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Have a load of data to send? For quantities like this, over a short distance, your best bet is probably a truck. But under less extreme circumstances, electronic

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The meter has two outputs on the rear panel—one is a dc recorder output for monitoring long-term drifting ac voltage amplitudes. The other

output drives an electronic counter for precise frequency measurements.

Clear the fog out of your low level repetitive signals. Get full specifications on the HP 3410 AC Microvoltmeter from your nearest HP field engineer. Or, write to Hewlett-Packard, Palo Alto, California 94304. Europe: 1217 Meyrin-Geneva, Switzerland. Price HP 3410A, \$875.

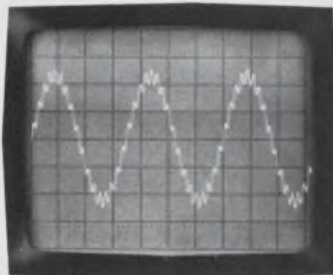
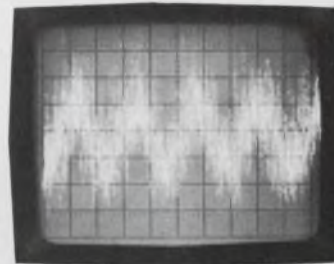
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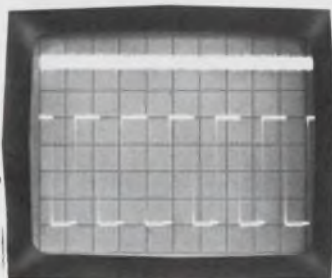


Measure $1 \mu\text{V}$, 500 kHz signal out of 40 dB noise.



Measure 300 nanovolts, 10 kHz signal superimposed on $10 \mu\text{V}$, 1 kHz.

Measure frequency of signal in noise up to 560 kHz by using square wave output, i.e. as a counter preamplifier.



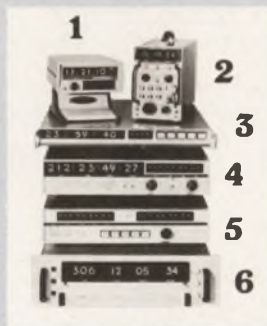
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Highlight Parameters	2N5629, 30, 31	2N5632, 33, 34
Polarity	NPN	
High $V_{CE(sat)}$	100, 120, 140 V	
High $I_{C(cont.)}$	16 A	10 A
Fast Switching - f_r @ 1 A/20 V (min)	1 MHz	
Low $V_{CE(sat)}$ @ $I_C = 10$ A (max)	1 V	2 V
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High P_D @ 25°C		300 W
Fast Switching — f_T @ 5 A/10 V (min)		2 MHz
High h_{FE} @ $I_C = 25 A$		15-60

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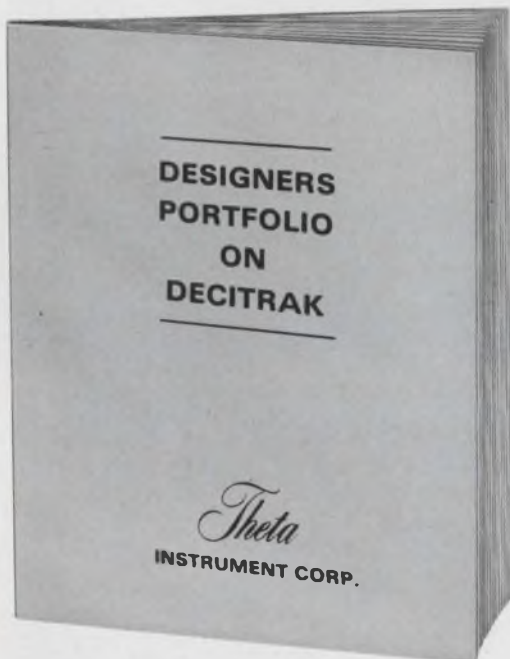


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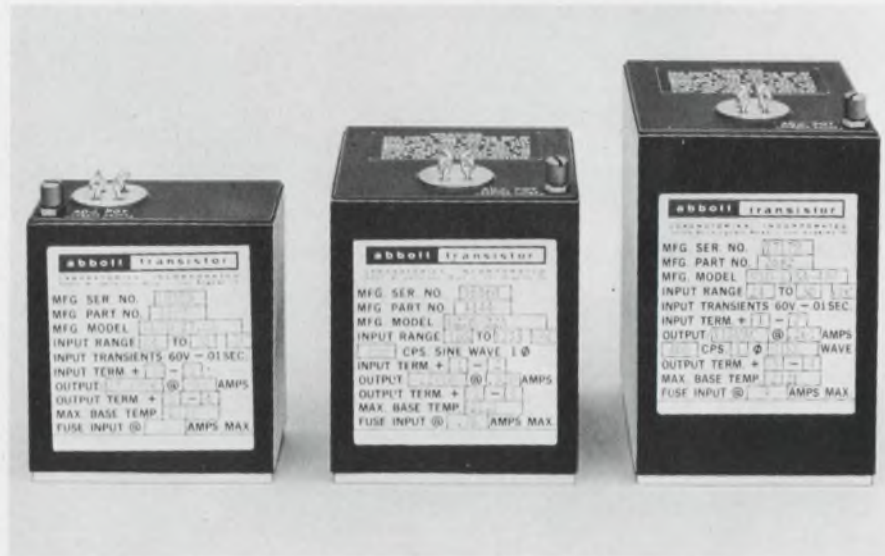
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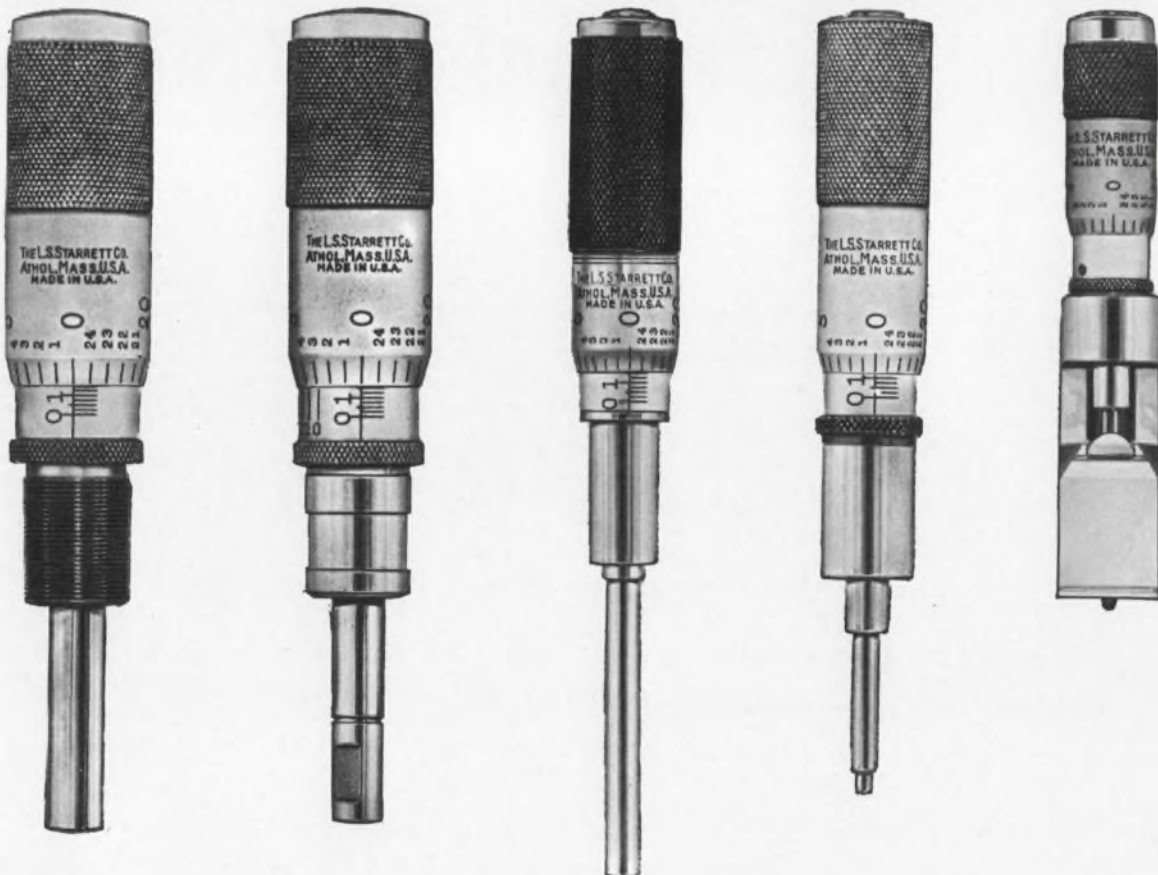
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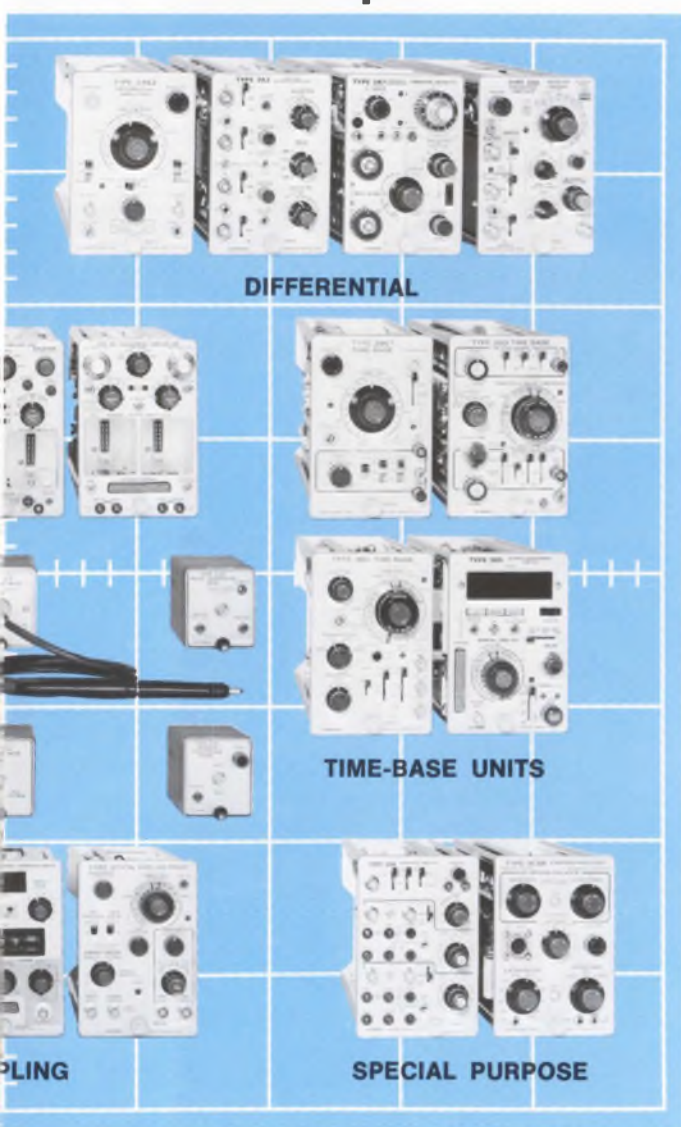
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SPECIAL PURPOSE

lines normally preclude the need for a pretrigger.

The Type 3S2 and its programmable counterpart, the Type 3S5, use the new sampling head principle. Both units are dual trace and will accept any of 6 available heads: the Type S-1 head is 50- Ω input, 350-ps t_r ; the Type S-2 head is 50- Ω input, 50-ps t_r ; the Type S-3 head includes a captive probe with 100 k Ω , 2.3-pF input impedance, 350-ps t_r ; the Type S-4 head is 50- Ω input, 25-ps t_r ; the Type S-50 head is a 25-ps pulse generator with a 400-mV, 100-ns wide pulse; and the Type S-51 head provides trigger countdown for stable synchronization from 1 GHz to 18 GHz. When using the S-1, S-2, S-3 or S-4 heads both the Type 3S2 and 3S5 provide deflection factors of 2 mV/div to 200 mV/div.

Companion sampling time bases are the Types 3T2, 3T5 and 3T77A. The Type 3T2 provides for either random or sequential sampling with sweep ranges from 20 ps/div to 100 μ s/div. The Type 3T5 is a programmable counterpart of the Type 3S5 and provides 10 ps/div to 100 μ s/div sweep ranges, as well as a calibrated sweep delay. The Type 3T77A provides calibrated sweep ranges of 20 ps/div to 10 μ s/div. Each of these time bases includes a time expander that provides 10X expansion of the time scale while maintaining a constant number of dots/div.

DIFFERENTIAL

PLUG-IN	DF	BANDWIDTH	T_r	PRICE
2A63	1 mV/div	DC to 300 kHz	1.2 μ s	\$ 175
3A3	100 μ V/div	DC to 500 kHz	0.7 μ s	850
3A7	1 mV/div	DC to 10 MHz	35 ns	695
3A9	10 μ V/div	DC to 1 MHz	350 ns	490

Differential operation is useful for measurements between two above ground points and for cancellation of in-phase signals such as hum pick-up at the signal source.

The Type 2A63 is a low-cost DC coupled differential unit. It provides 1 mV/div deflection factor at a bandwidth of DC — 300 kHz. The common-mode rejection ratio of this unit is up to 250:1.

The Type 3A3 is a dual-trace differential unit with deflection factors of 100 μ V/div to 10 V/div at a constant bandwidth of DC—500 kHz, and up to 50,000:1 CMRR.

The Type 3A7 adds to its capabilities of up to 20,000:1 CMRR and deflection factors of 1 mV/div to 50 V/div, an internal comparison voltage for use as a differential comparator.

The Type 3A9, a state-of-the-art differential plug-in, provides selectable upper and lower frequency limits from DC to 1 MHz, 10 μ V/div to 10 V/div deflection factors, and a CMRR of up to 100,000:1. A separate current probe input provides AC current readings from 1 mA/div to 1 A/div using available Tektronix current probes.

TIME-BASE UNITS

PLUG-IN	FASTEST RATE	MAGNIFIER	PRICE
2B67	1 μ s/div	X5	\$ 225
3B3	0.5 μ s/div	X5	650
3B4	0.2 μ s/div	X1 to X50	450
3B5	0.1 μ s/div	X10, X100	950

Time-base plug-ins are linear sweep generators that provide a wide range of calibrated time ranges for accurate time measurements.

The Type 2B67 is a low-cost time base providing calibrated sweep speeds from 1 μ s/div to 5 s/div. A 5X magnifier operates over the full time base and increases the fastest rate to 0.2 μ s/div.

The Type 3B3 is used to generate normal and delayed sweeps from 0.5 μ s/div to 1 s/div. A 5X magnifier increases the fastest rate to 0.1 μ s/div, while an incorporated single sweep function facilitates photographic recording of waveforms.

The Type 3B4 features a direct reading magnifier of up to 50X operating over the full range of 0.2 μ s/div to 5 s/div and extending the fastest range to 0.05 μ s/div. A single sweep function and a calibrated external horizontal input are also incorporated.

A companion to the Type 3A5 vertical unit, the Type 3B5 operates automatically from 0.1 μ s/div to 5 s/div.

SPECIAL PURPOSE

PLUG-IN	DF	BANDWIDTH	T_r	PRICE
3A8	20 mV/div	DC to 3.5 MHz	100 ns	\$ 650
3C66	10 μ strain/div	DC to 5 kHz	70 μ s	450

The Type 3A8 provides two operational amplifiers, each with an open loop gain of 15,000 at DC and an open loop gain bandwidth product of 10 MHz or greater.

The Type 3C66 carrier amplifier unit with suitable transducers allows for measurements as broad as the mechanical field itself. The Type 3C66 provides calibrated deflection factors from 10 μ strain/div to 10,000 μ strain/div at a bandwidth from DC to 5 kHz.

MULTI-TRACE

PLUG-IN	DF	BANDWIDTH	T_r	PRICE
3A3 Dual-Trace	100 μ V/div	DC to 500 kHz	0.7 μ s	\$ 850
3A6 Dual-Trace	10 mV/div	DC to 10 MHz	35 ns	525
3A72 Dual-Trace	10 mV/div	DC to 650 kHz	0.54 μ s	295
3A74 Four-Trace	20 mV/div	DC to 2 MHz	0.18 μ s	650

Multi-trace plug-ins provide a time-sharing method of displaying output signals of two or more channels with a single gun CRT. It may be done in one of two ways: alternate mode of operation—switching is done in sequence after each sweep; chopped mode—switching is done in sequence at a rate not referenced to the sweep.

The Type 3A3 contains two independent high-gain differential amplifier channels with FET inputs. Deflection factors of 100 μ V/div to 10 V/div at a constant bandwidth of DC—500 kHz as well as 50,000:1 common-mode rejection ratio are features of this plug-in.

The Type 3A6 can be operated in any one of five modes for variety of single- and dual-trace displays. The Type 3A6 has 10mV/div deflection factor, 35-ns risetime and internal vertical signal delay lines.

The Type 3A72 is a general-purpose dual-trace plug-in featuring 10 mV/div—20 V/div deflection factor with DC—650 kHz bandwidth.

The Type 3A74 provides four separate but identical channels. Each channel has a deflection factor of 20 mV/div from DC to 2 MHz. An internal trigger signal can be selected from one of two sources.

SINGLE TRACE

PLUG-IN	DF	BANDWIDTH	T_r	PRICE
2A60	50 mV/div	DC to 1 MHz	0.35 μ s	\$ 125
3A5	10 mV/div	DC to 15 MHz	23 ns	825
3A75	50 mV/div	DC to 4 MHz	90 ns	195

The Type 2A60 is a low-cost general-purpose plug-in with a DC—1 MHz bandwidth and decade deflection factor steps from 0.05 V/div to 50 V/div.

The Type 3A5, an automatic plug-in unit, features a bandwidth of DC—15 MHz and deflection factors from 10 mV/div to 50 V/div in its seeking mode. A manual control provides additional deflection factors of 1, 2 and 5 mV/div. Programmable functions include V/div, input coupling and AC trace stabilization by contact closure to ground.

The Type 3A75 is a wideband general-purpose plug-in unit with deflection factors of 50 mV/div to 20 V/div and a bandwidth from DC—4 MHz.

SPECTRUM ANALYZERS

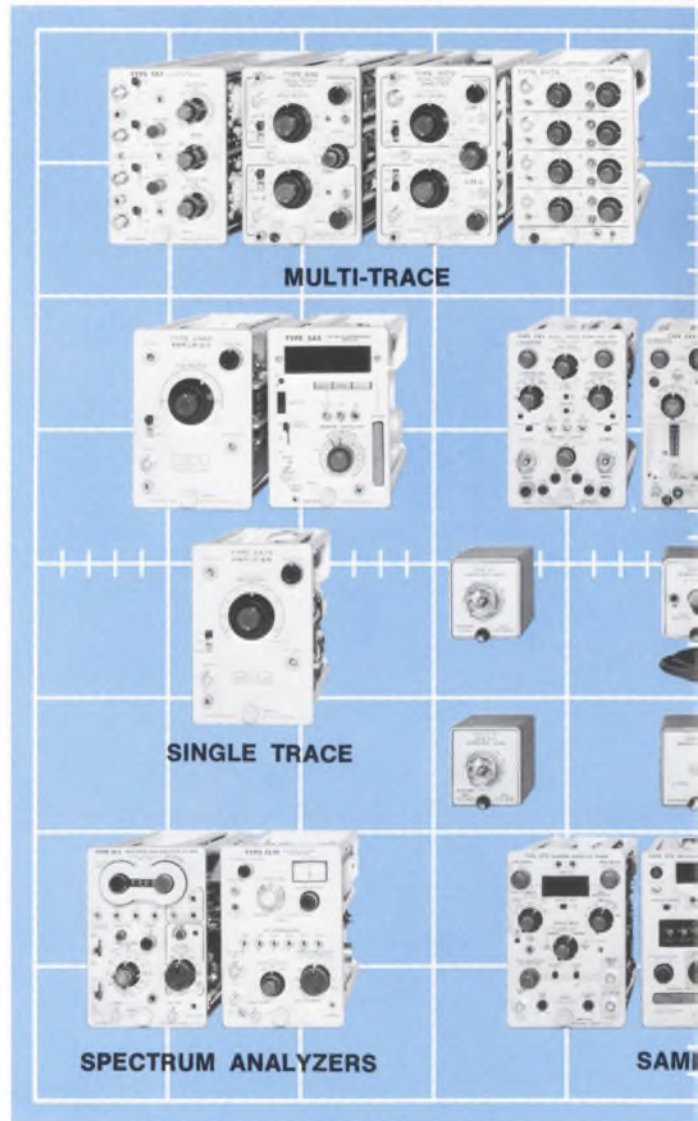
PLUG-IN	DF	CENTER FREQ	PRICE
3L5	10 μ V/div	50 Hz to 1 MHz	\$1,125
3L10	-100 dBm	1 MHz to 36 MHz	1,275

Spectrum analyzer plug-ins provide a method of studying the energy distribution of a given electrical signal by plotting relative amplitudes against a frequency base.

The Type 3L5 operates over a center frequency range of 50 Hz to 1 MHz and provides accurate spectral and time-base displays from 10 Hz to 1 MHz. A deflection factor of 10 μ V/div to 2 V/div and a dynamic range of 60 dB makes the Type 3L5 applicable for vibration studies, waveform analysis and noise measurements.

The Type 3L10 operates over a center frequency range of 1 MHz to 36 MHz, with a CW sensitivity of -100 dBm. Calibrated dispersion and coupled resolution on both the Type 3L5 and 3L10 make frequency measurements as easy and accurate as time measurements.

Complete Measure with Tektronix 560



MULTI-TRACE

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SAMPLING

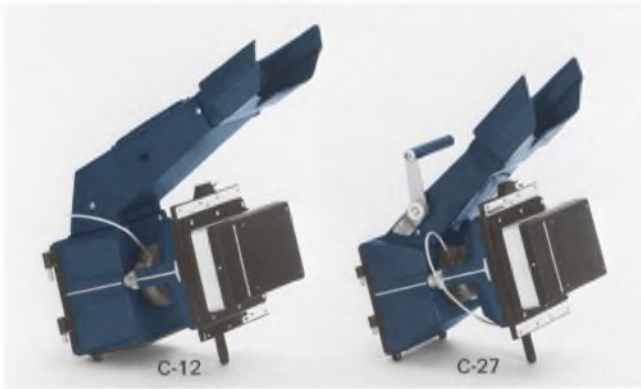
SAMPLING

PLUG-IN	DF	BANDWIDTH	T_r	PRICE
3S1 Dual-Trace	2 mV/div	DC to 1 GHz	350 ps	\$1,195
3S2 Dual-Trace	2 mV/div	S-Series Heads		850
3S5 Program	2 mV/div	S-Series Heads		1,550
PLUG-IN	FASTEST RATE	MAGNIFIER	PRICE	
3T2	0.2 ns/div	X10		\$1,000
3T5 Program	0.1 ns/div			1,650
3T77A	0.2 ns/div	X10		700

Sampling plug-in units convert the Types 561B and 564B into sampling oscilloscopes. As opposed to conventional or real-time oscilloscopes, sampling oscilloscopes do not display a waveform directly but rather rely on a stroboscopic approach of looking at many discrete portions of the input waveform to reconstruct it. Compared with conventional oscilloscopes, sampling provides better sensitivity with risetimes of 25 ps and equivalent bandwidths of 14 GHz and beyond. Time scaling, random-noise cancellation and better overload-recovery capabilities are other advantages offered by sampling techniques. However, as its name implies, multiple samples must be taken with the requirement that the input waveform must be repetitive.

The dual trace Type 3S1 is a nominal 50- Ω input unit with a risetime of 350 ps. Deflection factors of 2 mV/div to 200 mV/div are available. Internal delay

Extra Values



CAMERAS

The C-12 and C-27 general purpose trace recording cameras are suitable for use with the Tektronix 560 series oscilloscopes. Both cameras feature lift-on mounting, swing-away hinging, comfortable binocular viewing, easily-accessible controls, and lens and back options. A special beam-splitting mirror in the C-12 reflects a portion of the image up through the viewing tunnel, giving the viewer the impression of a straight-on view of the CRT. This no-parallax binocular viewing is especially desirable when the oscilloscope has an external graticule.

C-12	\$460
C-27	\$430

ELECTRIC SHUTTER/SPEED COMPUTER

An Electric Shutter/Speed Computer is available for both the C-12 and C-27 cameras, permitting remote actuation of the camera. It is intended for use in areas where a large number of cameras need to be remotely controlled or when there is limited access to the oscilloscope and camera at the time of use.



C-12-E Electric Shutter Camera	\$665
C-27-E Electric Shutter Camera	\$635

SCOPE-MOBILE® CARTS

Type 201 Scope-Mobile® carts feature tilt locking in any one of nine tray positions. The adjustable tray locks in six 4.5° steps in the upward direction and two 4.5° steps in the downward direction from the horizontal axis. A storage drawer is provided in the Type 201-1 while the Type 201-2 provides both a storage drawer and a plug-in carrier.



Type 201-1

Type 201-1	\$130
Type 201-2	\$140

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PROBES

Tektronix offers a choice of voltage and current probes designed to be compatible with circuit measurement requirements. The probes are designed to monitor the signal source with minimum circuit loading while maintaining waveform fidelity.

A prime consideration in selecting the proper probe is the circuit loading effect of the oscilloscope/probe combination. The probe with the highest input impedance will provide the least circuit loading. Probe attenuation ratio is also an important consideration. The oscilloscope must have enough gain to compensate for the attenuation of the probe.



The P6021 AC Current Probe and Type 134 Amplifier provide the facility for accurate current measurements over the wide range of 12 Hz to 40 MHz without breaking the circuit under test. Used with any plug-in unit having a deflection factor of 50 mV/div, the P6021/134 provides deflection factors from 1 mA/div to 1 A/div.

P6021/134	\$295
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The P6042 DC-50 MHz current probe utilizes a variation of the Hall effect, offering capabilities for making both high-frequency and DC current measurements. The P6042 consists of an amplifier with built-in power supply, six-foot probe cable, and probe head. Deflection factors from 1 mA/div to 1 A/div are provided when the P6042 is used with a plug-in unit having a deflection factor of 50 mV/div.

P6042 DC Current Probe	\$625
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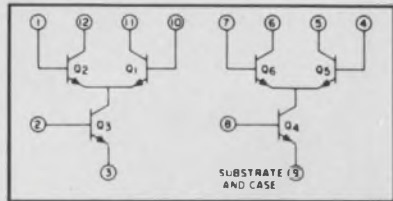
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HAPPENINGS IN ELECTRONICS

May, 1969

RCA's novel approach to Linear Integrated Circuits

Designers can now use ICs and still retain control over the technical aspects of their circuits. It is done by providing a chip containing all the active elements and omitting the bias and load resistors to provide the



designer maximum application flexibility. An example of this approach is RCA's transistor array CA3049, a dual independent differential amplifier.

(See schematic) The engineer who is reluctant to convert his discrete designs over to integrated circuits because of their technical complexity can now combine the advantages of discrete design with the valuable features of monolithic construction which provides close electrical and thermal matching of amplifiers. RCA is now making a complete line of linear arrays, call

them "building blocks" if you like, but remember, they are building blocks with new flexibilities and freedoms for creative circuit designs. To help you make the transition to this unique concept, RCA is offering a sampler kit of linear arrays, QK2202. The kit consists of the following products and literature:

Quan.	Type	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	LITERATURE
2	CA3035	Ultra-High-Gain Wide-Band Amplifier Arrays.	Linear Integrated Circuit Manual, IC-41.
2	CA3018A	2 Isolated Transistors & a Darlington-Connected Transistor Pair.	Integrated Circuit Product Guide, CDL-820B.
2	CA3019	2 Isolated Diodes & a Diode "Quad".	Integrated Circuit Mounting & Connecting
3	CA3026	Dual Independent Differential Amplifiers (to 120 MHz).	Techniques, ICE-338.
3	CA3046	3 Isolated Transistors & a Differentially-Connected Pair.	Technical Bulletins
2	CA3048	4 Independent AC Amplifiers.	Application Notes
2	CA3036	Dual Darlington Array.	Design Ideas for RCA Linear Arrays, ST-395.
3	CA3039	6 Ultra-Fast, Low Capacitance Matched Diodes.	
2	CA3049	Dual Independent Differential Amplifiers (to 500 MHz).	
2	CA3051	2 Darlington-Connected Diff. Amps with Diode Bias String.	

The 23 products listed above sell for 51.70 at these quantities; the literature is worth 6.25. When you buy the beautifully packaged sampler kit at 37.95, you save 20.00. Any of the Linear Arrays listed above may be purchased separately. Call any Schweber office for immediate delivery.

Half-priced, half-size General Electric Relay

A plastic-encased, half crystal can size, microminiature relay with grid spaced terminals is now available from Schweber at less than half the price of the stringent environmental type required for military applications. Model 3SBV will provide top performance in electronic applications where the environmental conditions are such that the expense of a hermetic seal cannot be justified. 100-pc. price 4.69. Data sheet available. Circle #242.

Sensitron's PTC Thermistor is here

Semiconductor designers have been looking for a good, reasonably priced, positive temperature coefficient (PTC) thermistor for a long time. Not the type rated at a couple of hundred ohms, but all the way up to 10K. Sensitron is now making such a device, and Schweber is selling them. The temperature coefficient of resistance is 0.7%/°C; the wattage ratings are 1/8 and 1/4 watt. They can be used wherever temperature compensating and sensing is required, such as amplifiers, power supplies, telemetry, computers, thermometry, and the like. Data sheet available, and of course, immediate shipment from Schweber stock. Circle #243.

Review of new catalogs: Fairchild's Second Generation LICs

A 28-page brochure listing Second Generation linear integrated circuits. Also included are eight pages devoted to applications of LICs, and another three pages to "Tomorrow's" second generation circuits to be released in the future. Watch out for page markings — they are not on the bottom of the pages as you would expect, but half way up the page margins; also no holes punched for insertion in loose leaf books. Otherwise, this is an interesting brochure well deserving of the descriptive cliché: chockful of information. Circle #244.

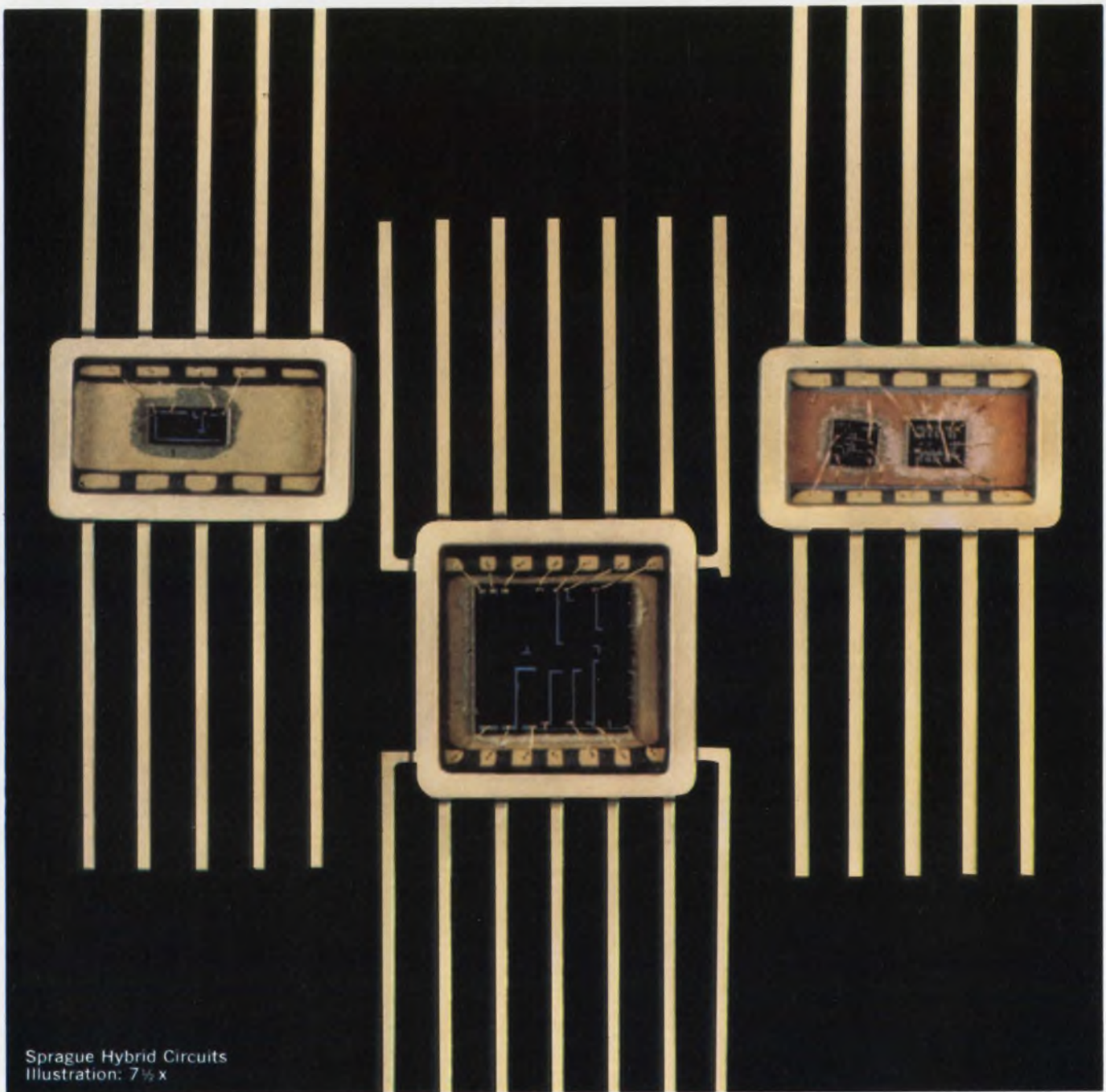
Theory and characteristics of Phototransistors

This application note from Motorola's famed Information Center will be welcomed by the growing number of engineers interested in Opto-Electronics. Prices are down, efficiency of devices up, and products available from Schweber stock. A short history of the photo effect in semiconductors is followed by sections on "Static Electrical Characteristics of Phototransistors" and ditto for the "Dynamic Characteristics." Circle #245.

Monsanto achieves isolation factor of 100 billion ohms

A new photodiode coupled pair — MCD1, offers the designer 5 nanosecond rise and fall times together with over 3,000 volts isolation between input and output. The IR emitter and companion detector are optically coupled through clear epoxy. The unit is then encased in opaque epoxy for maximum dark resistance. It's ideal for high speed isolated switching and high voltage isolation. Circle #246.





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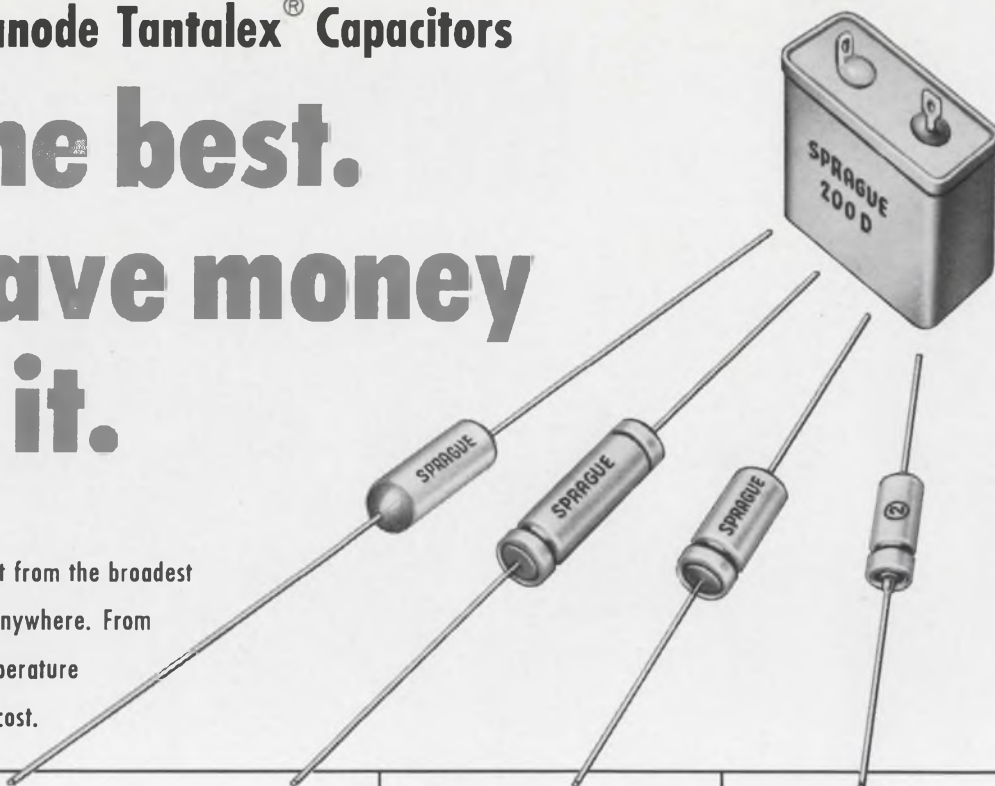
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Transistor-like device has fused-in power

Imagine a transistor radio with batteries built into the transistors themselves and lasting for the life of the equipment. And that's only a part of the possibilities painted for a new radioactive device called the Electristor.

Invented by Daniel E. Speers, 28-year-old director of research for Danecho R & D Laboratories, Miami, the device is at present a laboratory model of a self-powered, tiny, transistor-like unit that needs no external power supply. Speers sees practical devices resulting from his concept within two or three years.

Present models have been operated as amplifiers, oscillators and detectors, but the power output is still only on the order of a few milliwatts, and response is in the low-frequency ranges.

As described by Speers, the developmental Electristor is a radioactive-powered device built in three layers, on a wafer about the size of a dime (see figure). The energy

particles released by the strontium-90 radioisotope break loose cascades of electrons within the semiconductor wafer, thus creating holes and free electrons.

A chip of antimony is fused to the semiconductor layer because it is an exceptionally good carrier of electrons. Some of the electrons disassociated by the atomic energy particles reach the junction and readily pass from the semiconductor layer, across the junction, and into the antimony.

When the antimony and the semiconductor wafer are electrically connected, electrons flow from the former to the latter, completing the circuit and providing the "battery" which powers the Electristor.

For amplification, the signal is applied to the junction, but Speers declines to disclose, on proprietary grounds, just how the junction is modulated.

One of the problems with the device stems from the fact that it requires shielding for the radioactive source, thus limiting its miniaturization—at least in its present state. But Speers says he has developed a thin-film radiation screen to solve this problem in practical devices.

Invention of the device is traced by Speers to research that he was doing on a photochromic battery. It was intended to provide power for areas of the world that have plenty of sunshine but little economic development. The photochromic cell didn't prove out, but it led to the Electristor.

Satellite communications for AF command planes

The Air Force's Worldwide Airborne Command Post—the couple dozen aircraft that are supposed to house the nation's commanding

generals in case ground headquarters are destroyed in an atomic attack—plans to swing over to satellite communications.

The new terminals will permit communication over thousands of miles without atmospheric fading that high-frequency sets are subject to. The terminals, designated AN/ARA-64, will operate at 70 MHz with the uhf Les-6 satellite and the uhf-shf TacSat I tactical communications satellite. Les-6 is in synchronous orbit over the equator west of Chile, and TacSat I is over the equator a little farther west.

Prime contractor for the satellite terminals is Electronic Communications, Inc., of St. Petersburg, Fla., a subsidiary of National Cash Register. It is building 23 experimental terminals for the Defense Dept.

The same company helped the Air Force Strike Command at MacDill AFB, Fla., build five air-transportable satellite terminals that can be flown to any trouble spot in the world.

Talking digital voltmeter developed in France

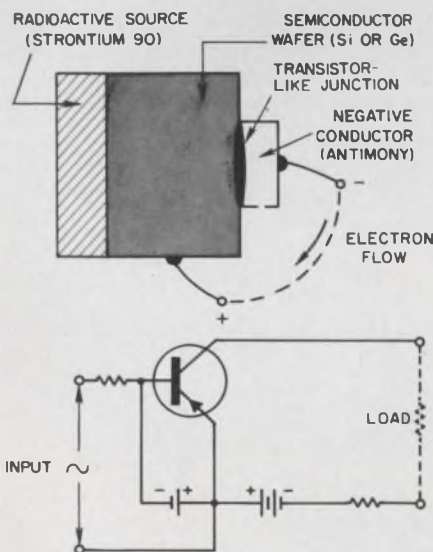
Not only are instruments becoming automated and more compact. Now they're even talking.

Schneider Electronique, a major radio and TV equipment manufacturer in France, introduced a talking digital voltmeter at the recent electronic components show in Paris.

It's only a prototype to prove the concept, according to a Schneider spokesman, but a number of companies have expressed interest in the idea.

The unit, called Digivox, consists of a standard four-digit Nixie readout with a 15-channel tape recorder.

Recording is done on a continuous drum wheel that is run by a synchronous motor. The bcd-coded output of the DVM moves a recording head in proper sequence across each of the pre-recorded tapes. The channels contain a spoken numeral from 1 through 9 plus spare channels for periods and other vocal items. The recording head rests on each channel for about a half second, so it takes about 2.5 seconds



Basic construction of the Electristor (above) and its equivalent circuit.



Digital voltmeter talks back

to read out a four-digit number including the "period."

One obvious use for such an instrument is in laboratory situations where the engineer is too far from DVM to read the display but close enough to listen to it. It would also be theoretically possible to interrogate the instrument over a telephone line.

The recording technique could be used with any instrument with a bcd output, it was noted. The instrument could sell for less than \$1500, according to a spokesman, who also noted that the tapes could be prerecorded in any language.

Collins-Honeywell merger is under negotiation

Merger discussions between Collins Radio and Honeywell, Inc. have been brought to light by a joint statement handed out by Arthur A. Collins, chairman and president of Collins, and James H. Binger, chairman of Honeywell. In it, they said, "... the terms of the transaction haven't yet been arrived at, and further announcements will be made as negotiations continue."

But in line with recent keen Justice Department interest in such activity, the merger may be opposed as a violation of the Clayton Act, according to observers of the recent maneuvering of Collins to resist a take-over by the Electronic Data Systems Corp., a much smaller Dallas outfit.

In this case, application of the Clayton Act—which bars mergers that tend to reduce competition, or which may result in a monopoly—might stem from the fact that while large divisions of Honeywell are devoted to the manufacture and

sale of computer equipment and automatic controls, Collins recently announced plans to provide computing services and computer-control-process technology to industry and government.

The offer of Electronic Data Systems, a computer-services company was recently rejected by the Collins board with a statement to its shareholders that it was "evaluating a number of other transactions that might have an important effect on the current situation and the future of Collins."

Riderless jeep makes mine detection safer

Being in the driver's seat may be a great feeling—unless you happen to be riding across a mine-infested field. To cut down on casualties, the Army is evaluating a new electronic-controlled mine-detecting system that would take its men out of the driver's seat.

The system consists of a jeep with a mine detector that sweeps back and forth in front of it. Instead of riding, the driver walks behind the jeep—as far away as 300 feet. Or he can ride in another vehicle. From his safe position, he can start the jeep, engage the clutch, shift gears, steer, speed up or slow down, apply the brakes and move a searchlight—all with a 12-pound remote-control transmitter unit mounted on his chest.

When the magnetic direction unit in front of the jeep passes over a mine, the jeep stops automatically, and the operator hears a beep tone and sees a light on his control box.

The system, which was developed by Ryan Aeronautical Co., San Diego, Calif., can be used with any convenient vehicle; it isn't limited to jeeps.

Computer unit will offer self-service parcel post

Within a year, the Post Office expects to have small computerized machines that will make possible self-service parcel post.

Essentially a vending machine designed for use in small, self-service post offices, the module is being developed by Design and Development, Inc. of Washington,

D.C., under a two-year, \$250,000 contract.

"The unit is intended to compute parcel post charges under a variety of assumed customer options," says the Post Office's R&D director, Dr. Edward M. Reilley. "The vending machines will be capable of computing all the different rates from point to point and at varying package rates."

Patrons will insert addresses into the computer by push buttons, and an electronic scale will telemeter the weight to the computer. Because of the limited calculating required, the computer under development is a very small, special-purpose device with a core memory of several hundred words, Reilley says.

The Post Office is looking to the day when summary outputs from self-service facilities and additional computer-directed automatic devices at manned postal stations would be fed into centralized control computers.

\$2 billion spending seen for night-vision aids

The \$240 million to \$300 million presently being spent annually by the U.S. military for night-vision aids may rise to \$2 billion over the next four to five years, according to a report published by Frost & Sullivan, a New York market research firm.

The five-year forecast estimates what will be required to continue to extend the military's capability to fight at night and how much it will cost.

The bulk of the expenditures will be for direct-viewing, hand-held scopes and weapon devices and for remote low-light-level television systems.

The purpose of the study is to provide information to companies planning to enter the expanding night-vision aid equipment field.

Data to 3-D pictures

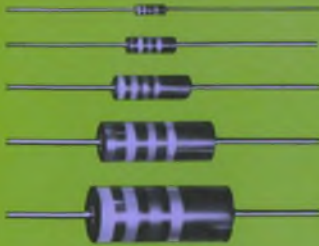
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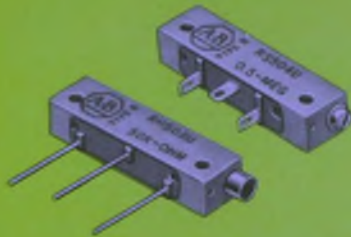
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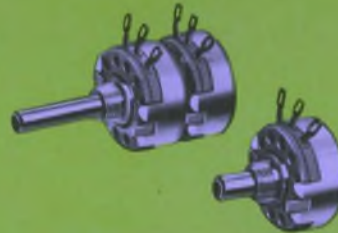
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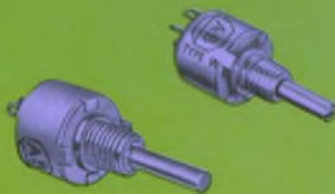
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**HOT-MOLDED POTENTIOMETERS
Type G, Type W and Type L**



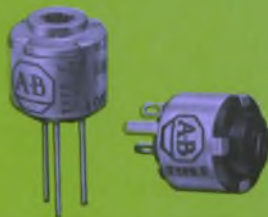
Type G and W are miniature controls with solid molded resistance elements. Only $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter. Quiet, stepless operation. Rated $\frac{1}{2}$ watt at 70°C. Values to 5.0 megohms. Type G qualifies under MIL-R-94 for Style RV6. Type W is a commercial version with the same characteristics. The Type L is rated $\frac{1}{2}$ watt at 100°C. Can be used at 150°C with "no load."

**HOT MOLDED TRIMMERS
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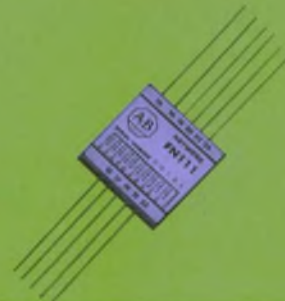
The Type Y single turn trimmer has a low profile which easily fits within the commonly used $\frac{3}{8}$ " stacking space. Can be supplied with an optional thumb wheel for side adjustment, or an optional base for horizontal mounting, or both. Also made with a handy snap-in panel mount. Rated $\frac{1}{4}$ watt at 70°C. Resistances from 100 ohms to 5.0 megohms.

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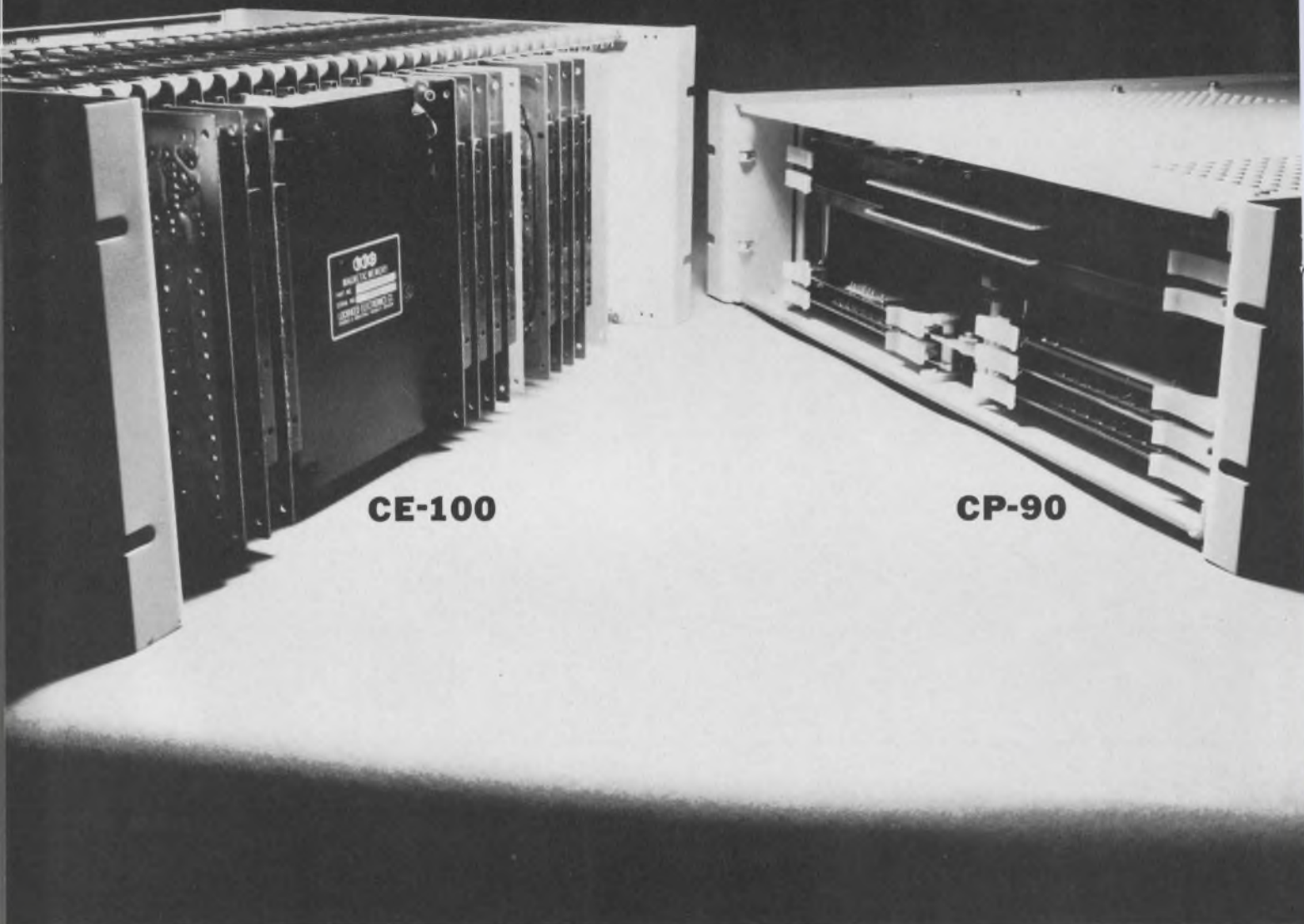
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European technology is closing IC 'gap'

Overseas semiconductor firms display digital and linear expertise at Paris components show

Ralph Dobriner
Chief News Editor

Though European semiconductor manufacturers are still considered a year or two behind the U. S. in complex MSI and LSI technology, the "gap" in integrated circuits is being narrowed. This was the belief at the electronic components show (Salons Internationaux des Composants Electroniques et de l'Electroacoustique), held earlier this month in Paris.

Despite the assault of such American giants as Fairchild, Motorola, Texas Instruments and Signetics on the European market, such major semiconductor firms as Marconi-Elliott, Plessey, Radiotechnique-Compelec, CSF-Thompson, Siemens and Philips are producing a line of digital and linear ICs that are often considered technologically competitive with U. S. circuits.

Marconi-Elliott of England, for example, is developing complex MSI custom circuits by means of computer-aided design techniques.

Stephen Forte, manager of Marconi's custom IC division, said the company is experimenting with beam-leaded ECL devices mounted on ceramic substrates with a 1.5-ns speed.

"We will manufacture three million ICs this year and six million next year and are selling everything we manufacture. The technology gap is definitely eliminated. The biggest problem we have of course is to compete with American production efficiency."

He pointed to a 7-layer screen-printed thick-film interconnect pattern on a ceramic substrate that will accommodate 20 chips. "It pays us to take on specialized custom circuits in limited quantities," he said. "The Americans can't afford to do this. They have delivery problems and often can't fill orders on time. But we can." He added, "We're perfectly satisfied to be a

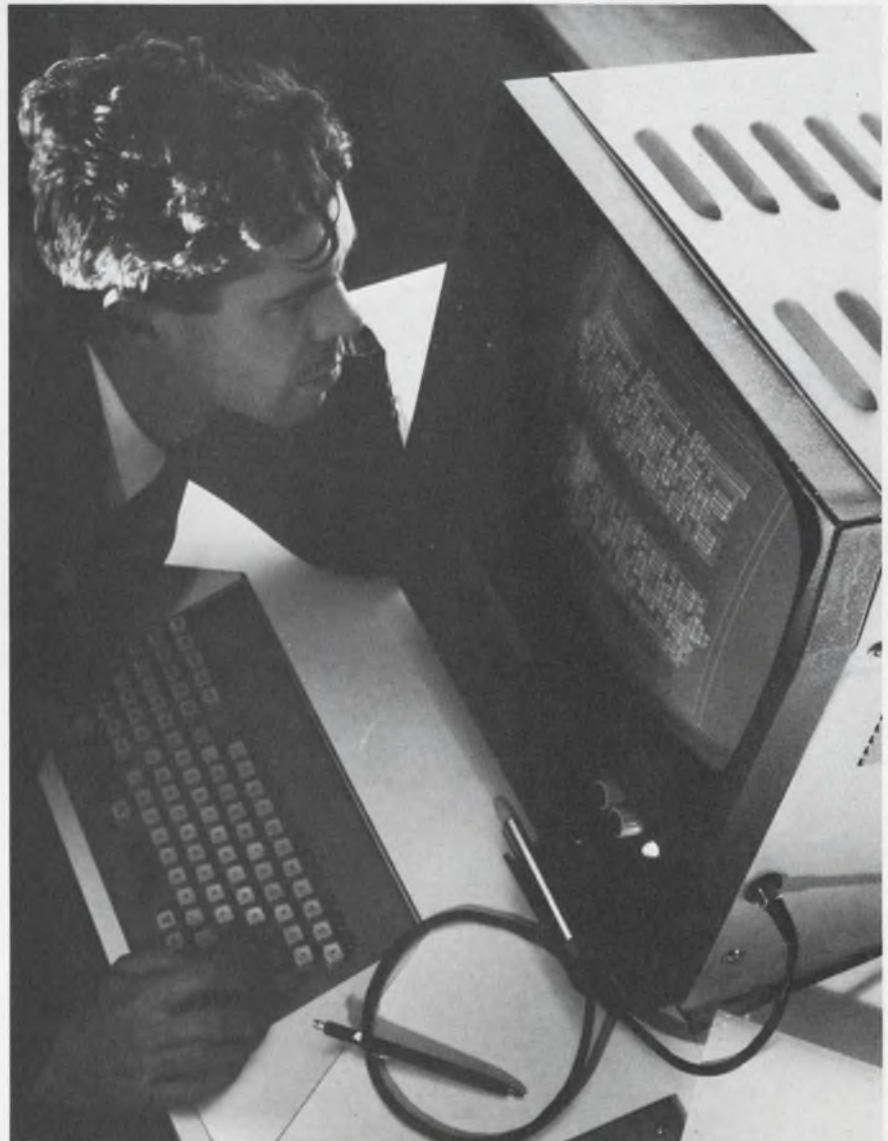
number two source in the market."

Another major British semiconductor supplier, Ferranti, displayed a line of DTL circuits with 9-ns and 15-ns speed, and a TTL family that is being mass-produced for Type-1900 computer systems made by International Computers Ltd. The company also exhibited a va-

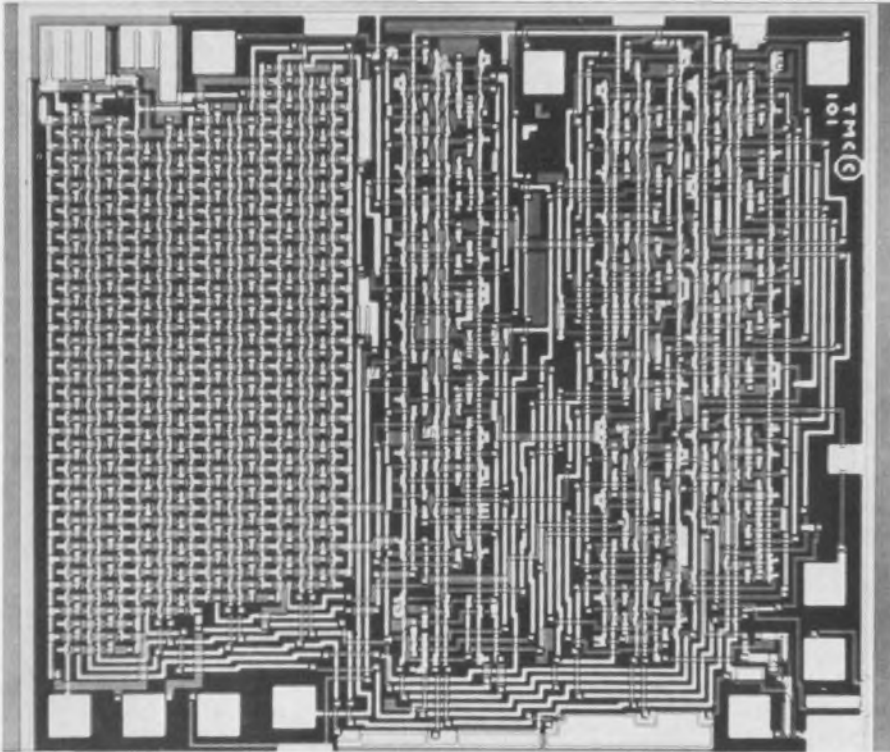
riety of MSI structures, including a 64-bit memory, an 8-bit shift register, a digital multiplexer and a TTL monostable control device for a memory matrix.

Finally, Plessey, another British firm, displayed a family of bipolar and MOS integrated circuits, including an MOS driver, MOS shift registers with up to 64-bit capacity and a family of standard RTL circuits.

