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FIGURES OF THE MONTH

	Year Ago	Previous Month	Latest Month
RECEIVER PRODUCTION			
(Source: RETMA)	July '53	June 154	July '54
Television sets, total With UHF Color sets Radio sets, total With F-M Home sets Clock radios Portable sets Auto sets	316,289 674,459 22,986 172,197 87,620 78,434 336,208	544,142 99,404 347 837,655 15,854 226,350 132,668 141,904 336,733	306,985 57,838 32 438,061 8,622 150,002 57,100 39,447 191,512
RECEIVER SALES (Source: RETMA) Television sets, units Radio sets (except auto)	July '53 340,406 366,666	June '54 351,885 537,494	July '54 368,634 411,197

RECEIVING TUBE SALES

(Source: RETMA)	July '53	June '54	July '54
Receiv. tubes, total units	26,462,069	31,031,315	24,208,512
Receiv. tubes, value	\$18,243,030	\$21,694,400	\$18,082,753
Picture tubes, total units	634,200	681,937	514,346
Picture tubes, value	\$15,155,870	\$13,933,845	\$10,102,903

SEMICONDUCTOR SALES

8. 8	June '53	'May '54	June '54
Germanium diodes	1,344,636	1,001,905	9 60,112
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INDUSTRIAL TUBE SALES	Year Ago	Previous Quarter	Latest Quarter
(Source: NEMA)	1st '53	4th '53	1st '54
Vacuum (non-receiving) Gas or vapor Phototubes	\$10,400,000 \$3,300,000 \$700,000	\$9,467,331 \$4,854,222 \$405,000	\$8,971,335 \$4,589,239 \$405,000*
modulation tubes Gaps and T/R boxes	\$10,500,000 \$1,700,000 *4th quarter	\$13,073,095 \$1,707,730 1953	\$16,135,274 \$1,517,426

FIGURES OF THE YEAR

Television set production	7,214,787
Radio set production	13,368,556
Television set sales	6,375,279
Radio set sales (except auto)	7,064,485
Receiving tube sales	437,091,555
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Cathode-ray tube sales	7,582,835

	Year Ago	Previous Month	Latest Month
TV AUDIENCE			
(Source: NBC Research Dept.)	Aug. 153	July '54	Aug. ⁴ 54
TV Homes, total 24	,895,000	30,717,000	31,036,000
BROADCAST STATION	S		
(Source: FCC)	Aug. '53	July '54	Aug. '54
TV stations on air	253	409	413
TV stations CPs-not on air	270	169	165
TV stations-applications	521	16	14
A-M stations on air	2,476	2,592	2,603
A-M stations CPs-not on air	117	121	113
A-M stations—applications	177	167	1 <u>63</u>
F-M stations on air	579	559	5 <mark>61</mark>
F-M stations CPs-not on air	18	12	10
F-M stations—applications	7	5	6
COMMUNICATION AL	JTHORIZ	ZATIONS	
(Source: FCC)	July '53	June '53	July '54
Aeronautical	40,655	40,154	40,708
Marine	41,473	46,299	46,621
Police, fire, etc.	13,869	15,697	15,926
Industrial	17,951	21,598	21,8 <mark>6</mark> 7
Land transportation	6,069	6,891	6,925
Amateur	110,862	123,287	120,409
Citizens radio	3,877	7,054	8,093
Disaster	191	283	305
Experimental	463	586	<mark>59</mark> 2
Common carrier	1,222	1,635	1,661
		c.	
EMPLOYMENT AND P	AYKOLL	.5	
(Source: Bur. Labor Statistics)	June 153	May '54	June '54
Prod. workers, comm. equip.	417,800	342,600-r	339, <mark>30</mark> 0-р
Av. wkly. earnings, comm	\$66.66	\$67.42 -r	S68.51 -p
Av. wkly. earnings, radio	\$64. <mark>64</mark>	<mark>\$66.08</mark> -r	S67.49 -p
Av. wkly. hours, comm	40.4	39.2 -r	39.6 -р
Av. wkly. hours, radio	39.9	39.1 -r	39.7 -р

STOCK PRICE AVERAGES

(Source: Standard and Poor's)	Aug. 153	July '54	Aug. '54
Radio-tv & electronics	280.0	351.2	354.8
Radio broadcasters	274.8	377.3	381.3
p—provisi	onal; r—re	evised	

TOTALS FOR	FIRST SEVEN	MONTHS
1953	1954	Percent Change
4,150,525	3,152,132	-24.0
7,941,001	5,324,620	- 32.9
3,116,306	3,174,394	+ 1.9
3,383,862	2,822,090	16.6
269,622,417	189,917,572	<u> </u>
5,831,271	4,471,584	-23.3

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1953 Total 7,214,787 13,368,556 6,375,279 7,064,485

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PUSHBUTTON starts machine that trims and bends resistor leads, inserts them in printed circuit boards and crimps them in position. Printed circuit ossembly comprises nearly 50 percent of completed vertical tv chossis wiring as . . .

Automatic Production Speeds TV Receiver Output

Machine-assembled eight-tube circuits appear in 21-inch television sets

COMPLEX machines 30 feet long, into which resistors and wire jumpers are automatically fed, deliver assembled printed circuit boards at Admiral Corp.

► How—The electronically controlled machines, designed and built by the firm's engineers, utilize printed circuit boards that are photo-etched and stamped at one of the company's plants. As the boards automatically move from machine to machine down the 30-foot line, fifty resistors and wire jumpers are machine-inserted in each board, some singly, some two and three at a time, depending on spacing. Before the resistors are inserted, the machines trim and bend the wire leads to size. After insertion, dies crimp the leads precisely against the

copper circuit pattern to insure getting good contacts by dip soldering.

Whenever any part fails to feed from its chute, a red light goes on at that machine and the entire line is automatically halted until adjustments are made.

► Future—Two other machines, one approximately 100 feet long, are under construction and will be in use in early 1955. It is expected that eventually the robots will be able to insert items such as tube sockets and tubes. This means that some components will be redesigned for automatic feeding.

According to the company, production has been increased so much with the new machines that, rather than displacing personnel, it has been necessary to hire more women employees to complete final hand assembly of the printed circuit boards. Two new verticalchassis 21-inch ty table models now on the market use the automatically produced eight-tube circuits. Tubes are mounted horizontally for removal from the rear.

Electronic Industry Booms In California

Growth mirrored in record WESCON attendance is backed by new L. A. survey

GROWING importance of the electronics industry on the west coast was pointed up at the recent Western Electronic Show and Convention and by a new survey of Los Angeles electronic manufacturers.

► WESCON—More than 23,000 engineers, technicians and members of allied industries registered for the 1954 show in Los Angeles, exceeding last year's registration by

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10,000. More than 2,800 attended the technical sessions at which 115 papers were delivered. Equipment ranging from silicon transistors to computers was exhibited by over 600 manufacturers in 522 booths, about 150 more than were used in 1953.

► Survey—Backing up the growth of the WESCON were the survey facts recently published by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. They show that billings of electronic firms in the Los Angeles metropolitan area have grown from \$95 million in 1946 to \$750 million last year. Capital investment of firms in the area has also grown rapidly.

Last year the electronic industry in Los Angeles county invested \$26.5 million, \$17.3 million in seven new plants and \$9.1 million in 34 expansions of existing facilities. This compares to total expenditures of \$4.6 million in 1952 and \$4.3 million in 1951. In the first seven months of 1954, the electronic industry ranked second in the area in the number of new expanded plants, with 32 projects representing a capital investment of \$12.9 million.

► Companies—According to the survey, there are 374 firms occupying 424 plants in metropolitan Los Angeles that manufacture electronic equipment. They have a combined total of 7.7 million sq ft of plant facilities and manufacture 172 different electronic products. The total number of workers employed by these firms is 60,900, representing 75 percent of electronic employees in the west and an annual payroll of \$231 million.

Breakdown of some of the 374 firms in the Los Angeles area shows that 161 are research and development firms, 19 are engineering and design companies and 22 are service and testing firms.



Larger Color Picture Tube Bows

NEW RCA 21-inch color tv tube with 250 square inches of picture area is compared with its 15-inch predecessor. It will be used in a new color tv receiver that employs 28 tubes including the picture tube. Cost of the tube is \$175 and sets using the new tube will retail between \$800 and \$900. Sampling of the picture tube to other manufacturers is scheduled to begin Nov. 1.

Initial sets using the tube will employ modified 19-inch chassis containing 39 tubes. A few thousand of these sets will be made and are expected to be on the market before the end of the year.

Radio Control System Guides Tractor-Trains

Pushbutton unit on belt cuts order-filling costs in large warehouses

OLD-TIME MILKMEN did very little driving. Only an occasional whistle was necessary to keep horse and wagon moving down the street in step with the milkman as he cut across lawns and back yards. With modern in-plant material-handling tractor-trains, however, the driverloader must often spend half his time running back to the controls.

A new electronic control system has solved this difficulty. A warehouseman loading groceries and supplies onto a tractor-train need



Radio-controlled tractor built by Barrett-Cravens of Northbrook, III. hauls trailers in 5-acre warehouse of Supervalu Stores, Inc., in Hopkins, Minn.

touch the tractor controls only occasionally. To move from dry cereals to soap powders, for example, he merely pushes one of three buttons. Three different tone signals whistle the tractor to start, turn right or turn left. When his finger is removed, the tractor brakes to a smooth halt.

►Who Can Use It?—So far, only about two dozen radio-controlled tractors have been put into service, eight of them in one warehouse. Time studies now in progress indicate that there may be as much as 20 percent savings in an order-filler's time.

Cost of the radio system and (Continued on page 8)

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electric tractor together is \$4,000 but the radio gear itself sells for about \$1,400. The manufacturers believe such control equipment can be applied satisfactorily to fork trucks, bridge cranes and other devices subject to remote operation.

▶ Radio System—Although design details have not yet been revealed, it is known that the radio control operates under FCC low-power rules without necessity for a license. The mobile receiver uses the rubber-tired tractor and trailers as antenna.

Color Set Makers Size Up Color Broadcasting

Networks and network routes are set for color programs but local stations lag

It has been almost axiomatic in new black-and-white tv markets that when programs were poor or sparse so were tv set sales. Good shows sold sets. Manufacturers who will have color receivers on the market this fall are therefore taking a hard look at the color program plans of networks and stations for this year.

▶ Programs—NBC has the most ambitious lineup of color programs among the networks. It has scheduled 49½ hours of color programming for the fall season. By the first of the year it will have facilities for color origination available for 60 hours of color programs a month.

CBS has 77 separate color shows now scheduled through April 6 of next year for about 40 hours of color programs.

Du Mont's WABD goes on the air in September with one color program a week. This will be stepped up later to three weekly programs. This firm's Pittsburgh and Washington, D. C. stations expect to be equipped for color this year. All of its initial programs will be taken from color film.

► Network—AT&T will have its routes ready for network color

programs. Already 31,000 of the 59,000 channel miles of tv facilities now in service have been reengineered and re-equipped to carry color programs. Color tv can now be transmitted to 65 cities across the nation.

At present 145 stations in these cities are receiving network tv service and about 95 of them are getting color in addition to blackand-white. AT&T estimates that by November most of its principal routes will be equipped with color and that by the end of the year it will be able to transmit color programs to about 95 of the 202 cities now linked for black-and-white tv.

► Local—Although there may be a total of 100 hours of network color

programs available this year to help sell color sets, sizeable gaps in a prospective color set owner's viewing schedule remain. As with black-and-white tv, these gaps will be taken up by color programs of local stations.

So far, outside of the networks, only about 10 stations have equipment for originating live color programs. Only about 10 color film scanners have been delivered for color film use. The four scanner manufacturers, DuMont, GE, Philco and RCA, are stepping up their production schedules, however. It is expected that as color sets trickle into local markets, more local stations will order color cameras and film equipment or convert present equipment.



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Intercom TV Makes Its Debut

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Sprague PULSE TRANSFORMERS for digital computers



Type 10Z pulse transformer at left is coler-coded to customer specifications. Unit at right is standard,

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in use, the monitor can be used for regular closed-circuit tv, subscription tv or as a standard tv set.

► Use—The tv intercom is designed primarily for applications in industry, for interplant conferences and other uses where savings in time and expense can be made. The system is seen as being especially applicable as a surveillance aid. A unit installed at electrically controlled gate stations could eliminate the expense of full-time guards. The cost of maintaining a single guard position at large installations is estimated at \$20,000 annually.



PAYROLLS for electrical and electronic manufacturers increase as . . .

Fringe Benefit Costs Grow Heavier

Electronic firms are among the top five manufacturing aroups in fringe payments

ELECTRONIC pay envelopes reflect only part of labor costs for manufacturers in the field because of increasing payments made in the form of fringe benefits. Today these benefits, measured against total payrolls in the industry, represent 18 percent of wage costs, 35 cents per payroll hour or about \$700 extra per year for each employee.

► Trend—There has been a steady rise in fringe benefits in the electrical machinery industry classification, which includes electronic firms, since 1947, as is shown in the chart. In 1947, according to a survey by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, fringe payments in the field represented about 13 percent of total payroll, 18 cents per payroll hour and \$390 per year per employee. In 1951 benefits had jumped to 16.4 percent measured against total industry payroll, 28 cents per payroll hour and \$616 per year per employee.

Main increase in benefits between 1951 and 1953 was in the employers' share for pensions and other agreed-upon payments such as accident and medical care insurance premiums, hospitalization, death benefits, life insurance premiums, separation pay allowances and tuition refunds. Other increases were in paid rest periods, lunch periods and payments for time not worked. Bonuses and profit-sharing payments showed a slight drop for the industry in the period.

▶ Where—Amounts paid in fringe benefits vary with a manufacturer's location in the U. S. Producers in the North East, from Pennsylvania to Maine, paid 18.4 percent of payroll in fringe benefits for the highest percentage in the country. Manufacturers in East North Central States paid 16 percent of payroll and those in the West spent 15.2 percent in fringe benefits.

Size of the company affected benefit payments randomly. According to the survey, those companies in the field with between 500 and 999 employees paid 18.1 percent of total payroll in fringes. Companies with under 500 workers and others with between 1,000 and 2,449 workers paid 17 percent. Firms with 2,500 to 4,999 employees paid 16.2 percent and those with 5,000 and over paid 16.9 percent of payroll in fringe benefits.

► Comparison—Total fringe payments made by other manufacturing industries show wide variation. Electronic and electrical manufacturers ranked sixth among 12 industries in benefits paid. Petroleum companies led all industries surveyed with fringe payments equal to 28 percent of total payroll. Transportation equipment manufacturers were lowest with 14.8 percent. The fact that there is variation in the amounts paid by each industry group may not mean, however, that one industry is ahead or behind another because, in many cases, the employer and the workers may prefer to have income reflected entirely or chiefly in the pay envelope.

U.S. Navy Encourages Automatic Production

Bureau of Aeronautics adopts new policy giving preference to mechanized electronics

DIVISIONS of Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics concerned with the design and procurement of electronic equipment have been directed to encourage electronic contractors, through development and production contracts, to utilize mechanized production techniques.

According to the new policy, BUAER intends, whenever practicable, to select new designs for electronic equipment that have the increased mobilization potential of mechanized production. The automatic production of equipments (Continued on page 12)

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with high mobilization requirements will be particularly encouraged where it will substantially reduce the lead time required for mobilization production schedules.

► Aim—Purpose behind BUAER'S new policy is to develop sufficient capacity in the electronics industry to produce the large volume of military-quality equipments that will be required in the event of a global war. The Bureau feels that progress in the field of mechanized production has now advanced sufficiently to warrant its use in field equipment for the fleet.

► Status—So far the only product in current production for BUAER that uses mechanized techniques is the sonobuoy under a contract with Willys Motors. This contract, however, is drawing to a close and it is reported that the company is contemplating moving out of this field. The machines in its pilot plant are owned by BUAER and no decision on their disposition has yet been made.

► Advances—National Bureau of Standards is continuing to develop components for use in Tinkertoy production. A self-adhesive tape capacitor, manufactured in much the same manner as the NBS tape resistor, has been developed. It can be applied to one side of a wafer.

Defense Needs Spur Lighting Panel Sales

PLASTIC LIGHTING PANELS that permit military pilots to read their instruments without losing their dark adaptation or night vision sustain about a \$10 million industry filling largely defense needs.

▶ Market—A new B-52 bomber requires 175 panels—covering for the most part electronic equipment. Another 30 to 40 panels are installed on government-furnished equipment mounted in the plane. Plastic lighting panels are expensive since they must be made to exacting tolerances. Twenty-nine firms are reportedly in the business, although a half-dozen of these claim to do the lion's share of the business. The industry is concentrated near New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

► What Is It—Basically a plastic lighting panel is a $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. sheet of clear methacrylate plastic in which is embedded a tiny light bulb equipped with a red filter. The panel is then painted an opaque black with the lettering and indicators done in translucent white. The panel is thus black and white by day and red by night. Such a panel is transilluminated.

Red light is chosen to illuminate the panels since a pilot may look at a dim red light and preserve his night vision. Military specifications require that the light source may be dimmed over a 7 to 1 ratio.

Industry Proposal Spurs UHF-TV

RETMA committee would add low-power stations to aid ty coverage

CONTROVERSY on how to help uhf television may taper off fast if industry plans for modifying Commission rules get the green light in Washington. A special committee of Radio-Electronics and Television Manufacturers Association suggests two new classes of television stations. Such stations are expected to improve television coverage for both vhf and uhf.

▶ Definitions—One type of station, defined by the committee as a satellite, would operate unattended on the same television channel as the primary or controlling station upon which it depends for all its program and identification material. Such a station has been commonly called a booster—a term now deleted by the committee.

The other type, a Special Serv-(Continued on page 14)



Receiving antenna made up of eight zigzag rods receives weak television signal 37 miles from the WJTV transmitter in Jackson, Miss. Signal is amplified and rebroadcast from low-power RCA transmitter attached to similar high-gain antenna to fill holes in coverage area of this uhf television station

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ices station (usually referred to as a satellite, in current parlance) would operate on a normally allocated television channel, but with relaxed rules and regulations permitting a favorable economic operation. Such a station might start with reduced power and antenna, depending solely or in part upon other stations or sources for programs.

► Equipment Market—Experts are guessing that a satellite package including 100-ft tower, antenna, 10-kw transmitter and housing might come not lower than \$10,000 and probably not more than \$15,-000. In a couple of years there might be a hundred of them. Some uhf stations might need two, three or four to fill pattern holes.

Besides guessing that they will be useful and maybe plentiful, the manufacturers are silent on how many relaxed-rule stations the country can absorb. It depends, they say, on how far the rules relax. For example, a 100-watt job complete might run in the vicinity of \$50,000. By contrast, a fullrules 1-kw station costs about \$200.000 and operating costs are commensurate. Relaxed rules might make television economically feasible for communities under 100,000 population.

Low-power stations operating with experimental licenses on the same or different frequencies from the mother station have been in existence for some time. Reports of satisfactory service indicate that the new proposal is sound.

Airline Orders Boost Radar Sales

Storm warning gear for big transports looms as multimillion-dollar business

SALE of airborne storm-detecting radar to commercial airlines may become a major part of the nonmilitary radar business. Both domestic and overwater carriers are interested in the equipment, which warns pilots of impending storms while providing a map of terrain features below. Big advantages are increased safety and added payload since extra gas need not be carried for flying long, circuitous paths around storm centers. The pilot can see the



Radar displays may become road maps for civilian pilots

storm's center and select the shortest route around it.

► Overseas—Panagra, which flies to Latin American points, has had a Bendix 9,000-mc set installed aboard one of their new DC-6B's since April. The line plans to buy five more sets for installation aboard its new DC-7's. Delivery is planned for 1955. Cost is \$35,-000 per plane, installed.

Other overwater carriers are looking into storm-detection radar. These include Air France, BOAC (British), KLM (Dutch) and Sabena (Belgian). In addition, many private firms with their own executive fleets are enthused.

▶ Other Lines—The board of United Air Lines has earmarked \$4 million for storm-detection radar on their new DC-7's. This action follows four months during which an RCA 5,400-mc set was flighttested aboard a United Air Lines plane. According to RCA, four other carriers-Braniff Airways, National Airlines, Pan-American World Airways and Trans-World Airlines—have also requested equipment for flight evaluation. Delivery is promised for this year.

The RCA unit operates in the C-band, which some experts claim

is best for weather-monitoring purposes. The unit weighs 150 lb and has a 75-kw transmitter.

▶ Military—Meanwhile, the Sperry Gyroscope Co. has announced the APN-59, a lightweight radar for installation on Air Force cargo and troop-carrying planes. The Sperry radar, it is claimed, combines terrain clearance data, collision warnings and search and surveillance functions with its navigational and storm warning duties.

Rebuilt Picture Tube Sales Increase

Growing portion of total picture tube sales is being made up of reworked glass envelopes

MORE rebuilt picture tubes are being used in U. S. tv sets. Last year over 1.2 million reworked tubes were sold. The trend so far this year indicates that 1954 sales will go considerably higher.

► Companies—It is estimated that nearly 40 firms of all types are engaged in rebuilding ty picture



tubes. Bulk of the business, however, is being done by about 5 companies in the field.

Many of the major new tube manufacturers have been in the rebuilding business at one time or another. Some major tube makers have glass allowance programs in effect whereby they pay service organizations for burned-out tubes. The fact that major glass envelope manufacturers no longer produce (Continued on page 16)

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Barry Engineers Report on Design Methods

Technical articles written by Barry engineers over the past several years on the protection of electronic apparatus against damage by vibration and shock, are now available. The information presented covers both the theoretical and the practical aspects of shock and vibration protection—for aircraft, naval, mobile, and industrial equipment.

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Designing for Shock Resistance

By Charles E. Crede and Miguel C. Junger. Reprinted from "Machine Design", Jan. 1951. Bulletin R-511

Shock Testing of Airborne Equipment By Charles E. Crede. Reprinted from "Tele-Tech", July-August 1951. Bulletin R-518

How to Evaluate Shock Tests

By Charles E. Crede. Reprinted from "Machine Design", Dec. 1951. Bulletin R-521

Toned-Down Noise Tunes Up Operation By Charles E. Crede. Reprinted from "Steel", Feb. 25, 1952. Bulletin R-523

Mounting Keeps Vibration in its Place

By William C. Gallmeyer. Reprinted from "Steel", May 18, 1953. Bulletin R-535

Shock or Vibration Isolators?

By J. Markowitz. Reprinted from "Product Engineering" June, 1953. Bulletin R-536

Mock-ups for Vibration and Shock Testing

By Charles E. Crede. Reprinted from "Product Engineering" July, 1953. Bulletin R-537

Vibration Isolators speed up plant changes

By Harold Wrigley. Reprinted from "Plant Engineering" Jan. 1954. Bulletin R-541

The Role of Shock Testing Machines in Design

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some of the smaller-sized envelopes indicates that a few manufacturers may be reusing glass envelopes for such replacement sales.

► Cost—Main reasons for the success of the reworked tube business are price and the growing replacement and second-set markets. Prices of reworked tubes vary from 60 to 90 percent of the cost of a similar new tube. This price differential has become important especially to the small-screen replacement market where the consumer is unwilling to pay the full price for a small screen. This is especially true, according to tube companies, where the tube is to be used in a second set in the home.

Rebuilt tubes also find a market in some new tv sets that are on the market. According to one rebuilder, at least four major tv set producers use reworked picture tubes in their current lines.

► How—There are many degrees of quality in rebuilt tv picture tubes. In some only the envelope itself is reused. The old tubes are taken in, washed out, refaced with phosphor and the guns are replaced. In other rebuilding operations only the gun or a defective part in the tube is replaced or repaired before the tube is put back on the market.

Currently the dominant sellers in rebuilt tube lines are in the 16 to 19-inch size bracket. But rebuilders expect that soon the 21inch rebuilt will be the volume seller, as it is now for new picture tubes.



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VOICE OF AMERICA is probably the world's biggest broadcasting network—if not in number of outlets, certainly in total kilowatts of signal on the air. The voice broadcasts 75 separate programs daily, amounting to 31 program hours in 38 different languages to a worldwide audience estimated at 400,-000,000.

► Nerve Center—New \$700,000 studios in Washington's Health, Education and Welfare building will feed 77 transmitters. Thirty of these are located in continental United States and are used as short-wave relays. Transmitting facilities within the U. S. are rented by the Voice and private firms in the international broadcasting business collect \$1.9 million annually.

► Outlets—The Voice operates onemillion-watt transmitters in Munich, the Philippines and Okinawa. Cost of these monster transmitters is estimated at a dollar a watt. Other high-power facilities are located in Salonika, Tangier, Ceylon, Honolulu and aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Courier anchored off the island of Rhodes in the Eastern Mediterranean. The Voice has spent \$15 million on capital equipment in the last five years.

In addition to this equipment the Voice rents facilities from the BBC regularly and from local broadcasters overseas whenever additional coverage is required or when Russian jamming temporarily dislocates normal operations.

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Transistor Developed For UHF

New pnip design presents potential threat to tv tube manufacturers

PRESENT-DAY TRANSISTORS cannot be used in many television receiver circuits because of frequency limitations inherent in their design. A new transistor developed by Bell Labs oscillates at 440 mc and is expected to eventually oscillate at 3,000 mc, which in effect will remove the frequency limitation from the transistor business.

► Construction—The main difference between this and conventional junction transistors is incorporation of a layer of chemically pure germanium termed an intrinsic barrier. This layer is



Heart of intrinsic barrier transistor as seen through microscope. Input and output electrodes are connected to the indium dots on opposite sides

located between the usual pnplayers to form a pnip configuration. Besides decreasing capacitances between the transistor input and output areas, the intrinsic layer permits the transistor to be operated at much higher voltages.

Traffic Control Saves \$3 Million

Newly available frequency permits replacing cables with coded radio signals

CHICAGO is going all-out for an electronic solution of traffic problems that many other big cities have encountered. The direct solution is synchronization of all important intersections to speed incoming morning traffic and outgoing evening flow of vehicles. Sufficient cables to do the job would cost \$7,500 an intersection. So Chicago will use coded radio signals.

▶ Basic Problem—During most of the day, inbound and outbound cars will receive equal consideration, with cross-traffic given its chance, too. Control signals to program this operation will be sent out from a central station.

Once the special morning and evening signals have been sent, they will generally require no further attention—except in bad weather. Roadside neon signs will show the optimum speed for which the system is set so the motorist can proceed without stops. Need for exact timing control becomes evident when it is understood that the distances between traffic signals are not identical. A steady traffic pace can be kept only if each individual light receives the code that ties it in with the rest.

