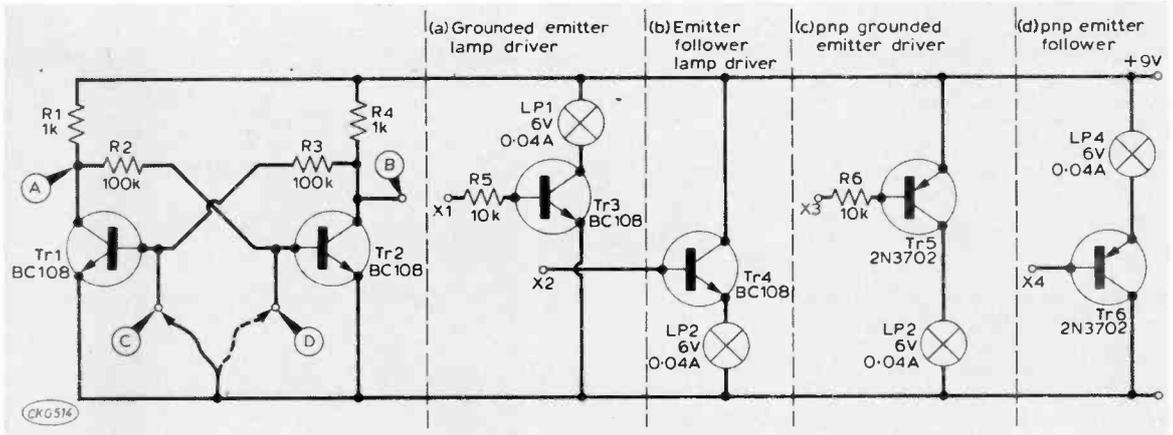


Fig. 11a: Alternative ways of driving low voltage lamps from a bistable. Low voltage relays (requiring less than 100mA) can be substituted for the lamps provided protection diodes are inserted (see part 1, last month).

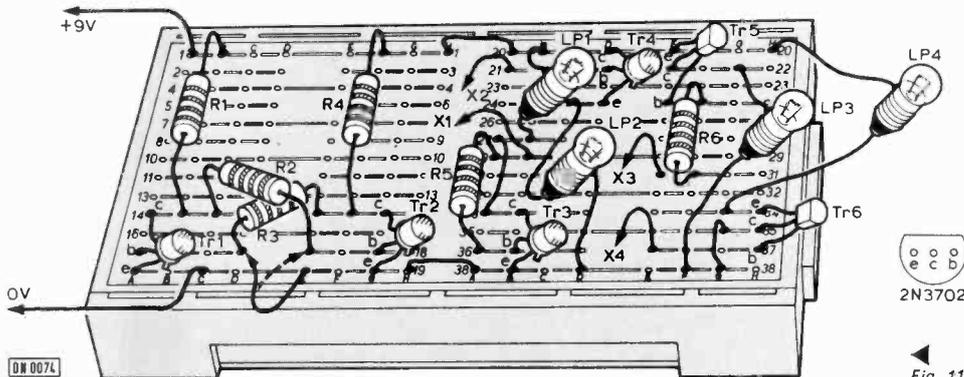


Fig. 11b: T-Dec layout for Fig. 11a.

If you wish to you can use the voltage swings at the collectors of the bistable transistors to drive other circuits. A selection of lamp driver stages (with inputs marked X1, 2, 3 and 4) can be connected to either points A or B. (We shall assume they are connected to B.) Take driver (a) which is a simple grounded emitter inverter stage. When point B is +9V Tr3 can draw base current through R5 and the lamp will light. Notice that we have to put a 10kΩ resistor in to prevent the base emitter circuit of Tr3 pulling the voltage at B down to +600mV; if that were to happen the action of the bistable would be interfered with.

Circuit (b) is a simple form of emitter follower and in this case we can do away with the 10kΩ resistor. The reason for this is that when point B goes "high" we immediately pass base current into Tr4 and it starts to conduct, but when this happens the voltage at its emitter rises as current flows through the lamp. The voltage rises to a value 600mV less than the voltage at B; the difference in voltage is due to the standard base emitter forward voltage drop associated with silicon transistors. If, say, point B went to +9V we would end up with approximately 8.4V across the bulb. The only drawback of this circuit—although it does not bother us in this application—is that we will always lose 600mV of driving voltage across the bulb and it will not glow quite so brightly.

In both these two drivers the lamp went on when point B went to +9V. The remaining two drivers use pnp transistors in grounded emitter and emitter follower configurations and because they are sensitive to opposite polarity signals the lamp goes off when point B goes high. In circuits it is often useful to make use of opposite polarity transistors to get this type of inversion. It is not very impressive in this application because if we had wanted any inversion we could have used point A as the driving source.

Dividing

An interesting development of the bistable circuit is the *divider* shown in Fig. 12a. The basic circuit of Fig. 9a is still there and you can ignore Tr3 because it is only a lamp driver. We have added a couple of diodes and capacitors and a few more resistors. The object of the circuit is to make Tr1 and Tr2 take up their alternative stable states each time we make a single short circuit path to ground (we shall be shorting point G to ground as a signal).

Let's assume that point A is at +9V (B will be zero and so will C, and D will be at approximately +600mV). The voltage at A effectively reverse biases D1, and D2 is just on the edge of conduction through R6 to point B—which is just slightly more

Fig. 12a: A bistable with built in gating so that it switches in alternate directions each time point G is connected to ground. This is sometimes called a divider.

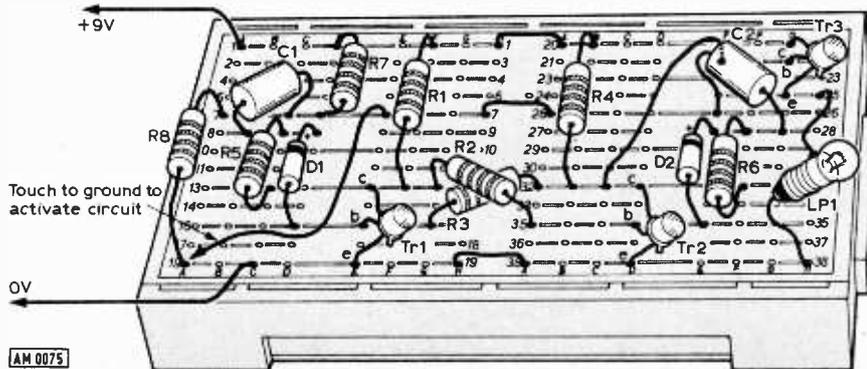
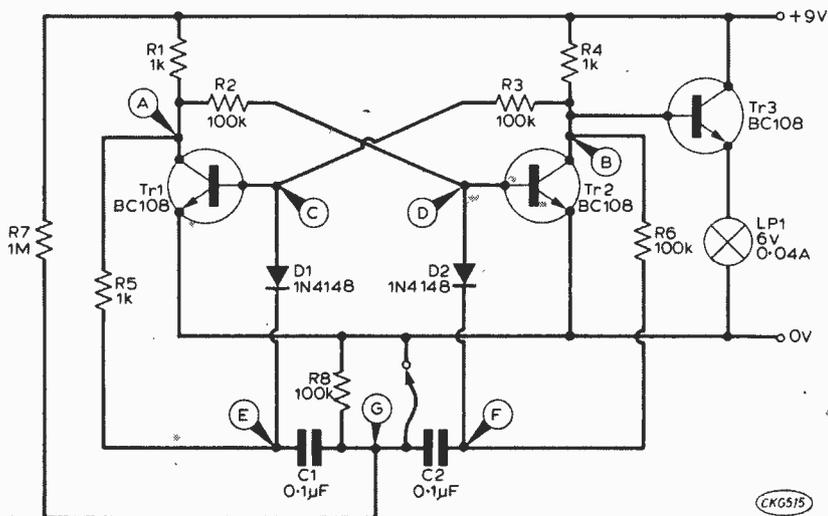


Fig. 12b: T-Dec layout for Fig. 12a.

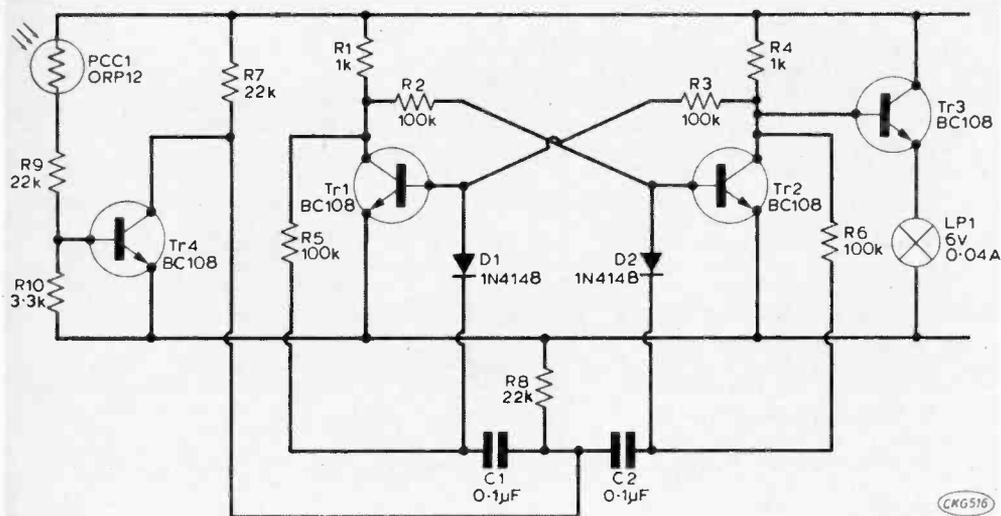


Fig. 13a: With the addition of a few more components, the divider can be made to "toggle" whenever bright light falls on the photoconductive cell.

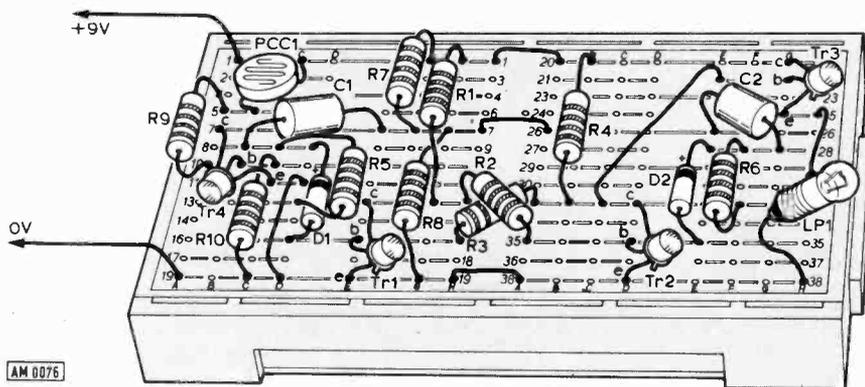


Fig. 13b: T-Dec layout for Fig. 13a

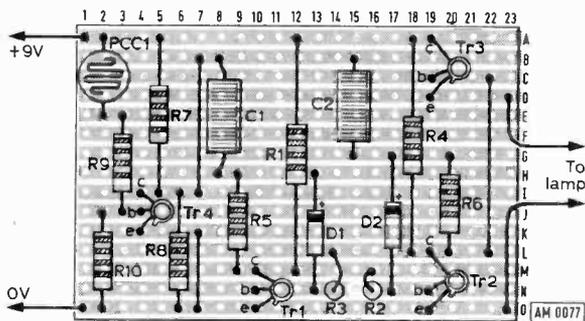


Fig. 13c: Veroboard layout for Fig. 13a.

negative than D. The potential at G (without the shorting link made) will be just under 1V because of the potential divide action of R7 and R8.

By repeated dabbing of the shorting link to ground you can make the lamp go on and off alternatively. There is something that you have to note, however. The circuit is very sensitive and you must make very good clean makes and breaks of the shorting operation; it is very easy to accidentally give a double "pulse" when you think you have, in fact, only made one. R7 has deliberately been made a high value to allow time for the voltage at G to recover and this

helps to eliminate what appears to be erratic action. Nevertheless the time constant of 1MΩ with the 0.1μF capacitors is still quite short so do not be too surprised if sometimes the lamp appears not to respond. What actually happens is that the lamp switches on and back to off so quickly you do not see it happen! Try reducing R7 to 100kΩ and R8 to 10kΩ and you will deliberately aggravate the problem. In a circuit of this nature it is wiser to use some form of non-mechanical switch to do the triggering so that we lose the "bounce" problem.

When you short point G to ground there will be a change in voltage at point E by about 0.8V in a negative direction but because D1 is reverse biased there will be little effect on the base circuit of Tr1. On the other hand the similar drop developed at point F will put D2 into sufficient conduction to momentarily drop the voltage at D and hence remove the base current from Tr2. The voltage at B will rise and bistable action will take place and the voltage at A will fall as the circuit takes up its other stable state. The set of circumstances is now reversed and if the shortening link is removed to allow the two capacitors to regain their original equilibrium the operation can be repeated to make the circuit flip back to its first stable state.

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Fig. 13a shows a very crude electronic form of trigger for the divider. A sudden transition of from near darkness to full room light on PCC1 will make Tr4 go suddenly into conduction and the voltage at the junction of C1 and C2 will fall rapidly to zero—stimulating the divider. Switch off the room light and switch it on again and the circuit reverts. The reason for doing this experiment is to show that it needs two complete operations of switching the room light on and off to make the lamp in the circuit go on and off once. We are effectively dividing the number of operations by a factor of two—the reason why the circuit gets its name. While doing this experiment it is worth noting that slow signals do not have any effect on the divider; slowly covering and uncovering PCC1 will not be an effective trigger—you need the very fast action of switching a light on and off to get reliable results. The reason for this is that C1 and C2 are not able to pass slow waveform signals. You need a wide range of lighting levels to make this circuit switch rapidly but there are a range of switching circuits called "triggers" which speed up the action of slow stimuli. We shall be looking at this effect next month.

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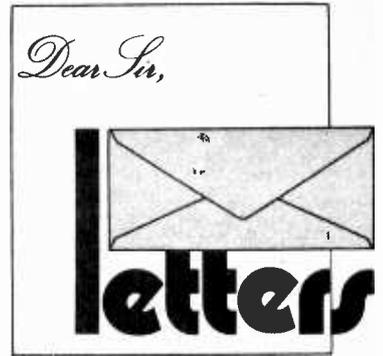
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Through your magazine, Edward bought a pocket multimeter from an advertiser, so we are all having our resistance tested!—Mrs. Pat Russell (Herts.).

Darkroom thermometer

Some time ago, you published an article by R. A. Bottomley on the construction of a darkroom thermometer. I have built this unit with great success but I found it was necessary to increase R3 to obtain balance at the mid-point on the scale. I arranged for 24° and 29° by duplicating R3, VR1 and R4. R3 then became 1.5 + 2.2k and 1.5 + 3.3k. A changeover switch completed the revised arrangement, the two temperatures being respectively for developing colour film and colour prints. The meter I used was a Japanese Henelec 0-100uA.—C. G. Dahl (Surrey).

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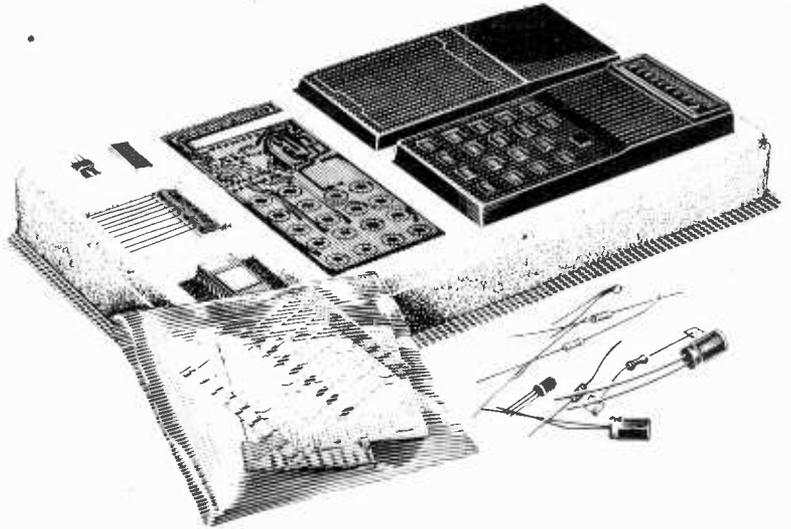


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It is easy to see how several resistance networks, plus variable separation, could be combined by switching to offer multi-system decoding, but before considering this it would be as well to look first at the circuits of Units A and B.



Unit A circuit

The circuit of unit A is shown in Fig. 12. Tr1 and Tr2 act as unity gain phase splitters, with an input impedance of $47k\Omega$ and an output impedance of about $1k\Omega$. Mixers Tr3-Tr6 are of the virtual earth type, with an output impedance of $2k\Omega$, and a gain of two when employed with input resistors of a nominal $100k\Omega$.

Apart from matrixing, the mixers will accept additional input resistors for mixing in other signals such as reverberation or echo. To keep noise to a minimum, and maintain the correct working point for each transistor, it is advisable to use metal oxide resistors of 5 per cent tolerance or better in the circuit of Fig 12.

Unit B circuit

A constant phase shift of 90° throughout the audio spectrum presents circuit problems. It is arguable how wide the frequency bandwidth needs to be. Some authors maintain that the ear is incapable of detecting phase differences from loudspeakers beyond the limits of 100Hz - 8kHz , while decoder manufacturers are currently aiming at a constant phase shift bandwidth of 20Hz - 20kHz . Some commercial decoders seem to get by with a bandwidth of 100Hz - 10kHz , with a variation of ± 10 per cent on 90° so this standard was adopted for the PW Q4 decoder. The graph of Fig. 11 shows the phase shift characteristic of the unit B circuit.

A 90° phase shifter consists of a phase splitter followed by a network of resistors and capacitors, but a simple splitter of the type used in unit A has insufficient power output to drive such a network

effectively, so IC operational amplifiers were employed instead.

In the circuit of unit B, left and right channels are identical and it will suffice to examine the left channel only. IC1 package contains two operational amplifiers of the 741 type, here labelled A and B. The inverting input of amplifier B is connected to the output of amplifier A, which also inverts. Operational amplifier A has a gain of 2.3 and B a unity gain, so the combined outputs of the amplifier pair will be 180° out of phase and 2.3 times the level of the input signal; this gain is just sufficient to offset the gain loss in the following phase shift network.

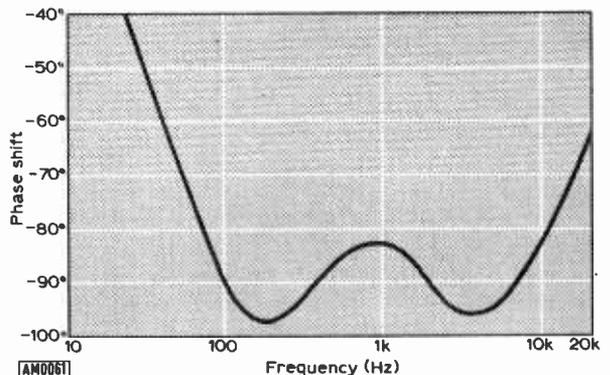


Fig. 11: Phase shift characteristics.

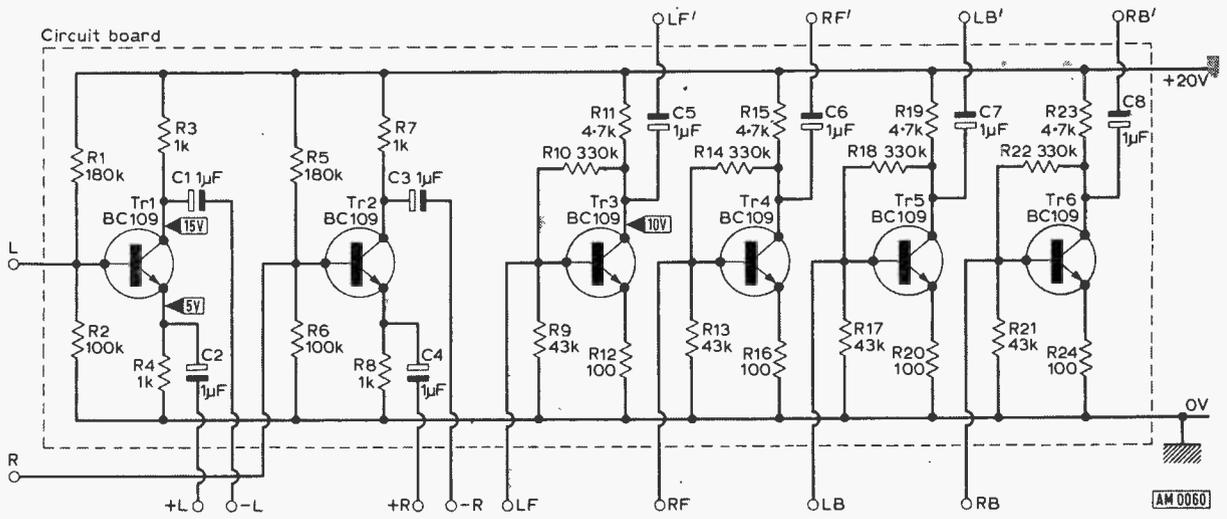


Fig. 12: Circuit of unit A.