One of the real attention-getters



Complex microcircuits are designed at Marconi with the company's Myriad computer and graphical display system. Simon Bird, senior Marconi engineer, is viewing a portion of an MOS device that contains some 1500 separate devices on a silicon chip.

(Paris components show, *continued*)

This 64-bit MOS digital integrated shift register was developed by Radiotechnique-Compelec of France.



Handset portion of an experimental all-electronic "telephone of the future," designed by Northern Electric Ltd. of Canada, houses integrated circuits and thin-film components.

at the show was the display by Radiotechnique-Compelec (RTC), an independent subsidiary of Philips and one of the largest semiconductor manufacturers in France.

The company exhibited a line of DTL logic circuits, including a 5-bit comparator, 10-bit parity checker, binary decimal decoder and 4-bit binary memory. In fast TTL, the company showed 4-gate, 6-ns circuits which, it says, is equivalent to Sylvania's SG and SM lines.

By the end of the year, RTC says, it will introduce EECL logic circuits operating off a single 4-volt power supply and containing integrated voltage references in each circuit. Propagation delays will be on the order of 2.5 ns.

M. Fontan, an RTC sales engineer, predicted that by 1970 the company will have developed a line of MOS circuits including a 64-bit shift register and 512-bit NDRO memory.

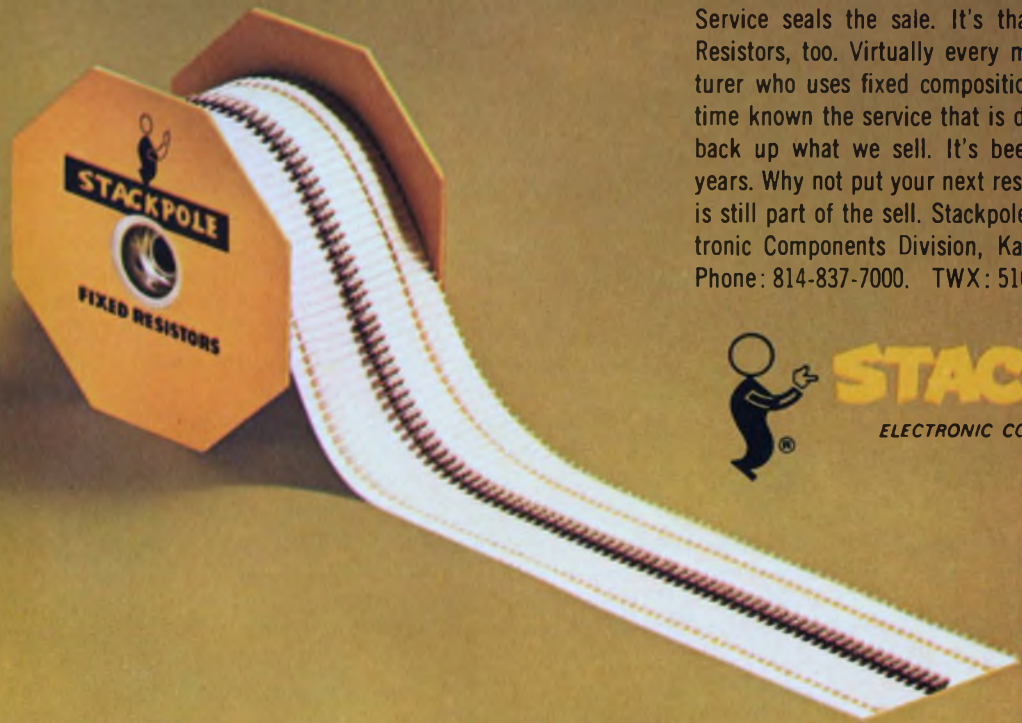
In the linear circuit area, Fontan said, RTC will within a few months start production of: an operational amplifier equivalent to the LM709; a medium-frequency amplifier with demodulator and preamp quadrature detector; a double-differential amplifier for memory applications and the Compteur 27 series—an MOS binary frequency divider that will be used in electronic musical organs. The company also plans to manufacture linear circuits for the TV market such as its TAA 470, a processor that prepares RGB signals from the luminance and chrominance signals in color TV receivers.

Government help scarce

Compared with the massive government-supported R&D funding of companies in the United States, most European firms get virtually no government help. This year, for example, the British government doled out the equivalent of only \$15 million to be distributed among three semiconductor manufacturers—Marconi, Ferranti and Plessey.

In France, only CSF-Thompson's microelectronics facility, Sescossem,

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The digital multimeter containing an LSI MTOS chip was a hit at the Paris show. The 2-1/2-pound unit was developed by Schneider Electronique of France.

is receiving any substantial government aid under a special program to develop integrated circuits for Plan Calcul—a government scheme to develop a native computer industry.

The military is also providing some funds to French semiconductor firms. Among these is RTC, which is developing 4-bit and 16-bit IC memories and various other IC devices for the Service Technique Telecommunications Air, a military government agency.

Sescosem (Compagnie Generale des Semiconductors) now produces an estimated 150,000 ICs per month. The company presently makes some 80 different versions of DTL and TTL logic. By the end of this year, it says, it will have available TTL logic with a 6-ns speed, 400-mV noise immunity and using 22 mW per gate.

Siemens AG of Munich, Germany,

displayed a TTL family that it says is equivalent to TI's SN74 series. The company plans to start production soon on a new type of low-speed (300-ns), 15-volt logic with high dynamic noise immunity. Switching speed can be changed by adding an external capacitor. Siemens also exhibited a broadband operational amplifier that it claims is similar to the 709. The amplifier has an 82-dB gain when operating across a 2000-ohm load and can deliver up to 100 mA to drive a relay directly.

Though it may take European semiconductor manufacturers another two years to catch up in MSI and LSI technology, one French company, Schneider Electronique, couldn't wait. One of the hits of the show was the firm's portable digital multimeter that contains an LSI MTOS chip. Containing 475 transistors, the chip is enclosed in

a 16-pin, dual-in-line package, which was custom-designed for Schneider by General Instruments Corp. of Europe. The Digitest 500 multimeter performs counting, logic A/D conversion and some switching functions.

The unit weighs 2-1/2 pounds and will sell for about \$190. It will be distributed in the U.S. by Honeywell Corp. sometime in July. The multimeter has 17 measuring ranges, a resolution of 100 microvolts, 100 nanoamperes and 1/10 ohm. It can be operated off-line or by eight 1.5-volt batteries.

Francis Barroux, assistant director of Schneider's electronics division, says the company—which produces some 300,000 TV sets a year—is studying the possibility of incorporating ICs in the RF or audio sections of TV receivers.

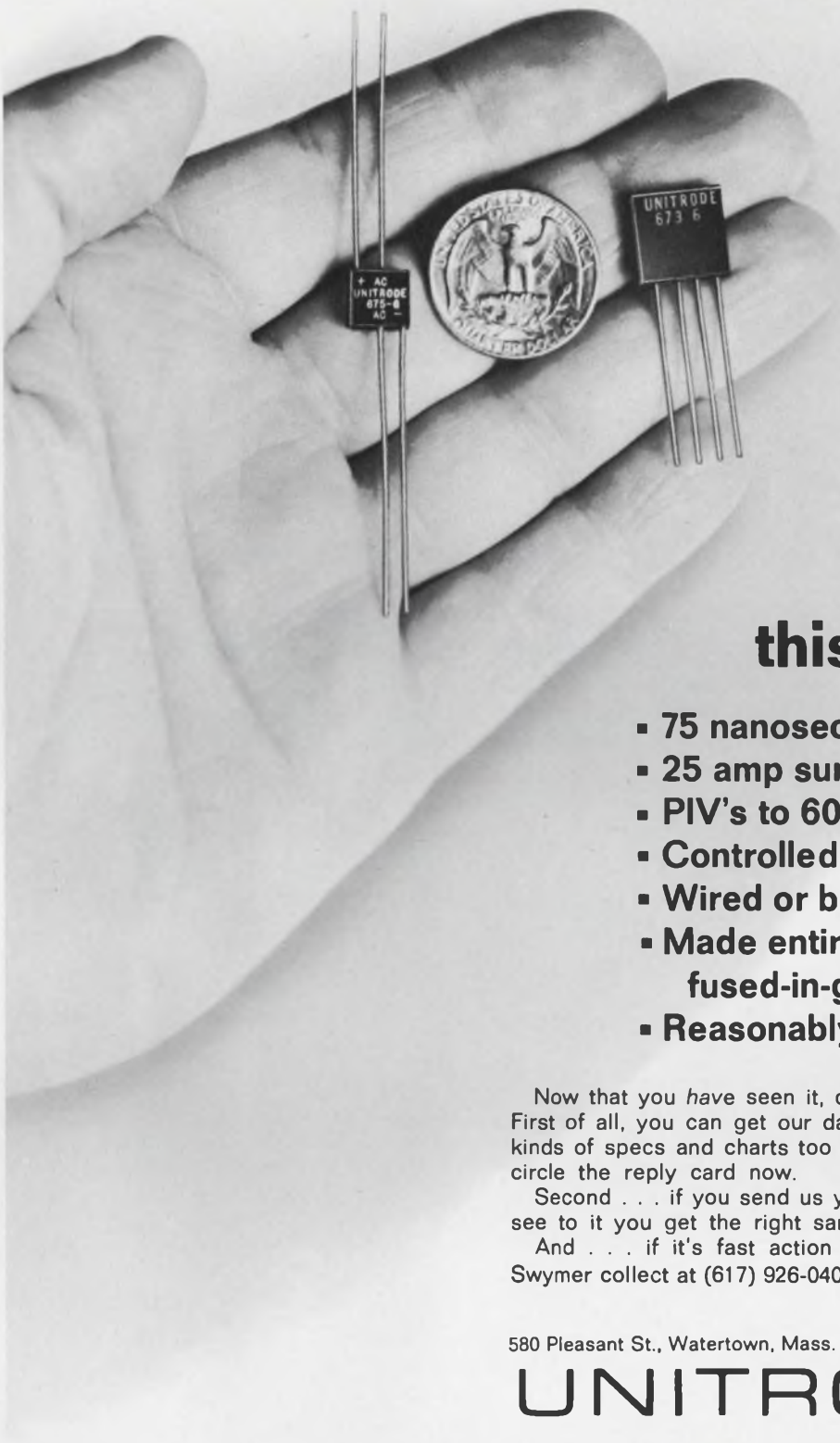
Concerning the so-called technological gap, Barroux noted: "A few years ago it was a ten-year gap, now it's just a year and closing rapidly."

'Telephone of the future'

A miniaturized "all electronic telephone of the future" containing integrated circuits and thin-film components was unveiled by Northern Electric Co. Ltd. of Canada. The complete telephone network circuitry is housed in the handset, which weighs about half as much as today's version. A push-button telephone dial is contained in the underside of the handset close to the ear piece.

The telephone circuitry developed by Microsystems International Ltd. of Canada consists of three silicon integrated circuits and five thin-films joined together by a double-sided flexible printed circuit board. The ICs are used for amplifying and transmitting, while the tantalum thin-film circuits are used for passive components and conducting paths.

The experimental telephone also incorporates an "electret" microphone and associated circuitry in the mouthpiece, which weighs one-tenth as much as the conventional carbon type of microphone in use today. Electronic tone ringing is also used. ■■



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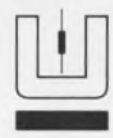
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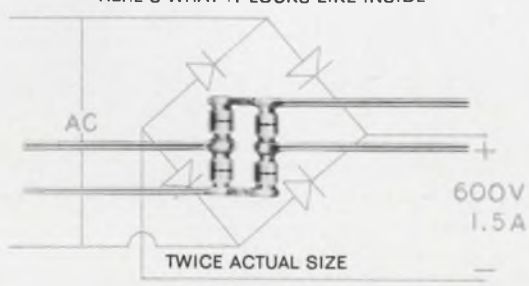
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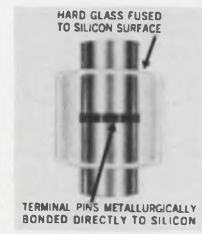
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Instant DF aid for combat pilots in trouble

Say an Air Force combat pilot is in trouble. He's lost and needs directional guidance, or his jet has just flamed out and he wants to tell the nearest base where it can find him after he bails out. Ground stations, using the best direction-finding equipment available today, have 10 vhf and 10 uhf channels available at any one time to receive such calls of distress. With new

equipment undergoing tests at Otis Air Force Base, Cape Cod, Mass., they will have 4800 channels.

When zeroing in on aircraft with present DF networks, the best accuracy ground stations can hope for today is 6 degrees. With the new equipment, accuracy improves to 1 or 2 degrees.

With present gear, the aircraft trace appears briefly as a line of

bearing on an oscilloscope tube and then fades—sometimes forever. The new DF gives the bearing as a digital readout and then stores it automatically in a memory; it can be recalled indefinitely, even after but one distress call.

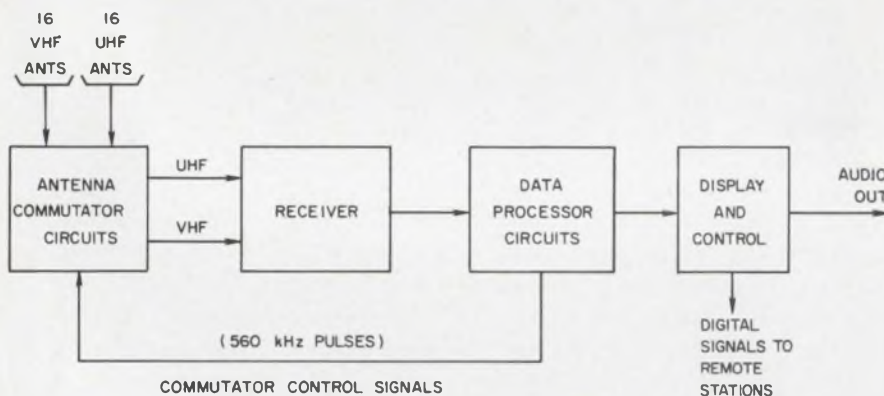
The vastly improved equipment, called AN/TRD-24 DF, is a pseudo-doppler set that can be taken any place in the world and be put into instant operation. Instead of the plug-in, crystal-controlled channels that the old sets use, it employs a digital frequency synthesizer with finger-tip control.

Developed by Cook Electric of Morton Grove, Ill., for RCA, Burlington, Mass., the new DF set is part of the Air Force's instant air traffic control central—designated AN/TSW-7, with RCA the prime contractor (see "Light Air-Traffic Tower Turns Strip into Airport," ED 4, Feb. 15, 1969, p. 22).

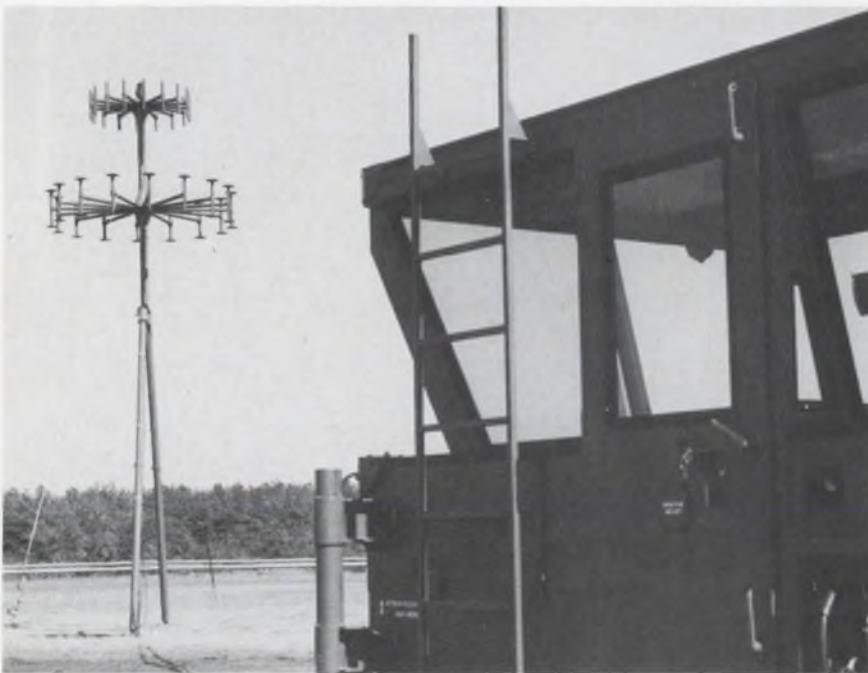
The AN/TRD-24 is called a pseudo-doppler set because its 16 vhf and 16 uhf dipole antennas are scanned electronically, in contrast with the original Adcock DF set with a mechanically spun dipole. The electronic scanning is at the rate of 560 times a second.

The inherent bearing accuracy of the equipment is ± 1 degree, and 90 per cent of the readings fell within 1 degree during recent operational tests in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration. FAA requirements call for accuracy of ± 6 degrees in zeroing in true north and ± 10 degrees throughout the rest of the azimuth bearings.

Alexander Kelley, project engineer in the Air Force Command Electronic Systems Div., says the digital readout memory, which allows a controller to recall the position of an aircraft on the numerical display, is the single most valuable combat feature of the new equipment. With it, it will be possible to locate downed pilots without continual use of beacons and radars, which can also be pinpointed by the enemy. ■■



1. New Air Force pseudo-doppler DF equipment scans 16 vhf and 16 uhf dipoles electronically. Outputs are applied, through coaxial lines, to receiver, processor and indicator circuits.



2. Antenna system for AN/TRD-24 DF equipment. At top, 16 uhf and, at bottom, 16 vhf dipole elements. Antennas are scanned in the mast and outputs fed through single coax to receiver.

CROWBAR...?



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Not so many years ago, the prudent transmitter engineer discharged a high voltage capacitor bank by dropping a shorting "crowbar" across its terminals. Today's "crowbar" is a protective overvoltage circuit found on DC power supplies — usually at extra cost. Now HP includes a crowbar as standard on its recently updated series of low-voltage rack supplies . . . at no change in price.

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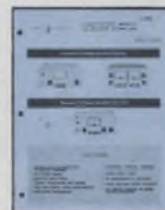
tection — say, against inadvertent knob-twiddling — from a crowbar is invaluable. On all internal crowbars in this series, the trip voltage margin is set by screwdriver at the front-panel.

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There was trouble in Bavaria's Black Forest. Six-thousand "aggressor" troops had bivouacked near the Czechoslovakian border. Hostilities threatened. After a quick but careful study, the commander of the U. S. forces in Germany asked the Pentagon for help.

That was the hypothetical problem posed by the military leadership late in January. And the troop maneuvers that followed were a unique test of electronic gear.

For a "dual-based" defense—heavy equipment stored in allied countries with U.S.-based troops ready to be rushed to the trouble spot by plane—is shaping up as the new policy. This will forestall a dollar drain while the nation continues to honor its treaties with allies throughout the world.

Electronic equipment from now on must be more transportable than ever—small, rugged and reliable, and it must be built to lie moth-balled for months, or even years, and still operate when needed.

When even bigger transport planes are in operation, such as the C-5, perhaps less equipment will have to be stored abroad and more of it carried over by air.

The January maneuvers involved 16,000 men from bases across the U. S. plus thousands of other GIs in West Germany. The alarm that sent them into action was part of a procedure worked out in advance, to the smallest detail.

American forces in Germany pulled tens of thousands of tons of equipment out of mothballs—radios, radars, missile site gear, tanks, trucks. The equipment had been stored by U. S. troops last year before they returned to the States. Now, packed on trains and trucks, the supplies were sent off to the "battle" area, near the village of Grafenwoehr.

Airlift to 'battle'

Meanwhile in the United States, Army troops and Air Force support personnel, along with 180 tons of equipment, were loaded on 63 Air Force C-141 jets at scattered bases. They were flown to McGuire Air Force Base, N. J., where the planes refueled. From there, they hopped to Nuremberg. Trucks took them to Grafenwoehr.

The movement consisted of 12,000 Army men and four tactical fighter squadrons. To support F-4 fighter planes, 3500 Air Force personnel went over in the C-141 transport planes.

The exercise, called Reforger I (for Redeployment of Forces in Germany), lasted six days in the field. It was a logistic nightmare, but it worked.

"The big equipment—such as radars, our fm AN/VRC-12 vehicular radios and our big a-m radios—were stored in Germany," Lt. Col. Harold B. Phillips, signal commander for the 24th Infantry Div., told ELECTRONIC DESIGN. "We brought our multi-channel radio telephone and teletypewriters over with us."

Asked whether there was any difference in the condition of the

Against a backdrop of burning napalm, U. S. and German pilots staged Europe's biggest chopper exercise.





Tens of thousands of tons of radars, communication units, tanks and trucks traveled 150 miles by convoy

and train to the "battle" zone near the Czechoslovakian border. An unexpected thaw turned roads to mud.



AN/TPS-44 search radar, built for the Air Force 407L air control network, is operating satisfactorily.



Radar operations van, AN/TSQ-61, for the Air Force AN/TPS-44 search radar, includes five videos, remote controls.

equipment that was stored and the equipment that was flown over, Colonel Phillips said: "Very little. A few of the AN/GRC-26 and -46 a-m radios were slightly damaged by moisture and mildew, but this was caused by a faulty shelter. We also found a few wires and tubes broken in these radios, but the reason for this is that they're big radios, not solid-state, and they perform a lot of functions.

"They require high power. They have several receivers and teletypewriter equipment. Cryptographic devices have to be installed on-line. And it just isn't easy to get everything going at once.

"We are looking forward to a new series of a-m radios, the GRC-106. These will be solid-state and also provide us with single sideband capability.

"We took 20 MRC-69 vhf radio telephone terminals with us and pulled seven out of mothballs in Germany. All 27 worked well.

"The VRC-12 series operated with no problem whatsoever."

One sergeant, interviewed while using the VRC-12 vhf, fm vehicular radio in a chilly tent near Grafenwoehr, wasn't all praise: "The audio connectors are too small; they're not rugged enough," he said. "The old radios we had had more rugged speakers and connectors. The ceramic materials break in cold weather. Maybe they should be made with rubber."

The sergeant had another complaint. The antenna connector and the relay are built together. If a small insulator inside the connector breaks, the entire relay has to be replaced. "It would be better," he said, "if the connector were tied to the relay by a coaxial cable."

It wasn't all bad

The sergeant liked the fm radios, though, because they had a tone-operated squelch. "This is

an improvement," he said, "over noise-operated sets. This way you don't have to listen to the tube noise all the time."

A Pulse Acquisition Radar, used with the Hawk ground-to-air anti-aircraft missile to detect enemy planes at medium altitude, was stationed high on a hilltop to scan the skies—as well as to watch the Czech border, which was lined with equally watchful Soviet troops. The operator said the Raytheon radar worked well, except that "fog condensation on the antenna dripped down into the radar, causing circuits to short."

"What we need," he said, "is a waterproof radome."

One thing this operator liked was Bite (for built-in test equipment). "I live by it," he said. "It shows me when something is going wrong before it happens."

Another radar used was the Air Force's AN/TPS-44 search model. A year ago, this part of the 407L air-transportable, tactical air control system was under test at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. (See "Air Force Getting War Network That Can Travel," ED 6, March 14, 1968, p. 25).

At Grafenwoehr the radar, with its collapsible 10-by-16-foot dish antenna, was mounted on a 2-1/2 ton truck on a hill near the Hawk radars. Alongside it was its TSQ-61 radar operations van.

An operator in the van noted: "We have remote control capability for the radar so we can watch it either here or in the communications van. We have communications for dialing any channel we wish. We have two scopes.

"And while the theoretical range is 275 miles, we usually put it on the 40-to-80 mile range for close air support work with the forward air controller. We turn the aircraft over to him when he can see it.

"The radar maintenance shelter is on another 2-1/2 ton truck, but one generator and a power distribution unit handles both vans."

Did he like the TPS-44?

"It's a good piece of equipment," the operator said. "At first it took too long to erect, but now we can do it in five minutes. We can have the whole unit operational 35 minutes after we get to a site."

At Eglin a year ago the goal was one hour. ■■

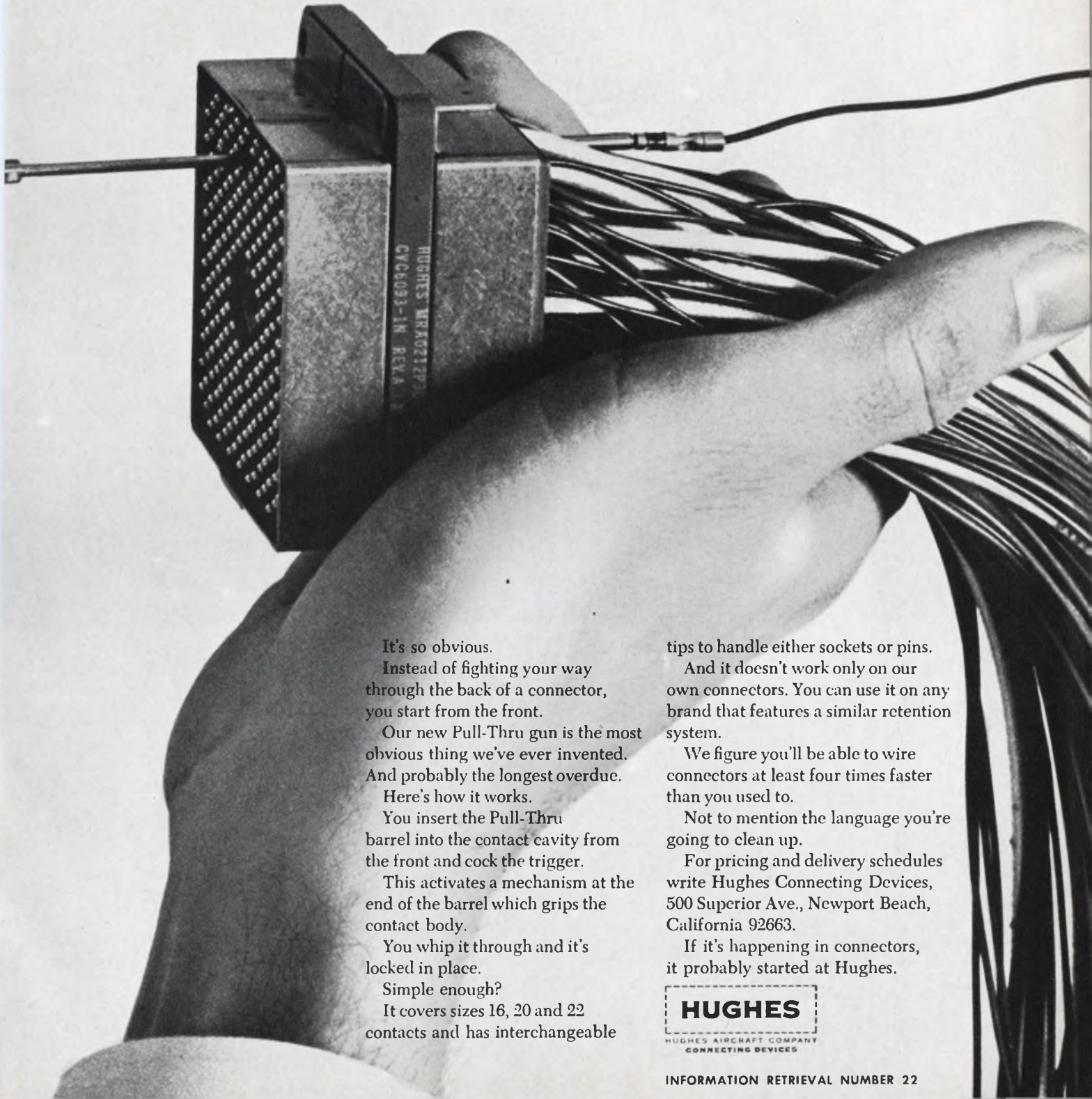


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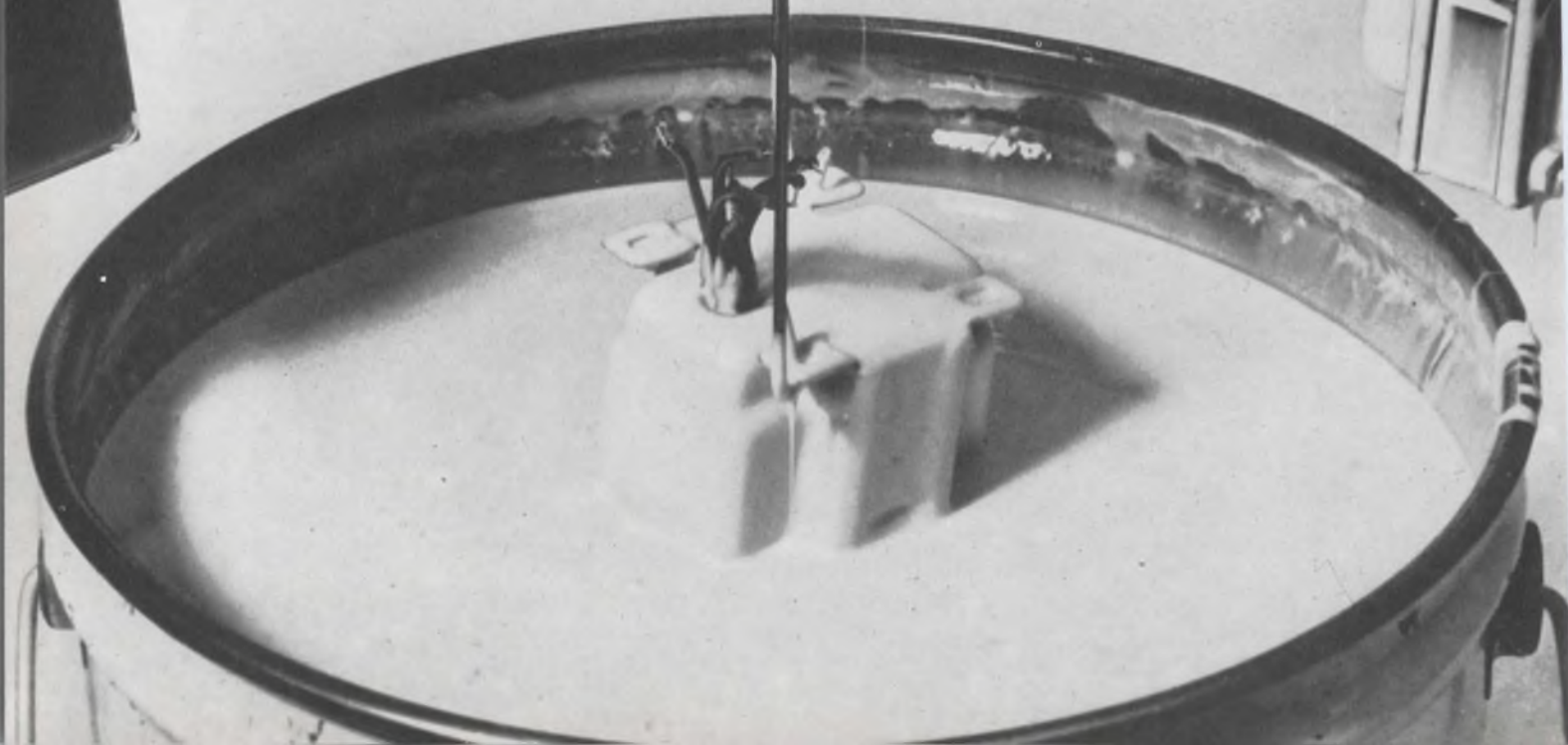
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Military space funds hold, despite cuts

After all the pluses and minuses in Defense Department budget requests for military space programs are totaled, the final figure appears to remain something well over \$2 billion. In recent testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird made the following changes: the Air Force Manned Orbiting Laboratory program was cut \$20 million, and planned launches were reduced from seven to six (the revised total is now \$525 million); and the Air Force Satellite Early Warning Detection System was first increased \$93 million and then cut back \$50 million. Other military space programs remain largely untouched.

Military interest in unmanned satellites seems to be increasing, according to the evidence.

In addition to the existing Navy Navigational Satellite System, the Air Force strategic and tactical satellite communications systems—and its highly classified SAMOS (Space and Missile Observation Satellite) and MIDAS (Missile Infrared Detection and Surveillance) programs, a number of other efforts are under way. One, dubbed Project 417, is believed to be an RCA-built surveillance satellite based on the design of the weather satellites, but its mission is unclear. Another is Air Force Project 949, a new Integrated Early Warning Surveillance Satellite under development by TRW, Inc. Aerojet General is providing the first principal sensor package, probably infrared. A third undertaking, Air Force Project 920A, may or may not be directly associated with SAMOS, but it is a GE-produced photo reconnaissance satellite. (The original SAMOS was labeled Project

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720A and was built by Lockheed Aircraft.)

Several other programs are under study and may see active development within the year. One, which may be related to Project 417, is an Air Force plan for a synchronous weather satellite system that could provide data required by other Air Force surveillance satellites.

Another, alluded to by Secretary Laird, may be related to Project 949. Emphasis in this effort would be ocean surveillance using high-resolution radar to detect enemy surface craft and sea-launched missiles. A third is a satellite-to-satellite data relay system to speed up observational data from other surveillance satellites to main Air Force data-reduction centers.

New Department of Oceanography?

Last month Rep. Claude Pepper (D.-Fla.) introduced a bill (H.R. 9482) to establish a Dept. of Oceanographic Services with Cabinet-level status. His intention, Pepper said, is to centralize maritime and marine interests now being carried out by 11 separate agencies within the government. "Not one of these agencies functions in any substantial part for the total interest of a national marine science policy," he declared.

Under the Pepper bill, the department would be headed by a Secretary, with four Assistant Secretaries—one each for Merchant Marine, Exploration and Resource Development, Marine Fisheries, and Port and Harbor Development. The new department would be made up of most of the existing agencies now related to maritime and marine sciences and operations.

The Pepper bill spells out its message clearly. For example, in his Declaration

of Purposes and Policies in Section 2 of the bill, he states ". . . the development and improvement of the capabilities, performance, and efficiency of vehicles, equipment and instruments for use in exploration, research, surveys, the recovery of resources, and transmission of energy in the marine environments is an integral and prerequisite part of the national effort and is worthy of maximum encouragement."

Group studies mining-rescue techniques

The National Academy of Engineering, under a \$75,000 contract from the U. S. Bureau of Mines, will perform a study to determine how different technologies might contribute to reduce fatalities in mining disasters. The chairman of the newly formed Academy Committee on Mining Rescue and Survival Techniques is Walter R. Hibbard, Jr., vice president for R&D at Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. and a former director of the Bureau of Mines.

The Committee, says NAE president Eric A. Walker, will concentrate on improving rescue techniques and increasing the workers' prospects for survival. The group, declares Walker, will consider the use of technological resources from a variety of fields, such as space exploration, deep-ocean submergence, telecommunications, seismology and civil defense.

TV radiation still a problem

Although much of the noise accompanying last year's hearings on the Radiation Safety Act has subsided, and the act was passed, considerable concern still exists about the hazard of X-ray emissions by color TV sets.

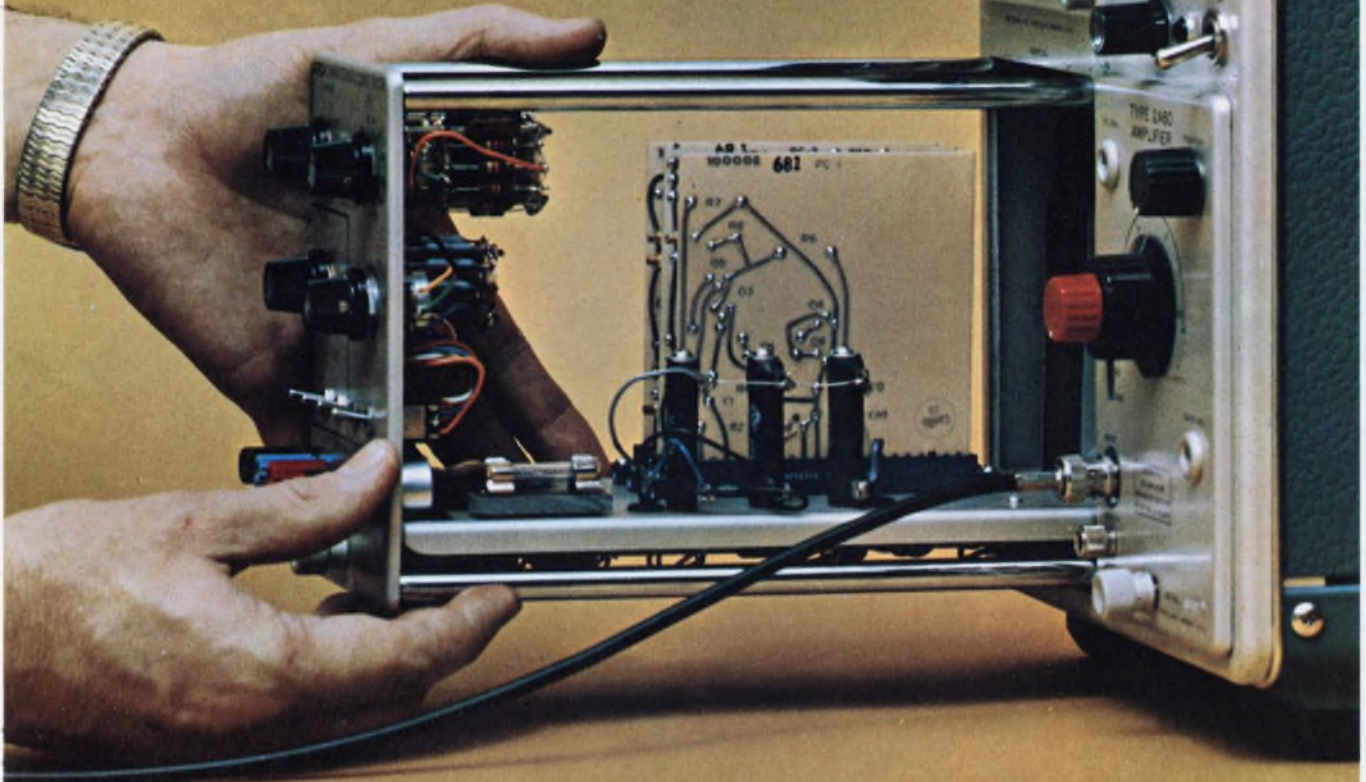
The confused situation today is reflected in three public statements made last month. The U. S.

Radiological Health Center near Washington announced its studies indicate that TV manufacturers have reduced X-ray emissions on all sets presently produced to a level well within safety tolerance. The Suffolk County, N. Y., Health Department released a report revealing that 20% of home color TVs in that area were found to radiate X-rays at hazardous levels. Through a press release, Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal and Rep. Edward Coch (both D-N.Y.) castigated the Federal Trade Commission and the Public Health Services for their failure to act on existing unsafe home TVs. In letters to each agency, the congressmen asked whether or not gauges might be built into new TVs and made available to owners of older sets to detect hazardous X-ray levels.

Several months ago this columnist talked with officials of the newly formed Advanced Research Corp., headquartered in Washington. That firm has developed and is now marketing a simple radiation detector called Ray-Alert, which is available for \$3.95 at drugstores and supermarkets throughout much of the country. The manufacturers claim that the Ray-Alert is the next thing to being "idiot proof." The small, flat, triangular plastic unit is provided with three legs having adhesive footpads that permit installing the device on the center of the TV faceplate, five centimeters from the surface. Contained in the center of the unit is a square, flat crystal of calcium fluoride, doped with a manganese phosphor. The crystal is sealed in with a 1/16-inch film of polypropylene, which serves as a spectral filter to X-rays.

To test the set, the instrument must remain on an operating TV for exactly ten hours. It may then be removed, the legs dismantled, and the instrument mailed to Advanced Research Corp. for analysis of the crystal. The laboratory service is a part of the Ray-Alert purchase price, and results are returned to the user within two weeks. Using the National Radiation Council safety limit of 0.5 mR per hour, the analysis shows only whether the set is or is not operating safely. The firm claims an absolute error factor of $\pm 10\%$.

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Our woman in Germany

Thecla, whose dramatic photographs of Exercise Reforger I begin on page 34, was ELECTRONIC DESIGN's freelance representative in Germany when the U. S. military staged its giant preparedness games in late January.

Thecla Haldane of New York City—she uses only her first name professionally—has had pictures in several national magazines including *Life*, *Fortune*, *National Geographic*—and *Glamour*. She also had a picture story about Buic III in ED's March 1, 1969, issue.

On this trip with the Air Force and Army to Nuremberg and Grafenwoehr, Germany Thecla not only took pictures of electronic equipment but also checked on how it was operating and how it could be redesigned.

We think you'll enjoy this report of a new trend in U. S. defense—the quick airlifting of troops to allied countries where equipment has been stored for instant use. Thecla worked closely on this story with ED's military-aerospace editor, John F. Mason.



How much data is a load?

The photo on the cover shows part of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.'s 18,000-reel library of computer tapes. According to the 3M Co., manufacturer of the tapes, an average reel contains 2000 feet of tape, which packs an average of 1000 bits to the inch. We calculate that the library contains about 5×10^{11} bits. If this data is transmitted over a high-speed (250 kb/s) line, it would take over three weeks to send it all—assuming, of course, that there are no transmission errors and that reel-handling time can be ignored. Now turn to the Special Section on p. C1. (Photograph by IBM Corp.)



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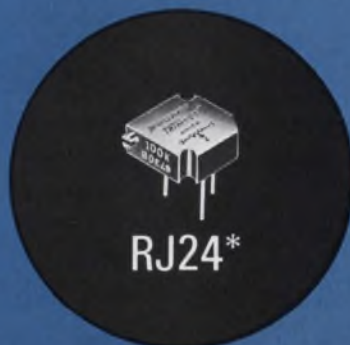
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How broad is your concept of the engineer's job?

An engineer's job is to design the best product that he can, in the time available and at the lowest feasible cost. Right?

Many engineers, perhaps with a few frills or flourishes, would be willing to accept this as a reasonable job description in brief. Many of these same engineers might be seen at various gripe sessions, either about the plant or at a local bar, complaining about the quality of management's thinking, or the ineptness of other departments in their company.

Could it be that some of these problems stem from the views these engineers have of their own roles? We contend that they probably do. For today's engineer or engineering manager must take a broad view of his function in the company structure.

To see what we mean, look at some of the elements that are usually necessary for a company to enjoy sustained success and growth. Creative innovation is one for which engineers have a primary responsibility. But in addition, factors such as empathy with customers and users, marketing direction, financial skill and loyal, responsive employees are crucial. Here's where the engineer with the broader perspective sees opportunities for expanding his contributions to the firm.

Getting to know customers or users—learning how they think, how they use his creations—gives an engineer a solid basis for future design thinking. Studying market research reports can turn up unusual responses. Tracking them down can lead to important product changes, or even to new products.

A common lament of engineers is that the marketing people are not selling the right features in the right way. This calls for communication rather than griping. Do the marketing people know something the engineers don't? Or are they really off in left field and in need of helpful suggestions?

In the financial area, engineers may never participate in making up a balance sheet. Yet they play a major role in the over-all financial scheme of the organization. Can some purchasing be pooled among projects to get better prices? Is expensive test equipment being bought that will be used very little? Or conversely, is equipment not being bought that could save engineering time and thus far more than pay for itself?

Loyal, responsive employees are a central element in building for sustained success. Management should have clear objectives, and the company must pull as a team to reach them. If you find yourself griping frequently, stop and think for a few minutes about what's bothering you. Is your company really operating in an unreasonable fashion? If so, you'd make better use of your time and energy by finding another job. Or are you simply aware of a lot of improvements that you could help to implement if you had a broader concept of what you, as an engineer, might contribute? If so, then expand your horizons.

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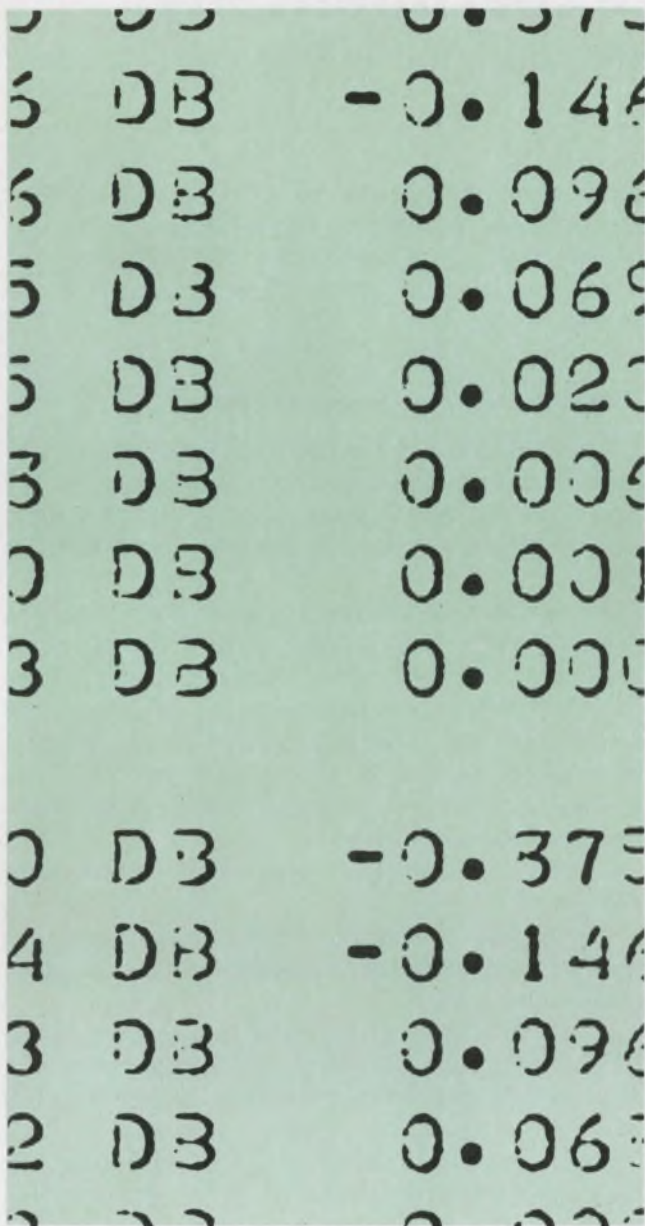
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Specify your trap filter the easy way. Use computer tables to establish Q, notch depth, attenuation and group delay. See page 58.



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Stabilize your op amp experimentally.

Use step-function response under operating conditions to determine component values.

In high-gain multistage operational amplifiers each stage contributes phase shifts. The loop cannot be closed down very far (increasing percentage of feedback) before excessive phase shift (180° at a gain of 1) and instability occur. To stabilize the amplifier a compensating capacitor is usually applied; however, the size of the capacitor affects the amplifier's high-frequency response.

How then can the designer choose a compensating capacitor which though small enough to provide a high slew rate¹ will still assure the desired amplifier stability (Fig. 1)?

He could devote a lot of time and effort to a painstaking analysis, probably based on inaccurate information, and follow this up with extensive bench testing; or, to save time, he could try one of the worst-case configurations specified by the amplifier manufacturer. Often, though, he winds up with too large a value of capacitance.

A faster, more effective method uses simple oscilloscope measurements *made under actual amplifier operating conditions*. With this technique the designer can quickly determine the optimum parameter values required for a stable amplifier—values that also serve to satisfy additional auxiliary conditions; namely, in this particular example, a high slew rate.

Transient response peaks indicate damping rate

The step-function response of a damped oscillatory system is shown in Fig. 2a. The more stable the amplifier, the greater is the damping as indicated on the scope by a more rapid decrease in amplitude of successive oscillatory peaks. In the method described in this article the designer utilizes the damping ratio and natural frequency of the amplifier—determined by correlating the (specific component values or component configurations, for example). Strictly speaking, the mathematical derivation outlined applies only to second

order systems, characterized by means of linear, second-order differential equations. Application of this method to third-order systems, however, yields results that are sufficiently accurate for practical use.

Take only five basic measurements

Fundamentally the method consists of five basic measurements. These are the amplitudes of the first three successive peaks, V_{p1} , V_{p2} , V_{p3} (Fig. 2b), and the times, t_1 and t_3 , so that we can determine $t_3 - t_1$.

From these measurements, the values of ζ , the damping ratio, and ω_n , the natural frequency of oscillation, can be obtained. Knowing ζ and ω_n , the dB of peaking (relative increase in gain), the small-signal unity bandwidth, and the phase shift may be obtained from Table 1 or from Fig. 4a and Fig. 5. The procedures for making the measurements are as follows:

1. *Wire up amplifier and auxiliary circuits* (Fig. 3).

The amplifier should be tested under conditions that conform as closely as possible to actual operating conditions.

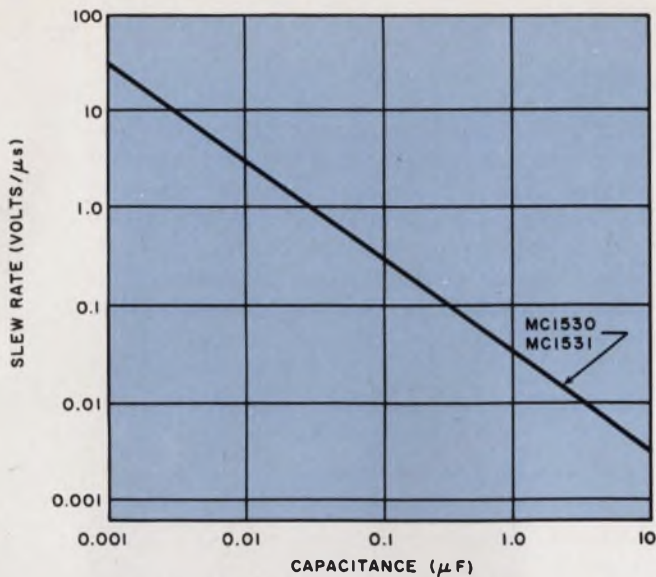
2. *Apply step-function pulse to amplifier input.*

The input pulse may be simulated by means of a square-wave generator for which the rise and fall times are of the order of 10 nanoseconds. A pulse generator may be used as an alternate source, but the pulse widths must be on the order of 100 microseconds. Both the square-wave generator and the pulse generator should be capable of frequencies below 5 kHz. The purpose of the last two restrictions is to ensure that the response has sufficient time to reach a steady state before the next pulse appears.

The input amplitude should be small enough to preclude effects of slew rate limiting or amplifier saturation. Further, the pulse generator should be terminated in its matching impedance, R_T , to obtain quality pulses. The pulse width and frequency controls are adjusted to allow sufficient time for the amplifier to reach quiescent values.

3. *Obtain transient response on oscilloscope* (Fig. 2b).

Karl Huehne, Senior Applications Engineer, Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc., Phoenix, Ariz.



1. Slew rate of a typical operational amplifier (maximum rate of change of output voltage) is a direct function of the compensation capacity. At higher frequencies, current required to charge and discharge the capacitors is limited to the current available from the internal current source.

The key to accurate measurement lies in the oscilloscope display of the output response. To achieve maximum accuracy the response waveform should occupy as much of the oscilloscope graticule as possible. To do this the graticule is scaled with the initial value of the waveform at zero and the final value at one, then the horizontal scale is adjusted so that all of the three peaks required for the determination of ζ are visible.

4. Measure V_{p1} , V_{p2} , V_{p3} , t_1 and t_3 .

Calculate stability from damping ratio

To utilize the measurements, two fundamental relationships have been derived (Box 1):

$$\zeta = \frac{\left| \log_{10} \left(\frac{V_{p1} - V_{p3}}{V_{p2}} \right) \right|}{\left[\log_{10}^2 \left(\frac{V_{p1} - V_{p3}}{V_{p2}} \right) + 1.86 \right]^{1/2}} \quad (1)$$

$$\omega_n = 2\pi / (t_3 - t_1) \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \quad (2)$$

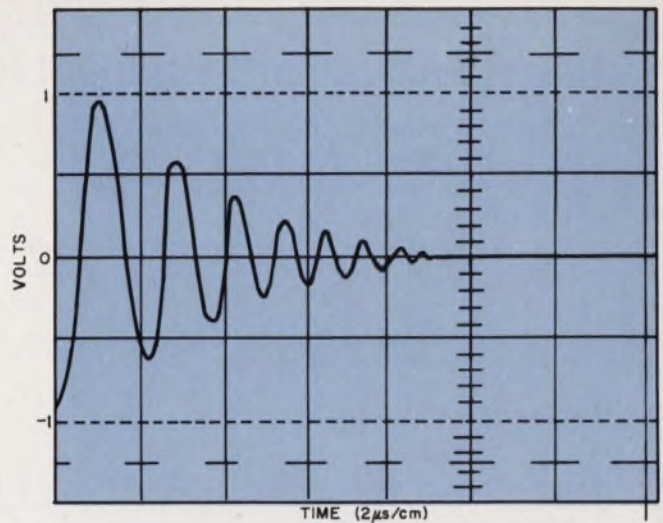
The values of ζ and ω_n may be calculated readily by substituting into Eqs. 1 and 2. The value of peaking in dB can be obtained from

$$p \text{ (dB peaking)} = 20 \log_{10} (1/2\zeta\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}),$$

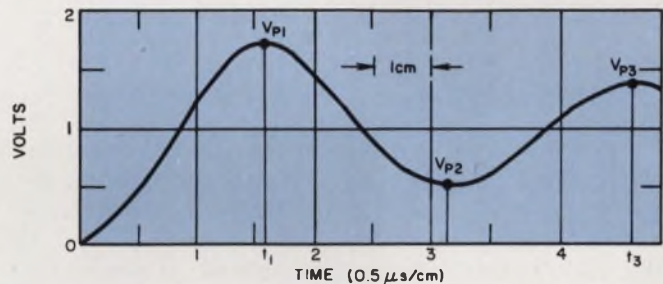
where $\zeta \leq 1/\sqrt{2}$. (3)

It can also be determined from Table 1, which lists "dB of peaking" versus ζ for selected values of ζ , or from Fig. 5, which is a plot of Table 1 (Box 2).

After determining ζ, ω_n and the dB of peaking,

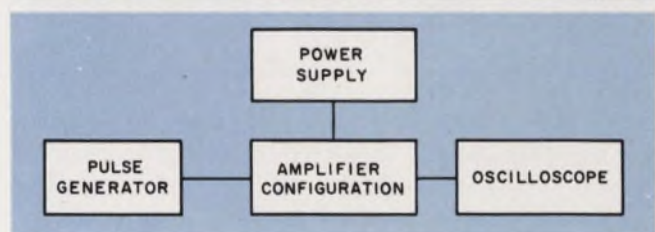
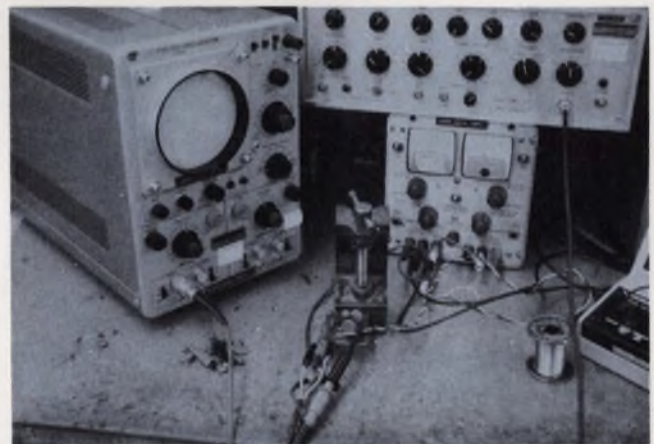


(A)



(B)

2. Step-function response (A) helps to determine amplifier stability; the more stable the amplifier, the greater the damping, and the more rapid the decrease in amplitude of successive oscillatory peaks. The pulse-response waveform (B) should occupy as much of the oscilloscope graticule as possible, to achieve maximum accuracy.



3. Transient response of amplifier under test is determined through use of this setup.

Box 1. Analysis of Step Input Response

Equations 1 and 2, the cornerstones of this method, are based upon analysis of the *time response* of a second-order, linear system to a step input.

The system response can be described by means of a linear, second-order differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + a \frac{dx}{dt} + bx = c, \quad (4)$$

where c is a step input.

Transient response is damped sinusoid

If the system is stable the transient response may be expressed as a damped sinusoid,

$$x(t) = ke^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin [(\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}) t + \phi], \quad (5)$$

of frequency $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$ and amplitude $A = ke^{-\zeta\omega_n t}$,

where ω_d is the damped frequency of oscillation, ζ is the damping ratio, and ω_n is the natural (undamped) frequency of oscillation; note that $\omega_d = \omega_n$, when $\zeta = 0$.

In a stable system the amplitude of the oscillations must decay to zero (damped oscillations); to insure this the exponent of the exponential, $-\zeta\omega_n$, must be negative. If the exponent is zero or positive the indication is that the oscillation will either continue at some constant amplitude or will grow, unless limited by other system constants.

Complete solution readily obtained

Equation 5 represents the transient response. To obtain the complete solution the steady-state response must be added to the transient response.

The steady-state output will be the product of the input step-function and the closed-loop dc gain of the amplifier, $V_{in} u(t) \cdot A_{VCL}$, where $V_{in} u(t)$ = input step-function, and A_{VCL} = amplifier closed-loop dc gain.

The complete solution is given by

$$V_o(t) = V_{in} A_{VCL} u(t) + ke^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin [(\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}) t + \phi]. \quad (6)$$

The two constants, k and ϕ , must be determined from the initial conditions:

$$V_o(t) = 0, \text{ at } t = 0+ \text{ (just after } V_{in} \text{ is applied),}$$

$$dV_o(t)/dt = 0, \text{ at } t = 0.$$

The first condition assumes that the system output is zero immediately after the application of the step function. Since the output was zero immediately prior to the application of the step function the output will not change instantaneously because of the system capacitance. This constraint gives us the second initial condition. The values of the two constants are found to be

$$\phi = \cos^{-1}\zeta,$$

$$k = -V_{in} A_{VCL} / \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}.$$

Equation 6 therefore becomes

$$V_o(t) = V_{in} A_{VCL} - \frac{V_{in} A_{VCL}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin (\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t + \cos^{-1}\zeta),$$

or

$$V_o(t) = V_{in} A_{VCL} \left[1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin (\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t + \cos^{-1}\zeta) \right]. \quad (7)$$

Peak values decrease with time

The peak values of the oscillation can now be determined by differentiating Eq. 7, and equating the derivative to zero. With the assistance of a little bit of trigonometry, the formula for $\sin(A - B)_t$ the derivative reduces to

$$\sin (\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}) t.$$

This is equal to zero when

$$\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t = m\pi, \text{ and } m = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

or

$$t = m\pi / \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}, \text{ and } m = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

Substituting this value of t into Eq. 7,

$$V_o(t) = V_{in} A_{VCL} [1 - e^{-m\pi\zeta / \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin (m\pi + \theta)], \quad (8)$$

where $\cos \theta = \zeta$ and $\sin \theta = \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$. Equation 8 simplifies to

$$V_o(t) = V_{in} A_{VCL} [1 - (\cos m\pi) e^{-m\pi\zeta / \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}]. \quad (9)$$

Normalizing $V_o(t)$ with respect to $V_{in} A_{VCL}$,

$$V_o(t_m) \approx 1 - (\cos m\pi) e^{-m\pi\zeta / \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}. \quad (10)$$

refer to Fig. 4a and trace the log magnitude curve for the calculated ζ to where the curve crosses the actual (non-normalized) 0-dB line of the amplifier. The 0-dB line in Fig. 4A is the normalized low-frequency gain. Therefore, the intended closed-loop gain in dB must be added to each value on the log

magnitude scale to obtain the non-normalized dB lines.