▶ Pilot Run—For a start, the city will equip eleven heavy-traffic intersections with antennas, receivers, decoders and traffic-light controllers. Two other intersections, 8 miles from the transmitter, will be similarly equipped.

At present, Chicago has 1,200 signalized intersections. Plans call for an eventual total of 3,000. Of these, some 450 will need the special steady-pace signals. Connected by cables the control system would cost \$3,375,000. Using radio, costs drop to about \$480,000.

► How It Works—Top pace for rush-hour traffic is expected to be 30 mph. When fog, sleet or snow occur, the optimum speed must be reduced, but smooth flow will be possible only with exact, individual timing of lights. Information to set this timing will be sent out as a series of coded pulses. Each receiver will pick out only the pulses assigned to it. The radio signals will emanate from the tower of the Board of Trade in the Loop. Transmissions will radiate on a newly available frequency of 27.255 mc. On-the-air time will normally amount to 0.2 second out of each hour.

Because other cities at great distances, and medical and industrial radio equipments can use frequencies in the same band, the Chicago signals must be highly coded to avoid traffic snarls from other transmitters.

Receiving Tube Makers Push Volume Sales

Manufacturers concentrate bulk production and sales on four entertainment tube types

FACTORY sales of receiving tubes, averaging about 40 million units a month so far this year, are made up largely of entertainment tube types for the home market. In June, for example, of the 31 million tubes sold, approximately 80 percent were accounted for by sales of major entertainment receiving tube types. Of these, about 20 percent were represented by four tube types, the 6CB6, 6SN7GT & GTA, 6AU6 and 12AU7, with total sales of 5.6 million units, as shown in the chart.

► Market—The initial equipment market is the main one for the top tube sellers shown. Renewal sales are also substantial, although only



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the 6SN7, a relative oldtimer, has shown replacement sales exceeding 50 percent of initial equipment volume. Sales to other markets, which include government and export sales, represent only 30,000 units monthly for each of the four types.

► Use—The 6CB6 and 6AU6 are sharp-cutoff pentodes of miniature type, used in tv sets as an i-f amplifier and as an r-f amplifier in vhf tv tuners.

The 6SN7-GT, a medium-mu twin triode, is largely used as a horizontal oscillator in tv receivers.

The 12AU7, a medium-mu twin

triode, is a miniature type used in tv sets, as a phase inverter or amplifier in a-c/d-c radio equipment and in many diversified applications such as multivibrators or oscillators in industrial control devices.

▶ Future—There are signs that new tube types may take over as sales leaders. Several manufacturers have introduced receiving types designed for application in tv sets that use series-connected heaters. If series-string tv goes over, the 6CB6 may be replaced by the 3CB6, the 6SN7GTA by the 6SN7GTB, the 6AU6 by the 3AU6 and the 12AU7 by the 6AU7.

Amateur Radio Sales Make Gains

Volume of transmitters and receivers sold increases as more hobbyists enter field

COMPANIES in the amateur radio equipment manufacturing field have experienced substantial increases in sales in the past few years. This is pointed up by the fact that in the last year alone, the number of transmitters authorized to operate in the amateur radio service increased by 12,000 for one of the largest gains on record.

Since 1951 the number of amateur transmitters authorized has increased from some 90,000 in 1951 to 123,000 in June of this year. Receiver sales have shown a similar rising trend. Manufacturers estimate that receiver sales have far exceeded transmitter sales because of larger export volume and sales in the hi-fi field.

▶ Why—Some of the main reasons for growing sales of transmitters and receivers for amateur use in the last 4 years are the changes made in amateur rules by the FCC. License requirements were relaxed with the establishment of the novice class, which is the most elementary type of amateur operator license available, and the technician class which lowered code requirements. Since July 1951, when the novice class was established, over 22,000 such licenses have been issued. In the technician class more than 7,000 licenses were issued in the period;





New amateur receiver made by Hammarlund uses printed circuits in r-f section and sectionalized mechanical construction

the number of extra-class licenses at the close of 1953 was 1,300, an increase of 400 over the previous year.

► Equipment—There are approximately 30 manufacturers of amateur transmitters and about the same number in the amateur receiver field. Transmitter and receiver kits account for the majority of sales in the field. However, some manufacturers note that there is a tendency now for more amateurs to buy factory-made equipment because of television interference caused by some home-made sets.

New development in the factorymade amateur equipment is the use of printed circuits in receivers. The short-wave set shown uses a tinplated copper-on-XXXP-phenolic in the r-f section. Sectionalized mechanical construction similar to plug-in unit construction found in some military equipment is also being used.

Renegotiation Changes Help Manufacturers

Fewer government contracts are subject to review as Congress passes revised bill

ELECTRONIC manufacturers who have had government contracts subject to renegotiation may gain some relief under the revised Renegotiation Act recently passed by Congress. Under the new bill a manufacturer with an annual income from government contracts of \$500,000 or under is not subject to renegotiation. Previously, the minimum was \$250,000. The new minimum applies to fiscal years ending on or after June 30, 1953.

► Changes—The revised Act also eases other provisions of the 1951 bill. It exempts from renegotiation, under certain conditions, contracts for standard commercial articles as defined in the bill. This applies when cost figures supplied by contractors show that competitive conditions prevent excessive profit. It also applies if the Renegotiation Board does not find ex-(Continued on page 22) **An Announcement**

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cessive profits within six months after cost figures have been filed.

▶ Effect—The changes in the Renegotiation Act as applied to the electronic industry may be beneficial chiefly to small manufacturers since most of the larger firms in the field have had annual income from defense contracts in excess of \$500,000. Sylvania, for example, estimates that about \$60 million or 22 percent of its 1953 sales are government sales subject to renegotiation.

Even under the old Act, however, most major electronic manufacturers were not required to make refunds because profits were not excessive. It is estimated that less than five percent of all Navy contracts renegotiated have been subject to substantial refunds. However, many large companies continue to make provision for possible renegotiation refunds in their financial statements.

More U.S. Watchmakers Make Electronic Items

NEED for diversification in the face of sliding markets and foreign competition has led major watchmakers in the U.S. to move into new business fields. The elec-

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Magnetic disc recorder can be converted to standard 45-rpm phanograph with plug-in cortridge and spindle adapter button

tronics industry has been a leading choice for many of them. About eight watch manufacturers are now connected with the industry in some degree. Two of the latest entries are U.S. Time and General Time.

▶ Products—Electronic products made by watch firms range from guided missile components to magnetic recorders. U.S. Time recently introduced a magnetic disk recorder and player to retail at \$59.95, aimed at the mass home market. Under development for the past year in the firm's electronic division, the recorder utilizes a new magnetic recording head structure and disks composed of iron oxide coating on a plastic base. Recording time is 3¹/₂ minutes. Tracking is achieved by placing a grooved metal disk over the center portion of the coated plastic record. A stylus on an extension of the pickup arm rides in this groove. The company also plans to enter the tape recording field.

General Time, through its Stromberg division, plans to introduce an electronic time system to supplement its present industrial timing equipment line. Their move into electronics was prompted more by the trend in an established product than as a diversification move.

Financial Roundup

INCREASED financial activity among companies in the electronic field was evident in the past month as eight firms made profit reports and eight companies announced security transactions.

Following are the net profit reports of nine electronic manufacturers for the fiscal periods indicated:

	Net 1	rofit
Company	1954	1953
Acme Electric 12m	\$190,785	\$239,602
Admiral 6m	2,558,850	4,762,152
American Bosch Arma		
6m	1,411,965	851,569
American Electronics		
6in Club	138,325	50,704
CBS 6m	5,177,119	4,793,310
Cornell-Dubiller 9m	1,012,000	1,258,000
Daystron an	11 779 019	324,219
Sherry our	11.110,010	1,991,410

► Securities — AT&T registered with SEC covering \$250 million of 30-year debentures due Sept. 15, 1984 to be offered for sale at competitive bidding. Proceeds will be used for advances to subsidiaries. purchase of stock by subsidiaries and associates, plant expansion and improvement and for general corporate purposes.

Ketay Instrument registered with SEC covering 300,000 shares of common stock, 10 cents par value, to be offered for sale to the public. Net proceeds of 200,000 shares will be applied to payments in full of outstanding obligations of \$1.5 (Continued on page 24)

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OVERSEAS TELEVISION TODAY Scanning Estimated Hours Annual Trans-Lines Total Sets Country Price of Sets a Week per Frame Fee mitters Argentina 30,900 625 35 \$1,000 (21-in.) none 1 Belgium 10,000 30 625 & 819 \$300 2 none 110,000 130 4 525 & 625 \$900-1,100 (21-in.) Colombia 2,000 21 none 525 1 135,000 525\$165 (17-in. Crosley) 176 none 5 Denmark 1,400 5 \$7.00 625 \$290 Dominican Rev. 5,000 40 525 \$165 (17-in, Croslev) none 1 45 England 3 500,000 \$8.40 405 \$185 8 France 108.000 28 \$12.00 3 819 \$285 French Morocco 1.000 819 1 \$15.00 \$230 German Fed. Rep. 60.000 17 7 625 50.000 32 \$20.00 8 625 \$275 10,000 2 525

Mexico Netherlands 8,000 2 625 \$290 4 Philippine Is. 21 525 1 \$375 Spain 600 31/2 \$19.03 625 Switzerland 625 4.000 16 \$14.00 2 \$240 Thailand 525 625 \$500 Venezuela 30.000 84 none 3 Source: Voice of America. Reliable figures are not available for U.S.S.R. and her satellites.

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Hours per week refer to total unduplicated program hours over all stations. Price of sets is based on price of cheapest set generally available

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million and the balance will be added to corporate funds. Proceeds from remaining 100,000 shares will go to those for whom the stock is being sold.

Storer Broadcasting borrowed \$12 million on 4.5-percent notes from four banks and will use the proceeds to repay a bank loan, finance the acquisition of Empire Coil and for working capital.

Electronics Corp. of America offered 200.000 shares of \$1 par value common stock at \$12 per share. Proceeds will be used to reduce a \$15-million bank note due Oct. 1, 1955 and the balance will be added to general funds to finance growth and expansion.

IBM plans to borrow \$100 million on 3³ percent notes maturing on May 1, 2055. Funds will be used for working capital and other corporate purposes.

Kendon Electronics offered 150,-000 shares of common stock (par 10 cents) at 25 cents per share. Net proceeds are to be used to pay for the development of sample picture tubes and receivers, for further development work and for general corporate purposes.

Standard Coil Products registered with SEC covering 189,655 shares of its common stock, \$1 par value. Proceeds will go to the account of the selling stock holder.

Atomic Instrument offered to its common stockholders 31,657 shares of common stock, par \$1, at \$6 per share on the basis of one new share for each four shares held. Net proceeds are to be added to working capital and principally applied to the financing of increased business and developments.

Industry Shorts

► Sales to the industrial field will take an estimated 18 percent of the national electronic distributor volume for 1954, according to RCA.

▶ Production of large etched circuits for digital computers and other electronic assemblies has been increased to 150 per week by Bendix computer division.

MEETINGS

SEPT. 29-30: IRE Symposium Industrial Electronics. on Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.

- SEPT. 30-OCT. 1: Fifth Annual Meeting of the IRE Profes-sional Group on Vehicular Communications, Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas.
- SEPT, 30-Oct. 2: Second Annual International Sight and Palmer Exposition, Sound House Hotel, Chicago, Ill. OCT. 3–7: The Electrochemical
- Society 106th Meeting, Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass. OCT. 4-6: National Electronics
- Conference, Hotel Sherman, Chicago.
- Oct. 5-7: AIEE Middle Eastern District Meeting, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading, Pa.
- OCT. 6-7: First National Annual Meeting of the IRE Professional Group on Science, Hotel Nuclear Sherman, Chicago. OCT. 11-15:AIEE Fall General
- Meeting, Morrison Hotel. Chicago.
- Ост. 14-15: National Conference on Industrial Hydraulics, Automatic Production, Sheraton Hotel, Chicago. OCT. 14-16: Annual
- Annual Convention, Audio Engineering Societv. Hotel New Yorker, New York, N. Y. OCT. 14-17: Audio Fair, Hotel
- New Yorker, New York, N.Y. Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18: IRE, AIEE Symposium On Automation, Philadelphia Electric Auditorium, Phila-delphia, Pa.
- OCT. 18-20: Radio Fall Meeting, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse.
- N. Y. OCT. 18-22: Fall Convention of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.
- OCT. 21-23: Eighth New England Conference of the Ameri-can Society for Quality Con-trol. Ten Eyck Hotel, Albany, N. Y.

► Electronic inspection machines

now are being used to check pre-

cision-ground exhaust valves for

Ford's new overhead valve engine.

▶ Over 315,000 people attended the

National Radio Show in England,

an increase of 20,000 over last

year's attendance and the highest

Electronic industry's ratio of re-

search and development expendi-

tures to sales is 5.4 percent com-

pared to the national average of

since 1949.

2 percent.

National average ratio of cost of production equipment to yearly sales is approximately 70 percent compared to 9 percent for the electronic industry.

▶ Fifteen million feet of threeinch wide magnetic recording tape has been ordered by the Air Force under a \$220,000 contract with Audio Devices.

Tests made on sample quantities of receiver tubes returned to Magnavox as defective showed that about 40 percent were good.

- Oct. 22-24: First Annual New England High Fidelity Music Show, Hotel Touraine, Boston. Oct. 26–28: The Second Na-
- tional Conference on Tube Techniques, Western Union Techniques, Western Union Auditorium, New York, N. Y. Sponsors, Department of Defense.
- Oct. 27-30: Thirtieth Annual Convention, National Association of Educational Broad-casters, Hotel Biltmore, New York, N. Y.
- Nov. 4-5: East Coast Conference on Airborne and Navigational Electronics, IRE. Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel Baltimore, Md.
- 8-10: Symposium On Nov. Modern Advances In Microwave Techniques, Engineering Societies Bldg., New York City
- Nov. 10-11: Conference on Electronic Instrumentation and Mor-Nucleonics in Medicine. rison Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- Sym-12 - 13:National Nov posium on Quality Control Methods In Electronics, IRE and American Society for Quality Control, Hotel Stat-ler, New York, N. Y. Nov. 18-19: Sixth Annual Elec-
- tronics Conference, Kansas City IRE, Hotel President, Kansas City, Mo.
- Nov. 29-DEC. 2: First International Automation Exposition, 244th Coast Artillery Armory, New York, N. Y. DEC. 8-10: Eastern Joint Com-
- Conference & Exhibiputer tion, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Sponsors, IRE, AIEE, ACM.
- JAN. 17-19, 1955: Fourth Biennial Conference On High Fre-Measurements, IRE, NBS. Washquency AIEE, ington, D. C.
- MAY 2-5, 1955: Third Annual Semiconductor Symposium of the Electrochemical Society, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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2. Designing the Chassis

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coil, assembly time has been reduced. The *microphone hook lever* features "Zytel" molded directly on metal to simplify assembly. The temperature resistance and compression strength of Du Pont "Zytel" are useful properties for the *microphone switch lever*.

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* "Zytel" is the new trade-mark for Du Pont nylon resin.

"Teflon" provides excellent thermal stability and dielectric properties

Du Pont "Teflon" tetrafluoroethylene resin has exceptional insulating properties for miniaturized electrical equipment. Where terminals are small and closely fitted, soldering hook-up wires is usually a difficult operation. However, hook-up wires made by the Tensolite Insulated Wire Co., Inc., Tarrytown, N.Y., are coated with



This Inverter Control Assembly, which regulates output of DC to 400-cycle AC converters, used in aircraft, contains miniature Tensolite wire coated with Du Pont "Teflon". The equipment, which utilizes two Regohm Circuit Controllers, was developed by Electric Regulator Corp., Norwalk, Connecticut. It easily withstands ambient temperatures encountered from -70°C. to 85°C. and operates efficiently at high altitudes, the manufacturer states.

Flashlight case molded of Du Pont ALATHON®

The simple flashlight case is an interesting new application of Du Pont "Alathon" polyethylene resin. The battery section, end cap, and lens retaining ring are all molded of "Alathon", which gives the flashlight improved dielectric properties, extra strength, resiliency and corrosion-resistance.

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"Alathon" combines lightness with resiliency. If the flashlight is accidentally dropped, there's no danger that the threaded connection or case will shatter or dent. Resilient "Alathon" cushions

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heat-resistant "Teflon" so that operators can work more quickly with soldering irons. Heat won't burn or melt the insulation of "Teflon" to cause loss of time and equipment. The insulation is uniform, and space-saving.

Saves Space

Insulation of "Teflon" also saves space in miniaturized equipment. It occupies about one third the space of other types of insulation for hook-up wire. In addition to space-saving advantage, wire coated with "Teflon" has exceptional stability.

Excellent Dielectric Properties

"Teflon" tetrafluoroethylene resin has excellent dielectric properties. The dielectric strength is high, and losses are very low. Volume resistivity is unaffected by moisture. These dielectric properties are especially important when wires and terminals are

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Many Electrical Applications for "Teflon"

Du Pont "Teflon" has many applica-tions in the electrical field-coaxial spacers and connectors, high frequency tube sockets, bases for subassemblies and stand-off insulators. For further information on the thermal, electrical, and mechanical properties of this unique Du Pont engineering material, mail the coupon below.

Flashlight Cases (Continued)

blows, minimizing damage to the bulb filament. The manufacturer, Gits Molding Corp., Chicago, Ill., thoroughly tested the case made of "Alathon" and guarantees it "unbreakable", if not wilfully abused.

This engineering material offers other advantages. It resists corrosion. The end cap and barrel of "Alathon" form a virtually waterproof seal.

Investigate DuPont engineering materials in your product development programs

One of the family of these versatile engineering materials is often a key factor in product improvement or new product design.

The wide range of properties avail-able with "Alathon"* polyethylene resin, "Lucite"* acrylic resin, "Teflon"* tetrafluoroethylene resin, and "Zytel"** nylon resin are helping solve industrial design problems.

Construction well along on \$3,000,000 Polychemicals laboratory in Wilmington

Du Pont is building a \$3,000,000 Sales Service Laboratory in Wilmington, Delaware, to expand the present facilities of its Polychemicals Department. This new laboratory is to provide sales and engineering services to customers in the plastics and other industries.

The laboratory will have the most modern equipment available for developing technical data on the use and processing of Polychemicals Depart-ment products. Its facilities for providing technical services, especially in the field of plastic engineering materials such as "Alathon" polyethylene resin, "Teflon" tetrafluoroethylene resin, "Lucite" acrylic resin, and Du Pont "Zytel" nylon resin, will be several times those of the present laboratory in Arlington, New Jersey.

Parts of the new laboratory will be equipped especially for study courses on the utilization of new plastic engineering materials. Space for exhibits of these materials and products made from them is to be provided in a two-story reception area.

Large portions of the laboratory will be equipped for demonstrating new processing methods and for testing. Total floor space: 62,000 square feet.

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Please send me more information on the Du Pont engineering materials checked: " "Zytel"; " "Alathon"; " "Teflon"; " "Lucite". I am interested in evaluating these materials for:

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CITY	STATE
TYPE OF BUSINESS	
*'Alathon", "Lucite", "Teflon" are reg **"Zytel" is the new trade-mark for Du	gistered trade-marks of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. (Inc.) Pont nylon resin.



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Du Pont "Zytel" nylon resin, "Teflon", "Alathon" and "Lucite" all can be formed by extrusion techniques. Basically, screw extrusion consists of placing the granulated material in a hopper where it is moved down and forward



Components of typical screw extruder which might be used to extrude "Zytel" nylon resin.

along a one-piece heating barrel by means of a rotating screw. The screw then forces the softened material through a die, forming it into shapes such as tubing, rod, bars, and other shapes. This operation varies in a minor degree with the material being processed. Screw extrusion is applicable to "Alathon", "Lucite" and "Zytel". A typical extrusion machine for "Zytel"

nylon resin has these features: (see cut)

- 1. electrically heated barrel
- 2. metering type screw
- 3. screen and breaker plate

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0-1200	0-20 Ma.	0.1%	10 Mv.	10 Amp.	1220
0-1000	0-500 Ma.	0.5%	20 Mv.		1350
200-1000	0-500 Ma.	0.5%	20 Mv.		1250
0-1000	0-50 Ma.	0.1%	10 Mv.	10 Amp.	1020
0-600	0-3 Amp.	0.5%	10 Mv.		780
0-600	0-2.25 Amp.	0.5%	10 Mv.		770
0-600	0-1.5 Amp.	0.5%	10 Mv.		760
0-600	0-750 Ma.	0.5%	10 Mv.		750
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0-400 0-150	0-150 Ma. 0-5 Ma.	0.5%	5 Mv. 5 Mv.	10 Amp.	400
0-400	0-150 Ma.	0.5%	5 Mv.	10 Amp.	141
100-400	0-150 Ma.	0.01%	1 Mv.	10 Amp.	2000
0-350	0-3 Amp.	0.5%	10 Mv.		730
0-350	0-2.25 Amp.	0.5%	10 Mv.		720
0-350	0-1.5 Amp.	0.5%	10 Mv.		710
0-350	0-750 Ma.	0.5%	10 Mv.		700
100-325 0-150 Bias	0-150 Ma. 0-5 Ma.	0.5%	5 Mv. 5 Mv.	10 Amp.	131
0-300 0-150 Bias	0-150 Ma. 0-5 Ma.	0.5%	5 Mv. 5 Mv.	5 Amp.	315
0-150	0-50 Ma.	0.5%	5 Mv.		150
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RESULTS OF AN INTELLECTUAL REVOLUTION ...

"The Western Miracle" Continues ... More Automatic Controls for Industry

Within recent weeks three new monthly technical magazines devoted to automatic control systems for industrial processes and machinery have offered the public their first issues. One of these is CONTROL ENGINEERING, a McGraw-Hill publication.

What has caused this surge of interest in the design and application of automatic control systems? What does it portend for the future of American industry? More important, what does it promise for the American standard of living, of which industry is and must be the servant? And what is the role of CONTROL ENGINEERING in this development? It is to those questions that this statement is addressed.

A New Intellectual Revolution

It is frequently asserted that we are now in the throes of a new industrial revolution. The revolution is described as the eliminating of wasteful applications of human labor to repetitive tasks through new technology which makes it possible to transfer those tasks to automatically controlled machinery.

It is perhaps more accurate, however, to say that we are the beneficiaries of a new intellectual revolution in the application of science to industry. This new intellectual revolution points the way toward giant strides in the continuing process of taking dull and laborious work off the backs and minds of men and transferring it to machines operating in large batteries under automatic control.

The practical engineering work required to convert this intellectual revolution into a fullscale industrial revolution, however, in large part still remains to be done. It is to this task that CONTROL ENGINEERING will be devoted. Its role is that of bridging the gap, in engineering and economic terms, between the new conceptions of automatic control of industrial processes and their practical workaday application. These conceptions run the full gamut from systems of control for automatic factories making heavy industrial products to highly personalized systems of automatic control to warn people when they are approaching the broiling point in sunning themselves at the beach or becoming too drowsy to drive their cars safely.

Enter the "Feed-Back" System

Enough work has been done to move these conceptions out of the realm of interesting dreams and into the realm of practical possibilities, and in some cases into the realm of practical realities. Crucial parts of this work were done during World War II when weapons were successfully equipped with "feed-back" systems that automatically corrected mistakes made by the weapons in locating their targets.

The principle of the "feed-back" system is as ancient as the personal monitor that tells us not to run into each other as we walk along the street. It feeds back to our locomotion machinery the warning of a collision ahead. But the application of the principle to weapon control and then to more general machinery control required superlatively imaginative and skillful scientific development.

When a "feed-back" system that monitors an automatic process and keeps it lined up precisely is teamed up with a computing machine, capable of making lightning calculations that control both what goes into the process and what is done with the product, the horizons of automatic control become broad indeed. But in large part they still remain horizons. A vast range of practical engineering work remains to be done to realize anything like the full potential of automatic control of industrial processes and machinery.

More and Better Jobs

There are those who view the surge of interest in automatic control with alarm. They conjure up a situation in which automatic processes will at once expand the ranks of the unemployed and reduce many of those still working in industry to the status of robots or automatons.

A look at the record of the American economy — a record of amazing growth, steadily improving job opportunities and a constantly rising standard of living — demolishes the basis for such fears. The introduction of new and more efficient industrial machinery and processes obviously cannot be accomplished without creating some disturbance for some individuals and some companies. But consistently the longer range effect of such local and temporary disturbance has been more jobs and better jobs for Americans.

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Higher Living Standard

A British historian, H. J. Hancock, has referred to this general process as "the Western miracle"—that of providing an ever higher and higher standard of living for more and more Americans. The key element in this miracle has been more and more reliance on powerdriven machines to get the day's work done.

In the nature of the extremely complicated apparatus involved, full development of systems which have passed through the "think stage" into the status of practical possibilities will be a time-consuming process. It will also be a very exacting process, calling for a tremendous application of engineering skill and ingenuity. However, the engineers who are concentrating on this difficult, workaday phase of the development of apparatus for automatic control will be inspired by the knowledge that they are making a crucial contribution to technical progress which holds great promise of good for the American people.

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CROSS TALK

► TELEVISION TRIO . . . Just over the horizon are three developments which can, in combination, bring about the production of large-screen color television sets at more reasonable prices—picture tubes employing a variety of new principles, mechanized wiring and assembly, and better transistors.

Tube designers are playing close to the chest, but it is known that substantial progress has been made in the direction of simplification, involving such things as printed phosphor grids, single guns and external deflection. Several radio manufacturers already using mechanized wiring and assembly methods for mass production are working hard to adapt machines to more complex tv circuitry. And military use of transistors has now swelled production to the point where reliability and price should be attractive.

► TRANSISTORS ... Good as they are, today's transistors are by no means the last word.

Surface contamination still seems to be the primary cause of failure, even in hermetically-sealed units. Oddly enough, point-contact types appear to be least subject to it but, in any case, cleaning of surfaces in the laboratory returns many failed transistors to satisfactory performance.

One prominent engineer says the manufacture of junction types is "like whittling germanium down to a shadow and then plating electrodes on the shadow." This suggests that a method of simulating the action of a thin piece of germanium with a thicker piece operating in some other "mode", casually mentioned in the literature about a year ago, might be the next step.