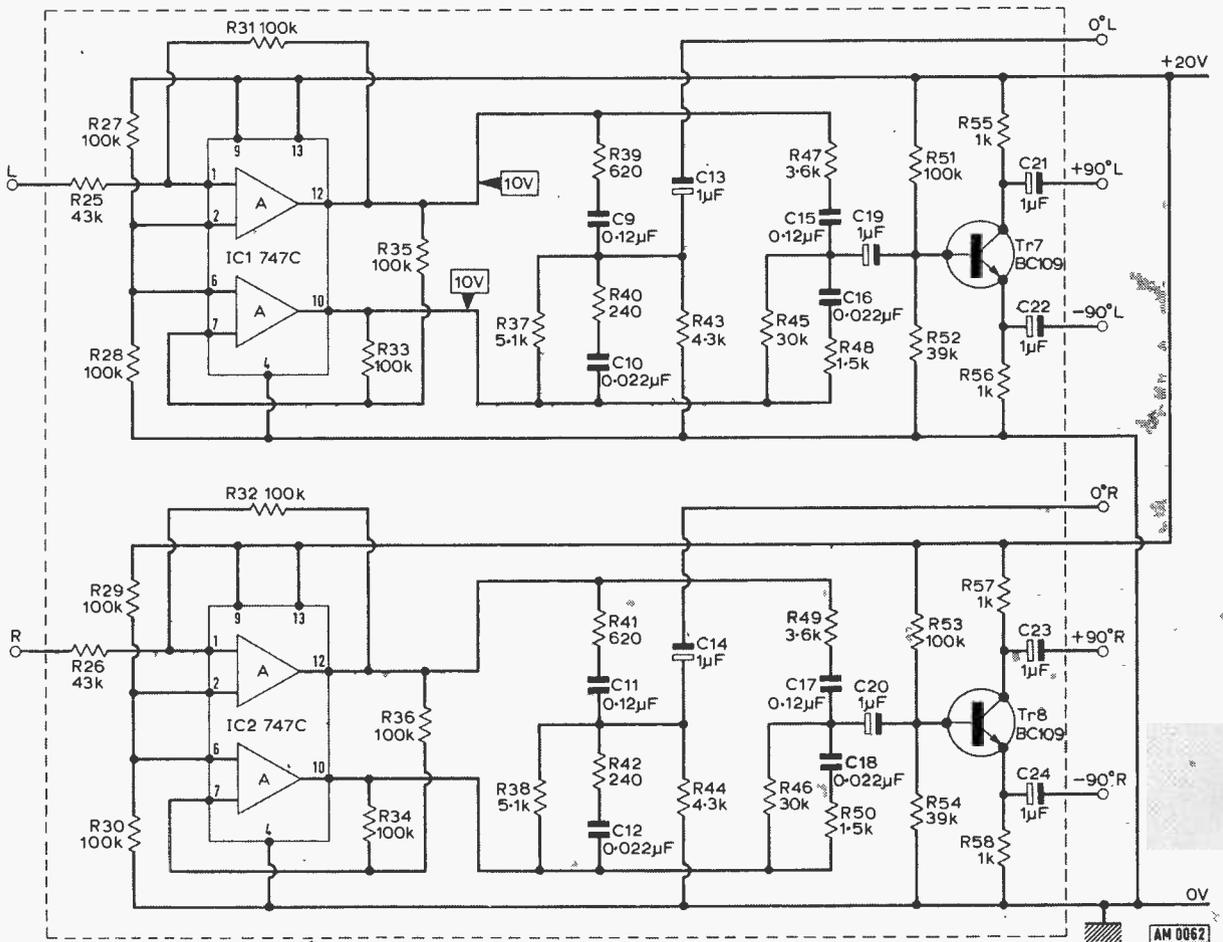


Fig. 13: Circuit of unit B.

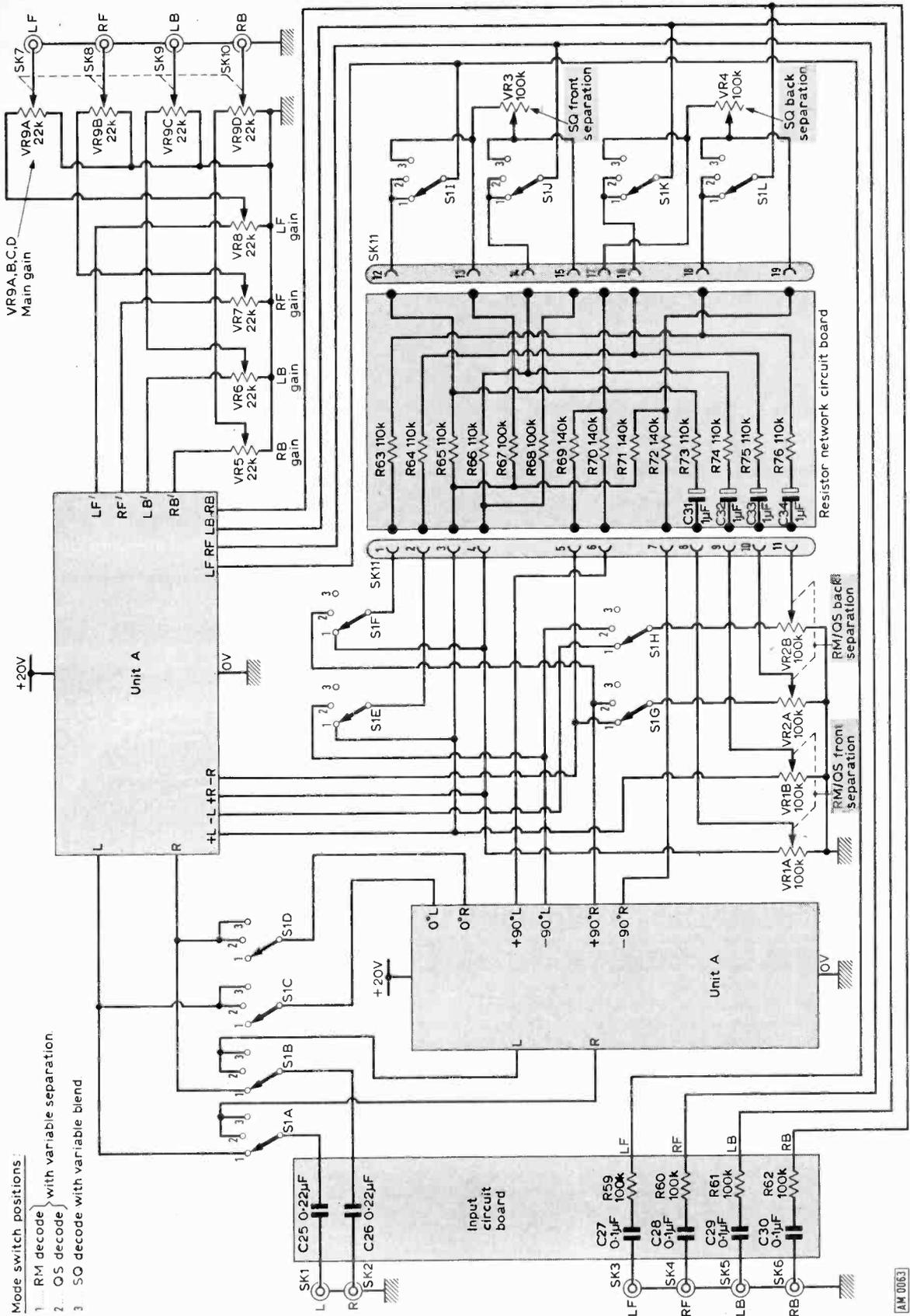


Fig. 14: Circuit diagram of the Q4 multi-system decoder with infinitely variable separation and discrete inputs.

★ Q4 COMPONENTS LIST

UNIT A

Resistors

R1 180kΩ	R13 43kΩ
R2 100kΩ	R14 330kΩ
R3 1kΩ	R15 4·7kΩ
R4 1kΩ	R16 100Ω
R5 180kΩ	R17 43kΩ
R6 100kΩ	R18 330kΩ
R7 1kΩ	R19 4·7kΩ
R8 1kΩ	R20 100Ω
R9 43kΩ	R21 43kΩ
R10 330kΩ	R22 330kΩ
R11 4·7kΩ	R23 4·7kΩ
R12 100Ω	R24 100Ω

All $\frac{1}{2}$ W metal oxide

Capacitors

C1-C8 1μF 25V electrolytic

Transistors

Tr1-Tr6 BC109

Miscellaneous

0·1in pitch Veroboard 0·9in x 4in; terminal pins.

UNIT B

Resistors

R25 43kΩ	R42 240Ω
R26 43kΩ	R43 4·3kΩ
R27 100kΩ	R44 4·3kΩ
R28 100kΩ	R45 30kΩ
R29 100kΩ	R46 30kΩ
R30 100kΩ	R47 3·6kΩ
R31 100kΩ	R48 1·5kΩ
R32 100kΩ	R49 3·6kΩ
R33 100kΩ	R50 1·5kΩ
R34 100kΩ	R51 100kΩ
R35 100kΩ	R52 39kΩ
R36 100kΩ	R53 100kΩ
R37 5·1kΩ	R54 39kΩ
R38 5·1kΩ	R55 1kΩ
R39 620Ω	R56 1kΩ
R40 240Ω	R57 1kΩ
R41 620Ω	R58 1kΩ

All $\frac{1}{2}$ W metal oxide

Capacitors

C9 0·12μF
C10 0·022μF
C11 0·12μF
C12 0·022μF
C13 1μF 25V electrolytic
C14 1μF 25V electrolytic
C15 0·12μF
C16 0·022μF
C17 0·12μF
C18 0·022μF
C19 1μF 25V electrolytic
C20 1μF 25V electrolytic
C21 1μF 25V electrolytic
C22 1μF 25V electrolytic
C23 1μF 25V electrolytic
C24 1μF 25V electrolytic

All capacitors $\pm 5\%$ polycarbonate unless otherwise specified

Transistors

Tr7 BC109 Tr8 BC109

Integrated Circuits

IC1 747C 14 pin DIL
IC2 747C 14 pin DIL

Miscellaneous

0·1in pitch Veroboard 1·8in x 3in; terminal pins

Additional components for multi-system decoder

Resistors

R59 100kΩ	R66 110kΩ
R60 100kΩ	R67 100kΩ
R61 100kΩ	R68 100kΩ
R62 100kΩ	R69 140kΩ
R63 110kΩ	R70 140kΩ
R64 110kΩ	R71 140kΩ
R65 110kΩ	R72 140kΩ

All resistors $\frac{1}{2}$ W metal oxide

Potentiometers

VR1 100kΩ linear dual-gang
VR2 100kΩ linear dual-gang
VR3 100kΩ linear
VR4 100kΩ linear
VR5 22kΩ linear
VR6 22kΩ linear
VR7 22kΩ linear
VR8 22kΩ linear
VR9 22kΩ log (two dual-gang, see text)

Capacitors

C25 0·22μF
C26 0·22μF
C27 0·1μF
C28 0·1μF
C29 0·1μF
C30 0·1μF
C31 1μF 25V electrolytic
C32 1μF 25V electrolytic
C33 1μF 25V electrolytic
C34 1μF 25V electrolytic

All capacitors tubular polyester unless otherwise specified

Switch

S1 12 pole 3 way (RS Components miniature Mako-switch with three 4 pole 3 way wafers)

Sockets

SK1-SK10 phono panel mounting
SK11 0·1in pitch edge connector cut down to 19 way (see text)

Miscellaneous

0·1in pitch Veroboard 1·9in x 3in and 2in x 1·2in; knobs; phono plugs; 18 s.w.g. aluminium sheet 20cm x 29cm and 14·5cm x 35cm.

POWER SUPPLY

Resistors

R77 1kΩ 10% $\frac{1}{2}$ W carbon

Capacitors

C35 1000μF 35V electrolytic
C36 1000μF 25V electrolytic
C37 0·1μF tubular polyester

Transistors

Tr9 BFY52

Diodes

D1 1N4001
D2 1N4001
D3 BZX61 (1·3W zener)

Transformer

T1 0-20V, 0-20V (RS Components Ltd. miniature mains transformer)

Miscellaneous

0·1in pitch Veroboard 1·9in x 2·1in; TO5 heat sink; terminal pins.

The phase splitters in Fig. 13 are Tr7 and Tr8. Phase shift capacitors for the left channel are C9, C10, C15, and C16, and these must have a tolerance of ± 5 per cent or better if the performance indicated in Fig. 11 is to be realised. All resistors used in the Unit B circuit should also be 5 per cent or better and preferably of the metal oxide type.

The input impedance of unit B is $43k\Omega$ and the output impedance from the phase splitters approximately $1k\Omega$. As the 0°L and R outputs are only to be connected to the phase splitters of unit A their impedance may be ignored.

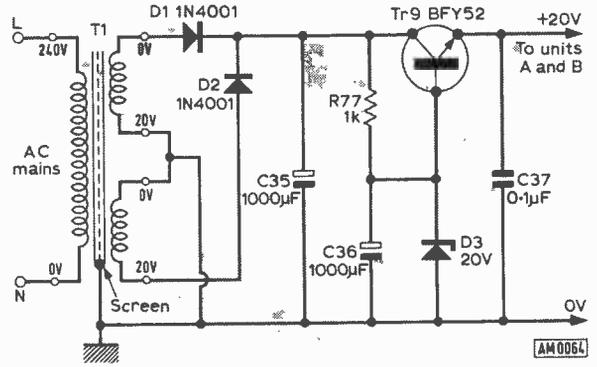


Fig. 15: Power supply circuit.

Multi-system decoder

Fig. 14 shows the circuit of a multi-system decoder based on units A and B. In the RM position of switch S1, with VR1 and VR2 set to mid-track the circuit adheres to the Schieber code with constants of 0.92 and 0.38, giving 3dB separation with a similarly coded recording. When VR1 and VR2 sliders are at the earthed ends of their tracks, left to right separation is virtually infinite, and front to back separation is zero, thus giving centre of the room stereo, and an effect similar to stereophones. At the other extreme, with sliders at the live ends of tracks, left to right separation will be zero and front to back separation is infinite, giving a stereo recording as centre front mono with centre back ambience.

Adjustment of VR1 and VR2 will cover the codes of all early American material, and will also compensate for the widely differing recording techniques used for stereo, to give a well balanced surround-sound result. The resistors associated with the RM decode are R63-R66 and R73-R76.

With S1 switched to QS, the RM resistors are rearranged for Sansui-Pye decode, when VR1 and VR2 are at mid-track. Here, adjustment of VR1 and VR2 can be used to alter the sound stage proportions and to compensate for an oblong speaker array.

In the SQ decode S1 position, resistors R67-R72 are brought into circuit to satisfy the CBS decode constants of 1 and 0 on the front channels, and 0.707 on the back channels, with the required phase shifts in the back channels. At the same time, the controls and resistors associated with RM and QS are rendered inoperative, and VR3 and VR4 are brought in to control SQ front and back separation. With VR3 and VR4 at mid-track, left to right separation will be 10 per cent or 20dB, and this setting will give satisfactory results with SQ recordings where a strong centre front image is not important. The blend values may be varied to compensate for an unusual speaker layout, or to boost a centre front image.

SK3 to SK6 in Fig. 14 are for discrete inputs, and may be used at any setting of S1 when the two-channel inputs to SK1 and SK2 are switched off. Using two and four channel inputs simultaneously would give a mix between the two, so SK3-SK6 can also be employed for mixing in other signals while decoding matrixed material. An output from a reverberation unit could be fed into SK5 and SK6 for increased ambience on certain recordings, or a voice announcement could be mixed into any one of the four channels while music is playing.

Power supply

The supply requirements of units A and B together are 33-40mA at 20V with a low ripple content and a low supply impedance throughout the frequency range. This is provided by the semi-regulated supply circuit of Fig. 15.

C36 and R77 time constant ensures a slow-rise switch on to prevent loudspeaker 'plop' and at the same time keeps impedance down at very low frequencies. C37 offers a low impedance at high frequencies.

The article to follow next month will give constructional details of the multi-system decoder, with notes on testing and setting up.



TUT! TUT!!

P.W. STUDENT OSCILLOSCOPE

On page 340 of the August issue a Veroboard layout was shown. To assist constructors, the co-ordinates of the conductor breaks are listed below:

A43	B1	C4	E15	F24	G15	H5	K66
	B4	C76	E24	F28	G19	H15	
	B27		E36	F33			
	B83						
L54	M57	N34	O39	P24	Q48	R8	S14
L67	M63	N39	O43	P39	Q74	R23	
	M66	N51	O48	P48	Q80		
	M72	N57	O76	P51			
		N63	O80	P76			
		N66		P80			
	T5	U13	V36	W1	W63		X43
	T25	U75	V53	W5	W67		
	T32	U80	V75	W40	W73		
			V80	W50	W80		
				W59	W83		

HOT LINES

ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

ON AN IMPULSE

WHILE it is always interesting to record the latest developments in electronic components, instruments, etc, it often works out that an application of established principles and equipment is equally fascinating.

One such application is that of amplifying tiny—really tiny—electrical signals or impulses and causing these to control things. Human beings have been doing this since the year one. Signals from the brain control limbs, etc. The twist in this story comes when you take signals generated by the body and couple them to external sources.

A series of experiments has been conducted (another series is in current progress) which shows that well over a dozen different muscle patterns can be produced on cue. The idea is that the subject thinks of raising (say) his right thumb but does not actually move it upwards. Gold electrodes taped to the hands are able to detect these impulse commands.

The experiments to date have involved a subject causing different patterns in an array of lights. Consider the possibilities. You could think that the grass needed cutting—and immediately a radio-controlled E-type lawn mower would belt out of the shed. Obviously there are limits. Imagine being introduced to Raquel Welch, an experience which should produce an impulse or two in most men. Perhaps a built-in manual control could restrict reaction on such occasions to a well-willed wink.

PACEMAKERS

Pacemakers, those devices which keep an internal eye on hearts which don't function as reliably as they should, have to be replaced surgically about every two years. Nuclear-powered pacemakers can last ten times as long but can cost five times as much compared to "conventional" ones. They also radiate and are more bulky and heavier than their "conventional" counterparts.

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TEMPIS FUGIT

In a previous issue, I wrote of electronic clocks and watches. This seemed to stir a chord in some people and a few even wrote to me. Prices for these items will doubtless come down as production goes up. Not all electronic time pieces cost hundreds of pounds. An electronic stop-watch about to launch itself onto the American market is reckoned to sell there for less than \$200. It has a crystal oscillator, LED display and a rechargeable battery. A 28-pin C.M.O.S. chip is employed and the watch measures 0.5in. wide, 1.4in. long and 0.75in. deep. The 24hr read-out will happily stay illuminated for about 12 weeks before the battery needs recharging and there is a small button which will switch off the display if it is desired to conserve power.

The electronic watch market in the U.S. alone is estimated at \$50 million for this year which might account for all the activity. One manufacturer has recently introduced what is claimed to be the first watch ever which employs field effect liquid crystal displays.

One of the interesting things about the particular display used in these watches is that it is the reverse of the image usually associated with liquid crystal displays. Normally, these adopt a frosted-glass effect for the legends against a mirror background. The field effect LCD's absorb the incident light via polariser filters and the legends (figures, letters, etc) are easily

seen as dark outlines against a diffused white background. The lowest price model in this range of wrist watches is around \$150. The field effect displays are guaranteed by the manufacturer for 3 years, but it is expressed that they will last for nearer 10 years. Looks as though proud owners will be taking their time-pieces to electronic beauty salons every so often for a face change?