The horizontal scale is normalized to ω/ω_n , so the value of 1 on the normalized curve corresponds to a frequency of ω_n on the non-normalized curve. The abscissa at the point where the log magnitude curve

The first three peaks of the transient response (oscillation) are now seen to be, in normalized form:

$$V_{p1} = V_o(t_1) = 1 + e^{-\pi\zeta/(1-\zeta^2)^{1/2}}, \quad m = 1,$$

$$t_1 = \pi/\omega_n (1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2};$$

$$V_{p2} = V_o(t_2) = 1 - e^{-2\pi\zeta/(1-\zeta^2)^{1/2}}, \quad m = 2,$$

$$t_2 = 2\pi/\omega_n (1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2};$$

$$V_{p3} = V_o(t_3) = 1 + e^{-3\pi\zeta/(1-\zeta^2)^{1/2}}, \quad m = 3,$$

$$t_3 = 3\pi/\omega_n (1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2}.$$

The value of ζ , as a function of the three measurements, V_{p1} , V_{p2} , and V_{p3} , note that:

$$\frac{V_{p1} - V_{p3}}{V_{p2}} = \frac{(1 + e^{-\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}) - (1 + e^{-3\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}})}{(1 - e^{-2\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}})}$$

$$= e^{-\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$$

Taking the natural logarithm of both sides:

$$\ln\left(\frac{V_{p1} - V_{p3}}{V_{p2}}\right) = -\frac{\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}.$$

Since $\ln N = 2.3 \log_{10} N$,

$$\log_{10}\left(\frac{V_{p1} - V_{p3}}{V_{p2}}\right) = -\frac{1}{2.3}\left(\frac{\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\right) \text{ and}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{|\log_{10} [(V_{p1} - V_{p3})/(V_{p2})]|}{\{\log_{10} [(V_{p1} - V_{p3})/(V_{p2})] + 1.86\}^{1/2}} \quad (11)$$

Remember that the peak values are normalized, so that

$$\frac{V_{pm}}{V_{in}A_{VCL}} \approx V_{pm}.$$

Since the value of ζ has now been found, ω_n may be determined from the value of t at $m = 1$, the first peak, and at $m = 3$, the third peak, as follows:

$$t_m = m\pi/\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2},$$

$$t_1 = \pi/\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2},$$

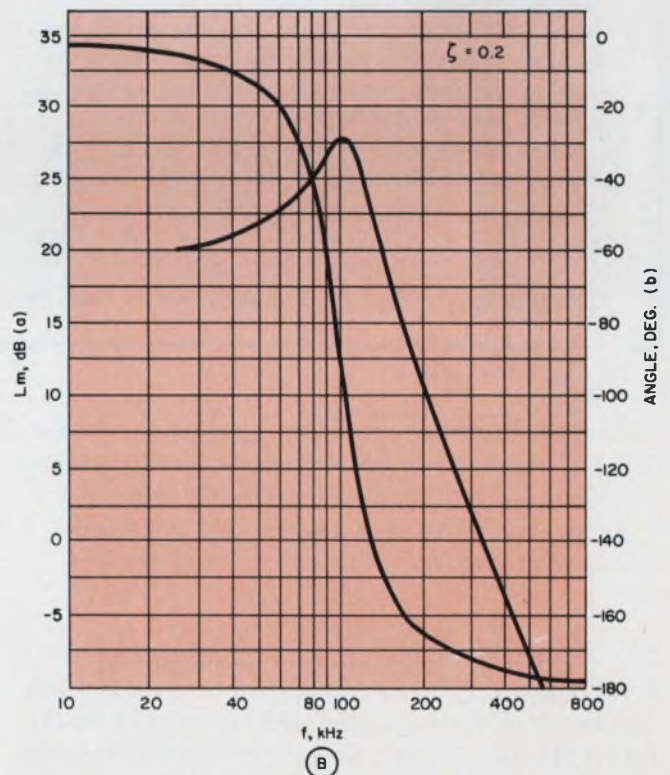
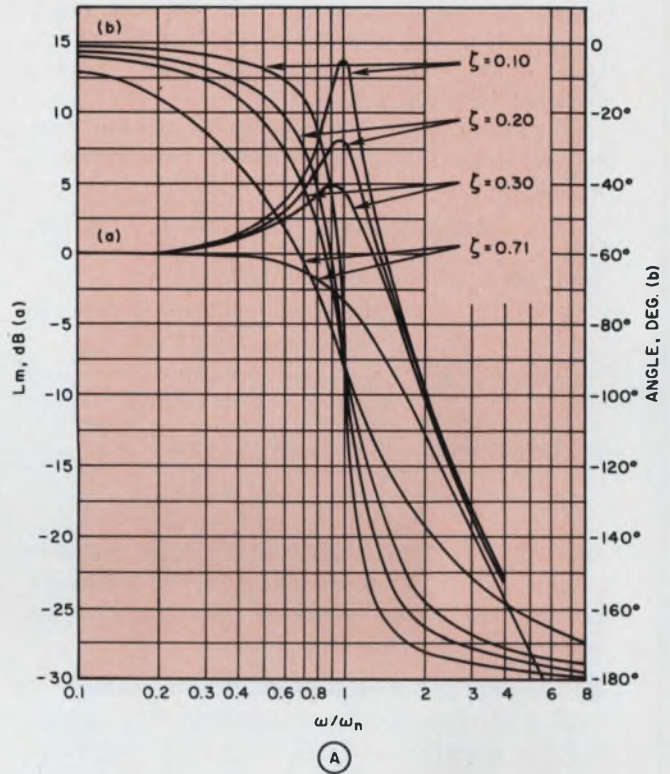
$$t_3 = 3\pi/\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2},$$

$$\omega_n = 2\pi/(t_3 - t_1) \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}.$$

The two parameters, ζ , the damping ratio, and ω_n , the natural frequency of oscillation, completely specify the response of the second order system.

for the calculated ζ crosses the non-normalized 0-dB line represents ω . Since ω_n has already been calculated, ω represents the *small-signal unity bandwidth in radians/second*.

In addition, the closed-loop phase shift for any frequency of interest can be evaluated merely by



4. Gain and phase shift of closed loop amplifier response (A) are determined using design curves that show normalized log magnitude and phase. Specific curves for $\zeta = 0.2$ are shown in (B).

Box 2. System Stability

System stability is usually determined by means of frequency response analysis.² The designer utilizes the ζ -curves, Fig. 4a, to derive the small signal unity-gain bandwidth, ω , and the phase margin. It is also possible to calculate the magnitude of the peaking (increase in gain), as a function of ζ , Table 1, or Fig. 5.

In general terms, the response of a single pole, (single-stage) open-loop amplifier can be represented as

$$A_{VOL}(\omega) = A_{VOL} \left(1 + j \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \right), \quad (12)$$

where $A_{VOL}(\omega)$ = open-loop voltage gain,
 = ratio of change in output voltage to a change in input voltage,
 ω_0 = open-loop bandwidth (frequency where gain is down 3 dB).

The expression for closed loop gain is

$$A_{VCL}(\omega) = \frac{-A_{VOL}(\omega)}{1 + \beta A_{VOL}(\omega)}$$

where β = portion of the output voltage fed back to the input. The term $\beta A_{VOL}(\omega)$ is commonly termed loop gain. Instability occurs when the value of the denominator is zero.

Use asymptotic sketch to determine stability

In order to analyze the stability of the amplifier, an asymptotic sketch of the log amplitude of the amplifier response as a function of the log frequency, (Bode plot), Fig. P, is usually undertaken. Since the maximum possible phase shift for Eq. 13 is 90°, a closed-loop amplifier utilizing this single pole, open-loop amplifier would be unconditionally stable.

The response of a double pole (dual stage) open-loop amplifier can be represented as

$$A_{VOL}(\omega) = A_{VOL} / \left[\left(1 + j \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \right) \left(1 + j \frac{\omega}{\omega_1} \right) \right]. \quad (13)$$

The total phase shift of this amplifier approaches

180° as ω increases. A closed-loop amplifier with a gain as low as unity, at a frequency for which the phase shift is 180°, would be an unstable amplifier, Fig. QA. To assure closed-loop amplifier stability, the slope of its open-loop asymptotic response—as it passes through A_{VOL} —must be less than 12 dB/octave (Fig. QB) or the closed-loop system will be only conditionally stable.

Find closed-loop gain as a function of frequency

Standard feedback theory^{1,2} states that the closed-loop gain of a feedback amplifier is

$$A_{VCL} = A_{VOL} / (1 + \beta A_{VOL}). \quad (14)$$

Substituting Eq. 13 into Eq. 14 yields

$$A_{VCL} = \frac{1/\beta}{1 + j\omega \left(\frac{\omega_0 + \omega_1}{A'\beta\omega_0\omega_1} \right) + \frac{1}{A'\beta\omega_0\omega_1} (j\omega)^2}. \quad (15)$$

Compare with standard theoretical formula

The response of a second-order linear system in the frequency domain in terms of ζ and ω_n , as derived from the general theory², turns out to be

$$A_{VCL}(\omega) = A_{VCL}(0) / \left[1 + j\omega \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} + \frac{1}{\omega_n^2} (j\omega)^2 \right]. \quad (16)$$

A term-by-term comparison of Eqs. 15 and 16 yields the following relationships:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{VCL}(0) &= 1/\beta \\ \omega_n &= \sqrt{A\beta\omega_0\omega_1} \\ \zeta &= (\omega_0 + \omega_1) / 2\sqrt{A\beta\omega_0\omega_1} \end{aligned}$$

where $A = A_{VOL}(0)$.

Neglecting the scale factor $A_{VCL}(0)$, the

finding the intersection of the “frequency of interest line” (vertical on the log magnitude curve) and the phase shift curve for the zeta of the amplifier.

As an example of this, assume that the following values were obtained from the pulse response:

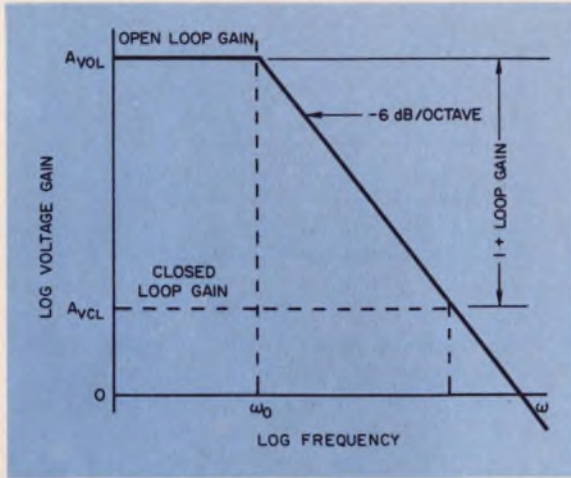
$$\begin{aligned} \zeta &= 0.2, \\ f_n &= 100 \text{ kHz.} \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 4B shows the two curves (obtained from Fig. 4A) for $\zeta = 0.2$. Since the horizontal axis is a frequency ratio, it can just as well be taken to be f/f_n rather than ω/ω_n . Therefore the horizontal axis has been scaled in hertz for convenience.

If the amplifier in question has a nominal closed-loop gain of 10 (20 dB), the vertical log magnitude scale must be modified to reflect this, as in Fig. 4B.

Table 1. Peaking (dB) versus ζ

Zeta (ζ)	Peaking (p) dB
0.01	34.0
0.02	28.0
0.03	24.4
0.04	21.9
0.05	20.0
0.06	18.4
0.07	17.1
0.08	15.9
0.09	14.9
0.15	10.6
0.2	8.1
0.3	4.8
0.4	2.7



P. Single-pole amplifier is shown, by asymptotic sketch (Bode plot), to be unconditionally stable, since a slope of -6 dB per octave is associated with a maximum phase shift of 90° .

normalized form of the response is obtained. The characteristics of this function,

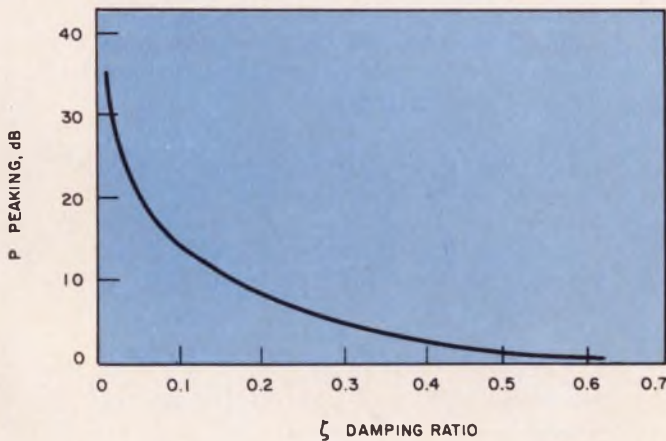
$$\left[1 + j\omega \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} + \frac{1}{\omega_n^2} (j\omega)^2 \right]^{-1}, \quad (17)$$

are treated extensively in the literature. Figure 4a shows both a magnitude and a phase plot versus ω/ω_n for selected values of ζ , the “ ζ -curves” mentioned previously.

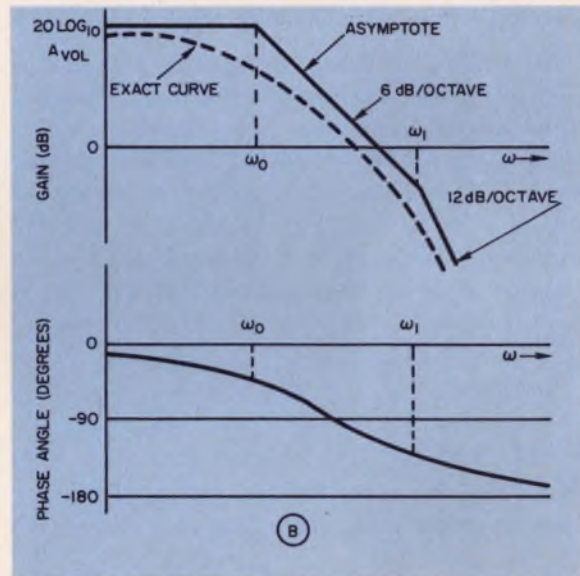
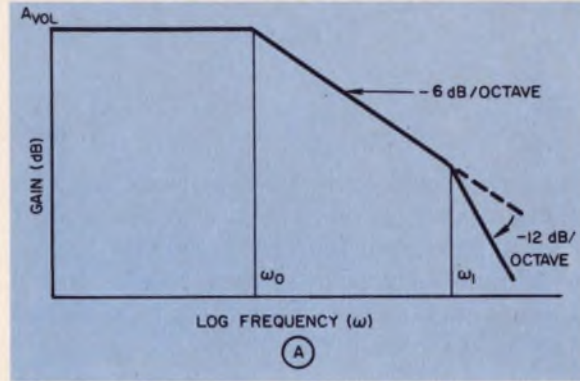
It is also possible to calculate the peaking, p , in dB. This can be done accurately by setting the derivative of Eq. 17 equal to zero and then solving. The following result is obtained:

$$p \text{ (peaking in dB)} = 20 \log_{10} [1/2\zeta \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}] \quad (18)$$

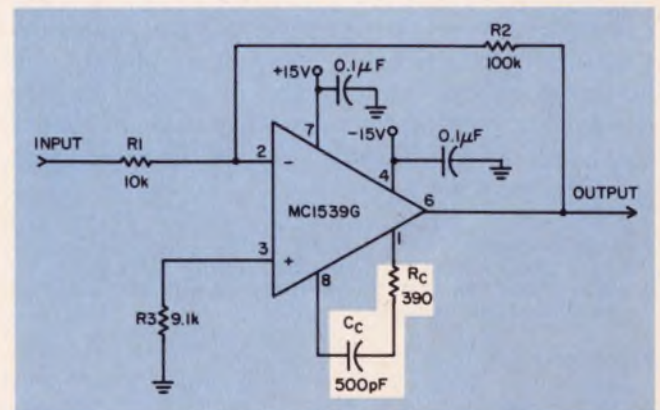
Table 1 lists “dB of peaking” versus ζ for selected values of ζ , while Fig. 5, a plot of Eq. 3, demonstrates graphically the effect of ζ on peaking.



5. Value of peaking is given by design curve as a function of ζ .



Q. Open-loop response (A) for operational amplifier indicates marginal stability because of the 12-dB per octave rolloff at a gain of A_{VOL} , or the possibility of 180° phase shift at that point. Bode plot of open-loop operational amplifier response (B) shows a 6 dB per octave rolloff at a gain of 0 dB, or a phase shift of less than 180° , indicating a stable closed-loop amplifier for any value of closed loop gain.



6. MC 1539G amplifier is used to determine the design technique.

The following information may now be read from Fig. 4b:

Frequency (kHz)	Phase Shift (degrees)	Gain (dB)
10	2	20
50	18	22
100	90	28
200	165	10

Note the rapid increase in phase shift from 50 kHz to 100 kHz, as well as the increase in phase shift and rolloff in gain from 100 kHz to 200 kHz.

This example demonstrates how detailed information regarding an amplifier may be obtained once ζ and ω_n have been determined.

Design example illustrates technique

The MC 1539G, a monolithic operational amplifier has been chosen to demonstrate the technique. Although the recommended compensation for a closed-loop gain of 10, as stated in the amplifier data sheet, is $R_c = 1k$ and $C_c = 2200$ pF, the actual values used were $R_c = 390$ ohms and $C_c = 500$ pF. The amplifier configuration is shown in Fig. 6.

The observed pulse response is shown in Fig. 7, with the following values read from the figure:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{p1} &= 1.867, \\ V_{p2} &= 0.366, \\ V_{p3} &= 1.534, \\ t_1 &= 1.16 \mu\text{s}, \\ t_3 &= 3.48 \mu\text{s}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these values into Eqs. 1 and 2 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta &= 0.029, \\ \omega_n &= 2.71 \times 10^6 \text{ radians}, \\ f_n &= 431 \text{ kHz}. \end{aligned}$$

For the above calculated value of ζ , Table 1 indicates that approximately 24 dB of peaking should be expected. The actual frequency response, as run in the laboratory (Fig. 8), shows 20 dB of peaking at 425 kHz. The theoretical analysis and experimental results therefore agree quite closely.

The particular value of C_c chosen, about 0.25 of the recommended value, resulted in a low value of damping ratio.

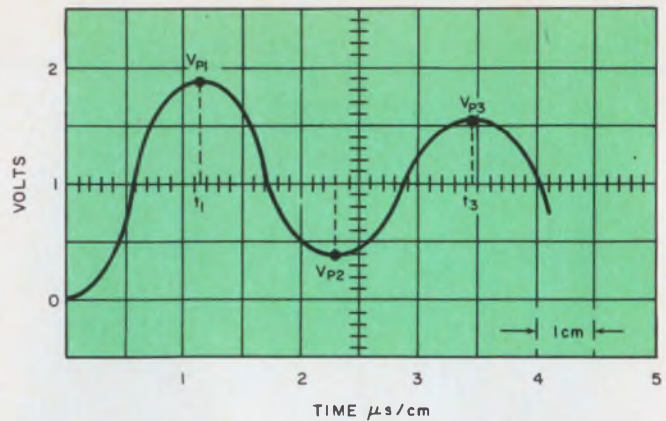
Lower values of the damping ratio are associated with oscillatory peaks of greater amplitude and higher peaking; thus, greater accuracy may be achieved in reading the laboratory data. For more stable amplifiers the experimental accuracy tends to decrease. ■ ■

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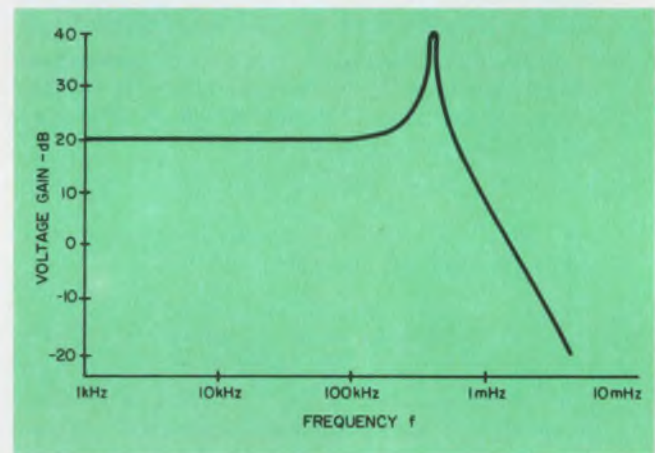
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7. Pulse response of the 1539G amplifier configuration shows the amplitude peaks at V_{p1} , V_{p2} , and V_{p3} .



8. Frequency response shows voltage gain in dB versus frequency (peaking) for design example.

Test your retention

Here are questions based on the main points of this article. Their purpose is to help you make sure you have not overlooked any important ideas. You'll find the answers in the article.

1. What are the advantages of utilizing an experimental test method of design?
2. What is true of the successive peaks of the transient response of a stable closed-loop amplifier to a step input?
3. What is the Bode plot criterion for amplifier stability?
4. Given the values of ζ and ω_n , how can the peaking (in dB) of the operation amplifier be determined?
5. For given values of ζ and ω_n , how can the phase shift and gain of the operational amplifier be determined at any specific frequency?

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Designing simple, resonant trap circuits to suppress undesired signals is normally a tedious, cut-and-try job that involves juggling filter-Q and insertion loss at the rejection frequency, and then computing the performance at off-resonant frequencies to see if the over-all performance is satisfactory. To obtain group (or envelope) time delays involves added computation.

But the computer-derived tables and design method, described here, substantially simplify the problem by presenting the already computed factors that are required for design of the series-resonant shunt trap (see Fig. 1) and the parallel-resonant series trap (see Fig. 2). With these tables, trap designs can be readily conceived and evaluated—almost by inspection. The tabular quantities, normalized for application to general solutions, provide notch and skirt attenuations ranging from -5 dB to -60 dB for trap Q's of from 5 to 400, as well as factors for determining time delays for the same ranges.

Trap circuit performances are identical

Two principal trap circuits—shunt and series—are widely applied. For the shunt trap (Fig. 1) the general response is defined by

$$\frac{e_o}{e_i} = \frac{R + j\left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right)}{R_1 + R + j\left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right)} (= A). \quad (1)$$

At trap resonant frequency ω_o , the loss is

$$A_o = \frac{R}{R + R_1}. \quad (2)$$

But maximum attenuation occurs at ω_o , at which

$$Q \text{ is defined by } Q = \frac{\omega_o L}{R}; \quad (3)$$

$$\text{and } \omega_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}. \quad (4)$$

But Eq. 1 can be rewritten as

$$\frac{e_o}{e_i} = \frac{1 + jQ\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega}\right)}{\frac{1}{A_o} + jQ\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega}\right)}; \quad (5)$$

For the series trap (Fig. 2) the general response is defined by

$$\frac{e_o}{e_i} = R_1 / \left(R_1 + \frac{1}{1/R + j\omega C + 1/j\omega L} \right). \quad (6)$$

at resonant frequency ω_o , the loss is

$$A_o = \frac{R_1}{R + R_1}; \quad (7)$$

And the Q at maximum attenuation is

$$Q = R\omega_o C, \quad (8)$$

and

$$\omega_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}. \quad (9)$$

But Eq. 6 can be rewritten to produce Eq. 5; thus, the performances of the two traps are seen to be identical. Consequently, the data in the tables can be applied equally well to both trap designs. There are six columns in the tabulation, of which columns 1, 5 and 2 are directly related to the characteristics of the basic attenuation curve shown in Fig. 3.

Computer tables are key to design method

Column 1 lists the upper normalized frequencies, or those incremental frequencies on the higher side of the normalized resonant frequency W_u , as shown in Fig. 3. These are used in evaluating attenuation and time delay at increments removed from normalized resonant frequency. Actual frequency is given by: $\omega = W \cdot \omega_o$.

Column 5 lists the lower normalized frequencies ($= 1/W$) for evaluating response at increments removed from the lower side of normalized resonant frequency. The actual frequency is given by: $\omega = (1/W) \omega_o$.

Column 2 lists trap attenuation A, in dB, at the upper and lower normalized, incremental frequencies. The computation of A in dB begins with the amplitude response, which is given by

$$A = \left| \frac{e_o}{e_i} \right|. \quad (10)$$

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Combining Eq. 5 and Eq. 10, we have

$$A = \left[\frac{1 + Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2}{\frac{1}{A_o^2} + Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (11)$$

At $\omega = \omega_o$, note that $A = A_o$, so that A_o is the response at resonance, or maximum attenuation. And where the actual frequency is much greater or less than the resonant frequency, A approaches unity, or zero attenuation.

$$\text{Since } A_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} A \quad (12)$$

$$\text{and } A_o = 10^{(A_o, dB/20)}, \quad (13)$$

Eq. 11 can be rewritten as:

$$A_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{1 + Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2}{10^{-(A_o, dB/10)} + Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2} \right], \quad (14)$$

which is the form used for computing A .

Columns 3 and 6 contain a time-delay product $(\omega_o/Q)T$, by which group-delay T , normalized to the resonant 3-dB bandwidth ω_o/Q , can be obtained at desired incremental frequencies by multiplying by a factor of Q/ω_o . Use columns 3 and 6 in computing the performance of a trap at frequencies other than resonant. Column 6 applies to the upper normalized frequencies, while column 3 is for the lower.

Column 4 gives a time-delay product $(\omega/Q)T$ normalized for both upper and lower normalized frequencies. To obtain group-delay T here, simply multiply the column values by Q/ω . Use column 4 to evaluate a trap at varying center frequencies.

These envelope delays are derived from Eq. 5. The phase shift ϕ is given by

$$\phi = \arctan \left[Q \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right) \right] - \arctan \left[A_o Q \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right) \right]. \quad (15)$$

Delay T or more properly τ , is given by:

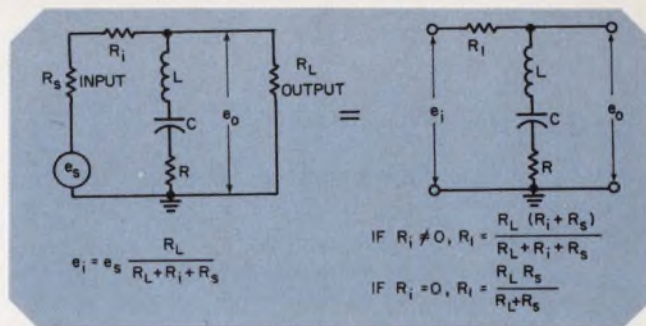
$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= - \frac{d\phi}{d\omega} \\ &= - \frac{d}{d\omega} \left\{ \arctan \left[Q \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{d}{d\omega} \left\{ \arctan \left[A_o Q \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right) \right] \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The derivative of the arc tan function is of the general form:

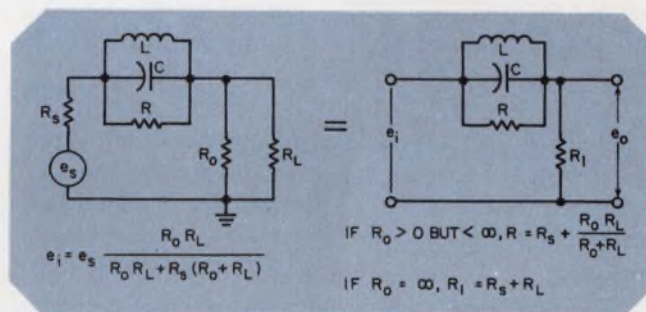
$$\frac{d}{dx} (\arctan u) = \frac{1}{1 + u^2} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}, \quad (17)$$

where the letter u represents the argument of the arc tan function and x represents ω .

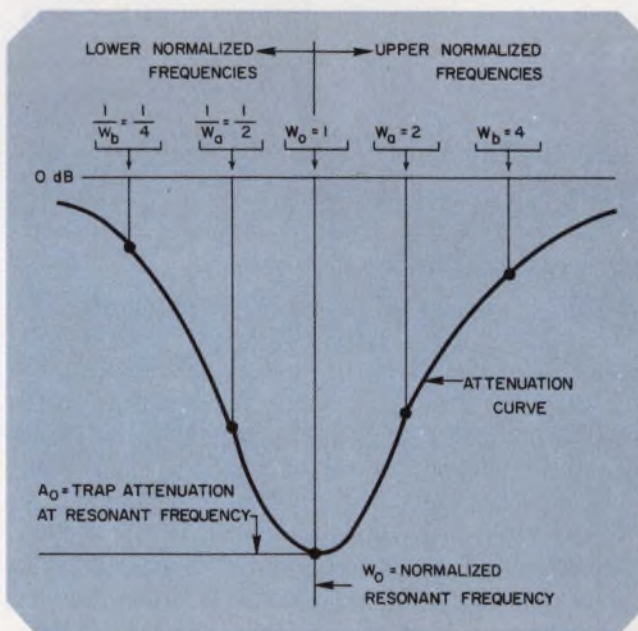
So Eqs. (16) and (17) give



1. **Series-resonant shunt-trap circuit**, at left, with equivalent circuit at right. R_s is source resistance; R_i is input resistance between source and network, which may or may not be present; and R_L is load resistance. Attenuation of circuit at resonance is equal to $R/(R + R_i)$



2. **Parallel-resonant series-trap circuit**, at left, with equivalent circuit at right. R_s is source resistance; R_o is circuit resistance in output, which may or may not be present; and R_L is load resistance. Attenuation of circuit at resonance is equal to the relationship $R_i/(R + R_i)$.



3. **Generalized attenuation curve** for shunt and series trap circuits. Normalized frequency W_o is equal to actual frequency divided by resonant frequency, or ω/ω_o . Upper and lower normalized frequencies are shown in equal increments on each side of center frequency. Note that the lower frequencies are reciprocals of the higher.

$$\tau = \frac{-Q \left(\frac{1}{\omega_o} + \frac{\omega_o}{\omega^2} \right)}{1 + Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2} + \frac{A_o Q \left(\frac{1}{\omega_o} + \frac{\omega_o}{\omega^2} \right)}{1 + A_o^2 Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2} \quad (18)$$

Equation 18 can be normalized in the following two ways:

$$\frac{\omega_o \tau}{Q} = \left(1 + \frac{\omega_o^2}{\omega^2} \right) \left(\frac{-1}{1 + Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2} + \frac{A_o}{1 + A_o^2 Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2} \right) \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{\omega \tau}{Q} = \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} + \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right) \left(\frac{-1}{1 + Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2} + \frac{A_o}{1 + A_o^2 Q^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} - \frac{\omega_o}{\omega} \right)^2} \right) \quad (20)$$

Since Eq. 20 is geometrically symmetric about ω_o , the values in column 4 are valid for both upper (W) and lower ($1/W$) normalized frequencies. But because Eq. 19 is not symmetric, separate calculations are given in column 6 for the upper normalized frequencies, and in column 3 for the lower.

In general, the data in the table are sufficient to meet normal design needs for attenuation, Q , and accuracy. Thus the data are presented for resonant (notch) attenuations of from 5 dB to 60 dB, in 5-dB increments, and for $Q = 25, 50, 100, 200$ and 400. The frequencies computed begin with resonance, and follow progressive deviations off resonance by octaves of 3-dB bandwidth; so that

$$W = \frac{\omega}{\omega_o} = 1, 1 + \frac{1}{2Q}, 1 + \frac{1}{Q}, 1 + \frac{2}{Q}, 1 + \frac{4}{Q} \dots \quad (21)$$

thus producing finer increments for higher network Q .

Design example demonstrates method

To illustrate use of the table, let's assume that a resonant trap is to be designed with 40-dB attenuation at a center frequency of 455 kHz, or $A_o = 40$ dB. Also, there is to be less than 1-dB attenuation at 910 kHz. In this case, the normalized resonant frequency W_o of 455 kHz = 1, and the upper normalized frequency W of 910 kHz = 2.

In the table, look up the $A_o = -40.0$ dB listing. Under this heading, starting with the $Q = 25$ tabulation, look in the A (attenuation) column for an attenuation of 1 dB alongside a normalized frequency $W = 2$. Inspection shows us that the solution is not in the Q -listings of 25, 50, or even 100. But under the $Q = 200$ tabulation, our desired value of $A = 1$ for $W = 2$ is in the neighborhood of $A = -0.918$ dB for $W = 1.64$.

From this, we may estimate that the specific Q would be about 150, but we'll be safe in designing for $Q = 200$. However, to obtain such a high Q , care in eliminating all internal circuit resistance and in choosing high quality inductive and capacitive components is necessary.

Having established the Q -value, we can proceed in the following manner:

1. First, compute R_1 from Fig. 1 or Fig. 2.
2. Set attenuation $A_o = -40$ dB.
3. Convert A_o from dB to a ratio by using Eq. 13:
 $A_o = 10^{(-40/20)} = 10^{-2} = 0.01$
4. From Eqs. 2 or 7, compute the value of R , by substituting $A_o = 0.01$.
5. Having obtained R , now compute the values of L or C , using $Q = 200$:

$$L = \frac{200 R}{(2\pi)455 \times 10^3} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

$$C = \frac{200}{R(2\pi)455 \times 10^3} \quad (\text{Eq. 8})$$

6. Having obtained the value of L or C , determine the value of the other element necessary to resonate at the desired frequency, from Eq. 4 or 9:

$$\omega_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

7. To obtain the group delay at 910 kHz, as normalized with respect to the 3-dB resonant bandwidth, inspection of column 6 tells us that it will lie between the values of 0.002583 (Q/ω_o) and 0.000810 (Q/ω_o). Or, using the column 4, the value will lie between 0.004236 (Q/ω) and 0.001847 (Q/ω).

The tables follow on the next four pages.

Test your retention

Here are questions based on the main points of this article. Their purpose is to help you make sure you have not overlooked any important ideas. You'll find the answers in the article.

1. What are the two principal types of resonant trap filters?
2. What are their maximum attenuations based on, at resonant frequencies?
3. What factors are specified as the starting point for design, and then obtained from the table?
4. How are the time delays obtained?
5. For a given Q , how are the values of L or C derived?

Upper normalized freqs. (W)	Atten., dB	Time-delay product for 1/W freqs. $(\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q})$	Time delay product $(\frac{\omega T}{Q})$	Lower normalized freqs. (1/W)	Time delay product for W freqs. $(\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q})$	Upper normalized freqs. (W)	Atten., dB	Time delay product for 1/W freqs. $(\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q})$	Time delay product $(\frac{\omega T}{Q})$	Lower normalized freqs. (1/W)	Time delay product for W freqs. $(\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q})$
1.1600	-0.030 DB	0.001475	0.001271	8.620690	0.001096	1.0050	-23.045 DB	-0.340299	-0.333606	.9950249	-0.336921
1.3200	-0.008 DB	0.000487	0.000369	7.575758	0.000279	1.0100	-17.804 DB	-0.057059	-0.056494	.9900990	-0.055935
AO = -25.0 DB											
Q = 25											
1.0000	-25.000 DB	-1.887532	-1.887532	1.0000000	-1.887532	1.0200	-12.219 DB	0.028703	0.028145	.9803922	-0.027593
1.0200	-22.046 DB	-0.915866	-0.897907	.9803922	-0.880301	1.0400	-7.025 DB	0.044400	0.042693	.9615385	-0.041051
1.0400	-18.197 DB	-0.313756	-0.301688	.9615385	-0.290085	1.0800	-3.120 DB	0.032861	0.030427	.9259259	-0.028173
1.0800	-13.202 DB	-0.020430	-0.018916	.9259259	-0.017515	1.1600	-1.076 DB	0.015640	0.013483	.8620690	-0.011623
1.1600	-8.183 DB	0.070684	0.060935	.8620690	-0.052530	1.3200	-0.330 DB	0.006135	0.004648	.7575758	-0.003521
1.3200	-4.127 DB	0.081090	0.061432	.7575758	-0.046539	1.6400	-0.101 DB	0.002593	0.001564	.6037561	-0.000966
1.6400	-1.686 DB	0.061424	0.037454	.6037561	-0.022838	2.2800	-0.032 DB	0.001339	0.000809	.4385965	-0.000267
2.2800	-0.602 DB	0.042335	0.018568	.4385965	-0.008144	3.5600	-0.010 DB	0.000971	0.000273	.2803989	-0.000077
3.5600	-0.199 DB	0.032522	0.009135	.2808989	-0.002566	Q = 400					
6.1200	-0.061 DB	0.028669	0.004685	.1633987	-0.000765	1.0000	-30.000 DB	-1.936754	-1.936754	1.0000000	-1.936754
11.2400	-0.018 DB	0.027381	0.002436	.0889680	-0.000217	1.0012	-26.997 DB	-0.938615	-0.937443	.9937516	-0.936272
21.4800	-0.005 DB	0.026996	0.001257	.0465549	-0.000059	1.0025	-23.036 DB	-0.338650	-0.337806	.9975062	-0.336964
Q = 50											
1.0000	-25.000 DB	-1.887532	-1.887532	1.0000000	-1.887532	1.0050	-17.784 DB	-0.056226	-0.055946	.9950249	-0.055668
1.0100	-22.025 DB	-0.901819	-0.892890	.9900990	-0.884049	1.0100	-12.180 DB	0.028691	0.023407	.9900990	-0.028125
1.0200	-18.132 DB	-0.301216	-0.295310	.9803922	-0.289520	1.0200	-7.992 DB	0.042623	0.040623	.9803922	-0.041752
1.0400	-13.060 DB	-0.015376	-0.014784	.9615385	-0.014216	1.0400	-3.039 DB	0.031051	0.029856	.9615385	-0.028708
1.0800	-7.940 DB	0.066676	0.061737	.9259259	-0.057164	1.0800	-1.014 DB	0.013708	0.012692	.9259259	-0.011752
1.1600	-3.828 DB	0.066988	0.057748	.8620690	-0.049783	1.1600	-0.295 DB	0.004714	0.004064	.8620690	-0.003503
1.3200	-1.455 DB	0.040589	0.030749	.7575758	-0.023295	1.3200	-0.085 DB	0.001626	0.001232	.7575758	-0.000933
1.6400	-0.487 DB	0.020703	0.012624	.6097561	-0.007698	1.6400	-0.025 DB	0.000661	0.000403	.6097561	-0.000246
2.2800	-0.159 DB	0.011804	0.005177	.4385965	-0.002271	2.2800	-0.008 DB	0.000349	0.000153	.4385965	-0.000067
3.5600	-0.051 DB	0.008432	0.002368	.2808989	-0.000665	AO = -35.0 DB					
6.1200	-0.015 DB	0.007248	0.001184	.1633987	-0.000194	Q = 25					
11.2400	-0.004 DB	0.006867	0.000611	.0889680	-0.000054	1.0000	-35.000 DB	-1.964434	-1.964434	1.0000000	-1.964434
Q = 100											
1.0000	-25.000 DB	-1.887532	-1.887532	1.0000000	-1.887532	1.0200	-32.034 DB	-0.993978	-0.994488	.9803922	-0.995381
1.0050	-22.014 DB	-0.894838	-0.890386	.9950249	-0.885956	1.0400	-28.150 DB	-0.392434	-0.377340	.9615385	-0.362827
1.0100	-18.099 DB	-0.295044	-0.292123	.9900990	-0.289231	1.0800	-23.004 DB	-0.098451	-0.091158	.9259259	-0.084406
1.0200	-12.986 DB	-0.012952	-0.012698	.9803922	-0.012449	1.1600	-17.557 DB	-0.000540	-0.000465	.8620690	-0.000401
1.0400	-7.809 DB	0.064710	0.062221	.9615385	-0.059828	1.3200	-12.281 DB	0.032096	0.024315	.7575758	-0.012421
1.0800	-3.659 DB	0.060500	0.056018	.9259259	-0.051869	1.6400	-7.603 DB	0.048681	0.029683	.6097561	-0.018100
1.1600	-1.319 DB	0.032009	0.027594	.8620690	-0.023788	2.2800	-3.964 DB	0.063073	0.027664	.4385965	-0.012133
1.3200	-0.412 DB	0.013149	0.009962	.7575758	-0.007547	3.5600	-1.674 DB	0.075771	0.021284	.2808989	-0.005979
1.6400	-0.127 DB	0.005565	0.003448	.6097561	-0.002103	6.1200	-0.579 DB	0.083610	0.013662	.1633987	-0.002232
2.2800	-0.040 DB	0.003038	0.001332	.4385965	-0.000584	11.2400	-0.173 DB	0.086899	0.007731	.0889680	-0.000688
3.5600	-0.013 DB	0.002128	0.000598	.2808989	-0.000168	21.4800	-0.043 DB	0.087965	0.004095	.0465549	-0.000191
Q = 200											
1.0000	-25.000 DB	-1.887532	-1.887532	1.0000000	-1.887532	41.9600	-0.012 DB	0.088267	0.002104	.0238322	-0.000050
1.0025	-22.009 DB	-0.891359	-0.889136	.9975062	-0.886919	82.9200	-0.003 DB	0.088347	0.001065	.0120594	-0.000013
1.0050	-18.082 DB	-0.291982	-0.290530	.9950249	-0.289084	Q = 50					
1.0100	-12.948 DB	-0.011765	-0.011649	.9900990	-0.011533	1.0000	-35.000 DB	-1.964434	-1.964434	1.0000000	-1.964434
1.0200	-7.741 DB	0.063736	0.062486	.9803922	-0.061261	1.0100	-32.013 DB	-0.979151	-0.969456	.9900990	-0.969853
1.0400	-3.570 DB	0.057391	0.055184	.9615385	-0.053061	1.0200	-28.084 DB	-0.378312	-0.370894	.9803922	-0.363289
1.0800	-1.244 DB	0.028156	0.026071	.9259259	-0.024140	1.0400	-22.875 DB	-0.090163	-0.086695	.9615385	-0.083361
1.1600	-0.369 DB	0.010127	0.008730	.8620690	-0.007526	1.0800	-17.274 DB	0.001916	0.001774	.9259259	-0.011624
1.3200	-0.107 DB	0.003544	0.002685	.7575758	-0.002034	1.1600	-11.813 DB	0.028453	0.024529	.8620690	-0.021146
1.6400	-0.032 DB	0.001447	0.000882	.6097561	-0.000538	1.3200	-6.983 DB	0.035548	0.026930	.7575758	-0.020042
2.2800	-0.010 DB	0.000765	0.000336	.4385965	-0.000147	1.6400	-3.406 DB	0.034286	0.020906	.6097561	-0.012747
Q = 400											
1.0000	-25.000 DB	-1.887532	-1.887532	1.0000000	-1.887532	2.2800	-1.376 DB	0.029216	0.012814	.4385965	-0.005620
1.0012	-22.006 DB	-0.889622	-0.888511	.9987516	-0.887402	3.5600	-0.483 DB	0.025085	0.007046	.2808989	-0.001979
1.0025	-18.073 DB	-0.290457	-0.289733	.9975062	-0.289014	6.1200	-0.152 DB	0.023106	0.003775	.1633987	-0.000617
1.0050	-12.929 DB	-0.011178	-0.011123	.9950249	-0.011067	11.2400	-0.044 DB	0.022393	0.001992	.0889680	-0.000177
1.0100	-7.707 DB	0.063251	0.062625	.9900990	-0.062005	21.4800	-0.012 DB	0.022176	0.001032	.0465549	-0.000043
1.0200	-3.524 DB	0.055870	0.054775	.9803922	-0.053701	41.9600	-0.003 DB	0.022115	0.000527	.0238322	-0.000013
1.0400	-1.205 DB	0.026336	0.025324	.9615385	-0.024350	Q = 100					
1.0800	-0.346 DB	0.008793	0.008142	.9259259	-0.007539	1.0000	-35.000 DB	-1.964434	-1.964434	1.0000000	-1.964434
1.1600	-0.095 DB	0.002708	0.002334	.8620690	-0.002012	1.0050	-32.002 DB	-0.971783	-0.966948	.9950249	-0.962138
1.3200	-0.027 DB	0.000903	0.000684	.7575758	-0.000518	1.0100	-28.050 DB	-0.371360	-0.367683	.9900990	-0.364042
1.6400	-0.008 DB	0.000364	0.000222	.6097561	-0.000135	1.0200	-22.797 DB	-0.086164	-0.084474	.9803922	-0.082818
AO = -30.0 DB											
Q = 25											
1.0000	-30.000 DB	-1.936754	-1.936754	1.0000000	-1.936754	1.0400	-17.121 DB	0.030307	0.002920	.9615385	-0.002808
1.0012	-27.037 DB	-0.965791	-0.946854	.9803922	-0.928288	1.0800	-11.542 DB	0.026747	0.024766	.9259259	-0.022931
1.0025	-23.161 DB	-0.349838	-0.349838	.9615385	-0.346383	1.1600	-6.587 DB	0.029930	0.025802	.8620690	-0.022243
1.0050	-18.067 DB	-0.069290	-0.064157	.9259259	-0.059405	1.3200	-3.008 DB	0.023513	0.017813	.7575758	-0.013495
1.1600	-12.716 DB	0.028744	0.024779	.8620690	-0.021361	1.6400	-1.132 DB	0.014713	0.008971	.6097561	-0.005470
1.3200	-7.801 DB	0.058606	0.044398	.7575758	-0.033635	2.2800	-0.387 DB	0.009220	0.004044	.4385965	-0.001774
1.6400	-3.986 DB	0.064500	0.039384	.6097561	-0.024015	3.5600	-0.126 DB	0.006820	0.001916	.2808989	-0.000533
2.2800	-1.677 DB	0.059916	0.026279	.4385965	-0.011526	6.1200	-0.039 DB	0.005932	0.000969	.1633987	-0.000153
3.5600	-0.602 DB	0.053973	0.015161	.2808989	-0.004259	11.2400	-0.011 DB	0.005642	0.000502	.0889680	-0.000045
6.1200	-0.191 DB	0.050736	0.008290	.1633987	-0.001355	Q = 200					
11.2400	-0.055 DB	0.049517	0.004405	.0889680	-0.000392	1.0000	-35.000 DB	-1.964434	-1.964434	1.0000000	-1.964434
21.4800	-0.015 DB	0.049139	0.002288	.0465549	-0.000107	1.0025	-31.996 DB	-0.968111	-0.965696	.9975062	-0.963289
41.9600	-0.004 DB	0.049034	0.001169	.0238322	-0.000028	1.0050	-28.033 DB	-0.367910	-0.366080	.9950249	-0.364259
Q = 50											
1.0000	-30.000 DB	-1.936754	-1.936754	1.0000000	-1.936754	1.0100	-22.758 DB	-0.084200	-0.083367	.9900990	-0.082541
1.0100	-27.015 DB	-0.951245	-0.941826	.9900990	-0.932501	1.0200	-17.040 DB	0.003572	0.003502	.9803922	-0.003447
1.0200	-23.096 DB	-0.350280	-0.343412	.9803922	-0.336678	1.0400	-11.394 DB	0.025923	0.024926	.9615385	-0.023963
1.0400	-17.920 DB	-0.062172	-0.059781	.9615385	-0.057481	1.0800	-6.361 DB	0.027349	0.025323	.9259259	-0.023447
1.0800	-12.444 DB	0.028771	0.026639	.9259259	-0.024666	1.1600	-2.765 DB	0.018989	0.016370	.8620690	-0.014112
1.1600	-7.389 DB	0.050181	0.043259	.8620690	-0.037293	1.3200	-0.969 DB	0.009534	0.007223	.7575758	-0.005472
1.3200	-3.544 DB	0.044963	0.034063	.7575758	-0.025805	1.6400	-0.312 DB	0.004461	0.002720	.6	

Upper normalized freqs. (W)		Atten., dB	Time-delay product for 1/W freqs. ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)	Time delay product ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)	Lower normalized freqs. (1/W)	Time-delay product for W freqs. ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)	Upper normalized freqs. (W)	Atten., dB	Time-delay product for 1/W freqs. ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)	Time delay product ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)	Lower normalized freqs. (1/W)	Time-delay product for W freqs. ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)														
41.9600	-0.039	DB	0.157225	0.003747	0.0238322	0.000089	1.0000	-45.000	DB	-1.988753	-1.988753	1.0000000	-1.988753													
82.9200	-0.010	DB	0.158097	0.001907	0.0120598	0.000023	1.0000	-41.995	DB	-0.992479	-0.990004	0.9975062	-0.987535													
Q = 50																										
1.0000	-40.000	DB	-1.980000	-1.980000	1.0000000	-1.980000	1.0005	-38.028	DB	-0.392308	-0.390356	0.9950249	-0.388414													
1.0100	-37.012	DB	-0.994864	-0.985013	0.9900990	-0.975261	1.0100	-32.738	DB	-0.108590	-0.107515	0.9900990	-0.106451													
1.0200	-33.080	DB	-0.394155	-0.386426	0.9803922	-0.378849	1.0200	-26.964	DB	-0.020554	-0.020151	0.9803922	-0.019756													
1.0400	-27.861	DB	-0.106216	-0.102131	0.9615385	-0.098203	1.0400	-21.102	DB	0.003196	0.003073	0.9615385	0.002955													
1.0800	-22.219	DB	-0.014363	-0.013299	0.9259259	-0.012314	1.0800	-15.349	DB	0.009548	0.008841	0.9259259	0.008186													
1.1600	-16.614	DB	0.012424	0.010710	0.8620690	0.009233	1.1600	-9.958	DB	0.011198	0.009654	0.8620690	0.008322													
1.3200	-11.344	DB	0.021951	0.016629	0.7575758	0.012598	1.3200	-5.439	DB	0.010798	0.008180	0.7575758	0.006197													
1.6400	-6.782	DB	0.027769	0.016932	0.6097561	0.010325	1.6400	-2.417	DB	0.008770	0.005348	0.6097561	0.003261													
2.2800	-3.383	DB	0.032816	0.014393	0.4385965	0.006313	2.2800	-0.910	DB	0.006545	0.002870	0.4385965	0.001259													
3.5600	-1.373	DB	0.036566	0.010271	0.2808989	0.002885	3.5600	-0.308	DB	0.005234	0.001470	0.2808989	0.000413													
6.1200	-0.464	DB	0.038526	0.006295	0.1633987	0.001029	6.1200	-0.096	DB	0.004686	0.000766	0.1633987	0.000125													
11.2400	-0.137	DB	0.039276	0.003494	0.089680	0.000311	11.2400	-0.028	DB	0.004498	0.000400	0.089680	0.000036													
21.4800	-0.038	DB	0.039511	0.001839	0.0465549	0.000086	21.4800	-0.007	DB	0.004442	0.000207	0.0465549	0.000010													
41.9600	-0.010	DB	0.339577	0.000943	0.0238322	0.000022	Q = 400						1.0000	-45.000	DB	-1.988753	-1.988753	1.0000000	-1.988753							
Q = 100													1.0012	-41.993	DB	-0.990615	-0.989379	0.9975062	-0.988144	1.0025	-38.020	DB	-0.390529	-0.389555	0.9950249	-0.388583
1.0005	-40.000	DB	-1.980000	-1.980000	1.0000000	-1.980000	1.0050	-32.718	DB	-0.107495	-0.106960	0.9900990	-0.106428													
1.0050	-37.031	DB	-0.992479	-0.982505	0.9950249	-0.977617	1.0100	-26.922	DB	-0.020047	-0.019848	0.9900990	-0.019652													
1.0100	-33.046	DB	-0.3937045	-0.383213	0.9900990	-0.379418	1.0200	-21.020	DB	0.003287	0.003223	0.9803922	0.003159													
1.0200	-27.733	DB	-0.101897	-0.099899	0.9803922	-0.097940	1.0400	-15.194	DB	0.009241	0.008886	0.9615385	0.008544													
1.0400	-22.064	DB	-0.012584	-0.012100	0.9615385	-0.011635	1.0800	-9.969	DB	0.010306	0.009543	0.9259259	0.008836													
1.0800	-16.329	DB	0.012074	0.011180	0.9259259	0.010353	1.1600	-5.087	DB	0.008937	0.007704	0.8620690	0.006642													
1.1600	-10.882	DB	0.018904	0.016297	0.8620690	0.014049	1.3200	-2.108	DB	0.005876	0.004452	0.7575758	0.003372													
1.3200	-6.191	DB	0.019396	0.015127	0.7575758	0.011460	1.6400	-0.742	DB	0.003235	0.001973	0.6097561	0.001203													
1.6400	-2.882	DB	0.017551	0.010702	0.6097561	0.006525	2.2800	-0.246	DB	0.001908	0.000837	0.4385965	0.000367													
2.2300	-1.122	DB	0.013934	0.006111	0.4385965	0.002680	3.5600	-0.079	DB	0.001380	0.000388	0.2808989	0.000109													
3.5600	-0.386	DB	0.011507	0.003232	0.2808989	0.000978	6.1200	-0.024	DB	0.001191	0.000195	0.1633987	0.000032													
6.1200	-0.121	DB	0.010433	0.001705	0.1633987	0.000279	11.2400	-0.007	DB	0.001130	0.000101	0.089680	0.000009													
11.2400	-0.035	DB	0.010057	0.000895	0.089680	0.000080	Q = 200						1.0000	-45.000	DB	-1.988753	-1.988753	1.0000000	-1.988753							
21.4800	-0.009	DB	0.009943	0.000463	0.0465549	0.000022	1.0012	-41.993	DB	-0.990615	-0.989379	0.9975062	-0.988144													
Q = 200													1.0025	-38.020	DB	-0.390529	-0.389555	0.9950249	-0.388583	1.0050	-32.718	DB	-0.107495	-0.106960	0.9900990	-0.106428
1.0003	-40.000	DB	-1.980000	-1.930000	1.0000000	-1.980000	1.0100	-26.922	DB	-0.020047	-0.019848	0.9900990	-0.019652													
1.0025	-36.996	DB	-0.983706	-0.981253	0.9975062	-0.978806	1.0200	-21.020	DB	0.003287	0.003223	0.9803922	0.003159													
1.0050	-33.029	DB	-0.383517	-0.381609	0.9950249	-0.379711	1.0400	-15.194	DB	0.009241	0.008886	0.9615385	0.008544													
1.0100	-27.743	DB	-0.099775	-0.097377	0.9900990	-0.097800	1.0800	-9.969	DB	0.010306	0.009543	0.9259259	0.008836													
1.0200	-21.932	DB	-0.011729	-0.011499	0.9803922	-0.011273	1.1600	-5.087	DB	0.008937	0.007704	0.8620690	0.006642													
1.0400	-16.174	DB	0.011897	0.011439	0.9615385	0.010399	1.3200	-2.108	DB	0.005876	0.004452	0.7575758	0.003372													
1.0800	-10.614	DB	0.017506	0.016209	0.9259259	0.015009	1.6400	-0.742	DB	0.003235	0.001973	0.6097561	0.001203													
1.1600	-5.815	DB	0.016650	0.014353	0.8620690	0.012373	2.2800	-0.246	DB	0.001908	0.000837	0.4385965	0.000367													
1.3200	-2.529	DB	0.011889	0.009007	0.7575758	0.006324	3.5600	-0.079	DB	0.001380	0.000388	0.2808989	0.000109													
1.6400	-0.913	DB	0.006497	0.004236	0.6097561	0.002583	6.1200	-0.024	DB	0.001191	0.000195	0.1633987	0.000032													
2.2800	-0.309	DB	0.004211	0.001847	0.4385965	0.000310	11.2400	-0.007	DB	0.001130	0.000101	0.089680	0.000009													
3.5600	-0.100	DB	0.003075	0.000864	0.2808989	0.000243	Q = 25						1.0000	-50.000	DB	-1.993675	-1.993675	1.0000000	-1.993675							
6.1200	-0.030	DB	0.002663	0.000435	0.1633987	0.000071	1.0020	-47.032	DB	-1.023799	-1.003724	0.9803922	-0.984043													
11.2400	-0.007	DB	0.002529	0.000225	0.089680	0.000020	1.0400	-33.145	DB	-0.422823	-0.406561	0.9615385	-0.390924													
Q = 400													1.0800	-28.004	DB	-0.129946	-0.120320	0.9259259	-0.111408	1.1600	-22.484	DB	-0.034119	-0.029413	0.8620690	-0.025356
1.0000	-40.000	DB	-1.980000	-1.980000	1.0000000	-1.980000	1.3200	-16.827	DB	-0.005147	-0.003899	0.7575758	-0.029254													
1.0012	-36.993	DB	-0.981853	-0.980627	0.9975062	-0.979403	1.6400	-9.805	DB	0.006037	0.003681	0.6097561	0.002245													
1.0025	-33.021	DB	-0.381760	-0.380808	0.9950249	-0.379859	2.2800	-3.627	DB	0.016271	0.007136	0.4385965	0.001310													
1.0050	-27.723	DB	-0.093724	-0.092833	0.9900990	-0.093744	3.5600	-1.200	DB	0.003882	0.010810	0.2808989	0.000306													
1.0100	-21.941	DB	-0.011310	-0.011198	0.9803922	-0.011087	6.1200	-0.411	DB	0.009778	0.015980	0.1633987	0.000261													
1.0200	-16.094	DB	0.011808	0.011576	0.9615385	0.011349	11.2400	-0.137	DB	0.002494	0.002013	0.089680	0.000181													
1.0400	-10.469	DB	0.016838	0.016191	0.9259259	0.012972	21.4800	-0.048	DB	0.001610	0.000101	0.0465549	0.000085													
1.0800	-5.601	DB	0.015130	0.014010	0.8620690	0.007080	41.9600	-0.018	DB	0.000930	0.000103	0.0238322	0.000026													
1.1600	-2.315	DB	0.009527	0.008213	0.7575758	0.002566	82.9200	-0.008	DB	0.000548	0.000103	0.0120598	0.000018													
1.3200	-0.753	DB	0.004470	0.003387	0.6097561	0.000755	164.8400	-0.005	DB	0.000458	0.000103	0.0060665	0.000018													
1.6400	-0.248	DB	0.002030	0.001238	0.4385965	0.000214	Q = 50						1.0000	-50.000	DB	-1.993675	-1.993675	1.0000000	-1.993675							
2.2800	-0.079	DB	0.001110	0.000487	0.2808989	0.000062	1.0005	-47.001	DB	-1.001159	-0.996179	0.9950249	-0.991222													
3.5600	-0.025	DB	0.000782	0.000220	0.1633987	0.000018	1.0100	-43.045	DB	-0.400850	-0.396881	0.9900990	-0.392951													
6.1200	-0.008	DB	0.000669	0.000109	0.089680	0.000010	1.0200	-37.777	DB	-0.115818	-0.113547	0.9803922	-0.111320													
A0 = -45.0 dB													1.0400	-32.040	DB	-0.026694	-0.025667	0.9615385	-0.024680	1.0800	-26.237	DB	-0.002253	-0.002086	0.9259259	-0.019192
1.0000	-45.000	DB	-1.988753	-1.988753	1.0000000	-1.988753	1.1600	-20.551	DB	0.004713	0.004063	0.8620690	0.003502													
1.0020	-42.032	DB	-1.018777	-0.998801	0.9803922	-0.979217	1.3200	-15.133	DB	0.007540	0.005712	0.7575758	0.004327													
1.0040	-38.145	DB	-0.417701	-0.401636	0.9615385	-0.386183	1.6400	-10.179	DB	0.010200	0.006220	0.6097561	0.003793													
1.0080	-33.005	DB	-0.126419	-0.115388	0.9259259	-0.106841	2.2800	-5.965	DB	0.014455	0.006340	0.4385965	0.002871													
1.1600	-27.489	DB	-0.028365	-0.024453	0.8620690	-0.021080	3.5600	-2.856	DB	0.020709	0.005817	0.2808989	0.001634													
1.3200	-22.045	DB	0.001524	0.001155	0.7575758	0.000875	6.1200	-1.078	DB	0.026629	0.004351	0.1633987	0.000711													
1.6400	-16.866	DB	0.014763	0.010905	0.6097561	0.005491	11.2400	-0.336	DB	0.029871	0.002658	0.089680	0.000236													
2.2800	-12.018	DB	0.029744	0.013045	0.4385965	0.005722	21.4800	-0.094	DB	0.031050	0.001446	0.0465549	0.000067													
3.5600	-7.562	DB	0.0261381	0.017242	0.2808989	0.004843	41.9600	-0.025	DB																	