►LINK . . . As industry moves closer and closer to fully automatic control of its machines and processes the timetable will be determined largely by economics—how much will it cost to install what kind of control and how soon can tangible gains in the marketplace support it.

Meanwhile, it occurs to us that two more or less packaged products can provide a link between manual and automatic control telemetering devices and industrial television. Both have a very attractive future.

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► DEFINITION . . . Military Airplane: Electronics with wings.

► EXTRA... In this issue is the third of three editorial "extras" promised (p 129, Jan.) for 1954.

Inserted between pages 192 and 193 is a 64-page special report devoted to the mechanical design of electronic equipment, conceived nearly two years ago and in process of production for the past six months.

In July we started a series of articles spotlighting component design trends, which will continue each month for the balance of the year and well into next spring. And back in March we published a four-color spectrum chart now seen on many walls.

Extras for 1955 are currently under consideration. More about these later



Rotary solenoid with adapter switch



Adapter unit (at top) contains programming and selector switches

Automatic Circuit Tester

Final inspection costs can be cut and product reliability improved with test set that automatically checks circuit wiring and components. Plug-in adapters are tailored to particular units in production, for use with console containing universal test circuits

Like OTHER AUTOMATIC devices, the circuit tester described in this article is programmed in accordance with the task to be performed. Rotary switches are permanently wired with the pertinent test data. To change from one test program to another, the set of switches is quickly exchanged. These same switches also select the circuit to be tested, as they are mechanically coupled to drives in the circuit tester.

All portions of the tester not subject to change are contained in a standard universal unit; programming devices and test circuits peculiar to the job are permanently assembled into a special plug-in unit. Thus, the universal unit contains all basic measuring circuits, power supplies and automatic controls. The special adapter unit contains all circuits and components needed to adapt the universal unit to the work, including portions to select the circuit to be tested, designate the type of test, establish test conditions, set required values and tolerances and perform auxiliary operations.

Since unattended operation necessitates automatic control, the drive causes the selector switch to advance one step upon satisfactory completion of each test, in accordance with information supplied by the measurement element. The rate of stepping is adjusted to the inherent speed of a given test. A delay period before rejection is provided, to allow for transient conditions that may simulate defects.

The selector switch position is known at all times and this information is available to the printing device which records the test number of any reject.

Basic Test Circuits

The first of the basic test circuits is the continuity test diagrammed in Fig. 1A. This test is designed to detect small discrepancies in wiring resistance and to spot wiring errors and defective connections. The resistance of the circuit continuity to be measured is R_c ; R_d , R_a and R_b are conventional bridge arms set to accept values of R_c less than 0.25 ohm and causing a reject on all connections having higher resistance. If a limit other



FIG. 1—Simplified schematic diagrams of continuity-test circuit (A), leakage-test circuit (B) and resistance-test circuit (C)





FIG. 2-Impedance-test circuit

FIG. 3-Circuit of d-c voltage-test circuit (A) and a-c voltage-test circuit (B)

Speeds Production

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Color Television Incorporated San Carlos, California

(which are grounded during this

test by a special selector-switch

section) as R_i . Resistors R_f , R_g

and R_h form the rest of the bridge.

than this generally suitable value is desired, the bridge ratio is altered by shunt R_{\circ} or R_{\circ}' depending upon whether the limit is to be raised or lowered.

A range of 0.1 to 5 ohms can be covered in this fashion with an accuracy of ± 0.025 ohm through use of a 1-millivolt detector sensitivity. Switch S_1 removes excitation during selector-switch operation to avoid interruption of the up to 100-ma test current.

The leakage test is made with high voltage in order to uncover incipient breakdowns in addition to wiring and component defects. The circuit in Fig. 1B shows the leakage between the conductor under test and all other circuits * Now with Dalmo Victor Company

The test voltage is determined by be S_2 , and is normally 500 v as in an Megger practice, but reducible to ugh 250 or 100 v where component rat-

250 or 100 v where component ratings limit. Switch S_i removes the test voltage during selector operation.

The leakage limit can be lowered from the normal 500 meg to as low as 10 meg by R_i , with all values accurate to about $\pm 5,000$ meg shunt. Transients introduced by C_i are made as short as possible by keeping R_i at a minimum.

The resistance test is designed to measure components accurately over a wide range; in conjunction

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with the continuity and leakage tests all values from 0.1 ohm to 500 megohms can be covered. The resistance being tested is designated as R_r in Fig. 1C, while R_s is the standard, selected in accordance with the limit value of R_r . The other side of the bridge is formed by R_k and R_m , with R_m selectable by S_{2B} to change from the 1 to 10,000-ohm range to 0.01 to 10megohm range (the excitation voltage being simultaneously raised by S_{24} to retain maximum accuracy). Through use of 0.1-percent resistors in the bridge, an overall accuracy of better than ± 0.5 percent can be maintained.

The impedance test is arranged so that a vector balance is not needed, permitting the use of a simple resistor, R_p in Fig. 2, as the standard. Inconvenient reactive components are thus avoided in most situations. The separate amplifiers and rectifiers supplying the d-c detector inputs remove all phase response from the system, giving a null whenever the scalar values of the two a-c bridge outputs are equal. The division by the permanent arms is $R_u/(R_t + R_u) = 1/\sqrt{2}$ so that balance is produced when $R_p = |Z_x|$, provided Z_x is a pure reactance such as a capacitor.

Either the internal 60-cycle supply or an external oscillator of selected audio frequency may be chosen by S_a . Impedances from 10 ohms to 1 megohm may be thus measured with an accuracy of ± 1 percent.

Voltage Tests

The d-c voltage test circuit shown in Fig. 3A is used to evaluate circuit operating conditions. The unknown voltage E_{d-e} is supplied through a multiplier R_n having a 20,000-ohms-per-volt drop so that loading will be similar to that imposed by multimeters used by technicians. Resistor R_n is set to include the tolerance limit.

The selector is protected by S_1 , while S_2 designates the polarity required of E_{d-e} . An external comparison voltage can be chosen by S_s for ratio or differential measurements (a limit system can be used to determine either). The range of 1 to 1,000 v may be handled with normal circuits, while higher voltages require special dividers. Lower voltages (down to 10 millivolts) can be accommodated at decreasing accuracy by connecting the external-standard terminal to a known low voltage of similar magnitude. Through use of 0.1percent resistors in the voltage dividers, an overall accuracy better than 0.5 percent can be held.

The a-c voltage test measures performance. The circuit shown in Fig. 3B permits both absolute and ratio determinations throughout the audio range. The previously mentioned amplifiers and rectifiers convert the signal to the d-c required for the measurement element. A basic sensitivity of 2.5 volts peak at the conventional 1,000 ohms per volt sensitivity avoids most effects of stray capacitance in the wiring.

Switch S_s selects either the absolute reference E_{STD} or a rectified external standard for measuring relative to line voltage or oscillator level. Transformer turns ratio is easily checked at this latter position. A voltage range from 2.5 to 1,000 volts can be covered with an accuracy of ± 1 percent.

Detector

The detector used in the test circuits of Fig. 1, 2 and 3 closes a pair of relay contacts upon receiving a 1-mv limit signal of selected polarity. The simplified circuit in Fig. 4 shows both input terminals floating with respect to ground because of basic test requirements.

The 6AL5 limits the input signal to 3.5 v while not affecting normal levels, due to bias furnished by the two bias batteries. Current through V_1 passes through the coil of overload relay K_1 , opening contacts S_1 in the basic test circuits if the overload is of sufficient magnitude and duration and thus protecting the work and the entire tester from damage.

Capacitor C_1 reduces transients, hum and noise, while the parallel-T filter attenuates any 60-cycle pickup. The chopper converts the 1-mv d-c to 60-cycle a-c so that it can be conveniently amplified by V_{e} , V_s and V_{*} . This floating amplifier is coupled to grounded equipment by T_1 .

Phase detector V_{5} develops a positive d-c output when the plate signal is in phase with the 60-cycle grid reference supplied by T_{2} . Phase reversal by S_{2} reverses the required input polarity and hence reverses the sign of the tolerance. The output of V_{5} is filtered by C_{2} , R_{1} and C_{3} and applied to V_{6} . Cathode bias for V_{6} is set by R_{2} so that relay K_{2} is just closed by a 1-mv input, establishing optimum adjustment between sensitivity and stability.

An input polarity from an acceptable test develops a signal through the chopper which is in phase with the V_s grid reference, producing a positive voltage which overcomes bias on V_{\bullet} and thereby energizes K_s . The output contacts initiate a complete stepping cycle of the automatic equipment. Input polarity from a reject test develops an opposite phase signal which can produce no output from the phase detector.

Automatic Control

Figure 5 outlines the basic circuit used to achieve automatic control. Rotary solenoids K_s and K_* are each coupled to respective selector switches in the adapter.



FIG. 4—Detector used in bridge circuits of Fig. 1, 2 and 3. Note that both input terminals are floating with respect to ground



FIG. 5—Basic circuit used to achieve automatic control. Details such as rangechanging circuitry, safety provisions and manual provisions are not included



FIG. 6—Typical wiring form to test a resistance-coupled amplifier

Depressing the start button locks in the start relay through the holding circuit and causes K_s to step to the first test position. The start relay simultaneously connects the ground return to K_s through S_{14} and connects the phase detector output to relay amplifier V_s so that measurement can commence.

A positive (acceptable) signal causes operation of the step relay through relay K_2 . Energizing voltage is thus applied to the first rotary solenoid, causing it to step the switch to the next position. Under usual conditions, stepping occurs at a rate of about three per second.

As coupled switch $S_{1\sigma}$ turns, its circuit is momentarily broken, permitting a positive voltage through R_1 to fire the thyratron and thereby energize the count relay, causing the counter to register the next step number. This roundabout method for obtaining the step number is used so that the counter reading will always correspond to the rotary-switch position, even if the latter should lose a step for any reason.

On the other hand, the grounding contact on the step relay, which connects to the relay amplifier input, causes the step impulsing to repeat until the cycle is completed. This combination makes for high reliability of stepping and indicating. If a test is unacceptable, so that no positive voltage appears at the relay amplifier input, all stepping ceases. However, if the count relay does not operate at least once every 5 seconds, replacing the negative charge on C_1 leaking off through R_2 , the 6C4 conducts and causes energizing of the alarm system.

At the completion of the tenth test, rotary switch S_{14} steps to position T, causing the pulse to be transferred to the next switch, stepping it from the original reset position R to the first test position. This avoids the necessity of employing separate stepping switches or transfer relays and permits the addition of an indefinite number of selector switches.

Through the series circuit shown, it is not possible for more than one rotary switch to be stepped to a numbered (or test) position at one time.

Reset

At the end of the test series, the adapter has the next test position of the selector switch wired to the auto reset terminal, dropping out the start relay. This relay applies a high positive input to the relay amplifier so that the step relay impulses rapidly and continuously.

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However, the return path from the rotary solenoids is now through switch S_{1^R} , instead of S_{1^A} . Since the former is shifted one step further than the latter, each switch left on position T (or any other position) is advanced in sequence to R (reset). When all switches reach R, within 2 seconds after the completion of testing, a ground connection is completed to R_s , removing the positive input signal and stopping the operation until the start button is again depressed.

Adapter Design

A form similar to that shown in Fig. 6 printed with the switch symbols, is used in adapter design to provide a combination of worksheet, schematic and wiring diagram. A separate sheet is used for each selector switch.

In the example shown, the first six tests check minus and plus tolerances of the grid, cathode and plate resistors of a standard resistance-coupled amplifier stage. Position 7 checks the upper impedance limit on the cathode bypass capacitor. The plate voltage operating limits are checked at positions 8 and 9, power being applied to the circuit under test through the relay connections indicated. Finally, the a-c signal at the plate is checked at position 10.



Receiver undergoing test at Philips' plant at the Eindhoven television development laboratory

TV Receiver Operates On

BELGIUM, a country with two languages, French and Dutch, has adopted a bistandard television system: one using 819 lines and the other 625 lines. Thus it is possible to rebroadcast tv programs from France on 819 lines and from other neighboring countries on 625 lines without using a line-converter'. However, there are also locations in Belgium where direct reception of foreign television broadcasts is possible; Dutch programs in the North, German programs in the East and French programs in the



FIG. 1—Diagram shows buffer sound stage between tuner and converter. Small trimmer capacitor switches resonant frequency of tuned circuits in buffer intermediate frequency sound stage from 33.4 to 27.75 mc

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South. The same holds for other regions along the French and Belgian borders. A receiver was therefore developed which would be capable of receiving four different tv systems: the Gerber (named for chairman of CCIR committee) the French and the two Belgian.

Because f-m as well as a-m sound has to be received, an intercarriersound system was out of the question without resorting to complicated switching. In the French system the separation between picture and sound carriers differs from that for the other three systems. It would have been possible to use a separate i-f amplifier with greater bandwidth in the case where the receiver was used for the reception of a French channel. Because the video bandwidth for the Belgian 819-line system is limited by the separation of 5.5 mc between the two carriers, it was decided to use the same i-f picture amplifier

	Gerbera	Belgian I	Belgian II	French
Channel width Carrier separation	7 5,5	7 5.5	7 5.5	^b 13.15 mc 11.15 mc
Picture modulation	neg	pos	pos	pos
Sound modulation	f-m	a-m	a-m	a- n ı
Number of lines	625	625	819	819
Syne signal	subst	antially as RI	ETMA	signal field sync pulse of 40 percent line duration

Aspect ratio = 4:3 --System adopted by: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Western Germany,

The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Spain.

b-Exception: Paris and Lille transmitters have 14-mc channel width.

Table I-Specifications of Four TV Systems



All four-system receiver controls located on front of chassis



Detail of chassis construction in four-system receiver

Four System Standards

Twenty-two tube receiver operates on Gerber, French and both Belgian television systems. Same i-f picture amplifier is used for all four systems. Sound rejection is necessarily better than 50 db since three of the systems employ a-m sound

for all four systems. Several tests proved that the resulting degradation of the picture was far less than would be expected from the reduction of the video bandwidth.

Because three of the four systems use a-m sound modulation, the rejection of the accompanying sound had to be at least 50 db. The available video bandwidth thus became 4.25 mc. A separate i-f sound amplifier had to be used; the sound i-f being taken off directly after the tuner.

Suitable i-f carrier frequencies for an E-channel were found to

be 38.9 mc for picture i-f and 33.4 mc for sound i-f. Keeping the i-f picture carrier at 38.9 mc for the reception of a French channel would mean that the i-f sound-carrier frequency would become 38.9 - 11.15 = 27.75 mc.

It is not easy to design an f-m



FIG. 2—Converter stage uses triodeheptode ECH 81



FIG. 3—Sound-detector stage uses diodes $V_{\rm i}$ and $V_{\rm 2}$ in a radio-detector circuit tuned to the 7-mc sound i-f

Table II—Channel Allocation in Gerber TV System

1		Picture	Sound
Channel	\mathbf{Mc}	carrier	carrier
Ξ 2	47-54	48.25	53.75
E 3	54~ 61	55.25	60.75
Ε 4	61-68	62.25	67.75
E 5	174-181	175.25	180.75
E 6	181 - 188	182.25	187.75
E 7	188 - 195	189.25	194.75
E 8	195 - 202	196.25	201.75
E 9	202 - 209	203.25	208.75
E10	209 - 216	210.25	215.75
E11	216-223	217.25	222.75
Italian channels	: E4, E4A. E5	5, E7A, E8A, H	210
E4A	81-88	82.25	87.75
E7A	191-198	192.25	197.75
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Table III—French TV System Channel Allocation

Channel	Mc	Picture carrier	Sound carrier		
F 2.	41 00- 54 15	52 40	41 25		
F 3	54 40- 67 55	56 15	67 30		
F 4	54 15- 67 30	65 55	54 40		
F 5	162 25-175 40	161.00	175 15		
F 6	169 00 175 15	172 40	169.95		
F 0	102.00-175.15	173.40	102.20		
Γ (175.40-188.55	177.10	188.30		
F 8	175.15-188.30	186.55	175.40		
F 8A	173.85-187.85	185.25	174.10		
F_9	188.55-201.70	190.30	201.45		
F10	188.30 - 201.45	199.70	188.55		
F11	201.70 - 214.85	203.45	214.60		
F12	201,45-214.60	212.85	201.70		
F8A used for Paris and Lille only; F2 not likely to be used. Any twelve of the channels (Table II, III) can be accom- modated in the 12-position turret-type channel selector of the 4-system receiver by inserting appropriate coil strips.					

detector for a frequency of 33.4 mc. It was therefore decided to convert the sound i-f to a frequency of 7 mc by using a second oscillator with a frequency of 40.4 mc for reception of an E- channel and a frequency of 20.75 mc for reception of a French channel. This frequency of 7 mc was chosen because the second oscillator frequency of 40.4 mc then fell in the adjacent-



FIG. 4—Positive and negative modulation of the picture information in the four-system receiver requires switching arrangement shown

sound trap provided in the i-f picture amplifier.

Nevertheless, it was not feasible to put this converter directly after the tuner, because too much oscillator voltage was still coupled into the i-f picture amplifier resulting in a 1.5 mc interference pattern in the picture. Therefore, a buffer i-f sound stage was used between the tuner and the converter. The resonance frequency of the tuned circuits in this stage is switched from 33.4 to 27.75 mc by adding a small trimmer capacitor. Figure 1 shows a block diagram of this part of the receiver. Figure 2 shows the schematic diagram of the converter. The tube is a triode-heptode with the third grid of the heptode-converter connected to the first grid of the triodeoscillator.

Sound Switching

Switching from f-m to a-m sound takes place in the sound-detector stage shown in Fig. 3. The triode of a triple-diode triode PABC 80 (6T8) is used as an audio-frequency amplifier. Two of the diodes, V_1 and V_2 , are used in a ratiodetector circuit tuned to the 7-mc sound i-f. The third diode, V_3 , serves as a delay for the sound agc voltage applied to the first sound i-f buffer stage. In the a-m position of the switches, the resistance in series with the anode of diode V_1 and capacitor C is increased. The detected a-m sound is taken off through the germanium diode, which then functions as an interference limiter for pulses above 100-percent modulation level.

Three of the four tv systems under consideration have positive modulation for the picture information. In the anode of the video-output tube the sync pulses are positive when the receiver is switched for reception of the Gerber system. Therefore, the video signal is applied to the cathode of the picture tube. In the reception of a tv signal with positive modulation the



FIG. 5—The agc voltage, with negative modulation, is determined by the sync-tip level of the video signal across the cathode resistor of the video-output tube

video-output signal is switched to the grid of the picture tube. In both cases no d-c component is present in the signal on the picture tube. Figure 4 shows the switching arrangement and Fig. 5 the switching arrangement for sync take-off.

The first sync clipper, Fig. 6, is of conventional design for positivegoing sync pulses. For signals with negative modulation the signal applied to the sync clipper is taken off the anode of the video-output stage, whereas in the case of signals with positive modulation the sync clipper obtains its signal from the cathode of the video-output stage through a grounded-grid triode amplifier. This triode is one half of a double-triode ECC 82 (12AU7); the other triode is used as diode in amplified agc circuit.

AGC Circuit

The receiver is equipped with amplified picture agc. With negative modulation, the sync-tip level of the video signal across the cathode resistor of the video-output tube determines the agc voltage. With positive modulation, agc voltage is determined by the peakwhite level. Figure 5 shows the circuit diagram. The \mathbf{EF} 80 (6CB6) agc amplifier is used as a grounded grid amplifier with its cathode connected to the cathode of the video amplifier tube. It has a short grid base (sharp-cutoff), due to the low voltage on its screen-grid. direct The video-detector is coupled to the video-output tube. With negative modulation its anode current at the sync tips decreases with increasing signal strength. The corresponding voltage level at the cathode of the agc amplifier also decreases until the agc amplifier starts drawing anode current during the sync pulses.

The anode voltage of the agc amplifier is obtained by rectifying horizontal flyback pulses by a diode formed by the grid and cathode of one half of a double-triode. When the anode current of the agc amplifier increases with increasing signal strength the negative agc voltage also increases. In case of signals with positive modulations, the agc amplifier starts to draw current on those parts of the signal corres-









FIG. 7—Horizontal-sweep generator employs triode-pentode in multivibrator circuit

ponding to peak-white in the picture. Contrast control is obtained by changing the screen-grid potential of the video-output tube.

Horizontal Sweeps

The horizontal-sweep generator, Fig. 7, is of conventional design. A triode-pentode is used in a multivibrator circuit with a stabilizing resonance circuit in the anode. The frequency is controlled by a voltage obtained from a balanced discriminator with two germanium diodes by comparing the phase of the horizontal-sync pulses with respect to a sawtooth voltage from the horizontal-output transformer. When switching from 625 to 819 lines the inductance in the stabilizing circuit is reduced and the time constant in the grid circuit of one of the triodes is altered.

The horizontal-output stage, Fig. 8, is changed from 625 to 819 line operation by shorting out a series dropping resistor in its B+ supply. For 819 lines, the anode-supply voltage is the full B+ voltage of 240 volts. For 625 lines, this anode supply is reduced to 180 volts by the series dropping resistor. When

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switching from 625 to 819 lines the boosted voltage increases from 500 to 650 volts. As this voltage is also used for feeding the verticalsweep oscillator and the verticaloutput stage, a series dropping resistor is switched in when the receiver is operated on 819 lines.

The high voltage for the picture tube is obtained in the conventional way by rectifying the flyback pulses. No switching is necessary in this part of the circuit. For 625 as well as 819 lines the high voltage is 14 kv at a load of 50 µamp. The internal resistance is 10 megohms.

The receiver contains 21 tubes, four germanium diodes, one picture tube and a selenium rectifier for the B+ supply. The photographs show the seven ganged switch wafers and the four-position control knob.

Many engineers have been actively engaged in the development of this receiver, in particular: Messrs. Kerkhof, Berkhout, Janssen and Kollenburg of the television development laboratory.

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COMPONENT DESIGN TRENDS

Precision Potentiometers

Resistance elements made from deposited metallic films, conductive plastics or lossy liquid dielectrics give infinite resolution, greatly increasing the scope of applications. Other new design and construction techniques give increased life and reliability

PRECISION potentiometers differ from conventional radio volume controls by their inherent features of higher accuracy, freedom from overt electrical noise, longer life (usually 1 million cycles at 60 rpm or less), lower torque and more rigid tolerances on both electrical and mechanical parameters.

Precision potentiometers are generally used to convert mechanical activity-usually rotation but also translation-into an electrical voltage. Whereas volume controls. variable resistors and rheostats, as used in electronic circuits, are made to loose tolerances either because they need not be calibrated or because they operate under such varying conditions as to make calibration meaningless, precision potentiometers are so incorporated in the circuit as to serve a calibrated purpose and to operate under sufficiently stable conditions so that calibration is feasible.

Examples of Applications

Potentiometers can be used in circuits to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Wire-wound units made by Helipot and others have long been available with nonlinear windings which produce logarithmic, hyperbolic, square root and trigonometric functions.

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Miniature Fairchild potentiometer with metallic-film element provides essentially infinite resolution, is stable to 225 C and can be produced in a wide range of resistances for applications requiring high accuracy

Precision potentiometers are frequently used as mechanical amplitude modulators. For some applications it is desirable that the wiper rotate continuously through 360 degrees in which case the winding may itself be continuous or have an interruption making the electrical contact angle something less than the 360-degree mechanical rotation.

Specialized uses of potentiometers as in analog computers have led to the development of differential computing potentiometers. In such a unit a linear winding is arranged to rotate as well as the wiper, both through 360 degrees. For example, instead of using terminal lugs, the Fairchild D-C-P differential computing potentiometer provides external connections to the winding ends and wiper by means of three silver slip rings molded on the body. This arrangement makes possible the measurement of two variables directly in a single instrument. The voltage output is proportional to the sum

or difference of the two input variables—the angular movements of the body and of the shaft.

As the reliability of potentiometers increases, they are finding use as information transmitters in place of variable transformers, variable capacitors and photoelectric devices. In such applications,



FIG. 1—Typical relation between temperature coefficient of resistance and resistivity of Fairchild film unit

Use New Materials

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Markite conductive plastic rotational and strip-type translational potentiometers provide long life and infinite resolution. For strip-type unit, taps molded into back of resistive element (bottom) leave conductive track (top) clear for slider in center

potentiometers are frequently more compact and weigh less than similar information transmitters. Circuits can be arranged to make full use of their inherent accuracy and to avoid cumbersome mechanical lears, cams and linkages.

New resistance materials and new construction techniques have been developed in the past few years to broaden greatly the scope of applications for precision potentiometers. Some of these new designs will be discussed with a representative example in each case, to give a quick picture of what is now available to engineers for incorporation in electronic products. In a wire-wound potentiometer the resistance to the slider varies in small steps as the slider moves from one turn to the next of the resistive element. The amount of this step change in resistance is the resolution of the potentiometer, and is inherently related to the size of resistance wire used.

Metallic Film Units

Newly introduced film potentiometers employ a construction giving what is commonly referred to as an infinite resolution. The film units have therefore served to broaden considerably the scope of applications for potentiometers as transducers for servomechanisms and for telemetering.

With a resistive film there are an infinite number of positions of contact by the slider on the resistance element, with a corresponding infinite number of outputs of electrical voltage. This assures freedom from hunting or oscillation of a servo due to the inability of the



FIG. 2—Liquid dielectric potentiometer provides infinite resolution. Capacitance to output electrode varies in same ratio as does resistance, hence time constant is substantially unchanged by rotation

WIRE WOUND CARD SLIP RINGS SUP RINGS SLIP RINGS SLIP RINGS SLIP RING

FIG. 3—Sine-cosine potentiometer made by Rawson Electrical Instrument Co. uses linear resistance card

COMPONENT DESIGN TRENDS

- Metal films thermally evaporated onto glass withstand up to 225C
- Long-wear conductive plastic elements have integrally molded taps
- Straight-line resistance elements translate linear motion into voltage changes
- Liquid resistance elements approach infinite resolution and have flat response from 50 cps to 1 mc

balancing potentiometer to find a null.

Illustrative of the properties that can be built into a film potentiometer is the recently announced FilmPot of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp. This potentiometer is built in an unusually small size, being only 0.75 inch in diameter and 0.5 inch long. Within this case a wide range of resistance is possible. Currently available units include resistances from 100 ohms to 1 megohm ± 10 percent. Independent linearity can usually be maintained to 0.5 percent, can probably be improved to half this value by further control, and reduced to 0.1 percent by selection. Noise is rated at 400 mv or less; units can be furnished with torgues as low as 0.1 oz-in.