One of the most vital parts in the electronic watch, employing a crystal oscillator, is the crystal itself—the electronic heart of the beast. Favourite crystal frequency is 32kHz which is then divided down to supply pulses which in turn feed the displays via display drivers. But there's a snag. Difficulty is being experienced in some areas because the clock/watch maker cannot get enough crystals at 32kHz.

THEY'RE RESISTANT!

One company offers some intriguing resistors which are described as ceramic-insulated and flame-proof. Apparently, these will not burn even if the open flame of a blow-lamp is played on them. Well I'm blown! Resistance values range from 1Ω to 60kΩ in wattage ratings from 1-10 Watts.

POWER STRUGGLE

Remember the first transistors? Red spot for a.f. with a cut-off around 800kHz. Then White spot transistors which, with luck, managed the 1.8-2MHz Amateur band. They were delicate and couldn't handle too much power. The latest power transistors from one manufacturer are rated to handle 400V at 60A (down to 100V at 200A). A 500V 100A component is in the design stage. Note: these are transistors not thyristors. Perhaps we have a struggle for Power here?

Ginsberg

TAKE 20

DAVID ANDREWS

No. 54 RADIO-GRAM

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

BEFORE you complain that you have been misled by this month's title I had better explain that this device enables you to play records via any type of transistor portable radio without having to make any internal connections to the radio. Thus it is ideal for use with the modern miniature portables that do not have pick-up sockets and thus might save Dad a bit of money when "junior" demands a record player! Apart from the unit to be described you will, of course, need a turntable unit with a CRYSTAL CARTRIDGE pick-up. We stress crystal cartridge not only because it is the cheapest but because the "Radio-Gram" will not work with other types.

Circuit

The circuit shown in Fig. 1 is basically an oscillator that can be tuned with TC1 to operate between about 700kHz and 1.5MHz (i.e. across the range of the medium wave band). The amplitude of oscillation is modulated by direct connection of the pick-up across R2. The modulation process works simply by shifting the bias level of the transistor at audio frequencies and this is remarkably effective. C1 is necessary to help decouple the junction of R1 and R2 to r.f. and it also prevents overmodulation at high frequencies.

Construction and Testing

The coil is wound on a 4 to 6in length of $\frac{3}{8}$ in diameter ferrite aerial rod, Fig. 2, but when doing this be careful to take note of the sense and start points of the windings; if the connections from the 5 turn feedback coil are reversed the circuit will refuse to operate! The BC108 used should have a gain in the order of 200, which is in the centre of the production spread, but the circuit will operate with devices of widely differing gain.

If, on test, the signal is distorted it is likely that the transistor has too high a gain and the carrier is being clipped. To prevent this increase the value of R3 and reduce R4, keeping the sum of the two about $2k\Omega$, to introduce a little more negative feedback. Conversely, if the signal strength is weak change the values in the opposite direction. No problem should be encountered here, however, so we have made R3 and R4 fixed values instead of using a more expensive preset.

The unit can be built on veroboard and fitted within a screened metal box. The signal is fed out via a screened lead (very loosely coupled to the ferrite rod as shown) and the centre conductor connected into the aerial socket of the transistor radio. To operate it, select a quiet portion of the medium waveband, put on a record and adjust TC1 until the music is clearly received. First tuning is best carried out on the receiver.

The current drawn by the Radio-Gram is minute, less than 100 microamps, so any small 9V battery will operate it for almost the battery's shelf life.

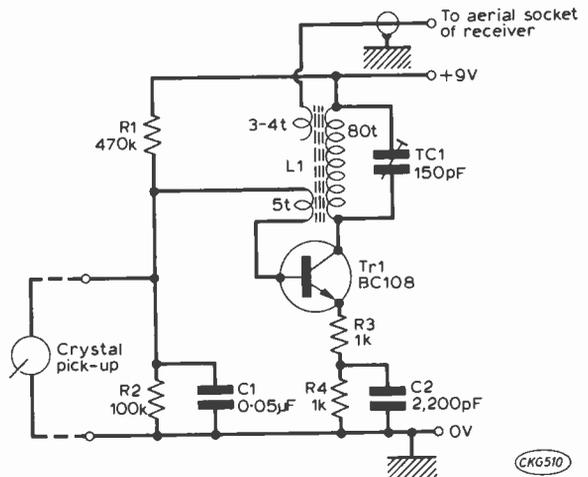
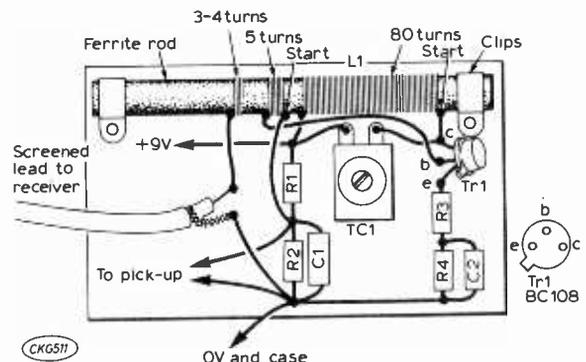


Fig. 1 above, shows the circuit of the Radio Gram. One end of the output coupling coil is left free. Fig. 2, below, is a suitable layout on veroboard.



★ components list

R1	470k Ω	1p
R2	100k Ω	1p
R3	1k Ω	1p
R4	1k Ω	1p
C1	0.05 μ F	4p
C2	2200pF	4p
TC1	150pF preset	15p
Tr1	BC108	10p
L1	Ferrite rod	25p
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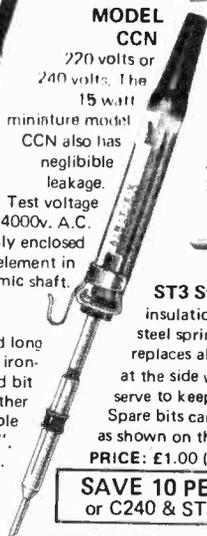
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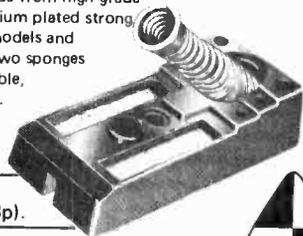
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THERE can be little doubt that the wobulator method is by far the best means of setting up an IF strip for optimum bandpass characteristic, combined with optimum sensitivity. There are a number of commercial units made, aimed mainly at the 'trade' and priced accordingly. However, the wobulator described here costs about £1, whilst providing all the necessary features. An oscilloscope is necessary and preferably one with a simple means of getting at the timebase. (Horizontal X output).

PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The wobulator consists basically of a voltage controlled oscillator whose frequency is being constantly swept across the IF band of the receiver in question. The control is by means of a varicap diode, which can either be one of the purpose-made devices, or more simply, a power rectifier, such as the 1N4001/2/3.



Fig. 1: Typical waveform of a timebase oscillator, used to control the sweep of the wobulator.

The timebase output on an oscilloscope looks like Fig. 1, which is applied to the diode so that the voltage on the diode is constantly changing in step with the oscilloscope trace. So we have three variables coordinated, namely:—

1. The trace.
2. The voltage on the varicap diode.
3. The varicap capacity and consequently the wobulator frequency.

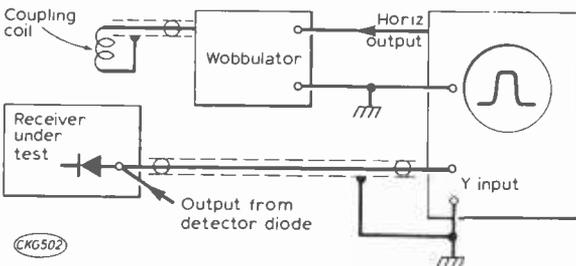


Fig. 2: Interconnections of the scope, wobulator and IF strip being aligned.

As the frequency sweeps through the IF frequency of the receiver, the IF response curve is displayed on the scope, which is itself monitoring the output from the receiver detector, Fig. 2.

CIRCUIT

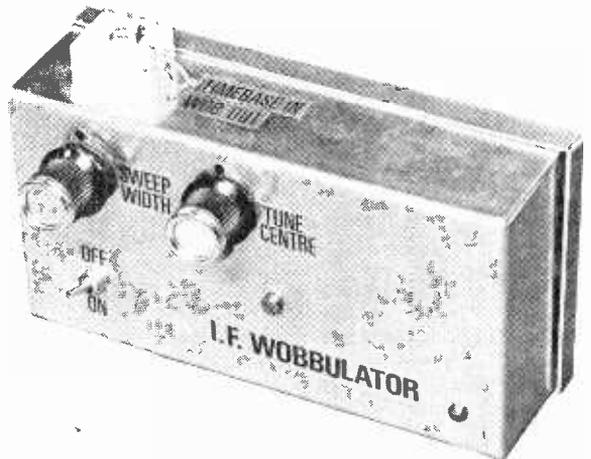
The heart of the device is the single FET Vackar VFO, Fig. 3. The choice of FET is very large, and almost anything in the standard N-channel series will do, e.g. 2N3819, 3823E, TIS88, BFW10. Remember to check the base connections.

The centre frequency is mainly determined by L1, C3 and C5 and VC1. By experimentation with values, it is possible to make the VFO operate past 50MHz, though most sets designed for AM operation use an IF between 455 and 470kHz. An ordinary 455 or 470kHz IFT can be used for L1, the internal capacitor being disconnected.

It is advisable to check the timebase output from the scope when choosing the varicap diode, since many scopes have a high voltage at the X output. (The author found out the hard way!) Choose a diode with adequate PIV ratings.

CONSTRUCTION

It will be seen from the diagrams that the layout is quite straightforward. A printed circuit board layout is given, Fig. 4, though at 455kHz there is no objection to Veroboard if that is considered



General view of the prototype wobulator. Co-axial sockets could be used instead of the terminal block.

Fig. 3: Circuit of the wobulator. VC1 may be any suitably sized variable of about 200pF.

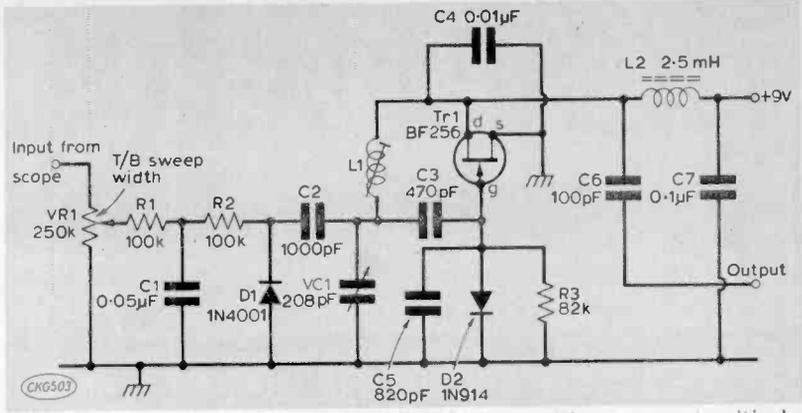
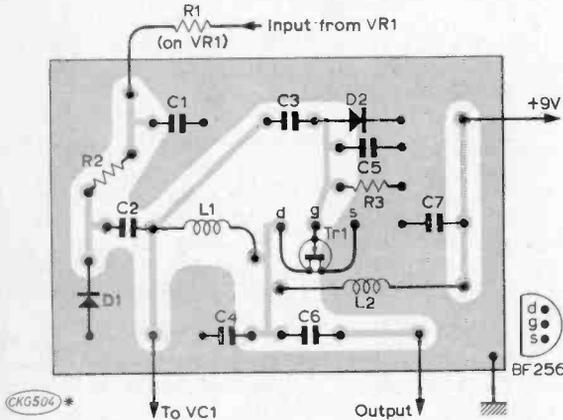


Fig. 4: The printed circuit board, actual size, with component layout.

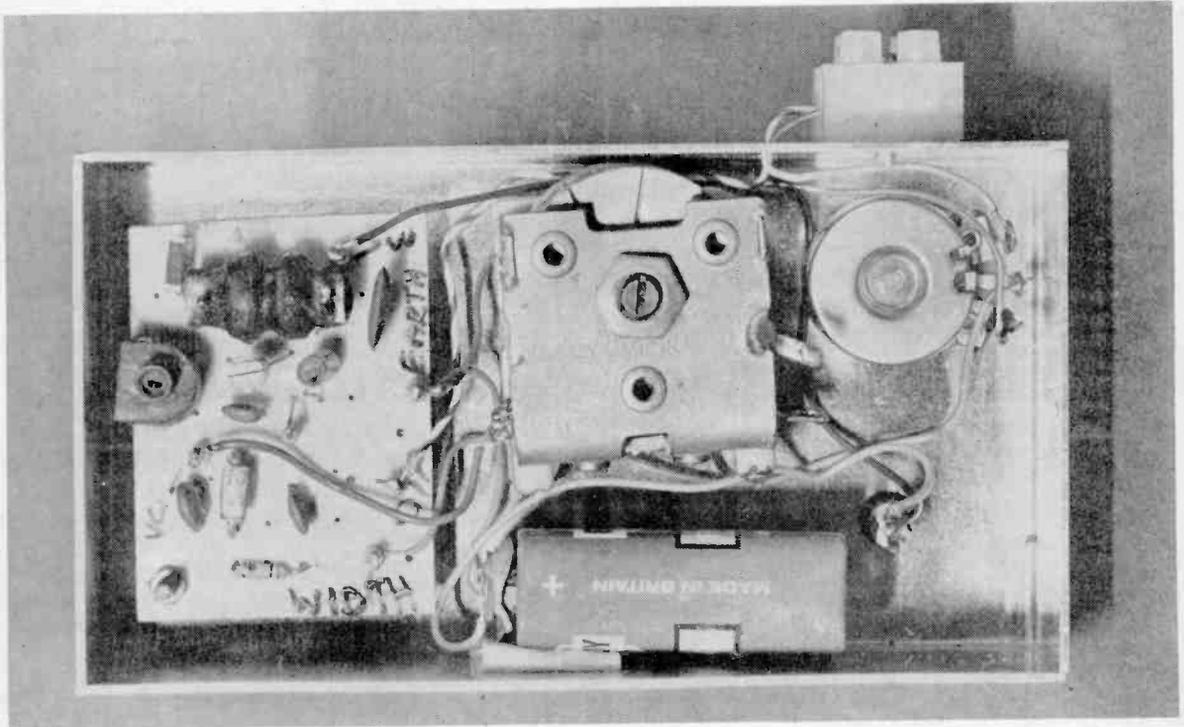


more convenient. Relative positions are not critical, and the wobulator can very largely be adapted to fit any convenient case.

No particular types of sockets are necessary since most people seem to have adopted their own 'standard,' most probably the standard TV coax system. Remembering the comments on the timebase output it is best to use either a shielded plug or directly soldered connections to avoid shocks when setting up.

OPERATION

The current drawn by the wobulator is typically 5mA, and any big discrepancy should be investigated before going further. When the system is coupled



The p.c.b. is mounted in the box with bolts and spacing nuts. General layout is not at all critical. An on/off switch could form part of VR1.

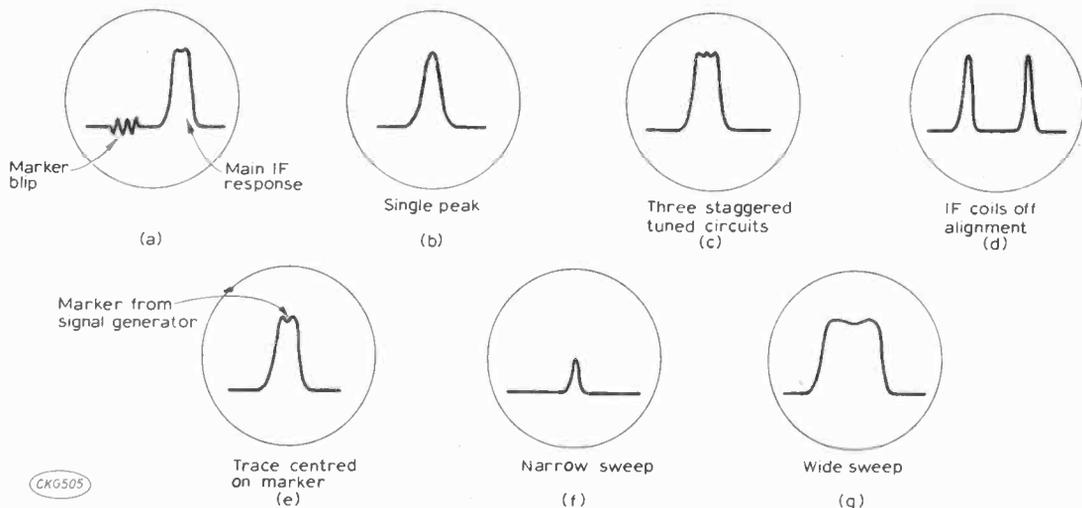


Fig. 5: Various i.f. response curves, obtained with the set-up of Fig. 2.

together as shown in Fig. 2, set the frequency of the wobulator approximately by the variable capacitor, until a trace of the IF is seen on the scope screen. The sweep frequency should be set at around 50Hz for best results when a 50Hz buzz from the set's loudspeaker will be heard when the wobulator is correctly aligned. The centre frequency of the IF can then be determined by using an accurately calibrated signal generator, Fig. 5a.

The output from the signal generator is coupled to the IF strip in the same way as the wobulator, namely a few turns of wire placed near to the mixer input/output. Remember to disable the set's local oscillator before alignment, since this will

otherwise lead to spurious traces. A few traces likely to be seen are shown in Fig. 5b-c.

The sweep width potentiometer determines the length of sweep, which may represent from 0 to 20kHz. The narrower the sweep, the more of the IF is displayed on the scope, but it must sweep at least as far as the ends of the IF bandwidth, Figs. 5f-g.

There only remains to align the IF by adjusting the cores in the IFT's to get the desired response. Bandwidth can be determined by using the signal generator to determine the points on the response curve corresponding, say, to 452 and 458kHz (455kHz centre frequency).

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MEDIUM WAVE BROADCASTS by CHARLES MOLLOY

THE International Short Wave Club conducts a poll every three years to determine the most popular short wave stations.

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Ex-W.D. Equipment

The short paragraph at the end of the September column announcing that I would be devoting some space to the subject of ex-government Communication receivers has sparked off an even larger than usual postbag. The problem has become so bad that I have had to install a larger letterbox to assist the postman. I would, however, like to remind you all that any letter requiring an answer should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

I still require information on some of the rarer receivers and if any of you can supply me with this I can assure you that it will be well treated and returned as soon as possible. In particular I would be grateful for any information on the ex-Admiralty B40 receiver.

Readers' Logs

The first log this month comes from **Alan Carpenter** who lives in Aborfield near Reading. Alan's equipment consists of a Heathkit 'Mohican' GC-1U receiver and its 50 inch telescopic aerial. However, a 70 foot long-wire was added to pull in Radio Ceylon.

- 4915 *Radio Ghana, Accra*, nx. in English at 2245.
- 6250 *World Music Radio* in English at 0900.
- 7310 *Radio Vilnius, Lithuania*. English at 2230.
- 11725 *Radio Ceylon* with Religious programme at 1700.

- 11725 *R. Free Europe, Lisbon*. Pop music at 2315.
- 11730 *R. Tashkent, Uzbek* in English at 1400.
- 15445 *R. Nacional de Brasilia*. English at 2230.

A. W. Guzelian of Coniston in Lancashire has an HRO receiver and a 45 foot long-wire aerial which enabled him to hear:

- 7105 *R. Nacional de Espana*, in Spanish at 1300.
- 9555 *R. Baghdad, Iraq* in English at 1940.
- 11350 *R. Pyongyang, N. Korea*, English at 2100.
- 11765 *R. Yerevan, Armenia* noted at 2030.
- 11880 *Voice of Turkey*, in English at 2200.
- 15115 *R. Tashkent* in English at 1400.
- 15415 *R. Kuwait* in English at 1730.