Upper normalized freqs. (W)	Atten. dB	Time-delay product for 1/W freqs. ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)	Time delay product ($\frac{\omega T}{Q}$)	Lower normalized freqs. (1/W)	Time-delay product for W freqs. ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)	Upper normalized freqs. (W)	Atten. dB	Time-delay product for 1/W freqs. ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)	Time delay product ($\frac{\omega T}{Q}$)	Lower normalized freqs. (1/W)	Time-delay product for W freqs. ($\frac{\omega_0 T}{Q}$)
1.6400	-2.011	0.004302	0.002623	.6097561	0.001600	1.0000	-60.000	-1.998000	-1.998000	1.0000000	-1.998000
2.2300	-0.735	0.003039	0.001333	.4385965	0.000585	1.0200	-57.032	-1.023211	-1.000303	.9803922	-0.938284
3.5600	-0.245	0.002367	0.000665	.2808989	0.000187	1.0400	-53.145	-0.427324	-0.410888	.9615385	-0.395085
6.1200	-0.076	0.002098	0.000343	.1633937	0.000056	1.0800	-48.033	-0.134627	-0.124657	.9259259	-0.115423
11.2400	-0.022	0.002007	0.000179	.0839680	0.000016	1.1600	-42.482	-0.039187	-0.033742	.8620690	-0.029122
21.4800	-0.006	0.001980	0.000092	.0465549	0.000004	1.3200	-37.019	-0.011060	-0.008379	.7575758	-0.006347
40 = -55.0 DB						40 = -60.0 DB					
Q = 25						Q = 25					
1.0000	-55.000	-1.996443	-1.996443	1.0000000	-1.996443	1.0000	-60.000	-1.998000	-1.998000	1.0000000	-1.998000
1.0200	-52.032	-1.026623	-1.006493	.9803922	-0.986758	1.0200	-57.032	-1.023211	-1.000303	.9803922	-0.938284
1.0400	-48.145	-0.425704	-0.409331	.9615385	-0.393587	1.0400	-53.145	-0.427324	-0.410888	.9615385	-0.395085
1.0800	-43.004	-0.132943	-0.123036	.9259259	-0.113977	1.0800	-48.033	-0.134627	-0.124657	.9259259	-0.115423
1.1600	-37.432	-0.037362	-0.032208	.8620690	-0.027766	1.1600	-42.482	-0.039187	-0.033742	.8620690	-0.029122
1.3200	-32.021	-0.008928	-0.006764	.7575758	-0.005124	1.3200	-37.019	-0.011060	-0.008379	.7575758	-0.006347
1.6400	-26.785	0.003994	0.003060	.6097561	0.000370	1.6400	-31.779	-0.001866	-0.001138	.6097561	-0.000694
2.2300	-21.765	0.003026	0.003520	.4385965	0.000370	2.2800	-26.745	0.003262	0.001431	.4385965	0.000627
3.5600	-16.817	0.021775	0.011617	.2808989	0.001718	3.5600	-21.755	0.011543	0.003244	.2808989	0.000911
6.1200	-11.335	0.163393	0.111158	.1633937	0.001660	6.1200	-16.636	0.035886	0.005864	.1633937	0.000953
11.2400	-7.349	0.130132	0.016026	.0889680	0.001426	11.2400	-11.420	0.116517	0.010366	.0889680	0.000922
21.4800	-3.225	0.429353	0.019989	.0465549	0.000931	21.4800	-6.516	0.357634	0.016650	.0465549	0.000775
41.9600	-1.093	0.698311	0.016642	.0233322	0.000397	41.9600	-2.810	0.837613	0.019962	.0233322	0.000476
82.9200	-0.308	0.836823	0.010092	.0120523	0.000122	82.9200	-0.909	1.296355	0.015640	.0120523	0.000189
164.8400	-0.080	0.881795	0.005347	.0060665	0.000032	164.8400	-0.248	1.509586	0.009158	.0060665	0.000066
323.6800	-0.020	0.393977	0.002720	.0030425	0.000008	323.6800	-0.064	1.575092	0.004792	.0030425	0.000015
656.3600	-0.005	0.397397	0.001367	.0015236	0.000002	656.3600	-0.016	1.592491	0.002426	.0015236	0.000004
Q = 50						Q = 50					
1.0000	-55.000	-1.996443	-1.996443	1.0000000	-1.996443	1.0000	-60.000	-1.998000	-1.998000	1.0000000	-1.998000
1.0100	-52.031	-1.011470	-1.001456	.9903990	-0.991540	1.0100	-57.011	-1.013043	-1.003012	.9900990	-0.993082
1.0200	-48.079	-0.410923	-0.402865	.9303922	-0.394966	1.0200	-53.079	-0.412510	-0.404422	.9803922	-0.396492
1.0400	-42.834	-0.123299	-0.118536	.9615385	-0.113977	1.0400	-47.854	-0.124919	-0.120114	.9615385	-0.115494
1.0800	-37.194	-0.032047	-0.029673	.8620690	-0.027475	1.0800	-42.194	-0.033733	-0.031234	.8620690	-0.028920
1.1600	-31.522	-0.006355	-0.005473	.7575758	-0.004722	1.1600	-36.520	-0.008178	-0.007050	.7575758	-0.006077
1.3200	-26.025	0.001431	0.001061	.6097561	0.000370	1.3200	-31.017	-0.009723	-0.008548	.6097561	-0.004451
1.6400	-20.796	0.005117	0.003120	.4385965	0.001902	1.6400	-25.772	0.002920	0.001396	.4385965	0.000885
2.2300	-15.332	0.010004	0.004388	.2808989	0.001924	2.2800	-20.754	0.005415	0.002375	.2808989	0.001042
3.5600	-11.060	0.021902	0.006152	.1633937	0.001924	3.5600	-15.821	0.012807	0.003597	.1633937	0.001011
6.1200	-6.594	0.052969	0.008655	.0889680	0.001414	6.1200	-10.890	0.034888	0.005701	.0889680	0.000931
11.2400	-3.043	0.113780	0.010123	.0465549	0.000901	11.2400	-6.250	0.096731	0.008606	.0465549	0.000766
21.4800	-1.056	0.177122	0.008246	.0233322	0.000384	21.4800	-2.720	0.214815	0.010001	.0233322	0.000466
41.9600	-0.302	0.203931	0.005000	.0120523	0.000119	41.9600	-0.890	0.326034	0.007770	.0120523	0.000185
82.9200	-0.079	0.220563	0.002660	.0060665	0.000032	82.9200	-0.246	0.377768	0.004556	.0060665	0.000055
164.8400	-0.020	0.223519	0.001356	.0030425	0.000008	164.8400	-0.063	0.393840	0.002339	.0030425	0.000014
323.6800	-0.005	0.224280	0.000682	.0015236	0.000002	323.6800	-0.016	0.398135	0.001211	.0015236	0.000004
Q = 100						Q = 100					
1.0000	-55.000	-1.996443	-1.996443	1.0000000	-1.996443	1.0000	-60.000	-1.998000	-1.998000	1.0000000	-1.998000
1.0050	-52.001	-1.003941	-1.000947	.9950249	-0.993977	1.0050	-57.001	-1.005506	-1.000503	.9950249	-0.995525
1.0100	-48.043	-0.403645	-0.399649	.9900990	-0.395632	1.0100	-53.045	-0.405213	-0.401206	.9900990	-0.397233
1.0200	-42.776	-0.113641	-0.116314	.9803922	-0.114334	1.0200	-47.776	-0.120229	-0.117471	.9803922	-0.115560
1.0400	-37.033	-0.029572	-0.029434	.9615385	-0.027341	1.0400	-42.037	-0.031191	-0.029991	.9615385	-0.028338
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1.1600	-25.525	0.001520	0.001310	.7575758	0.001130	1.1600	-30.517	-0.002026	-0.002255	.7575758	-0.002020
1.3200	-20.041	0.003962	0.003001	.6097561	0.002274	1.3200	-25.011	0.001367	0.001414	.6097561	0.001072
1.6400	-14.384	0.006000	0.003659	.4385965	0.002231	1.6400	-19.787	0.003303	0.002014	.4385965	0.001228
2.2800	-10.139	0.009772	0.004236	.2808989	0.001422	2.2300	-14.842	0.005312	0.002549	.2808989	0.001118
3.5600	-5.956	0.013019	0.005061	.1633937	0.000857	3.5600	-10.123	0.012219	0.003432	.1633937	0.000964
6.1200	-2.767	0.032117	0.005248	.0889680	0.000363	6.1200	-5.819	0.029275	0.004620	.0889680	0.000755
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82.9200	-0.005	0.014024	0.000169	.0060665	0.000002	82.9200	-0.016	0.024895	0.000300	.0060665	0.000004
Q = 400						Q = 400					
1.0000	-55.000	-1.996443	-1.996443	1.0000000	-1.996443	1.0000	-60.000	-1.998000	-1.998000	1.0000000	-1.998000
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A far better solution is the use of nomographs. Those given here are based on design equations which consider the critical biasing parameters.

By combining the nomographs with a simple step-by-step procedure, bias circuits can be designed that are accurate within specifications selected by the designer.

Operating point comes first

In using the nomographs, the object is to design a bias circuit for a given operating point, usually defined in terms of V_{CE} and I_E . The precise operating point is determined by noise figure, gain requirement, available power supply voltage, etc. Once the operating point is selected, the bias circuit must hold it within a prescribed tolerance. The chief factors that determine operating point stability are Δh_{FE} , ΔI_{CO} , ΔV_{BE} and ΔR (the variation in the biasing resistor values). These changes are caused by temperature variations, as well as normal component production tolerances.

The following factors are considered in the nomograph bias design:

- Maximum and minimum expected h_{FE} , and its variation with temperature.
- Maximum expected I_{CO} , and its variation with temperature.
- Maximum expected V_{BE} , and its variation with temperature.
- Tolerance of the bias resistors.

The basic bias circuit used for design purposes,

suitable for all class-A situations, is shown in Fig. 1. Practical versions of the basic circuit are shown in Fig. 2. Other circuits may also be analyzed in terms of the basic circuit, if reduced to a Thevenin equivalent.

Nomographs based on general equations

In the specific circuit being used, nominal values of I_E , R_E , V_{CE} and V_C are chosen to satisfy the design requirements. The values of V_B and R_B required for a given circuit stability are then expressed by the following equations:

$$R_B = \frac{\overbrace{(I_{E(max)} - I_{E(min)}) R_E}^{Y_1} + \overbrace{(V_{BE(max)} - V_{BE(min)})}^{\Delta V_{BE}}}{I_{CO(max)} + \frac{I_{E(min)}}{h_{FE(min)} + 1} - \frac{I_{E(max)}}{h_{FE(max)} + 1}} \Delta X \quad (1)$$

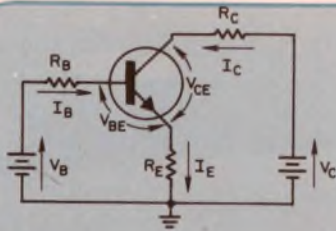
$$V_B = \left[\frac{R_B}{h_{FE(min)} + 1} + R_E \right] I_{E(min)} + \overbrace{V_{BE(max)}}^Y \quad (2)$$

These equations have been reduced to nomograph form to eliminate tedious calculations. (The brackets over the equations define the parameters used in the nomographs). Since this analysis is based on small signal operation, variations of h_{FE} with increased current or thermal runaway problems are not considered.

The three nomographs given on pages 69-71 form the basis for this bias circuit design technique. Step-by-step procedures for using the nomographs, together with a specific design example, are presented on page 68. ■■

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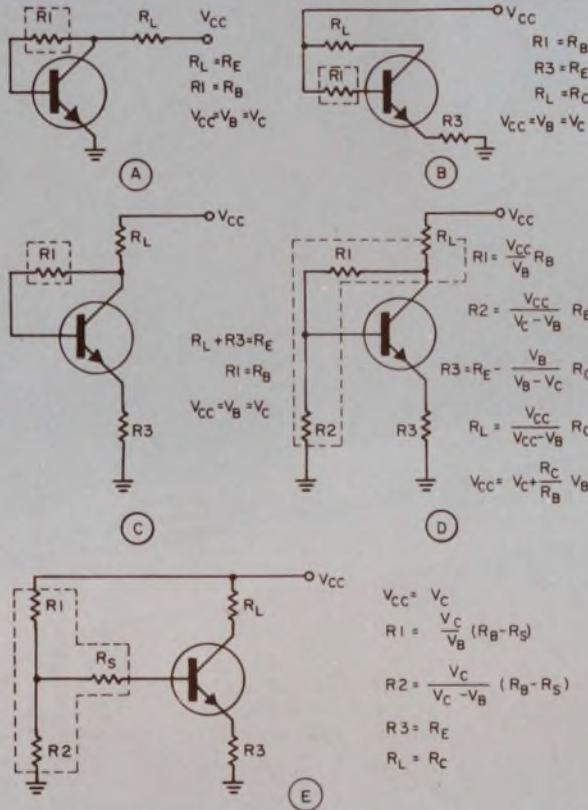


$$I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBO}$$

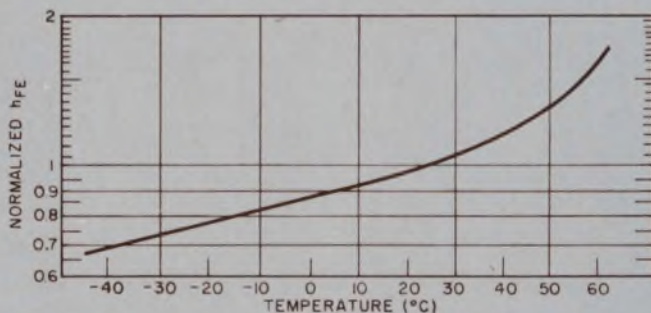
$$I_C = h_{FE} I_B + (h_{FE} + 1) I_{CBO}$$

$$h_{FE} = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}$$

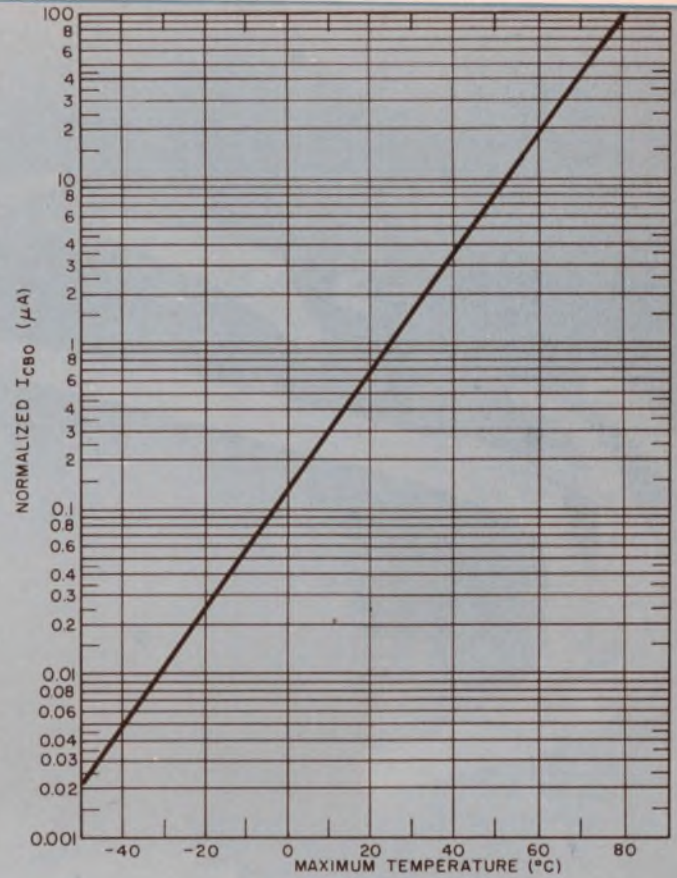
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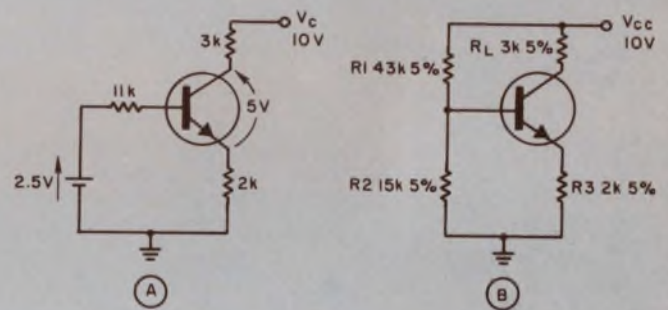
2. A variety of practical bias circuits can be designed with the nomograph technique. The equations show the relationship between the actual circuit values and the values of the basic circuit. All resistors which are represented by R_B in the basic circuit are shown by dashed lines.



3. Temperature dependence of h_{FE} for germanium devices must be considered in the bias circuit design. For silicon transistors this may be neglected.



4. Temperature dependence of I_{CBO} for germanium devices must be considered in the bias circuit design. For silicon transistors it can be neglected.



5. Completed bias circuit is shown for general case (a) and final design (b).

Standard resistor values

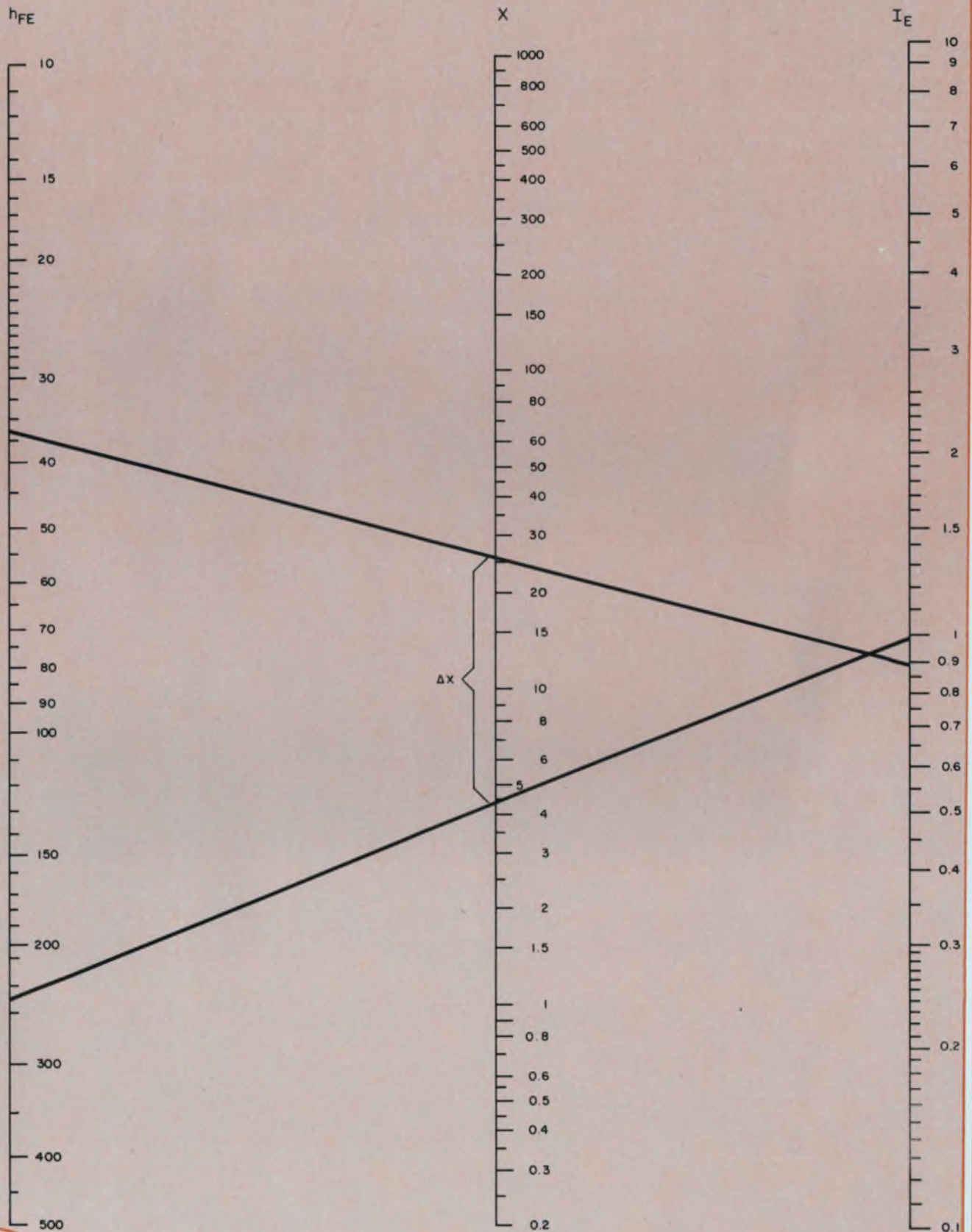
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1.10	2.00	3.60	6.20	1.20	3.90
1.20	2.20	3.90	6.80	1.50	4.70
1.30	2.40	4.30	7.50	1.80	5.60
1.50	2.70	4.70	8.20	2.20	6.80
1.60	3.00	5.10	9.10	2.70	8.20

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Step-by-step procedure includes example

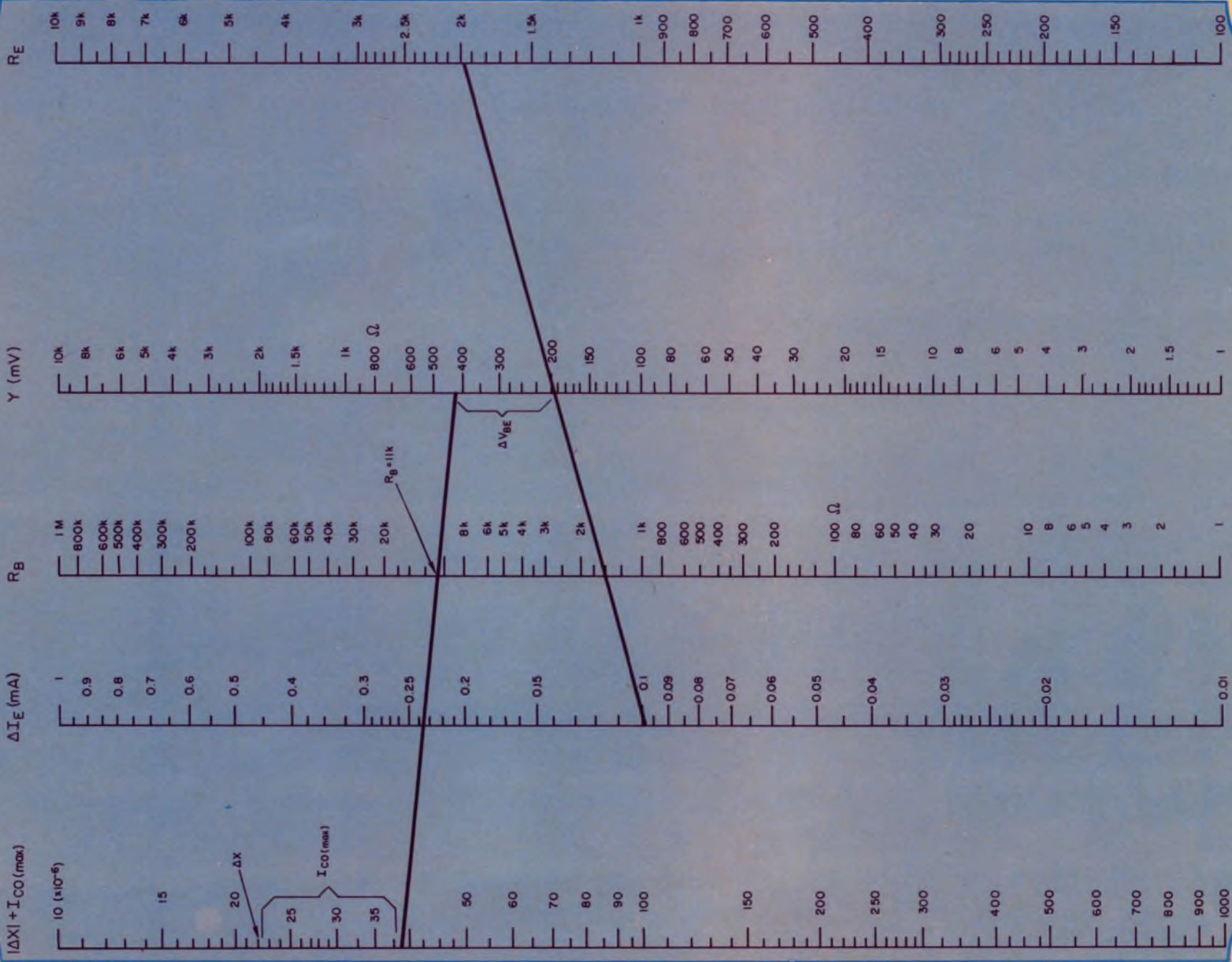
Step	Procedure	Design example
1.	Select the transistor type.	2Nxxxx is a suitable germanium device.
2.	Specify the temperature range.	Requirements are $T_{\min} = -30^{\circ}\text{C}$, $T_{\max} = +60^{\circ}\text{C}$; so $\Delta T = 90^{\circ}\text{C}$
3.	Decide on acceptable minimum and maximum acceptable emitter currents, considering resistor tolerances. (a) For 5% resistors, multiply $I_{E(\max)}$ by 0.85 and $I_{E(\min)}$ by 1.15. (b) For 10% resistors, multiply $I_{E(\max)}$ by 0.70 and $I_{E(\min)}$ by 1.30.	$I_{E(\min)} = 0.9 \text{ mA}$, $I_{E(\max)} = 1.0 \text{ mA}$; so, $\Delta I_E = 0.1 \text{ mA}$
4.	Determine $h_{FE(\min)}$ and $h_{FE(\max)}$ (a) For germanium, extend h_{FE} limits to account for h_{FE} temperature dependence (Fig. 3). (b) For silicon, disregard h_{FE} temperature dependence.	From the manufacturer's data sheet: $h_{FE(\min)} = 50$, $h_{FE(\max)} = 150$ Use Fig. 3 for temperature correction: at -30°C $h_{FE(\min)} = 0.73 \times 50 = 36.5$ at $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ $h_{FE(\max)} = 1.16 \times 150 = 240$
5.	Use Nomograph 1 to determine ΔX . X_{\max} is based on $h_{FE(\min)}$ and $I_{E(\min)}$. X_{\min} is based on $h_{FE(\max)}$ and $I_{E(\max)}$. $\Delta X = X_{\max} - X_{\min}$	$\Delta X = 22 \mu\text{A}$
6.	Select R_E R_E is chosen to satisfy the V_{CE} requirement: $V_{CE} = V_C - I_E (R_E + R_C)$	$R_E = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$
7.	Calculate Y on Nomograph 2, using R_E and ΔI_E .	$Y = 200 \text{ mV}$
8.	Calculate ΔV_{BE} . $\Delta V_{BE} = 2.5 \text{ mV} \times \Delta T$ (ΔT from step 2)	$\Delta V_{BE} = 2.5 \times 90 = 225 \text{ mV}$
9.	Add Y (from step 7) to ΔV_{BE} to obtain Y_I . $Y_I = Y + \Delta V_{BE}$	$Y_I = 200 + 225 = 425 \text{ mV}$
10.	Determine $I_{CO(\max)}$ (a) For silicon, use manufacturer's I_{CO} . (b) For germanium, compensate for temperature dependence, using Fig. 4.	From manufacturer's data sheet, $I_{CO(\max)} = 2 \mu\text{A}$ at 25°C Using Fig. 4 for temperature correction, at 60°C , $I_{CO} = 8 \times 2 \mu\text{A} = 16 \mu\text{A}$
11.	Using Nomograph 2, calculate ΔX_I . $\Delta X_I = I_{CO(\max)} + \Delta X$	From step 10: $I_{CO(\max)} = 16 \mu\text{A}$ From step 5: $\Delta X = 22 \mu\text{A}$ so, $\Delta X_I = 36 \mu\text{A}$
12.	Using Y_I and ΔX_I , find R_B on Nomograph 2.	From step 9: $Y_I = 425 \text{ mV}$; From step 11: $\Delta X_I = 38 \mu\text{A}$ so, $R_B = 11 \text{ k}\Omega$ (this is the shunt input impedance due to the bias resistors)
13.	Using Nomograph 3, find Z. First use $h_{FE(\min)}$ and R_B . Then add R_E to Z.	$Z = 2.3 \text{ K}\Omega$
14.	Using Nomograph 3, find V_B . This is determined from $I_{E(\min)}$ and Z.	$V_B = 2.5 \text{ V}$
15.	Select the bias circuit according to Fig. 2. If circuit desired is not included in Fig. 2, derive the Thevenin equivalent.	For example, if Fig. 2e is the desired circuit, and $R_S = 0$, $V_{CC} = V_C = 10\text{V}$ $R_1 = (V_C/V_B)R_B = (10/2.5)11\text{K} = 44 \text{ k}\Omega$ $R_2 = (V_C/V_C - V_B)R_B = (10/10 - 2.5)11\text{K} = 14.7 \text{ k}\Omega$ $R_3 = R_E = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$; and $R_L = R_C = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$
16.	Select the closest standard value resistors. The completed bias circuit is shown in Fig. 9.	If 5% resistors are used, $R_1 = 43 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 15 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_3 = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_L = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$.

Nomograph 1

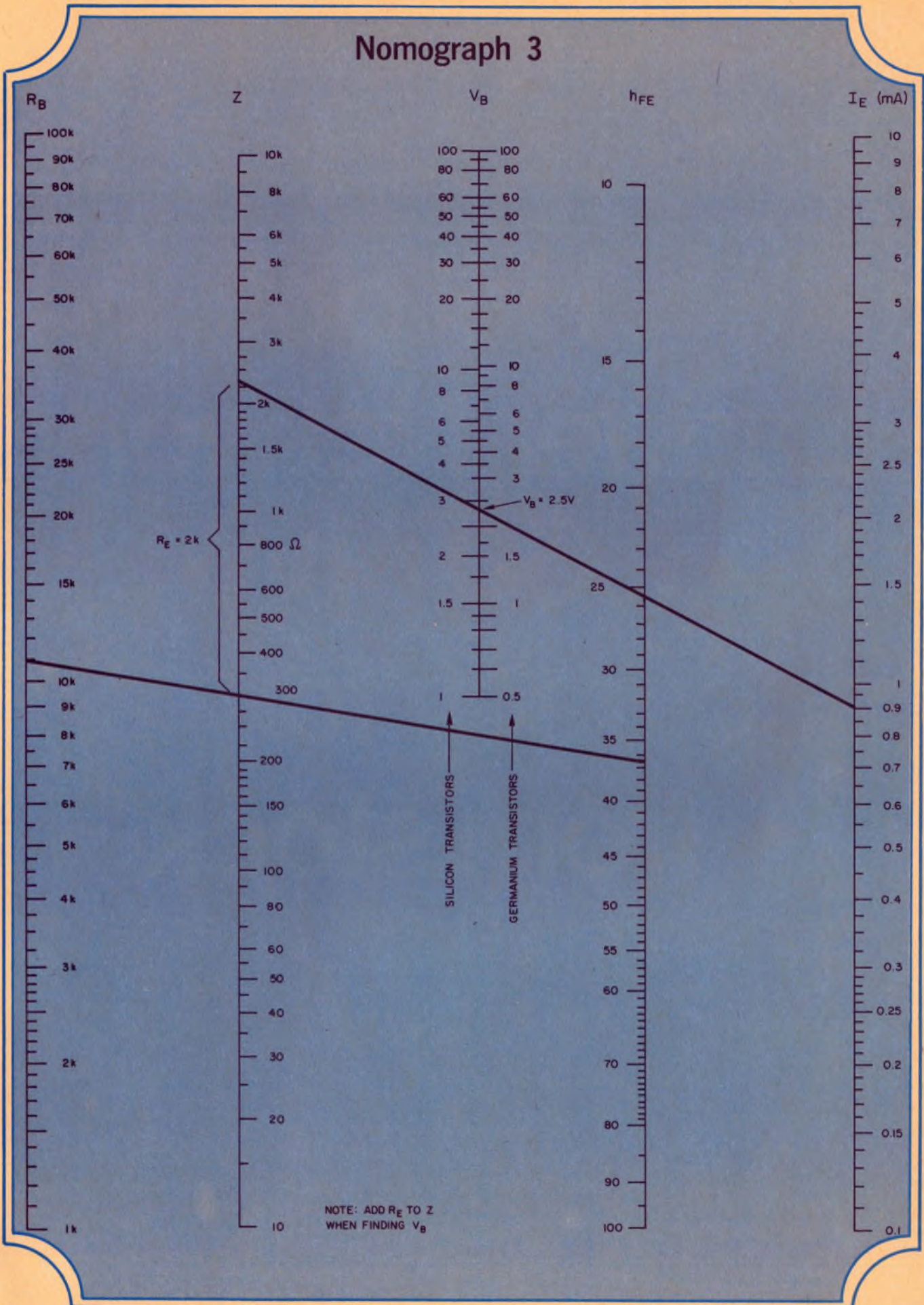



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Nomograph 2



Nomograph 3





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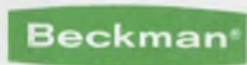
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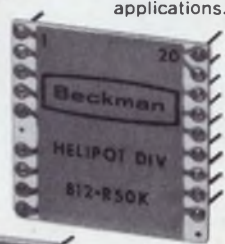
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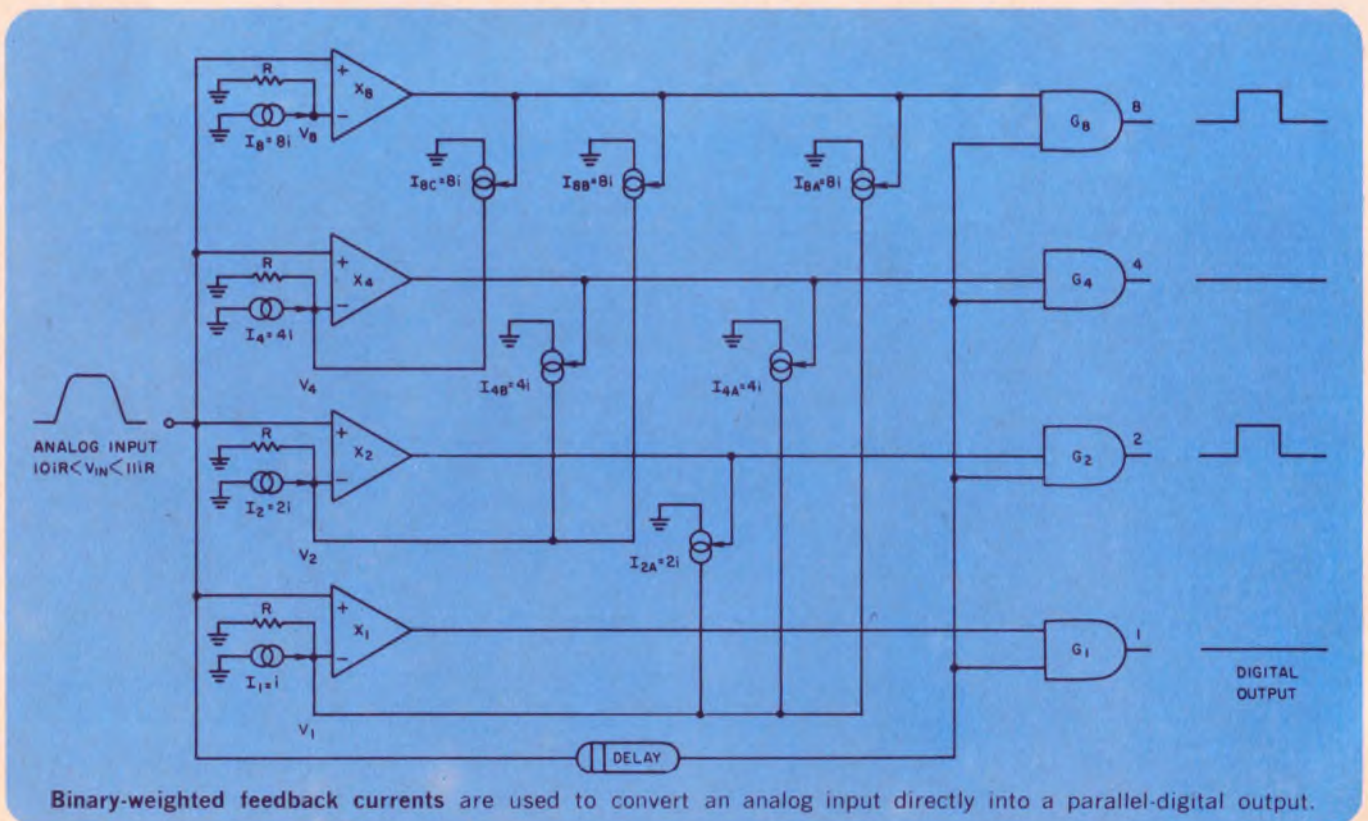
The output of an analog-to-digital converter is often required to be in parallel-digital form. Such a conversion can be accomplished in various ways. Many a/d converters perform a serial-to-parallel conversion as an intermediate step in producing the parallel-digital output. This intermediate conversion, though, is time consuming. The successive-approximation method is much faster, but the settling time of the analog circuitry limits the clock rate, and one clock pulse is needed for each bit. Using the approach shown in the illustration, an analog input can be converted directly into a parallel-digital output with good accuracy and at high speed.

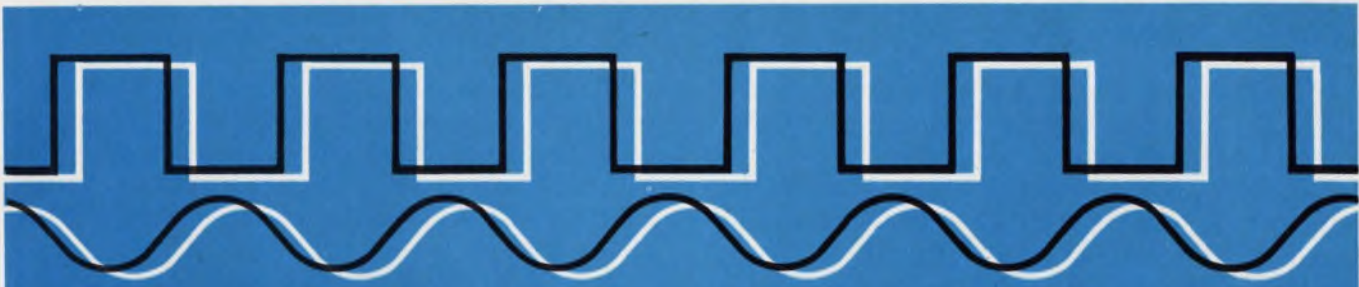
In the circuit, all resistances, R , are equal, and I_{2A} , I_{4A} , I_{8A} , I_{8B} and I_{8C} are gated current sources that are normally OFF. Under quiescent conditions (analog input is zero), $V_1 = iR$,

$V_2 = 2iR$, $V_4 = 4iR$ and $V_8 = 8iR$. Also, comparators X_1 , X_2 , X_4 and X_8 are OFF.

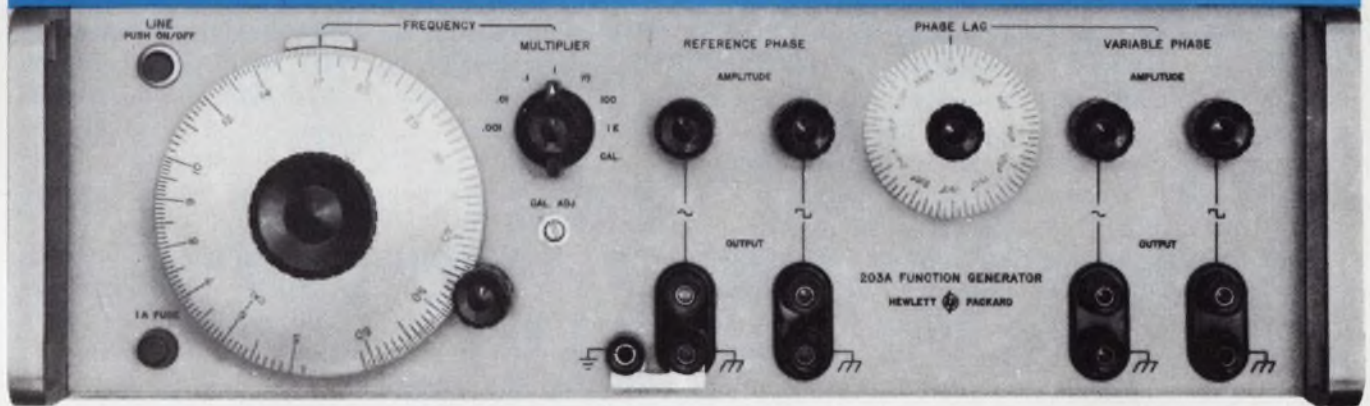
When the analog input exceeds the threshold of any comparator, that comparator is turned on. Each comparator that is ON turns on its associated gate current sources, which feed back currents proportional to that comparator's binary significance to all less significant comparators. The feedback, in turn, automatically switches each comparator to the state that provides the proper digital output.

For example, assume that an analog signal slightly greater than $10 iR$ but less than $11 iR$ is applied at the input to the converter. When the input is initially applied, X_1 , X_2 , X_4 , and X_8 all turn ON. X_8 then turns on I_{8A} , I_{8B} and I_{8C} ; X_4 turns on I_{4A} and I_{4B} ; and X_2 turns on I_{2A} . Current I_{8C} adds to I_1 to produce a new reference, $V_4 =$





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$(8i + 4i) = R = 12 iR$, at the input to X_4 . Since the analog input is slightly greater than $10 iR$, X_4 is turned OFF again.

Simultaneously, I_{8B} adds to I_2 to produce a new reference, $V_2 = (8i + 2i) R = 10 iR$. Since the analog input is slightly greater than $10 iR$, X_2 is kept ON. Similarly, X_2 turns on I_{2A} , and I_{2A} , I_{8A} and I_1 all add to produce a new reference, $V_1 = (8i + 2i + i) R = 11 iR$, at the input to X_1 . Since the analog input is less than $11 iR$, X_1 is forced OFF. The delay circuit allows time for all transients to disappear before gates G_1 , G_2 , G_3 and G_4 deliver the parallel-digital output.

With this technique and using precision current sources, precision resistors and fast operational amplifiers, it should be possible to build an 8-10 bit a/d converter that has 1-bit accuracy, good temperature stability and a conversion time of less than $2 \mu s$.

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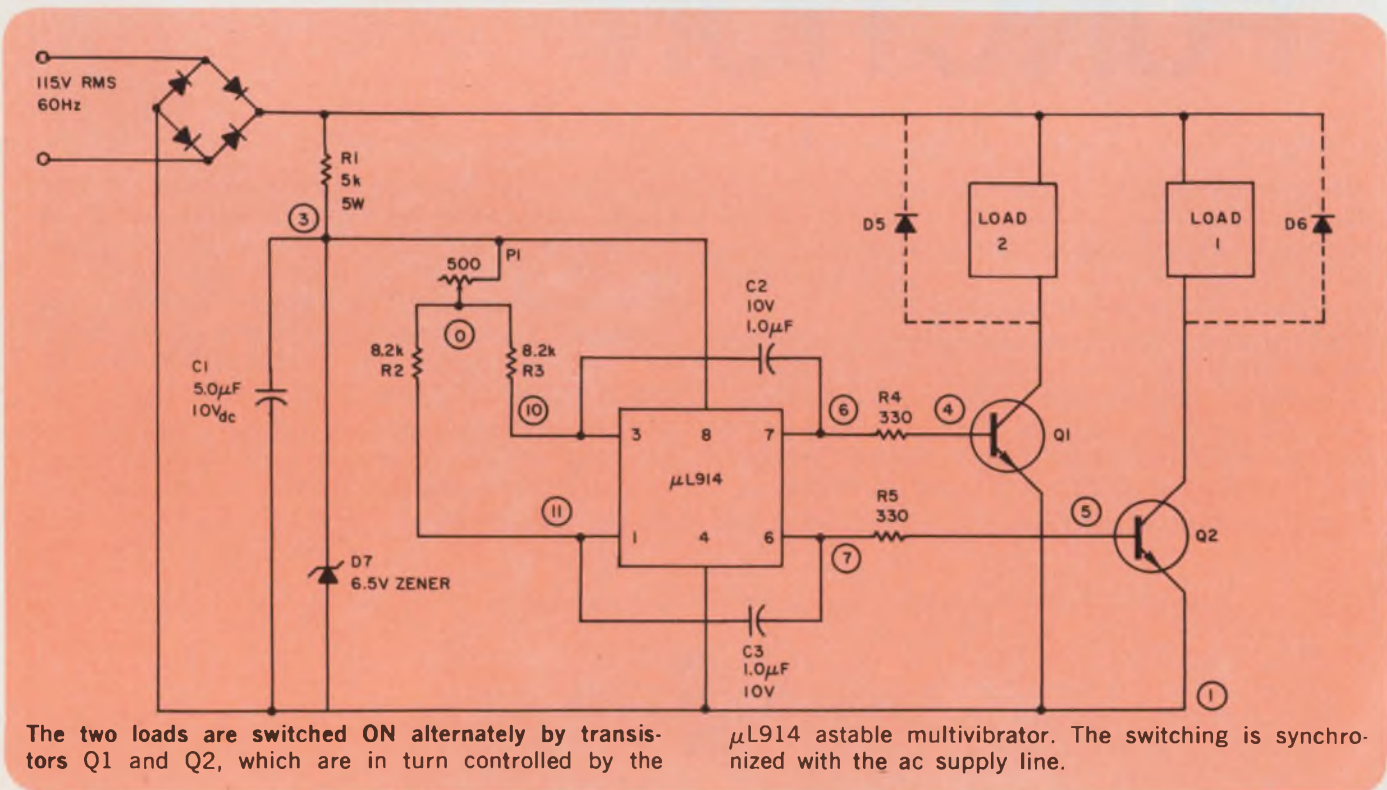
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The circuit (Fig. 1) is basically a symmetrical collector-coupled astable multivibrator running at 180 Hz, which supplies base drive to two npn power switches. The output of these switches is synchronized with the line by an intentional ripple voltage from a low-level, zener-clipped power supply.

The circuit is supplied with a full-wave rectified signal from a diode bridge, formed by diodes $D1$ through $D4$. This signal is lowered by the IR drop resistor R_1 , and filtered and clipped by the parallel combination of zener diode $D7$ and capacitor C_1 . The output voltage developed by capacitor C_1 supplies power for the multivibrator section.

The value of the C_1 filter capacitor is chosen so that a ripple voltage appears between nodes 3 and 1 of the circuit. This ripple voltage then synchronizes the switching of the multivibrator with the line voltage.

The active elements in the multivibrator por-



The two loads are switched ON alternately by transistors Q1 and Q2, which are in turn controlled by the

$\mu L914$ astable multivibrator. The switching is synchronized with the ac supply line.

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tion of the circuit are contained in a μL914 dual-input gate. The μL914 operates as an astable multivibrator, as shown in Fig. 2 (Only the IC parts that are used in this circuit are shown in the diagram. Note that $R_2 = R_3$ and $C_2 = C_3$.)

The rate at which switching occurs in the multivibrator is determined mainly by the product of R_2 and C_3 (or R_3 and C_2), and by the value of the voltage V_{o1} (Fig. 1), according to the relationship:

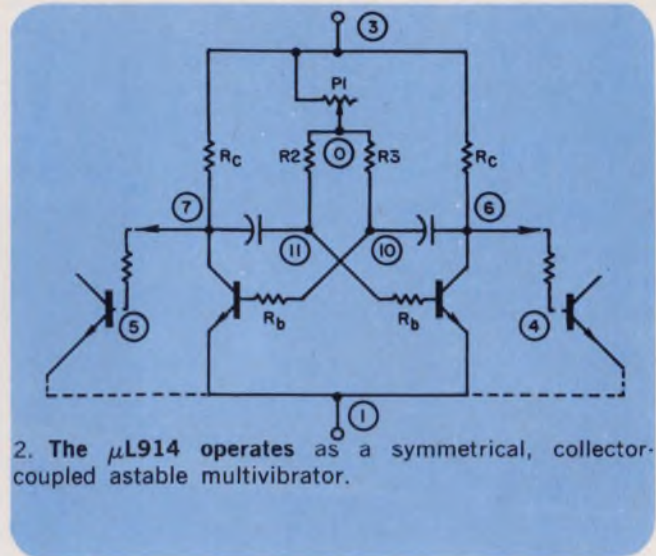
$$T = R_2 C_3 \ln \left[\frac{V_{o1} + \frac{R_5}{RC + R_5} V_{31} + V_{51(\text{on})} - V_{71(\text{sat})}}{V_{o1} - V_{11-1}(\text{turn-on})} \right]$$

which can be simplified to:

$$T = R_2 C_3 \ln \left[\frac{V_{o1} + \frac{R_5}{640 + R_5} V_{31} + 0.3}{V_{o1} - 0.6} \right]$$

A complete cycle requires double this interval. Fine adjustments in the switching rate may be made by varying potentiometer P_1 , which is in series with the supply to timing resistors R_2 and R_3 .

Transfer of power into the two loads being switched is controlled by two high-voltage npn switches, $Q1$ and $Q2$. Base drive for these stages is supplied from the two collectors of the multivibrator stage, via resistors R_3 and R_1 . The



2. The μL914 operates as a symmetrical, collector-coupled astable multivibrator.

power transistors are either OFF or ON, depending on the state of the associated portion of the multivibrator. Diodes $D5$ and $D6$ are used to suppress voltage transients, if the loads are inductive. For resistive loads, they are not necessary.

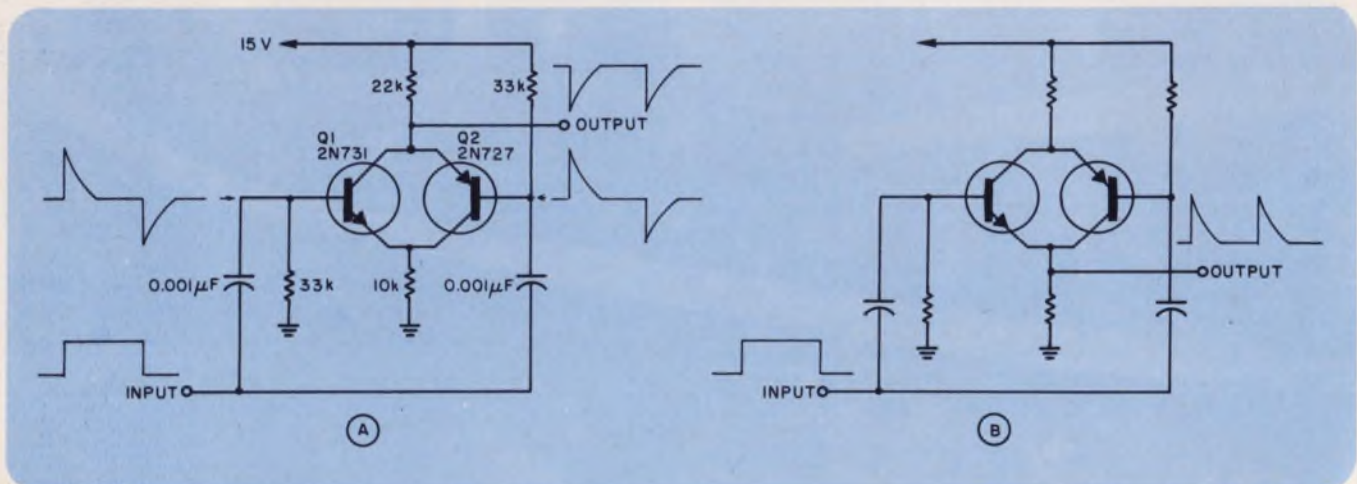
Robert B. Hood, Supervising Engineer, Applications, Fairchild Semiconductor, Mountain View, Calif.

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Simple circuit 'tags' beginning and end of square-wave signals

Frequently, it is necessary to determine the beginning and end of a square wave of varying width. The circuit shown (a) will produce a negative output spike at both the leading and trailing edges of an input pulse of either polarity.

The action of the circuit is straightforward. The positive-going edge of the input pulse is differentiated, to provide a positive spike to the bases of both transistors. This turns on the npn unit ($Q1$), and keeps $Q2$, which is pnp, off. The



Negative output spikes are produced at both the beginning and end of each input square wave (a). Positive

output spikes are produced by the circuit of (b). The circuits work with input pulses of either polarity.



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trailing edge of the input pulse causes a similar action, except that now $Q2$ is turned on and $Q1$ off. Both the leading and trailing edges of the input pulse thus cause a negative spike at the circuit output.

To produce a positive pair of output spikes for

an input square wave, the circuit of (b) can be used.

E. E. Barnes, Research Assistant, Penn State University, University Park, Pa.

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IC differential amplifiers yield matched zener pairs

The unique properties of monolithic transistors that provide matched V_{be} 's and matched gain characteristics can also yield matched zener voltages. This is accomplished by using the emitter-base diodes of a typical differential pair of transistors as back-to-back zeners. The result is an extremely well-matched diode pair—a combination that would be hard to duplicate with discrete zeners, both electrically and economically.

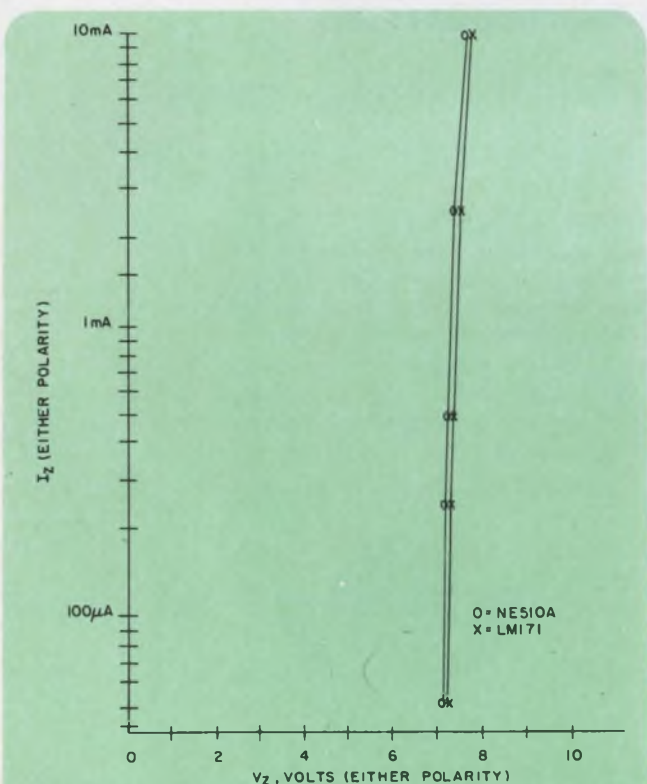
Tests have been run on two representative IC differential amplifiers; namely, the National

Semiconductor LM171 and Signetics NE510A. No difference could be detected between the two emitter-base diodes on a Tektronix 575 curve tracer. In addition, the zener knee was remarkably sharp and the slope very flat. This suggests possible use as a hard back-to-back clamp, or as a matched bidirectional clipper.

A curve from each test sample is shown.

Walter G. Jung, Engineer, MTI, Div. of KMS Industries, Inc., Cockeysville, Md.

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The characteristics in the zener region tell the story of matched zener pairs that are derived from IC differential amplifiers.