Another outstanding feature of the metallic film potentiometer deposited on glass is its ability to withstand high temperatures. The unit is electrically and thermally stable to hot spot temperatures of 225C; units with resistances to 500,000 ohms are capable of dissipating 3 watts at 100C and are derated linearly to 0 watts at 225C, Due to voltage breakdown limitations, rated dissipation decreases linearly for higher-resistance units to 1 watt at 1 megohm. The potentiometer resists corrosion even at these high temperatures. Materials used in the unit are precious metal alloys, glass and high-temperature plastics and lubricants.

Thermal and electrical stability of a metallic film are better at lower resistivities. The relationship of resistivity to temperature coefficient of resistivity differs for film materials; the curve presented in Fig. 1 is for the material used in one commercial potentiometer. There is an intercept at which films of 600 ohms per square have an average temperature coefficient of zero. Marked on the curve is the range over which temperature coefficient of resistivity is within 0.03 percent of zero.

The state of the film potentiometer art indicates that quantity production of such units is in the foreseeable future. Prices are likely to be within the ratio of their performance compared to the price and performance of wire-wound units.

Using artificial or natural graphite depending on desired characteristics, manufacturers are developing precision adaptations of carbon film potentiometers. Units from Elektro-Serv Co. display a temperature coefficient of resistance of ± 0.01 percent per degree C at normal ambients, are rated for 2 watts to 50C and are derated to zero at 65C. Terminal resistances range from 1,000 ohms to 2 megohms, with tolerance of ± 1 percent if required; independent linearity is normally ± 1 percent. Sufficient pressure (25 to 50 grams) of the gold wire wiper is used to keep noise comparable to the inherently low thermal noise of the controlled composition resistance track, yet the pressure is light enough to achieve a rated life of a million cycles at 100 rpm. Dual takeoff from the buffed silver slip ring of the rotor also contributes to low noise, low inductance and low torque (0.5 oz-in. per section with ball bearings).

Conductive Plastic Units

For applications requiring long wear and high resolution, potentiometers whose resistive tracks are of solid conductive plastic are integrally comolded by Markite Corp. with terminals and taps to a rigid mineral-filled phenolic insulator support. The low coefficient of friction combines with extreme wear resistance of the smooth track to permit use of relatively high brush contact pressure without incurring excessive torque or short life. As a consequence such units provide quiet operation even in the presence of substantial vibration and acceleration.

Manufacturer's tests at 600 rpm showed an increase in resistance of 25 to 30 percent after 236-million revolutions: noise and linearity remained substantially unchanged. As a consequence of these and of customer tests, units are guaranteed for 5-million revolutions at up to 600 rpm with a resistance change less than 3 percent and a linearity change less than 0.1 percent. Resolution is better than 0.00004 inch. Because taps are molded into the resistive track below the surface contacted by the slider, they introduce negligible tap dead space. Units are rated at 0.75 watt per linear inch of resistive track at 20C and half this at 80C. Standard independent linearity is ± 0.5 percent to 20,000 ohms, or ± 1.0 percent to 100,000 ohms; overall resistances go up 100,000 ohms ± 10 percent; torque with ball bearings is below 0.5 oz-in. The plastic resists corrosion even in a moist chlorine atmosphere. Temperature coefficient of resistance from 0C to 100C is about -0.00035 ohm per ohm per deg C.

An unusual application of such conductive plastics is in function generators for analog computers. The extreme resolution and long life of the potentiometer element are desirable characteristics. In addition, the unit is not subject to abrupt failure during computation and, if worn excessively in one region because of the nature of a generated function, can be resurfaced with but slight change in overall resistance.

Another approach to infinite resolution is to use a liquid as the resistive element, as in a water rheostat. Depending on the mechancial arrangement, the unit can respond to translatory or rotary





Typical assembly of ganged potentiometers, as made by George Rattray & Co. Inc. All wipers mount on single shaft to avoid backlash. Clamp rings enable units to be phased individually

Typical Fairchild servo application uses ganged precision potentiometers at right for accuracy and general-purpose potentiometers at left for gross control

motion. As being developed by Technology Instrument Corp., such a potentiometer employs a lossy liquid dielectric as the resistive element in which are mounted fixed and movable electrodes as shown in Fig. 2.

Liquid Potentiometers

Because capacitance to a movable electrode in liquid varies in the same manner as the resistance to it from the fixed electrode, the time constant of the potentiometer remains constant as it is varied, thus providing broad bandwidth. The voltage divider so formed is rated for flat amplitude response and zero phase shift from 50 cps to 1 mc.

In the unit responding to linear motion, one or more electrodes translate. The total excitation voltage is placed between the grounded metallic can and insulated fixed electrode. By shaping the electrodes and the can, linear or nonlinear functions can be produced.

In the rotary type, the excitation is applied across two fixed vanes; a third fixed vane acts as the take-off electrode. The rotating vane thus requires no sliding metallic contact. By shaping the vanes the resistance function of shaft rotation angle can be varied.

A number of liquid dielectrics

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have been tested successfully. Methyl alcohol is commonly used for its stable impedance level. It produces no corrosion or electrolysis when used with aluminum electrodes at frequencies above 10 cps. By selection of electrolytes, resistances from a few hundred ohms to several megohms have been achieved in units operable to 100 volts.

Sine-Cosine Potentiometers

Several types of potentiometers are available whose resistances vary sinusoidally with the angle of shaft rotation. One such precision wire-wound potentiometer provides two output voltages accurately proportional to the sine and to the cosine of the shaft rotation The design in Fig. 3 is angle. based on a wire-wound linear flat card mounted on a rotating platform. The ends of the winding are connected to the excitation voltage through slip rings. Four output brushes are arranged in quadrature on a circle of rotation on the winding. As the card rotates, each pair of brushes traces the circle on the wire, picking up a sinusoidal output voltage or resistance. This construction results in the desired output function from a simple linear winding that can be wound very accurately.

When the winding is excited by direct voltage, the brushes give output voltages that vary sinusoidally as the shaft is turned. The peak value of the output is about 12 percent less than the exciting voltage. The output voltages oscillate plus and minus in polarity and are balanced about the potential at the center of the winding. The potentiometer is thus a mechanical generator of low-frequency sine waves suitable for a variety of research problems.

If excited by alternating voltages up to 155 volts at frequencies up to 1 mc, the excitation signal can be modulated by shaft rotation. The expected life of this potentiometer is 350,000 revolutions; maximum recommended speed of rotation is 1 cycle per second; amplitude accuracy is ± 1 percent maximum; the output wave form is within 1 percent of the peak value at any point of a pure sine or cosine wave; resistance within the brush circle is 14,000 ohms ± 10 percent; the winding is rated at 1.5 watts at 65C.

If, by analogy with the linear potentiometer, resolution is considered as the change in resistance from a reference point on the winding (center of the brush circle in this case) to any single brush, for each equal increment of brush rota-

COMPONENT DESIGN TRENDS

- Flat-card windings give sinusoidal output
- Carbon-film sine-cosine units operate at high speed with low noise
- Starting torques can be under 0.5 ounce-inch
- New phasing adjustments improve performance of ganged units

tion the number of wires crossed will vary from a maximum when the brush is moving perpendicular to the direction of the winding to a minimum when it is moving parallel. However, the resolution which is ultimately of interest is the angular magnitude of the finite steps by which the resultant vector rotates. The poorest resolution occurs when the brushes are moving at an angle of 45 degrees with the winding.

A miniature precision sine-cosine potentiometer recently announced by Computer Instruments Co. is a carbon film unit. The track is laid down by an evaporation technique which, because of the control afforded, is used to produce both linear and nonlinear functions. The infinite resolution and comparatively low noise characteristics of the film enable the potentiometer to be operated at high speeds. As a consequence the potentiometer is guaranteed for a life of a million cycles at 100 rpm. Some engineers have used it to 3,600 rpm. Lowest noise is achieved with these units when operating as pure voltage dividers into relatively high-impedance loads. The potentiometer, 132 inches in diameter by 11 inch in length and weighing only 1 ounce. can be excited with either direct or alternating voltages.

Factors Affecting Torque

Because of the manner in which precision potentiometers cooperate with mechanical movements, their mechanical characteristics are quite as important as their electrical characteristics. The torque necessary to rotate the shaft of a potentiometer is of particular importance. Except in cases where a torque resistor is used to add stiffness in the presence of vibration, low torque is generally desirable. Usual starting torques are less than 1 oz-in. per section. Half of this is obtainable; it rarely exceeds 2 ozin., but with special seals or locks may be 8 oz-in.

In achieving the inherent precision of a potentiometer, it is desirable that the torque also be free from variations such as binding or extreme differences between starting and running torque. The lower the torque, the less the power required to drive a potentiometer and, in general, the more compact the equipment.

Torque is developed in several ways—by the inertia of the rotating parts of the potentiometer, by the friction of the shaft in its bearings (usually slip rings, although in special applications ball bearings may be used) and by the action of the wiper or sliding contact. The wiper must necessarily bear on the resistance element with sufficient force to assure positive electrical contact, and thus a friction component at the end of an arm of substantial length is developed.

To maintain low torque, parts are precision machined and assembled; materials are used that are congenial in their friction relationship and in their temperature, humidity and other environmental behaviors. The mounting position of the potentiometer may influence its torque; the wear of parts due to operation can either increase or decrease torque. The assembly and alignment of a potentiometer in its mounting and in relation to its drive can vary the torque especially if there is radial shaft play. To obtain low torque a combination of small diameter resistance element. small short shaft and a light contact wiper are used. Lubricants on the winding may reduce torque at some temperatures but usually increase it at others. With stainless steel ball bearings, a starting

torque of 0.1 oz-in. is possible.

The requirements of mounting squareness, low radial shaft play and the like are also important in reducing torque. However, unless the conditions under which the potentiometer is to be installed and operated will preserve these refinements, the additional cost of extreme efforts to reduce torque may be unjustified. For example, the mounting squareness of the potentiometer cup on the mounting surface or base plate depends as much on the care with which the potentiometer is mounted in the equipment as upon the construction of the potentiometer itself. If the shaft is not square with the mounting surface, there will be an increased torque. In addition, the wiper arm attached to the shaft will be out of alignment, thereby causing a change or deviation in linearity which may disrupt the electrical function of the potentiometer.

Concentricity of the shaft of a potentiometer in relation to the mounting place and specifically with relation to the winding is essential so that the winding and pilot bushings have a common center. Even small eccentricities may offset the precision of the potentiometer. Eccentricity causes the indicated rotation to differ from the true rotation by an angle the size of which is a function of the eccentricity. For example, a precision potentiometer with a 2inch radius and an eccentricity of but 0.02 inch has a percentage error due to eccentricity alone of ± 0.18 percent. Thus the eccentricity error can nullify the accuracy inherent in the precision winding of a potentiometer.

Radial shaft play has somewhat the effect of a fluctuating eccentricity. It not only causes a change in linearity but a change in torque and, in extreme cases, may vary the electrical contact resistance at the wiper arm. Hunting and backlash in servomechanisms are frequently traced to radial play.

Where more than one output is desired from a single shaft, several potentiometers can be ganged. For this purpose a variety of units are available, including specially cupped units that can be ganged in any combination and are easily changed or replaced. As many as twenty separate functions are obtained from a ganged unit having a single shaft.

Ganged Potentiometers

Ganged units must be phased relative to one another. This can usually be accomplished by loosening the retaining bands on the ganged unit and rotating each cup. In this way each unit of a gang is set so that its zero electrical position corresponds with the zero electrical position of other units in the gang.

Some styles of potentiometers can be ganged by removing one cover plate. The adjacent cup then completes the case so that there is no waste space between cups; the gang approaches a solid structure with its consequent rigidity yet any one cup can be replaced during development or maintenance without dismounting the others. Where the rotation of subsequent units in a gang is produced by a drive through a coupling such as an eccentric pin, backlash between units can be held below 0.05 degree per section.

In use, potentiometers may be rotated at a variety of speeds. At excessive speeds increased wiper wear may produce arcing or loss of contact, along with increased noise. The life of the unit may be shortened as measured in cycles of operation; radial shaft play may increase rapidly due to the higher accelerations, with resultant misalignment. High temperature rise may increase the overall resistance of the winding. (Temperature coefficients of resistance wire are in the vicinity of 0.002 percent per degree C.) The wire of the resistance unit may fail due to the pounding effect of the wiper arm. If it is anticipated that a potentiometer will operate at high speeds, special wiper assemblies and ball bearings for the shaft are desirable.

Electrical Characteristics

The most important electrical characteristic of precision potentiometers is the deviation or difference between the actual electrical output and the output specified by the electrical function of shaft angle.



Setup used at Helipot for recording linearity of single unit, ganged unit and large tapped unit under test at left, by automatic comparison with master precision potentiometer at right center. At top can be seen some of the trim potentiometers that have been pre-set to insert voltage in series with master pot at 360 points to give tester accuracy within 0.003 percent. Gear train gives correct drive for models having from 1 to 40 turns, in phase with 40-turn master

Deviation is expressed as the electrical output minus the reference electrical output.

Resolution has been mentioned as a measure of the accuracy to which a potentiometer can be set. The maximum incremental change in resistance or voltage output observed anywhere in the total mechanical motion or rotation of the potentiometer shaft (or a specified portion of it), when multiplied by 100 and divided by the total resistance or voltage (or specified portion of it), is the percentage resolution of a potentiometer.

Linearity is the deviation of the curve of actual resistance of a potentiometer versus shaft angle from a straight line for a linear resistance unit. Various types of linearity are used and are defined and named slightly differently by different manufacturers.

Noise is also an important characteristic of potentiometers, especially in applications that necessitate achieving the ultimate performance from the units. Noise is measured quantitatively in terms of an equivalent, parasitic and transient contact resistance expressed in ohms that appears between wiper and the resistance element when the shaft is rotated. Equivalent noise resistance is considered independently of the total winding resistance; in wire-wound potentiometers it is in the vicinity of 150 ohms maximum.

Factors Influencing Noise

In specific instances where noise may be defined as any electrical disturbance or signal which tends to interfere with the generation or indicating characteristics of the potentiometer, noise should be more specifically related to such operating conditions as applied voltage, load resistance, speed of rotation and load current. In such instances noise may be measured in millivolts.

Among the contributions to the noise of a precision potentiometer is contact resistance noise appearing at both wiper contacts and at slipring contacts; this noise is generated through the constriction resistance set up when current flows through two separate pieces of

COMPONENT DESIGN TRENDS

- Independent linearity can be as low as 0.1 percent for single-turn units and better than 0.025 percent for multiturn units
- Paliney alloy contacts withstand over 2,000,000 cycles of operation without affecting linearity
- Small load currents help maintain low contact resistance
- Servo-controlled winding machines give greatly improved linearity
- Bellows-driven unit withstands shocks up to 30 g without permanent damage

metal joined only at a point. The load current flowing through a fluctuating contact resistance produces a loading noise, expressed in ohms as a peak variation in that contact resistance.

Shorting noise is the noise due to winding current as the wiper shorts turns in its passage along the winding. It is proportional to winding current, the resistance per turn of wire and the resistance of the contact. Variations in contact resistance also cause noise. Thus, shorting noise is closely connected with resolution.

Resolution noise is the sawtooth voltage superimposed on the functional output of the potentiometer caused by resistance to flow of load current by the winding. Resolution noise is proportional to the resistance per turn of the resistance wire and to the load current; it, too, is expressed in ohms.

Transient noise is that due to foreign material coming between the wiper and winding. Foreign material may be dirt or an oxide film which develops on the winding.

Generated noise is caused by heat or friction of two metals rubbing against each other, such as the wiper contact and the winding. Accompanying this noise is thermocouple noise consisting of the potential developed in a circuit composed of dissimilar metals with junction points at different temperatures.

Noise associated with excessive rotational speed is caused by the sliding contact rising clear of the winding momentarily.

Circuit design influences some of these noises. Wiping action combined with a small load current (about 1 ma) may help to maintain low contact resistance.

Multiturn Potentiometers

To increase resolution beyond that obtainable in a single-turn potentiometer, the multiturn design has long been used by Helipot and others. As one example, in the ten-turn precision Micropot (Borg Equipment Division), the total resistance ranges from 10,000 to 40,000 ohms and linearity from 0.25 percent through 0.025 percent, depending on total resistance and the type of linearity specified. The three-turn unit, with total resistance about a third of that for the ten-turn unit, has a percent linearity about 3 times that for the ten-turn potentiometer. Power dissipation in the ten-turn unit is 5 watts at 40 C; for the three-turn unit it is 3 watts at 40 C. In the ten-turn unit the helix is about 49 inches long and consists of a Kohlrausch winding (spiral winding on a spiral mandrel) of resistance wire molded and locked in place on a plastic mandrel. Potentiometer units wound on insulated copper mandrels give considerably improved heat dissipation but inhigher capacitance to herently The Paliney alloy conground. tact is reported to provide a life of over two million cycles without affecting linearity. Equal life with a phosphor-bronze contact would increase the percent deviation from linearity to twice its initial value.

Constructional features of another multiturn potentiometer are shown in Fig. 4. This unit is based on a design developed by IBM under an Air Force project. The winding is sometimes described as a violin-string type.

Automatic Winders

Automatic servo-controlled machines are being used by a number of firms to achieve greater accuracy in winding precision wire-wound potentiometers, although details may differ. The basic principle of one of the machines is essentially as shown in Fig. 5. This machine is used by TIC to produce the IBM design. A self-supporting tightly coiled resistance element is formed by winding uncoated resistance wire about a mandrel which is immediately removed. The result is a flexible spring coil which is mounted on a potentiometer base by a servo correction technique that automatically insures good linearity.

Before the coiled resistance element is mounted, it is placed on an intermediate spool under slight tension. A multiturn potentiometer base is next mounted on a base plate having slip-ring take-off contacts. This potentiometer structure is mechanically complete and its actual slider contact is clamped at a fixed position. One end of the resistance element is attached to this potentiometer structure. An excitation voltage is placed across the resistance element and the voltage of the clamped slider contact is taken off by means of one of the slip rings.

By rotating the potentiometer base and the supporting spool, the potentiometer winding is transferred from the spool to the base. The potentiometer base is coupled to а high-precision multiturn master potentiometer. The voltage from the fixed slider contact is compared with that from the precision master potentiometer. Any difference voltage drives the servo correction motor and causes the payoff spool to speed up or to slow down with respect to the potentiometer being wound. This alters the tension and thus the spacing of the turns of the coiled potentiometer winding.

By this continuous method of servo correction, multiturn potentiometers are wound with linearities consistently better than 0.025 percent. Because the final potenti-



FIG. 4—Multiturn potentiometer construction as used by TIC provides high resolution along with low noise and long life

ometer structure is used in the process of correcting the winding, compensation can be made for changes in resistivity of the resistance wire and minor eccentricities in the potentiometer mechanical structure. If a prescribed loading resistor is placed across the potentiometer before it is wound, compensation can be made automatically by the servo correction control so that the loaded potentiometer will be highly linear.

Mechanical features of this multiturn design include two ball bearing supports near the extremities of the shaft which result in a starting torque less than 1.3 ozin. and a running torque less than 1 oz-in. An internal lead-screw type of limit stop withstands torques exceeding 100 pound-inches without loading the precision slider or assembly. Precision potentiometers find numerous and varied applications, one example of which is shown in Fig. 6. Here a Baroresistor employs hydraulic bellows to actuate a precision wire-bound potentiometer. The unit withstands shocks up to 30 g; the only observable change in resistance ratio occurs along the axis of the potentiometer winding, the change being in resistance ratio of 2 to 3 percent but without permanent damage.

CORRECTION VOLTAGE SIGNAL

SERVO

CORRECTION MOTOR -

DIFFERENTIAL FOR

WINDING TENSION

SIDER

CONT

SLIDER

CLAMP

MECHANICAL ARRANGENENT

CONTROL OF

PAY OFF SPOOL

The instrument operates over a temperature range from -50C to +80C over its full-scale pressure range, which is from 0 to 14.7 psi. The unit has been tested by the manufacturer up to 200,000 cycles with no evidence of wear or other incipient failure. Measured temperature sensitivity is 0.01 percent per degree C. From 0 to 14.7 psi absolute the accuracy is ± 2 per-

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VOLTAGE SIGNAL TO SERVO CORRECTI TOR

POTENTIONETER

BEING WOUND

HIGH-PRECISION NULTI-TURN

MASTER

WINDING

DRIVE

HOTOR

FIG. 5-Servo control system used by TIC to correct winding

POTENTIOMETER BEING WOUND

DIRECT

PRECISION

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ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT

In summary, it can be expected that the development of precision potentiometers will continue under the impetus of entry of an appreciable number of manufacturers into the field. This concerted effort appears to be bringing safe operating temperatures to 150 C, possibly to 200 C. Units are more sturdy today than heretofore; in the future they may operate satisfactorily during shocks up to 100 g and vibration between 1,000 and 2,000 cps.



FIG. 6—Hermetically sealed potentiometer made by Trans-Sonics, Inc. is actuated by gas or liquid pressure through bellows and bearing-free linkage; resolution is 0.33 percent of full scale



Typical of new wire-wound potentiometers designed to hold capacitances to minimum is this General Radio unit using phenolic winding form, cup and cover along with glass polyester shaft, for a-c linear-resistance applications. Tolerance is 2 percent for 1.25-inch diameter units and 0.2 percent for 4.25-inch units

The MICROWAVE Market Picture

Point-to-point communications systems, exclusive of military, near 100 and extend almost 30,000 miles. Common carriers dominate field and have grown most rapidly. Pipelines still lead private users, with power companies gaining rapidly

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AMAJOR development in post-war electronics has been the application of microwave equipment in point-to-point communications. Successful transmissions across the English Channel were made in 1931, but installations by the Bell System immediately after World War II put microwave on a commercial basis. Today there are nearly 100 civilian microwave systems in the U.S., with over 1,300 individual stations. Total route mileage is nearly 30,000 miles. Table I gives a breakdown of the figures according to FCC records.

It is difficult to compare sizes of different microwave systems. Best common denominator is dollar value but this is not always available and is complicated by the changing value of the dollar, varying land prices and construction costs. Communicators talk about circuit miles—the number of available communications circuits multiplied by the miles over which they extend. This is a good measure of traffic capacity but can be misleading as to the amount of equipment used.

Another measure is the number of stations. This, however, tells little about the traffic capacity of the system. Throughout this report, systems are compared in route miles—the actual distance over which the microwave beam travels. Two guides for further approximation are that the average distance between towers is about 20 miles and that the average cost of a microwave system used by private companies is roughly \$1,500 a route mile. Common-carrier systems generally run higher.

There is no general agreement on a definition of microwaves. Design engineers restrict the term to superhigh frequencies and above— 3,000 mc and up. In communications, any frequency above 890 mc is loosely termed microwave. The bands allocated to the various services are listed in Table II.

Microwave Frequencies

The short wavelength of microwaves (30 cm and less) provides two important properties. First. the transmissions follow a line-ofsight path and can be focused much like a beam of light by high-gain antennas. This enables nearby systems to operate in the same frequency band without harmful interference. Secondly, a circuit's physdimensions ical determine its electrical parameters, and for such short wavelengths a small change in circuit dimensions can produce a wide frequency variation. Thus. microwave equipment can readily have an extremely wide frequency bandwidth compared to lower-frequency communications equipment. Systems providing 24 voice channels are widely used; common-carrier systems sometimes have several hundred voice channels.

Commercial exploitation of microwave has proceeded in three general directions: common-carrier, private and military. By far the greatest expansion has been in the common-carrier field.

Common-Carrier Systems

As may be seen from Fig. 1 telephone and telegraph companies have more than doubled route mileage in the past two years. Major impetus has been the need to connect television stations for intercity network service. Some television stations are connected by coaxial cable but the current trend is toward greater use of microwave radio relay, which will pass without difficulty the complete 6-mc band required.

Another kind of common-carrier recently appeared when a group in Poplar Bluffs, Mo. sought and received authorization to build a microwave system to distribute tv signals captured from the air to remote community antenna cable systems. Other common carriers include Western Union, one of the oldest. Plans are on paper to extend its system from its present terminal at Pittsburgh to St. Louis when the necessary \$42 million is available.

Microwave systems operated by independent telephone companies are usually small—two or three stations. But, there are more than 5,000 independent telephone companies. Figure 2 is a map of common-carrier microwave facilities in the U. S.



Supervisory control panel illustrates how microwave operates an unattended remote pipeline booster station. Passive reflector mounted on steel tower is becoming symbolic of a new communications age

Commercially, the keenest competition by far has been in the private, or more properly, the noncommon-carrier market. Users include gas and oil pipelines, industrial firms, power utilities, railroads and forest products companies. Also local and state government services such as police, fire, highway maintenance and forest conservation.

Private Systems

Microwave systems operated by gas and oil pipelines constitute about two thirds of the total route mileage of all private systems. One manufacturer of microwave equipment believes that 85 percent of the potential market is here. Pipeliners need microwave for telephone communications between pumping and metering stations along their right of way and to tie in with radio-equipped service vehicles. They also need it for telemetering and supervisory control of unattended booster stations, teleprinter and facsimile.

Newest of the right-of-way companies, the pipelines, unlike power companies and railroads, could not rely on existing wire lines. Microwave avoided the problems of securing rights to string pole lines and offered more dependable service—no pole lines to come down in bad weather. Microwave compares favorably in cost with either privately owned or leased wire lines. Figure 3 is a map showing routes of pipeline microwave systems.

Power utilities operate about one quarter of all private microwave. Microwave has steadily gained favor with power men along with wire-line carrier. Microwave's most attractive feature is the safety During storms, if power angle. lines come down, so do telephone lines, in many cases disrupting both wire-line carrier and leased-line service. Microwave offers a means for maintaining essential communications, telemetering, supervisory control and line-fault locating when most needed. Power-company

Type of Service	Systems	Stations	Roule Miles
Common carrier			
Amer Tel & Tel.	1	450	12,348
other carriers	4	43	1,177
Gas & oil pipelines.	26	516	10,679
Power utilities			
privately owned.	33	159	2.763
U.S. Gov't	2	83	1.467
Police	9	48	712
Highway mainte-	-	10	
nance	5	20	226
Special industrial	2	10	184
Railroads.	2	11	175
Forest products	4	8	58
Forest conservation	2	9	44
Fire	2	10	16
	5	10	10
Total	93	1, <mark>36</mark> 7	29,853

Table I—Microwave Communications Systems in the U. S.