Simon Wormleighton and **J. P. Fletcher** of Rendcomb College, Cirencester, Glos. have again sent in a report using the following equipment, Astrad-Altair with 80 foot long-wire; HRO with 8 metre folded dipole; Bush PB63 with 35 foot long-wire. Stations logged included:

- 6010 *R.T.B., Belgium* in French at 1505.
- 9022 *Voice of Iran* in English at 2005.
- 9600 *R. Kuwait*. Nx. in English at 1730.
- 9670 *Adventist World Radio, Lisbon* at 0935.
- 11730 *R. Vilnius, Lithuania* in English at 2250.
- 11850 *R. Norway* in English at 0824.
- 15325 *R. Canada International* at 1634.

Chris Greenway and **John Greenlees** sent in a combined log from Brandiston in Norfolk. The equipment used being a Lafayette HA600A receiver; Codar PR40 preselector; 100 foot long-wire; 15MHZ dipole and homebrew A.T.U. An extract from their log with more than 60 entries is as follows:

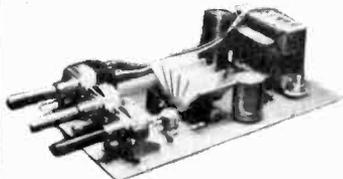
- 9545 *R. Ghana, Accra* in English at 2135.
- 9655 *R. Damascus, Syria*, English at 2000.
- 11650 *R. Bangladesh* with music at 1715.
- 11710 *R. Kiev, Ukraine* noted at 1945.
- 11725 *R. Ceylon* in English at 1700.
- 11935 *R. Pakistan*, news in English at 1725.
- 15105 *R. Grenada, Windward Islands* at 2120.
- 15105 *BBC, Ascension Is.* relay noted at 1510.
- 15185 *R. Nigeria, Lagos*, in English at 0715.
- 15195 *R. Japan*, news in English at 2215.
- 15265 *R. Afghanistan* in English at 1800.
- 15310 *BBC, Tebrau, Malaysia* relay at 1745.

The last log for this month comes from **Christopher Hodgson** of Sunderland who used a Codar Multiband-6 receiver, the PW A.T.U. and a 50 foot long-wire aerial to hear the following stations:

- 6130 *Radio Norway* at 1800. (Sundays).
- 9005 *R. Tehran, the Voice of Iran* at 2000.
- 9840 *Voice of Vietnam, Hanoi* noted at 1815.
- 15012 *Voice of Vietnam, Hanoi* noted at 1800.
- 15165 *Radio Denmark* in Danish at 1400
- 15185 *Radio Finland* at 1810.
- 15325 *R. Canada International*, s/off at 1313.

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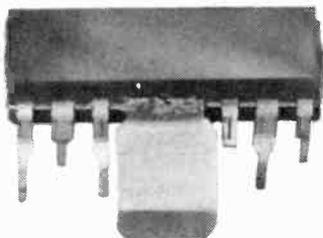
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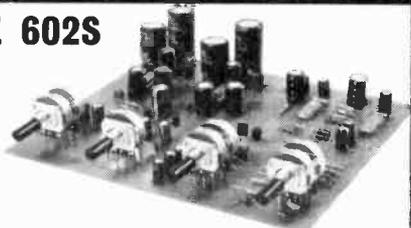


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MEDIUM WAVE BROADCASTS by CHARLES MOLLOY

A W. GUZELIAN (Coniston, Lake District) has been trying his H.R.O. receiver and 45ft outdoor aerial on the medium waves. His log includes BBC local radio stations at Blackburn on 854kHz; Sheffield 1034kHz; Leeds 1106kHz; Merseyside 1484kHz; Stoke 1502kHz; Nottingham 1520kHz; Teesside 1546kHz; together with programmes in English from the Voice of America (VOA) Munich 173kHz (1734m) on the longwaves at 1600hrs; Milan, Italy on 899kHz at 2300hrs; American Forces Network (AFN) Berlin 935kHz at 2325hrs; Radio Eireann 1250kHz at 1430hrs (low power relay at either Dublin or Cork).

Keith Lavelle (Manchester) has a 10 transistor radio and an outdoor spring-loaded whip antenna. He reports hearing BBC Radio Leeds on 1106kHz; Sheffield 1034kHz; Stoke 1502kHz; Bristol 1546kHz; Manx Radio (Isle of Man) 1594kHz; Trans World Radio, Montecarlo 1466kHz.

J. Hallos (Warrington, Lancs) has built the *Practical Wireless* General Coverage receiver which he is using with a 12ft indoor aerial attached to a 6ft curtain rail. He reports hearing Manx Radio 1594kHz at 0800hrs; Radio Eireann 1250kHz; Radio Leicester 1594kHz at 1400hrs; Bristol 1546kHz; Nottingham 1520kHz; Stoke 1502kHz.

VHF/FM DXING

by SIMON DAVID

FOLLOWING a report a few months ago, **David Gardner** of Dublin has kindly forwarded to me a copy of RTE Guide which covers v.h.f. and television broadcasts from the Republic of Ireland. Radio Na Gaeltachta has only recently opened, broadcasting news, local events and Irish music. Stations have been set up to transmit from Truskmore 91.90MHz, Maghera 97MHz, Mullaghinish 91.30MHz, Kippure 89.10MHz, and Mt. Leinster 90.40MHz all on the v.h.f./f.m. band. Others are on medium wave 240m, 556m, 312m. Irish is spoken throughout while RTE maintains a mainly English speaking service on 89.7MHz, 94.1MHz, 95.3MHz, 94.9MHz respectively.

David says that RTE will verify reception reports, but is still awaiting acknowledgement from R. Na Gael, who have small studios at Casla, Connemara, Co. Galway, Eire. They are a part of RTE, but do not carry commercials. It apparently arose following the setting up of a "pirate" station in the west. This resulted in the "pirate" operator being engaged officially to run R. Na Gael.

Roy Patrick of Derby has taken his v.h.f. receiver on holiday with him on the East Coast (keen DXer!), but unfortunately did not have much DX success. Moving on to Farnborough, Hampshire he picked up Rouen 96.5MHz (loud and clear), Boulogne 99.9MHz (excellent quality) and back in hometown just managed to pick up Boulogne again.

Tim Thorpe (Lowbands, Glos.) has become intrigued with the performance of his Murphy transistor portable after dark. Using its internal aerial he has logged programmes in English from AFN Germany on 872kHz and 1142kHz; Vatican Radio 1529kHz at 2045hrs; TWR Montecarlo 1466kHz at 2100hrs; Radio Berlin International 1511kHz at 2145hrs; Radio Tirana, Albania 1394kHz at 2200hrs; Radio Prague 1286kHz at 2200hrs; Radio Warsaw 1502kHz at 2230hrs; Radio Portugal 755kHz at 2245hrs; Radio Sweden 1178kHz at 2245hrs.

Harold Emblem (Mirfield Yorkshire) has received a verification from the low power Radio Rabat, Morocco 818kHz and he mentions that this station signs off at 0300hrs GMT with "Huna Rabat". This is a good time of year to listen to medium wave stations from North Africa and the Middle East. During the period of Ramadhan, which falls between the 28th September and 27th October this year, many stations are on the air all night and some of them are quite conspicuous after 2300hrs GMT. Listen for Algeria on 533kHz, 548kHz, 890kHz and 980kHz; Tunisia on 629kHz and 962kHz; Libya 1124kHz and 1250kHz; Egypt on 620kHz; Kuwait 1345kHz; Baghdad 760kHz; Beirut 836kHz; Morocco 935kHz; Saudi Arabia 587kHz; Syria 957kHz; Turkey 1061kHz. On the long waves look for Azilal, Morocco on 209kHz (1435m) in Arabic and Tipaza, Algeria 251kHz (1195m) in French.

The BBC transmitter at Moorside Edge on 692kHz (434m) is being increased from 150kW to 300kW to help listeners whose reception is affected by interference from a station in East Germany. The Radio 4 transmitter at Swindon on 692kHz has been changed to 1340kHz (224m) which is marked "Northern Ireland" on many tuning scales.

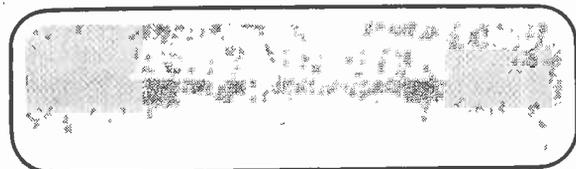
Charles Molloy

Mr. Patrick used a Grundig "Music Boy" receiver.

In some places it is possible for the aerial to pick up not only the direct signal from the transmitter but also signals which have been reflected from tall buildings, hills or other large objects. This is known as multipath interference and it can cause very unpleasant distortion. The directional properties of a carefully-positioned multi-rod aerial can often be exploited to reduce the pick-up of the reflected signals and thus eliminate the interference. If the received signals are too strong this could give rise to 'intermodulation' or interaction between two or more received signals which may result in a 'birdie' background noise on one of the channels—usually Radio 3. Modern receivers are tending to overcome this effect by using special circuitry.

If this form of interference is experienced, it is better to reduce the signal input by using an attenuator in the aerial lead, other than by using a less efficient, and therefore less directional, aerial. Variable attenuators are available and the value to choose is the one which reduces the signal input just sufficiently to remove the 'birdies' without allowing background hiss to be introduced.

If any readers have taken a v.h.f. f.m. receiver on holiday with them, especially when travelling abroad, I shall be pleased to hear from them. We are particularly interested in reception, DX or otherwise, from foreign stations. I would also welcome cassette tape recordings of readers' f.m. reports. Please enclose your full name and address and 4p stamp for the return of your cassette.



SHORT WAVES

by DAVID GIBSON, G3JDG

THE summer is now firmly behind us. No more mobile rallies and outings. Which means, I hope, that everyone will have a concentrated onslaught of listening on the Amateur Bands. How about making it a 40 metre autumn/winter? A listen for a minimum of fifteen minutes on 7MHz before you nip off to the more lucrative DX segments of 14 and 21MHz. Spare a thought too for ten metres. Could be interesting bearing in mind that we are only a couple of years away from a sunspot minimum.

One person keeping an r.f. eye on the l.f. end of things is **Stanley Sharred** (Birmingham). He managed to locate a "good" CR100 for the princely sum of £2. He uses it as a back-up to his CR150/2. Using a horizontal Vee antenna (60ft./leg) the following c.w. titbits were logged on topband; GM8MJ, EI9J, LU5HFI, OL1API, PY1RO, ZP9AY, with a couple of GW's and PA0HHV on s.s.b. A sniff around 3.5MHz raised s.s.b. squeaks from; C31DM, FP8DH, KP4AN, PY2FUS, VO1FG, W1FVD, WA3OVC, 3A2EE, 7X2MD. Even the dreaded forty metres was given a "Sharreding" to yield goodies on the c.w. like; CM2BG, CP5GM, K4JO, LU5HFI, WA5WPB, YV3TMD, Z12MM, ZM2AFH, and s.s.b. from; LU7BDZ, PY7BHX, VK2WC, YV5CYS.

Readers' Logs

Guy Dean (Ringwood) is the proud possessor of a FR50B amateur bands receiver plus a PR30 pre-selector. Antenna is an inverted Vee trap dipole with the apex at 44ft. Three band log is as follows. Eighty metres; HC1HA, K2LWR, K4CYU, OY5NS, VE1DI, VE1ED, VO1BT, VO1FG, PY1HA, WA2CLQ, W2NR, W3HFV, W5BS. Twenty metres; CE3AEV, CP1WB, CR6RJ, EP2MJ, ET3DS, ET3USA, HC2WF, HC7RD, HP1IW, HR1RSP, HZ1AB, JA4ZA, JY3ZH, JY6GT, JY8LE, KG4CA, KG4FS, KP4DSC, OA4HI, PZ1DR, TF3SV, T12KF, VE8RC, VE8RCS, VK3BJB, VK3PA, VK5AS, VP3MKE, VU2DK, VU2JM, WA7UKQ, W6KMC, W7IJZ, YV4TY, YV5EED, 5Z4JE, 6Y5GB, 9J2DC, 9X5NA, 9Y4BO. Fifteen metres; A4XFJ, A6XP, CE3ABZ, CE3EGW, CP1FG, CR6AD,

CR6AG, CR7OL, EL1G, EL9C, HK3AUE, HK3LT, KP4AOW, KZ5USA, LU1DAB, LU3KAX, OJ0AM, PY2BFJ, TR8AF, VQ9BP, YV3VU, ZD7FT, ZD8AW, ZE1AD, ZE4JW, ZE7JR, ZP5HJ, ZS1FH, ZS4GF, ZS5EL, ZS6QD, 5H3JL, 5T5DY, 5Y4XNH, 5Z4JE, 3D6AU, 9K2JM.

Listening on a CR70A receiver, PR40, a.t.u. and 264ft. end fed, **D. Dance** (Roxburghshire) heard some nice tweets on the h.f. bands. On twenty metres c.w., for example; CN8BO, CR6BX, DU1OR, OA4XK, PY2BOS, PY7VOU, PZ1CP, VP9CB, with s.s.b. from; DU1JMG, EL9C, HV3SJ, VE8RCS, 7X2MD, 9M2LN. Up on fifteen metres c.w.; CN8BO, CR6AL, CR6MX, EA8FE, EA8FS, EL0S/MM (near the Brazilian coast), FG7TG, KZ5EK, LU1HDC, VP9CB, YV3VU, ZC4BI, 9X5NA. Best on ten metres were; ZC4CY, 9H1CH on c.w. with LX1PD, MIC and 9J2DT on s.s.b.

J. England (Brighouse) has a "30ft. long wire aerial, arranged as a spiral in the loft". Dizzy signals arriving from it are fed unmercifully into a CR45 receiver. The log for twenty metres reads; CE3AIU, HC1SS, HK6CPS, LU3FAQ, LX1DAV, PZ6AA, VE2WF, VE7XF, VK2BHR, VK3MO, VR1FL, VP1TB, W9XRP, XE1PO, ZD3D. The same gear on eighty metres managed to locate; CN8HD, CT2AK, OY7JO, OY2X, VE1ZAN, VE3GCS, W2NIN, XE1CV, 4X4KT.

Signals arriving at the ears of **L. Large** (Hassocks) have to walk a 600ft. tightrope. At least that's the length of the antenna which can truthfully be described as a long wire. Apparently it was 1,000ft. long but low-flying motor vehicles proved a hazard. At the end of the line is a 9R59DS receiver and a page in the log marked 14MHz which reads; EI6S, F9JA, G13GRD, HZ1SH, LX1RR, K6UA, VO5BZ, TF5TP, VE1AM, VE8RCS, YV5AS, 3A2C. On 21MHz the best were CR6QR, and TR8VE.

Loose on 14MHz with an R107, homebrew a.t.u. and 132ft. end fed is **D. Douglas** (Leicester). His best on 14MHz were; CE3AX, CN8BO, CP5CW, CR3WB, CR7EH, EA6BG, EA8CR, EP3SP, ET3RS, ET3USA, HM1AQ, HR1BS, HZ1AB, JW1SO, JY6ZZ, KG6JBE, KP4DDO, KZ5JM, MP4BJP, OX3BH, VE1PV, VO1JR, YN9GL, YV3VU, ZB2BZ, ZE4JG, ZL3UY, ZP5GE, 3V8CA, 4S7BR, 4W1BC, 4X4BA, 4Z4BA, 7X2MD, 9J2DT, 9L1VW, 9Y4PL.

Bernard Hughes (Worcester), JR310 receiver, dipole, bagged these on 14MHz; CR7AG, HR1RSP, HZ1AB, HM1AQ, JX3P, JY6KAM, JA3AJW, KG6JAP, KZ5OH, LG5LG, VQ9MC, VP2VAP, VP2VS, VK2BKG, VK3ALL, WA7PMI, WA7BPS, ZL1JJ, ZD7FT, ZD3D, ZK1DX, 5W1AU, 9V1QO, (9G1HE, 9J2EP. Curses, all Gibbies best gone for a chop—

Events

Contests and events for October include: October 6-7, Oceana contest (phone); 6-7, u.h.f. national field day; 6-7, 432/1296MHz contest; 13-14, Oceana contest (c.w.); 13-14, fifteen/ten metre contest; 20-21, WADM contest (c.w.); 20-21, forty metre contest (c.w.). November 3-4, forty metre contest (phone); 3-4, two metre and 70cms contest.

BROADCAST BANDS

Short Wave Reports by 15th of the month to Malcolm Connah, 59 Windrush, Highworth, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN6 7DT.

Medium Waves Logs to Charles Molloy, 132 Segars Lane, Southport, PR8 3JG.

VHF/FM Reports to Simon David, c/o Practical Wireless, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4AD.

AMATEUR BANDS

Short Wave/VHF

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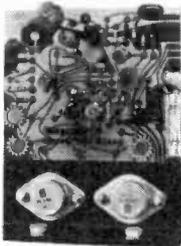
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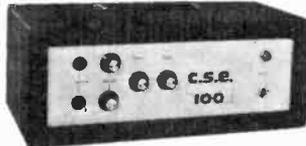
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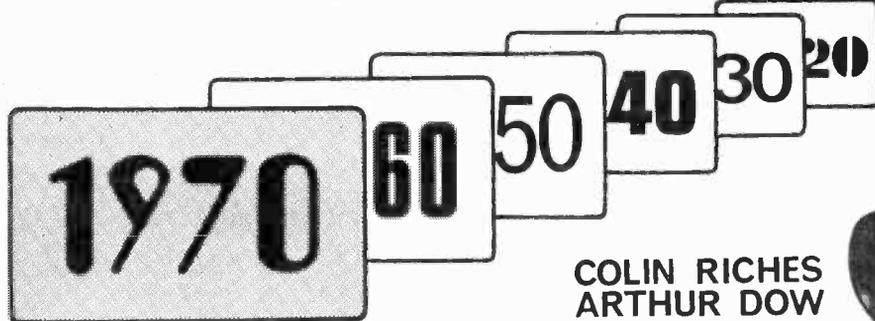
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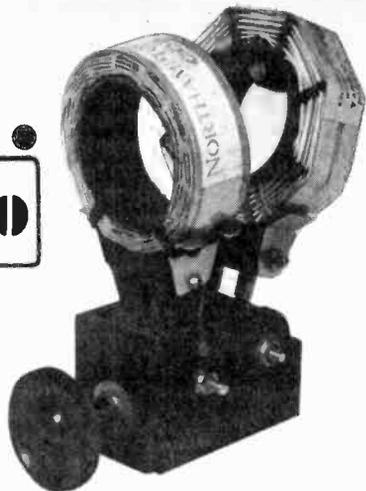
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WE'D like some help and information as soon as possible on early wireless equipment manufactured by "H.P.R. Wireless Ltd." Mr. R. J. I. Moon, lately of Guildford, Surrey, has, in the process of moving down to Cornwall, kindly passed on to us some single valve units comprising tuners, detectors and audio stages. These used to be connected together to form a complete receiver and we even have the original heavy copper wires used for that purpose, with end loops perfectly formed.

So far we have not been able to trace the makers in any of our old catalogues but we believe the units are typical of the early 1920's. The units are housed in the inevitable mahogany boxes with black ebonite panels and the equally inevitable brass terminals, each panel being engraved "H.P.R. Wireless Ltd."

Mr. Ray Williams of Grantham, Lincs, thinks enough of our humble efforts to have extracted all the Going Back pages from past issues of the magazine and to have bound them together to form a 'useful reference work'. Another reader wonders if we are going to do a reprint of our offerings! Any

more letters like that and we shall have enough evidence to demand of the Editor that something be done!

Not quite vintage but of great interest to Ray Williams are two Utility receivers of the last war, both in perfect working order. In view of the vast numbers of these sets that must have been turned out at the time there must still be many thousands out of sight in attics, storerooms, garages etc. So, go to it, Going Back'ers and follow Ray's favourite haunts, 'derelict buildings, under wood piles and in odd corners'. One ancient set was brought round by a neighbour who thought it was a war-time bomb!

Mr. Williams was also kind enough to send along a photograph, reproduced herewith, of some of his treasures which number twenty eight, so far. He specialises in early crystal sets and has collected some specimens in mint condition. The apple of his eye is an Ediswan crystal set, as new, in its original carton! This was featured on BBC TV in 'Nationwide' in July last year. So . . . oh, when you buy that transceiver keep the carton, it could be worth a bomb in fifty years time!