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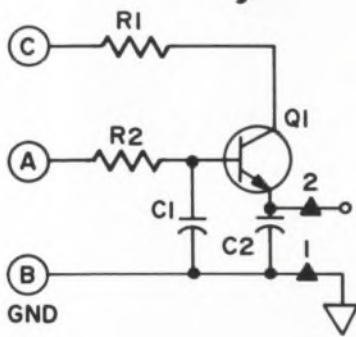
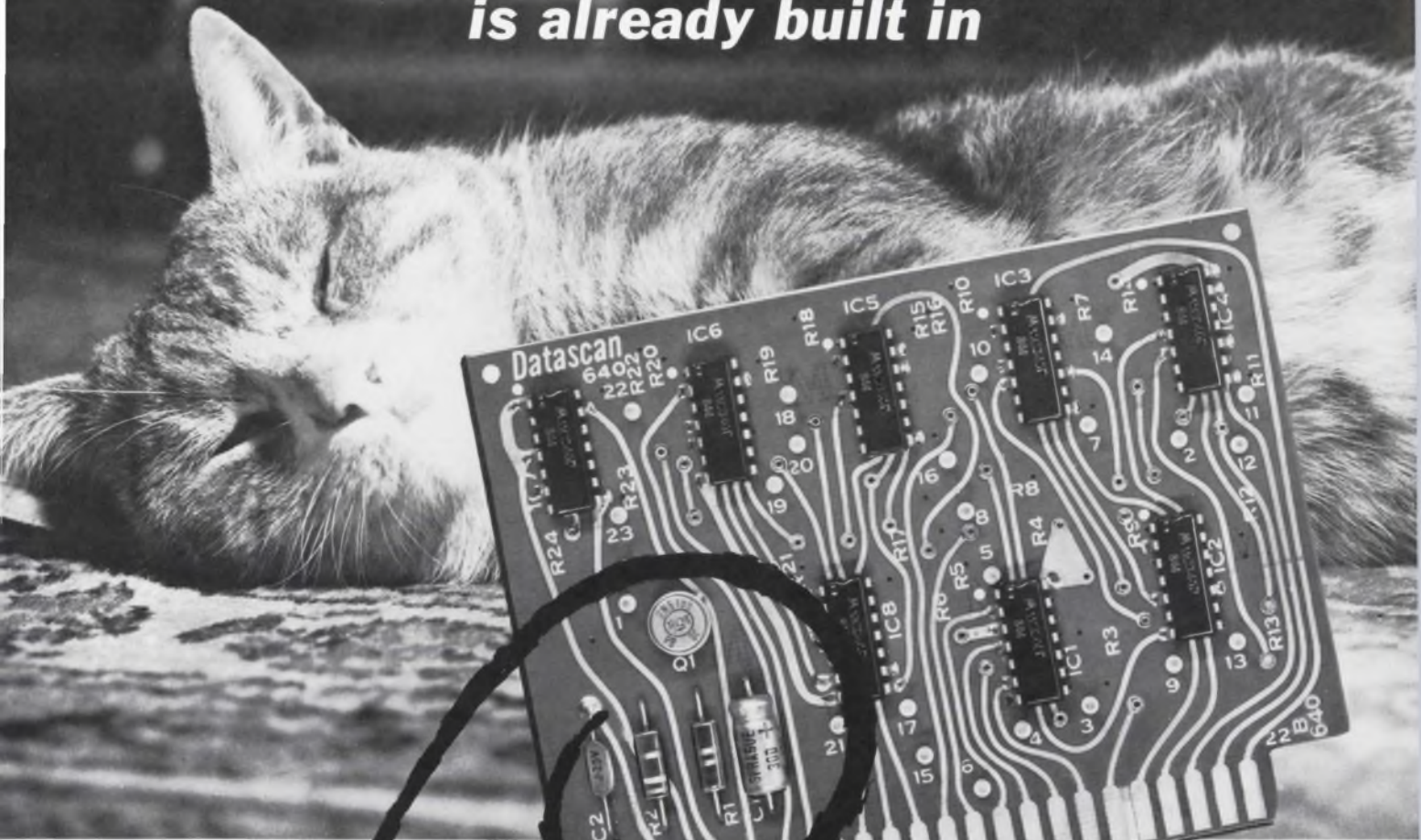
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Data systems emerging fast from infancy

Digital transmission looms as best
choice for transfer of both
analog and digital information

Data communication—the transfer of information in digital form—has barely started to realize its potential. But already it is winning wide acceptance.

Banks have started to use it to keep up-to-the-minute track of customers' accounts and to eliminate mounds of paperwork. Airlines, theaters, professional ball clubs and others are finding it useful to make instantaneous reservations for buyers across the country. The Dept. of Defense reports that the volume of military data traffic is rising 25 per cent a year, compared with an increase of only 10 per cent for voice and it is already about 10 per cent of the total. And spurring ever-higher growth is the fact that the digital data can be sent over either a digital or an analog transmission system. With a data set that ties into the regular telephone line, any phone user is a potential user of data communication. The Bell Telephone System reports a 30 to 40 per cent annual growth in the use of its Dataphone sets. But there are problems in sending digital data over analog systems. They include modem difficulties that restrict the signals that can be handled and limitations on the speed of data transfer.

The future appears to favor the digital transmission system. For analog data can be sent over the digital system, as well as digital data, and—with the use of such techniques as pulse code modulation—often with an improvement in the quality of the received signal.

In a digital transmission system regenerative repeaters are used, error-correcting codes may be employed, signals can be multiplexed easily in the time domain—in fact, a whole new bag of tricks is available to the designer to improve the quality and efficiency of both digital and analog communications.

What does this mean to the design engineer? For one thing, it means that if he is in communications, he is going to be devoting more of his time to the design of systems that can handle digital data. For another, it means that a computer designer will have to devote more thought to the problem of interfacing his machine with a communications facility.

The paperless society

Data communication is already making it possible to use the computer more effectively; it has started a trend toward what some people call the "paperless society." By putting computer users in direct contact with the machines, data communication is making it unnecessary to turn out the reams of printed information that computers now do every day.

Without data communication, an organization such as a bank, which has considerable data processing to do every day, usually processes its data in a tape sequence. Each day's work is gathered together and batch-fed into a computer, and the results are stored on magnetic tape. Since tape-stored data is not very accessible, the usual procedure is to print out all of the information about all of the accounts every day.

This is not only cumbersome, but the information is not up-to-the-minute; the record of a day's activities is not available to the bank personnel until the following day. A digital communication system has obvious advantages. One installed recently at the Beverly Bank in Chicago—called BASIS (for Bank Automated Service Information System)—works like this:

Touch-tone telephones, with card dialers, are used to interrogate a central computer. The cards are of plastic with punched holes and are inserted into the phones to establish a connection with the computer. Each card contains a code that identifies the user and prevents unauthorized access to the bank's records. The buttons on

the phones are used to read in data—such as the customer's account number and standard questions as to his account balance, mortgage status, loan payments, etc.

A special IBM audio-response unit, formulating a reply from a library of prerecorded words, tells the user orally what he wants to know.

Data communication for every man

And this is only the beginning of mass data communication. Frank J. Militello Jr., assistant vice president in charge of data-processing research at the Beverly Bank, says that in the not-too-distant future the bank will be selling computing services to any customer with a Touch-tone phone.

Of course, once people start using telephones to get routine computing services, they may want to start ordering and paying for food from a supermarket this way. And if supermarkets, why not department stores and other businesses?

And after that, the future is anybody's guess. ■■

What is data communication?



Analog data communication: Electrocardiograms can be transmitted over standard telephone lines with a special Bell Dataphone set.

To the Bell Telephone System, *data* is any traffic that is neither voice nor video. Thus, according to Leonard R. Pamm, director of the Data Communication Engineering Center, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Holmdel, N.J., data does not have to be digital and digital signals are not necessarily data.

Electrocardiograms are an example of analog data. These signals can be transmitted over telephone lines with a special acoustically coupled data set. Such a device (see photo) can be coupled to any telephone by simply placing the telephone handset into a cradle in the data set. It can be used in the home of any patient who has a telephone.

The electrocardiogram can be transmitted to a hospital where a cardiologist is available to interpret it, and the cardiologist can advise the general practitioner of the results over the same telephone used to transmit the data. Because of the need for very low distortion in electrocardiogram transmission, a frequency modulation scheme is employed.

Outside of the Bell System, most people in the business of transmitting information consider the terms *digital* and *data* synonymous. The Army, for example, considers data traffic any information transferred in digital form. Thus, to the Army, voice signals are data if they are transmitted digitally, as they would be with a pulse code modulation (PCM) system.

Why digital transmission?

Greater security and automatic error correction become possible and regenerative repeaters can be used

Item: Although a transmission system called T1 is the only operational digital system in Bell Telephone's catalog of carrier facilities, it accounts for approximately 150,000 new channels each year—about half of all new carrier channels.

Item: In its long-range plans for a world-wide military communication system, the Army is looking to all-digital networks. For example, the Mallard Project, which will provide tactical communications in 1975-77, is going to be an all-digital system.

Item: The Comsat Corp. is about to field-test its MAT-1 system—a digital time-division, multiple-access approach to satellite communication.

Why all this interest and enthusiasm for digital transmission? Perhaps the most obvious reason is simply that the amount of digital data that people want to send to each other is increasing at a very high rate. And under the present communications setup, which mainly employs analog transmission systems to handle the digital data, the problem of crowding looms. For example, in the Bell Telephone System's Dataphone 50 service, each time someone decides to use a wideband data channel to transmit computer data at 50 kb/s, he uses up the bandwidth that would normally be occupied by 12 voice channels.¹

Digital transmission is ideally suited for sending these digital signals. Moreover, with techniques such as pulse code modulation, a digital system can send analog signals more efficiently than an analog network can. And there are these other advantages:

- The repeaters in digital transmission systems are superior to their analog counterparts because they regenerate signals rather than merely amplify them.
- Digital systems are more compatible with the emerging satellite, waveguide and laser communication techniques.
- For military networks, digital transmission offers increased security in the handling of messages, because it is easy to mask the type of information and the rate at which it is being sent.
- There are techniques for correcting errors in a digital system. No comparable techniques exist for an analog system.

Regenerative repeaters reduce ruckus

In most transmission systems, the losses experienced by the signals as they propagate along the transmission path must be compensated for by repeaters. In analog systems these repeaters are high-quality amplifiers with equalizing filters to compensate for both the losses and the

distortions introduced by the channel.

Unfortunately repeater amplifiers, like all other amplifiers, introduce some noise into the system, and this noise accumulates as the signal is processed through a chain of repeaters. Also, although the equalizers used in today's transmission systems are quite good, they aren't perfect, and so distortion, as well as noise, increases with the number of repeaters in the channel. For a specified quality of over-all transmission, it is clear that the longer the total path, the more stringent will be the specifications for each repeater. If N repeaters are to be cascaded, the maximum noise power that each can be allowed to add is only $1/N$ times what would be allowed in a one-repeater path.

In a digital transmission system, a completely different set of rules applies. A digital repeater does not amplify the signals it receives; it regenerates them. Each time a pulse passes through a digital repeater, it is born anew—the repeater simply detects the presence of an input pulse and generates a new output pulse. In this way

there is no accumulation of noise and distortion between repeaters.

Of course, this assumes that the system has been designed so that the signals reaching each repeater exceed a certain detection threshold. As long as this is true, the system will work practically without error; if it is not true, the system won't work at all.

It is difficult to overstate the significance of digital repeaters. James Polyzou, an engineering manager at ITT Defense Communications, Nutley, N.J., points out that the specifications for some very-long-haul military communication links simply could not be met without digital repeatering.

Digits in orbit

Now let's see why digital techniques are better for exploiting satellite, waveguide and laser technologies.

In satellite communication the most precious ingredient is power. Power affects weight (via the required array of solar cells), and weight



A digital first: These are terminals for Bell's T1 carrier system, which uses PCM to transmit 24 two-way tele-

phone conversations over two voice pairs. It's the first widespread use of PCM in telephony.

translates into dollars on the launching pad. To squeeze as much power as they can from their hardware, satellite designers operate output power amplifiers in a semisaturated mode. This causes three problems when the traditional frequency-division, multiple-access (FDMA) scheme for sharing the satellite is used.

First, since the output stage is nonlinear, intermodulation results between the various carriers.

Second, about 1.5 dB of output power is wasted by these intermodulation products. And third, to hold the intermodulation to a tolerable level, the output stage is operated only in a semisaturated mode, and this is not as efficient as hard-limiting. Furthermore, without a hard-limiting amplifier, the output power is dependent on the input power, so that very tight control ($\pm 1/2$ dB) of the up-link power is required.

Much more serious than all of these factors, however, is the inflexibility of a frequency-division, multiple-access system. As John J. Puente, manager of communications processing laboratories for the Comsat Corp. explains it, the problems associated with the system make it impossible to adapt a satellite communication network to changes in the flow of traffic.

For one thing, he says, fm receivers are built to operate with a specified modulation index, bandwidth and carrier-to-noise ratio. Therefore satellite services come in a variety of fixed channel capacities:

- A 5-MHz channel, capable of carrying 24 telephone conversations.
- A 10-MHz channel, capable of carrying 60 telephone conversations.
- A 20-MHz channel, capable of carrying 132 telephone conversations.

From this, it is clear that if a satellite earth terminal has to handle 25 telephone channels, it must pay for 48 of them and waste 23. This isn't too efficient.

Also, the problem of minimizing intermodulation is so difficult that a computer must be used to draw up the plan that assigns frequencies to the links passing through the satellite. Since the wideband links use more carrier power than the narrowband, great care must be taken to make sure that the big carriers don't bury the little ones in cross-talk.

Time division to the rescue

What all of this implies is that once a satellite is set up, changes can't be made in the assignment of channels. For if one station decided that it wanted a wider frequency slot, the change would require a completely new frequency plan, which would require all other stations to buy new equipment to operate on their new frequencies.

The way out of all these problems is to use time-division multiple-access (TDMA), a scheme in which the various users share the satellite by occupying different time slots rather than different frequency bands. With this approach, the necessity for frequency planning disappears, because everyone uses the same frequency. The intermodulation problem is also eliminated, because only one user uses the satellite at any given time. And the system becomes completely adaptable to the demands of traffic, because the time slots can be assigned to any pair of earth stations as they are needed.

But time-division multiplexing is difficult in the extreme, unless a digital mode of transmission is used. In Comsat's prototype MAT-1 system, a four-phase synchronous phase-shift-keying (PSK) modulation scheme is used. In this, the phase of the carrier can assume any of four different phases—spaced 90° apart—with respect to a fixed reference. Since the phase represents a one-out-of-four choice, each phase change carries two bits of information.

Not only does the digital approach solve the flexibility problem, it also uses less bandwidth than the standard analog approach. And pulse code modulation makes a more efficient trade-off of bandwidth for noise immunity than fm does. Comsat's Puente points out that with fm, a single voice channel takes up about 200 kHz of rf bandwidth; with PCM, this is reduced to about 45 kHz.

Digital repeaters needed for waveguide

In their planning for future transmission facilities, scientists at Bell Telephone Laboratories are seriously considering the use of buried millimeter waveguide. This waveguide, although expensive to install, would have a usable bandwidth of perhaps 80 GHz and thus could prove economical because of its tremendous channel capacity. According to Daniel F. Hoth, director of the Special Transmission Systems Studies Center of Bell Laboratories, Holmdel, N.J., losses of only 2 to 3 dB per mile can be obtained with circular waveguide 2 inches in diameter if the TE_{01} transmission mode is used. In TE_{01} mode there are no longitudinal currents in the waveguide.

The big problem with waveguide, says Hoth, is that it is a highly dispersive medium. Despite the use of equalized repeaters, he explains, waveguide introduces too much distortion to be used in a long-haul analog system. However, because digital repeaters reshape and retune the pulses, the distortion cannot accumulate, and thus digital transmission seems to be the best way to exploit the full potential of this medium.

Current plans of the Bell Telephone System call for placing the repeaters about 20 miles

apart and for carrying about 250,000 telephone channels simultaneously. An experimental all-solid-state millimeter-wave repeater has been built and tested by Bell. It operates at 51.7 GHz and transmits binary PCM at 306 Mb/s.² Of course, this 306 Mb/s repeater would regenerate only one of the many channels in a complete waveguide system.

As system planners look toward the day when Picturephone service and data communication are so widespread that "conventional" methods no longer provide enough channels, their thoughts

turn to that ultimate of high-frequency carriers, the laser beam.³ As is well known, the amount of information that can be transmitted on a carrier increases as the frequency of the carrier wave increases. If optical components had the same percentage bandwidth that microwave components have, there would be no problem in realizing the potential of a laser. Unfortunately, they don't—at least not when they are used the way conventional microwave components are used.

One method being explored at Bell Labora-

Pulse code modulation: How it works

Pulse code modulation (PCM) is a scheme for converting analog signals into digital to improve the quality of information transmission. The process is basically a three-step operation: (1) sampling, (2) quantization and (3) coding.

The sampling theorem tells us that a band-limited signal is restricted in the number of independent values that it can assume in a given time period. A signal that contains no frequencies above W_0 Hz can assume no more than $2W_0$ independent values per second. Thus if the signal is periodically sampled at a rate of $2W_0$ samples per second (or faster), the samples will specify the signal completely.

Assume that the analog signal is a voice waveform and that it contains no frequencies above 4 kHz. It can be sampled 8000 times a second (every 125 μ s) without loss of information.

In the quantization step, the samples are rounded off to the nearest "standard" signal level. Naturally this introduces some error, which is called quantization noise. This error can be made arbitrarily small by increasing the number of standard levels, thus packing them more closely together.

In the accompanying figure, eight levels are used. These levels are represented by a three-bit binary code. Other number bases can be used, but binary is the easiest to implement. It is also the most rugged in terms of noise immunity.

The effect of the PCM process is to convert the original analog signal into a stream of binary pulses. The latter are much more immune to noise than the original signal, because one has only to decide whether a binary pulse is present or absent to receive it accurately. To receive an analog signal accurately, its precise value must be measured.

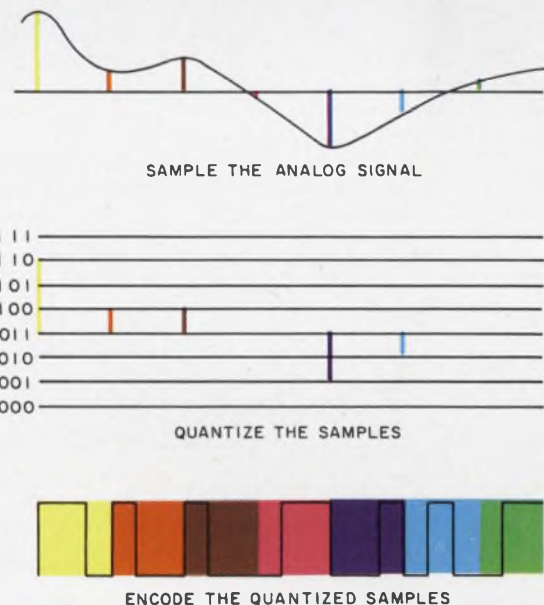
But there is a drawback to PCM, and that is the quantization noise. This noise can be made arbitrarily small by using an arbitrarily large number of quantization levels. However, as the number of levels increases, the number of bits required to encode each level increases.

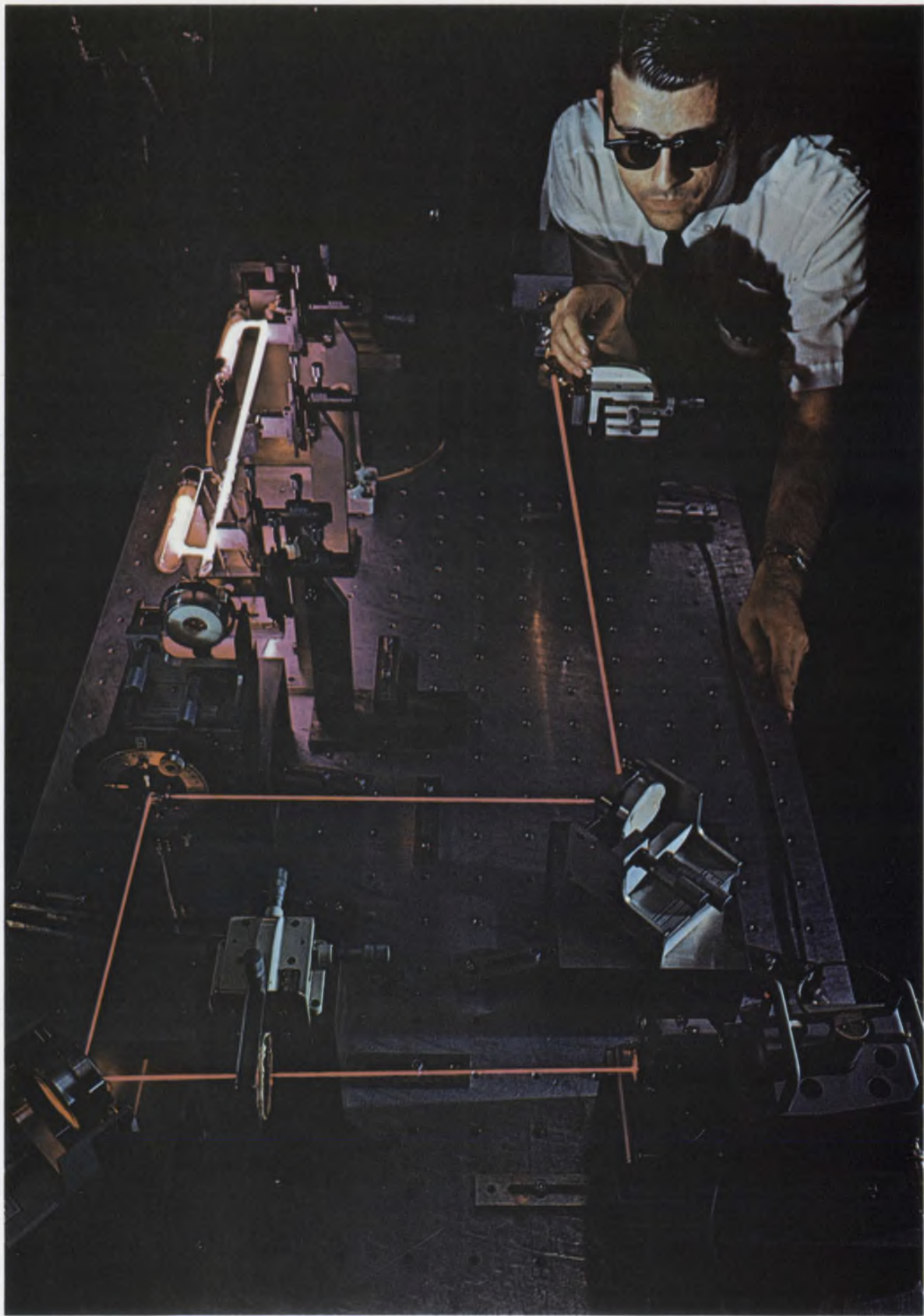
To send a signal of bandwidth W_0 by PCM,

$2W_0$ samples per second must be transmitted. If each sample is encoded into an n -bit code word (corresponding to 2^n quantizing levels), then $2nW_0$ pulses per second must be sent. Even if the system is operated at the Nyquist limit, this requires nW_0 Hz of bandwidth. With PCM, therefore, noise immunity is being purchased at the expense of bandwidth. The question is: Is it a good deal?

In general, the answer depends upon the relative costs of signal power and bandwidth in any given application. If, for example, legal restrictions have made spectrum space too expensive, it might be better to buy noise immunity simply by increasing the power of the transmitter.

However, if PCM is compared with wideband fm—another scheme for trading off bandwidth for noise immunity—PCM comes out on top. If both systems are operated above threshold, with the transmitter power proportional to the rf bandwidth, the received S/N ratio varies as the log of the bandwidth for fm but directly as the bandwidth for PCM.⁵





tories to exploit more fully the information-carrying capability of a laser beam is PCM.

"Unlike a-m or fm system," says R. T. Denton of Bell, writing in *The Bell Laboratories Record*, "a PCM system can take advantage of the laser's tendency to oscillate at several different frequencies simultaneously. Contrary to popular opinion, the laser is not naturally monochromatic. It has to be made so."⁴ What this means is that the many frequencies emitted by a laser can be locked in the proper phase relationship to produce a chain of pulses. These pulses have durations that are a small fraction of the time between them. Since they are widely spaced, the pulses can be modulated by an optical gate at relatively low frequencies, and then the wide spaces between the pulses can be filled with pulses from other trains.

These other pulse trains can all be derived from the same laser as the original train through use of a series of beam splitters. The latter merely split up the laser output into several lower-powered pulse trains. Each train can then be delayed by a different length of time. Each can also be modulated by a separate optical gate, and finally all can be recombined to form a high-repetition-rate time-division multiplexed system (see box).

This technique is only one of several under study for the exploitation of lasers as a communication tool. But a high-capacity laser system, in which many optical carriers are processed together, would be very vulnerable to delay distortion, and this could lead to serious cross-talk problems. Regenerative repeaters are very good at eliminating this type of cross talk, and therefore PCM is a very strong contender for use in any future laser system.

The military also favors digital transmission over analog. The most important reason, according to a researcher for the Army Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J., is security. With digital transmission, he explains, all traffic looks the same. The information flow rate and the type of traffic can easily be masked. One way to do this is to add a pseudo-random bit stream to the data stream (via modulo 2 addition) and then to unscramble the data at the receiving end. This method has the additional advantage of putting out a continuous signal, whether the user is transmitting or not. With this approach, the enemy can't tell if anything at all—let alone what—is being sent.

. . . goes round and round, and it comes out here. Only those pulses whose polarity was changed by the modulator (lower right) are reflected by the polarizing prism into the photodetector (which is being adjusted here).

However, there are other advantages to digital transmission. One very important one is that it permits effective forward error correction through the use of redundant codes. At present, there is no equivalent technique available for analog systems.

What about digital switching?

It is desirable, when employing digital transmission, to also use digital switching. In the case of satellite communications, digital switching offers increased flexibility over analog in certain situations. Also, it is obviously wasteful of equipment to convert a signal from digital to analog form just for switching.

To multiplex many digital signals together, their bit rates must be related by the ratios of whole numbers. This can create problems at a switching center if the bit streams have originated at different places. There are three basic methods, now being evaluated by the military and the commercial communications companies, to attack this problem:

- Lock all of the clocks in the system to a single master clock.
- Use extremely accurate clocks and buffer stores.
- Operate the high-speed line at a slightly higher speed than the ideal and stuff in extra pulses when necessary.

The master clock approach is a good one when the various data sources are fairly close together. But for large distances, the delay-time variations will necessitate the use of rather large buffer stores that might make the scheme uneconomical at high bit rates. More important, a nationwide system all tied to one master clock sounds like an invitation to disaster. A failure in one part of the system might prove difficult to contain.

Atomic clocks can provide acceptable system performance when used in conjunction with buffer stores. The buffers would absorb the differences in bit rates until they either overflowed or were depleted. At that time transmission would have to be interrupted so the lost data could be repeated.

If a clock with an accuracy of, say, 1 part in 10^{11} is used, a 1-megabit signal would fill or deplete its buffer store at the rate of about one bit a day. Obviously a memory with a capacity of a few thousand bits can provide trouble-free operation for many years. But such trouble-free operation is costly. Atomic clocks aren't cheap, and many of them would be needed in a nationwide network.

Of course, the two preceding ideas could be combined in a system where a nationwide network would be broken up into a set of inde-

Multiplexing a laser: It's done with mirrors

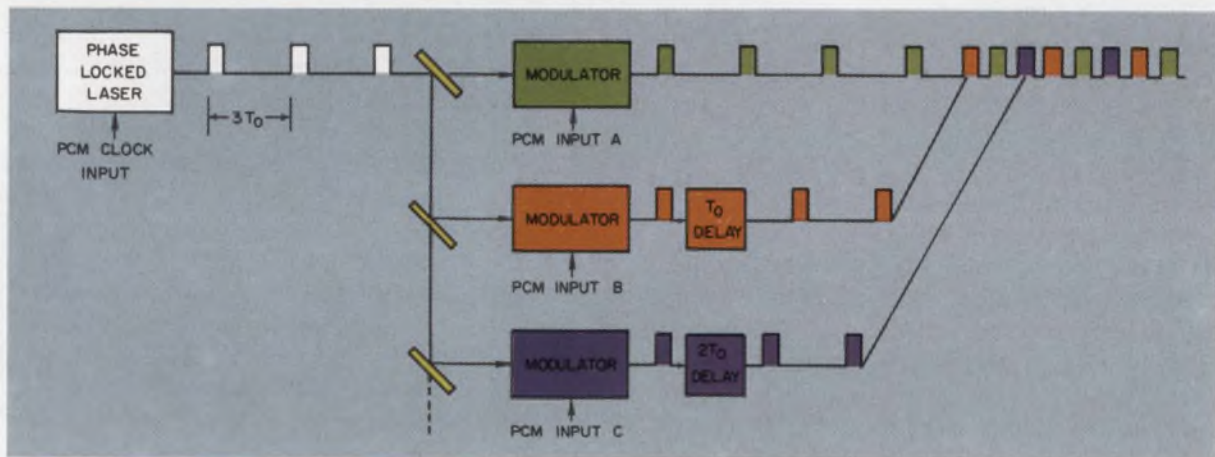
Because the interval between pulses in a phase-locked laser is long compared with the pulse width, some type of time-division multiplexing can be used to increase the effective bit rate. One way to do this is to use a series of beam splitters (optical power dividers) to split the output of the laser into a series of identical, but lower-power bit streams.

In the diagram below, three beam splitters are used. They are not all identical; this is necessary so the resulting beams all have equal power. The uppermost beam splitter reflects two-thirds of the light incident upon it and transmits one-third. The next splitter reflects one-half and

transmits one-half. The last one is simply a totally reflecting mirror.

Each pulse stream is modulated by its own optical gate at the relatively slow repetition rate of the laser. After this, the beams are differentially delayed—by adjustment of their individual optical path lengths—and combined to form a high-speed bit stream.

To further increase the capacity of an optical PCM system, several time-division-multiplexed streams can be generated at different wavelengths and then multiplexed in frequency for transmission. At the receiver, optical filters would separate the beams for time-demultiplexing.



pendent regional networks. Each regional network could have its own atomic standard, and all of the local clocks in the region would be controlled by it. This would confine the damage caused by any clock failure to a single region, while keeping the costs down to a lower level than the all-atomic clock method.

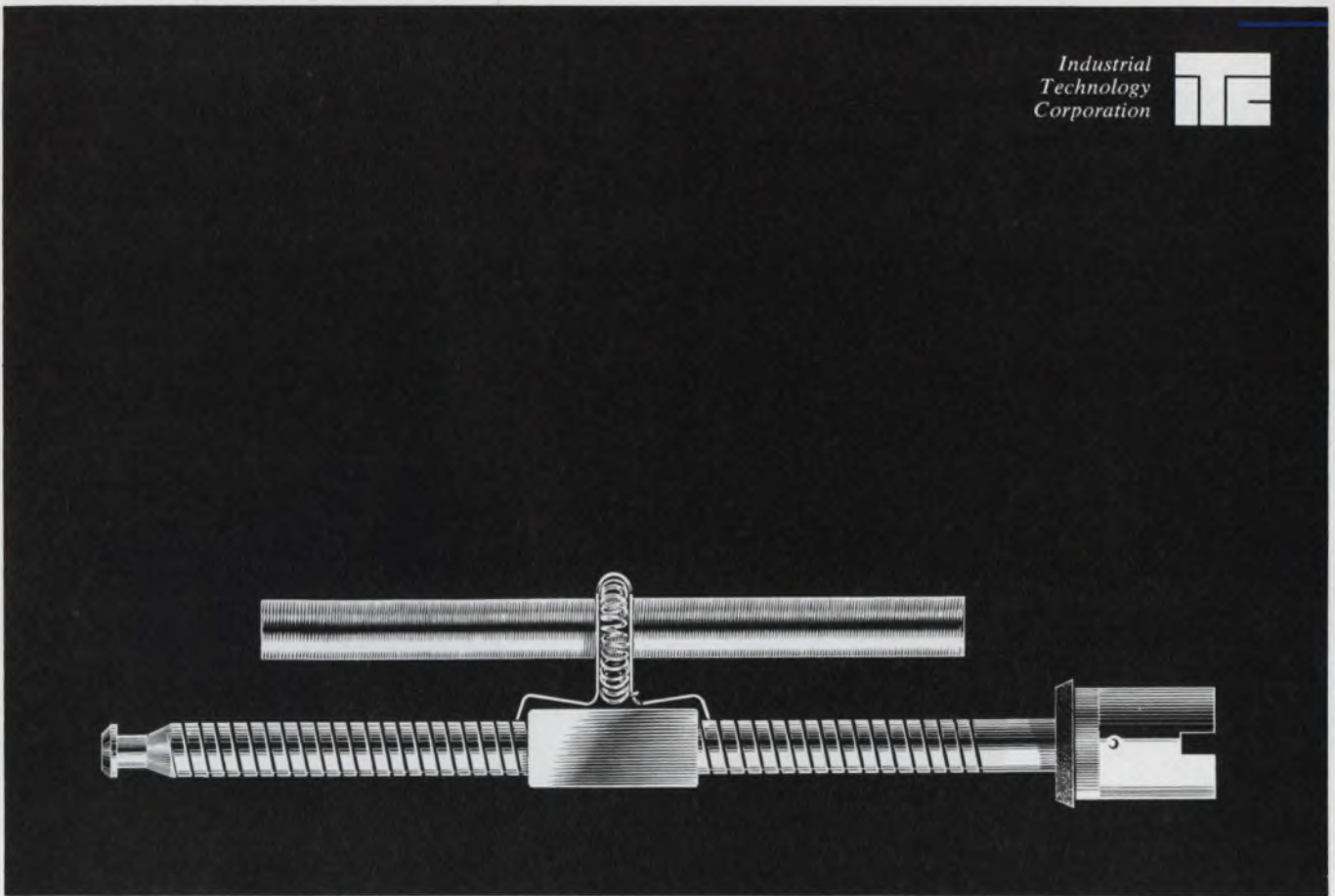
Pulse stuffing uses a synchronizing slot

Pulse stuffing is a completely different idea. It involves operating the multiplex clock at a high enough rate so that there are more than enough time slots on the multiplexed line for each of the channels that are being combined. For example, if five 10-kb/s bit streams are to be combined into one 50-kb/s multiplex stream, a 51-kb/s clock might be used. This clock will want to put a pulse onto the line every 19.6 μ s instead of every 20 μ s. For this system to work, a buffer store would have to be provided for each of the 10-kb/s streams. Data could be put into those stores at a 10-kb/s rate (one bit every 10 μ s) and could be read out at a 10.2 kb/s rate (every $5 \times 19.6 = 98 \mu$ s). Eventually the store would

get depleted; at that time the multiplexer would let a time slot go by without putting anything into it. At this point it would be essential for the multiplexer to tell the demultiplexer which of the time slots on the high-speed line have been left empty and must be ignored.

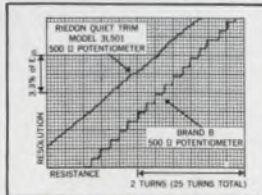
This information would be sent in a special synchronizing slot, or slots, reserved for this purpose on the high-speed line. For the case under consideration, a sixth slot might be added to the multiplexed bit stream; five information streams and one control stream would thus be transmitted together. Of course, the control stream would be timed by the same clock that provides the timing for the high-speed stream so that no possibility of losing control pulses would arise.

This method does not require large buffer stores, it is economical and it's not subject to catastrophic failure. It will work so long as the various input bit streams don't exceed a certain bit rate (10.2 kb/s in the example just cited). If they get too slow, it simply means that a lot of pulses will be wasted, but synchronism will still be maintained. ■■



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Many problems confront data engineers

Dispersion, propagation delay, errors
and channel loading must be
dealt with to send signals efficiently

The bulk of communication systems in use today were not originally designed to handle digital signals. Anyone who wants to use them for that purpose can, but he must compensate for the restrictions they impose if he wants to achieve anything approaching efficient communication. Among the more formidable problems are these:

- Dispersive distortion, which limits the maximum data rate to far less than the channel's theoretical capacity.
- Propagation delay, which is most severe in satellite communication, where it limits the data rate when an error-checking and retransmission procedure is used.
- Error generation.
- Channel loading, a major problem in wide-band communications over common-carrier facilities.

Dispersive distortion gets its name from the fact that it tends to disperse—or spread out in time—signals that were originally narrow pulses. This phenomenon clearly limits the rate at which data can be sent without intersymbol interference. Sufficient time must be provided between pulses to allow for the spreading that the channel is expected to cause.

Dispersion is usually caused by one of two phenomena: multipath distortion or linear distortion. In the case of multipath (Fig. 1), more than one transmission path exists between the transmitter and receiver. Generally there will be a different delay associated with each path, and therefore signal spreading will result. This is what causes ghosts in television reception. If the delay difference of the two paths is sufficiently large compared with a pulse width, two pulses may be received for each one that is transmitted.

Linear distortion is associated with transmission lines in which the phase response is not a linear function of frequency. The delay introduced by such lines is different for different signal frequencies. Since pulse signals contain many different frequencies, they are very easily "smeared" out in time by dispersive lines.

What can be done to reduce or eliminate the effects of delay distortion? One thing that communication companies have been doing for years is to equalize the lines by placing filters in them to cancel out the lines' distortion. Ideally the cascaded phase response of the filter-line combination is linear and distortion is eliminated.

Of course, since no equalizer is perfect, some dispersion always exists in any communication channel. It is up to the communications system designer to decide how much distortion the chan-

nel will be allowed to introduce.

The designers of present telephone networks allowed quite a bit of phase distortion in their specifications because the ear is insensitive to phase differences. Unfortunately, as we have seen, pulse data signals are not insensitive to phase distortion and it's a little too late to change the specifications on the equalizers in the existing networks.

Automatic equalizers reduce distortion

The solution is to add an extra equalizer at the receiving end of the channel. This equalizer can be used to reduce the channel distortion, thereby permitting higher bit rates. The idea works nicely on private lines, but if the user wants to send data through the switched telephone network, he must readjust the equalizer every time he establishes a new connection.

Adjusting an equalizer can be time-consuming; so an automatic equalizer is really the desired solution.^{6,7,8} Such an equalizer measures the distortion of a line as soon as a connection is established and then automatically adjusts itself to minimize the distortion in accordance with some criterion—such as minimum mean-squared difference between the equalized line response and some ideal line response. A higher level of sophistication is embodied in the concept of an *adaptive* equalizer, which *continuously* monitors the line response and is constantly adjusting for any changes that might occur.^{9,10} Adaptive equalization is of particular interest to the military

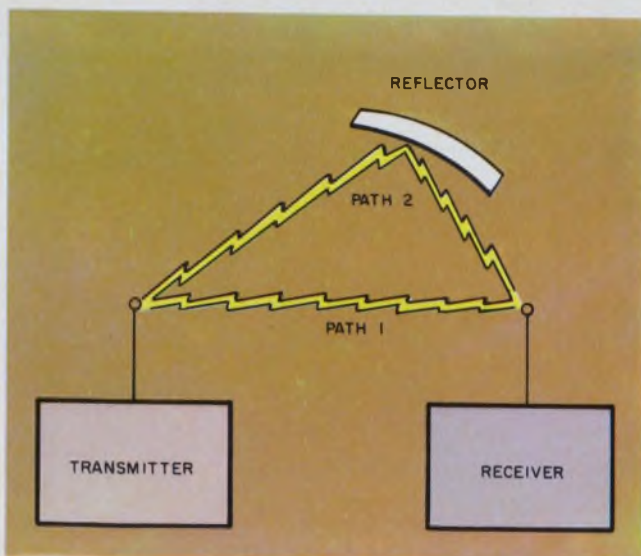
because many of its communication links involve one or more moving parties. A radio link with moving terminals is very likely to be subject to a time-varying multipath situation.

The key to both automatic and adaptive equalizers is the transversal filter (Fig. 2). This is made up of a tapped delay line, an "attenuator" associated with each tap and a summing network. The attenuators are actually amplitude adjustment devices, not merely lossy elements. They can provide loss, gain and polarity adjustment. The delay line is tapped at regular intervals, τ seconds apart. If an impulse, $\delta(t)$, is applied to the input of the transversal filter, the output is given by

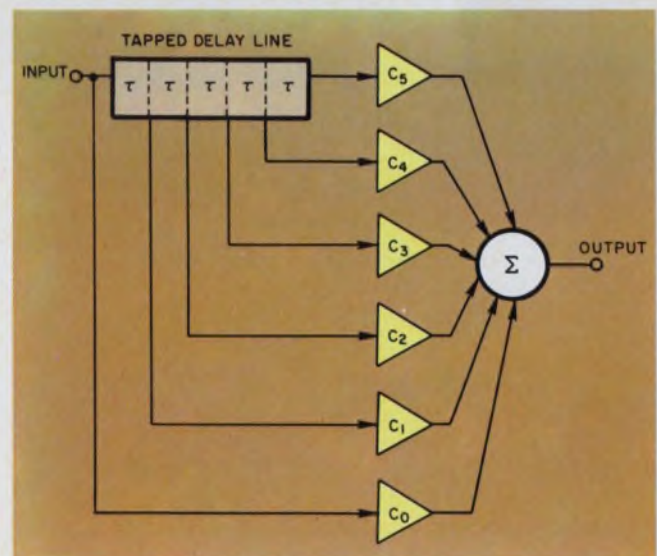
$$h(t) = \sum_{n=0}^N C_n \delta(t-n\tau)$$

This output is a train of impulses spaced τ seconds apart and possessing completely independent amplitudes. Therefore the transversal filter can be set for any desired impulse response whose duration doesn't exceed the total delay of the line and whose spectrum is limited to frequencies below $1/2\tau$ Hz.

For instance, it can be set up to generate a response that is the negative of the impulse response of a given transmission line everywhere except at $t=0$. The response at $t=0$ would be set so that the sum of the transmission line and transversal filter responses is unity at that point. Of course, a low-pass filter, with cutoff frequency $f=1/2\tau$, would be required to convert the impulse chain into the desired response. The filter



1. Multipath distortion results when more than one path exists between transmitter and receiver. The reflector can be almost anything: a building, a mountain or the ionosphere.



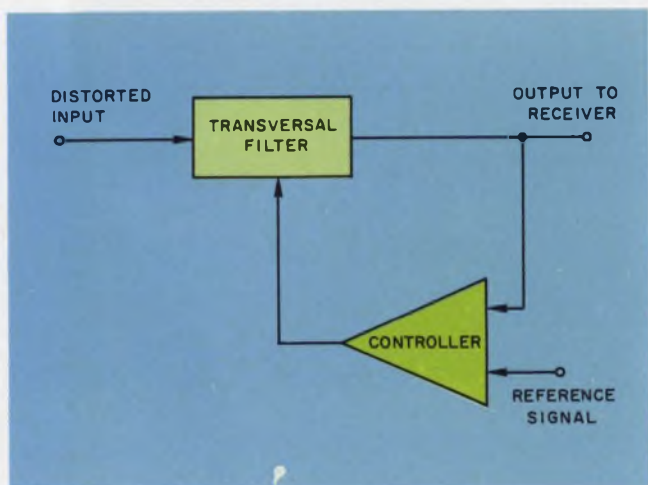
2. Great flexibility in equalizing transmission lines is provided by transversal filters. The filter's impulse response is adjusted by changing the weighting on each tap of the delay line.

does not have to be a separate item if the lines and equipment with which the filter is working are themselves band-limited.

When a transversal filter is used as an adaptive or automatic equalizer, a setup of the type shown in Fig. 3 is needed. In the automatic mode of equalizer operation, a "training" period is employed to adjust the equalizer. During this period a known standard waveform is transmitted and received in distorted form by the equalizer. It is compared with a copy of the (undistorted) original signal, and the resulting error signal is used to adjust the filter. When the training period is over, the control circuitry is disabled and the equalized channel can be used for communication. Of course, should anything happen to the channel's transmission characteristic after the training period, the equalizer will not respond to the change.

In the adaptive mode, the information signal itself is used to adjust the equalizer. This idea can be implemented in synchronous digital systems, where the pulse shapes and spacings are predetermined, even though the actual occurrence of the pulses is not known beforehand. Another equalization scheme, used to accomplish adaptive equalization with nondigital signals, consists of periodically interrupting the information signal and substituting for it a short training signal. While this scheme does not provide truly continuous adjustment, it is good enough for most purposes and does not restrict the type of message traffic that can be handled.

To see how an actual controlled equalizer works let's consider the case of an automatic equalizer. In this case a reference signal is generated, and the received signal must be compared with it.



3. Automatic or adaptive equalization means putting a servo loop around a transversal filter to adjust it to changing line conditions. The reference signal is derived from the input data in an adaptive equalizer; it is locally generated in an automatic one.

Obviously some form of synchronization or timing recovery must be employed to provide a time origin for the reference signal.

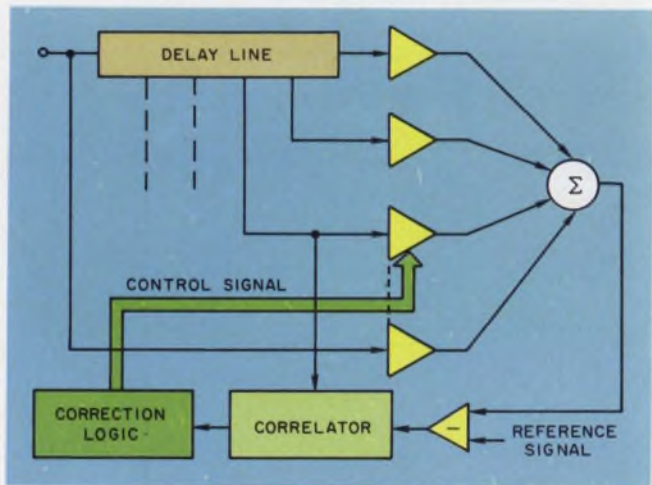
The error signal is formed by simply taking the difference between the reference signal and the equalizer output (Fig. 4). Then the cross correlation coefficient of the error signal and each of the delay line's tap signals is formed. The weighting of each tap signal is adjusted to minimize the cross-correlation of that tap signal with the error signal.

To understand why this procedure works, it is necessary to consider that the signals at the various taps combine linearly to form the error function. Under a mean-squared error criterion, the cross-correlation provides a measure of the systematic contribution of each tap signal to the error signal. Thus when all of the cross-correlation coefficients have been reduced to zero, no further adjustment of the attenuators can reduce the error.¹¹

Propagation delay causes problems

When a transmission link is perfectly equalized, the delay encountered by all of the signals passing through it is the same. It is not, however, zero. There is a propagation delay in transmission that is caused by the finite propagation velocity of radio waves, and there is nothing that can be done to reduce this. However, for certain modes of communication, this delay does cause problems, and they can be reduced with clever design ideas.

The total round-trip delay encountered by a radio signal going through a communications satellite at synchronous altitude is about 300 ms. This doesn't seem like much—it's not a problem



4. The cross-correlation coefficient of the error signal and each of the delay-line tap signals provides a measure of the contribution of each tap signal to the error. Minimizing this coefficient will minimize the distortion of the line.

for voice communication—yet it has caused great concern to people who want to send data. Why?

Because in sending data, it is always desirable to include a certain amount of error detection in the transmitted signal. The data is sent in blocks, the blocks are checked at the receiver site for errors, and a message is sent back to the transmitter either confirming error-free reception or asking for retransmission. This is equivalent to one person asking another to repeat himself during an ordinary telephone conversation.

It is now clear why propagation delay can be a serious problem. Each block of data takes 300 ms to reach the receiver, 300 ms more is spent waiting for the acknowledgements, and additional time might be needed if there is any error in receipt of the acknowledgement.

One way to improve the efficiency of transmission under these circumstances is to increase the length of each transmission block. This will increase the amount of data that is sent between the time-wasting turn-around periods. Unfortunately, however, for a given error rate, the likelihood of error increases as the block length increases. Therefore, for very long block lengths, there is almost certain to be an error in every block and the efficiency will fall to zero as the receiver keeps asking for retransmission of the first data block.

It should be clear from this that for a given error rate and propagation delay, there is an optimum block length (Fig. 5). However, even at this optimum, the efficiency is generally far from 100 per cent, and something further must be done to improve it.

One approach that can be used to solve this problem is to combine the techniques of super

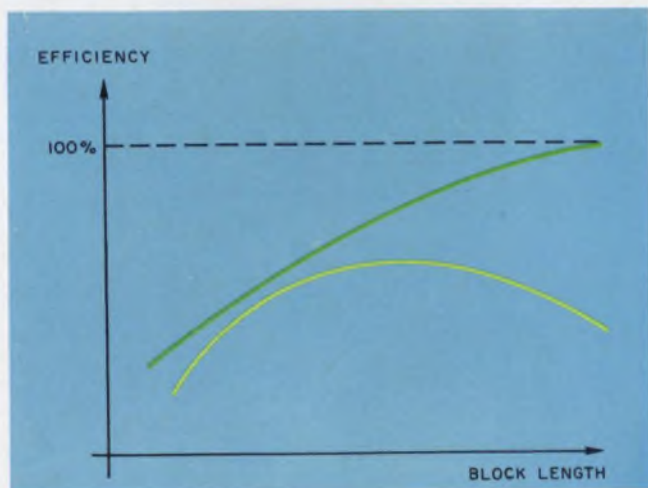
blocking and selective retransmission.

As explained by Harold G. Markey, a systems development division manager with IBM Corp., Research Triangle Park, N. C., this approach involves sending many blocks of data at once, without stopping between blocks, and then asking for the retransmission of only those blocks found to contain errors. Of course, a few identification bits must be added to each block, so they can be referred to by number when retransmission is requested. A drawback of this approach is that it requires very large amounts of buffer storage at the transmission site. The sender must retain all of the data in a superblock until it has all been correctly received. If the sender is planning to keep all of the information anyhow—in a disk or drum file, for example—then the need for much buffering poses no great problem. But if this isn't the case, then the savings of efficient transmission must be weighed against the cost of the necessary buffer memory.

A more attractive alternative in some situations is to use a full duplex communication channel and to employ overlapping responses. A full duplex channel is one in which both communications terminals can send and receive data simultaneously. If the channel and terminal equipment can operate in the full duplex mode, then it is not necessary for the transmitter to stop after each block of data and wait for a reply.

For example, block No. 2 can be sent right after block No. 1. Then, as long as the response to block No. 1 gets back to the transmitter before the transmission of block No. 2 ends, the transmitter can be instructed either to retransmit block No. 1 or to continue with block No. 3.

The drawback of this technique is that rather sophisticated terminal equipment is needed for full duplex operation. An ordinary telephone circuit is a full duplex channel, but the terminal equipment is a human who has to tell the difference between what he's sending and what he's receiving. Machines find this rather difficult to do, and full duplex is usually provided by using two completely independent transmission channels. The overlapping response scheme, therefore, requires a more expensive communications link than the ordinary retransmission techniques do.



5. Errors limit communication efficiency. If there were none, 100% efficiency could be reached (upper line). The lower line shows the effects of errors. As the likelihood of error decreases, the peak gets larger and moves to the right.

Detecting the errors

All of the various schemes for retransmission involve checking the receiver data for errors. There are many ways to do this, and each is applicable under different channel conditions. For example, if the predominant source of error in the channel is white noise, then it is reason-

able to assume that the errors will occur at random and will usually be single-bit errors. Under these conditions the ordinary parity checking procedure is a good one to use.

This involves the addition of an extra "parity check" bit to each character in a message. For example, if the standard American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) is used, each character contains seven information bits and a parity bit. The parity bit is generated for each character by operating on the first seven bits with some specified algorithm. The usual procedure is to add up the seven information bits and then let the parity bit be whatever is necessary to make the sum of all eight bits either even or odd.

Let's say that even parity is used. Then, for the character shown in Fig. 6a, a ONE must be inserted into the parity bit slot. The receiver knows that each received character must have even parity, and so if one of the received bits is in error, it can easily detect this and request a retransmission.

There are two very important ideas in this simple error-detecting procedure:

- Redundancy is being employed to detect an error—that is, a piece of information is being transmitted that can be calculated from previously transmitted information. The effective rate of information transfer has been reduced to increase the reliability of transmission.

- The scheme is limited in the number of errors it can tolerate. It is obvious that two errors in the same character will be interpreted as no errors. That is why this scheme is recommended for use only when the bit errors are expected to occur singly and with a reasonably

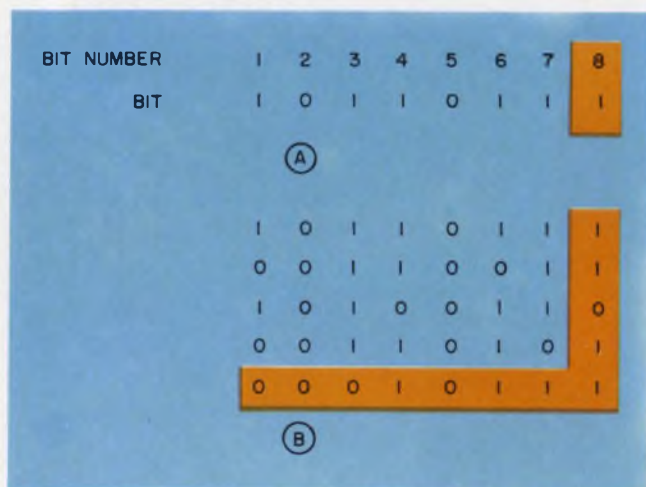
long time between them.

It is logical to ask at this point if increasing the redundancy—adding more redundant bits—can improve the scheme's tolerance of errors. The answer is yes. In fact, if enough redundancy is used, it is possible not only to detect errors but to correct them as well. Let's first see how improved error checking can be done.

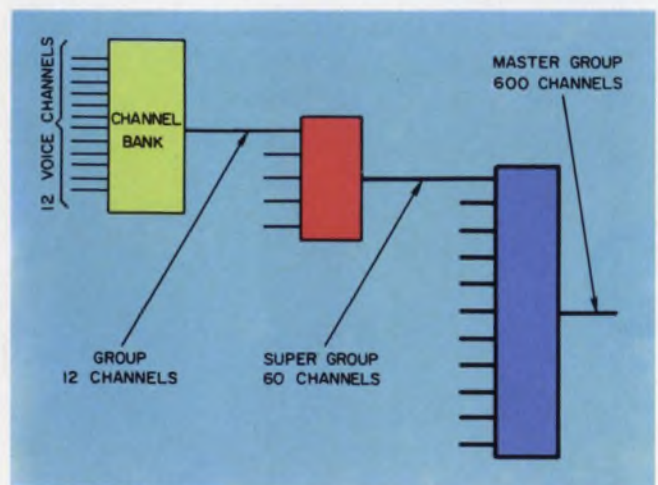
The longitudinal redundancy check

It often happens that errors occur in bursts, rather than singly. The reason for this is that transients (impulses) commonly occur on communication lines, particularly in the switched telephone network. These transients, when introduced into a band-limited channel, are spread out in time in the form of the impulse response of the channel. Thus, unless data is being sent very slowly, each burst of impulsive noise can be expected to affect several bits in a row.

The trick to overcoming this problem is to form the parity check bits from a series of information bits that are not close together in time. One way to do this is to employ longitudinal redundancy checking, as shown in Fig. 6b. In this example, four 7-bit characters have been sent, along with their associated parity bits, in time sequence. The first character is the top row of the matrix, the second is the second row, etc. A fifth character has also been sent. It is entirely derived from the other characters and has been generated so that all of the columns, as well as the rows, have even parity. The significance of this idea is that the column parity checks are done on bits spaced 8 bits apart from each other and are thus not likely to be affected



6. Redundancy can detect errors. In (a) a simple parity check is shown. In (b) longitudinal redundancy is added to increase the resistance to impulsive noise. Even parity is used in both cases.



7. High-speed data can be sent through the voice telephone network by using a wideband carrier as a single data channel. Care must be taken not to overload the carriers and cause intermodulation.

by the same burst of noise.

By pushing these concepts of increased redundancy and operation on nonadjacent bits even further, one can devise codes that can detect many errors and correct a certain number as well.¹²

As is clear from our comparison of random and burst errors, it is necessary to match the error detecting or correcting procedure to the error statistics of the communications channel. Toward this end, the Army has been conducting studies of the error properties of various channels. Bernard Goldberg, chief of the adaptive techniques team of the Communications Automatic Data Processing Laboratory, Army Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J., looks forward to the day when an adaptive coding scheme is devised to change the type of coding as the channel error statistics vary. At present his team is investigating the suitability of various code schemes for different types of channels.

The Army is particularly interested in error-correcting codes, Goldberg explains, because much of its transmission is of the broadcast type, which offers no opportunity for a request for retransmission. Under these circumstances, forward error correction is essentially the only way to improve the reliability of transmission. Another way is simply to decrease the transmitted bit rate, but a well-designed code makes more efficient use of the total transmission time.

Data isn't voice

In addition to the various random, burst and other transmission errors that are not related to the traffic on the communications system, there is the problem of errors caused by intermodulation noise resulting from overloading of voice network. This is not much of a problem when data is sent over a voice-band line, but if wide-band data is to be handled, certain precautions must be taken. Let's see why.

It is generally known that carrier systems are extensively employed in telephony to send more than one message over a single wire pair, cable or radio link. In the Bell System, according to Daniel F. Hoth, director of the Special Transmission Systems Study Center, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Holmdel, N.J., a hierarchy of carrier systems is employed, as shown in Fig. 7. Actually the master groups are then further combined for transmission over cable or microwave radio. But the point is clear that large numbers of voice channels are being transmitted together over wideband facilities.

To make efficient use of carrier facilities, the designers of the Bell System and other voice communication networks take advantage of some of the known statistical properties of human

Extra bits can correct errors

Suppose that a message of m bits is to be transmitted and the sender wants to add enough redundancy to it to correct one error. How many bits should be added? If r redundant bits are added, they will be able to detect and correct 2^r possible contingencies. The total number of contingencies that must be checked is $m+r+1$ (no errors, error in first bit, error in second bit, etc.). Thus r must be chosen to satisfy the relation

$$2^r > m+r+1.$$

It is clear that error correction is not very efficient for short messages but gets increasingly attractive as the message size increases.

For a 4-bit message ($m=4$), three check bits are required. Let's say the message is 1101. How are the check bits to be chosen? One way is to set up a table defining a 3-bit error code. This error code can assume $2^3=8$ different values corresponding to the eight possible error conditions (including the condition of no errors).