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enjoyed greatest growth and leads all other microwave services

Type of Service F	Frequency in MC
Common-carrier	3,700- 4,200
	5,925- 6,425 10,700-11,700
Private users	952-960
	2,110 - 2,200
	2,500- 2,700
	0,575-0,875 12 200-12 700
U. S. Gov't	1,700- 1,850
	2,200-2,300 4,400-5,000
	7,125- 8,500
Television pickup & ST	L 1,990-2,110
	12,700-13,200

Table II—Frequency Bands for Microwave Development



FIG. 2—Map shows extent of common carrier (public telephone & telegraph) microwave service in U. S.



FIG. 4—Major power utilities are developing extensive microwave networks within their areas of operation

microwave systems are shown in Fig. 4.

Other Systems

Other microwave users account for less than one tenth of the noncommon-carrier business. Some services, however, offer great possibilities. For example, rumors are current from time to time that this or that railroad will go microwave for so many thousand route miles. Railroaders' interest in microwave frequently ties back to a telephone company's attitude on interconnection. Railroads will invest more heavily in microwave when they are assured that their new systems will be accorded the same interconnection privileges as existing wire lines.

One mining firm has installed an extensive microwave system to help coordinate its widespread operations but, in general, the major industrial microwave market is still in the future. Microwave for police communications, on the other hand, is going hand in hand with the building of new super turnpikes. First the Pennsylvania Turnpike was equipped for microwave communication along the right of way, then the New Jersey Turnpike and, most recently, the Ohio Turnpike as the turnpike network spread across the country.

Strong interest has been evidenced by state governments in microwave networks to handle police, highway maintenance, conservation, civilian defense and general administrative matters throughout a state. This potential market is intimately bound up in the intricacies of politics.

A map of miscellaneous users of microwave is shown in Fig. 5.

Broadcasting

Use of microwave equipment by television stations is increasing. There are 194 microwave studiotransmitter links and 43 stations used for intercity transmission of television signals. The latter are usually private systems set up to provide network programming for



FIG. 3—Pipeline microwave follows main arteries bringing gas and oil from fields to industrial areas



FIG. 5—Other users of microwave are few and widely separated but police systems are expanding

a station in cases where commoncarrier service is not available.

Security prevents obtaining figures on the use of microwave communications equipment by the armed services. Many installations have, however, been made both here and abroad linking major headquarters and other installations to pass operational and administrative traffic and in some cases radar signals. Truck-carried equipment has been developed to provide the mobility essential to a military communications network operating in what may become a forward area.

The actual amount of military microwave equipment in use has not been revealed but a manufacturer who does a lot of military business claims to have shipped around 1,000 complete equipments —only a fraction of which are accounted for in the civilian market. It seems probable that military microwave is at least as big as private and common-carrier combined.

Germanium Modulator for Infrared Communication

Transparency of germanium to infrared radiation is controlled by injection of charge carriers to provide direct modulation of light beam. Typical design example is given for a-f modulator having response 3 db down at 10 kc

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NUMEROUS INFRARED communica-tion systems have been devised in the past with limited suc-Cess

The systems differed primarily in the transmitter and in particular in the method of modulation of the infrared carrier. A tungsten-filament lamp may be modulated directly by applying the audio signal directly to the filament. Due to the long thermal time constant of the filament, the response time and hence the bandwidth of such a system is limited.

Alternatively a gas-discharge tube, giving emission lines in the infrared region, may be used as the source of transmitter power. Very high modulation frequencies can then be obtained but the available power is seriously limited. Using a tungsten lamp source (a very efficient source of infrared radiation) and a mechanical shutter arrangement, some excellent shutters have been devised, but the high speed of operation required usually implies large size and high cost of construction.

This article describes an electronic replacement for the mechanical shutter making use of the

transparency of germanium to infrared radiation. Infrared modulators made with germanium crystals are small, simple to make and reasonably efficient.

A germanium crystal is completely opaque to visible light but at a wavelength of 1.8 microns in the infrared region becomes almost completely transparent. There

Design Example For A-F Modulator

Infrared carrier wavelength = 2 microns Therefore $\alpha = 1.6 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ Resistivity of germanium crystal = 1 ohm-cm Carrier lifetime in germanium crystal = 25 μ sec Length of modulator, x = 1.2 cm (Eq. 1) Thickness of modulator, y = 0.2 cm Width of modulator, z = 0.2 mm Mean transit time = 50 μ sec Therefore bias current is 50 ma (Eq. 2) Therefore response is down 3 db at approximately 9.5 kc (Eq. 3) As Eq. 1 is fulfilled it can be shown that the peak modulation depth obtainable is 50 percent.⁴ Reduction in transmitter power due to background absorption in the germanium is about 11/2 db and reduction due to reflection, scattering and other uncontrolled factors is about 4 db. Losses of this magnitude are not usually important

is a small amount of optical absorption left and this has been ascribed to the free electrons or other charge carriers in the germanium.⁹ It is known from the theory of germanium transistors that a rectifying contact on germanium, biased in the forward direction, injects charge carriers into the crystal.⁸ It follows, therefore, that the transparency of germanium to infrared radiation can be varied by injecting carriers which will give rise to additional optical absorption.⁴

Effect of Absorption

In theory the injected carriers give rise to increased absorption at all wavelengths, but in practice the absorption in the visible wavelengths and out to 1.8 microns is so large that the contribution of the injected carriers is quite negligible. Hence germanium modulators can only be used at wavelengths greater than 1.8 microns. No upper limit of wavelength can yet be specified. Modulators have been used up to 12 microns and theoretically the effect should still exist at millimeter wavelengths.

Modulator Design

Consider a simple rectangular block of crystalline germanium, as illustrated in Fig. 1. Focused light from a tungsten lamp source enters at one end. The visible and short wavelength components are completely absorbed and the infrared radiation is transmitted through the material. Due to the high refractive index of germanium (about 4) the crystal behaves as a light pipe and the beam is kept in the crystal by total internal reflection off the walls. The carriers injected into the crystal vary its transparency to infrared and hence modulate the amplitude of the transmitted beam.

When a germanium modulator is to be designed for an infrared communication system there are a number of factors affecting the shape, size and construction of the modulator which must be considered.

The increase in charge-carrier density in the crystal that can be obtained by injection is not very large. If, however, the infrared radiation has to pass through a sufficiently long crystal even a low

density of injected carriers will give rise to an appreciable amount of absorption. Hence the depth of modulation increases with the length of the modulator. The absorption in the germanium without injection is, however, not zero because of the charge carriers (electrons in *n*-type germanium) already present. Increasing the length of the optical path in the crystal therefore increases the background absorption, with a consequent loss of transmitted power. It follows, then, that there must be an optimum length for a modulator. This is given approximately, for n-type germanium, by

$x_o = 1.9 \times 10^{-16} R/\alpha \text{ cm}$ (1)

where R is the resistivity of the germanium in ohm-cm and α is the absorption coefficient per unity



FIG. 1—Modulator uses fransistor-type connections. Signal across modulator varies charge density in crystal

density of carriers.⁴ The value of α in germanium is largely independent of wavelength between 1.8 and 5 microns and is about 1.6 \times 10⁻¹⁶ cm². At wavelengths greater than 5 microns, α increases as the square of the wavelength and reaches about 25 \times 10⁻¹⁶ at 12 microns. Optimum length of a modulator is a function of the wavelength at which it is to operate and it should be designed accordingly.

Resistivity of the germanium, R, is also at the disposal of the designer and it is desirable to keep this low, about 1 ohm-cm, so that the length of the modulator is kept to manageable proportions. Modulators having only about a tenth the optimum length have been used successfully; the small modulation depth then obtained (about 5 percent) being sufficient in many cases.

In Fig. 1 the area yz is called the acceptance area, as all the energy from the infrared source must be

focused on it. In principle the image of the source can be made indefinitely small, but in practice aberrations and other defects in the optical system, not to mention convenience, require the area to be kept reasonably large. Electrical considerations require the area yz to be kept small and hence the final choice is a matter of compromise.

Charge Carriers

Charge carriers injected into germanium tend to recombine; their average expectance of life being referred to as the carrier lifetime τ . The value of τ is determined primarily by the purity of the germanium crystal and is usually between a few microseconds and a few milliseconds.

The time taken for the injected carriers to cross the crystal is de-



FIG. 2—Modified design of modulator providing larger acceptance area yz for improved performance

termined by the voltage across, and hence the current through, the modulator and is given approximately by

 $t = x y z/I \mu R$ seconds (2)where I is the current in amperes and μ , the carrier mobility, equals 1,700 sq cm per volt-second in ntype germanium. If the transit time t, of the carriers is much less than their lifetime, so that none of them recombine, they will be swept out of the crystal as fast as they are injected. In this condition the number of carriers in the crystal no longer increases with current and the modulator saturates. The condition for saturation can be taken as a measure of the efficiency of the device. The lower the current required for saturation the more sensitive is the modulator. For this reason it is desirable to keep the area yz as small as possible.

Another feature of the modulator which may influence the choice of the area yz is frequency response. When sinusoidal modulation is desired the modulator is normally operated with a steady bias current. This current determines a mean transit time (Eq. 2) and response of the modulator is flat up to a frequency given approximately by

$$f = \tau + t/2\pi \tau t \qquad (3)$$

If pulse modulation is used, turnoff time (I = 0) is equal to τ and the turn-on time $(I = I_{max})$ is $\tau t/(\tau + t)$.

Carrier lifetime in the germanium is also at the disposal of the designer within certain limits and considerations of frequency response, efficiency and maximum rated current will clearly influence the choice made.

The data given refers to simple rectangular modulators, as shown in Fig. 1. Since germanium acts



FIG. 3—Demonstration infrared transmitter uses parabolic mirrors to focus light beam of modulator crystal

as a light pipe in the infrared region, structures of the type shown in Fig. 2 may be used, coupling the advantages of a large acceptance area with a small value of z for use in Eq. 2.

Finally it may be noted that Eq. 2 only determines the product yz and not the shape of the acceptance area. The latter can be chosen to suit the shape of the image from the infrared source.

Electrical Connections

As in a germanium diode, a lowresistance base connection is soldered along the bottom of the crystal. The injecting contact on the opposite surface may be made with pointed wire contacts, wires laid flat on the crystal and held in place with a rubber pad, evaporated metal contacts or by fabricating a p-njunction on the germanium surface by indium diffusion.⁵ The efficiency of injection of all these contacts is sufficiently near 100 percent for practical purposes. Junction or large-area contacts have a lower resistance and will materially reduce heat dissipation and power necessary to drive the modulator but otherwise the choice is one of convenience.

Modulator Operation

Carriers are injected into the germanium only when the modulator, considered as a diode, is biased in the low-resistance direction. The modulation impressed on the infrared beam will therefore be halfwave rectified. To avoid this the modulator must be biased in the forward direction and the signal drive current kept within this limit.

At high currents, saturation occurs, therefore the bias current is chosen so that t (Eq. 2) equals about 2τ . This implies that, on the average, the injected carriers die off when they are about halfway across the crystal. If operation at higher frequencies is desired, at the cost of reduced sensitivity and increased distortion, the value of the bias current may be increased.

The rate of carrier injection is determined by driving current rather than voltage. Since the forward characteristic of a diode is nonlinear a voltage drive will cause distortion. This difficulty is overcome by feeding the modulator from a high-impedance current source. Distortion also arises from the fact that carrier injection reduces the resistivity of the crystal by a significant fraction. This is also overcome by using a current drive.

By way of example, an infrared communication set will be described. This set was demonstrated at the April 1953 exhibition of the Physical Society in London. The system was by no means ideal since the use of an off-axis optical system is undesirable, but was quite adequate for demonstration purposes.

Transmitter

The arrangement of the source, modulator and spherical mirrors is shown in Fig. 3. The transmitter power source was a 24-volt, 36-watt tungsten filament lamp operating at 18 volts. The effective emitting area of the filament was about 1 cm \times 1 mm. The spherical mirrors had a focal length of 5 cm and an aperture of f:1. The spacings between the tungsten lamp, first mirror and modulator were arranged so that the image on the modulator was about 0.2 cm \times 0.2 mm. This was about the largest optical reduction that could be achieved with the arrangement used. The position of the second mirror was then adjusted to give a near-parallel output beam. No filter was necessary to remove visible light.

For the demonstration the signal for the modulator was obtained from a phonograph record. The output from the pickup was amplified in a conventional two-stage audio amplifier and fed to the modulator through a stepdown transformer and 100-ohm series resistance. The 30-ma bias current for the modulator was obtained from a battery.

Receiver

The receiver consisted of a 5-cm focal-length spherical mirror which focused the incoming infrared beam on a commercial lead-sulfide cell. These cells decrease in resistance when illuminated by infrared radiation of any wavelength less than about 2.8 microns. The effective carrier wavelength band was therefore about 1.8 microns to 2.8 microns, set by the transmission of the germanium and the sensitivity of the lead-sulfide cell respectively. The frequency response of the leadsulfide cell and the modulator were about the same, flat from about 25 to about 6,000 cps. The output from the cell was fed to a conventional audio amplifier and loudspeaker. The quality of the transmission under these conditions was determined by the surface noise of the recording.

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Radio Receiver Counts Lightning Strokes

Lightning strokes are recorded automatically on direct-readout counter at output of radio receiver that is adjusted to pick up discharges within predetermined radius. Full-wave semiconductor detector is used for strokes of either polarity in 8 to 20-kc range

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TECHNIQUES FOR LOCATING and mapping thunderstorm centers have been devised that vary from complex direction-finding networks for long-range charting of thunderstorms to aural observation of thunder by the meteorologist.

There remains the need for an additional method of detecting and evaluating the thunderstorm activity at various points on the earth. International scientific organizations have recommended development of simple apparatus suitable for wide distribution among meteorological stations and intended to replace the human ear for aural observations of electric discharge.

Such an instrument should supply statistical information on the frequency of thunderstorms, detecting discharges over the range of aural detection, or not farther than fifteen miles from the point of observation. It must be inexpensive to produce, maintain and operate. Simple operation and selfcalibration must be possible without the use of expensive signal generators or trained personnel.

Stroke Counter

The Atmospheric Noise Research Laboratory of the University of Florida has developed such an instrument described below.

Basically, the counter comprises functional blocks shown in Fig. 1. Output of an antenna is fed into a low-gain amplifier stage, fullwave detector, amplifier and a relay that actuates a mechanical counter. Detailed operation of the counter is described in terms of the circuit diagram shown in Fig 2.

Input Circuit

Since the preponderance of power in a lightning stroke is found in the



FIG. 1—Block representation of lowfrequency lightning receiver

frequency range from 8 to 20 kc, it was decided to operate the counter in this range. This requires that the input impedance be high, since vertical and horizontal antennas of practical dimensions exhibit high output impedances in this frequency range. Therefore, values of C_1 and R_1 are chosen such that power-line voltages and their major harmonics will not operate the counter. At the same time, the input impedance is in the order of 1 megohm for the frequency range of interest.

Amplifier and Rectifier

Two amplifier stages employing type 1N5 tubes are used to permit

satisfactory operation from either a battery pack or conventional a-c supply. The input tube is operated as a class A voltage amplifier that is transformer-coupled to a bridge rectifier. The necessity for a bridge circuit is understood from consideration of the nature of the lightning stroke. There are conditions under which the polarity of the major portion of the stroke may be either positive or negative. To count most of the strokes, it is necessary to utilize both the positive and negative portions of the stroke.

Duration of a lightning stroke is relatively short. For operating a slow-acting mechanical counter it is necessary to include a shortcharge long-discharge circuit that will hold the relay closed long enough for the counter to operate. The charge time of the network is determined by the forward resistance of the diodes of the bridge rectifier, the impedance looking back into T_1 and the value of C_2 . The discharge path through R_2 is comparatively long with an actual value of 1 second.

Relay and Counter

Second stage V_2 is normally biased to approximately cutoff potential, so that when a pulse of positive voltage appears on its grid relay K_1 is closed. This places 90 v d-c across the counter causing a



Counter is initially calibrated against aural and visual observations

count to be registered. Adjustment of the control-grid bias on V_2 determines the level at which the relay operates and consequently the overall sensitivity of the counter.

Calibration

Calibration of the counter is accomplished by momentarily closing S_i , which places a d-c voltage of predetermined value on the control grid of V_i . The actual value of the calibrating voltage is determined by the desired sensitivity of the counter which is, in turn, a function of the antenna used and the aver-



Top view of counter chassis shows electromechanical counter on panel



Underside of chassis shows simplicity of wiring and relay at upper right

ical counter shown, which has a

total capacity of 99,999 counts.

Frequency response is ± 3 db from

10 to 28 kc. Line-voltage changes

from 100 to 120 volts result in only ± 3 db change in sensitivity.

Performance Tests

the number of lightning strokes

occurring within a given thunder-

storm and the range from the re-

ceiving antenna to the point of dis-

charge. However, since the device

is designed to operate within the

aural range of thunder, the method used to calibrate the instrument consists of measuring the elapsed time between the occurrence of the stroke and the time that thunder

is heard. From this time measure-

ment the range to the stroke is

Results obtained in Florida indi-

cate that the maximum range at

which thunder can be heard is ap-

proximately 8 to 10 miles with ap-

proximately 90 percent of all local strokes being counted. In several

cases strokes were counted when no thunder was heard. The range in these cases is indeterminate, but

during one nighttime storm when

the flashes were visible, counts were made when the range was estimated

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to be between 15 and 25 miles. The research reported in this

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It is difficult to assess accurately

age intensity of strokes in a given locality.

Adjustment should be determined through a study made at or near the locality at which the counter is to be operated. A sensitivity of approximately 0.1 v rms has been found to be satisfactory in Florida when a 100-ft horizontal antenna elevated 30 ft is used. Once the calibration voltage has been set, closing the test switch determines if the counter is functioning properly.

Counting rate is 2 cycles a second maximum using the electromechan-



FIG. 2—Counter unit can be operated from batteries or power line as shown. Input is connected to suitable antenna. Bridge rectifier insures counting every lightning stroke since polarity may be either positive or negative

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FIG. 1—Basic power amplifier has large amount of inverse feedback without trace of instability



FIG. 2—Voltage relations in bifilar output transformer with different primary connections

Fifty-Watt Amplifier



Fifty-watt amplifier uses 1614 output tubes. Output transformer is shown mounted on chassis in its normal position, but not potted

VIZE OF AN AMPLIFIER package D and its cost are dependent largely on the efficiency of operation and the power sensitivity of the output stage. Beam power tubes satisfy these two requirements more readily than triodes. The quality of the audio power is improved by the use of push-pull operation and large amounts of feedback. Use of a suitable amount and type of feedback with beampower tubes overcomes the advantage of inherently low output impedance obtained with triodes. The development of the power amplifier

discussed in this article was undertaken with the objective of providing a large amount of good quality audio power in a small package at relatively low cost.

Basic Circuit

The basic power amplifier circuit shown in Fig. 1 is capable of employing large amounts of feedback with good stability. This circuit has been operated with 36 db of feedback without showing any trace of instability. However, since the driving voltage required under these conditions is too great, the By ALEXANDER B. BERESKIN Professor of Electrical Engineering University of Cincinnati Consulting Engineer The Baldwin Company Cincinnati, Ohio

circuit is normally used with only 24 db of feedback.

The 12AX7 is used as a phase inverter, amplifier and driver stage. It is direct-coupled to the beampower output tubes and the operation is essentially class B_1 since the high-impedance driver stage is incapable of driving the power-tube grids positive. An added advantage of the direct-coupled driver is that it eliminates the possibility of blocking due to excessive input signal.

The two output-tube cathodes are returned to ground and therefore any combination of screen and plate supply voltage may be used. The circuit shown will keep both screen and plate dissipation below the rated values for full-signal $class-B_1$ operation with either 1614's or 807's. The bias for the output tubes is supplied by the 12AX7 and is normally adjusted to produce a zero-signal plate current of about 15 ma per tube. The high value of cathode resistance makes the driver circuit fundamentally stable.

A test with six 1614's and twelve

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FIG. 3—Output-transformer coil buildup for fifty-watt amplifier using 1614 tubes



FIG. 4—Power relations for fifty-watt basic amplifier with transformer-coupled input

for High-Quality Audio

Push-pull amplifier uses transposed-bifilar output transformer to overcome difficulties associated with class-B operation. Quality is enhanced by 24-db feedback. Winding and core data are given for construction of transformer

12AX7's, of different manufacturers and chosen at random, produced a zero-signal plate current variation ranging from 10 to 25 ma per tube. Full-signal operation was substantially independent of the choice of 12AX7 and beam power output tubes.

The feedback winding is electrostatically shielded from the secondary, but very closely coupled to it. The electrostatic shield greatly increases the amount of feedback that can be used successfully.

The problems encountered with class-B operation are considerably more severe than those occurring in class-A operation, but the higher efficiency makes it possible to increase the power output by a factor of three or more, for the same investment and space.

Bifilar Windings

One of the major problems associated with class-B operation is due to energy stored in the leakage reactance between the two primary windings. This stored energy gives rise to a conduction transfer notch which must be eliminated before class-B operation can be used successfully.¹ Several different winding schemes will reduce the leakage reactance below the critical value but the most successful one is that of using a bifilar winding for the two primary sections.

A significant problem caused by the use of bifilar windings is that appreciable capacitance exists between the adjacent wires and charging current must be supplied to this capacitance before any voltage can be developed between the wires. This charging current must be supplied through the output-stage tubes and is one of the major factors limiting high-frequency power-delivering capacity of an amplifier.

This problem can be understood more readily by examining the circuit of Fig. 2A. The bifilar primary has been separated into two sections and the secondary sandwiched between them to keep leakage reactance between the primaries and secondary low. The four primary sections have been symmetrically interconnected and there is negligible d-c voltage between them. If a peak signal voltage of 250 volts is assumed on each of the primary sections, as shown by the vertical arrows, this will give rise to a peak signal voltage of 500 volts between all adjacent points on the bifilar winding as shown by the horizontal arrows. The undesirable feature is that before this voltage can appear between the two primary windings the interwinding capacitance must be suitably charged and charging current must flow through one of the two tubes.

An experimental transformer of this type, wound with adjacent wire layer bifilar winding, using No. 28 HF wire, was found to have a capacitance of 0.045 microfarad between the two primary windings.

Primary Variations

Figure 2B shows a different connection of the primary sections. The voltage between the lower sections of the bifilar winding has been reduced to 250 volts but the voltage between the upper sections has been correspondingly increased to 750 volts. The total interwinding charging current is the same as before but the insulation burden on the upper section is greater than before. Further sectionalization and reconnection of the primary will not reduce the charging-current problem and will in most cases increase the burden on the insulation.

The design of the transformer used in Fig. 1 presents a solution to the problem introduced by the primary interwinding capacitance. In the general case of two isolated parallel circular wires an increase of the spacing between the surfaces from 10 percent to 20 percent of the diameter of the wire will reduce the capacitance between these wires by approximately 30 percent. An increase of this spacing from 10 percent to 100 percent of the diameter of the wire will reduce the capacitance by approximately 70 percent.

In the transformer winding the same general principles apply. Each

electric material, the capacitance between the wires in the layers accounts for approximately two thirds of the total capacitance. Capacitance between wires in adjacent layers accounts for one third of the total capacitance. Since transposition of the wires can halve capacitance between wires in a layer without disturbing the capacitance between wires in adjacent layers, it should reduce the total capacitance to two thirds of its original value. Use of insulating materials such as cotton, varnish and wax and accumulation of moisture will all tend to increase the capacitance.

The safety factor provided by the bifilar type of winding has so far been sufficiently large to avoid the appearance of the conduction transfer notch.

Figure 3 shows the coil buildup



FIG. 5—Complete fifty-watt amplifier with preamplifier delivers full output with 0.8-volt rms input signal. Voltages indicated are measured with zero-signal input

wire will have capacitance to the two wires on each side of it in the same layer and also to the wires in the layers above and below it. The capacitance between wires in the same layer can be cut in half by transposing the two wires of the bifilar wire at every turn. The capacitance between wires in adjacent layers will not be modified by this process. In the nontransposed winding, assuming the same spacing between layer centers that exists between adjacent wire centers in a layer and uniform diof the output transformer used in the circuit of Fig. 1. This figure is drawn in proper vertical scale. The horizontal scale has been modified to show the relative positions of the windings in a reasonable amount of space. This transformer winding was designed to be used with two grain-oriented Hipersil C cores. The nominal impedance levels were intended to be 4, 8 and 16 ohms but the optimum levels obtained with this transformer were 4.63, 9.25 and 18.5 ohms. An optimum value resistor was used on the



FIG. 6—Response of complete amplifier to a 10-watt 5-kc square-wave input. Increasing the value of the feedback capacitor tends to reduce the slight amount of ringing present

9.25-ohm tap in all of the succeeding tests.

The transformer of Fig. 3 had a primary interwinding capacitance of 0.010 microfarad when it was vacuum impregnated with clear baking varnish and baked for the prescribed amount of time. This transformer was potted and has maintained the same value of capacitance since that time.

To obtain the same low-frequency power-delivering capacity with an ordinary non-grain-oriented core it is necessary to increase both the core cross section and the number of turns by about 25 percent. The combined effect of these increases is that the primary interwinding capacitance increases by a factor of approximately 50 percent.

Amplifier Specifications

The circuit of Fig. 1 was used with the transformer of Fig. 3 transformer-coupled input. with The input transformer had an electrostatic shield connected to ground. With well-regulated screen and plate supply voltages, the residual hum in the output was 96 db below 50 watts. For this particular amplifier. without any special attempt to obtain good balance, a ripple voltage of 42 volts inserted in series with the plate supply or 9 volts inserted in series with the screen supply was necessary to bring the residual hum level in the output to 80 db below 50 watts.

The power delivering capacity of this amplifier was tested by setting the input signal level at the value necessary to produce 2-percent distortion in the output. Figure 4



FIG. 7—Square-wave response of amplifier at 50 (A), 500 (B) and 5,000 cps (C). Amplifier input level is 40 watts for upper waveforms and 10 watts for lower waveforms

shows the results of this test. In the range below 30 cps the output was limited by the inability of the 1614's tubes to supply adequate magnetizing current to the transformer. Between 30 and 3,000 cps the output was limited by peak clipping due to the inability of the 12AX7's to drive the 1614 grids positive. Above 3,000 cps the output was limited by the inability of the 1614's to supply the charging current required by the primary interwinding capacitance.