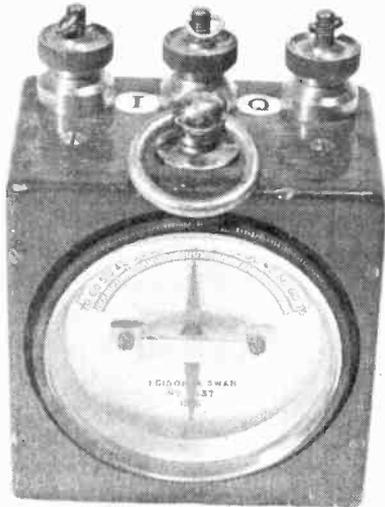


Mr. Ray Williams from Grantham is pictured here with some items from his vintage radio collection.

QR! QR! QR! QR! QR!

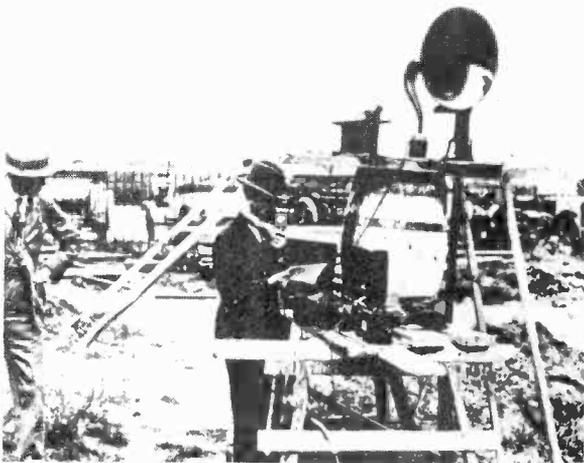
Information Wanted

... any information appreciated on this meter. Front dial reads 70-0-70 Edison and Swan No. 11637—1916. Top terminals read I and Q.—**R. J. Goodman**, 26 Killarney Road, Wandsworth, London, SW18 2DX.



... I wish to restore a Gecophone 3-valve a.c. receiver, Frequency is 50/80m and voltage input 200-250V. Number is BC 3130. Inst. No. 7327. I would be glad of any information on this set and a suitable speaker to use with it.—**Maurice Dean**, 29 Lea Road, Dronfield, Sheffield, Yorks.

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66	300	6 4	9.9 x 9.6 x 8.6	"	4.70	52
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51	5.0	6 12	12.1 x 8.6 x 10.2	"	4.42	52
117	6.0	8 0	12.1 x 9.3 x 10.2	"	5.28	52
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103	1.0	2 12	8.3 x 7.4 x 7.0	"	2.34	36
104	2.0	5 8	9.9 x 8.9 x 8.6	"	3.25	42
105	3.0	6 12	9.9 x 10.2 x 8.6	"	4.41	52
106	4.0	10 0	12.1 x 10.5 x 10.2	"	5.48	52
107	6.0	12 0	14.0 x 10.2 x 11.8	"	8.63	67
118	8.0	15 8	14.0 x 12.7 x 11.8	"	10.12	82
119	10.0	25 0	17.2 x 12.7 x 14.0	"	14.13	*

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126	1.0	3 4	8.9 x 7.7 x 7.7	"	2.26	36
127	2.0	6 4	9.9 x 9.6 x 8.6	"	3.55	42
125	3.0	8 12	12.1 x 11.8 x 10.2	"	5.41	52
123	4.0	13 12	12.1 x 11.8 x 10.2	"	6.98	67
120	6.0	15 8	14.0 x 12.1 x 11.8	"	10.12	82
122	10.0	25 0	17.2 x 12.7 x 14.0	"	16.75	*

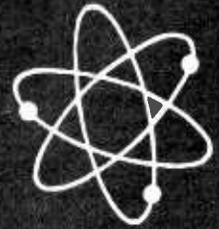
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THIS device is intended to control a transmitter and receiver, but can be used for other purposes, as explained. It gives complete control of suitable home-built equipment, without the need for any relay, or relay supplies.

Fig. 1 is the circuit, based upon the use of a 4-wafer 3-way rotary switch. Switch positions are numbered 1, 2 and 3. The back wafer S1a transfers the circuit from co-axial socket Sk1 to either co-axial socket Sk2 or Sk3. Wafer S1b closes the circuit in position 3. Wafer S1c closes in positions 2 and 3, while the front wafer S1d closes in positions 1 and 2.

METHODS FOR USE

Uses for the control box in an amateur station include the following:

Rx/Tx Control

Plug the aerial or tuner lead into Sk1. Run a co-axial lead from Sk2 to the receiver, and a similar lead from Sk3 to the transmitter. Disconnect the transmitter p.a. h.t. lead from the power pack, and take to A, running a lead from the second terminal A to the power pack. Similarly place B-B in the v.f.o. or v.f.o. h.t. circuit. Disconnect one receiver speaker lead from the speaker and take to C, adding a lead from the speaker to the second terminal C.

Position 1 then provides reception. Position 2 allows the v.f.o. to be tuned to the receiver frequency. Position 3 puts the transmitter on, and receiver off.

Aerial Selection

A dipole may be available for one band, and an end-connected wire for other bands. For such purposes, or a direct comparison of aerials, connect one aerial to Sk2, the other aerial to Sk3, and the receiver to Sk1.

Aerial/dummy load

It is sometimes convenient to run a transmitter output temporarily into a dummy load. For this, connect the Tx to Sk1, the aerial (or tuner) to Sk2, and dummy load to Sk3. For modulation and other tests the dummy load can be a household lamp. Should the dummy load be of known impedance, such as 75 ohms, it can be useful to load the transmitter into this correctly. Then switch to the aerial tuner and adjust the tuner for the same Tx p.a. input reading. A dummy load with r.f. meter is also very useful for obtaining optimum transmitter output.

Receivers

It is sometimes convenient to switch from one receiver to another, for comparison, or because they are most suitable for different purposes (such as general coverage and amateur band only receivers, or h.f. band and l.f. band receivers). This can

be done by using Sk2 for one receiver, and Sk3 for the other. Where necessary, the speaker of the receiver not in use can be muted by using terminals A-A, and C-C.

Transmitters

Sometimes a 10W Tx may be used for 160m, and a larger transmitter for other bands. Sk2 can then go to one Tx, Sk3 to the other Tx, and Sk1 to the aerial tuner.

Transmitting Aerials

It is sometimes useful to compare one transmitting aerial with another (e.g., a vertical and long wire) while transmitting. This can be done by taking the Tx to Sk1, and the aerials (with tuners, where required) to Sk2 and Sk3. Other uses will no doubt suggest themselves.

EFFICIENCY

When this method of change-over was first used, there was some doubt about r.f. efficiency, and the possibility of switching high voltages.

R.F. efficiency was compared by feeding r.f. from a Tx to an r.f. wattmeter direct, then through the control box, on 28MHz and lower frequencies. No difference in wattmeter readings could be seen.

R.F. feedthrough from Tx to Rx when transmitting depends on the equipment and layout elsewhere, as well as on stray coupling in the box. It was never large enough to cause trouble. An extra wafer was tried with the control of a large transmitter, to short Sk2 (receiver aerial) to earth, when transmitting. This was not incorporated in the control box as it was felt to be unnecessary.

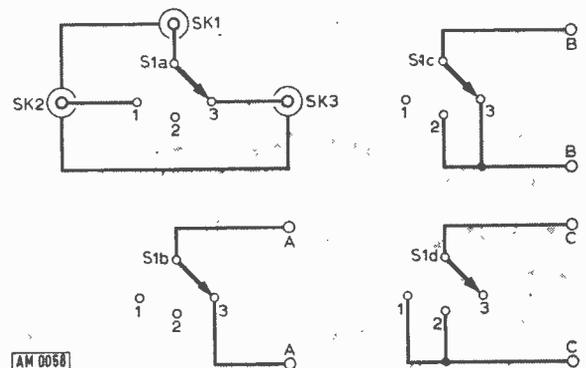


Fig. 1: Circuit of the tx/rx control box

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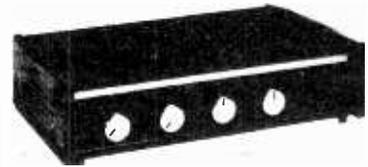
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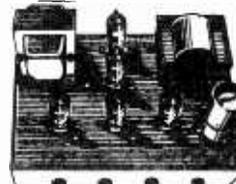
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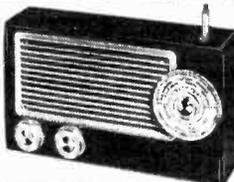
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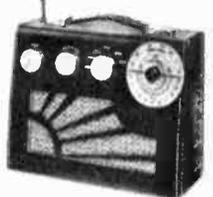
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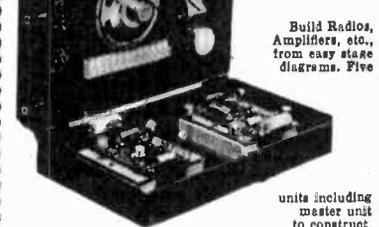


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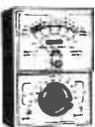
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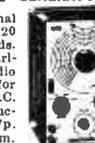
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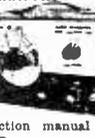
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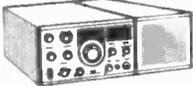
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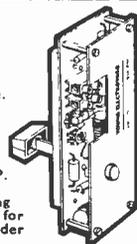
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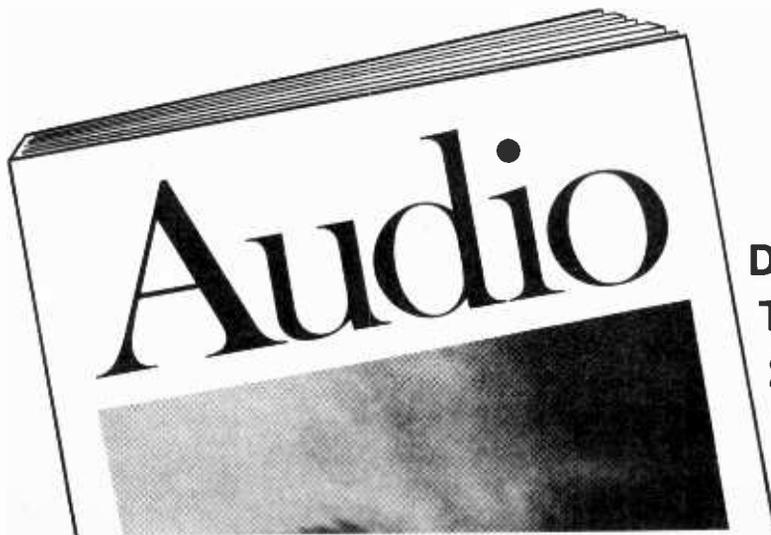
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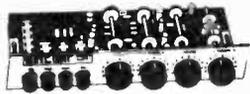


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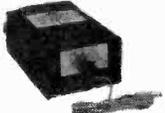


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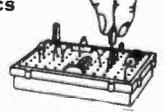


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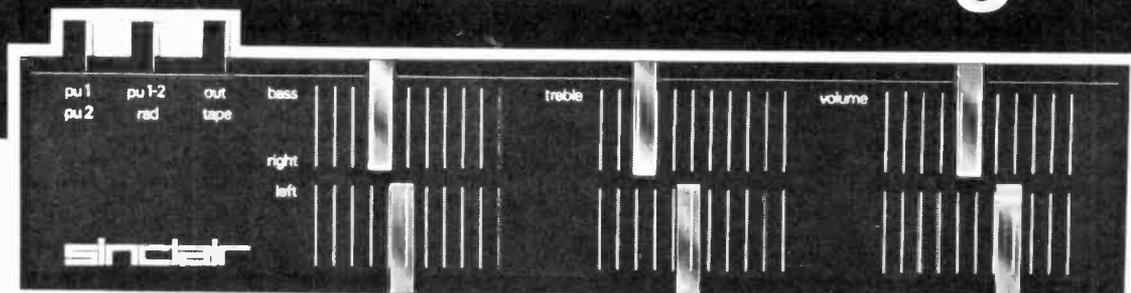
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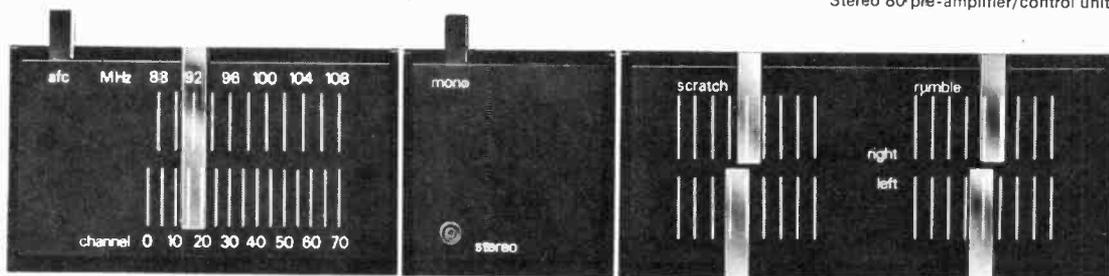
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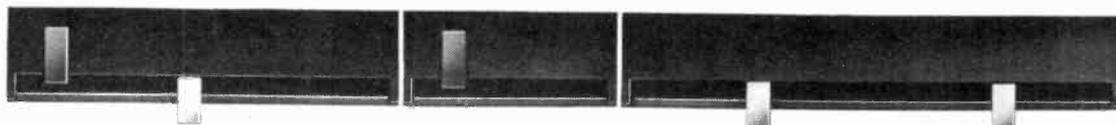


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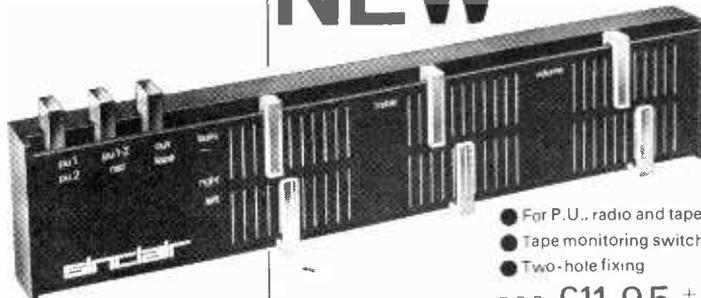
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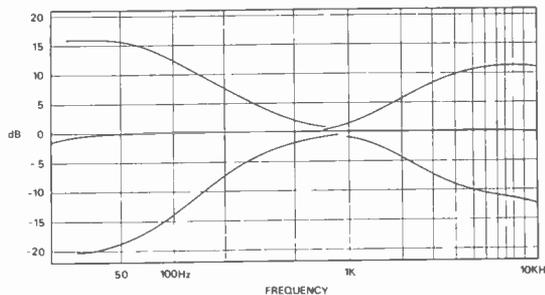
Size - 260 x 50 x 20mm (10 1/2 x 2 x 3/8 ins)
 Finish - Black, with white markings
 Inputs - Mag. P.U. 3mV RIAA corrected; Ceramic P.U. 300mV
 Radio 300mV; Tape 30mV
 S/N ratio - 60db
 Frequency range - 20Hz to 15KHz ± 1dB; 10Hz to 25KHz ± 3dB
 Power requirements - 20 to 35 volts
 Outputs - 100mV + AB monitoring for tape
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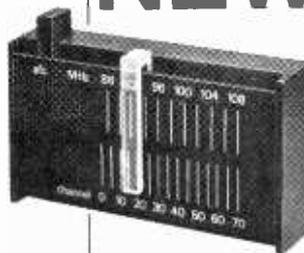
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Project 80 stereo decoder

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- 1969 Q.16 - improved version of Q.14 Systems 2000 and 3000: Project 60 launched
- 1970 IC.12 Project 60S
- 1971 Project 60 stereo FM tuner. Z.50 PZ.8
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- 1973 Cambridge Calculator
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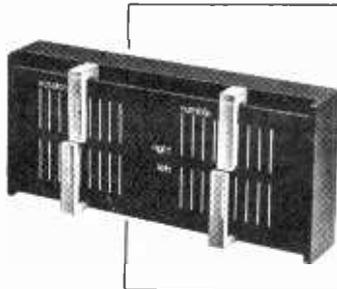
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Project 80 active filter unit

This efficiently designed unit makes a highly desirable part of any worthwhile system where inputs may be from record, radio or tape. As with Stereo 80, separate controls are applied to each channel thereby making it easier to obtain ideal stereo balance in any kind of indoor environment

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Size - 108 x 50 x 20mm (4 1/4 x 2 x 3/8 ins)
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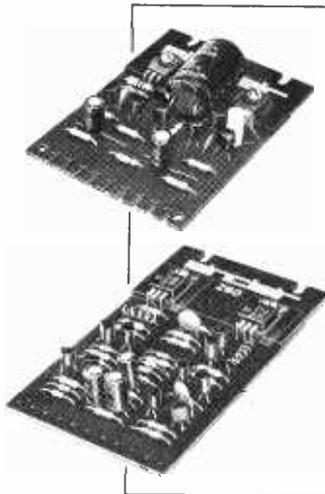
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Z.40 Technical Specifications
Size - 55 x 80 x 20mm (2 1/8 x 3 1/8 x 3/8 ins) 9 transistors
Input sensitivity - 100mV
Output - 15 watts RMS continuous into 8 Ω (35V), 30 watts music power into 4 Ω (30V)
Frequency response - 10Hz - 100KHz ± 1dB
Signal to noise ratio - 64dB
Distortion - at 10 watts into 8 Ω less than 0.1%
Power requirements - 12-35 volts

Z.60 Technical Specifications
Size - 55 x 98 x 20mm (2 1/8 x 3 7/8 x 3/8 ins) 12 transistors
Input sensitivity - 100-250mV
Output - 25 watts RMS into 8 Ω (45V), 50 watts music power into 4 Ω (50V)
Distortion - typically 0.03%
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Signal to noise ratio - better than 70dB
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Load impedance - 4Ωmin; max. safe on open circuit



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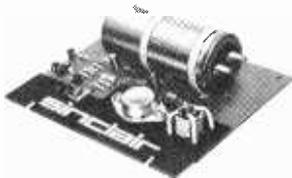
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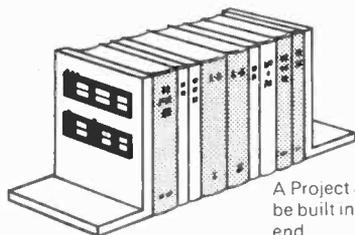
Recommended Project 80 applications

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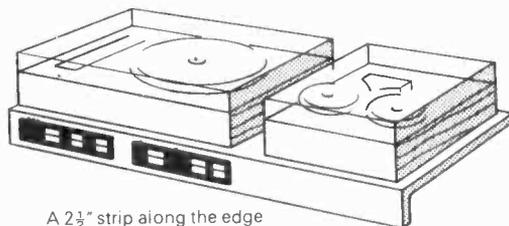
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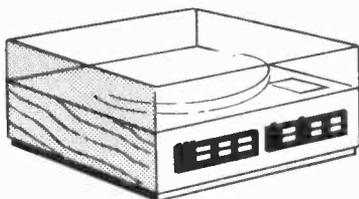
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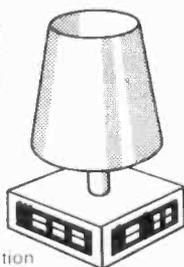
A Project 80 system could be built into a book-shelf end