One possible form that the table might take is the following:

Error digits			Error location
e_1	e_2	e_3	
0	0	0	No errors
0	1	1	m_1
1	1	1	m_2
1	1	0	m_3
1	0	1	m_4
1	0	0	r_1
0	1	0	r_2
0	0	1	r_3

where the m -bits are the message bits and the r -bits are the redundant bits. From this table, the following equations can be written:

$$e_1 = m_2 + m_3 + m_4 + r_1$$

$$e_2 = m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + r_2$$

$$e_3 = m_1 + m_2 + m_4 + r_3$$

(all of these sums are understood to be modulo 2). Since the no-error condition is to be represented by $e_1 = e_2 = e_3 = 0$, the various r values can be found by setting each of the three above equations equal to zero. This yields:

$$r_1 = m_2 + m_3 + m_4$$

$$r_2 = m_1 + m_2 + m_3$$

$$r_3 = m_1 + m_2 + m_4$$

which, for the message 1101, yields $r_1 = 0$, $r_2 = 0$, and $r_3 = 1$.

The transmitted message, complete with redundancy, is therefore 1101001.

Now let's see what happens if an error sneaks in. As an example, assume that the incorrectly received message is 1001001. Plugging these numbers into the three error-bit equations yields $e_1 = 1$, $e_2 = 1$, $e_3 = 1$. Consulting the table, we can see that this means that m_2 is in error. Therefore, we change it from a ZERO to a ONE, and the error is corrected.

Many services available

A variety of commercial services are already available for data communication—and at relatively low cost. Most of the transmission facilities are supplied by the Bell System, but quite a few manufacturers, in addition to Bell, make the data modems needed to convert the data signals into a form suitable for transmission over a telephone line.

Until Jan. 1 of this year, modems made by non-Bell System companies could be used only over private lines. Since then, however, Federal Communications Commission Tariff No. 263 has allowed customers to supply their own modems for use on the switched telephone network as well.

For this setup, Bell supplies a service called a Data Access Arrangement, which includes a small interfacing box that contains some diode clipping circuitry to prevent overloading of the phone lines. The Data Access Arrangement costs only \$2 a month to rent.

A basic teletypewriter costs about \$700 and a low-speed (300 b/s) modem, about \$350. Thus, for a little over \$1000, plus \$2 a month, anyone can have a teletypewriter data terminal attached to his telephone. By making suitable arrangements with a computer utility, this teletypewriter terminal can give the user access to a large time-shared computer right from his office or his home.

Using the switched voice network, the fastest data rates available today are on the order of 2000 b/s. Several manufacturers have indicated that they expect to extend that figure by using adaptive equalization. Speeds of up to 9600 b/s have been reported over specially conditioned private voice lines.

For really high bit rates, special wideband channels can be leased from the telephone company. These channels, which must be used with Bell System modems, can provide bit rates as high as 250 kb/s. With the exception of Dataphone 50, all of these high-speed services are provided strictly on a private-line basis. The Dataphone 50 is an experimental dial-up service working at speeds up to 50 kb/s.

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speech. They know, for example, that the average phone user talks only about 25 per cent of the time. Fifty per cent of the time he is listening. And in the remaining 25 per cent of the time he is pausing or remaining silent. Also, the average volume of a talker varies over a range of 40 dB, depending on who's doing the talking and what he has on his mind.

In selecting the operating levels for the carrier systems, the designers use the average values for a large number of talkers. The gains and saturation levels of the broadband amplifiers are adjusted to provide good performance under average conditions, with sufficient margin so that poor performance occurs only a small fraction of the time.

In selecting the carrier levels for the various carrier stages, the designers assume, of course, that a fairly uniform distribution of power over the bandwidth of the channel will be maintained.

As you might guess by now, the statistics of data transmission are not the same as those for voice. When a data set is on the air, it usually puts out a signal until it's finished, and then it stops. Furthermore its average power output level is the same as its minimum and maximum levels. And worst of all, during periods when a synchronous data set is not sending information, it may want to remain in synchronism with its receiver; so it sends a periodic "framing" or sync signal. This is hardly a random waveform; it has most of its energy concentrated at one frequency.

The trouble with sending a single frequency over a wideband channel is that the amount of noise in the channel will overpower the signal



Data communication today: This IBM 2265 display station can be connected to most System/360 computers through ordinary voice telephone lines.

unless the signal is quite strong. But if enough energy is concentrated at one frequency to overcome the broadband noise, the amplifiers in the carrier system which are limited in power density as well as in total power, will be overloaded and intermodulation noise and crosstalk will result. Thus if a 48-kHz group channel is carrying wideband data and the transmitter sends a periodic framing signal without lowering its total power output from its normal random-data level, cross modulation may occur between two voice channels that happen to be sharing the same supergroup or master group. Under sufficiently bad conditions, the crosstalk may even be intelligible.

Signal scramblers save the day

What can be done to overcome these problems? As Jerry Randell, group manager of communications in the Univac Div. of Sperry Rand Corp., Philadelphia, explains, he doesn't want to redesign his computers to accommodate the peculiarities of the transmission system. If he's leasing an expensive communications channel and wants to send a periodic signal over it, he believes he should be able to.

The solution is actually quite simple. Scramblers are employed to add a pseudo-random bit stream to the desired bit stream on a bit-by-bit basis. A device at the receiving end of the channel contains a stored replica of the pseudo-random signal and uses this to recover the desired message. Since a random signal remains random even when a periodic signal is added to it, the actual transmitted signal has an appropriately wide frequency distribution and doesn't disturb the channel.

Overloading is not a big problem on voice channels because the noise bandwidth is not too great. This means that, even at the reduced levels that must be employed when pure tones are transmitted, no problems in reception are usually encountered. The main factors to consider in this case are the total power limitation (about 12 dB lower for data than for voice) and the avoidance of certain frequencies which are used for signaling.

As Hoth of Bell Laboratories explains, avoidance of the signal frequencies doesn't mean that no energy can be sent at those frequencies. It just means that the energy at any one of them should not exceed the total energy in the rest of the band. The switching system only considers a signaling tone to have been received when the tone power is more than half of the total received power, Hoth explains.

In addition to solving the framing signal problem, the scrambler, by ensuring that transitions are always occurring in the data stream, also

solves the problem of providing clock recovery when no data is being sent. As Univac's Randell points out, some early data modems could not tolerate the transmission of more than 50 consecutive ZEROS in an even parity system, because this means that there would be no data transitions for the clock in the receiver modem to synchronize itself with. However, since the scrambler puts out a signal even when there is no input, this problem is eliminated. ■■

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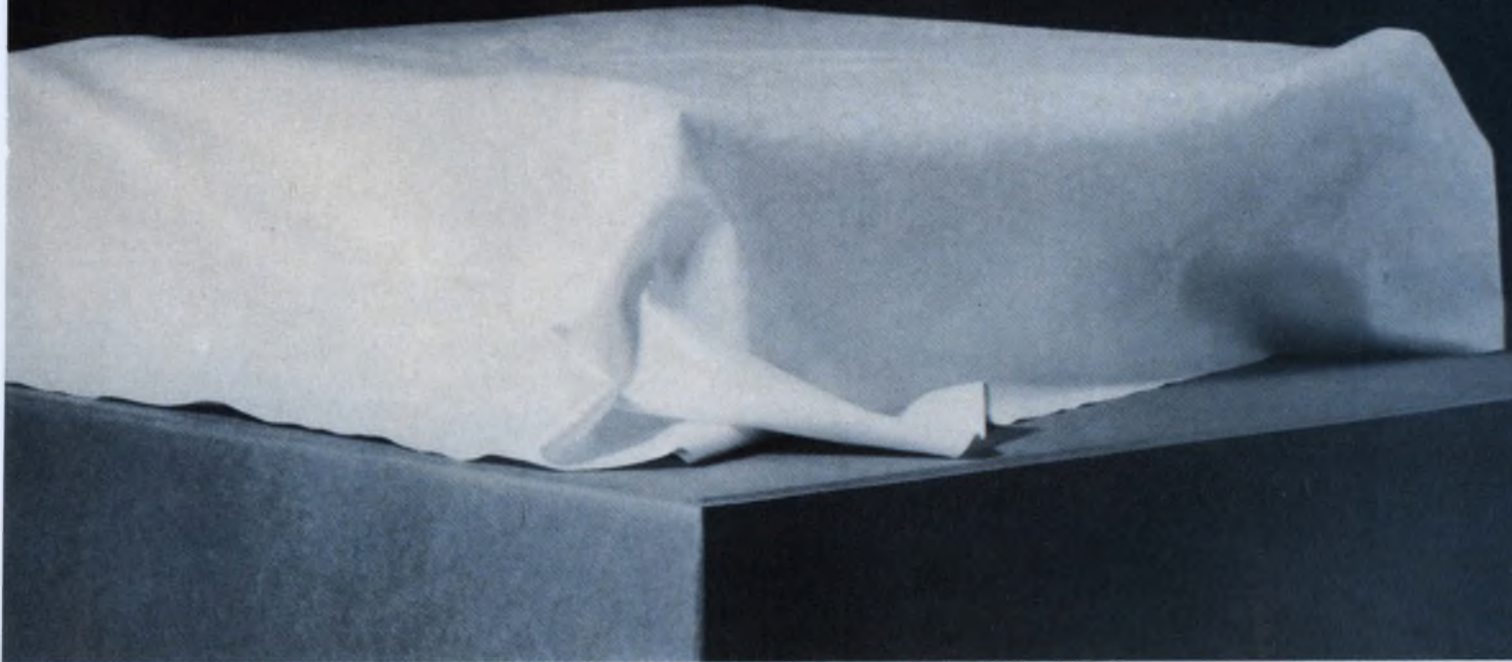
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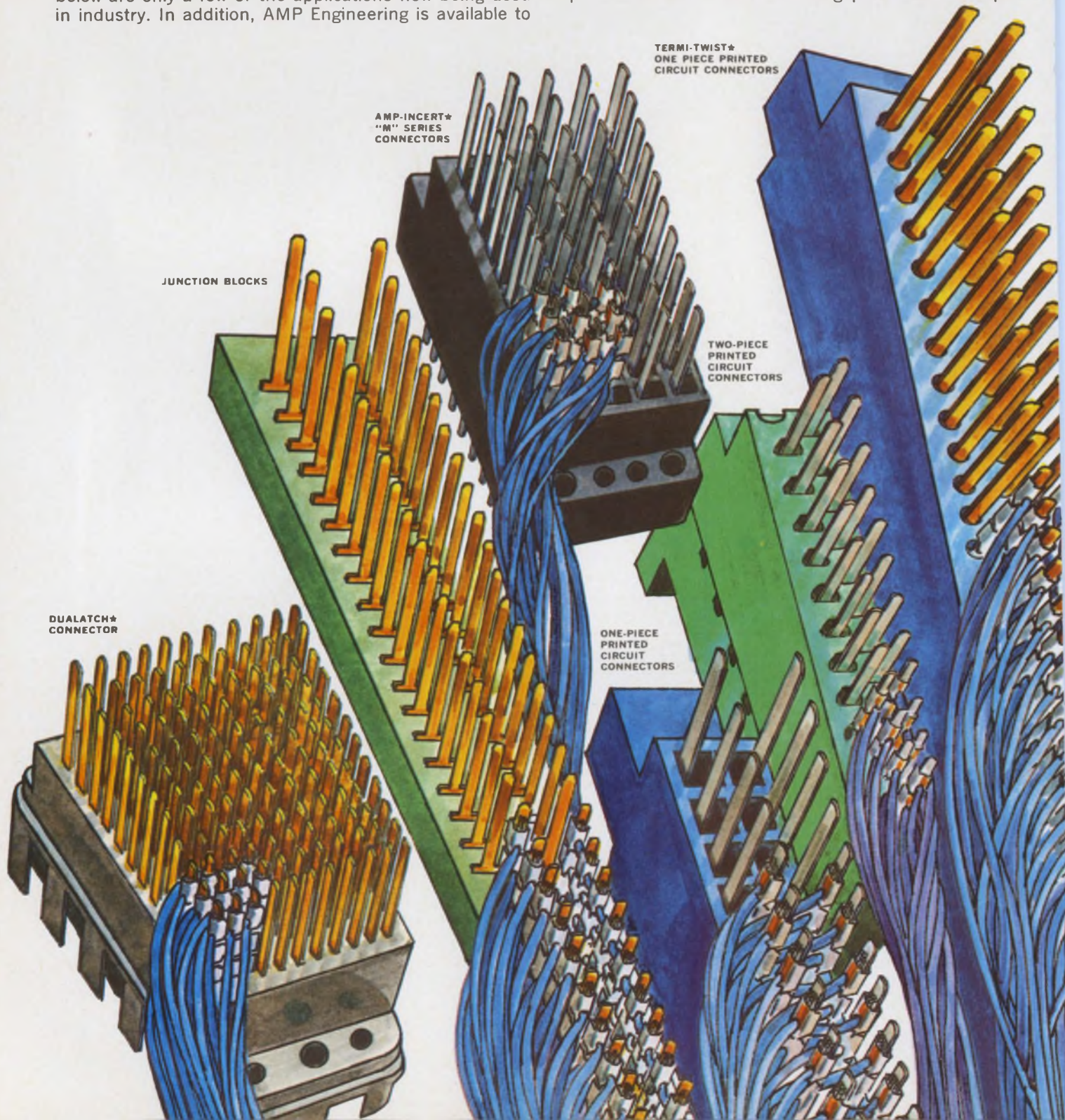
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Every time an Apollo spacecraft boils up from a launching pad at Cape Kennedy and arches into space, more than 600,000 miles of circuitry around the world clicks and hums with activity. Voice, analog and digital data race over this network, along with teleprinter messages. It is NASA's communications, tracking and data-acquisition complex, and its performance, according to L. R. Stelter, Chief of the Communication Div. at the Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md., is 99.92 per cent reliable.

To meet such demands, the system is fully controlled by digital computers, and critical electronic subsystems and communications circuits are redundant. But its success depends in large measure, too, on advance planning in the space

agency. Designers had to anticipate a requirement for handling a vast data flow in real time.

NASA's Associate Administrator for Manned Space Flight, Dr. George E. Mueller, notes: "The computer complex that handled the Mercury flights performed 1 million calculations a minute. Today's Apollo system handles 50 times that many—50 million a minute, 80 billion a day."

No longer can space agency commands be sent by voice alone, and no longer can spacecraft performance and biomedical data be processed after a flight. Mueller says: "We have to know on a real-time basis . . . how fast the hearts of the astronauts are beating . . . how much oxygen they are using and how their muscles are responding to their strange environment."

So NASA invented a new kind of "system," one connecting sensors to computers, to a communica-

tions network, and ultimately to Mission Control at the Manned Spacecraft Center near Houston, Tex. The fallout from this advance is already evident.

"A half dozen newly formed companies are manufacturing adapted space-created instruments for the use of doctors and hospitals here on earth," Mueller notes.

An evolutionary system

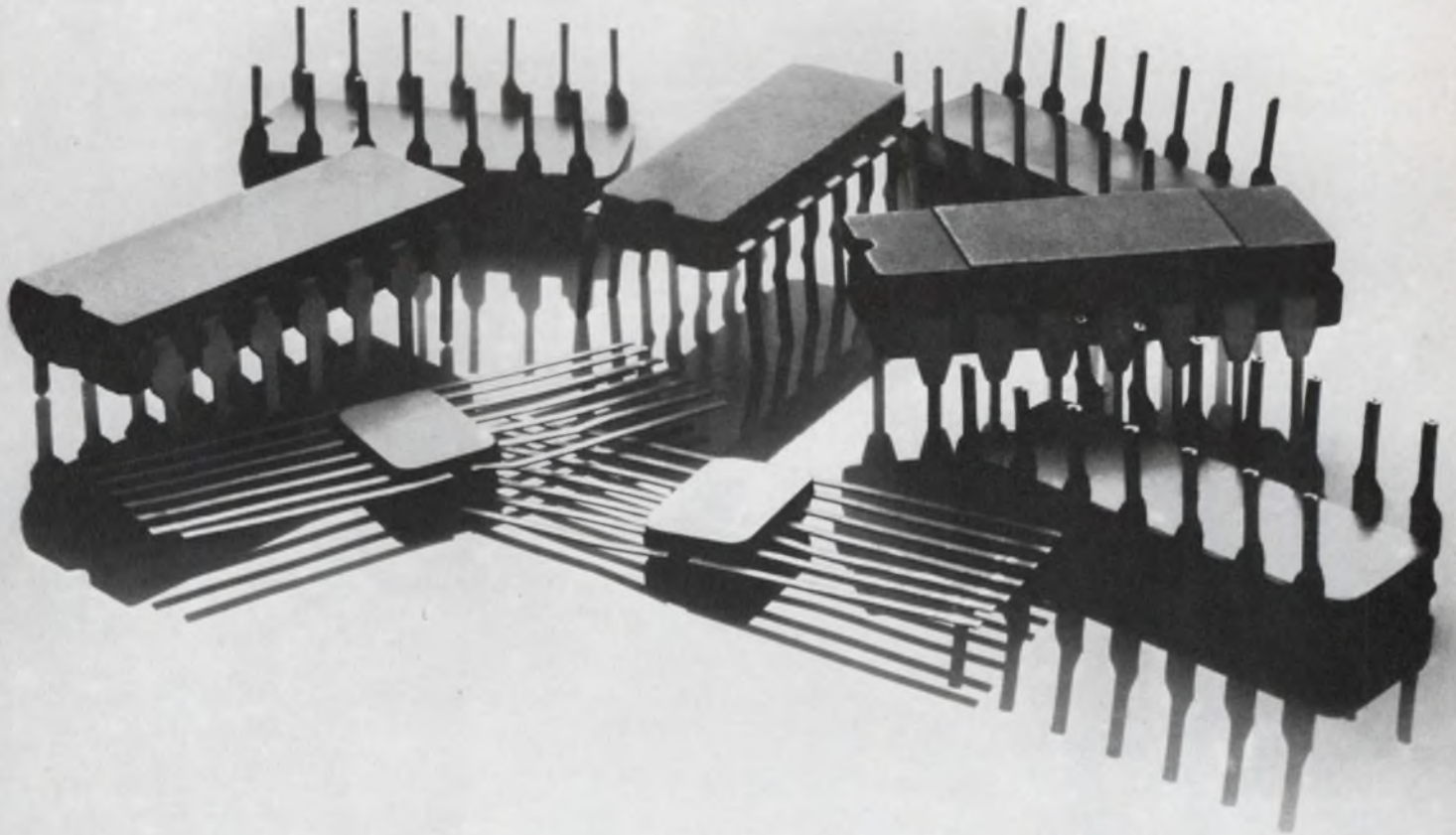
In the early days of the manned space program, the communications-computer support for Project Mercury was relatively simple. By the time Astronaut John Glenn had become the first American to orbit the earth, the total network consisted of 16 land stations.

"At that time we placed our first computer on the network," recalls H. William Wood, Chief of the Manned Flight Operations Div. at Goddard. "We really didn't use it as a computer. No computations were performed on site, but we used it to format data to send back to the control center and to display



RTCC, the Real Time Computer Complex, at NASA's Apollo Mission Control Center in Houston is one of the world's largest digital processing facilities. A portion of the five IBM System/360-75s employed is shown in this

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The beginning of today's system really had its start in the Gemini program in 1964. Gerald M. Truszynski, NASA's Associate Administrator for Tracking and Data Acquisition, recalls: "The addition of digital data processing and digital command equipment increased the flight control capabilities of individual network stations and permitted a reduction in the number of stations used for Gemini support."

The network at that time consisted of 12 stations. Despite an improved capability during Gemini flights, Truszynski notes: "It was not possible to transmit in real time the volume of data required for flight-control decisions."

When the Gemini network intro-

duced the first computers, Sperry Rand's Univac Div. provided 14 Model 1218 systems for telemetry receiving—one for each remote tracking station. Univac also provided Model 418 computers for the four regional switching centers and a 494 computer for the primary message switching center at Goddard.

Yet data flow then was really very low. Wood says: "For Gemini, we received what might be thought of as a small paperback novel in one minute. For Apollo, we receive, normally, 51.2 thousand bits of information per second. This might be thought of as a small encyclopedia every minute."

A multiplicity of computers

Following Gemini, the manned space flight network added well over 100 digital computers (see table). Over 70 of these, installed in 15 stations around the world, are classed as medium to large

general-purpose systems.

Fourteen remote stations, four instrumented ships and eight instrumented aircraft are required in the network. Goddard is responsible for the entire operation and handles all communications between the spacecraft and the Mission Control Center in Houston. Wood estimates the cost of the entire network at approximately \$550 million.

NASA communications support for Apollo missions is based on use of the unified S-band system as the primary link, with vhf as backup. For near-earth operations, antennas 30 feet in diameter are used; for translunar and lunar operations, three dual 85-foot dish stations, spaced 120 degrees apart around the earth, are employed.

All tracking, telemetry, communications and command functions are provided through a single carrier frequency in each direction for both the command and service modules and the lunar module: up-link, 2090-2120 MHz; down-link, 2270-2300 MHz. Two sets of frequencies, separated by 5 MHz, are required on each directional link. The down-link is referred to as "telemetry," the up-link as "command."

To get data to and from the remote tracking ships and range ships, each station has four full-duplex, 2.4-kilobit-per-second circuits. All data is transferred via a variety of communication links between Univac computers at the remote sites to computers at Goddard and finally to the Houston computer facility. In general, pre-processing and communications computers are Univac equipment; the real-time processing computers at Goddard and at Houston are by IBM.

These facilities combined handle all processing required by the Apollo spacecraft for launching, telemetry, orbital computation trajectory determination, mission planning, digital command and re-entry. They also are used for simulations and training. The Houston systems serve in all functions of mission control; the Goddard systems are used to calibrate and check the global network and to evaluate data received during each mission.

Together, all these systems con-



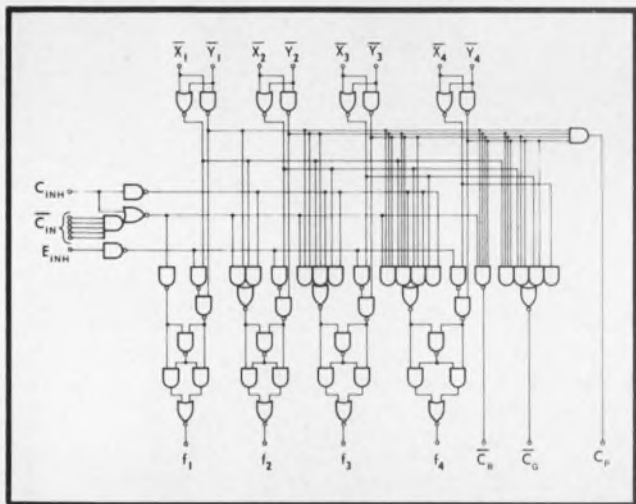
Redundancy is the name of the game. Here, at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center one Univac 494 is actually in use, one is on hot standby and a third is off-line backing up the other two.

Table. Apollo computer distribution

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Manned Spaceraft Center (Houston, Tex.)	1	4	3	5	2	5
Goddard Space Flight Center (Greenbelt, Md.)	5	3	3	2	1	2
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Stelter discloses that during the Apollo 8 flight last December, 1148 digital commands were sent from Houston to the orbiting spacecraft. Of these, he reports, only one command was rejected during validation by a remote station because of a detected error.

Stelter asserts: "This was phenomenal. More normal was the situation in the Apollo 9 flight in February—4651 digital commands with 26 rejects." In general, he says, these errors were probably caused by minor transmission or temporary computer anomalies.

The quantity of data handled during an Apollo mission is large but not considered staggering. In Apollo 8, Stelter says, 10 billion bits of data passed between the Univac 494 computers at Goddard and Mission Control in Houston. The data normally is sent in blocks of 600 bits at high speed. Of the more than 16 million blocks transmitted, Stelter estimates, errors requiring retransmission were detected in roughly 13,000 blocks. Thus the error rate, Stelter figures, "based on valid through-put data, was 99.92 per cent."

In designing, installing and combining this worldwide system, NASA apparently encountered few interface problems. Stelter notes: "We've never had any major hardware interfacing problems associated with the individual systems themselves. Rather, it's been one of format. Software has proved to be the key to handling and avoiding

interface problems. Formats employed must be identified and agreed on by all users."

He acknowledges one difficulty with peripheral equipment. A need developed for the introduction of polynomial buffer terminals for

use between the Goddard and Houston interfacing computers, Univac Model 494s. The problem, solved by Univac, centered on the interface with the high-speed, 50-kilo-bit links at each center required for error checking. ■■



This 30-foot diameter antenna is part of NASA's Unified S-band communications system. It is used for near-earth operation—tracking and communicating with the Apollo spacecraft during launch.



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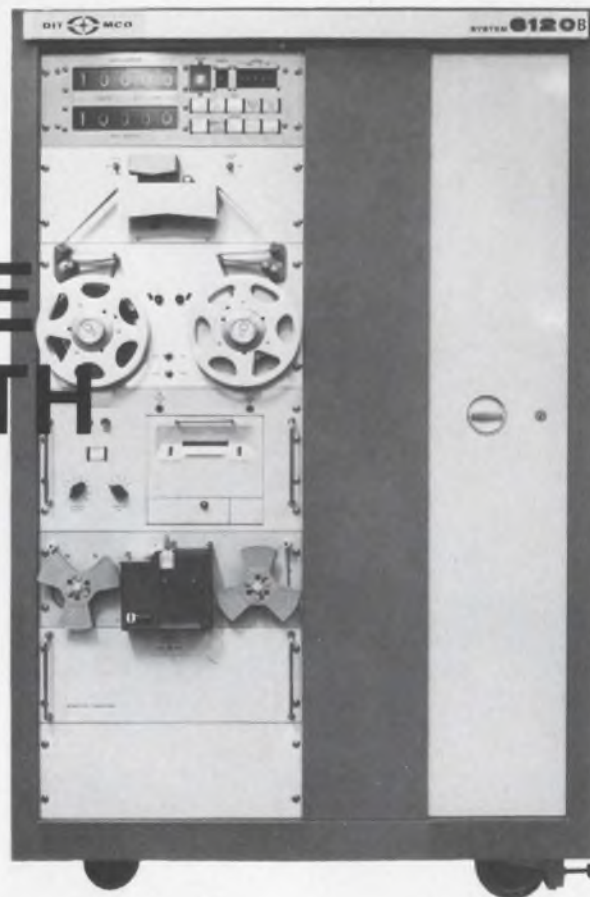
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An increasing number of desk calculators (and related equipment) are using MOS shift registers for data storage or memory. In most cases the earlier equipment used delay lines for this function. In the transition, it was a natural tendency to use a configuration similar to that used with delay lines. This was reinforced by the penalty of MOS-bipolar interfacing with the earliest MOS registers.

The use of "100" material by National has produced directly compatible MOS/TTL registers. Now the MM415/515 has a structure that utilizes the freedom of the MOS register with the direct bipolar compatibility to simplify the hardware necessary for arithmetic operations.

MM415/MM515 CONFIGURATION

The MM515 is a triple 64 bit MOS shift register. Each of the three registers has independent control over recirculating data or loading from an external source. In addition to the normal 64 bit output, an early 60 bit output is available for each register. While other functional uses are the primary objective, a number of delay line lengths may be made with the device by connecting the 60 or 64 bit sections in series. The pin diagram of Figure 1 illustrates the ease of interconnection, particularly for a 192 bit delay line. (Input to Pin 1, Pin 3 to Pin 4, Pin 6 to Pin 7, Pins 2, 4, and 9 to GND, Output on Pin 10.)

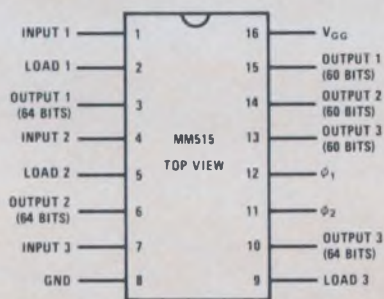


FIGURE 1. 16 Pin DIP

The primary usage of the device is as working registers in a digit and bit serial format of 16, 4 bit, coded numbers. The three registers are sufficient for the basic arithmetic operations. As an example, one contains the multiplier, one the

multiplacand, and the other receives the product. Normally these registers will recirculate with no data change. However during the execution of certain steps of an arithmetic algorithm the data will be loaded under a control command. The input may be a digit from the keyboard, the contents of another register, cleared (or zeroed) data, or the output of an adder. Figure 2 is an example

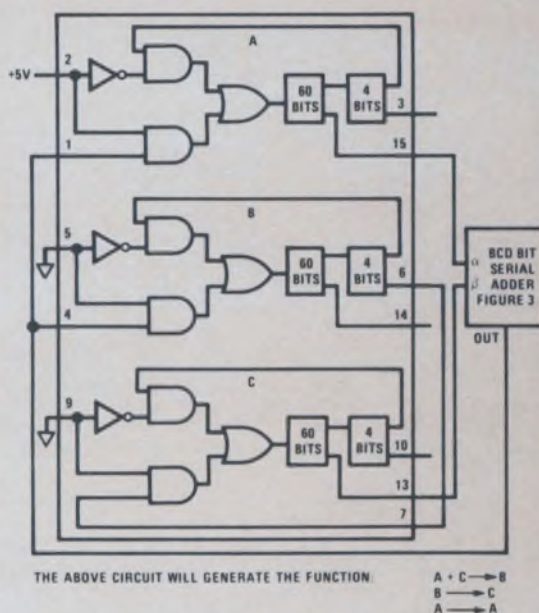


Figure 2. Typical Arithmetic Configuration

showing some of these modes of operation. The three registers are labeled A, B, and C. The data input to A and B is connected to the output of the adder. The load control input to register 1 (Pin 2) is at a logic "0" while the load control for register B (Pin 5) is at a logic "1". This forces the A register to recirculate while the B register is loaded with the output of the adder. With a logic "1" on the load control for C (Pin 9) and the output of B (Pin 6) to the input of C (Pin 7) data would be transferred from the B register to the C register. With these connections and control levels the following data movement occurs during the time the controls are active. A register is recirculated through its internal feedback path. The B register is transferred to the C. The sum of the A and the C registers will be placed in the B.

Special emphasis should be placed on the outputs used for the adder from the A and C registers. To best understand the need for the data out of the 60 bit top, examine Figure 3. In performing coded decimal arithmetic operations, a correction is necessary in addition if the result is greater than 9, or in subtraction, if a borrow is not generated. When a bit serial configuration is used it is necessary to wait until the last bit (T_4) is available before it is known whether correction is needed. One of the simpler methods of handling this is to store the result in a four bit shift register, as shown in Figure 3. During the final bit time of the digit

of the data and it must be right shifted to get it back in "sync" with the remainder of the data. This complicates the timing and control circuitry in addition to taking some time in a synchronous common clock system.

By taking the output from the 60 bit taps, the data is available 4 bits earlier. If the selection of this data is accomplished at the proper time, the output of the adder/subtractor is correct in time to be inserted back into the result register. Referring to Figure 2, the 60 bit output of the A and C registers (Pins 15 and 13) are used for the inputs to the adder.

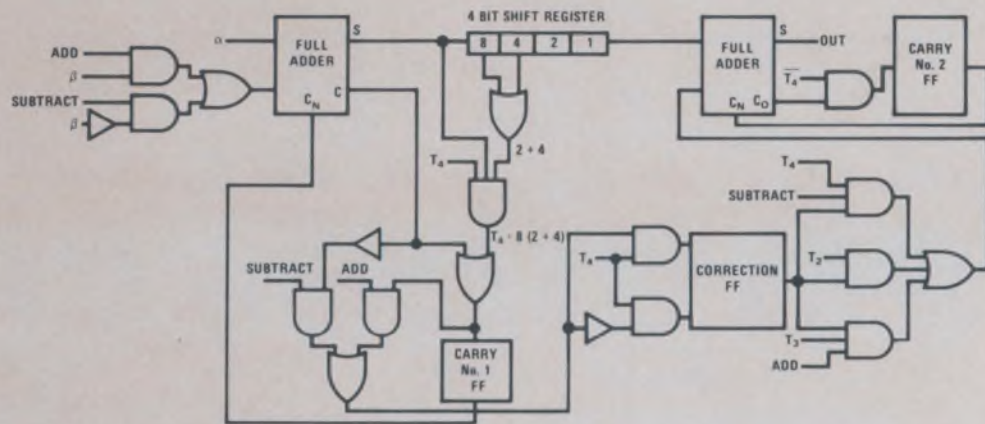


FIGURE 3. Bit Serial Adder/Subtractor

(T_4), the digit is examined for potential correction. If this is required, the correction FF is set and during the next four bit times the proper value is added to the result of this operation so that the output is available four bit times after it went into the adder/subtractor.

If a normal register/adder configuration is used, the result of the addition (or subtraction) is delayed by four bits. This amounts to a left shift

Figure 4 provides a more general configuration for the arithmetic operation. Signals g and h select the second source of data for the adder/subtractor. Addition/subtraction is selected by signal i. These signals must be activated four bit times before the other control signals (a - f) that control data flow.

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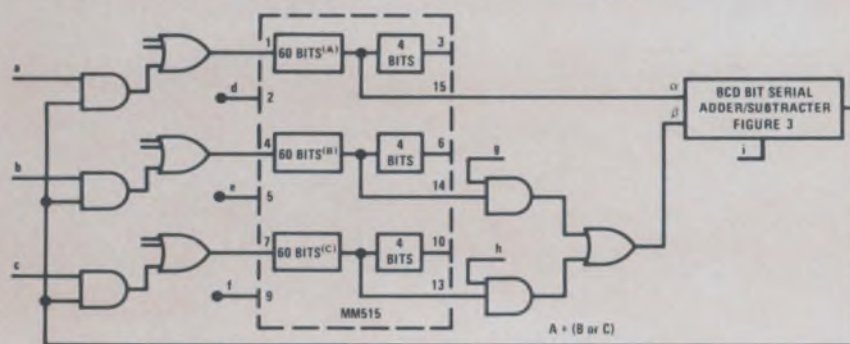


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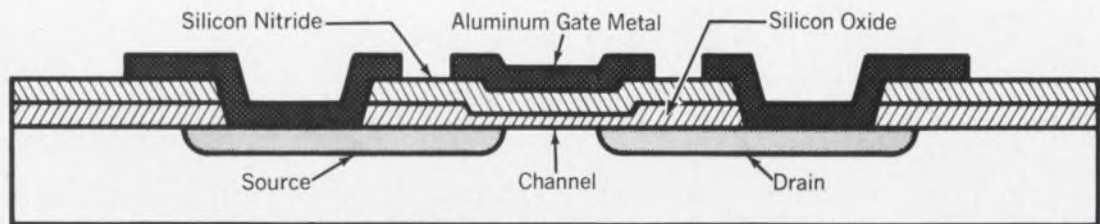
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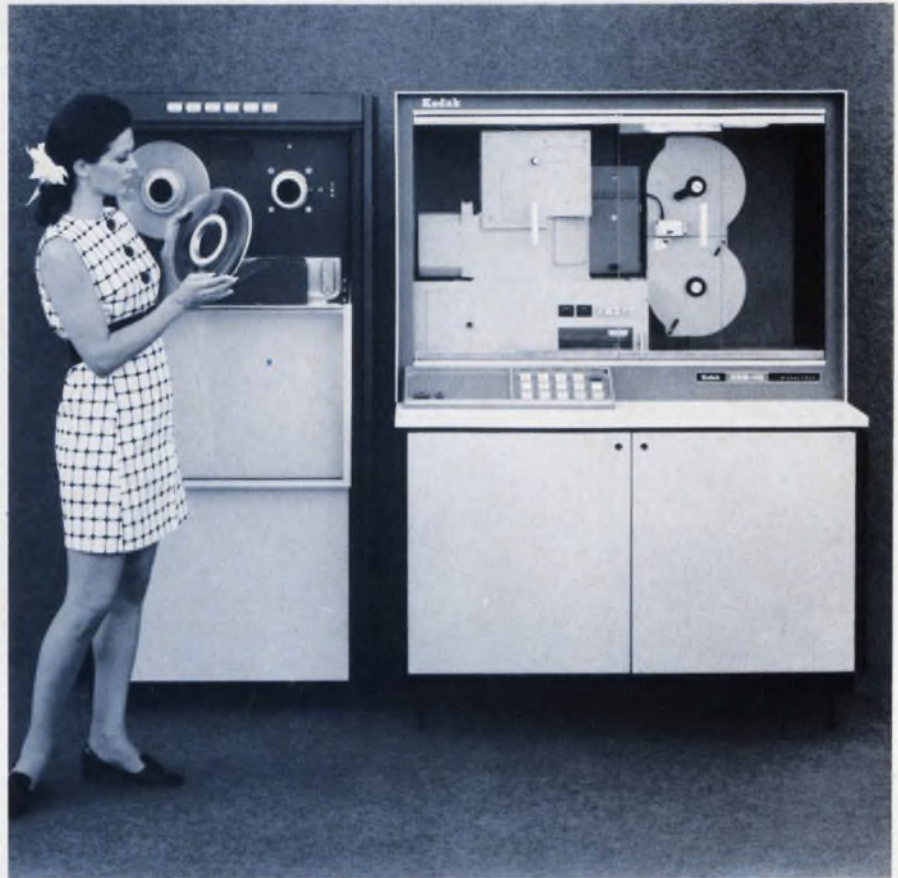
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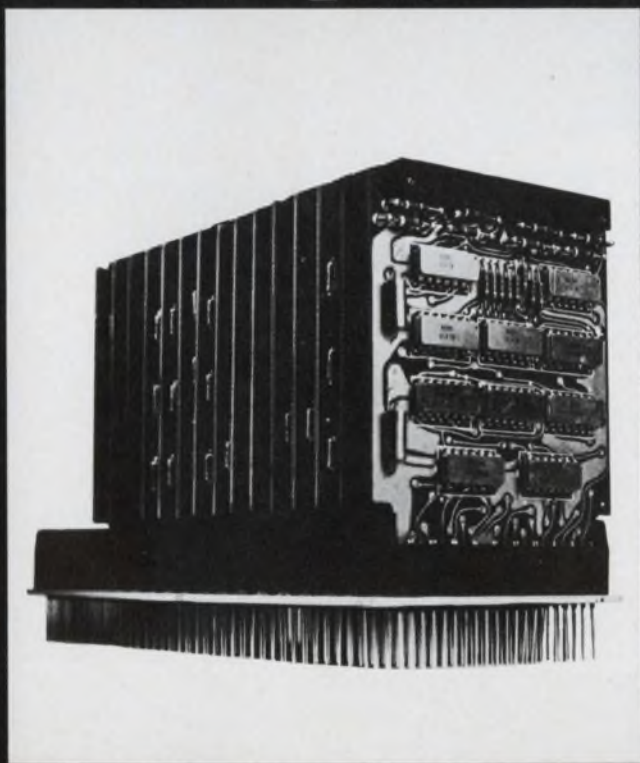
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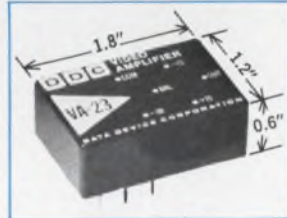
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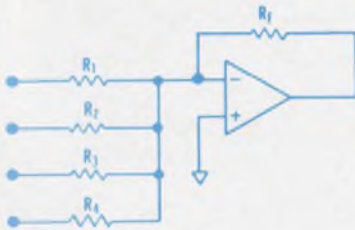
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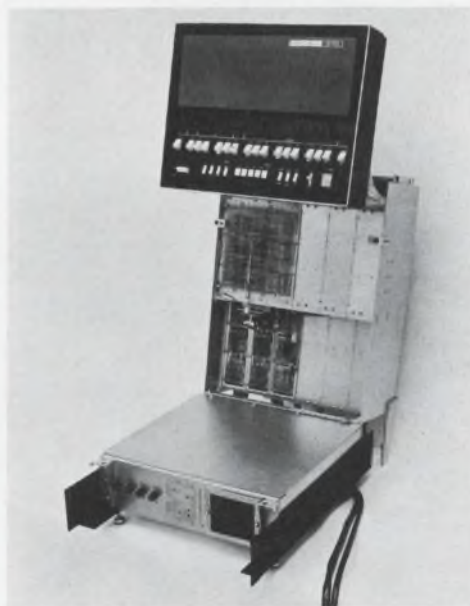
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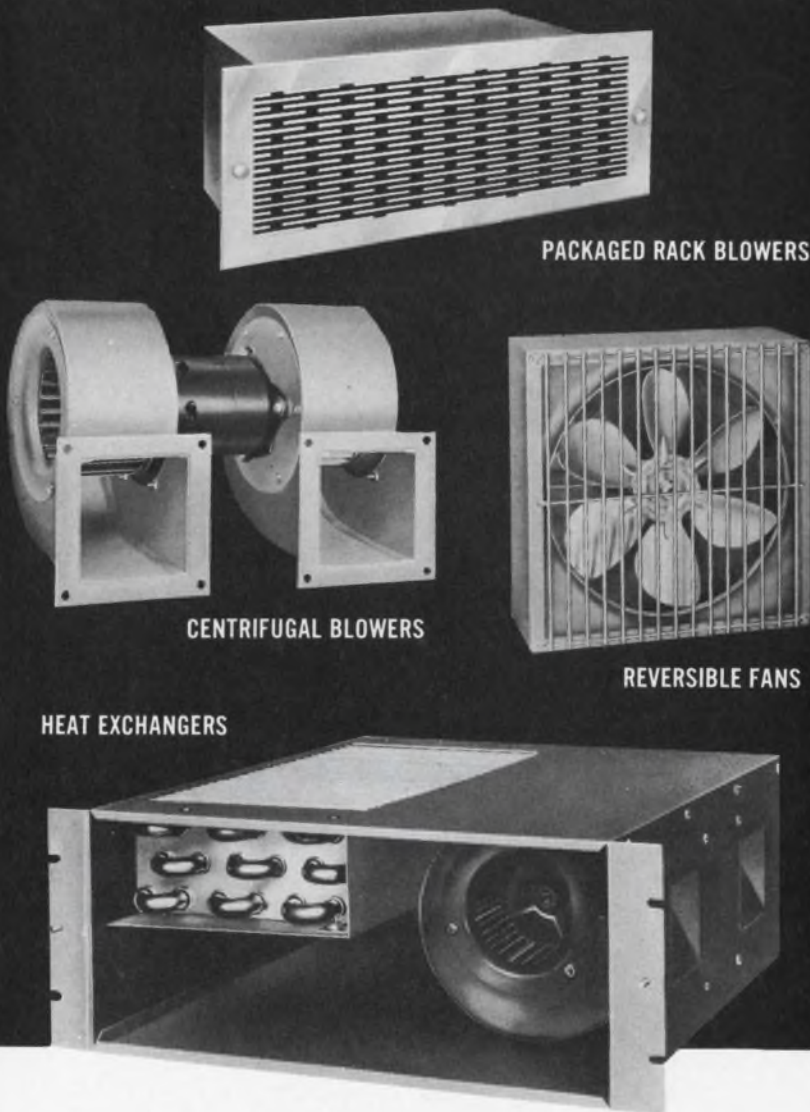
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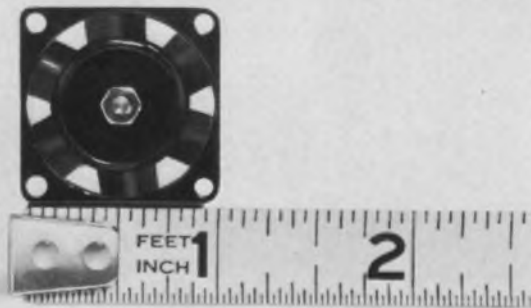
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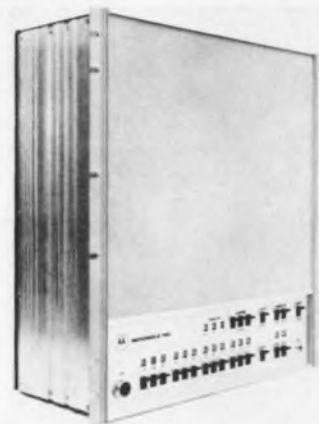
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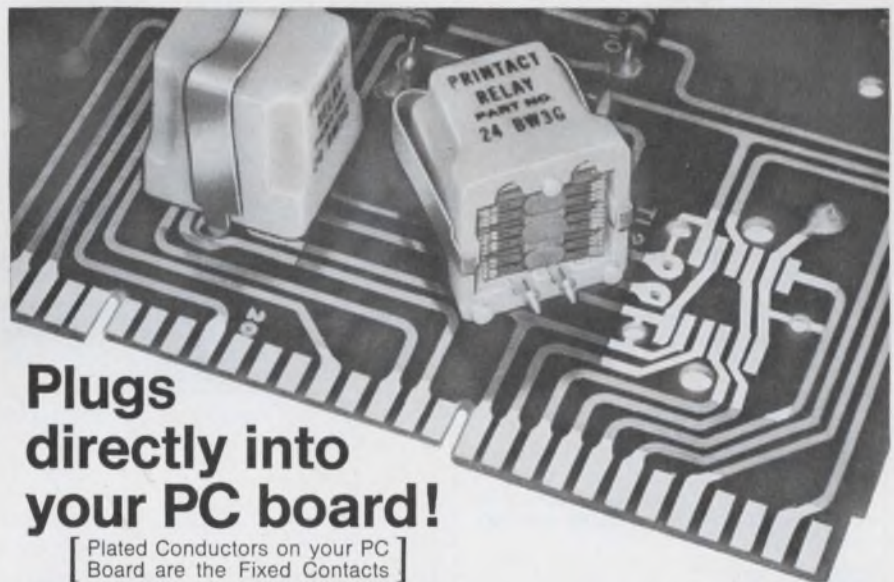
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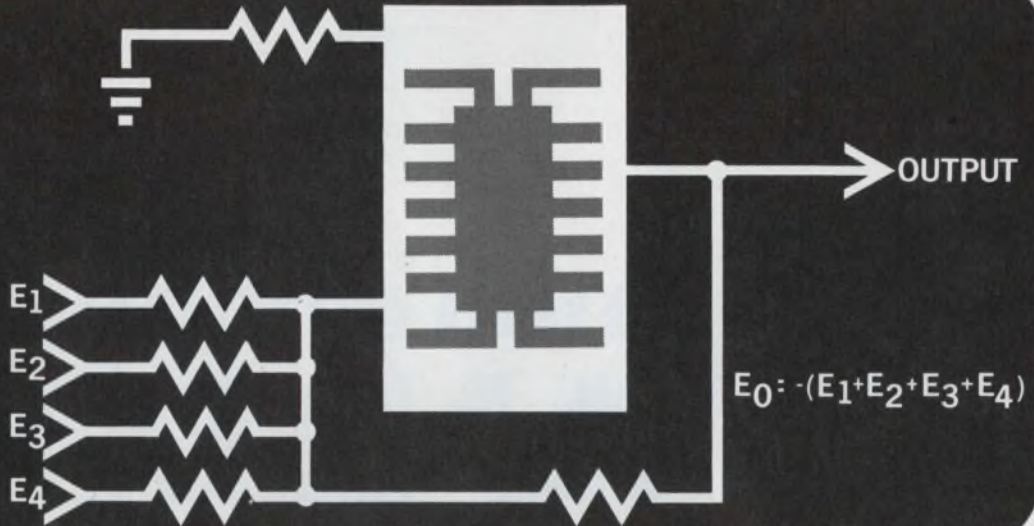
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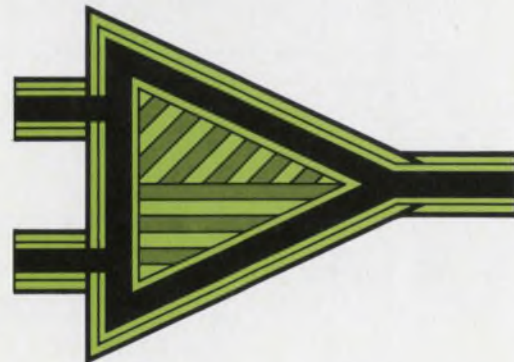
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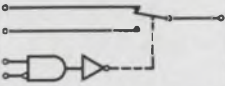
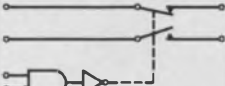


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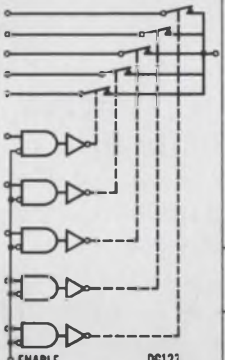


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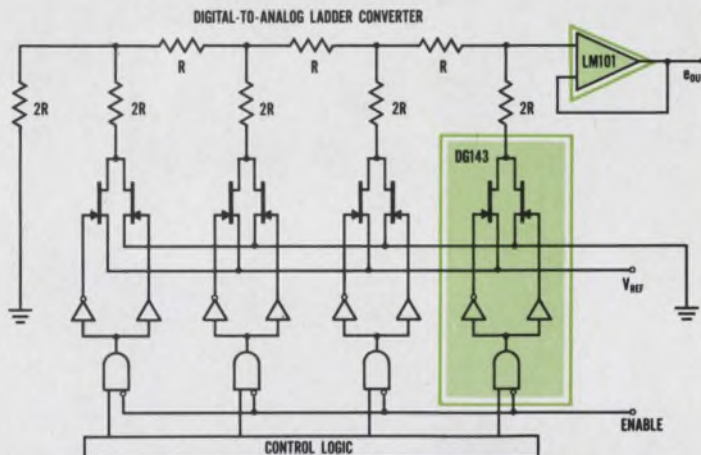
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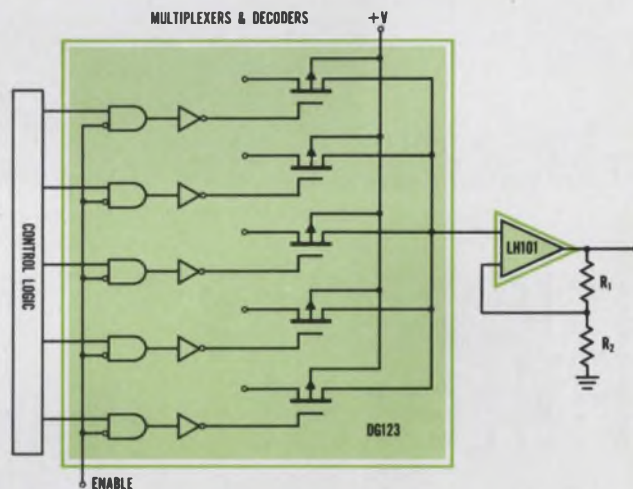
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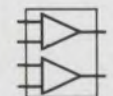
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Two memory systems interface computers

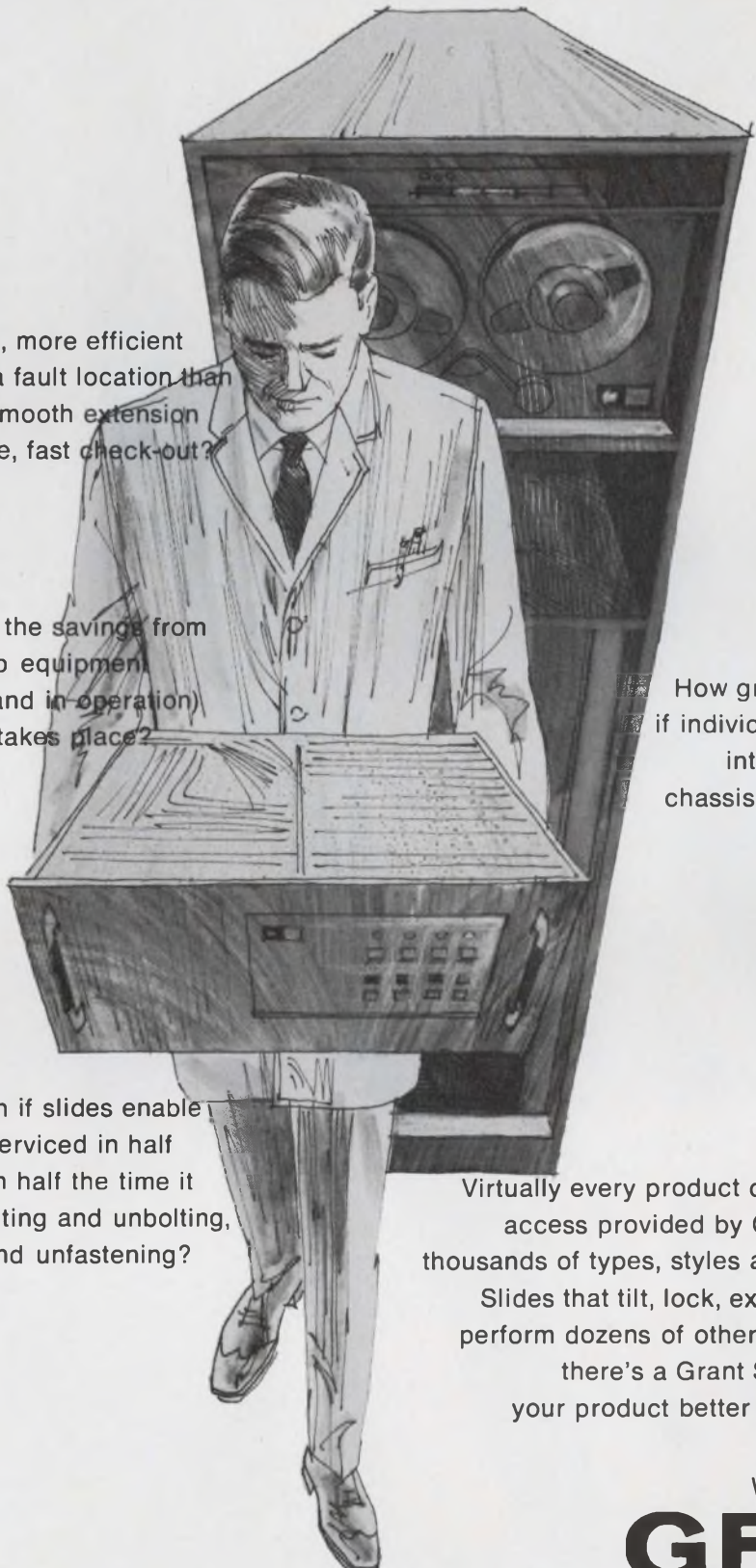
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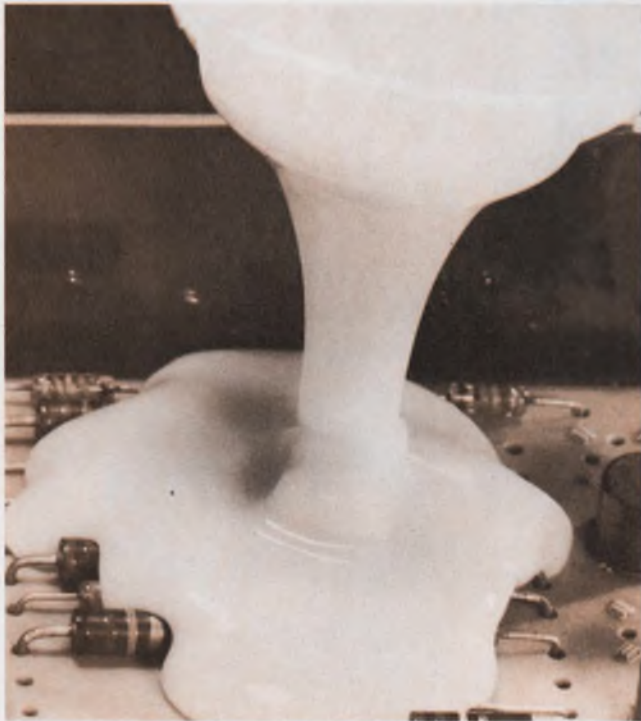
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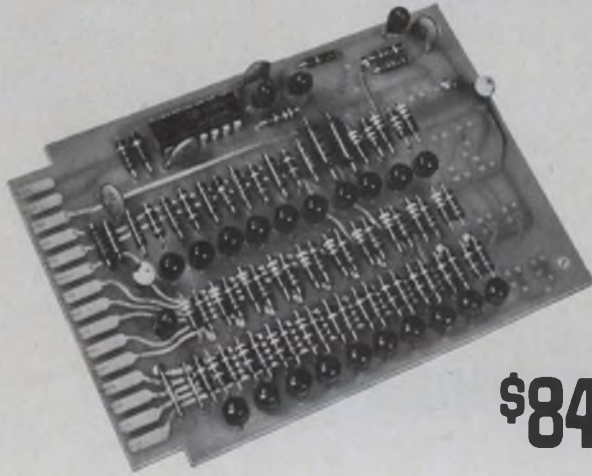


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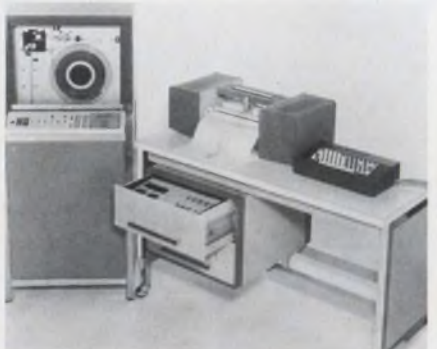