Most of the power in speech, song and music is contained in the fundamental tones with frequencies below 3,000 cps. The power levels of the higher frequency fundamental tones and of the harmonics of the lower-frequency fundamentals drop off at a greater rate than the power-delivering capacity of this amplifier.²

The amplifier develops its fullpower output of 60 watts over most of the middle-frequency range with total plate-circuit losses, including transformer losses, considerably lower than the rated CCS values.

Since transformer-coupled input is not usually available for amplifiers of this type the circuit of Fig. 5, which includes a preamplifier and power supply was developed. This circuit was designed to deliver 50 watts of high-quality power over most of the middle-frequency range. Since the output stage is insensitive to ripple in the screen and plate supplys, very simple power supply filter circuits are adequate.

Preamplifier

The preamplifier consists of a two-stage R-C amplifier with feedback between the second plate and first cathode. This feedback provides good wave shape and low output impedance on the preamplifier.

The preamplifier is coupled to the 12AX7 grid with a 1.25 μ f capacitor and a Thordarson T20C51 choke modified by interleaving its laminations. A low d-c resistance is necessary because the 12AX7 has appreciable grid current when the grid voltage becomes more positive than -1 volt and this grid current must not be allowed to change the bias relations of the phase inverter. This coupling circuit has a low-Q resonance between 10 and 15 cps.

Feedback from the secondary of the transformer is incorporated and additional overall feedback introduced from the 4.63-ohm tap to the first cathode in the preamplifier. A complex bridged-T network pro-

duced the best high-frequency square-wave response. but the square-wave response was adequate when a simple 15-unf capacitor was substituted in the overall feedback circuit. This capacitor has no effect on the low-frequency response but reduces the tendency of the amplifier to ring slightly with sharprisetime square-wave inputs. The waveforms of Fig. 6 show how ringing, following the leading edge of a 10-watt 5-kc square wave, is modified by varying the value of this capacitor. The rise time of the leading edge is approximately 7.5 microseconds between the 10-percent and 90-percent points and the ringing frequency is approximately 100 kc.

The complete square-wave response at 50, 500 and 5,000 cps and power levels of 10 and 40 watts is shown in Fig. 7.

The results of tests made to determine the best balance between the various types of feedback are shown in Fig. 8. Curves 1 and 2 have inadequate feedback turns to correct for class-B operation at lowpower levels. The bridged-T overallfeedback network produced 6-db feedback at operating frequencies so that curve 1 is lower than curve 2 at high-power levels. Curve 3 has much less low-level distortion than curve 2 because of the additional feedback turns, but it requires more drive from the preamplifier and therefore has higher distortion than curve 2 at high-power levels. Curve 4 uses approximately 6-db additional feedback in the pre-



FIG. 8—Feedback-distortion characteristics





FIG. 9-Plate-circuit power loss characteristics



FIG. 10—Power characteristics at 2-percent distortion



FIG. 11-Overall frequency response of amplifier

amplifier and its distortion is satisfactory at both low and high-power levels. The $15-\mu\mu f$ overall feedback has no effect at these frequencies.

The values of feedback turns and preamplifier feedback resistance used in obtaining curve 4 represent a practical compromise between low-input signal and low-output distortion. Additional reduction in distortion could be obtained by increasing the turns on the feedback winding and reducing the value of the feedback resistor in the preamplifier. Both of these changes would increase the input voltage required to produce full output power. The conditions specified for curve 4 are the ones shown in the circuit diagram of Fig. 5 and are used in all succeeding tests.

Power-Loss Characteristics

Figure 9 shows the curves of plate-circuit losses (including transformer losses) and screen dissipation as the output power is varied. The plate-circuit losses are less than the rated CCS values for all operating conditions. The screen dissipation becomes equal to the rated CCS value at the highest power level shown but is less than the rated value at lower levels.

The 2-percent distortion powerdelivering capacity together with the corresponding plate-circuit lesses and screen dissipation are shown in Fig. 10. The highest platecircuit efficiency, including transformer losses, occurs at 1,000 cps and is 69 percent. If the transformer losses are considered a part of the tube output, the plate efficiency becomes 72 percent.

The frequency-response characteristics, together with the powerdelivering capacity curve, plotted on a db scale, are shown in Fig. 11. The diagram shows that as long as the operating level is below the 2-percent distortion curve the response is flat between 100 and 20,000 cps. Below 100 cps the response rises slightly due to series resonance in the impedance-coupled circuit. This rise can be controlled by modifying the values of the coupling capacitor and choke.

At low levels the response above 20,000 cps depends on the amount of feedback capacitance used. The curve for $C_{tb} = 0$ rises to a maximum at about 85 kc and then drops off rapidly. The curve for $C_{tb} = 15$ $\mu\mu$ f is almost perfectly flat to 95 kc after which it also drops off very rapidly. A curve for Gaussian response with a -3-db point at 75 kc has been shown for comparison. The ringing frequency of approximately 100 kc corresponds closely to the region of maximum devia-



FIG. 12 — Intermodulation-distortion characteristics with 4:1 ratio of 60 and 15,000 cps signals (A); 60 and 1,500 cps signals (B)

tion of the actual response characteristic from the Gaussian response. This shows also why the use of $C_{t\nu} = 15 \ \mu\mu$ f reduces the ringing amplitude obtained with a squarewave input.

Distortion

Figure 12 shows the results of intermodulation-distortion tests using 4:1 combinations of 60 and 1,500 cps and 60 and 15,000 cps. The resulting distortion is plotted as a percentage of the smaller of the two signals. The values shown are acceptable beyond the 100-percent peak-to-peak equivalent input.

Good transient response for loudspeaker loads is assured by the low output impedance which is approximately 10 percent of the nominal impedance between 20 and 20,000 cps.

The residual 120-cycle hum in the complete amplifier is slightly greater than that measured in the basic amplifier with transformercoupled input—about 80 db below 50 watts.

Residual 60-cycle hum is picked up inductively from the power transformer by the unshielded modified choke and is about 66 db below 50 watts.

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Regulated D-C Supply Has High Efficiency

Two-hundred-watt power supply uses magnetic amplifiers to regulate slow line-voltage and load changes and electronic circuitry to regulate rapid changes. Technique may be applied to regulation of d-c generators as well as rectifier power supplies

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M^{ODERN USE of electronics often imposes requirements on regulated d-c power supplies that can be met only by high efficiency regulation. These requirements are large power output, small size, low output impedance at all frequencies and reliable operation under conditions of high ambient temperature and low air density.}

A method of accomplishing high efficiency regulation is to divide the responsibility between two different high efficiency regulators namely, a magnetic amplifier which regulates against slow line-voltage and load changes, and a eircuit, termed a clampac, which regulates against fast changes of a-c load and line voltage.

Conventional regulated d-c power supplies accomplish regulation with control tubes, which are connected either in series with the d-c output to furnish a variable voltage drop, or in parallel with the load to control the output voltage by drawing a current through the internal impedance of the supply. In either case, these control tubes lower the supply efficiency greatly by their continuous plate and filament power dissipation.

A more efficiently regulated d-c power supply is one using a magnetic amplifier to provide a variable voltage drop in the a-c portion of the supply. Such a device can provide this drop while suffering only the small losses due to power dissipation in the copper, cores and internal impedance of the control and bias power sources. However, the magnetic amplifier has an inherently slow response which destroys its usefulness in many regulated power supplies unless it can be used in conjunction with some circuits which cancel out the fast load and line changes. While this circuitry need regulate only fast changes, it must involve such low losses and little additional space that the gains from using the magnetic amplifier are not lost.

Slow Regulation

Circuits using magnetic amplifiers for regulating against slow changes of load and line voltage in a rectifier-filter type d-c power supply are shown in Fig. 1. Rectifier tubes are employed in Fig. 1A, while selenium rectifiers are made use of in Fig. 1B.

There are other circuit configura-



FIG. 1—Direct-current power supplies with L-input filters using magnetic amplifiers for regulation; full-wave (A) and bridge (B)

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tions which incorporate a magnetic amplifier as a regulator in this type of supply, but the circuits of Fig. 1 make it possible to use an inductor-input filter along with a magnetic amplifier of any type core.

The advantage of an inductorinput over a capacitor-input filter cannot be overlooked when designing a high-efficiency supply. The form factor of the current drawn through the transformer and rectifier can be as high as three with a capacitor-input filter, and as low as one with an inductor-input filter. The current form factor is an indication of supply efficiency, since by definition it is the ratio of the rms to the average value of the current.

The difficulty involved with using a magnetic amplifier with an inductor-input filter arises when using a magnetic amplifier made of cores with rectangular hysteresis loops in the magnetic amplifier and thus making it essentially a gating device. It then must create a discontinuous current while the choke attempts to create a continuous current. This situation is avoided in the circuits of Fig. 1 since they provide a path for a circulating current which passes through the choke, but not through the magnetic amplifier.

Note also in Fig. 1 that a d-c amplifier is used to amplify the error voltage and drive the magnetic amplifier by means of a control tube. Use of electronic circuitry to drive the magnetic amplifier can be defended on the grounds that less gain in the magnetic amplifier is then needed and the magnetic amplifier can thus be made faster and with characteristics more independent of environment and manufacturing tolerances. However, in the complete regulated supply which will be described in this article, the d-c amplifier is a necessary part of the system. By using it to drive the magnetic amplifier it becomes part of a low-pass negative-feedback loop, thus eliminating the drift problem in the d-c amplifier.

Stabilization of the high-gain, degenerative-feedback loop, which includes the magnetic amplifier, is a difficult problem because of the phase shift through the two-section filter provided to attenuate the ripple. A large amount of filtering is necessary when using the regulator, since it will always attempt to remove the ripple in the output and will become saturated if the ripple is too large. The filter can be made smaller by the use of a 400-cps input-power source to increase the ripple frequency. The clamper itself aids the stability of the magnetic-amplifier control loop in several ways. It regulates down to frequencies as low as several cps, thus allowing the magnetic amplifier to have a long time constant. Also, the clamper maintains such a low output impedance at frequencies above several cps that the output capacitor is effectively shorted



FIG. 2-Clamper circuit with d-c supply

at these frequencies and the phase shift through the filter is reduced.

Fast Regulation

Electronic circuitry to supplement the action of the slow magnetic amplifier is shown in Fig. 2. The name clampac was suggested by the fact that this circuit effectively clamps the output voltage of the supply against a-c load and line changes.

The circuit contains two control tubes operating class B push-pull. The tubes may receive their driving voltage from a d-c amplifier, but are made insensitive to d-c changes by a conventional R-C coupling circuit. One tube is connected across the load (a d-c voltage can be connected in series with this control tube if the output voltage of the supply is not a suitable value for plate voltage) and the other is connected between the supply output and some higher voltage. Conduction by the tube in shunt with the load will cause the output voltage to decrease. The tube connected to the higher voltage is effectively in series with the load, so its conduction causes the output voltage to increase. The error voltage is amplified and then split and fed in phase opposition to the two control tubes.

In Fig. 2, the voltage is split by a phase-inverter circuit. When the output voltage of the supply tends to increase, it is held by the shunt tube being driven into conduction while the tube going to the higher voltage is driven into cutoff. When the output voltage of the supply tends to decrease, it is retarded by the tube (to the higher voltage) conducting, while the shunt tube is driven into cutoff. In either case, the R-C circuit between the inverter and each control tube forces these tubes only to supplement the regulation of the slow, but highly efficient, magnetic amplifier. Proper adjustment of the time constants these R-C coupling circuits of would force the system to lose regulation to a step change at a rate just slow enough to allow the magnetic amplifier to take over the regulation. In other words, the low end of the clamper passband just meets the high end of the magneticamplifier passband.

The large power and space saving in this type of regulator is due to the control tubes normally operating near cutoff and drawing large currents only when regulating a-c changes. Thus, the control tubes have a low plate dissipation and small tubes can be used.

The system is used most advantageously with supplies which must provide large direct currents and low ripple. Electronic circuitry usually provides this type of load. If these conditions were reversed, then it would be of benefit to use a series-tube regulator, for a large rms a-c could create undesirably heavy plate dissipation in the control tubes. Also, the system cannot ordinarily tolerate as much ripple from the unregulated supply as can the series-tube regulator, for the clamper removes ripple by drawing current through the internal impedance of the supply. Since this impedance usually is low at the ripple frequency, pro-



FIG. 3—Power supply with magnetic amplifier and clamper regulation has 250-v, 800-ma output at 55-percent efficiency

hibitively high currents may be drawn by the two triode control tubes.

The immediate problem in applying the clamper is obtaining the high voltage for the upper control tube. Only a small quiescent current is drawn at this voltage, but large peak currents must be furnished. These requirements can be met by half-wave rectification into a large capacitor. No further filtering should be needed.

In a power supply using a magnetic amplifier and an inductorinput filter, peak voltages in the order of twice the output voltage of the supply appear at the filter input. These peaks can be used to charge a capacitor through a rectifier to a high d-c potential. This latter arrangement is advantageous in that the capacitor is charged at twice the line frequency and the rectifier back voltage never exceeds the voltage across the capacitor. Such an arrangement is used in the supply of Fig. 3.

Circuit Example

The circuit of Fig. 3 provides an output of 800 ma at 250 volts with an efficiency of 55 percent. This is an output of 200 watts and a power loss of 162 watts. The output impedance is less than one ohm at all frequencies and less than 0.1 ohm up to 20 kc. This output impedance holds for d-c load changes from zero to full load and for instantaneous load changes as great as 250 ma. Full regulation is maintained as the a-c input voltage varies from 100 to 130 volts and from 380 to 1,000 cps.

Design Features

The magnetic amplifier in the supply of Fig. 3 is wound on toroidal cores of a material with a rectangular hysteresis loop. This was done to obtain small size and high performance in spite of the condition that the input voltage can vary from 380 to 1,000 cps.

The 8,000-ohm resistor across the bias winding of the magnetic amplifier is used to adjust to a desired speed of response for the magnetic amplifier.

The relay system allows time for the tube filaments to warm before voltage is applied to the power transformer. It also removes the voltage from the power transformer when the negative 250 writs is not being provided.

The rectifier from the grid of the magnetic-amplifier control tube, V_{1} , to ground is necessary to prevent the control current from getting so large, under conditions of excessive line voltage, that the magnetic amplifier goes into the nega-

tive-gain region of its operation.

Bias for the a-c series-regulator tubes, V_2 and V_3 , is effectively obtained from the same point as is the voltage which provides the plate voltage for these tubes. This is necessary since the plate voltages of V_2 and V_3 vary directly with the peak voltage at the input of the filter. This peak voltage, in turn, varies directly with the line (although the average voltage value is held constant by the magnetic amplifier). Thus, the quiescent currents through V_2 and V_3 would vary with line voltage if their biases were constant. However, since the bias voltages here vary with the plate voltages and the tubes are operating in the low-gain region near cutoff, plate currents change little with line voltage.

D-C Generator Regulation

The same basic type of regulation can be used for d-c generators as has been described here for a rectifier-filter type supply. Now, however, the clamper can be used either in conjunction with a magnetic amplifier or a carbon pile. If used with a carbon pile, the pile can be made use of either in its usual role of a complete regulator or as an amplifier-control element driven by the error signal existing in the circuitry.



FIG. 1—Sectional view of ionization chamber used as sensing element



FIG. 2—Direct-current amplifier uses battery power to achieve portability for maximum usefulness in measuring Grenz rays

Direct-Reading

Portable instrument using ionization chamber and d-c amplifier measures radiation strength of soft x-rays over ranges of 500, 2,500 and 25,000 roentgens per minute. Battery power source permits portable operation for application in x-ray therapy

RENZ-RAY THERAPY has gained 7 considerable prominence for the treatment of a number of diseases and afflictions. These rays are very soft x-rays with a wavelength in the order of a few angstroms. Because the rays are very easily absorbed, even in organic matter, their measurement presents special problems in the design of equipment (dosimeters) with which their dosage rate can be determined. The dosimeter to be described gives an measurement of accurate the Grenz-ray radiation impinging on the area under treatment.

Design Considerations

The radiation intensity depends upon the potential and current of the machine producing the radiation, the distance between the source and area under treatment and, especially in the case of Grenz rays, on the window of the tube through which the rays are transmitted.

The physician administering the treatment must know accurately the number of roentgen units applied to the area under treatment. It is therefore necessary to calibrate the output of each Grenz-ray machine in roentgens per minute, for each potential, current and distance. It is also necessary to determine the penetration power or quality of the Grenz rays. This is usually given in terms of the halfvalue layer in microns of aluminum, which is the thickness that will halve the dosage rate of radiation.

Ionization Chamber

To obtain a meter indication proportional to the number of roentgens per minute it is necessary to obtain a small current exactly proportional to the number of roentgens per minute and amplify this current to a value sufficiently high to be read on an indicating instrument.

The first requirement, that of a proportional current, is obtained with an ionization chamber, shown in Fig. 1. The outside element is made of graphite and has the shape of a truncated cone. The larger diameter and height of the cone are about 1 cm and the wall thickness is between 0.5 and 1 mm.

The inner element or collector is a thin graphite rod, about 1 mm in diameter, similar to the lead of a mechanical pencil and insulated with amber from the outer element. A larger diameter of the collector must be avoided in order not to decrease the effective volume of the chamber. A very thin rod would produce too high a field strength near its surface.

The chamber is filled with air. At the top of the chamber is a thin film of organic material, which is graphite colloidal with coated. (Aquadag) to render it conductive. Kodapak I, a commercial material, can be obtained in a thickness of 0.001 in. (25 microns) and has proved satisfactory. It is sufficiently strong so that the watery slurry of Aquadag can be easily applied with a brush. The film is chosen for its ability to transmit even the soft radiation with negligible absorption; at 10-micron aluminum halfvalue layer, less than 10 percent of the radiation is absorbed. In this way, the idea of the window of the Grenz-ray tube is applied to the ionization chamber.

In such an ionization chamber, the current depends only on the voltage applied to the chamber, until saturation is reached. The saturation current is proportional to the impinging dose rate of the ionizing radiation and, if the walls of the chamber are built of a material with the same effective



Saturation current of graphite ionization chamber (left) produces a meter indication proportional to roentgens per minute. Three meters prevent reading wrong scale

Grenz-Ray Dosimeter

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atomic number as air, the saturation current readings will be approximately independent of the wavelength of the radiation. This is the reason for the use of graphite as the chamber material.

Saturation current in the ionization chamber is in the order of 5 imes10⁻ amp for a Grenz-ray dosage rate of 1,000 r per min.

Amplifier

The amplifier is a conventional d-c feedback amplifier consisting, as shown in Fig. 2, of an input stage utilizing a 5800 electrometer tube, two amplifier stages and a cathode follower.

If the amplifier is simplified to the diagram of Fig. 3, the following analysis shows its performance

$$e_i = i_s R_1 - i_2 R_2$$

 $i_2 = G e_i = G (i_s R_1 - i_2 R_2)$
 $i_2 = G i_s R_1 / (1 + G R_3)$

where R_1 is the input resistor, R_2 is the output resistor, G is transfer function of amplifier, i_* is input saturation current (proportional to radiation dosage rate), i_2 is output current and e_i is input voltage.

If the requirement is met that $GR_2 >> 1$, $i_2 = i_s R_1/R_2$. For this amplifier, $GR_2 > 10,000$, so that the



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FIG. 3-Four-terminal network representation of amplifier in Fig. 2

error introduced by this approximation is negligible compared with the other sources of error, even for considerable variations in G. In the equation $i_2 = i_* R_1/R_2$, G is not present so that the amplifier is linear and continues to function properly even with considerable change in battery voltages and transconductances of the tubes.

The current amplification is the ratio of the input to output resistance and can be calculated accurately to a tolerance determined by these resistors and the indicating instruments, without considering G at all.

Battery operation was resorted to for this dosimeter, because (1)current requirements are small; (2) line voltages fluctuate greatly when Grenz-ray machines are turned on or off; (3) power-line voltages of

Table I—Calibration of Grenz-Ray Dosimeter

Grenz- Ray Potential	Dose Rate	Instru- ment Reading	Sensi- tivity
kv	r per min	ma	r per min per ma
6 8 12 12 15	58.7 237 * 378 ¥ 1,065 1,977	$\begin{array}{c} 0.102 \\ 0.408 \\ 0.652 \\ 1.83 \\ 3.56 \end{array}$	578 581 580 582 558

Research Supervisor American Electro Metal Corp. Yonkers, N. Y. proper kind are not always available at the locations of Grenz-ray

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thus easily portable. Calibration

machines; (4) the instrument is

Since the constant of the ionization chamber is difficult to calculate, the whole dosimeter is calibrated against a standard. The instrument described was calibrated by the National Bureau of Standards against an open-air ionization chamber and found to be exact within the usually per-

Calibration values are listed in Table I. The last column shows that the sensitivity is constant, independent of dose rate and operating potential of the Grenz-ray machine. Additional tests have indicated that the error does not increase substantially even up to intensities of 25,000 r per min.

missible error.

The complete instrument uses three indicating meters to prevent unskilled persons from reading wrong values, which might occur with multiple scales. The scales read directly in r per min. The three ranges of the instrument cover dosage rates to 500 r per min, 2,500 r per min and 25,000 r per min.

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FIG. 1—Basic circuit (A) of high-speed amplifier and idealized hysteresis loop for core material (B)

Fast-Response Magnetic

MAGNETIC AMPLIFIERS have an inherent delay of one-half cycle of the supply frequency for each stage of amplification. The fast-response magnetic amplifier described in this article is capable of being used in several cascaded stages with a total time lag of less than one-half cycle. Ultimate speed of response is limited by the magnetic materials and by power considerations rather than by supply frequency.

The reduction in time lag between input and output signals of the magnetic amplifier results in an increase in the gain-bandwidth factor. This factor is a measure of the performance capabilities of an amplifier. A servo system utilizing a high-speed magnetic amplifier will be capable of greater accuracy and bandwidth than a system using a slower responding amplifier. These improvements in accuracy and bandwidth can be achieved with no reduction in system stability. Consequently, it is possible to design magnetic amplifiers into highperformance servo systems which



Response time of magnetic amplifier can be cut to less than a half cycle of the line frequency

STAGE 1 Core—Arnold Eng 5340-S1			STAGE 2 CoreArnold Eng 5233-S1				STAGE 3 Core—Magnetics, Inc. 50041-4A							
	Amp	lifi er	Swi	tch		Атр	lifier	Swi	tch		Amp	lifier	Swi	tch
Winding	Turns	Wire Size	Turns	Wire Size	Winding	Turus	Wire Size	Turns	Wire Size	Winding	Turas	Wire Size	Turns	Wire Size
Signal Load	300 1,600	42 38	1,600	38	Signal Load	$100 \\ 2,100$	33 33	2,100	33	Signal Load	150 2,700	27 27	2,700	27
Line	2, <mark>50</mark> 0	42	2,500	<mark>42</mark>	Line	2, <mark>90</mark> 0	33	2.900	33	Line Transformer	800	23	800 210	23 29

Table I—Core Data For Three-Stage High-Speed Magnetic Amplifier

Servo Amplifier

Performance of vacuum-tube amplifiers is approached by cascaded high-speed magnetic amplifiers for servo systems. Three-stage unit responds in less than half cycle of supplyvoltage frequency, permitting use of error-rate feedback for stabilization

will approximate the performance of servo loops utilizing vacuumtube amplifiers. This is especially important when power is available only at 60 cycles per second.

Circuit Operation

To achieve fast-response characteristics, input and output of a magnetic amplifier must occur during the same half-cycle of the power-supply voltage. The basic circuit of the high-speed amplifier is shown in Fig. 1A with an idealized hysteresis loop of the cores in Fig. 1B.

To describe the operation of the circuit let the turns ratio between the signal windings N_{e} , the line windings N_{a-e} , and the load windings N_1 be unity. If line voltage E_{a-e} is chosen so that any winding on one core will support one-eighth of the volt-seconds during one-half cycle of the supply voltage, then the two cores in series will saturate after one-fourth the volt-seconds of the line voltage per half cycle. Waveforms at various points in the circuit are shown in Fig. 2.

During any half cycle of supply voltage, there exist three possible states for the cores; both cores un-

saturated, one core saturated and one unsaturated or both cores saturated. If line voltage is applied when both cores are in the minus saturated state $(-B_s)$, Fig. 1B, then the line voltage will divide evenly between the cores and both cores will saturate in the plus state $(+B_*)$ after one-fourth the voltseconds in the half cycle. During the remainder of the half cycle, the line voltage will appear across R_{n-c} of Fig. 1A. The second half cycle will be the same except that the line voltage will have reversed and the cores will return to the $-B_s$ state.

If a signal voltage E_* is introduced at the start of the second cycle of line voltage, the instantaneous voltages on cores 1 and 2 will differ by the signal voltage. For the polarity of signal voltage shown, there will be no current flow into load R_* . The signal voltage appears at the load windings, but the rectifier prevents current flow. Thus, the current from the signal source will be the incremental magnetizing current for the cores.

If the line voltage is positive at the top of the line windings at the time of the signal, core 1 will have the greater voltage and will saturate before core 2. When core 1 saturates, core 2 will have to support a number of volt-seconds equal to those of the signal in the time interval between the start of the half cycle and saturation of core 1. If R_* is very large compared to R_{a-e} , the voltage on core 2 will be the line voltage less the *IR* drop in R_{a-e} .

Since the signal source was required to supply only the incremental magnetizing current, it is possible to make R_s rather large without appreciably reducing the effectiveness of the signal voltage. Core 2 will transmit power from the line into load resistor R_1 after saturation of core 1 and before saturation of core 2. This results from the fact that the polarity of the voltage at the load winding of core 2 is correct to pass current through the rectifier in series with the load. The volt-seconds delivered to the load will equal the voltseconds from the signal while both cores were unsaturated.

If the signal continues for the next half cycle, core 2 will saturate first and core 1 will transmit power from the line to the load.

To cascade several stages of

amplification, R_1 can be replaced by a signal winding of a second stage supplied from the same line voltage. The requirement for the second stage is that the cores should support more voltage than for the first stage. This is necessary since the signal-input period of each stage is the time when both its cores are unsaturated. In the same manner, additional stages of amplification can be achieved within the same half cycle of the supply voltage.