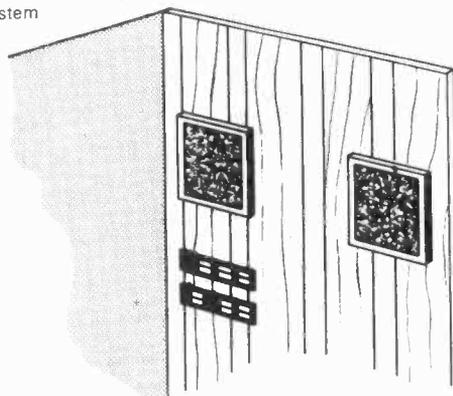
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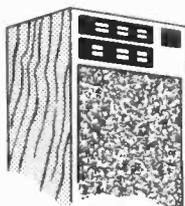
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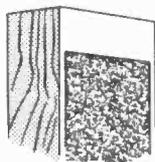
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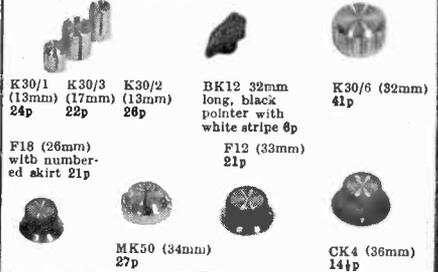
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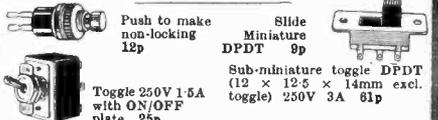
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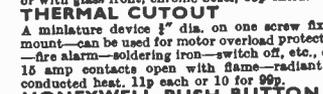
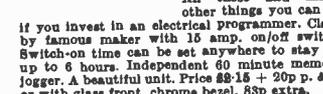
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35A5	0.75	7895	1.50	EBCF89	0.32	ECC84	0.55
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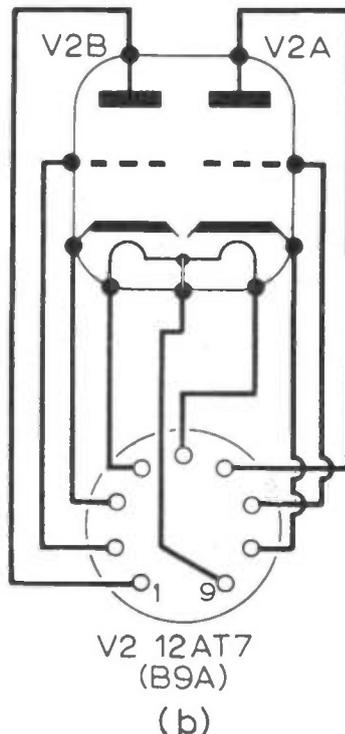
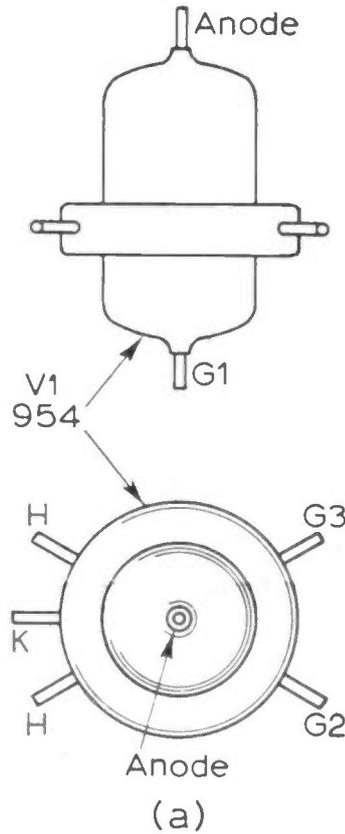
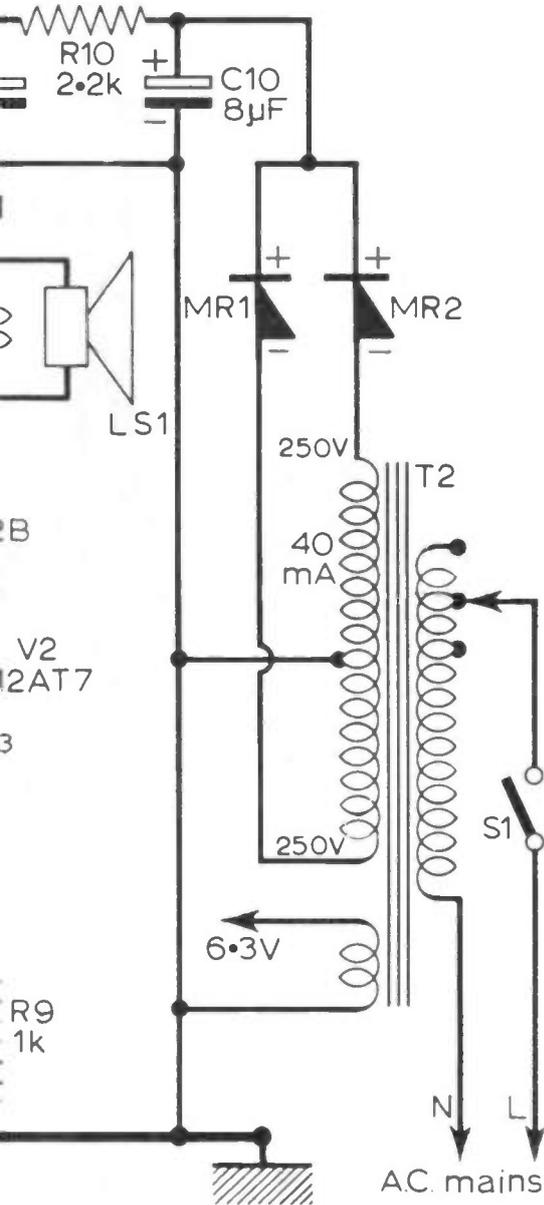
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R4	20kΩ	R9	1kΩ
R5	33kΩ	R10	2.2kΩ 3W w.w.

All 10%, 1/2W carbon, except where otherwise indicated

VR1 100kΩ wire-wound potentiometer
VR2 500kΩ carbon potentiometer

Capacitors:

C1	50pF mica or ceramic
C2	50pF mica or ceramic
C3	0.1μF paper
C4	500pF mica or ceramic
C5	4μF electrolytic 350V
C6	0.01μF paper
C7	0.01μF paper
C8	12μF electrolytic 25V
C9	16μF } dual electrolytic 350V
C10	8μF }
VC1	150pF air dielectric variable

Transformers:

T1 Output transformer 60 : 1
T2 Small mains transformer. Tapped primary. Secondaries: 250-0-250V 40mA; 6.3V 1A

Valves:

V1 954 V2 12AT7

Other Circuit Components:

LS1 2 1/2 in. diameter loudspeaker 2-3Ω
S1 Toggle switch s.p.s.t.
MR1, 2 Contact cooled rectifier 250V 40mA

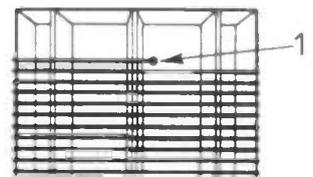
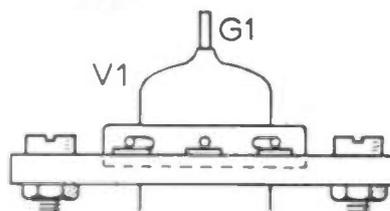
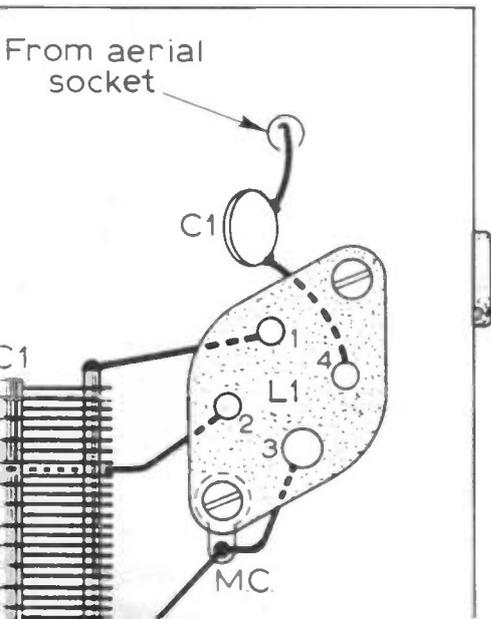
Miscellaneous:

Ball drive 6 : 1 ratio. Knobs: one 2 in. diameter, two 1 in. diameter. One B9A valveholder. Ribbed 4-pin plug-in coil formers (Eddystone). Coil holder (Eddystone). Aerial-earth socket strip. Tag strip (2 insulated). Chassis 7 in. x 4 in. x 2 1/4 in. approx. Panel 6 in. x 7 1/4 in.

COIL WINDING DATA

- 1.2-4Mc/s (250-75 metres)
100 turns 34s.w.g., tap at 2 turns. Aerial coupling, 20 turns.
- 2.5-7.5Mc/s (120-40 metres)
50 turns 32s.w.g., tap at 1 1/2 turns. Aerial coupling, 15 turns.
- 6.75-22Mc/s (44-13.6 metres)
16 turns 30s.w.g., tap at 3/4 turn. Aerial coupling, five turns.
- 14.5-50Mc/s (20.6-6 metres)
5 1/2 turns 30s.w.g., tap 1/2 to 1/4 turn. Aerial coupling, two turns.
- 40-100Mc/s (7.5-3 metres)
2 1/2 turns 20s.w.g., double spaced, tap at 1/2 turn. Aerial coupling, one turn.

The two larger coils are close wound. The other coils are on threaded formers, and spaced 21 turns per inch. Aerial windings are near the tuned winding as indicated in Fig. 4(d).



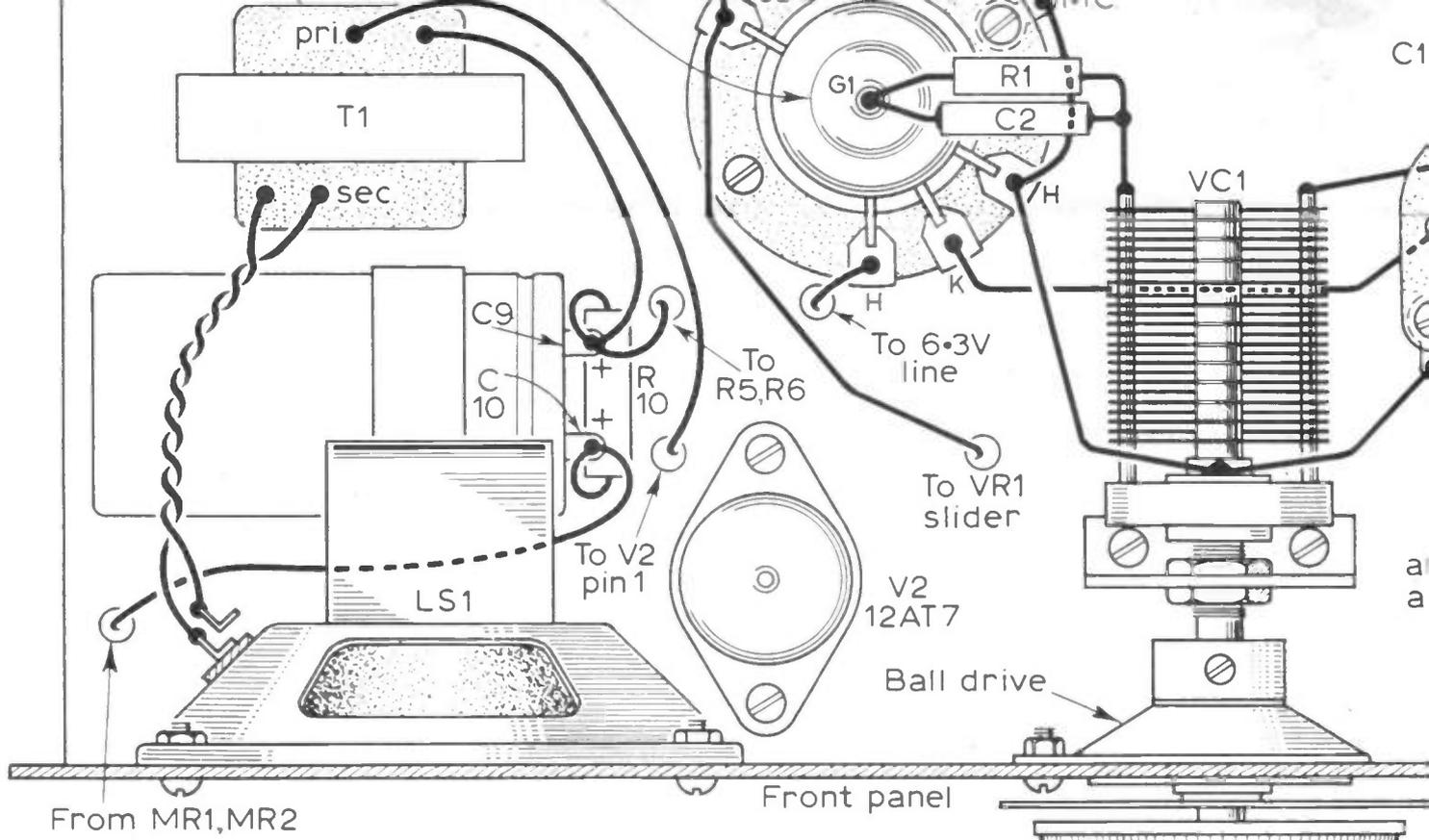


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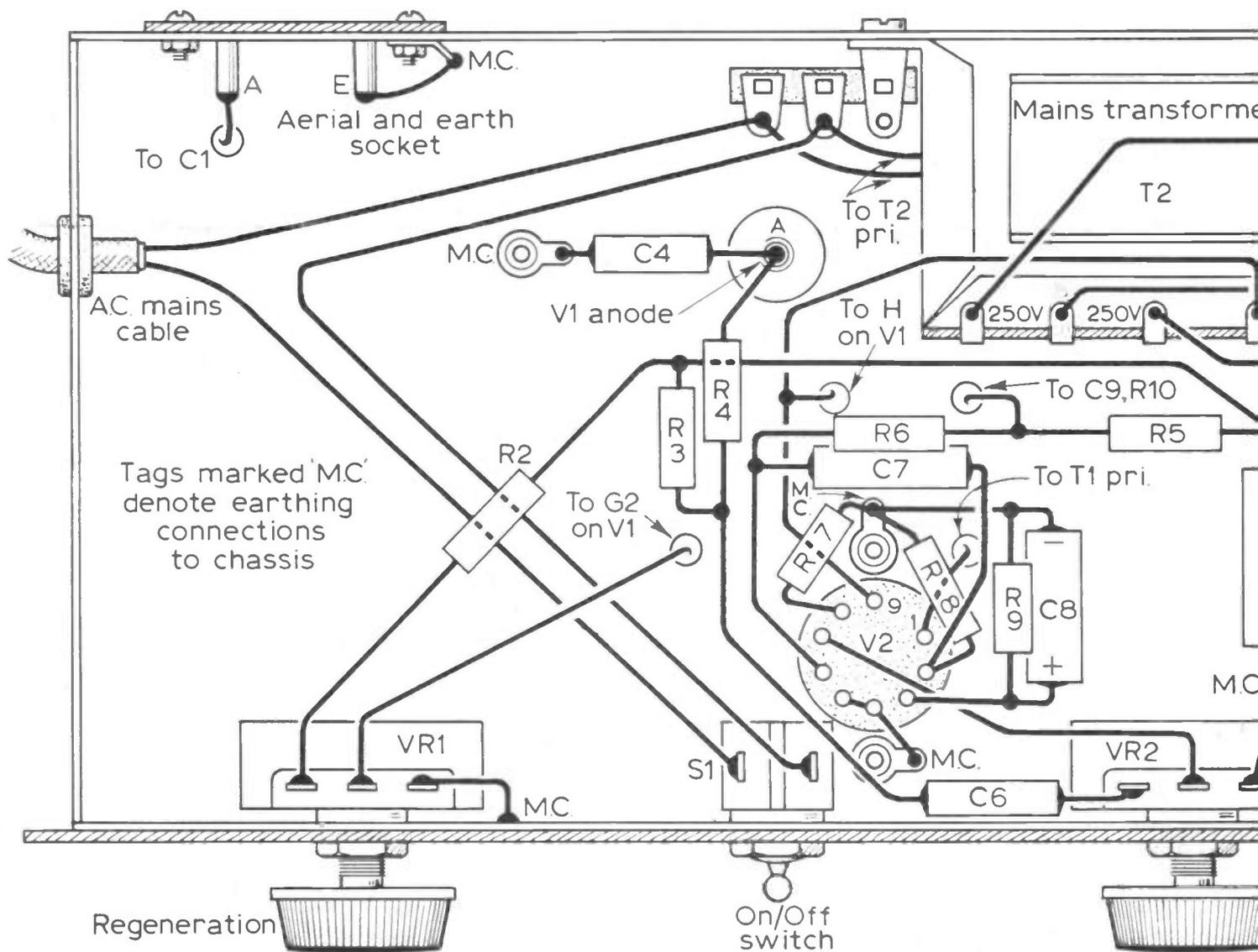
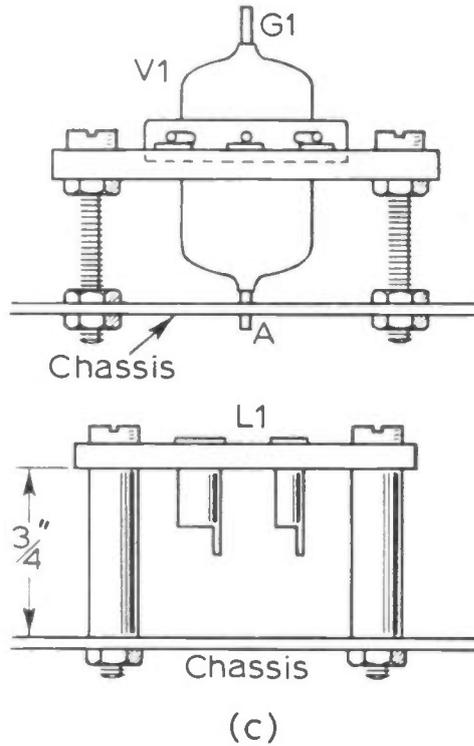
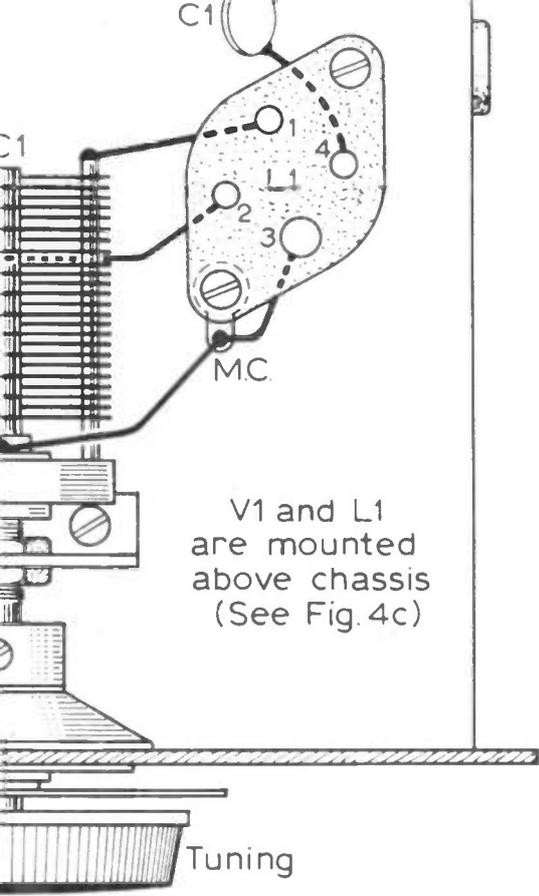


Fig. 3 - Below-chassis wiring.



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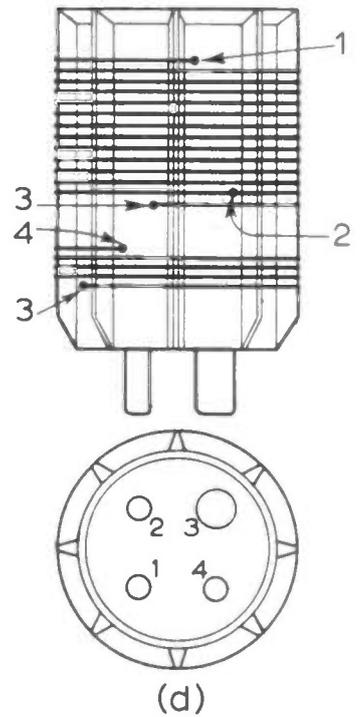
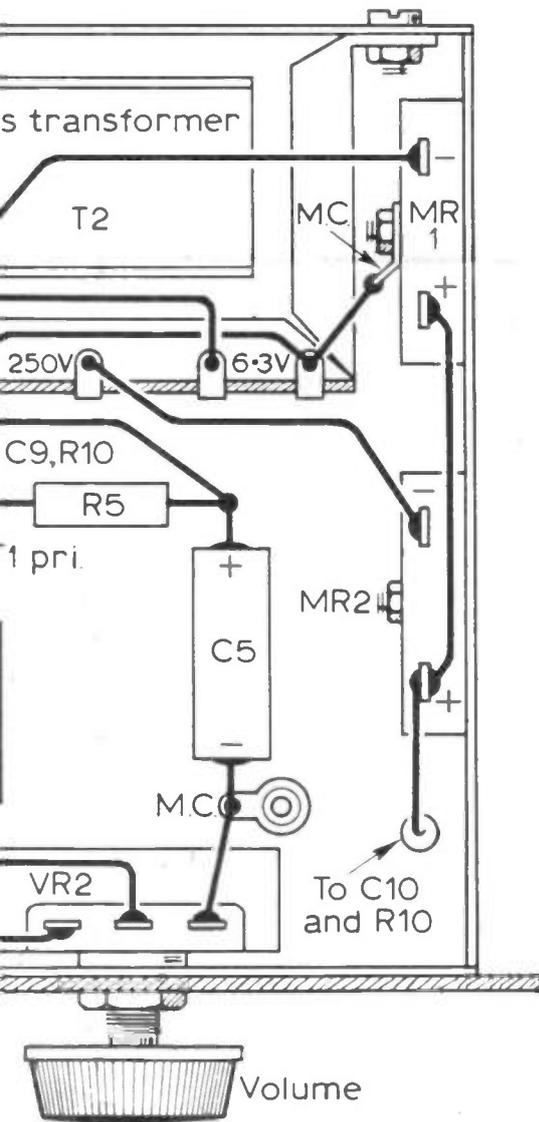


Fig. 4 - Coil and valve details.