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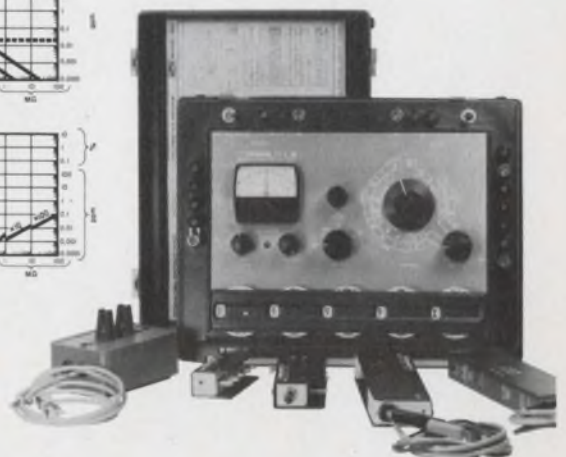
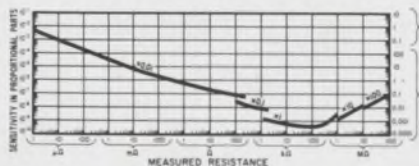
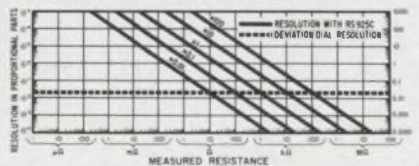
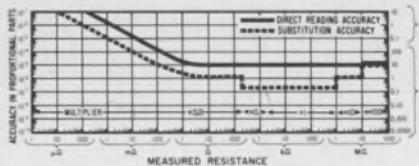
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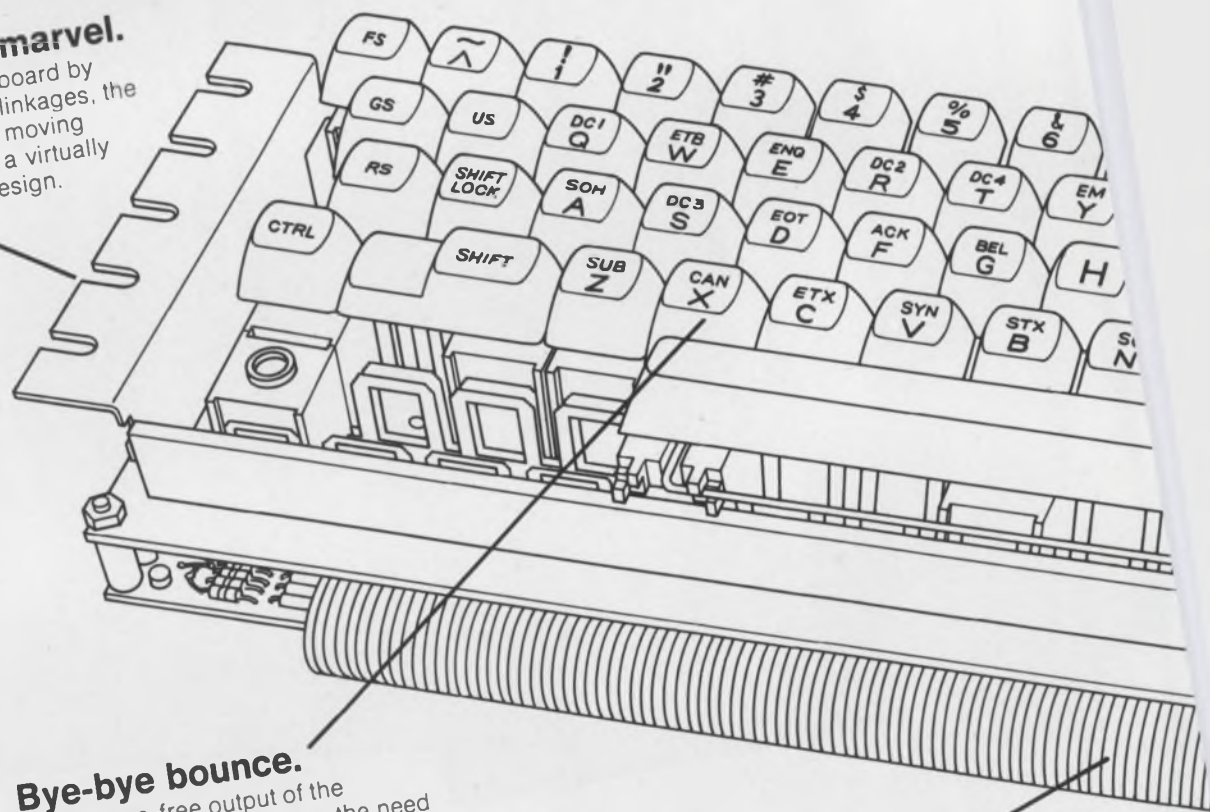
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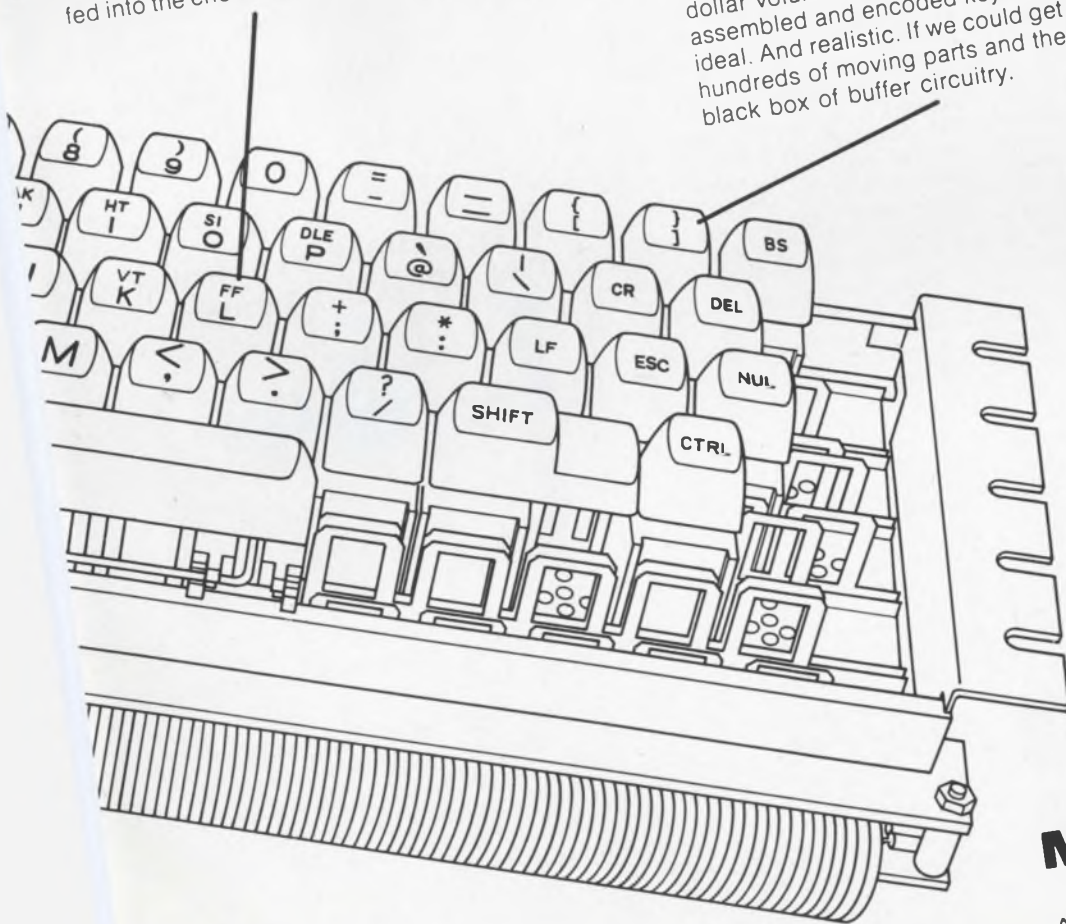
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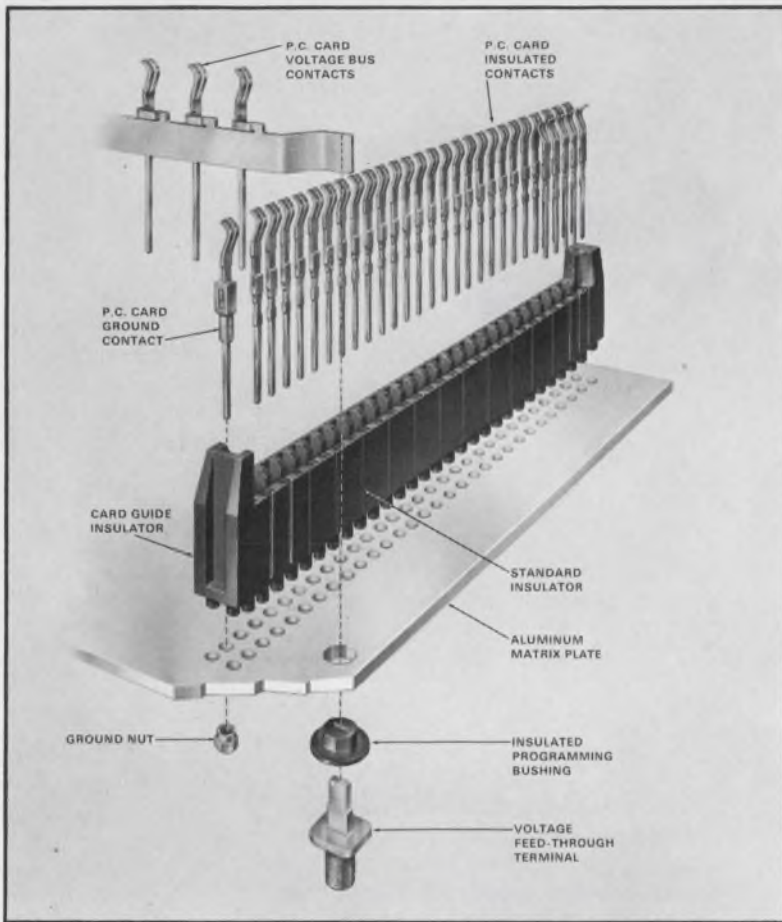
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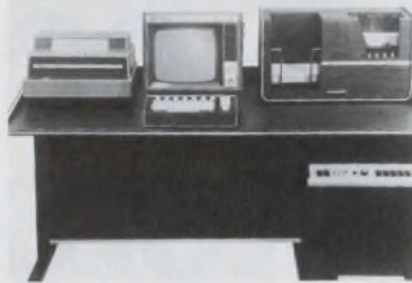
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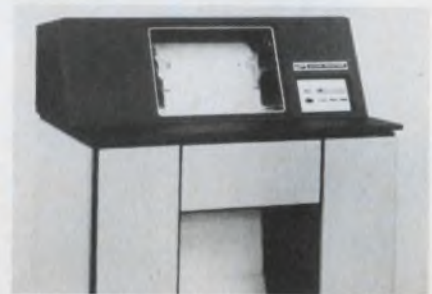


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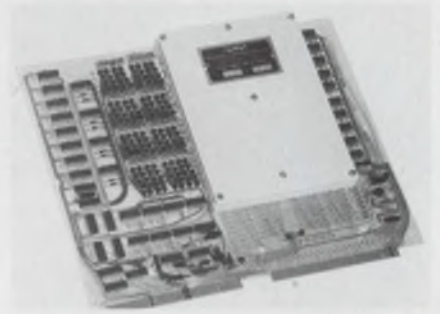
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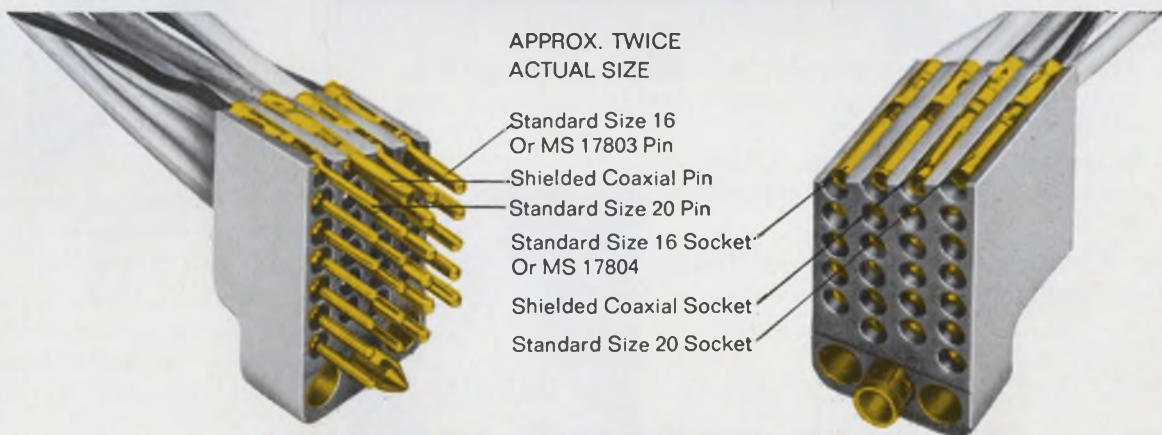
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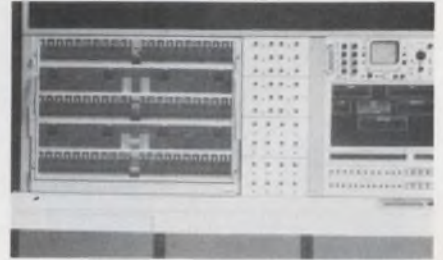
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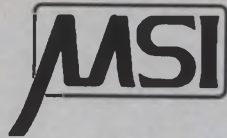
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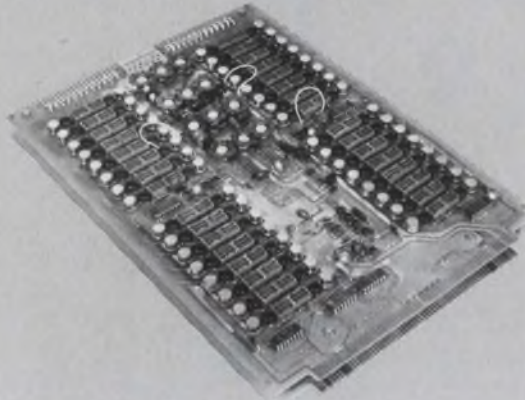
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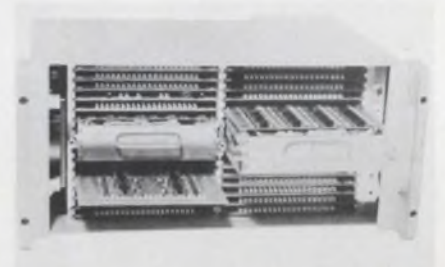


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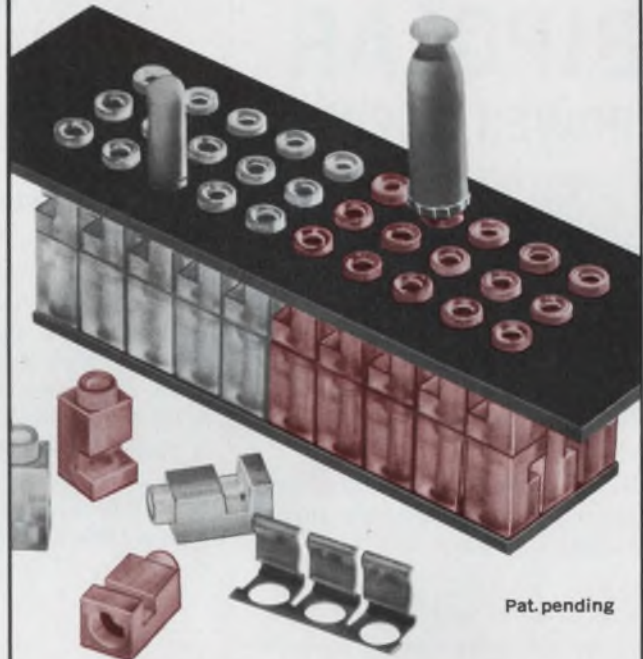
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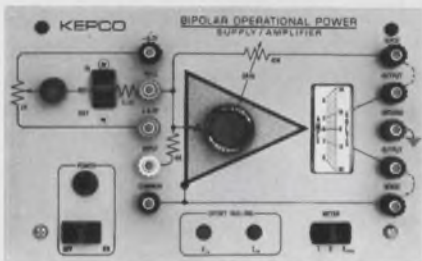
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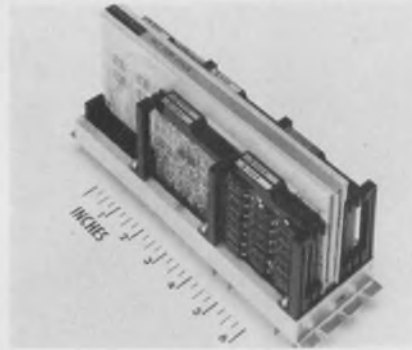
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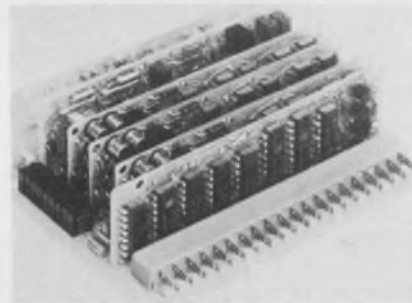


Honeywell Computer Control Div., Old Connecticut Path, Farmingham, Mass. Phone: (617) 879-2600. P&A: 5¢/bit; 30 days.

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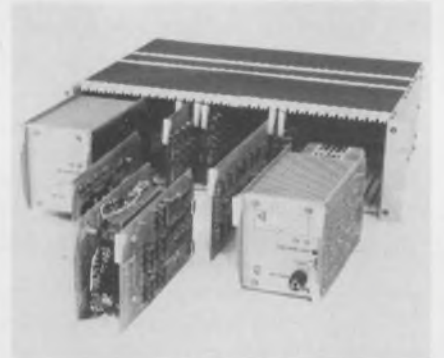


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Ferrite core memory has 3- μ s full cycle














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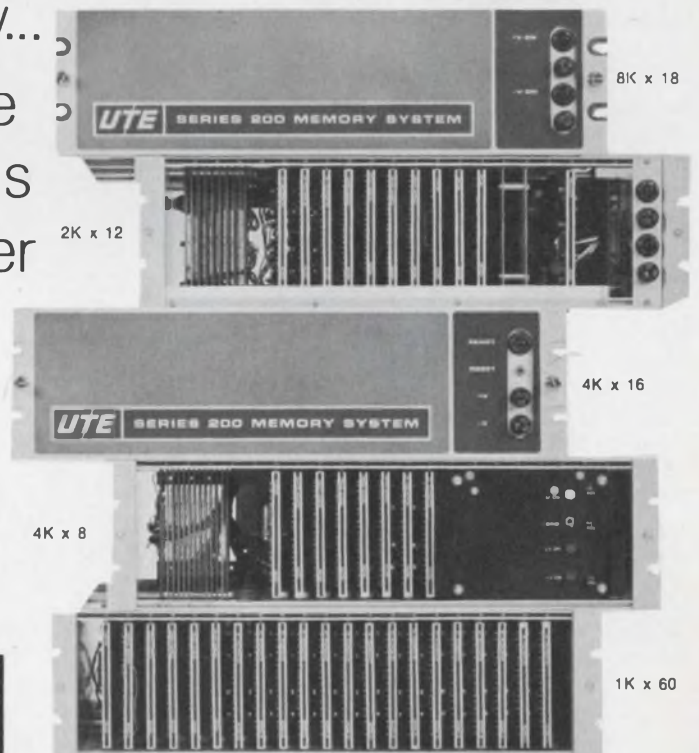
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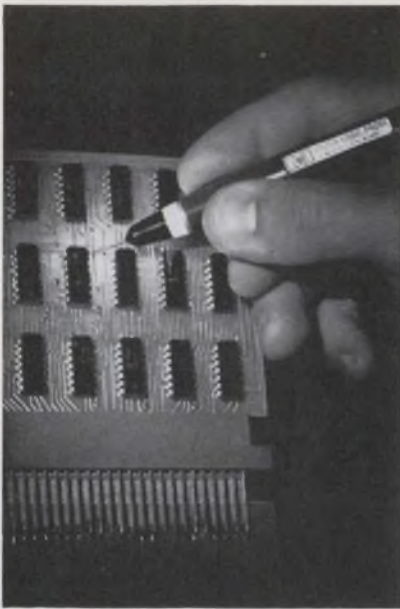
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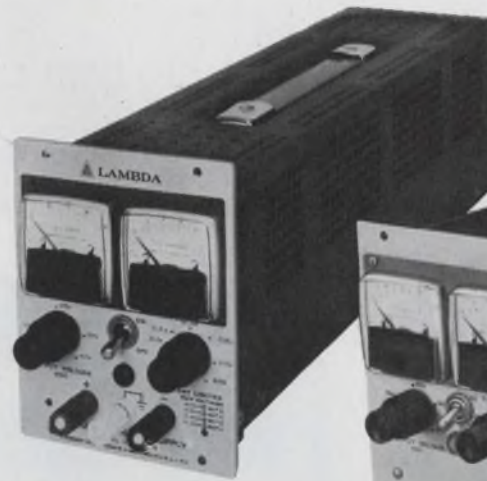


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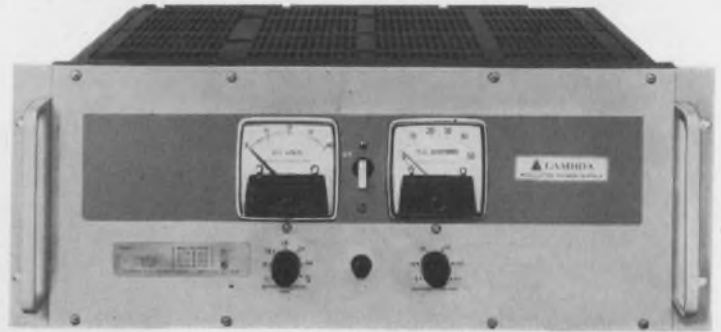
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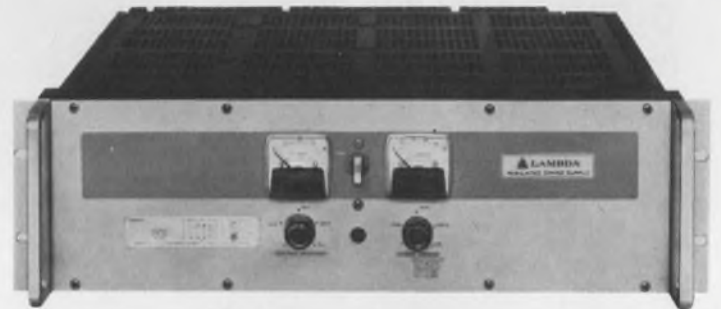
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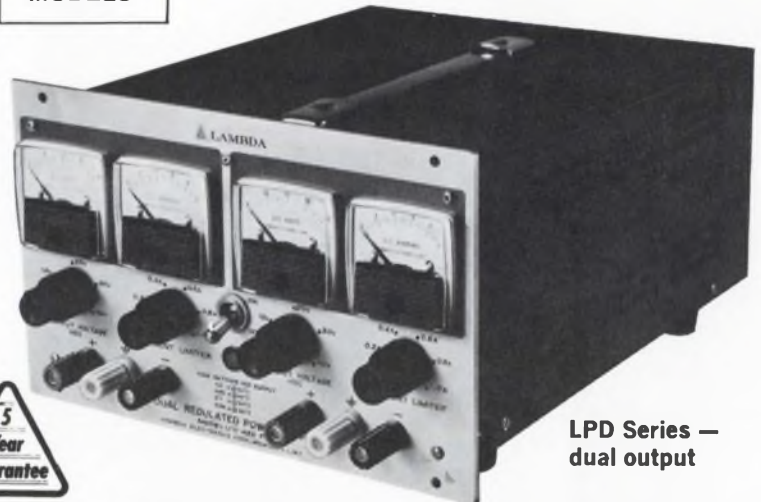
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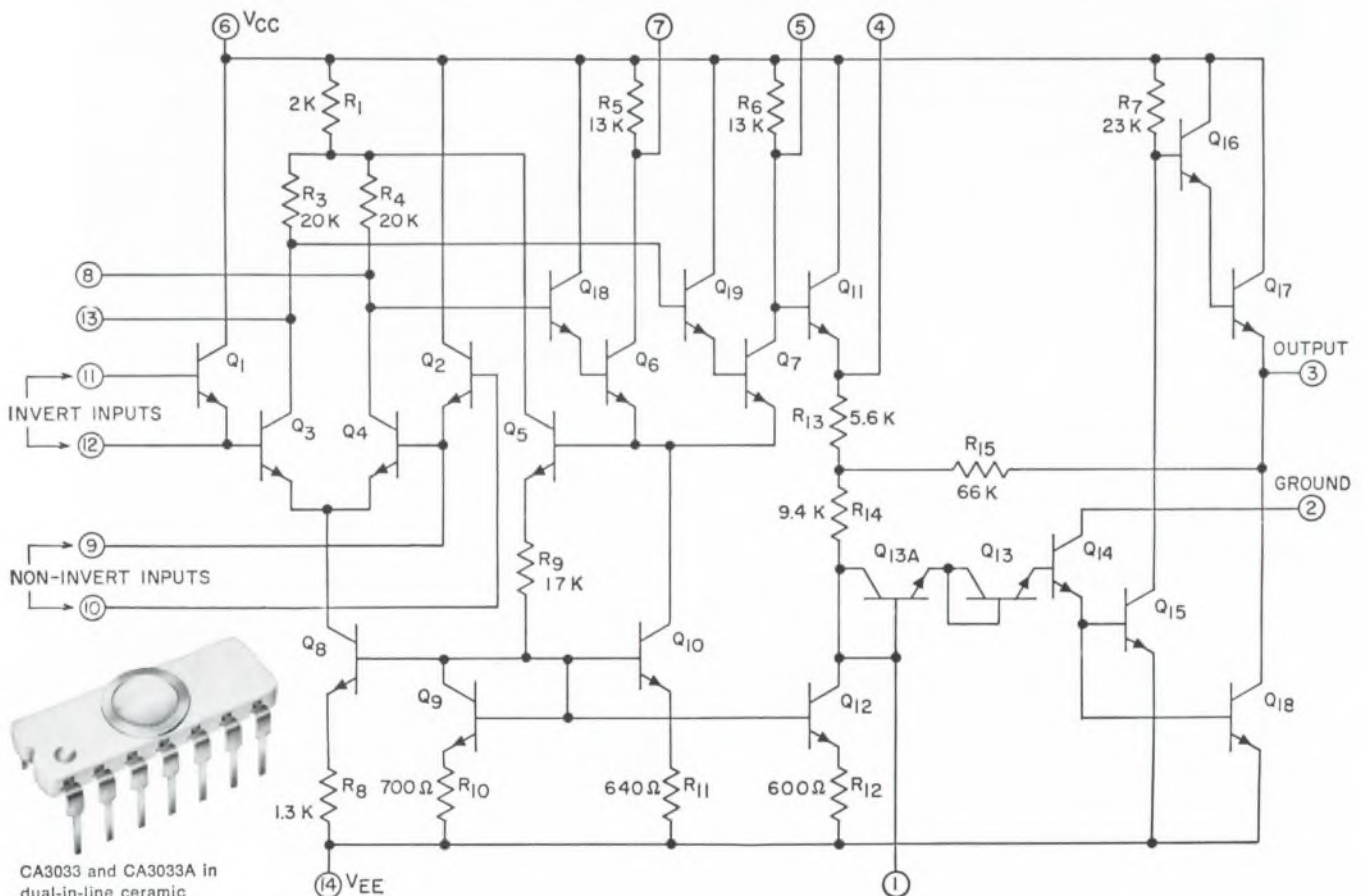
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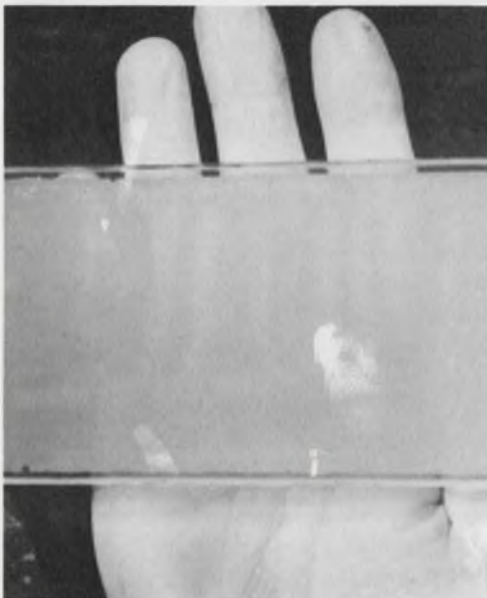
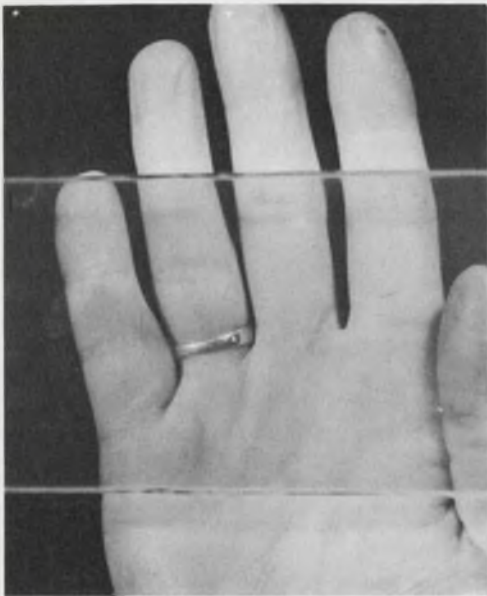
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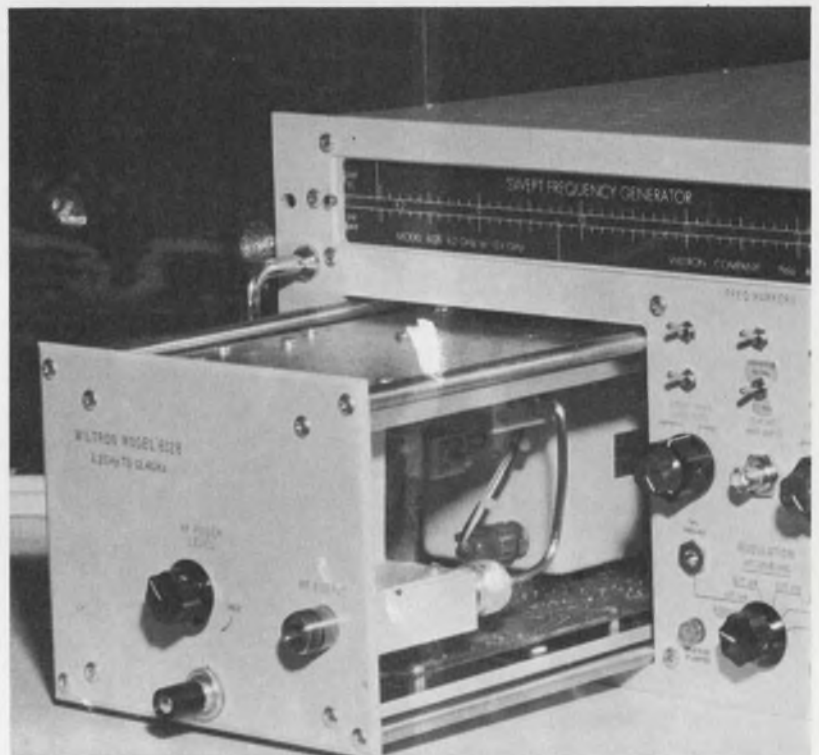
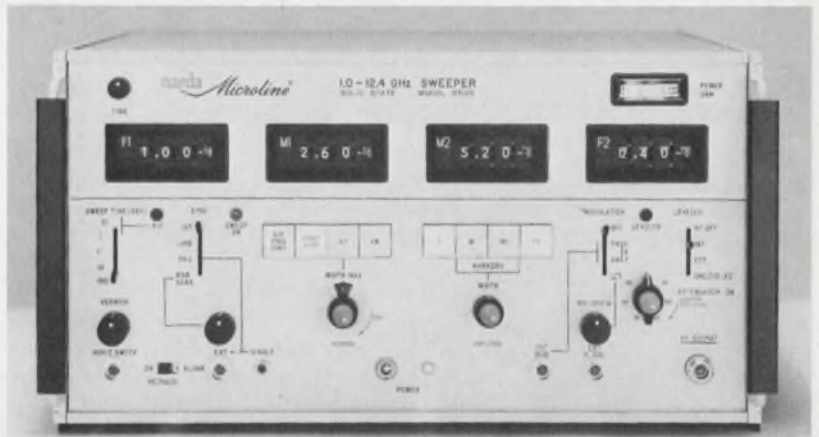
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X-band sweepers are going solid state; two are here and more are on the way

Robert Patton
New Products Editor

Solid state has invaded the microwave sweeper market. Shown at last month's IEEE show in New York were two solid-state units with X-band capabilities.

Narda Microwave Corporation introduced an all solid-state instrument that sweeps continuously from 1 to 12.4 GHz. Previous broadband sweepers have relied on BWO oscillators for at least part of their range, but Narda's model 9500 provides full L-, S-, C- and X-band coverage in a single, solid-state instrument.

Another unique feature of the Narda unit is digital tuning provided by four front-panel, frequency-programming wheels with a resolution of better than 200 kHz. In the start-stop, sweep mode any pair of the four front-panel pushbuttons may be used to set the sweep limits; the sweep may be either up or down in frequency. Operating in the Δf sweep mode, any pushbutton can be used to select center frequency, while a decade switch and vernier is used to adjust sweep width between 100 kHz and 100 MHz. In the cw mode each push-

button selects a frequency while one pushbutton features a fine tuning adjustment for precise trimming.

The basic unit sells for \$9800, with an additional \$650 for an internal leveling option. Leveled output power is 1 mW minimum over the entire band with additional power available over narrower sweep widths. Harmonically related spurious signals are better than 20 dB below the fundamental while non-harmonically related spurious signals are more than 30 db down.

The instrument is voltage programmable with voltage directly corresponding to frequency at the rate of 1 V/GHz. Thus, frequency may be read directly by a DVM, with BCD output available for printout or parity check. A digital power supply can be used for computer programming of frequency without additional interfaces. In this instrument Narda is using a proprietary technique involving frequency multiplication, while other firms are using separate fundamental oscillators for each octave.

A second entry in the solid-state sweeper market is Wiltron's model

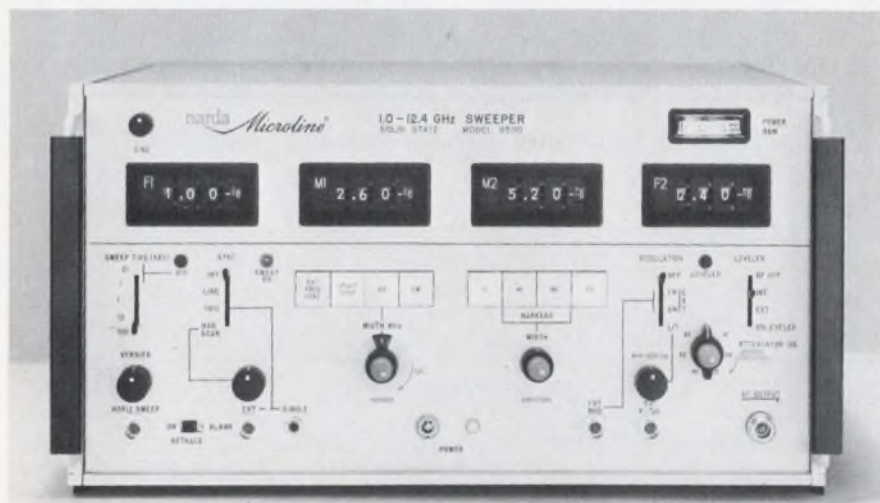
6128 X-band plug-in for its model 610B main frame. Priced at \$3900 (main frame: \$1100), the Wiltron unit uses a YIG-tuned Gunn-effect diode to cover the 8- to 12.4-GHz range. One advantage offered by this unit is 5-mW leveled power output compared to the 1 mW offered by the Narda unit. Spurious signals are more than 50 dB below the output signal, and harmonics are better than 30 dB down. At present Wiltron cannot match the range of the Narda unit, but a 4- to 8-GHz plug-in is in the works. Spokesmen for the firm indicated that this unit will be announced in the near future at a price of approximately \$2900. This would allow Wiltron to offer full coverage of the 1- to 12.4-GHz range, with the model 610B main frame and four plug-ins, at a total cost of about \$12,350.

All Wiltron sweeper plug-ins include a coupler and detector for internal leveling, a filter to minimize harmonics, a p-i-n diode modulator to permit external amplitude modulation, and isolators for minimizing frequency pulling due to external load VSWR and for providing low VSWR output.

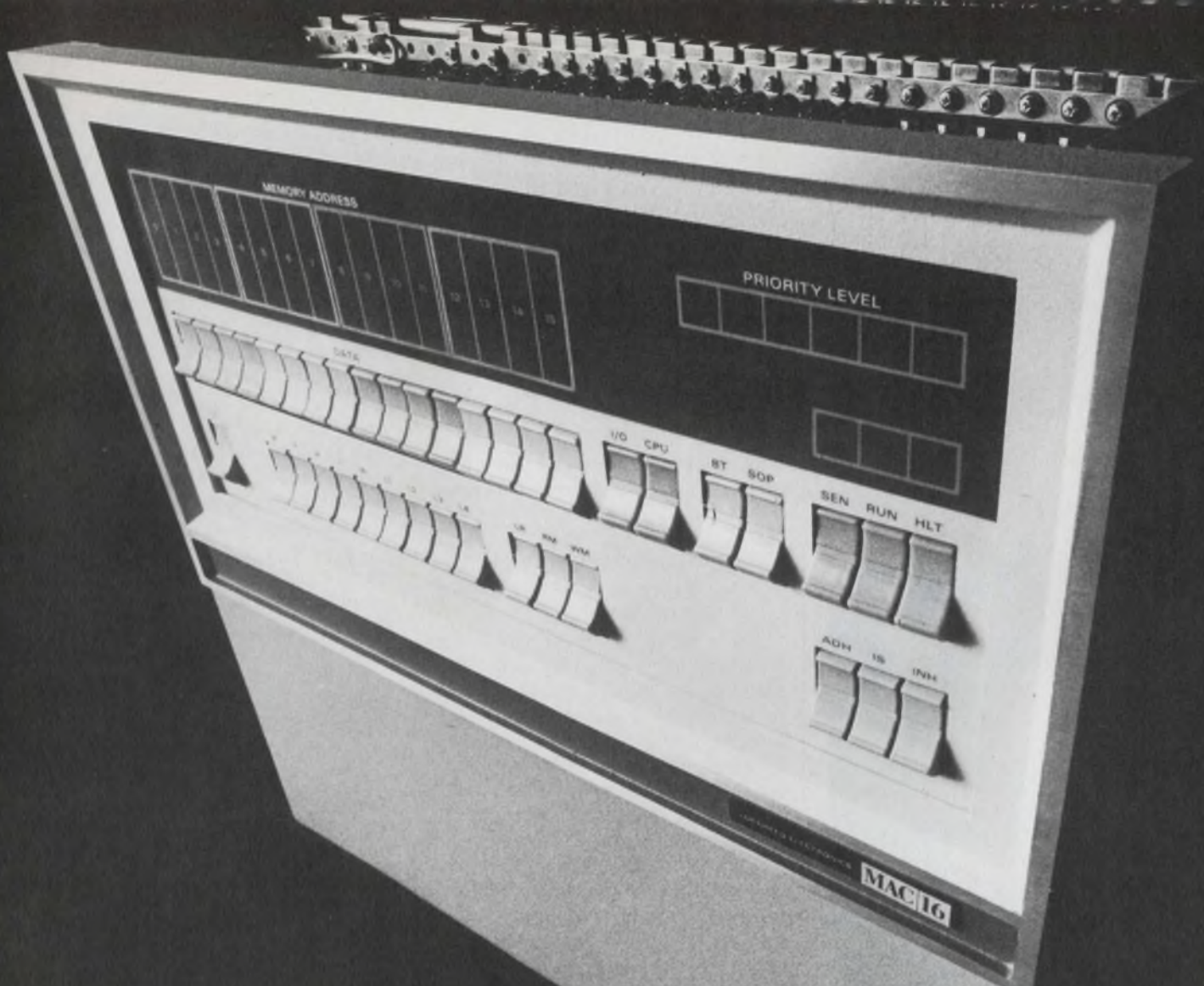
Narda and Wiltron are far from the only contenders in the solid-state, multiband sweeper market. Servo Corporation of America introduced at WESCON last year a hybrid unit that incorporated two solid-state oscillators and two BWOs to cover the 1- to 12.4-GHz range. The unit is now offered for \$11,260 with 30-day delivery.

Although Servo is sold on solid state, they are not yet ready to bury the BWO. Later this year they expect to incorporate a solid-state X-band oscillator, but they insist that they will not settle for lower power for the sake of going solid state. As solid-state oscillators become available for the higher bands they intend to take advantage of the space saved by

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X-band plug-in adds 8.2- to 12.4-GHz capabilities to Wiltron sweepers.

incorporating another BWO to extend the range of their instrument by an additional octave.

The Servo sweeper features separate pairs of adjustments for each octave. This makes it possible to set up the instrument to sweep discrete portions of each octave. In this instrument, leveled power outputs of 30 to 35 mW are available at X-band and about 60 to 70 at L-band; leveling on all bands is better than ± 1 dB. Servo's unit has been criticized because the coaxial switches between octaves are somewhat noisy; however, the company expects to go over to a four-pole diode switch in the near future to eliminate this objection.

Among the manufacturers using a plug-in approach to multiband capability are Kruse-Storke, Alfred Electronics, and Hewlett-Packard. All three firms are working on the development of solid-state plug-ins for their existing sweepers. Kruse-Storke hopes to be able to introduce C- and X-band units some time this year. When these become available the company will be able to offer a package that, comprising its model 5000 sweeper, two model 5090 power units, and six plug-ins, will offer full coverage up to 12.4 GHz. Total cost will be in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 range; the C- and X-band plug-ins alone will cost in the vicinity of \$2000 each. The new units will offer leveled power outputs of about 10 mW—comparable to the presently available model 5013 S-band plug-in. The model 5090 multiband power unit is available now, accommodates three plug-ins and is digitally programmable.

A similar approach is being followed by Hewlett-Packard and Alfred Electronics. Both firms offer a basic unit with plug-ins in a separate box for about \$10,000. Alfred expects to have C-band plug-ins using YIG-tuned transistors within a year. Surprisingly, most manufacturers agree that the development of C-band oscillators poses a bigger problem than X-band. The 4- to 8-GHz range is too high for a varactor-tuned transistor approach and too low to use Gunn or avalanche diodes. On this point the industry is split; some favor an approach that uses low-power transistor oscillators with subsequent amplification and others feel that Gunn diodes can be used down to 4 GHz.

At least one firm, Micro-Power, feels that the solid-state units that are presently available leave much to be desired compared to BWO oscillators. BWO units do offer considerably higher power at lower cost, but are not likely to retain this advantage much longer. Although Micro Power is taking the conservative view, it is looking into solid state as the way of the future. Other manufacturers feel that the future is upon us. ■■

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Alfred Electronics, 3176 Porter St., Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 326-6496.

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Hewlett-Packard, 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 326-7000.

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Kruse-Storke Electronics, 790 Hemmeter Lane, Mountain View, Calif. Phone: (415) 967-2299.

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Micro-Power, Inc., 25-14 Broadway, Long Island City, N.Y., Phone: (212) 726-4060.

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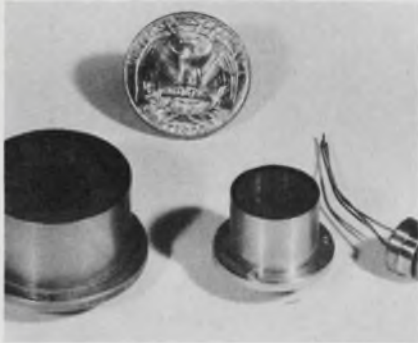
The Narda Microwave Corp., Commercial St., Plainview, L.I., N.Y. Phone: (516) 433-9000.

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Wiltron Co., 930 E. Meadow Dr., Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 321-7428.

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Infrared detector senses uniformly

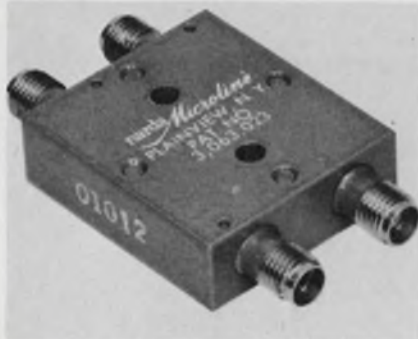


Barnes Engineering Co., 44 Commerce Rd., Stamford, Conn. Phone: (203) 348-5381.

Suitable for use in long-wavelength infrared scanning systems, a new pyroelectric detector provides uniform sensitivity and a useful noise equivalent power from near dc to beyond 2 MHz. The basic detector consists of a thin flake of triglycine sulfate sandwiched between two electrodes. When heated by IR radiation, it generates a voltage across the electroded surfaces that is proportional to the impinging radiant energy.

CIRCLE NO. 321

Miniature hybrid coupler covers 12.4 to 18 GHz



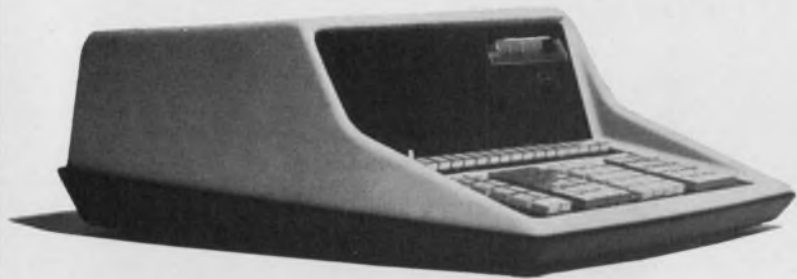
Narda Microwave Corp., Commercial St., Plainview, N.Y. Phone: (516) 433-9000. P&A: \$175; stock.

A new miniature 3-dB hybrid coaxial coupler, model 4036, covers the frequency range from 12.4 to 18 GHz in a package that weighs only one ounce. Dimensions are 1-1/8-in. long, 1-1/2-in. wide (excluding connectors), and only 3/8-in. thick. Minimum isolation is 15 dB and VSWR is 1.5 max. Power is 50 W average and 5 kW peak.

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Wide-range sweeper scans 50-GHz band

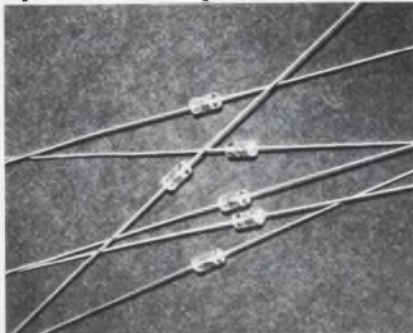


Micro-Now Instrument Co., Inc., 6124 North Pulaski Road, Chicago, Ill. Phone: (312) 282-0846. P&A: \$10,500; 60 days.

Using only two plug-in heads, a new millimeter-wave sweep system covers the frequency range of 40 to 90 GHz. Model 740 consists of a multiple-output power supply, the plug-in heads, and a special, wide-range backward-wave oscillator tube. The 723 plug-in delivers 20 mW from 40 to 62 GHz; model 724 plug in is rated at 5 mW from 60 to 90 GHz.

CIRCLE NO. 323

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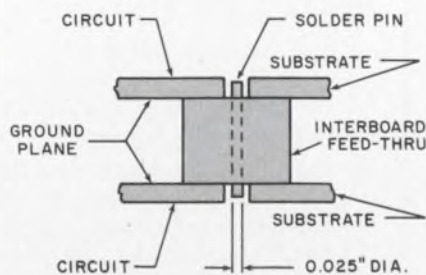


Electro/Data, Inc., 3121 Benton St., Garland, Tex. Phone: (214) 276-6167. P&A: \$2795; 30 to 45 days.

A high-frequency YIG-tuned panoramic receiver plug-in module covers the 1.8 to 25 GHz frequency range in a single sweep. The receiver is designated as model PN1013 and is available for plug-in use with Tektronix 560 series and letter series oscilloscopes. This module will convert an ordinary oscilloscope into a wideband, microwave receiver with a panoramic display of signals on the scope face.

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Interboard feed-thru stacks MIC boards

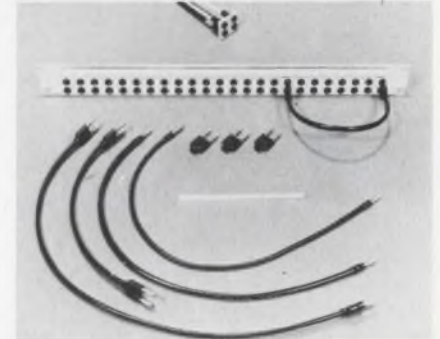


Tek-Wave, Inc., Raymond Rd., Princeton, N.J. Phone: (609) 921-8910.

A new microwave integrated circuit (MIC) interboard feed-through enables the engineer to feed-through 50- Ω rf signals with a minimum of discontinuity and with considerable savings of space. Bringing the circuit from microstrip to coax and back to microstrip, the interboard feed-through serves as a mounting fixture.

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Ka-band oscillator uses Gunn effect

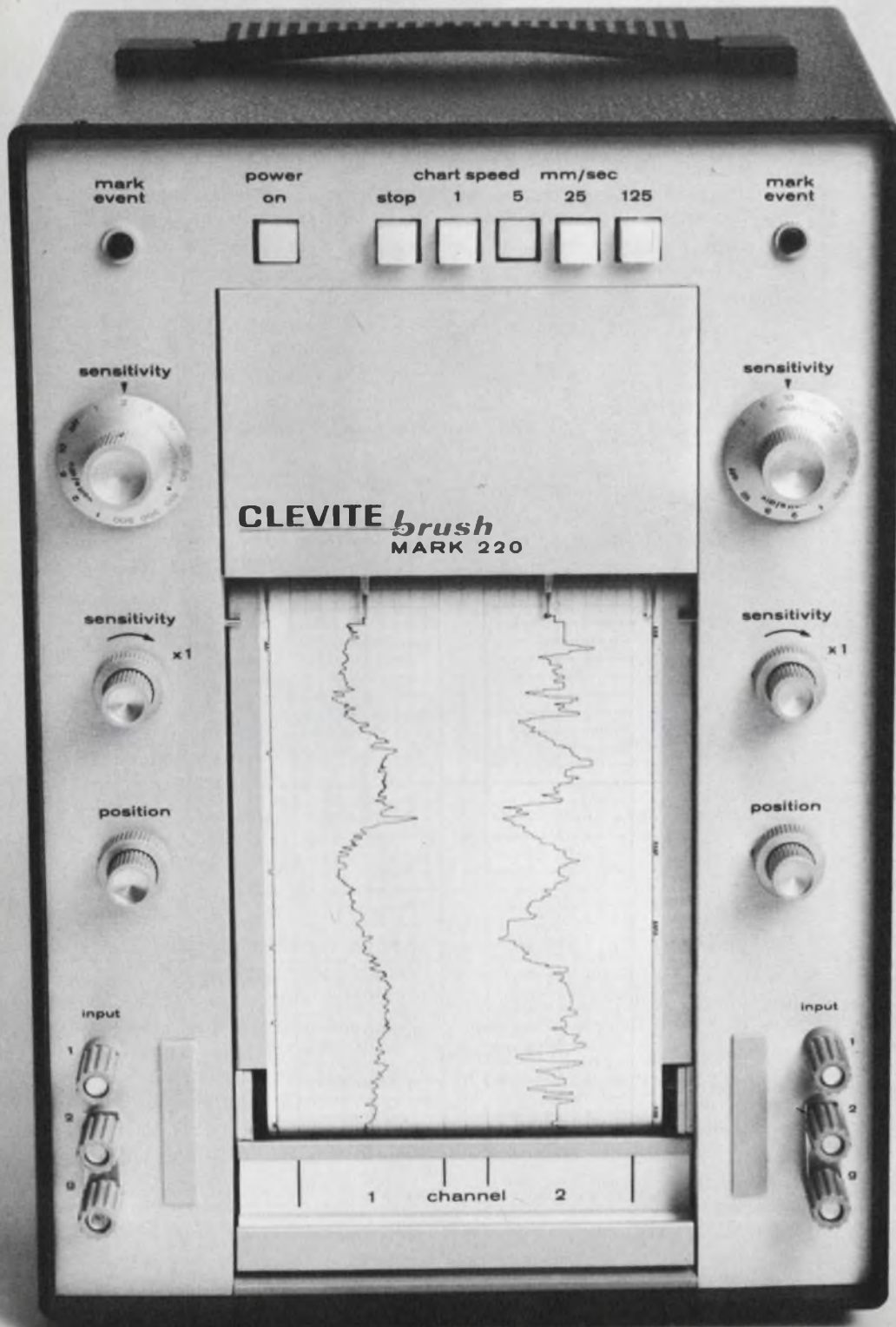


Varian, 611 Hansen Way, Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 326-4000. P&A: \$1500; 75 days.

A Gunn-effect oscillator line has been expanded into Ka-band with the VSA-9010. This unit offers 10 mW minimum power output over any customer-selected 1000-MHz tuning range in the 26.5 to 40 GHz region. Maximum operating bias requirements are 6 V and 500 mA. It is capable of operating in ambients up to 100°C.

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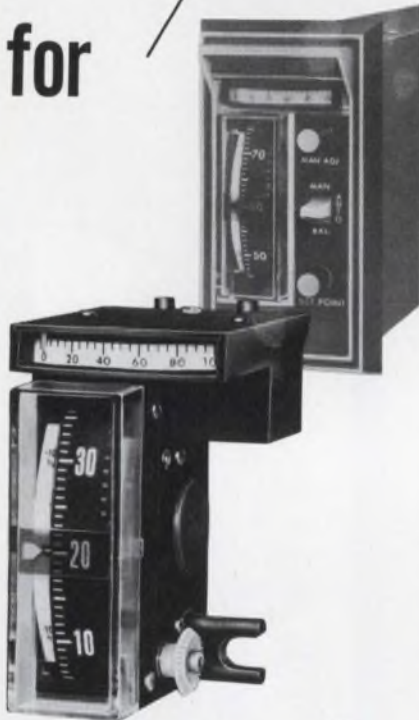
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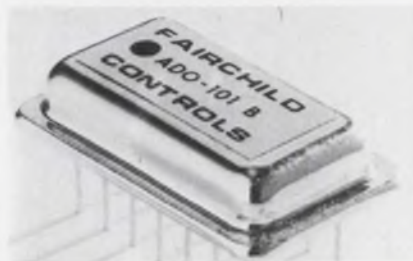
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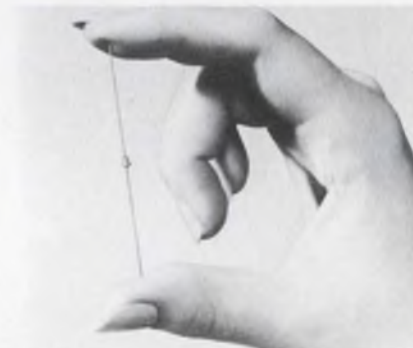


Fairchild Controls, a div. of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp., 423 National Ave., Mountain View, Calif. Phone: (415) 962-3833. P&A: \$95; stock.

Designed for military applications, a new FET-input thin-film hybrid operational amplifier is hermetically sealed in a metal can version of the 14-pin dual-in-line package. Model ADO-101B has a maximum voltage drift of 25 $\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$ over the full military temperature range of -55 to $+125^\circ\text{C}$.

CIRCLE NO. 348

Tunnel diodes minimize leakage



Centralab Semiconductor Div., Globe-Union Inc., 4501 N. Arden Drive, El Monte, Calif. Phone: (414) 228-2769. P&A: \$4.75; 4 wks.

Identified as types U1001 through U1010, new silicon tunnel diodes exhibit high reverse conductance at milliwatt levels and operate with leakage tunneling currents in the order of microamperes when forward biased. Furnished in DO-17 packages, the hermetically sealed units have gold-plated weldable Kovar leads. They meet the environmental requirements of MIL-S-19500 and MIL-STD-750.

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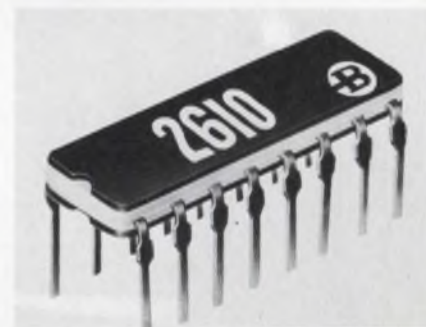


Solid State Products, Div. of Unitorde Corp., 1 Pingree St., Salem, Mass. Phone: (617) 745-2900.

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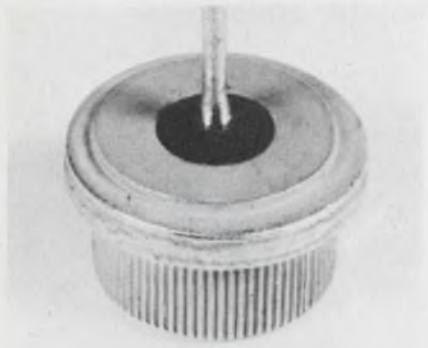


Burroughs Corp., Electronic Components Div. Plainfield, N.J. Phone: (201) 757-5000

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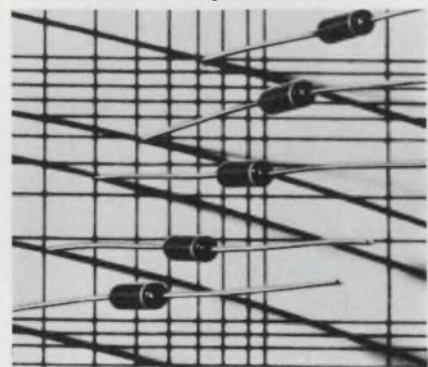


Wagner Electric Corp., Tung-Sol
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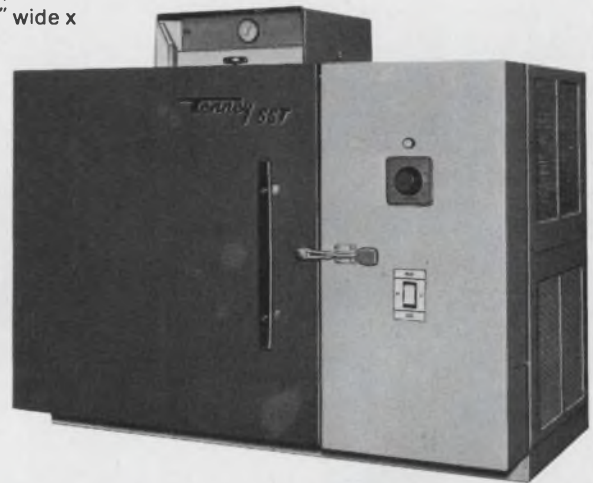
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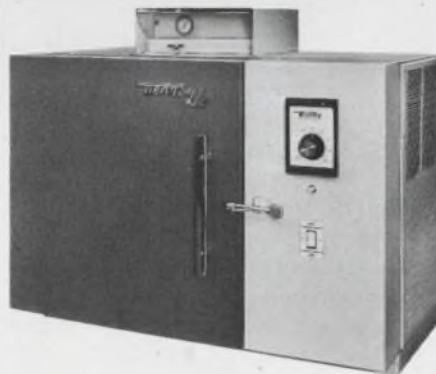
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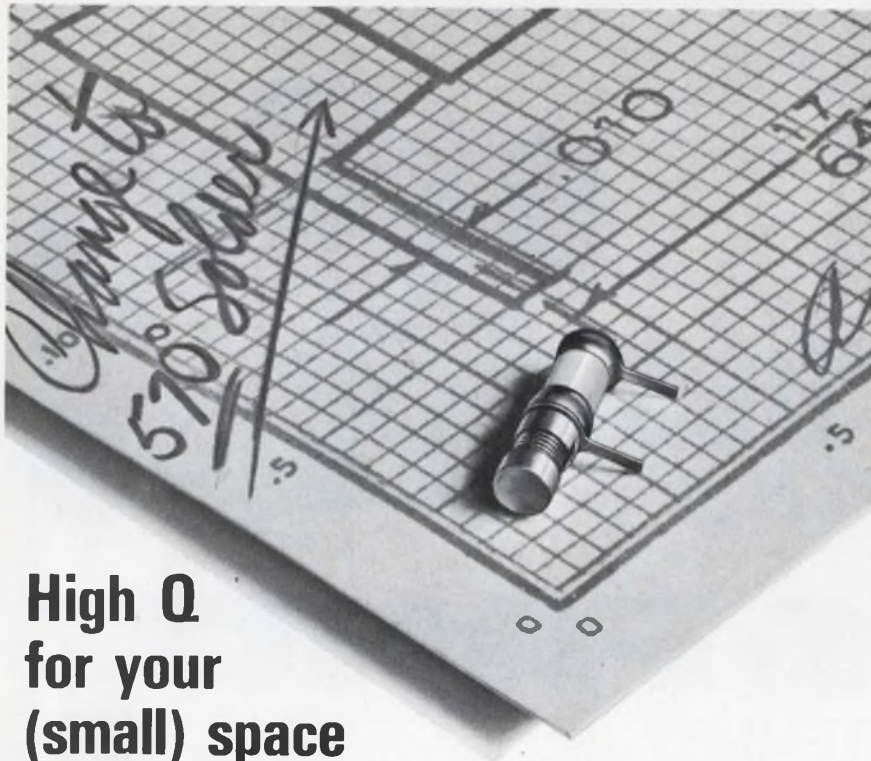
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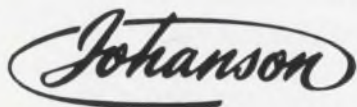
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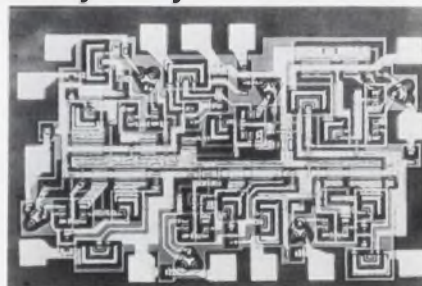


Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc., P.O. Box 20924, Phoenix, Ariz. Phone: (602) 273-8465. Price: \$24 to \$34.95.