Full-Wave Operation

The basic circuit described is useful only as a d-c amplifier because reversing the polarity of the input signal causes signal current to flow into the load resistor and essentially no power gain results. To permit amplification of either polarity of input signal it is necessary to replace the rectifier in the output of the amplifier with a switch which is open when both cores are unsaturated and closed when one core is saturated and the other unsaturated.

This will disconnect the load from the circuit during the signalinput period and the signal source will be called upon to furnish only the incremental magnetizing current for either polarity input. The polarity of the input signal will determine the polarity of the output which, in turn, will make the amplifier-output polarity reversible for d-c signals, and phase reversible for signals at power frequency.

A suitable switching mechanism with magnetic amplifiers is shown in Fig. 3. Amplifier cores 1 and 2 are the same as before and cores 3 and 4 are constructed identically, except that no separate signal winding is used. The operation of the amplifier, cores 1 and 2, is the same as before. When the signal is applied, both cores are unsaturated and the signal voltage is transferred to the load windings of the amplifier.

The path for current flow into the load circuit, resulting from the signal voltage, is through resistors R_1 and R'_1 , the load windings of cores 3 and 4 and two rectifiers of the bridge. Since cores 3 and 4 are always in the same state as cores 1 and 2, the signal voltage

Table II—Servo System Performance

Power	115 volts	60 cps			
Motor	Diehl	FPE 25-22			
AmpliGar	3 store				
Ampuner	Demas solo	100.000 with			
	rower gain	100,000 with-			
		out feedback			
	Maximum				
	power output.	15 watts			
	Voltage gain.	7.5 with			
		stabilization			
Stabilization	Error-rate feedback using				
	linear passive e	lements			
Control					
Transformer	Geared down	:10 from motor.			
110000000	sensitivity 1	volt per degree			
Sustam	senter of they at	tore por anglas			
Destance	Statio orror	0.9 max			
renormance	Statie error	1 day and 140			
	velocity error.	I deg per 140			
		deg per second			
	Bandwidth	10 cycles per			
		second			
	Damping ratio	0.5.			
	Maximum				
	stall torque	5 in oz at			
		motor			
	Slewing speed	3,300 rpm			

will result in the incremental magnetizing current flowing into the load windings of cores 3 and 4. The entire signal voltage will be impressed on cores 3 and 4. Load windings of this core pair act as the signal-input windings and the current supplied by the signal source is the incremental magnetizing current for core pairs 3-4 and 1-2. At the time that one core in the amplifier pair 1-2 saturates, one core in the switching core pair will saturate.

Regardless of the polarity of the signal E_{*} , the incremental magnetizing current through the switching cores will always flow in one direction due to the rectifier bridge. Consequently, the output pulse of the switching-core pair will be of the same polarity and send current into both legs of the rectifier bridge. This current effects the closing of a switch between the load resistor R_1 and the load winding of the amplifier.

If R'_1 is equal to R_1 and R'_{a-e} equal to R_{a-e} , the switch will remain closed, during the period that the amplifier output power is delivered. The voltage across the unsaturated core will be impressed at the load resistor while one core in each pair is unsaturated.

Three-Stage Amplifier

A three-stage magnetic amplifier was constructed to energize the control phase of a two-phase, 60-cycle

servo motor. The schematic diagram of this amplifier is shown in Fig. 4. Core winding data is given The amplifier and in Table I. switching cores for the first stage saturate after one-quarter of the a-c power volt-seconds have elapsed. The second-stage cores saturate at the one-half point and the third stage at the three-quarter point. To insure a proper sequencing, power for all three stages and their switching circuits comes from the same source. This removes the possibility that line voltage or frequency variations could alter the signal and power sequences for the cascaded stages.

The second and third stages of amplification and their respective switching circuits are operated directly from the 115-volt, 60-cps source. The series line windings in the second stage support 30 volts



FIG. 2—Waveforms in high-speed amplifier circuit of Fig. 1A



FIG. 3—Magnetic amplifier circuit designed for full-wave operation



FIG. 5—Input and output waveforms for 2-v 60-cps control signal with minimum delay (A) and maximum delay (B). Output (C) is for d-c step-voltage control



FIG. 4—Cascaded three-stage magnetic-amplifier circuit for servo-motor control

for each core, so that saturation occurs at the midway point for the two cores. The line windings of the third stage support 40 volts each. This causes saturation in both cores slightly before the threequarter point of the half cycle of supply voltage.

It was impractical to design the first stage to support one-eighth of the line voltage for each core, since the small size of the cores used would make the number of turns prohibitive. For this reason, a reduced line voltage for the first stage was obtained by transformer coupling of the switching cores for stage 3. After both cores of the switching circuit for the third stage saturate, the line voltage of stage 1 drops to zero. This does not alter operation, since the cores in stage 1 are all saturated and no signal is effective until the line voltage reverses and the cores come out of saturation.

Oscillograms were taken, using a dual-beam oscilloscope, to illustrate the fractional-cycle response of the three-stage amplifier. Figure 5A shows the input-output relationship for a 2-volt 60-cycle rms signal. The output starts approximately one-fourth cycle later. Figure 5B shows the maximum delay for the three-stage amplifier. The input signal starts just after the saturation time of the cores in the first stage. The output does not start until the middle of the next half cycle. Figure 5C shows the response to a d-c input step. Output load for the amplifier was a 450-ohm resistor for all cases. gain Power is approximately 100,000.

The damping network used to stabilize the servo system of Fig. 4 serves a dual purpose. In addition to providing error-rate damping for the servo loop, the degenerative feedback around the amplifier reduces amplifier drift. This type of stabilization is made possible by the fast response of the amplifier.

To provide damping for the servo loop, the stabilizing network must have lag. When used with three stages of half-cycle response magnetic amplifiers, the stabilizing network causes oscillations of the amplifier because the lags of the amplifier and stabilizing network are too large to permit much negative feedback around the amplifier.

When used with the fast response magnetic amplifier, a large amount of negative feedback can be used around the amplifier without causing oscillations. This results in a simple stabilizing system and considerable reduction in drift for the servo system.

Although the drift of this type of magnetic amplifier is inherently low, the changing characteristics of rectifiers, particularly those associated with the first stage of amplification, can introduce some drift errors. Tests on the effect of rectifier leakage were made by shunting rectifiers with resistors to simulate leakage currents three times the manufacturer's ratings. With the stabilizing network reducing the effect of drift, the resultant change in the output position of the servo system was 0.1 degree. Without the stabilization, the drift would have been between one and two degrees.

The performance characteristics for the system described are listed in Table II.

High-Speed Counting With One-Tube Decades

Hundred-kc counter uses decade scaler tube with 6J6 for zero reset. Experimental one-mc circuit has pulse resolution time of less than one μ sec. Diode biasing makes possible interval timer and other circuits where scaling to less than ten is needed

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SINGLE-TUBE decade counters have created considerable interest because of their low power drain, of particular advantage where multiple scaling is required, as in multichannel pulse-height analyzers.

The E1T decade scaling tube¹, Fig. 1, is designed for the counting of voltage pulses at high speed. It consists of the necessary electrodes to form a ribbon-shaped beam of electrons, a screen with ten slots, each of which corresponds to a digit from zero to nine and a fluorescent screen for displaying the position of the beam. A feedback system using a fine-mesh anode screen causes the beam to be completely stable in any one of the ten positions.

The left deflection plate is maintained at 160 volts, while the right deflection plate will vary from about 245 volts in the zero position to 109 volts in the nine position. Stepping from one position to the next may be accomplished by applying a positive triangular-shaped pulse to the left deflection plate. The pulse rise time is fast enough to move the beam from one stable position to the next and the trailoff time is sufficiently long to allow the beam to stabilize itself in the new position. The tenth pulse moves the beam to the reset anode, giving rise to a negative pulse which may be used to reset the tube

RESET LEFT DE-FINE MESH ANODE SLOTTED SCREEN RIGHT DEFLECTION PLATE HEGV EEAM FORMING ELECTRODES

FIG. 1-The EIT decade scaling tube





to zero. The beam strikes the fluorescent screen to indicate its position. The position of the beam is indicated electrically by the voltage of the right deflection plate.

Single-Tube Circuit

It is possible to operate the E1T tube as a decimal counter using only passive elements in the circuit as shown in Fig. 2. Several of these counters have been constructed and operated with some success. It was found that of 40 counter tubes on hand approximately one-half operated in this circuit satisfactorily. When the reset coupling capacitor was increased from 100 $\mu\mu$ f to 250 $\mu\mu$ f, approximately 30 of the tubes

operated well in this circuit.

The common difficulty encountered was the problem of getting the tubes to reset reliably to zero. Some tubes reset to position one regularly and others reset to zero most of the time but to position one occasionally. Since increasing the reset coupling capacitor lowered the maximum counting rate of the tube, other, more complex circuits seemed justified.

30-KC Counting

The circuit^e shown in Fig. 3, using a 6J6 to reset the tube on the tenth pulse, was observed to have a maximum counting rate limited by the reset time, as was also true in the one-tube circuit, and by the resolving time of the input univibrator V_1 . The circuits gave reliable reset to zero in a much shorter time than the one-tube circuit. Tube V_s was operated as a univibrator, applying a negative pulse to the control grid when triggered. This cut the counter tube off and allowed the right deflection-plate voltage to rise, returning the beam to the zero position. The time required was determined by the capacitance of the deflection plate and wiring and the one-megohm load resistance.

The univibrator also provided a positive shaped pulse to drive the next scaler tube or the register driver tube. The counter tube was capable of stepping from one position to the next in about 5 micro-

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Front and top views respectively of experimental circuit consisting of one-mc strip, 100-kc circuit and three 30-kc circuits

seconds but reset required closer to 30 microseconds. For counting speeds of less than 30,000 counts per second this circuit was satisfactory.

Increased Counting Rate

Primarily a modification of the previous circuit, Fig. 4 shows a circuit, with the reset mechanism changed, capable of 100,000 counts per second. Since the tube will step from one position to the next in less than 10 microseconds, no modification of this function was made. The plate load resistor was changed on the normally conducting half of the 6J6, so that the voltage at the plate was less than the right deflection-plate voltage in position nine.

When the beam strikes the reset anode, the normally conducting half of the dual triode is cut off and the anode voltage correspondingly rises.

The rise is more rapid than in the 30,000 count per second circuit because of the reduced load resistance (56,000 ohms in series with the resistance of the coupling diode instead of one megohm). Since the diode is then in a conducting condition the right deflection-plate voltage also rises, bringing the beam back to the zero position. The cut off portion of the dual triode begins conducting again, the time determined by its own R-C time constant, and the coupling diode is rendered nonconducting so that counting action can proceed.

This action takes place in about eight microseconds, which is not appreciably longer than the time required to step the counter tube from one position to the next. As in the 30,000 count per second circuit, a shaped pulse is fed from the cathode of the reset univibrator to drive the next stage.

A 6AL5 is used as the coupling diode because of the inverse working voltage required, but it may be possible to substitute a semiconductor diode.

Scaling to Less Than Ten

In a number of timing applications it is often desirable to scale to less than ten. A modification of the circuit, Fig. 5, allows the tube to perform this function. The right deflection plate rises only part of the way toward the zero position because of the conduction of the diode and thus resets to whatever position the voltage at the cathode of the diode corresponds. The circuit constants given allow the tube to scale by six. This converts, for instance, 60-cycle pulses into 1second pulses for timing purposes



the tube on the tenth pulse

+300V SIMEG ≥ 3.3K 56K 关 47K S 396 FIT NPUT 5,000 6J6 25 µµF 250 µµF 5.6K 560 68K <15 K ≶ззок 100 uu P 5,000 Jun F 30 K 30 K 21 K = X1,000

FIG. 3-Philips 30,000 counts per second circuit. The 616 resets FIG. 4-Circuit for driving the tube to 100,000 counts per second incorporates certain modifications

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and an additional scale of six converts the rate to 1/100-min pulses. The circuit preceding the scale of six converts the smoothly varying 60-cycle current into sharp voltage pulses capable of driving the univibrator-pulse shaper which in turn drives the counter tube. Coupled with a driver tube and a register, this system then becomes an accurate interval timer. Any scale from one to ten is possible with this circuit. It is probably not economical to use less than a scale of three, except for special applications where a range switch changes the scaling factor of the tube.

Register Driving Circuits

Two register driver circuits have been developed. The first circuit, shown in Fig. 6, uses a 5963 (12-AU7) tube as a long time-constant univibrator. This tube is triggered by the final counter tube or by the reset univibrator if the faster circuits are used. The positive output pulse from this tube is fed to the grid of the 6AQ5 driver. This tube, normally cut off, then conducts and causes the mechanical register to advance one count. The 6AQ5 returns to the nonconducting state when the positive voltage is removed from the grid, as determined by the time constant of the univibrator driving it. This circuit is capable of driving the register to maximum reliable counting its rate.

The second circuit, Fig. 7, uses a 2D21 miniature thyratron to perform the register driving function. Unloading of the 2D21 is accomplished by the L-C network from plate to ground. Although this circuit uses one less tube than the first, it has the disadvantage of having two one-uf capacitors as part of the circuit. A 600-volt (bathtub) dual capacitor may be used. Both drivers work reliably at 300 volts anode supply and both have the disadvantage of causing a considerable drain on the high-voltage supply feeding them. A regulated supply is adequate for supplying both the counter and the driver circuits, but if two separate power supplies are used neither need be regulated. A register requiring less power than the Veeder-Root counter used would materially re-



FIG. 5—Basic circuit for interval timer. System shown is for scale of six







FIG. 7—Register driving circuit employs 2021 miniature thyratron



Voltage waveform of right deflection plate of ElT tube. Pulses are ten microseconds apart

duce the cost and complexity of the power supplies and would probably allow both systems to be operated from the same unregulated supply.

A third register driving circuit is given in Fig. 8. This is a modification of the circuit of Fig. 7, in which the unloading of the thyratron is accomplished by the application of a 60-cycle a-c signal at the plate. In addition, an inexpensive power supply is provided, using two selenium rectifiers in a voltage-doubler circuit, so that the counter tubes may be operated from a separate unregulated supply.

One-MC Circuit

An experimental circuit, which has been operated at speeds slightly above one megacycle, is shown in Fig. 9. The tube is caused to step from one position to the next by driving the right deflection plate negative. One-half of the 12AX7 performs this function. Double or triple pulse resolving time of this circuit, exclusive of the reset function, is essentially zero. This is due to the fact that if two input pulses appear at the same time the tube will step two positions instead of one. The reset is accomplished in the same manner as in the 100kc circuit, except that a high-current 5687 univibrator is used to allow reduction of the plate load resistor, and thus shorten the reset time. Reset is accomplished in about 0.8 microsecond.

Random Pulses

If this circuit is used to count random pulses, as from nuclear detection devices, the resolving time is made up of two factors: the stepping time from one position to the next and the reset time. Thus

 $T_{a} = 0.9 \ T_{s} + 0.1 \ T_{r}$ where T_{a} is the dead time of the circuit, T_{s} the stepping time and T_{r} the reset time. If the input circuits are arranged such that two pulses occurring at the same time are presented to this circuit as a single double-size pulse, the stepping time T_{s} is zero and the dead time becomes simply 0.1 T_{r} , or 0.08 microsecond.

The second half of the 12AX7 serves to amplify the pulse from



FIG. 8—Modification of circuit in Fig. 7 with power supply. Photograph shows complete unit mounted on 4 by 6 by 1½ in. chassis

the reset anode of the counter tube to trigger the 5687 univibrator. By its conduction, it maintains the first half of the tube at cutoff. Use is made of the change in triode conduction with changing plate voltage to provide smaller and smaller pulses as the position of the beam in the counter tube moves from position zero to position nine, since smaller pulses are required as the right-deflection-plate voltage drops.

The size of the input pulse is quite critical in this circuit, and must be carefully controlled. The shape of the pulse is not too important, as long as the proper charge is delivered to right deflection plate. Two methods have been used to provide this pulse. The first used a saturation amplifier to limit the pulse height and an open-ended delay line to determine pulse width. The second method used a univibrator similar to the reset univibrator. Pulse widths in both cases were limited to about 0.3 microsecond and pulse height to about 20 volts.

Two views of the experimental unit are shown in the photographs. The experimental one-mc strip may be removed for modification. The remainder of the unit consists of the 100-kc circuit followed by three 30-kc circuits and the thyratron register drive. An electronically regulated power supply is used.

Magnetic Effects

Because the EIT tube is very similar to a cathode ray tube, the beam is considerably affected by magnetic fields. This was demonstrated in the first scaler constructed when the Veeder-Root register was mounted directly over the counter tubes. The magnetic pulse



FIG. 9-Experimental one-mc scaling unit. Further development is needed to make circuit reliable enough for routine use

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which occurs when the register is triggered caused a disruption of the counting function. This was overcome by enclosing the register in an iron box about $\frac{1}{32}$ -in. thick.

The EIT decade counter tube represents an interesting departure from normal electronic development, in that it is designed to perform a single, relatively complex electronic task. Until very recently this function was performed by electronic tubes designed primarily for other purposes. It is therefore not surprising that the tube affords a reliable and comparatively inexpensive means of accomplishing the counting of voltage pulses at high repetition rates. It is encouraging that the design concept of special vacuum tubes for specific functions is being pursued. Although the tube shows some inherent limitations, it is not felt that these are serious.

The counting speed of 100,000 counts per second is satisfactory for most purposes, and speeds above one mc have been demonstrated at this laboratory and elsewhere. With the termination of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission contract on June 30, 1954, continuation and completion of certain phases of the work will be carried on by the University of California Radiation Laboratory.

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Magnetic Recorder



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Four-channel magnetic record-playback head and turntable

S^{EVERAL} METHODS are available for transient analysis, particularly by means of a magnetic disk recorder. Capturing the waveform permits its study by the more conventional techniques of steady-state analysis.

Among the simplest parameters that can be determined this way are those including the measurement of rise and decay times of electrical circuits, area under curves and peak amplitudes. These measurements are based upon obtaining suitable proportionality constants between the ordinate of the record and a parameter of the transient such as voltage, current or acceleration. It is also necessary to obtain a constant of proportionality relating the independent variable and the abscissa (generally time).

Time calibrating marks and voltage or current standards fix the reference and the procedure thereafter is straightforward. Purely mathematical scaling methods can be used to obtain rise and decay times and slopes. Application of numerical integration methods, such as Simpson's Rule, quickly determine the areas under selected portions of the record.

However, much more general information can be obtained from transient records. Among the most informative are those that depend upon the techniques described below.

The resonant frequency of a series *RLC* circuit can be written as

$$\omega_1 = \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2Q}\right)^2}$$

where
$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$
 and $Q = -\frac{\omega_0 L}{R}$

For large Q's this indicates that the natural frequency of the damped circuit does not differ much from the undamped circuit. However, where the Q of the circuit is low, the frequency of oscillation may differ significantly from the undamped case.

The logarithmic decrement of the oscillation is defined as the natural logarithm of the ratio of two amplitudes of the oscillation differing by one period, for example the natural logarithm of the ratio of two successive maximum points shown in Fig. 1. In terms of the Q and the frequencies of the circuit, the decrements can be given as

$$\delta = -\frac{\pi}{Q} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega}$$

If the damped and undamped frequencies are sufficiently close so that $\omega_* = \omega$, the logarithmic decrement can be very simply written as $\delta = \pi/Q$.

A measurement of δ can be used to obtain the Q of a circuit producing a damped oscillatory wave from observations of the recorded transient and the natural logarithm of two successive maximum voltages. The corresponding evaluation using steady state methods could be a prolonged procedure.

The spectrum of a transient record is most readily obtained from the Fourier transform of the time function and is given by the integral

$$g(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

This is equivalent to a continuous spectrum for the single transient.

It is the property of the Fourier integral that the effect on the frequency spectrum of the waveform repetition rate is to preserve relative amplitudes between spectral components. Thus recording the transient time function on a magnetic disk or tape will make it possible to obtain the Fourier spectrum through use of a wave analyzer on its recorded output.

Playback Analysis

The spectrum analysis made with a wave analyzer on the output of a transient recorder that plays back the transient at a cyclic rate would consist of a discrete frequency spectrum, with components spaced at intervals corresponding to the repetition rate of the recorder playback. The continuous spectrum of the single transient is the spectrum obtained from this by drawing a continuous curve between peaks of the discrete frequency spectrum. Also, since the sense (positive or negative sign) of the spectral components is not preserved, the absolute value of amplitudes alone is obtained.



FIG. 1---Waveform shows transient method of determining Q

Frequency spectra can also be obtained from known tables of time-frequency transforms, such as that recently published by Hewlett-Packard Corp. By observation of a cyclic playback transient recorder and the measurement direct from the oscilloscope screen of a few parameters of the time function,

Arrests Transients

Single waveform on magnetic disk can be played back for oscillographic analysis giving corresponding frequency function from parameters of the time function. Equipment includes novel circuit with independent a-c gain and d-c level adjustments

the corresponding frequency function can be immediately obtained.

A rapid method for the determination of natural modes of vibration of either mechanical or electrical systems depends on the recording of the response to a system excited by an impulse. Briefly, an impulse is a function that is zero except for an arbitrarily small interval around t = 0 where it becomes infinitely large such that the area under the impulse function is unity. The unique property of the impulse is that the spectrum of the impulse (obtained from the Fourier integral) has constant amplitude and zero phase for all frequencies.

It is this property of zero phase at t = 0 that gives infinite amplitude of the impulse at this point. Thus exciting a system with an impulse is equivalent to exciting the system with all frequencies simultaneously. If the system has a natural mode of vibration at any frequency, it will vibrate at this mode, to produce a damped oscillation at that frequency. True impulses cannot be obtained physically but sufficiently close approximations can be produced to enable rapid determination of vibratory modes in either an electric circuit or a mechanical system. By recording the output of such a system when excited by an impulse the natural modes will be directly recorded.

A transient recorder developed for the recording of four simultaneous transient events over the bandwidth of 0 to 2,000 cycles simultaneously displays any two of these events upon a dual-beam oscilloscope.

The electronic circuits include a means for converting the desired transient signal into a pulsemodulated wave-train, means for recording the pulses upon a circular magnetic surface, playback demodulators to convert the record pulses back into an electrical signal and triggering and synchronizing equipment to stop the recording process after a transient has occurred. A synchronizing system is provided an oscilloscope triggering for sweep at periodic intervals such that cyclic playback is presented on the oscilloscope as a stationary pattern.

Storage Mechanism

Design of the mechanical section, was dictated by several considerations. The cyclic playback must be synchronous to prevent speed fluctuations from manifesting themselves as spurious signals. In similiar equipment for short-pulse recording, a permanently recorded reference timing track was used to minimize the effects of speed variations⁸. For the present application the consideration of convenient storage of the recording prevented use of this technique. Constancy of speed is attained through the use of a hysteresis synchronous motor with an added disk to provide a large moment of inertia. Vertical runout, that is, up and down motion of the recording surface, would not be a serious problem at very low speeds. At surface speeds of twenty to thirty inches per second used in this equipment the possibility of recording head bounce with respect to the surface (with consequent signal dropouts) was a problem.

A specially machined turntable was fabricated, which includes three vertical screw adjustments spaced symmetrically about the surface to enable holding the static and dynamic vertical runout to less than one-thousandth of an inch. The multiple recording head cassette is mounted on a low-inertia pivoted arm capable of being adjusted for recording head parallelism.

The recording surface is a specially prepared disk, made easily replaceable by providing a boss assembly to clamp the disk against the turntable. To minimize head



FIG. 2—Common unit includes thyratron trigger, blocking oscillator and phasingsignal generator. Record-playback switching is not shown

wear owing to friction, a compliant rubber disk is placed between the recording surface and the aluminum turntable. This disk provides additional smooth travel by building up a static charge to hold the recording surface flat. In this manner an easily replaceable recording surface was obtained, which permitted the storage of a four- channel transient recording.

The recording head is a standard Brush multichannel type with wide spacing between the recording heads to decrease crosstalk. A compliant phosphor-bronze member is attached to the recording head arm to provide for adjustment of head pressure and thus prolong disk life. The common unit (shown in Fig. 2) provides triggering pulses for the individual modulators and generates a phasing signal from a single pulse permanently recorded on the turntable to provide a variable phasing signal for oscilloscope synchronization. A thyratron trigger circuit stops further recording once a transient has been recorded.

The 5.25 kc triggering pulses are generated by a 12AU7 blocking oscillator V_{\circ} , which is energized only when the function selector switch is in the record position. In this way, possibility of crosstalk from this source when the unit is replaying a recorded transient has been eliminated.

The phasing signal to enable



FIG. 3—Modulator accepts 1-volt peak signals and is triggered by 5-kc pulses

As many as four inputs can be connected to the modulators. Input level required by the instrument is at least 1 volt into 100,000 ohms. Preamplifiers that extend the input level down to 1 millivolt into 1 megohm are used close to the electrical transducer when necessary. The input level potentiometer on each individual unit adjusts the gain of the modulator to prevent overmodulation on peak signals.

This is one consideration that requires some knowledge of the amplitude of the expected transient before it occurs. However, in the event that the peak amplitude is unknown, a trial recording can be made and the oscilloscope trace examined for evidence of overmodulation. Then the event can be recorded again with a somewhat lower setting of the input potentiometer. viewing any portion of a recorded transient is generated by a monostable multivibrator, V_2 , which is driven through amplifier V_1 from a single pulse generated by a groove filled with red oxide in the turntable. This pulse occurs once during each revolution of the turntable and initiates the period of the monostable multivibrator.

Duration of the period is determined by the R-C time constant of the multivibrator, which can be varied by a front-panel control.

The trailing edge of this square wave is differentiated and used to synchronize an oscilloscope driven sweep. By this means the sweep can be started at any desired point with respect to the recorded transient and thereby any portion of the transient can be viewed using an expanded sweep.

The upper limit to the sweep speed is limited by the persistence of the cathode-ray tube phosphor, but as small as 10 percent of the recorded transient can be expanded in this fashion to cover the entire horizontal sweep of the oscilloscope screen.

Shutoff Circuit

Since the instrument was designed to permit the recording of a transient at any time it may occur. means are provided to stop recording once such a transient has occurred and has been recorded. This is accomplished by opening a relay in the output circuit of each modulator after a transient has been recorded. This section of the common unit comprises V_3 , V_4 and V_5 . A special RECORD SIGNAL terminal is provided on the front panel. When a small voltage is applied to this terminal (such as would occur by connecting to it the output of a modulator that is to receive a transient) the monostable multivibrator V_{4} is triggered and at the end of its one-second period causes thyratron V_{5} to conduct. The plate circuit of this thyratron is connected to a relay in each modulator that opens the modulator connection to the recording heads, preventing further recording.