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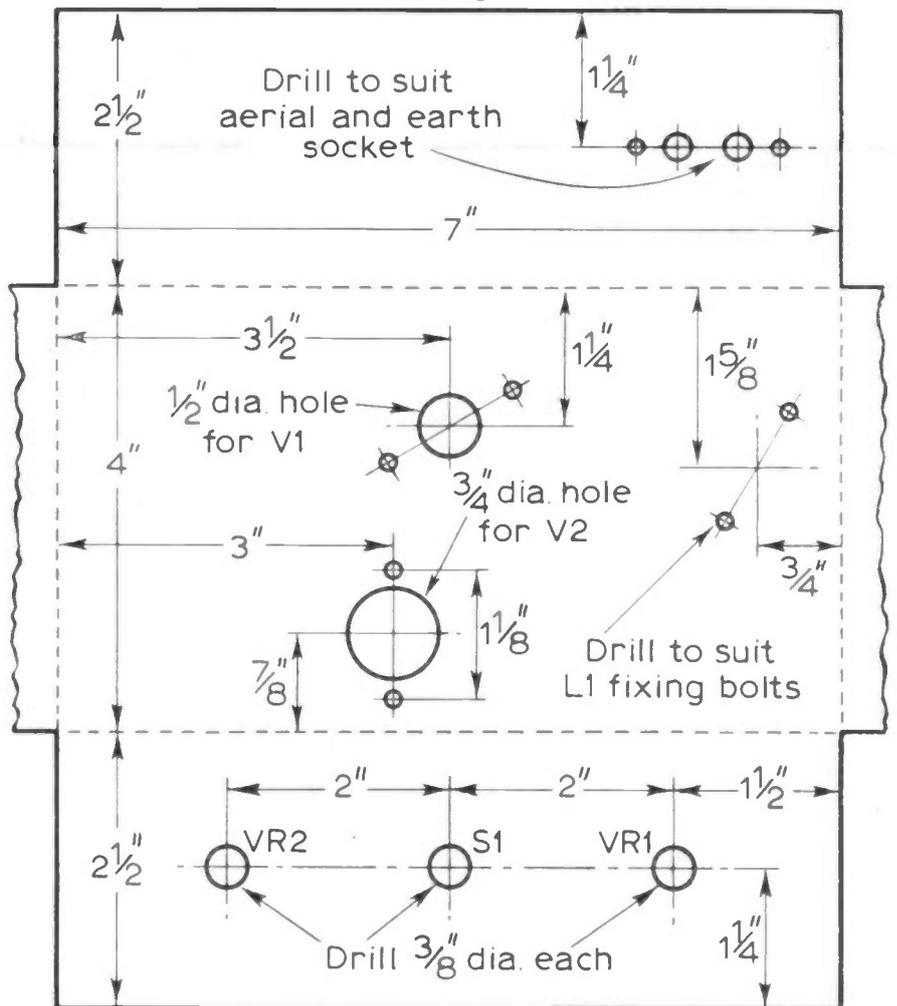


Fig 5 - Chassis drilling details.

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5960	50-34	Rome, Italy
5990	50-08	Bucharest, Roumania
6005	49-96	R.I.A.S., Berlin, Germany
6010	49-92	Rome, Italy
6025	49-79	Radio Nederland, Holland
6025	49-79	Lisbon, Portugal
6030	49-75	Muhlacker, W. Germany
6035	49-71	Monte Carlo, Monaco
6055	49-55	Schwarzenburg, Switzerland
6065	49-46	Horby, Sweden
6070	49-42	Sofia, Bulgaria
6075	49-38	Osterloog, W. Germany
6090	49-26	Radio Luxembourg
6100	49-18	Belgrade, Yugoslavia
6140	48-86	Voice of America, Tangier
6145	48-82	Allouis, France
6160	48-70	Voice of America, Munich, W. Germany
6165	48-66	Schwarzenburg, Switzerland
6175	48-58	Allouis, France
6190	48-47	Bremen, W. Germany
6190	48-47	Vatican City
7050	42-55	Cairo, Egypt
7105	42-22	Madrid, Spain
7125	42-11	Warsaw, Poland
7135	42-05	Monte Carlo, Monaco
7180	41-78	Baghdad, Iraq
7195	41-70	Bucharest, Roumania
7200	41-67	Belgrade, Yugoslavia
7220	41-55	Budapest, Hungary
7255	41-35	Sofia, Bulgaria
7275	41-24	Rome, Italy
7280	41-21	Allouis, France
7285	41-18	Ankara, Turkey
9009	33-03	Tel Aviv, Israel
9410	31-88	B.B.C. Overseas Service
9475	31-66	Cairo, Egypt
9505	31-56	Prague, Czechoslovakia
9510	31-55	B.B.C. Overseas Service
9515	31-53	Rome, Italy
9520	31-51	Voice of America, Tangier
9535	31-46	Schwarzenburg, Switzerland
9540	31-45	Warsaw, Poland
9570	31-35	Shepparton, Australia
9575	31-33	Rome, Italy
9585	31-30	Allouis, France
9620	31-19	Horby, Sweden
9630	31-15	Sackville, Radio Canada
9645	31-10	Vatican City
9665	31-04	Schwarzenburg, Switzerland
9675	31-01	Warsaw, Poland
9700	30-93	Sofia, Bulgaria
9715	30-88	Radio Nederland, Holland
9720	30-86	Radio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
9735	30-82	Deutsche Welle, W. Germany
9745	30-78	Ankara, Turkey
9770	30-71	Vienna, Austria
9780	30-67	Cairo, Egypt
9865	30-40	Djakarta, Indonesia
11705	25-63	Horby, Sweden
11715	25-61	Schwarzenburg, Switzerland
11720	25-60	Sackville, Radio Canada
11755	25-52	Leopoldville, Congo
11800	25-42	Accra, Ghana
11810	25-40	Rome, Italy
11820	25-38	B.B.C. Overseas Service
11830	25-36	Voice of America, Munich, W. Germany and Tangier
11835	25-35	Algiers, Algeria
11865	25-28	Schwarzenburg, Switzerland
11865	25-28	Havana, Cuba
11900	25-21	Paradys, South Africa
11910	25-19	Armed Forces Radio Service, Greenville, U.S.A.
11915	25-18	Voice of the Andes, Quito, Ecuador
11920	25-17	Allouis, France
11925	25-16	Radio Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo, Brazil
11965	25-06	Conakry, Guinea
11990	25-02	Prague, Czechoslovakia
12095	24-80	B.B.C. Overseas Service
15070	19-91	B.B.C. Overseas Service
15080	19-89	Paradys, South Africa
15115	19-85	Voice of the Andes, Quito, Ecuador
15125	19-83	Lisbon, Portugal
15155	19-80	ELWA, Monrovia, Liberia
15165	19-78	Damascus, Syria
15190	19-75	Brazzaville, Congo
15205	19-73	Voice of America, Greenville, U.S.A.

When and Where To

THIS is a far from easy task on which to give specific information. Forecasting propagation on short waves is, in some ways, as difficult as forecasting the weather. There are certain overall patterns but there are very many variable factors which can affect conditions at any one time. The main changes to be borne in mind are the seasonal ones, the difference between daytime and night-time conditions and, above all, the 11-year sunspot cycle.

From now until around 1966 conditions will not change greatly in their main features as we are in a period of low sunspot numbers, and the information given below is meant to apply to this period. Once sunspot numbers begin to increase, the pattern of band usage will change in many ways.

One useful pointer to remember is that broadcasting stations will beam their transmissions to Britain at the time and on the frequencies giving the best chance of good reception. Thus, if Radio Australia broadcasts to us around 07.00 G.M.T. on the 31 and 25 metre bands, that is when expert opinion expects best conditions for the path, although reception from Australia may be possible at other times.

All times quoted below are in G.M.T., using the 24-hour clock system. Let us consider various areas of the world and suggest the best times and frequencies for receiving stations in those areas.

1. North America and Caribbean area The best time for this area is between 15.00 and 23.00 during the whole year; in winter the peak is around 18.00 but in summer it is around 20.00/21.00. Western North America is harder to hear, and usually best around 15.00 to 18.00. For broadcast stations, the best bands in winter are 19 metres in the afternoon, then 25 metres after dark. In the summer period, 19 metres is usually best. For the amateur bands, 20 metres is the most reliable all the year, during the winter 40 metres and 80 metres can provide North American stations between 23.00 and 05.00.

2. Central America This can be an awkward area to hear and the best times are similar to those for North America. For the broadcast bands, as there are not many stations in this area which use the higher frequencies, the best band tends to be 49 metres around 04.00 to 06.00. On the amateur bands, 20 metres is again the most useful, but this area can come through on 15 metres at times when no North Americans can be heard.

3. South America The best times are around 09.00 to 11.00 and from 17.00 to 01.00. The Pacific coast tends to be best around 07.00 to 10.00 and later around 20.00 to 02.00. On the broadcast bands, during spring, winter and autumn, 19 metres is best for the morning period, with 25 and 31 metres best for the evening and night. In summer, the early period is not usually feasible, and 19 metres is best for the evening, but this area is not usually heard too well during the summer. On the amateur bands, 20 metres is usually best, with 40 metres possible later at night, and 15 metres is also a good possibility for the early evening.

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Signal Reporting Systems

IT has become the usual practice to use some type of code for giving signal reports. The most usual system in use on the amateur bands is a Readability/Signal Strength code, using a scale from 1 to 5 for readability and from 1 to 9 for signal strength. These are not always used correctly and often when incorrectly adjusted "signal strength meters" are used, reports such as "S9 plus 40 dB" are heard. As will be seen below, S9 means "extremely strong" which can hardly be improved on! Following are the scales for readability and signal strength:

Readability:

- R1 Unreadable
- R2 Only just readable, and only occasional words heard
- R3 Readable, but with considerable difficulty
- R4 Readable with almost no difficulty
- R5 Perfectly readable

Signal Strength:

- S1 Signals only just perceptible
- S2 Very weak signals
- S3 Weak signals
- S4 Fair signals
- S5 Fairly good signals
- S6 Good signals
- S7 Moderately strong signals
- S8 Strong signals
- S9 Extremely strong signals

For reporting on telegraphy (CW) signals, an additional scale for "tone" is used to indicate the quality of the note. This is also a 1 to 9 scale, as follows:

Tone:

- T1 Extremely rough note
- T2
- T3
- T4
- T5
- T6 Modulated note, slight

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4. North Africa and Near East This area is best around 12.00 to 23.00, although it is possible to hear it almost round the clock. On the broadcast bands, 16, 19 and 25 metres are usually good in daylight, with 31 and 41 metres being better after dark. On the amateur bands, 15 and 20 metres are usually best, on 15 metres 08.00 to 11.00 is often a good time.

5. Central and South Africa The best times for this area are between 13.00 and 22.00. On the broadcast bands, during daylight 19 metres is best, but after dark 25 and 31 metres are better, especially in the winter half. On the amateur bands 15 metres is likely to be useful, with 20 metres best around 17.00 to 20.00. This area is possibly one of the few which will be heard during any openings on 10 metres.

6. North Asia The best times are around 06.00 to 09.00 and around 20.00, this is not an easy area to hear, especially Japan. On the broadcast bands, 19 and 25 metres are the best. On the amateur bands, 20 metres is probably the only worthwhile recommendation.

7. South and South-East Asia This is usually best around 11.00 to 17.00. The best broadcast bands are 16 and 19 metres for the earlier part, with 25 metres being most useful later towards the end of the best period. On the amateur bands 20 metres must again be the best suggestion, with just a chance that 15 metres might occasionally open in that direction. During the winter half it is likely that the best period may extend on to around 21.00 with the 31 and 41 metre broadcasting bands being best for this.

8. Australasia The best times for this area are 06.00 to 10.00 and, in winter, around 14.00 to 17.00 and around 22.00. New Zealand is not too easy to hear, and is usually better around 09.00 to 11.00. Reception is much better in the spring, winter and autumn than in the summer. In the better seasons, the best broadcast bands are 25 and 31 metres for the morning, 31 and 41 metres in the afternoon and 19 metres for the night opening which is less reliable. On the amateur bands, 20 metres is the favourite with 40 metres useful in winter in the mornings.

9. Pacific This is a difficult area usually, and is best around 06.00 to 11.00. There are few high power broadcasting stations in the area, and 19 and 25 metres are the most likely bands. Of the amateur bands, 20 metres is best.

10. Europe Obviously, this area can be heard 24 hours a day. On the broadcast bands, 25 and 31 metres are best for Southern Europe with 41 and 49 metres best for Northern Europe, 19 metres can provide European reception during the day. On the amateur bands 20 metres during the day, and 40 and 80 metres after dark are best, but in summer short skip occurs on 15 and 10 metres at times.

THE SHORT WAVE SPECTRUM

THE International Telecommunications Union is the controlling body over the whole of the radio frequency spectrum and allocations have been made from 10 kc/s to 40 kc/s. The accompanying chart shows the allocations between 1605 kc/s and 30000 kc/s, which is the range generally known as the "short waves". The I.T.U. divides the world into three regions for frequency allocation purposes; Region 1 comprises Europe, Africa, the Near East and the whole of the U.S.S.R.; Region 2 is made up of North America, Central America, South America and Greenland; and Region 3 contains Asia (except the U.S.S.R.) Australasia and the Pacific.

In the main, the allocations in the s.w. range are fairly uniform over all three Regions, but there are a few differences which should be noted.

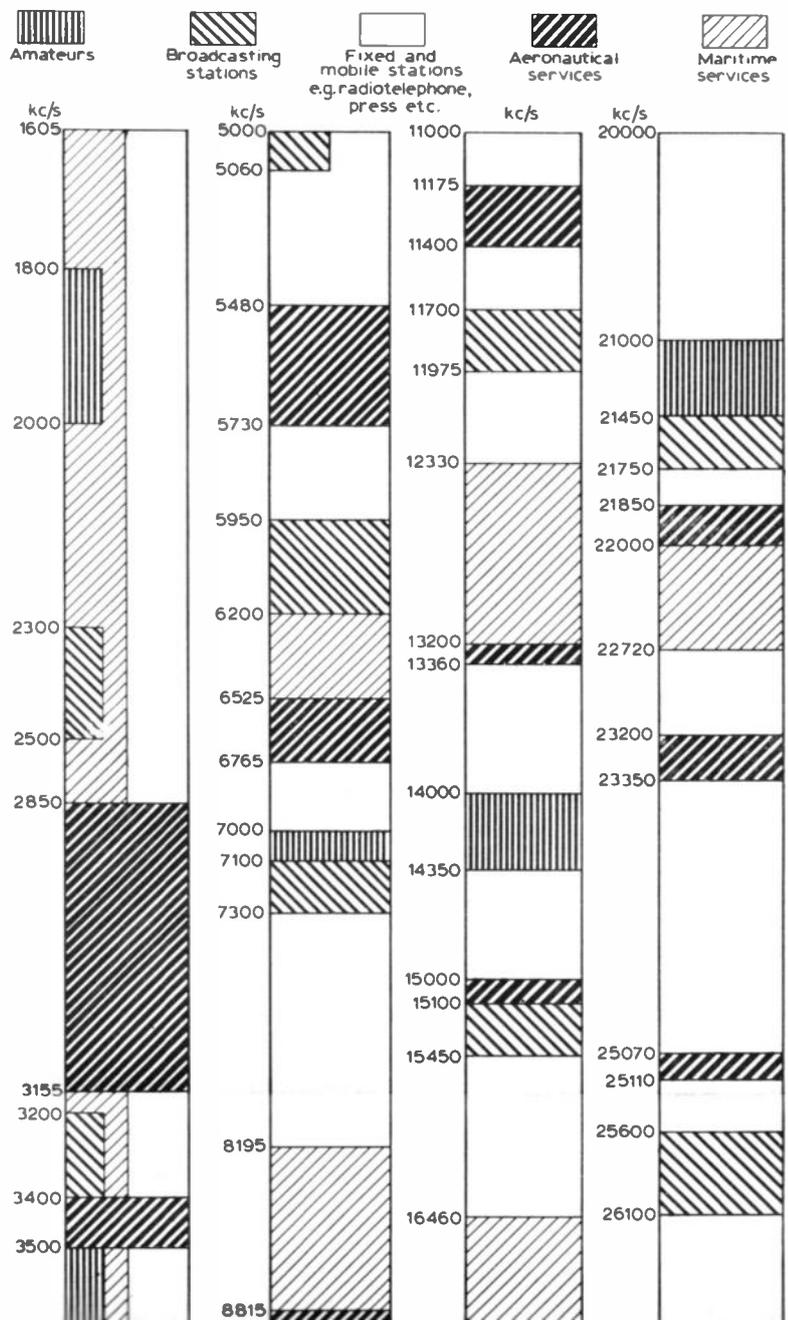
1. The amateur band 1800 to 2000 kc/s is only available in a limited number of countries.

2. The broadcasting bands 2300 to 2500 kc/s, 3200 to 3400 kc/s and 4750 to 5060 kc/s are classed as "tropical" and are limited to countries in these regions.

3. In Region 2 the amateur band beginning at 3500 kc/s extends through to 4000 kc/s.

4. In Region 2 the amateur band beginning at 7000 kc/s extends through to 7300 kc/s and the allocation 7100 to 7300 kc/s is not available for broadcasting.

The chart obviously has to leave out several minor points of difference, but these are mainly confined to the lower frequencies. The main classes of service are indicated as follows:



THE "Q" CODE

THE "Q" Code is used by aeronautical and maritime services and other commercial services and is very comprehensive in its full form. In its correct use, each group (made up of Q and two letters) can stand either for a question (e.g. QTH? means "what is your location?"), or the answer (e.g. QTH means "my location is ..."). Amateurs have adopted certain of the code groups to their own use and the following list shows the more usual ones with their meanings.

QRA Full address	QRX Wait
QRH Your frequency varies	QSA Readability of signal
QRK Signal strength (also price or value, humorously)	QSB Fading
QRL Busy	QSL Acknowledgement of receipt; confirmation of contact
QRM Man-made interference	QSO Contact
QRN Atmospheric interference; static	QSP Pass on a message
QRO High power	QSY Change frequency
QRP Low power	QTC Telegram, message
QRT Closed down	QTH Location
QRU Nothing further to say	QTR Time check
QRV Ready to operate	

STANDARD FREQUENCY STATIONS

THE frequencies 2500, 5000, 10000, 15000, 20000 and 25000 kc/s are set aside for station transmitting accurate frequency standards and also time signals in many cases. Some of these stations are:

ATA, New Delhi, India, operating on 10000 kc/s.
 RRV, Beijing, China, operating on 5000, 10000, 15000, 20000, 25000 kc/s.