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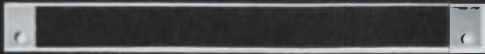


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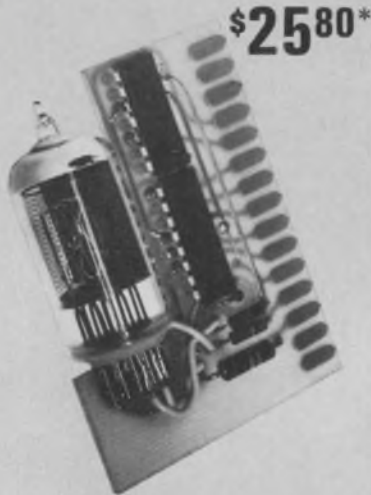
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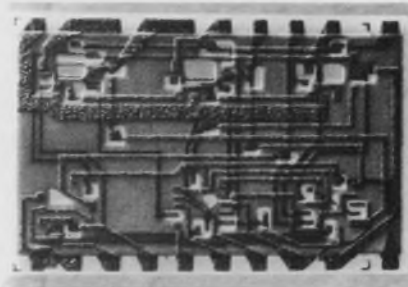
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Glass-ceramic paste insulates thick films



Electro-Science Labs., Inc., 1133 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. Phone: (215) 699-4482.

A new glass-ceramic, type 4610 has been developed for crossover and multilayer applications requiring a low dielectric constant ($K=10$). The new paste is a suspension of a glass-ceramic in organic vehicles. When brought to firing temperature, the glass fuses to form a cohesive adherent coating, and then crystallizes to form a glass-ceramic.

CIRCLE NO. 357

Push-pull plug converts bayonets

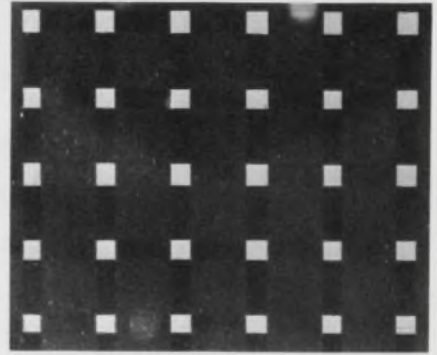


The Deutsch Co., Electronic Components Div., Municipal Airport, Banning, Calif. Phone: (714) 849-6701.

Requiring no change in existing receptacles, a new adaptor plug converts bayonet-type connectors to fast-action push-pull units. Type 469 mates by simply pushing its coupling ring forward and unmates by pulling the ring back. The new, lightweight plug is available in a variety of shell sizes and insert arrangements to fit all MIL-C-26482 and NAS-1599 bayonet-type receptacles.

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Liquid crystals get frosty look

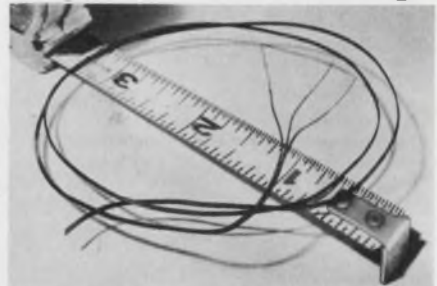


Liquid Crystal Industries, Inc., 460 Brown Ave., Turtle Creek, Pa. Phone: (412) 823-4300. Price: \$15/gram.

Nematic liquid crystals are now available for such electro-optical applications as optical shutters, flat-screen displays, alphanumeric displays, and windows and mirrors that automatically dim or brighten in response to outside light. When nematic liquid crystals are sandwiched between two conductive surfaces, one of which is transparent, an applied ac or dc voltage, from 3 to 30 V, causes what was transparent to become translucent or frosted.

CIRCLE NO. 359

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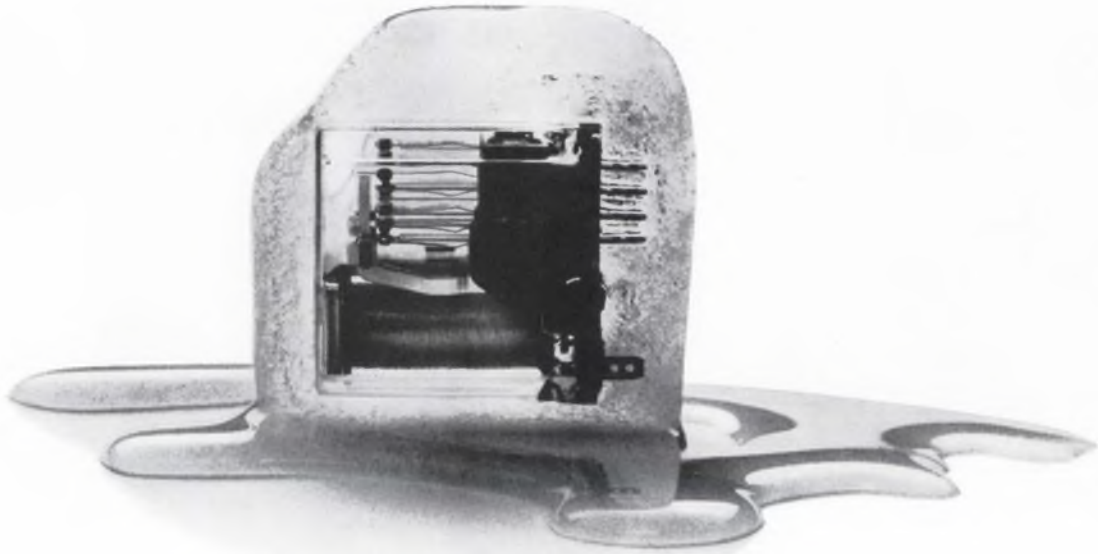
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Conductive coatings vary reflectivity

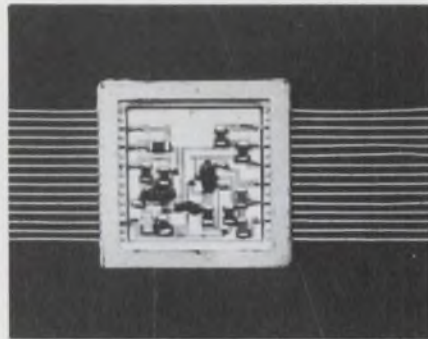


Emerson & Cuming, Inc., Dielectric Materials Div., Canton, Mass. Phone: (617) 828-3300. Price: \$12 or \$35/lb.

Two new elastomeric electrically conductive coatings allow the user to control the electrical reflectivity of a surface. Eccocoat 258 is an elastomeric carbon-based semiconductive coating that produces a surface resistivity of 100 to 120 ohms per square. Eccocoat CC-4 is a silver-filled coating that will produce surface resistances of 0.05 ohms per square in a 1-mil coating thickness.

CIRCLE NO. 361

Conductive epoxy withstands 300°C

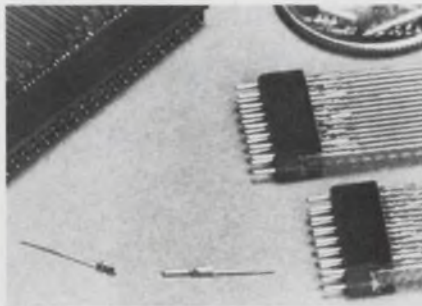


Epoxy Technology, Inc., 65 Grove St., Watertown, Mass. Phone: (617) 926-1949. Price: \$15/2 oz.

With a volume resistivity of 0.0001 to 0.0005 ohm-cm, a new electrically conductive epoxy compound will withstand 300°C for 12 hours without any loss of electrical conductivity or physical properties. Designed for the assembly of integrated circuits and other applications requiring high temperature resistance, Epo-Tek 418-H exhibits a high order of chemical and solvent resistance.

CIRCLE NO. 362

Interconnection system provides high density

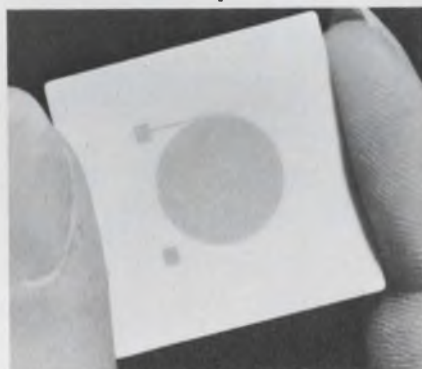


AMP Inc., Harrisburg, Pa. Phone: (717) 564-0101.

A new high-density interconnection system for parallel, perpendicular or in-line mating is available in a variety of configurations with contacts on 0.05 (true) and 0.025-in. (staggered) grids, including a full 16-position connector only 0.437-in. long. The system is built around a unique receptacle contact having two integral V-shaped spiral springs which deflect at right angles to the mating pin contact.

CIRCLE NO. 363

Ceramic gold paste bonds and prints



Electro-Science Laboratories, Inc., 1133 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. P&A: \$75/oz.; stock.

Specifically created for fine line printing and chip bonding, a new ceramic conductive gold paste readily accepts most methods of bonding (except tin-lead solder), including various binary gold alloy solders, thermal compression bonding, parallel-gap welding and ultrasonic bonding. Type 8831 allows silicon chip attachment to be accomplished in room atmosphere at temperatures as low as 390°C.

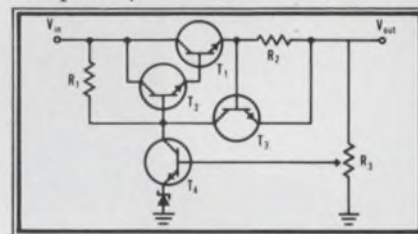
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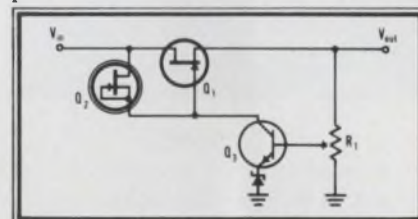


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INSTRUMENTATION

Wideband oscillator keeps output flat



Hewlett-Packard, 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 326-7000. Price: \$875.

With a balanced output over its full operating frequency range, model 654A wideband test oscillator holds output amplitude variations to less than ± 0.05 dB (0.5%) from 10 Hz to 10 MHz. This flatness greatly speeds up multipoint frequency response tests by eliminating the need for frequent re-adjustment of oscillator amplitude, a characteristic that is particularly useful during production and other repetitive tests.

CIRCLE NO. 365

Dual-slope multimeter has selectable filter



Systron-Donner Corp., 888 Galindo St., Concord, Calif. Phone: (415) 682-6161. P&A: \$1175; 45 days.

Featuring $\pm 0.01\%$ accuracy, 9200-series voltmeters and multimeters combine integration features with provision for selectable input filtering to achieve high speed with narrowband noise rejection or wideband noise rejection at lower speed. A choice of five different models provides dc either alone or combined with millivolts, ac volts, and/or ohms. This 4-digit series also features automatic ranging and polarity, sampling speed to six per second and 20% overranging.

CIRCLE NO. 366

Plug-in sampling head has 1-ns risetime



Textronix, Inc., P.O. Box 500, Beaverton, Ore. Phone: (503) 644-0161. P&A: \$315; June.

The type S-5 plug-in sampling head expands the sampling-head concept originated with the type 3S2, 3S5 and 3S6 sampling plug-in units. The new unit is a low noise, 1-ns risetime sampling head, with a 1-M Ω , 15-pF input impedance. When used with the included P6010 passive probe, the input impedance increases to 10 M Ω paralleled by 10 pF while maintaining the 1-ns risetime at the probe tip.

CIRCLE NO. 367

Programmable generator divides and pulses



Antekna, Inc., 4015 Fabian Way, Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 328-3700. P&A: \$1790; 30 days.

A programmable frequency divider and pulse generator, model 1205 has two modes that provide either exact frequency division ratios from 1 to 99,999, or pulse bursts, with each burst containing exactly 1 to 99,999 pulses. Solid-state integrated-circuit design provides front-panel thumbwheel programming with no ambiguity. In the pulse burst mode, the unit can be used as a digital clock, or as a repetitive burst generator to simulate radar signals.

CIRCLE NO. 368

Digital voltmeter overranges 130%



Tyco Labs., Inc., Bear Hill, Waltham, Mass. Phone: (617) 899-2400. Price: \$595.

Model 404 digital voltmeter has a four digit in-line display, with a fifth digit that permits overrange measurements of up to 130% on each of four ranges. The instrument has four dc voltage ranges (1, 10, 100 and 1000 volts), with sensitivity of 100 μ V in the 1-V range. Resolution is 0.1% of full scale. This unit has two operating modes, automatic and external. Accuracy is 0.02% reading \pm 1 digit.

CIRCLE NO. 369

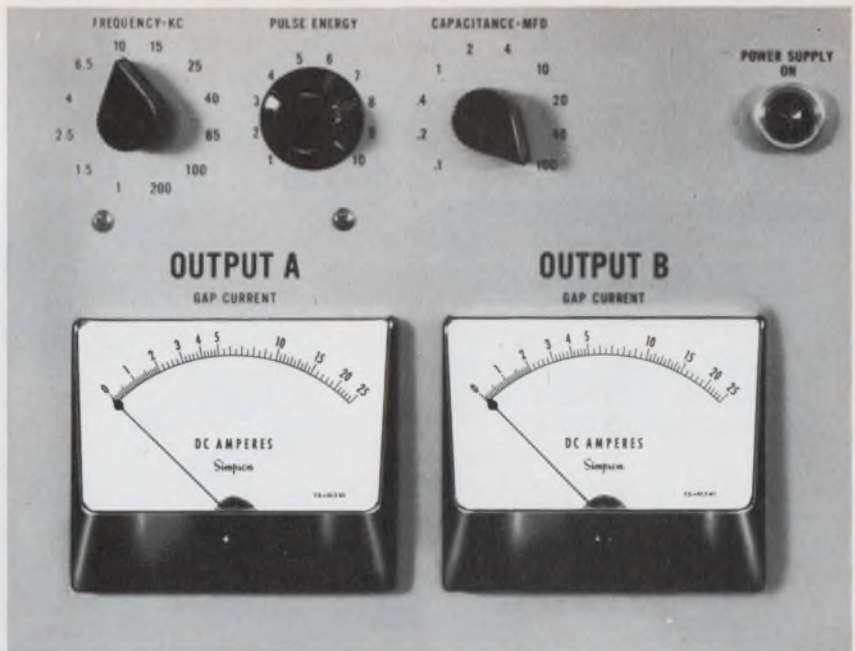
Pen-sized probe shows logic state



Automated Control Technology Inc., 3452 Kenneth Dr., Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 328-6080. P&A: \$18.50; stock to 30 days.

Presenting a visual distinction between logic 1 and logic 0 conditions, a pen-sized probe can be used to observe quiescent states or low-repetition-rate pulses. The solid-state device, called LogicProbe 31A, has a high input impedance to prevent the upset of flip-flops or one-shots.

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Digital multimeter has 0.01% accuracy



Data Technology Corp., 1050 E. Meadow Circle, Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 321-0551. P&A: \$695; 30 days.

The 350 integrating digital multimeter provides an accuracy of 0.01% and has four basic dc ranges of 100 μ V to 1000 V. Guarded input, BCD and remote programming are standard features. Available options include: a preamplifier that extends the measurement range to 1 μ V; an ac converter with a resolution of 100 μ V and frequency range from 50 Hz to 100 kHz; a resistance capability from 100 M Ω ; and a dc ratio of 0.9999:1.

CIRCLE NO. 403

Digital panel meters start at \$150

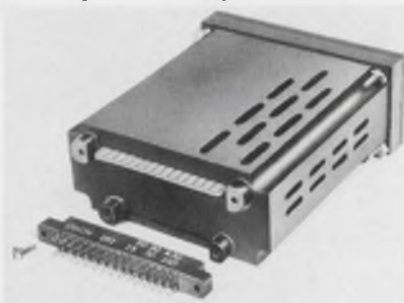


Newport Labs., Inc., 630 E. Young St., Santa Ana, Calif. Phone: (714) 540-4914. Price: \$150.

A new line of digital panel meters includes 31 different models and 13 options. Package size is 47 in.³ and power requirements are 4.5 W. Models are available that measure currents from 1 nA to 200 mA and voltages from 10 μ V to 200 V. The cost of these instruments is low, starting at only \$150 for three-digit units that have a full-scale display of 199 counts.

CIRCLE NO. 404

Digital panel meter occupies only 7 in.²



Weston Instruments, Inc., 614 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark, N.J. Phone: (201) 243-4700. P&A: \$200; stock.

A digital panel meter requires only seven square inches of panel area. The 1290 provides three digits plus 100% overrange display, and 0.1% \pm 1 digit accuracy. Other features include full buffered storage display, 1-2-4-8 BCD positive output logic as well as true circularly polarized viewing windows. Plug-in sockets are provided for readout tubes; replacement, when necessary, requires no soldering.

CIRCLE NO. 405

Scope calibrator cuts testing costs



Edwin Industries Corp., 11933 Tech Rd., Silver Spring, Md. Phone: (301) 622-0700.

Model 156 oscilloscope calibrator permits time, voltage and risetime calibration, with automatic readout of percentage error. Operation is simple and straightforward. The instrument provides a deviation control that allows the percentage error of either voltage or time functions to be read directly on a meter without the need of further calculation. The calibrator can also be used as a laboratory instrument, because its time calibration section is a wide range time-mark generator of high accuracy.

CIRCLE NO. 406

Pushbuttons control IC test functions

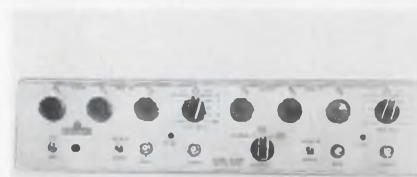


Amptek Corp., 3737 Birch St., Newport Beach, Calif. Phone: (714) 546-6645.

Designed for precision static and dynamic testing of linear integrated circuit operational amplifiers, model 391-linear IC tester is completely self-contained and needs no auxiliary equipment or external power supplies. Pushbutton function-selector switches control parameter measurements and checks. Parallel entry eliminates prearranged sequencing of tests. Noise-free measurements are afforded by use of active filtering and by extensive shielding throughout.

CIRCLE NO. 407

Active filters cover 99.9 kHz



Multimetrics, Inc., 401 Concord Ave., Bronx, N.Y. Phone: (212) 665-6484.

AF-400 series active filters are available in the single-channel model AF-410 and the dual-channel AF-420. Cutoff frequency range is 0.01 Hz to 99.9 kHz \pm 2%; attenuation characteristics are Butterworth or T/D, 24 or 48 dB/octave; maximum attenuation is 80 dB. Operating from 115/230 V ac or battery, the digital units are suitable for fixed or portable use.

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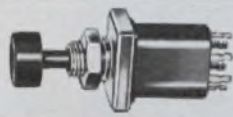
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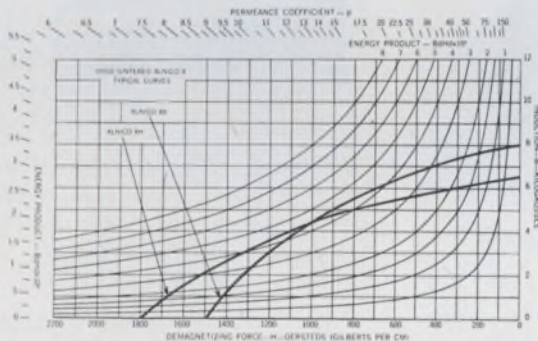


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DATA PROCESSING

Data-entry console has movable keyboard



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Functioning as a general-purpose terminal that provides two-way communications with a computer, a new data-entry console features a standard IBM 029 key-punch configuration on a movable keyboard. The principal advantage of the LC-728 is greater flexibility and operator convenience in accommodating routine or specialized keypunching assignments. The LC-728 is especially designed as part of the company's LC-720 data-entry system.

CIRCLE NO. 402

Digital comparators perform in 1 μ s

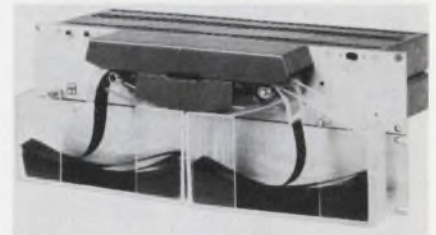


Automation Dynamics, Inhl. Pky., Northvale, N. J. Phone: (201) 768-9200. P&A: \$540 to \$925; 60 days.

Compatible with a wide range of digital instruments and systems, series 66 programmable digital comparators operate with comparison times as fast as 1 μ s. Using the manual thumbwheel switches or remote programing, positive high, low or go decisions are made and identified by indicator lights on the front panel. An enabling circuit can be used to command the comparison time.

CIRCLE NO. 401

High-speed photo reader fan-folds stored tape



Chalco Engineering Corp., 15126 S. Broadway, Gardena, Calif. Phone: (213) 323-5525. P&A: from \$850; 1 wk.

A photoelectric punched-tape reader with fan-fold tape storage handles 650 characters per second synchronously, and 300 characters per second asynchronously. Available in a unidirectional or a bi-directional version, model TH155 has a tape capacity of 200 feet for 4-mil paper. It incorporates a lamp-brightness control that automatically compensates for changes in tape opacity.

CIRCLE NO. 410

High-speed converter resolves 15 bits

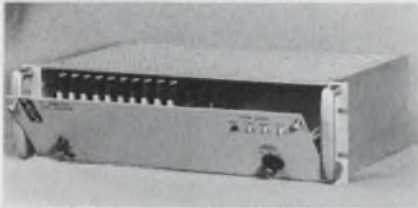


Electronic Engineering Company of California, 1601 East Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. Phone: (714) 547-5501. P&A: from \$8,000; June, 1969.

A new high-speed combination multiplexer and analog-to-digital converter completes 200,000 conversions per second with a resolution of 15 binary bits, and will accept up to 128 single-ended input channels. Model 1202 minimizes noise pickup by using transformer coupling of input and output control signals; the a/d conversion itself is insulated from the main chassis. The unit will operate in automatic mode, external command mode, random or sequential channel select, or manual mode.

CIRCLE NO. 411

Modular converter transforms any code



Nation Wide Electronic Systems, Inc., 570 Bloomingdale Rd., Itasca, Ill. Phone: (312) 833-1040. P&A: \$750 to \$1200; 6 to 8 wks.

Allowing direct communication between computers, data links and communication systems, the CC 1000 code converter transforms any data transmission code to any other type, without regard to form, level, or any other compatibility requirement. Using integrated circuits, 10-MHz logic and silicon solid-state power stages, the modular interfacing device fits into any system, whether existing or planned.

CIRCLE NO. 412

Decimal converter transforms 1 bit/ μ s



Beckman Instruments, Inc., Electronic Instruments Div., 2400 Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif. Phone: (213) 691-0841.

Able to be used as part of a complete data system or as a separate data-processing device, a new binary-to-decimal converter transforms binary numbers of up to 13 bits plus sign to equivalent BCD numbers at a rate of 1 μ s per bit, and then displays them in digital form. Model 4060 requires an additional 4 μ s for control functions. Positive numbers are directly converted; negative numbers are represented in one's complement or two's complement form.

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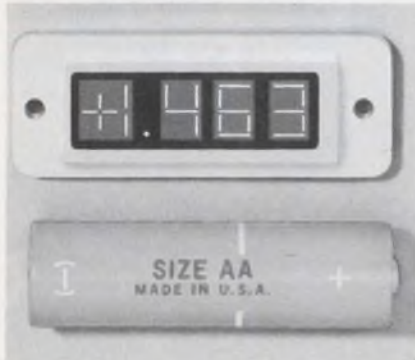
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Alphanumeric display shrinks panel size



Pinlites Inc., 1275 Bloomfield Ave., Fairfield, N.J. Phone: (201) 226-7724. Price: \$200/3-digit unit.

Rivaling the AA penlight battery in size, a new alphanumeric panel display can accommodate from two to ten digital positions. Called the Midgi-Panel-Mate, the integrated package provides an 8-4-2-1 BCD to seven-segment display or a decade counter to seven-segment display. The new display is replaceable from the front panel, includes polarity and decimal-point display, and can accept 5-V logic levels.

CIRCLE NO. 414

Two decade counters are TTL compatible

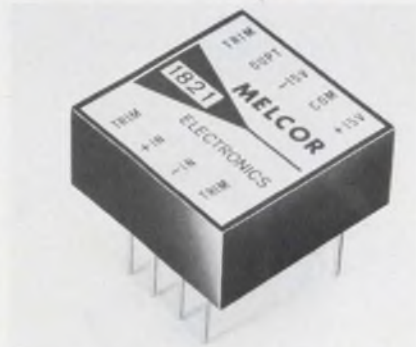


Burroughs Corp., Electronic Components Div., P. O. Box 1226, Plainfield, N.J. Phone: (201) 757-5000.

BIP-8820 and BIP-8821 modules are TTL-compatible 20-MHz unidirectional decade counters. Both units include an integral rectangular Nixie tube and are packaged in socket-pack modules that are fully compatible with a wide assortment of inexpensive bezels and assembly hardware.

CIRCLE NO. 415

FET input op amp has low voltage drift



Melcor Electronics Corp., 1750 New Highway, Farmingdale, N.Y. Phone: (516) 694-5570. P&A: \$14.50; stock.

A new economy FET-input differential operational amplifier features low voltage drift and bias current. Model 1821 is contained in a standard 1/2-in. high by 1-1/8-in. square package. Main features include high small-signal and full-power bandwidth, and high slew rate. This solid-state differential operational amplifier can be used in control instrumentation, computation, test equipment and data logging.

CIRCLE NO. 416

Efficient dc regulator holds ripple to 3 mV

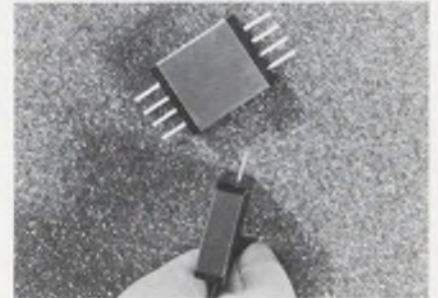


Fairchild Controls, 423 National Ave., Mountain View, Calif. P&A: \$49; stock.

With an output ripple of only 3 mV peak and an efficiency of 85%, a new 20-V dc regulator delivers 3 W of power at +65°C without requiring a heat sink. Model FRD-203 fills the need for a low-priced 2% regulator that has negligible noise, yet good power output. It measures 1.125 by 1.125 by 0.5-in., and is suitable for socket mounting.

CIRCLE NO. 417

Fast packet relays integrate assemblies



Compac Engineering Inc., 845 Commercial St., San Jose, Calif. Phone: (408) 286-4944. Price: \$2.25 to \$7.00.

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CIRCLE NO. 418

Servo amplifier occupies 1/2 in.³



Industrial Control Co., Central Ave. at Pinelawn, Farmingdale, L.I., N.Y. Phone: (516) 694-3000. P&A: \$110; 30 days.

Without external components, the 972A servo amplifier drives a 9-W, 400-Hz servo motor. Size is only 1 by 3/4 by 5/8 in. Transfer gain is X500, input impedance is 20 kΩ and required supply voltage is 28 V dc unregulated. The 972A drives any servo motor, size 8 to 18, wound for 36-V center-tapped. Heat sinking is through the base. The package is hermetically sealed for long life in environmental extremes.

CIRCLE NO. 419



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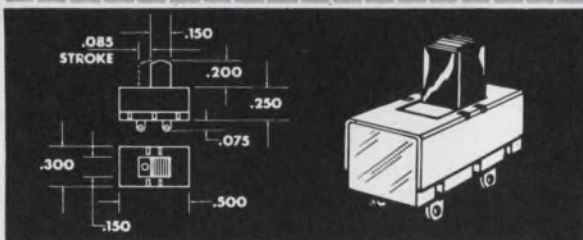
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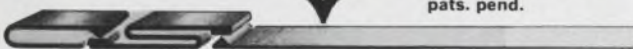


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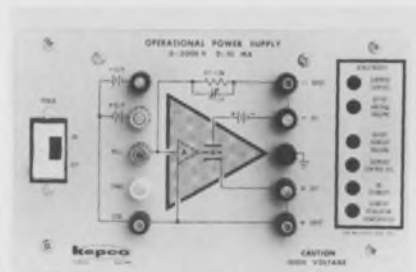


Melcor Electronics Corp., 1750 New Highway, Farmingdale, N.Y. Phone: (516) 694-5570. P&A: \$78; stock.

Able to power more than one operational amplifier, a new compact dual supply delivers ± 15 V dc at ± 100 mA, regulated against line and load variations. Model 1784 is a self-contained plug-in module designed for printed-circuit board mounting. It operates from a standard 60-Hz or 400-Hz 115-V ac input.

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Data Device Corp., 100 Tec St., Hicksville, N.Y. Phone: (516) 433-5330. P&A: \$98; stock to 2 wks.

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Keithley Instruments, Inc., 28775 Aurora Rd., Cleveland. Phone: (316) 248-0400. Price: \$250.

Model 50200 solid-state electrometer operational amplifier features light weight and low power consumption. The unit can be used as a linear or logarithmic amplifier, charge amplifier, current integrator, voltage follower, or high input resistance voltage amplifier. Common mode input resistance is either 10^{12} or $10^5 \Omega$. Power requirements are 30 mW at a nominal power supply voltage of ± 15 volts. Protected MOSFETs are used at the amplifier's inputs.

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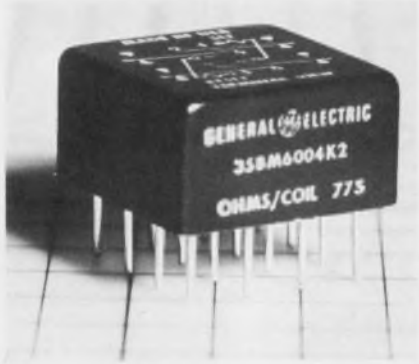
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Magnetic latching relay reduces standby power

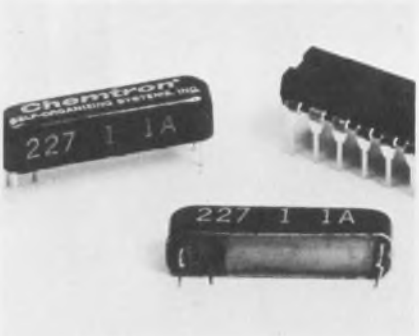


General Electric Co., Specialty Control Dept., 1 River Rd., Schenectady, N.Y. Phone: (518) 374-2211. Price: \$32.

Suited for applications requiring low power drain such as operating from batteries, a new four-pole double-throw magnetic latching relay contains a permanent magnet to latch its armature in position, thus eliminating the need for constant power. Type 3SBM is an all-welded hermetically sealed unit that is rated at 2A, 28 V dc resistive.

CIRCLE NO. 425

DIP-like reed relay ends bounce in 200 μ s

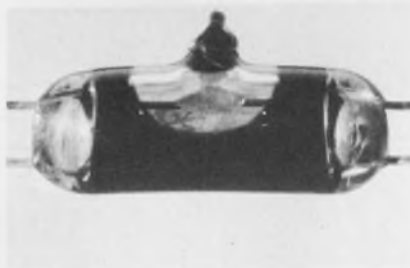


Self-Organizing Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 9918, Dallas. Phone: (214) 276-9487. Availability: stock.

Smaller than a standard dual-in-line package, a new reed relay stops bouncing after initial contact in less than 200 μ s. Ideal for high-speed computer-controlled equipment where speed and size are critical, model 227-1-1A works from a 5-V logic supply and is magnetically and electrostatically shielded. It measures only 0.8 by 0.2 by 0.2 in.

CIRCLE NO. 426

Gravity-sensing switch proportions output

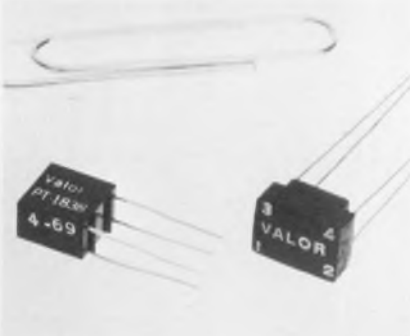


Hamlin Inc., Lake & Grove St., Lake Mills, Wis. Phone: (414) 648-2361.

Model EP-304 miniature tilt-indicating switch provides a typical 20-mV change per arcminute tilt with phase proportional to the direction of tilt. The switch electrodes are positioned for proportional voltage output between the two electrodes and common, as the switch nears the level position. This permits highly accurate bridge-circuit readout (typical 50 mV/arcminute) and minimizes hunting when used with correction servo systems.

CIRCLE NO. 427

Tiny transformers insulate with 10 G Ω

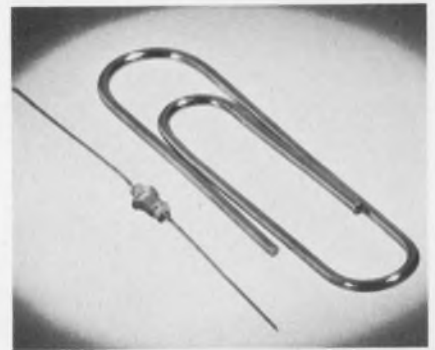


Valor Electronics, Inc., Sub. of Aerological Research, Inc. 3100 Pullman Ave., Costa Mesa, Calif. Phone: (714) 540-9261.

Miniature transformers for core memory and transistor applications feature miniature ferrite toroids, low leakage, and a winding-to-winding insulation resistance of 10,000 M Ω . Model PT 1851 is 0.5 by 0.35 by 0.24 in. high with channeled base; model PT 1838 is 0.365 by 0.235 by 0.28 by 0.325 in. high.

CIRCLE NO. 428

Ceramic capacitors shrink over-all length

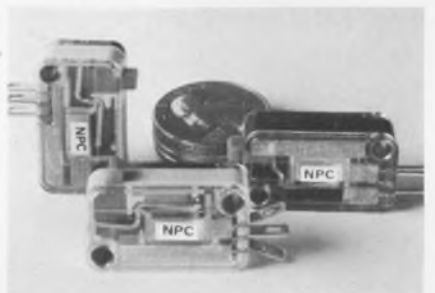


Denes Co., Inc., 3311 Winona Ave., Burbank, Calif. Availability: stock.

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Contactless switch uses semiconductors



Nucleonic Products Co., Inc., Electro-Mechanical Div., 3133 E. 12th St., Los Angeles, Calif. Phone: (213) 268-3464.

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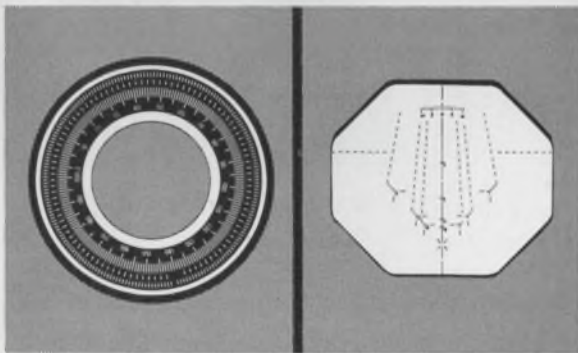
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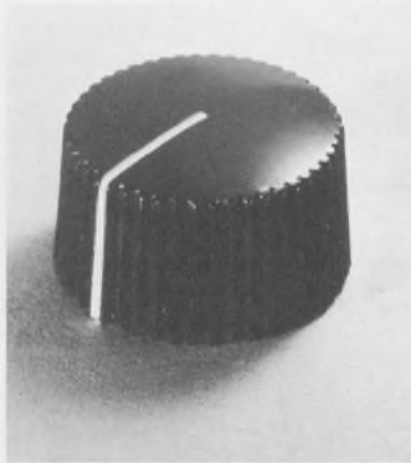
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Evaluation Samples

Circuit-board holders

Printed circuit-board guides are offered in plastic, steel, and beryllium copper versions. Easily installed, the plastic units offer maximum economy; the low-cost steel units are available in a variety of lengths; and the lightweight beryllium copper versions provide a firm grip. Samples of all and an eight-page catalog that includes full specifications and engineering drawings are available. Taurus Corp.

CIRCLE NO. 431



Control knobs

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CIRCLE NO. 432



Rfi shielding gaskets

Composed of a laminate of self-adhesive foam and foil, an rfi shielding gasket combines the compression characteristics of foam with the shielding properties of foil. To meet military metal protection specifications, these gaskets are available with either cadmium or gold-plated foil. Supplied with a pressure-sensitive adhesive backing, the gaskets can be applied quickly and easily to cabinet coverplates or doors. Further information and samples are available on request. Tapecon, Inc.

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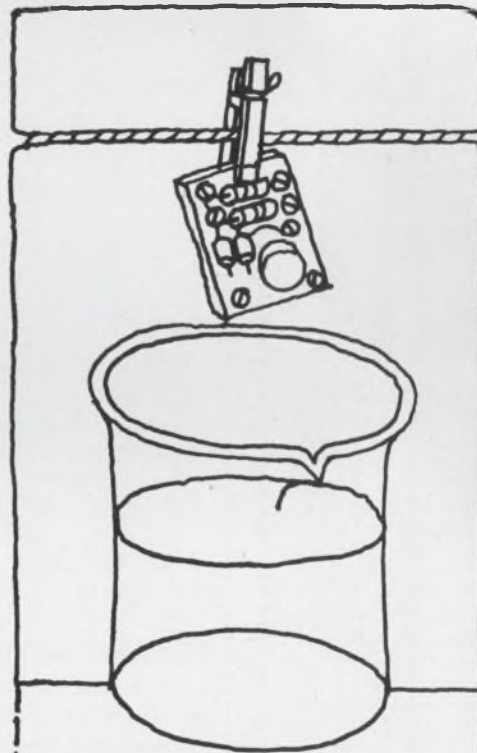
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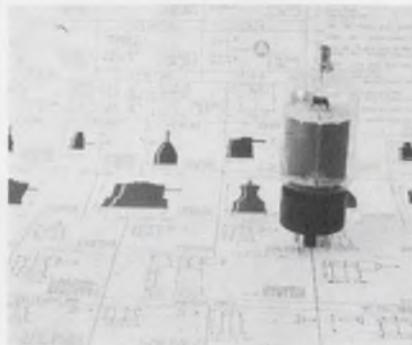
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Design Aids



Tube-cap wall chart

Offered as an aid to designers specifying tube caps, a large wall chart displays a wide variety of types and styles. Phenolic, integrally molded and silicone-rubber insulated types are shown, as are uninsulated contact versions. Outline drawings of every type are fully dimensioned and both electrical and mechanical specifications of insulating materials are given. Alden Products Co.

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2. Tungsten filament wire size (AWG) vs. current (A) vs. temperature (°F).
3. Tungsten filament wire size (AWG) vs. current (A) vs. temperature (°C) for different filament types.
4. Tungsten filament wire size (AWG) vs. current (A) vs. temperature (°C) for different filament types.

Filament nomogram

A nomogram that relates the wire size of tungsten filaments to current and temperature is offered as part of a technical report on tungsten metalizing filaments. The eight-page report contains useful information on how to obtain increased filament life in vacuum metalizing operations. The nomogram can be used to determine the temperature of single or stranded wire at a given current. General Electric Co., Lamp Metals and Components Dept.

CIRCLE NO. 436



Reliability calculator

A new calculator has been designed for preparing estimates of reliability, maintainability, and availability of assemblies and systems. If the user has access to failure rates and can estimate assembly-maintenance and mission-operating time, the device can be used to calculate reliability, maintainability, and availability parameters within minutes. The calculator is priced at \$5, and descriptive literature is available. Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.

CIRCLE NO. 437

Waveguides wall chart

A 17- by 22-in. wall chart contains complete technical descriptions of over 54 types of rigid rectangular waveguides and flanges under the category of MIL-W-85C. The wall chart contains E.I.A. equivalents, MIL-W-85/1 dash numbers, and frequency ranges (GHz) on each of the 54 types of rigid rectangular waveguides and flanges shown. In addition, the chart contains complete specifications and technical data on materials and dimensions. Washburn Div. of A. T. Wall Co.

CIRCLE NO. 438

Lamp nomogram

An incandescent lamp nomogram is included with a 12-page bulletin on photocell-lamp modules. The four-bar nomogram relates such variables as voltage ratio, current factor, candlepower, and life. The bulletin also includes general application and design information, as well as complete specifications for eight different types of modules. Clairex Electronics, Inc.

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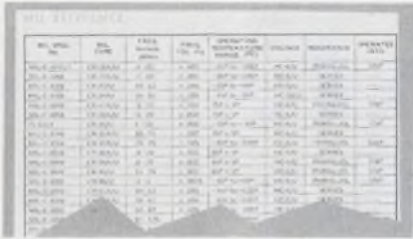
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CIRCLE NO. 440

Shunt regulators

A four-page brochure for design engineers describes shunt regulators and how to use them for precision power supplies, voltage regulation at the load, voltage limiting, and deripling of regulated power supplies. Although analogous to a zener diode in simplicity of circuit application, shunt regulators include the essential electronics of precision power supplies. Trio Laboratories, Inc.

CIRCLE NO. 441

Applications literature

A new index of applications literature available from Texas Instruments contains abstracts of over 50 application reports and notes related to solid-state devices and integrated circuits. All literature listed in the index is available without charge. All application reports are cross referenced both by circuit type and by product type. Texas Instruments Inc.

CIRCLE NO. 442

Emi measurement

A 26-page application note discusses the principles of electromagnetic interference measurements, and it describes how modern calibrated spectrum analyzers can be used as tuned rf microvoltmeters with visual display, in order to make these measurements with substantial savings in time. The note begins with a general summary of emi principles. It describes techniques for making standardized emi measurements. Hewlett-Packard Co.

CIRCLE NO. 444

Noise in TTL systems

A 12-page application report describes various types of noise that can appear in systems using transistor-transistor-logic (TTL) integrated circuits and prescribes specific ways to cope with such noise. Rather than dealing with complicated theoretical aspects of electronic noise, the report gives practical rules for preventing noise problems with these digital ICs. Nine circuit diagrams, eight scope traces, and five plots of device properties provide ample illustration of the principles involved. Texas Instruments Inc.

CIRCLE NO. 443

Dual photocell notes

Circuit design with dual photocells is covered in some depth by an eight-page application note on analog multipliers and low-noise choppers. The dual photocell has several advantages. Among these are close resistance balance and tracking characteristics. The 12-page publication gives circuits, design equations, and trade-off possibilities in detail for choppers and analog multipliers. Hewlett-Packard Co.

CIRCLE NO. 445



Wideband amplifiers

An application note on the use of wideband amplifiers covers the sometimes controversial definitions of frequency for full output, gain-bandwidth product and slew rate. The importance of 6 dB/octave roll-off, large gain-bandwidth product, and low input capacitance are covered in detail, as are precautions to be taken in the use of wideband amplifiers. Data Device Corp.

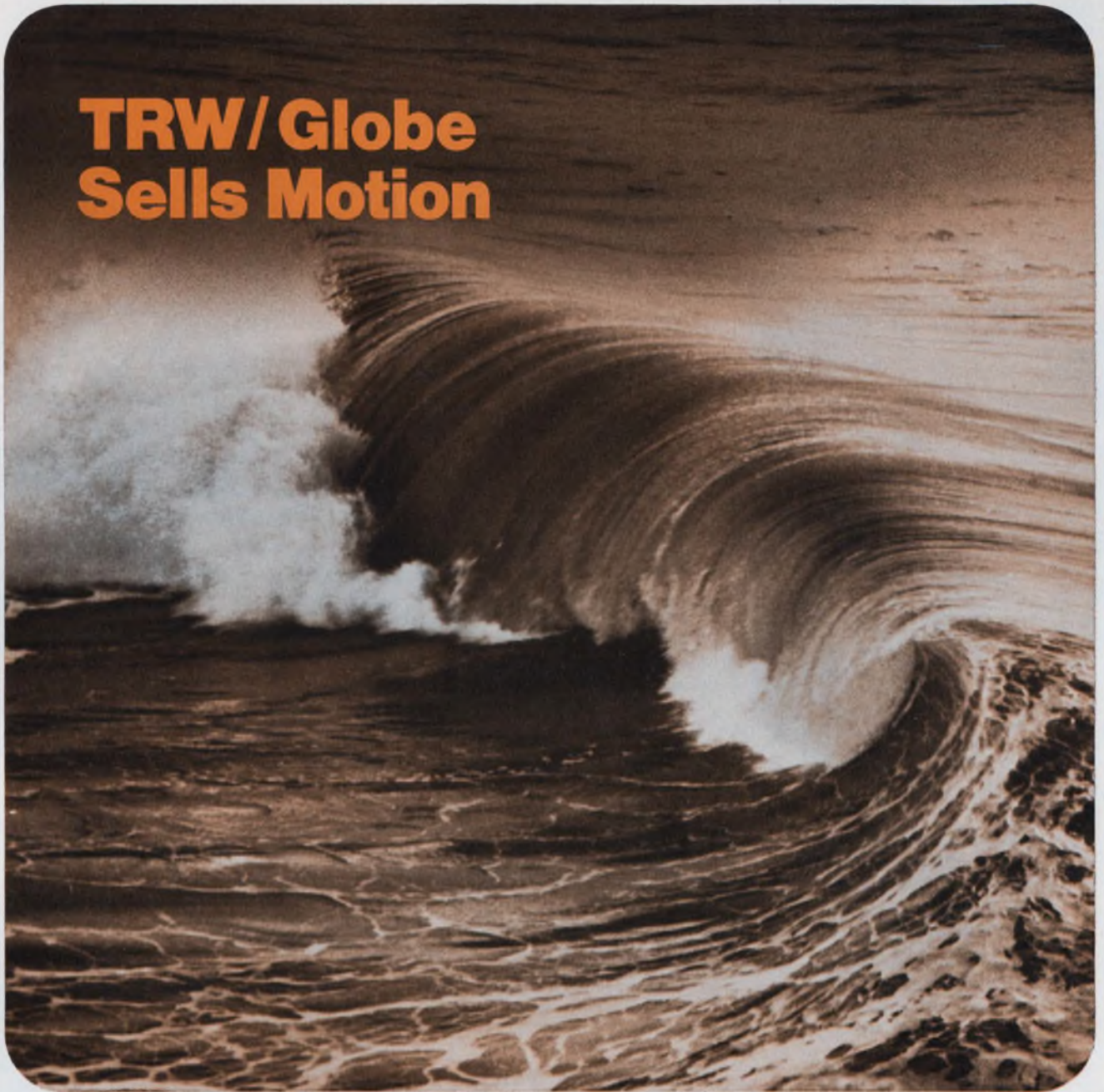
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Plastics selection guide

A two-part brochure describes how to specify and order high-pressure laminated plastics and gives complete property values for 34 standard stock grades that meet the requirements of virtually all laminated plastic applications. The first section gives useful handbook information on laminate specification, including a discussion of the various types of high-pressure laminated plastics. Part Two tabulates the property values of the 34 standard stock grades of laminates plastics in an easy-to-read three-page spread. The various grades in the table are given comparative ratings for dimensional stability, fabricability and chemical resistance. Taylor Corp.

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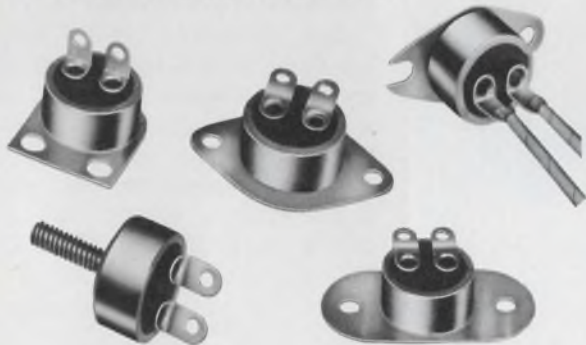
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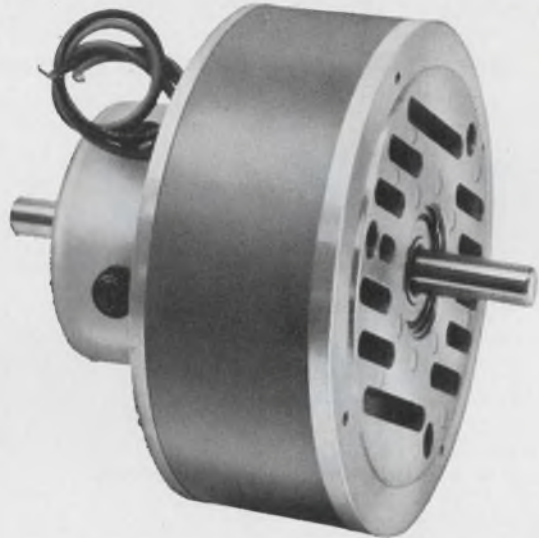
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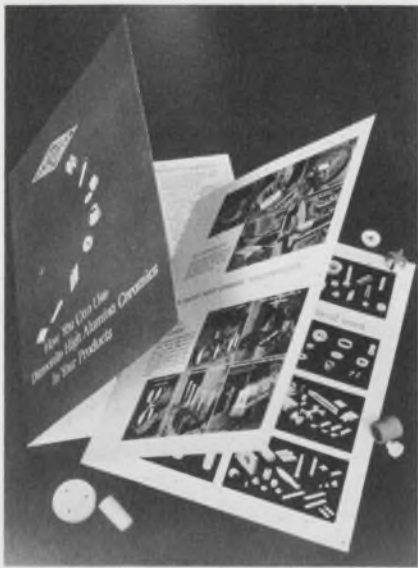
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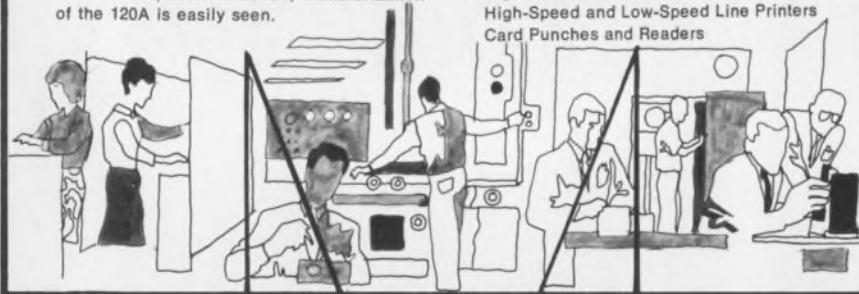
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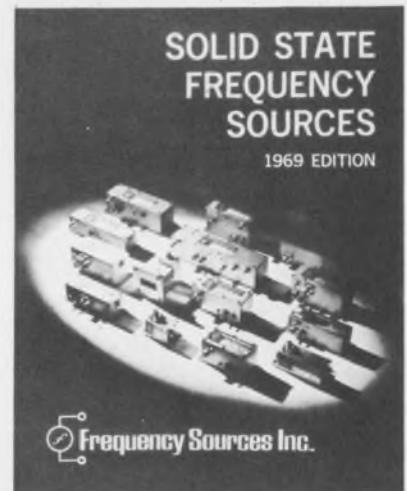
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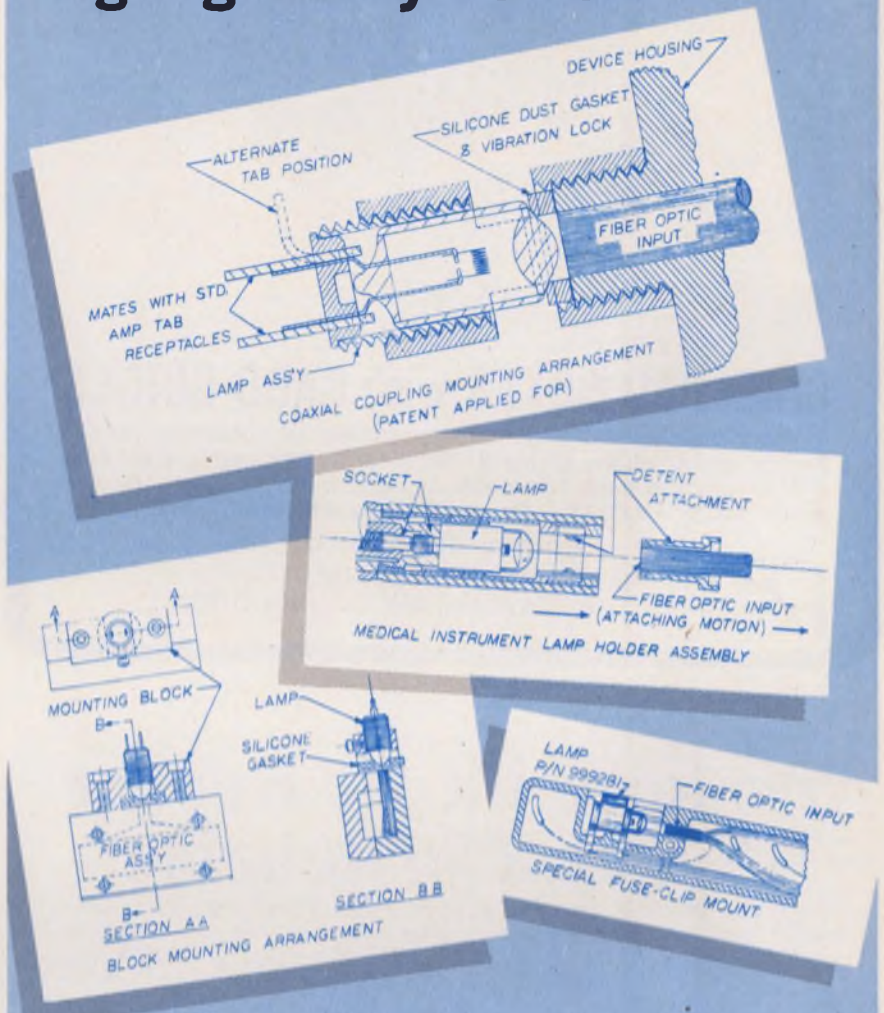
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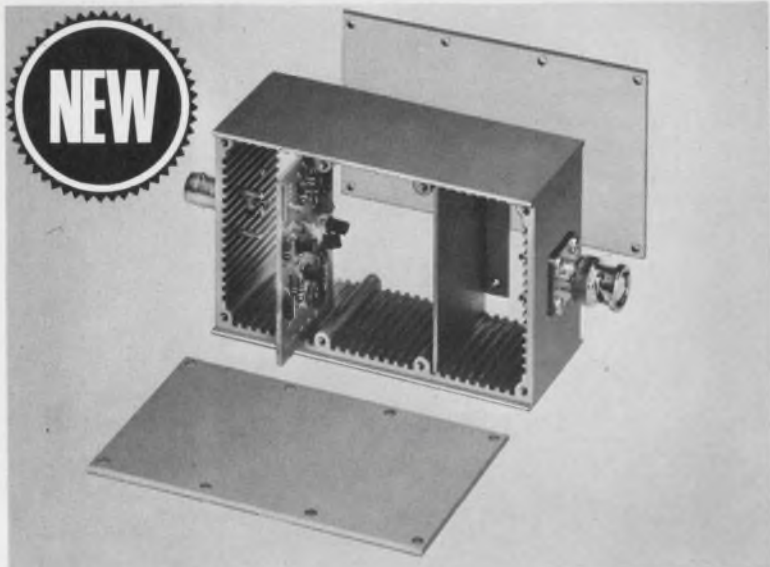
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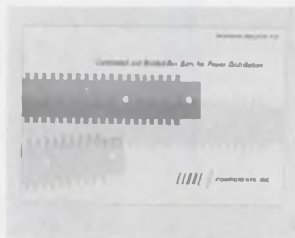
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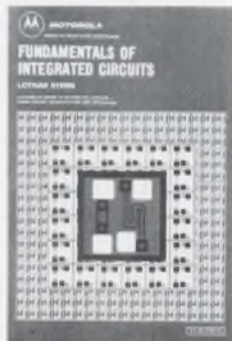
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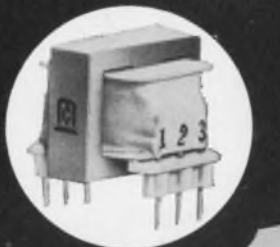
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