11865	25-28	Schwarzenburg, Switzerland
11865	25-28	Havana, Cuba
11900	25-21	Paradys, South Africa
11910	25-19	Armed Forces Radio Service, Greenville, U.S.A.
11915	25-18	Voice of the Andes, Quito, Ecuador
11920	25-17	Allouis, France
11925	25-16	Radio Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo, Brazil
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15155	19-80	ELWA, Monrovia, Liberia
15165	19-78	Damascus, Syria
15190	19-75	Brazzaville, Congo
15205	19-73	Voice of America, Greenville, U.S.A.
15220	19-71	Shepparton, Radio Australia
15250	19-67	Voice of America, Bethany, U.S.A.
15260	19-66	B.B.C. Far Eastern Station, Malaya
15280	19-63	Armed Forces Radio Service, Greenville, U.S.A.
15290	19-62	Voice of America, Tangier
15305	19-60	Voice of America, Greenville, U.S.A.
15320	19-58	Sackville, Radio Canada
15330	19-57	Voice of America, Greenville, U.S.A.
15370	19-52	Radio Tupi, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
15385	19-50	WRUL, Boston, U.S.A.
15400	19-48	Rome, Italy
15445	19-43	Brazzaville, Congo
15475	19-38	Cairo, Egypt
17695	16-95	B.B.C. Overseas Service
17780	16-87	Voice of America, Bound Brook, U.S.A.
17795	16-86	Schwarzenburg, Switzerland
17820	16-84	Sackville, Radio Canada
17895	16-76	Lisbon, Portugal
17920	16-74	Cairo, Egypt
21470	13-97	B.B.C. Overseas Service
21495	13-96	Lisbon, Portugal
21560	13-91	Rome, Italy

N.B.—No frequencies are given for *Radio Moscow* or *Radio Free Europe* as the schedules of these stations vary more often than others, but they will usually be heard on several frequencies in each band.

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- Signal Strength:**
S1 Signals only just perceptible
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For reporting on telegraphy (CW) signals, an additional scale for "tone" is used to indicate the quality of the note. This is also a 1 to 9 scale, as follows:

- Tone:**
T1 Extremely rough note
T2 Very rough note
T3 Rough, low pitched note
T4 Rather rough note
T5 Musically modulated note
T6 Modulated note, slight whistle
T7 Fairly good note, smooth ripple
T8 Good note, slight ripple
T9 Pure DC note

(If the note seems to be crystal controlled, an "x" is added, if the note is chirpy, a "c" is added.)

The readability/strength code can be used for reporting to broadcasting stations, but a better system for this purpose is the SINPO code. This has five scales, each of 1 to 5, as indicated by the letters S (Signal Strength), I (Interference), N (Noise, i.e. static), P (Propagation Disturbance, i.e. fading) and O (Overall quality of reception).

The scale for signal strength is: 1—barely audible; 2—poor; 3—fair; 4—good; 5—excellent. The scales for Interference, Noise and Propagation Disturbance are: 1—extreme; 2—severe; 3—moderate; 4—slight; 5—nil. The scale for Overall quality is: 1—unusable; 2—poor; 3—fair; 4—good; 5—excellent. Thus, in the SINPO code, a perfectly received signal would be given 55555.

- QRL Signal price (possibly)
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QRP Low p
QRT Closed
QRU Nothin
QRV Ready

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 - IAM, Rome
 - IBF, Turin
 - JJY, Tokyo
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 - MSF, Rugby
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AMATEUR CALLSIGN PREFIXES

AMATEUR radio stations, in common with all other communications stations, have to identify themselves by call signs. Each station has an individual officially allocated call sign which follows a standard pattern, being made up of a prefix, a numeral, and a suffix. The prefix may be one letter, two letters or a numeral and letter, but it is derived from the international list of call sign allocations. The numeral may have some geographical significance, but this is not always so. The suffix may be one, two or three letters; in the bigger countries they are issued in alphabetical order, but in smaller countries they are often issued haphazardly, a popular idea being to allow the operator to use his initials as his call.

To take an example of a call sign—G3AKA. The G is the prefix allocated to England, the figure 3 has no special meaning and the AKA is the suffix. In another case—say W7XYZ. Here the W is the U.S.A. prefix, but in this case the figure 7 indicates that the station is located in a particular area of the U.S.A., and the XYZ is the suffix. One final example—say 5N2ABC. In this case 5N is the prefix for Nigeria, the figure 2 has no significance, and the ABC is the suffix.

The following is an up-to-date list of prefixes, the numeral is only given here where it is necessary to distinguish between countries, for instance VQ is the general prefix for Commonwealth countries in East Africa, but VQ1 is Zanzibar and VQ2 is Northern Rhodesia, so the numeral is virtually part of the prefix in these cases. This list is not intended to be an "official" list of countries, the various clubs and societies each issue their own lists of this kind, which only differ where some of the more out of the way places are concerned.

Occasionally, stations can be heard with additional letters, such as /P or /M after the call sign. Examples of these and their meanings are: /A indicates the station is being operated from another address than that given in the licence. /P means the

station is being operated "portable", i.e. not from a mains electricity supply; this letter is usually heard when Field Day contests are being held. /M means that the station is "mobile", i.e. in a car or other vehicle. /MM means "maritime mobile", on board a ship. /AM is "aeronautical mobile", on an aircraft. In the U.S.A., however, /P and /A are not used; instead, the call area in which the station is temporarily operating is added, for instance W2ZZZ operating portable in the W2 area would sign W2ZZZ/2, if he went over to California he would sign W2ZZZ/6. If he crossed into Canada, he might sign W2ZZZ/VE3 and so on.

CALL AREAS

As mentioned above, in certain countries, there is a subdivision into call areas, indicated by the figure in the call sign. Most of the South American countries use this system, and it also applies in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the U.S.A. Details for these latter four countries are:

Australia VK1—Canberra; VK2—New South Wales; VK3—Victoria; VK4—Queensland; VK5—South Australia; VK6—Western Australia; VK7—Tasmania; VK8—Northern Territory.

Canada VE1—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island; VE2—Province of Quebec; VE3—Ontario; VE4—Manitoba; VE5—Saskatchewan; VE6—Alberta; VE7—British Columbia; VE8—Yukon and North West Territories; VO1—Newfoundland; VO2—Labrador.

New Zealand ZL1—Auckland; ZL2—Wellington; ZL3—Canterbury; ZL4—Otago.

United States of America K/KN/W/WA/WB/WN/WV prefixes: 1—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. 2—New Jersey and New York. 3—Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and District of Columbia. 4—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia. 5—Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. 6—California. 7—Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. 8—Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. 9—Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Ø—Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota.

AC3	Sikkim	CO	Cuba
AC4	Tibet	CP	Bolivia
AC5	Bhutan	CR4	Cape Verde Islands
AP	Pakistan	CR5	Portuguese Guinea, Principe Is., and Sao Thome
BY	China	CR6	Angola
BV	Taiwan	CR7	Mozambique
CE	Chile	CR8	Portuguese Timor
CE9	Chilean Antarctic	CR9	Macao
CEØ	Easter Island	CTI	Portugal
CM	Cuba		
CN	Morocco		

CT2	Azores Islands	EAØ	Spanish Guinea and Fernando Poo
CT3	Madeira Islands	EI	Eire
CX	Uruguay	EL	Liberia
DJ	Germany (West)	EP	Iran
DL	Germany (West)	EQ	Iran
DM	Germany (East)	ET	Ethiopia
DU	Philippine Islands	F	France
EA	Spain	FB	Amsterdam and St. Paul Is., Crozet and Kerguelen Is.
EA6	Balearic Islands		
EA8	Canary Islands		
EA9	Ceuta, Melilla and Ifni		

FC	Corsica
FG	Guadeloupe
FH	Comoro Islands
FK	New Caledonia
FL	French Somaliland
FM	Martinique
FO	Marquesas Is., Is., Tuamoto, Clipperton Is.
FP	St. Pierre and Is.
FR	Reunion Islands
FS	St. Martin Island
FU	New Hebrides
FW	Wallis and Futuna
FY	French Guiana
GE	England
GB	United Kingdom (special stations)
GC	Channel Islands
GD	Isle of Man
GI	Northern Ireland
GM	Scotland
GW	Wales
HA	Hungary
HB	Switzerland
HBØ	Liechtenstein
HC	Ecuador
HCB	Galapagos Islands
HH	Haiti
HI	Dominican Republic
HK	Colombia
HL	Korea
HM	Korea
HP	Panama
HR	Honduras
HS	Thailand
HV	Vatican
HZ	Saudi Arabia
I	Italy
IL	Pelagian Islands
IP	Pantellaria Islands
IS	Sardinia
IT	Sicily
JA	Japan
JT	Mongolia
JY	Jordan
JZØ	Netherlands New Guinea
K	United States of America
KA	Japan (U.S. Forces)
KB	Baker, Howland, American Phoenix
KC4	U.S. Antarctic and Navassa Island

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 QRL Busy
 QRM Man-made interference
 QRN Atmospheric interference; static
 QRO High power
 QRP Low power
 QRT Closed down
 QRU Nothing further to say
 QRV Ready to operate

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 QSY Change frequency
 QTC Telegram, message
 QTH Location
 QTR Time check

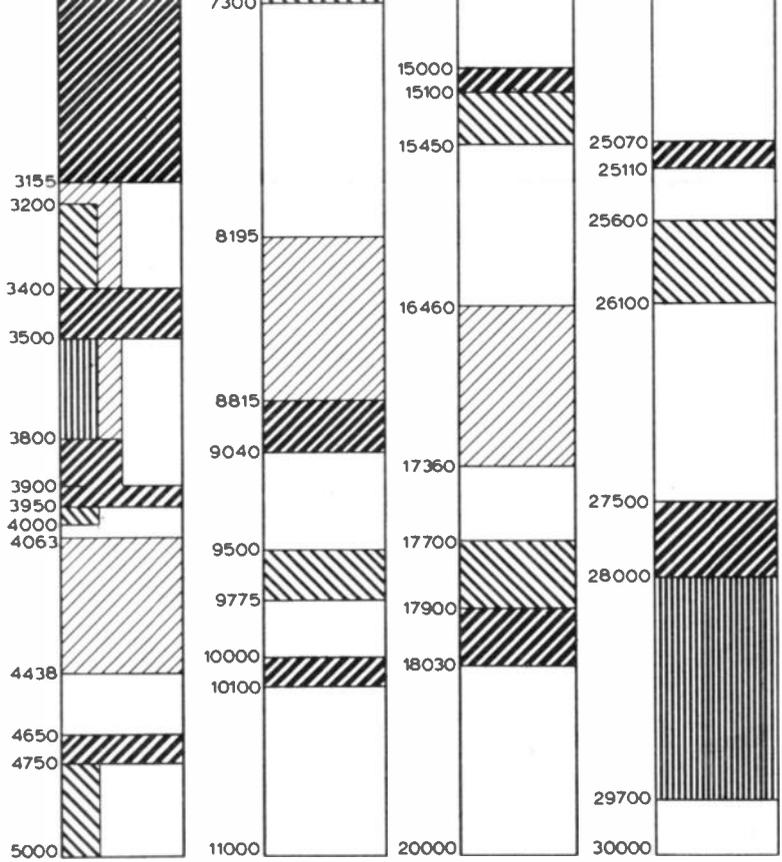
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- BPV, Peking, China, operating on 5000, 10000 and 15000 kc/s.
- FFH, Paris, France, operating on 2500 kc/s.
- HBN, Neuchatel, Switzerland, operating on 5000 kc/s.
- IAM, Rome, Italy, operating on 5000 kc/s.
- IBF, Turin, Italy, operating on 5000 kc/s.
- JJY, Tokyo, Japan, operating on 2500, 5000, 10000 and 15000 kc/s.
- LOL, Buenos Aires, Argentina, operating on 5000, 10000 and 15000 kc/s.
- MSF, Rugby, England, operating on 2500, 5000 and 10000 kc/s.
- OMA, Prague, Czechoslovakia, operating on 2500 kc/s.
- RWM, Moscow, U.S.S.R., operating on 5000, 10000 and 15000 kc/s.
- WWV, Washington, U.S.A., operating on 2500, 5000, 10000, 15000, 20000 and 25000 kc/s.
- WWVH, Hawaii, operating on 5000, 10000 and 15000 kc/s.
- ZUO, Johannesburg, South Africa, operating on 5000 and 10000 kc/s.

In addition, CHU, Ottawa, Canada, transmits on 3330, 7335 and 14670 kc/s.

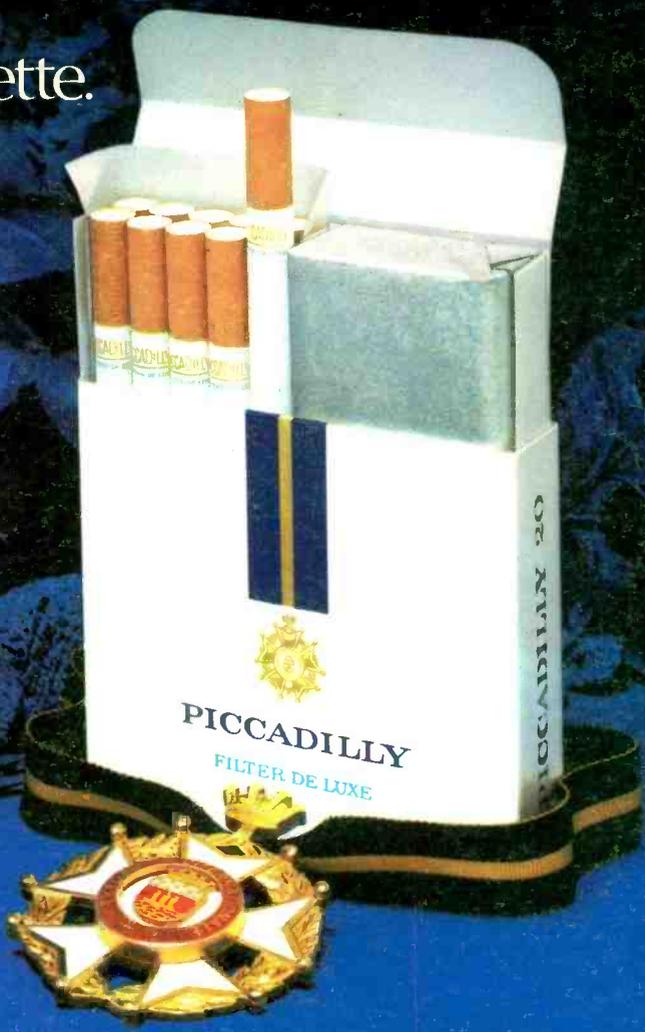
Most of these stations make speech announcements at intervals, and give their call signs in morse code. WWV gives time checks and also propagation forecasts.



FC Corsica	KC4 Caroline Islands	TL Central African Republic	VQ2 Northern Rhodesia	ZB1 Malta
FG Guadeloupe	KG1 Greenland (U.S. Forces)	TN Republic of Congo	VQ4 Kenya	ZB2 Gibraltar
FH Comoro Islands	KG4 Guantanamo Bay	TR Gabon	VQ7 Aldabra Islands	ZC5 North Borneo
FK New Caledonia	KG6 Guam, Mariana Islands and Marcus Islands	TT Tchad	VQ8 Mauritius	ZD3 Gambia
FL French Somaliland	KH Hawaiian Islands	TU Ivory Coast	VQ9 Seychelles	ZD6 Nyasaland
FM Martinique	KJ Johnston Island	TY Dahomey	VR1 Gilbert & Ellice Islands, Ocean Islands, British Phoenix Islands	ZD7 St. Helena
FO Marquesas Is., Society Is., Tuamotu, Tubuai Is., Clipperton Is.	KL Alaska	TZ Mali	VR2 Fiji Islands	ZD8 Ascension Island
FP St. Pierre and Miquelon Is.	KM Midway Islands	UA U.S.S.R.	VR3 Line Islands	ZD9 Tristan da Cunha and Gough Islands
FR Reunion Islands	KN United States of America (novice stations)	UB Ukraine	VR4 Solomon Islands	ZE Southern Rhodesia
FS St. Martin Island	KP4 Puerto Rico	UC White Russia	VR5 Tonga	ZK1 Cook Islands
FU New Hebrides	KP6 Palmyra and Jarvis Is.	UD Azerbaijan	VR6 Pitcairn Island	ZK2 Niue
FW Wallis and Fortuna Is.	KR Ryukyu Islands	UG Armenia	VS1 Singapore	ZL New Zealand
FY French Guiana and Inini England	KS4 Swan Island	UH Turkoman	VS4 Sarawak	ZL0 New Zealand Antarctica
GB United Kingdom (special stations)	KS6 American Samoa	UI Uzbek	VS5 Brunei	ZM6 Western Samoa
GC Channel Islands	KV American Virgin Islands	UJ Tadjik	VS6 Hong Kong	ZM7 Tokelau Islands
GD Isle of Man	KW Wake Island	UL Kazakh	VS9 Aden, Socotra, Maldiv Islands, Kamarin Islands	ZP Paraguay
GI Northern Ireland	KX Marshall Islands	UM Kirghiz	VU India	ZS South Africa
GM Scotland	KZ Panama Canal Zone	UO Moldavia	W United States of America	ZS3 South West Africa
GW Wales	LA Norway	UP Lithuania	WA United States of America	ZS7 Swaziland
HA Hungary	LU Argentina	UQ Latvia	WB United States of America	ZS8 Basutoland
HB Switzerland	LX Luxembourg	UR Estonia	WG Mariana Is. (novice stations)	ZS9 Bechuanaland Protectorate
HB0 Liechtenstein	LZ Bulgaria	UT Ukraine	WL Alaska (novice stations)	3A Monaco
HC Ecuador	MP4 Bahrain, Muscat and Oman, Qatar & Trucial Oman	UV U.S.S.R.	WN United States of America (novice stations)	3V Tunisia
HC8 Galapagos Islands	OA Dominican Republic	UW U.S.S.R.	WP4 Puerto Rico (novice stations)	3W Vietnam
HH Haiti	OD Lebanon	VE Canada	WS6 American Samoa (novice stations)	3X Guinea
HI Dominican Republic	OE Austria	VK Australia	WV United States of America (novice stations)	4S Ceylon
HK Colombia	OH Finland	VK9 New Guinea, Papua, Norfolk Island, Nauru, Cocos Is., Lord Howe Islands	XE Mexico	4U United Nations
HL Korea	OK Czechoslovakia	VK0 Australian Antarctica, Heard Island and Macquarie Islands	XT Upper Volta	4W Yemen
HM Korea	ON Belgium	VO Canada (Newfoundland and Labrador)	XU Cambodia	4X Israel
HP Panama	OX Greenland	VPI British Honduras	XV Vietnam	5A Libya
HR Honduras	OY Faroe Islands	VP2 Anguilla, Antigua, Barbuda, Brit. Virgin Is., Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts, Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent	XW Laos	5B4 Cyprus
HS Thailand	OZ Denmark	VP3 British Guiana	XZ Burma	5H3 Tanganyika
HV Vatican	PA Netherlands	VP4 Trinidad and Tobago	YI Iraq	5N2 Nigeria
HZ Saudi Arabia	PL Netherlands	VP5 Cayman & Turks & Caicos Islands	YJ New Hebrides	5R Malagasy Republic
I Italy	PJ Netherlands Antilles	VP6 Barbados	YK Syria	5T Mauritania
IL Pelagian Islands	PK Indonesia	VP7 Bahama Islands	YN Nicaragua	5U Niger
IP Pantellaria Island	PX Andorra	VP8 Falkland Islands and Dependencies, Grahamland, South Georgia	YO Roumania	5V Togolese Republic
IS Sardinia	PY Brazil	VP9 Bermuda	YS El Salvador	5W Western Samoa
IT Sicily	PZ Surinam	VQ1 Zanzibar	YU Yugoslavia	5X5 Uganda
JA Japan	SL Sweden (Forces)		YV Venezuela	6O Somali Republic
JT Mongolia	SM Sweden		ZA Albania	6T Sudan
JY Jordan	SP Poland			6W Senegal
JZ0 Netherlands New Guinea	SU Egypt			6Y Jamaica
K United States of America	SV Greece			7X Algeria
KA Japan (U.S. Forces)	TA Turkey			9A San Marino
KB Baker, Howland and American Phoenix Is.	TF Iceland			9G Ghana
KC4 U.S. Antarctic and Navassa Island	TG Guatemala			9K Kuwait
	TI Costa Rica			9L Sierra Leone
	TJ Cameroon			9M Federation of Malaya
				9N Nepal
				9Q Congo Republic
				9U Burundi
				9X Ruanda

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