This delay multivibrator thus limits the one-second of recording to that interval immediately following the application of a voltage to its input terminals. These terminals need not be connected to a modulator input only, but provide convenient means for the operator to select the instant at which he wants the recording period to begin. For some applications it may be necessary to begin recording somewhat sooner or later than the





FIG. 5—Demodulator unit converts signal into pulse-width modulated train before demodulation in low-pass filter

actual beginning of the transient.

When the thyratron has been triggered, a front-panel indicator lights, informing the user that a transient has been recorded. A reset button momentarily disconnects plate voltage to the thyratron thus closing the modulator relay circuit.

The pulse modulator shown in Fig. 3 consist of a monostable multivibrator whose period is determined by the d-c level at the control grid of V_{ad} . The 5.25-kc signal from the blocking oscillator of the common unit is applied to one grid of V_{z} and the amplified transient signal to the other grid of this cathode mixer. The sharp pulse from the blocking oscillator triggers the multivibrator and the transient-signal component determines the recycling time of the multivibrator.

Thus, variable-width pulses are generated with a starting time determined by the blocking oscillator pulse and duration determined by the information to be recorded. Since variable-width pulses have a low-frequency component, neon lamps are used for d-c coupling to the output amplifier V_4 . The d-c amplifier V_1 is a novel circuit arrangement permitting independent a-c gain and d-c level adjustment of an amplifier. Its operation can be explained by reference to simplified schematic in Fig. 4.

The input signal is fed to one grid of a cathode-coupled d-c amplifier, whose other grid is grounded. The amplified signal voltage appears between the plates of the coupled amplifier. Potentiometer 2 in this figure is used for eliminating any initial unbalance between tube sections. At the arm of 3 the amplified signal appears at any level up to the maximum gain possible and of either polarity with respect to the input. Potentiometer 1 controls the quiescent voltage at the plates of these tubes and thus provides independent d-c level setting while 3 gives independent gain setting of the amplifier. By adding a neon lamp between the plates to limit the maximum plateto-plate voltage, 3 also selects any portion of this voltage-limited signal. In this manner, neon tube limiting can be obtained at any voltage reference up to the maximum operating potential of the neon tube. The output signal can thus have independent gain and setting with limiting if level desired.

Demodulator Unit

Since the recorded pulses consist of a train with constant-period positive portions and variable-position negative portions, the signal must first be converted back to a pulsewidth modulated train prior to demodulation in a low-pass filter. This conversion takes place in the pulse demodulator shown in Fig. 5. Tube V_1 amplifies the read-out signal and drives the grid of V_{2A} . This stage applies alternate-polarity symmetrical signals to peak selector V_{5} . The peaks are clipped and amplified in V_{ab} . One half of V_{a} comprises a pulse position-to-width converting circuit. The pulse train, now a width-modulated signal, is amplified and applied to the low-pass filter, which eliminates the carrier signal and passes only the information component-that is, the low-

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frequency component of the pulse train.

From the filter, the signal passes to the grid of a cathode-follower and thence to the output terminals. The output coupling is through an extremely long-time-constant circuit to eliminate the d-c component of the cathode-follower signal without deteriorating the low-frequency components of the recorded transient. Coupling of this type can be safely use on transient recorders that record to d-c since the playback signal is cyclic with a period of one second. Thus, any time-constant that will preserve a one-second square wave without serious distortion can be used faithfully to play back signals with d-c components.

When study of the transient is completed, the recorded signals can be erased by pushing the reset button. This action starts recording of the modulator-pulse train over the previously recorded signals, thus effectively obliterating them. In this manner disks can be reused many times. This process of convenient and rapid record and erasure is particularly useful in investigation where laboratory changes are made in equipment and the resultant output recorded and immediately examined.

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Automatically Plotting

Continuous equipotential lines representing electric-field patterns are plotted with twopercent accuracy on resistive paper. Technique avoids disadvantages of electrolytic methods. Typical uses include investigating fields in waveguides and between tube electrodes

W ITHIN RECENT YEARS attempts have been made to obtain field plots in ways which avoid the disadvantages of an electrolytic method,¹ namely, the polarization effects, surface tension and the use of a spillable electrolyte. Such methods are the use of a resistive network² and the use of uniformly resistive paper.⁸

All of these methods involve either the determination of the potential at fixed points, as in the resistive networks, with the consequent interpolation necessary to determine specific field lines or the manual searching for specific field points and the subsequent manual plotting of the lines connecting these points.

In contrast to these methods, the automatic field plotter is capable of producing continuous field lines without manual searching or plotting and of drawing these lines directly on the plot of the electrodes. This is accomplished by using the resistive paper technique in conjunction with an X-Y recorder.

The plotter, is a modified commercial X-Y recorder selected for this purpose because of its large 30-inch square plotting surface.

Principles

The principles of operation may be seen by referring to Fig. 1. Electrodes, shaped as desired, are painted with silver paint or resistive paper. Appropriate connections from the silver-paint electrodes are made to a 1.5-volt battery. This sets up a field pattern in the resistive paper.

The pickup probe resting on the paper senses the voltage at that point and through the sliding contact refers this voltage, e_i , to the input of the servo amplifier. The

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positions of the knobs on the decade potentiometer determine the voltage e_p , which is also referred to the input of the servo amplifier. The algebraic difference between these voltages, e_t - e_p , determines if the servo motor will move the pickup probe across the paper and, if so, in which direction it will move. Motion occurs until e_t equals e_p at which time the servo system is in balance and no further motion occurs.

To obtain an equipotential field line, the arm on which the pickup probe travels is caused to move perpendicular to the direction in which the voltage is applied across the paper. For a given potentiometer setting, the probe will then trace a single equipotential line. By changing the potentiometer settings and moving the probe back and forth across the paper a complete series of equipotential lines will be plotted.

To obtain a comparison of the performance of the automatic field plotter with manual plotting systems, identical electrodes were silkscreened on commercial plotting paper³ and on black paper such as is used to interleave photographic film. The equipotential lines obtained by the commercial point-bypoint method are shown in Fig. 2, on the left, and the continuous lines drawn by the automatic field plotter are shown on the right. The plots shown indicate that the position of the lines may be depended upon to within 2 percent of the distance represented by the total potential applied.

Modifications

To convert an X-Y recorder to this type of operation several modifications are necessary:

- (1) The pen must be insulated.
- (2) Means must be provided for



FIG. 1—Simplified diagram of automatic electrostatic field plotter setup

Electrostatic Field Lines

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FIG. 2-Typical field plot made with manual method (left) and with automatic field plotter (right)

taking the voltage from the pen to the servo-amplifier input.

(3) A pen suitable for use with conducting ink must be provided.

The insulation of the pen is accomplished by substituting a plastic pen-mounting bracket for the metal one provided with the equipment as shown in Fig. 3. Cellophane tape around the metal plate directly behind the pen arm provides the additional insulation necessary to assure isolation of the pen.

The voltage sensed by the pen is transferred to the servo amplifier by means of a sliding contact on the pen carriage, which moves along a rail to the servo-motor end of the cross arm. Appropriate wiring takes the pickup voltage from there to the input of the servo amplifier.

The pen provided with the recorder is replaced by an arm designed to hold a LeRoy lettering pen.

Operational Requirements

A paper having uniform resistive properties is necessary. This paper should have a low resistance per square, from several hundred to a



FIG. 3—Pickup probe details; sliding contact on rail; insulating bracket and pen mount with LeRoy lettering pen

few thousand ohms. In addition to its low resistance it should be possible to sense the voltage on it with light contact pressure.

The silver paint used for the electrodes must have a resistance in the order of a few ohms when properly dried. Air-drying silver paint commercially available was found suitable for this purpose. Two kinds were used in the experiments, one suitable for use with brush or pen and the other suitable for use with silk-screen.

Three methods of making contact to the silver-paint electrodes were used with good success. Weighted probes are used with simple electrode patterns where it is desired to change the patterns readily. Cellophane tape may also be used to hold fine wires in contact with the electrodes. For complicated patterns and for the best contact fine wires may be soldered directly to the silver paint using a pencil-type soldering iron.

A number of inks were tried for this application, the most satisfactory being a diluted silver paint.

Very satisfactory results have been obtained in the operation of this equipment when two precautions are observed. The plotter



FIG. 4—Field plotter in operation; silver-paint electrodes can be seen at the top and bottom of the field lines

should not be expected to work properly when plotting lines within ten degrees of the line of motion of the pen carriage. The sensitivity control (a variable resistor in series with the battery to reduce the voltage applied to the plotting paper) should be adjusted for optimum operation. This requirement is necessitated by the servo system which operates most satisfactorily when the potential gradient across the plotting paper is uniform. If the gradient becomes too steep the probe hunts and if, on the other hand, it is too shallow the probe fails to track the equipotential line properly. For most cases a satisfactory position can be found. The device is shown plottings an electrostatic-lens field pattern in Fig. 4.

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Hergenrother recording storage tube QK 245F (left) has both direct view and electrical output. Television signal readout (right) after an hour's storage in the QK 245F which has relatively low light output

Operation of CRT

Practical information for designers on how to obtain optimum operating conditions with various storage tubes. Limitations as well as applications of storage tubes are discussed in detail to facilitate selection

W ITHIN their applicable range, storage tubes possess many advantages. An excellent cockpit display of airborne radar is obtainable by using either a darktrace or a direct-viewing storage tube. These tubes provide excellent visibility in sunlight and store a clear distinct image from one scan to another. Dark-trace tubes require simpler circuitry but require several seconds to erase. Directviewing charge-storage tubes have faster erasure and can erase during writing.

In computer use, electrostatic storage tubes provide large storage capacities with rapid access to information while in a special oscillograph, storage tubes allow the recording of single fast transients with extremely wide bandwidths.

Some applications of several different storage tubes are given in Table I.

Construction

A storage tube consists of an electron gun, deflection circuits and storage elements. Three functions are essential, namely: writing; reading; erasing of information. To perform these functions, tubes are built with one, two or three electron guns. These electron guns are modified conventional cathode-ray tube guns. The output of a storage tube may be visual, electrical or a combination of both.

The storage surfaces are usually a dielectric deposit on a mesh or other metallic surface. These screens have a tendency to flake off with hard handling, which causes possible blemishes, and hence lack of storage capability at certain locations on the storage screen. A continuation of the electron beam following a sweep failure can burn a hole in the storage surface and limit the tube usefulness by creating a blemish. Simple protective circuits such as a relay in the deflection amplifier, which can open the storage tube cathode circuit, can prevent this.

In tubes with mechanically supported meshes, these metallic meshes are free to vibrate with respect to one another. With voltages impressed, the action is that of a condenser microphone or a microphonic audio signal which can obscure the desired video readout. This is illustrated in Fig. 1.

The storage element is the screen itself in a Williams tube or in a dark-trace tube, while in a Graphecon it consists of a copper mesh, a signal plate and an insulator. In the Raytheon storage tube, the storage element has three components, a first screen, storage screen and a collector-reflector, all of which are energized. In this tube, the first screen should be operated at as high a value as possible to obtain the smallest spot size. A screen voltage of 450 volts with an anode voltage of 2,200 volts is optimum.

The storage-screen and collectorreflector voltages vary with the function. For writing, the optimum voltages are 300 volts and -300 volts; for reading, 27 volts and 200 volts and for erasing, 75 volts and -300 volts, respectively. Carefully regulated power supplies are essential for these voltages and additional filtering may be indicated.

Ripple and other noise voltages will modulate the reading and writing beams and will appear in the output where their importance is exaggerated by the low signal levels available. Another source of trouble is any slow drift of these voltages, which will cause a deterioration of the signal quality.

Beam Current

Use of alternating current for filament heating has been found satisfactory, but the filament volt-



Readout amplifier for operation with large input capacitance storage tubes. Input cathode follower employs positive cathode feedback

Storage Devices

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age must be held to better than five percent and preferably to one percent. This requirement is important when employing low beam currents, one microampere, in the Williams system or two to six ya in the reading beams of the Raytheon and Graphecon tubes. Larger beam currents would increase the scanning speed. However, in the Graphecon this will be accompanied by a reduction in the storage time.

Ion Spot

In the QK 245F an ion spot appears in the center of the storage surface and slowly builds up as repeated readings are made. The effect is similar to a blemish except that the area grows with continued use and can be erased. To avoid this effect, very low reading currents must be used. Using a beam current of two µa, more than 30,000 consecutive readings may be made without noticing any harmful effects or deterioration of the stored pattern.

It is estimated that a one-percent change in grid bias will cause a 25-percent change in beam current. The grid bias voltage must be obtained from a well-regulated power supply with 0.1-percent regulation or better. In addition, the ripple

and noise must be kept below three millivolts and should be near one millivolt.

Since spot size determines the storage capacity, the highest possible accelerating voltages should be used in order to obtain a small spot size. The equations for estimating the required anode voltage regulation are

$$R = 4L/K$$

(1)

(2)

for magnetic tubes and

R

$$= 2L/K$$

for electrostatic tubes where R is voltage regulation, L is allowable deflection error as a fraction of spot size and K is resolution expressed as the number of spots obtainable per line (or the line length divided by spot size).

An idea of the order of magnitude can be obtained by assuming a 100-mm line length with a onemm spot size and an allowable error of 0.05. Under these conditions a magnetic tube needs 0.2-percent regulation and an electrostatic tube must have 0.1-percent regulation. Higher resolving power can be obtained with magnetic tubes because they require less regulation than electrostatic tubes.

Choice of writing beam current depends upon the rate of informa-



FIG. 1—Monitor screen showing vibration during writing



FIG. 2—Storage-tube input at top, output signal after 15 minutes storage, read out by a 1.20 microampere beam current, middle and 6 microampere beam current at bottom

Table	I—Storage-Tube	Applications
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Use	Suitable Tube Types	Comments
(1) Aircraft cockpit weather mapping	Dar <mark>k</mark> -tra ce tabe	7 inch available; contrast independent of illumina- tion: shock-mounting re- quired
	Latron	New development; very- high brilliance direct-view screen; high anode voltage
(2) Television-film	latron and ty camera	See use No. 1 Iatron
scan conversion	Dark-trace tube and t	v Use erase filament with slow erase voltage applied
	QK 215F and tv camera	Low light output
	Knoll's storage tube	Recent development
,	Graphecon	Registration problem of two-electron guns; electri- cal input and output; extreme care required in deflection and focus-coil alignment
(3) Digital computers	Haeff-tube types, barrier grid tube types, QK 357A Radecon, Selectron and Graphecon	Low power-supply ripple required; anode-voltage regulation; careful switch- ing and detection circuitry
	Williams System	design; selection of blem- ish-free tubes
(4) Analog computers	Haeff-tubes, QK 357A Radecon and Graphecon	Limited tonal range
 (5) Moving-target indi- cation radar (a) Single-tube system 	QK 245F	Low visible output; re- quires large element volt- age switching, requires gain change between writing positive and negative; reg- ulate anode voltage
	QK 357A	Electrical output; sensi- tive to vibration (also see QK 245F, last three items)
	Iatron	See use No. 1; positive and negative writing charac- teristics may not match
(b) Two-tube mti operation	All digital and tonal tubes	For best results, tonal ranges should not be used.
(6) Radar signal-to- noise dark-trace tubes improvement		Simple crt circuitry; place bias on erase filament dur- ing writing to prevent shadow; optical surfaces give multiple reflections; see use No. 1
	latron	Excellent tonal range; variable persistence; see use No. 1
	Grap <mark>he</mark> con	Two-gun registration; two electron-gun voltage; see use No. 2
	QK 357A	See use No. 5 a
(7) Bandwidth reduc- tion (tv and radar)	All tu <mark>be</mark> types	This can be accomplished in two ways, sampling and transmitting difference be- tween successive stored scans

tion insertion, since the writing speed is proportional to the ratio of beam current to spot size. However, the writing-beam current is limited by the level at which the peak signals saturate the storage surface. At saturation, the maximum video-signal output exists.

Reading Current

The reading current is generally a compromise. Typical readout signals for 1.2 µa and six µa are shown in Fig. 2. To achieve the largest signal output, a high reading beam is required. However, ion effects tend to cloud or distort the signal, reducing its amplitude and tones. In magnetic tubes this starts by an erasure at the center and moves out. In electrostatic tubes a deterioration over the whole stored pattern ensues. Since the ion effects depend upon current and time, fast single readouts permit high read currents while long repetitious readouts require low beam currents. Storage tubes with tonal ranges are designed particularly for low reading currents.

The small beam currents used during the reading operation require anastigmatic focus coils. The astigmatism found in most commercial focus coils is objectionable. The focus-coil positioning is very critical and no skewing to achieve centering can be tolerated. Centering must be achieved by suitable deflection circuitry and the focus coil located at the optimum-focus point.

Limitations

A basic limitation in most storage tubes is the registration, the ability of the electron beam to repeatedly strike the same point on the storage surface. For a 0.05 deflection error with a one-mm spot size and 100-mm line, a 0.1-percent regulation is needed. This can be estimated from the equation R = 2L/K.

The deflection errors caused by anode voltage and deflection voltage (or current) variation are additive and estimates of 0.1-percent and 0.2-percent regulation should be considered as maximum.

Superimposed on this amplitude variation is the jitter in the scanning raster. A rule-of-thumb value



FIG. 3—Complete equipment arrangement for experimental operation and evaluation of magnetic-deflection storage tubes. System is sufficiently flexible to be adapted to most available storage and dark-trace tubes

for the maximum allowable jitter is given by

$$jitter = 0.2sT/D \tag{3}$$

where s is spot size, T is period of the line scan and D is the effective tube diameter or usable line length. During writing, this jitter will produce smears instead of distinct lines. Due to pairing, a 525-line television interlaced raster is less satisfactory than a 200-line noninterlaced raster. A stationary raster is necessary for good operation and single-frame writing should be employed wherever possible.

Jitter in the system can be mistakenly attributed to poor focus. A case in point actually occurred in a field application of a dark-trace storage tube, where excessive deflection-system jitter produced a condition diagnosed by field personnel as poor focus in a gassy tube.

A similar effect in magnetic tubes is produced by mechanical vibration of the deflection yoke or the focus coil. When attempting to use storage tubes under conditions where shock or vibration may be encountered, careful shock mounting is recommended.

Blemishes on the storage surface limit storage tube operation by producing spurious signals. Little can be done except to try to reduce their effect by suitable band-rejection filters or by relocating the stored pattern elsewhere on the storage surface.

Application

Successful operation of the storage tube requires relatively noise



FIG. 4—Shielded enclosure contains storage tube and readout preamplifier

free and distortionless amplifiers. The design of low-noise broadband amplifiers with Gaussian frequency response is described in the literature. The bandwidth employed depends on the application but should be no wider than necessary.

At the present time adequate lowlevel performance can be obtained with existing tubes, provided that careful design of equipment and good engineering practice is followed. The operation of storage tubes is difficult even under laboratory conditions. Experience indicates that they are delicate and must be handled and mounted care-Vibration or jarring can fully cause permanent damage to the screens and storage surfaces. Each tube is different and the results obtained vary from tube to tube.

A block diagram of a complete equipment arrangement for experimental operation and evaluation of magnetic-deflection storage tubes is shown in Fig. 3.

In utilizing storage tubes, the system distortion and noise producing elements must be minimized. Operation of the storage tube and the readout preamplifier should be carried on inside a shielded cage, as shown in Fig. 4. Mu-metal shielding of the tube is necessary to reduce magnetic defocussing effects. Good regulation and filtering of power supplies are essential.

A 20-db signal-to-noise ratio is a workable figure and a bandwidth of six to ten megacycles is attainable. Signal-to-noise ratios of 20 to 30 db have been attained in practice and an increase in this figure should be possible with better electron guns and improved manufacturing techniques. It can be expected that signal-to-noise ratios of 40 to 50 db will be achieved and the operating bandwidth extended to 20 megacycles in the near future.

Although at the present time random noise is a negligible factor, the ultimate limitations will come from electron-gun performance and storage-surface characteristics.

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Rear view of matching unit shows variable vacuum capacitor (left) and variable inductor (right) on which ribbon is wound

Autotransformer assembly used to match antenna coupling unit to 52-ohm output comprises rotating inductor and contact wheel

Servocoupler Matches

Automatic antenna-matching unit transforms impedances presented by all ordinary aircraft antennas to a 52-ohm resistive impedance for coupling to the transmitter in the range from 2 to 25 mc. Sensing unit controls servomotors that vary L and C

MOST IMPORTANT factor in the design of an automatic antenna-matching unit is that the device must transform the very wide range of antenna impedances commonly encountered in communication antennas to the particular resistive impedance into which the transmitter is designed to operate.

The automatic device must perform this function accurately, efficiently, rapidly and with little or no advance information regarding the type of antenna and operating frequency.

The particular automatic antenna-matching unit to be described is intended for operation with aircraft antennas in the frequency range from 2 to 25 mc with a transmitter that is designed to deliver its power to a 52-ohm resistive impedance.

Impedance-Matching Network

In this particular impedancematching network three basic matching principles are combined to perform the complete matching function. The first of these is that an antenna impedance containing both resistance and reactance may be made to appear purely resistive by series-resonating the antenna. That is, an antenna with the impedance r + jx may be made to appear as r + j0 by inserting in series with it a reactance equal to the antenna reactance, but of opposite sign.

The second basic matching principle is that exhibited by the T-section shown in Fig. 1. To establish a comparison between the circuit elements shown in this figure and their ultimate representation in the complete impedance-matching network, they are defined. Element r denotes the antenna resistance after the antenna reactance has been canceled according to the first matching principle. Element Ris representative of the resistive impedance presented to the transmitter by the impedance-matching network, X_2 is the reactance of a fixed capacitor and X_1 and X_3 are variable tuning elements.

If the impedance equation is written for the circuit and set equal to R + j0 it is possible to obtain two simultaneous impedance equations in which r and X_s are variables.

$$R + j0 = \frac{r X_2^2}{r^2 + (X_2 + X_3)^2} + j\left[\frac{X_2(r^2 + X_2 X_3 + X_3^2)}{r^2 + (X_2 + X_3)^2} + X_1\right] \quad (1)$$
$$r^2 + X_3^2 + r\left(\frac{-X_2^2}{r^2}\right)$$

$$+ X_{3} (2 X_{2}) + X_{2}^{2} = 0$$
 (2)

$$r^{2} + X_{3}^{2} + X_{3} - \frac{(2 X_{1} X_{2} + X_{2}^{2})}{(X_{1} + X_{2})}$$

 $X_{1} X_{2}^{2}$

$$+ \frac{X_1 X_2^2}{(X_1 + X_2)} = 0 \tag{3}$$

Fortunately, these simultaneous equations (Eq. 2 and 3) have the basic form of circles and, therefore, their solutions may be readily obtained by plotting the circles and noting their points of intersection. Such a plot is shown accompanying the circuit in Fig. 1.

It is important to realize exactly how the plot is determined. All



FIG. 1—T-section matching properties when X_1 and X_3 are variables in antenna-matching section



FIG. 2—T-section matching properties when $X_{1'}$, X_{2}' and $X_{3'}$ are variables in antenna-matching section

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variables and constants are expressed in terms of the value of R. That is, they are expressed in terms of per-unit values with R as the base. Since it represents a fixed capacitance, X_2 can be considered constant at a given frequency. In this particular example, it is considered to have the value of -j4R. Plotting this information yields the X_2 circle, which is the plot of Eq. 2.

Other circles are drawn on this graph using the second simultaneous impedance equation (Eq. 3) for various values of X_1 , wherein the value of X_1 is expressed as a per-unit value of R.

The locus of the intersections of the circles, indicated by the solid line, represents the solutions of the simultaneous impedance equations for various values of X_1 . This plot, therefore, reveals that any value of antenna resistance r on the locus of solutions may be transformed to R, the required resistive load for the transmitter, with appropriate values of X_1 and X_2 . If R is 52 ohms, as required for the example transmitter, then this circuit is suited for transforming antenna resistance values greater than 52 ohms to that desired value.

The third basic matching principle is that exhibited by a T-section also, but under slightly different conditions. The circuit employed for the third matching principle is shown in Fig. 2.

Again, r represents the various antenna resistances desired to be transformed to R, the required transmitter load. Reactance X_a is a variable tuning element and X_1' and X_2' are tuning elements arranged so that the sum of X_1' and X_2' is a constant for any particular frequency.

Since the circuit is still basically a T-section, the same types of equations are used for the solution of the third matching principle as was used for solution of the second.

$$R + j0 = \frac{r (X_2')^2}{r^2 + (X_2' + X_3)^2} + j \left[\frac{X_2'(r^2 + X_2' X_3 + X_3^2)}{r^2 + (X_2' + X_3)^2} + X_1' \right]$$
(4)

$$r^{2} + X_{3}^{2} + r \left[\frac{-(X_{2}')^{2}}{R} \right] + X_{3} (2X_{2}') + (X_{2}')^{2} = 0$$
(5)
$$r^{2} + X_{3}^{2} + X_{3} \frac{[2X_{1} X_{2}' + (X_{2}')^{2'}]}{(X_{1} + X_{2}')}$$

$$+ \frac{X_1 (X_2')^2}{(X_1 + X_2')} = 0$$
(6)

Again, the simultaneous equations (Eq. 5 and 6) exhibit the general form of circles. The differences between the second and third basic matching principles result primarily from the fact that X_{2}' is now an inductance rather than a capacitance and that though now both X_{1}' and X_{2}' are variable tuning elements, their sum is a constant.

As before, it is important to realize how the plot is established. In this example, $X_1' + X_2'$ is a constant and is set equal to + j4R. Graphical simultaneous solutions are obtained by first assuming that $X_1' = +j1R$ and $X_2' = +j3R$, then $X_1' = +j2R$ and $X_2' = +j2R$, and so on. The intersections of the



FIG. 3—Autotransformer combines properties of two T-sections (A), complete impedance-matching network (B) and discriminator for sensing phase and impedance (C)

various circles again produce a locus that represents the solutions of the simultaneous impedance equations for various values of X_1' and X_2' within the limit that the sum of X_1' and X_2' is a constant. This plot, therefore, reveals that any value of antenna resistance ron the locus of solutions may be transformed to R, the required resistive load for the transmitter, with appropriate values of X_1' , X_2' and X_{s} . Again, if R is to be 52 ohms, this circuit is ideally suited for transforming antenna resistance values of less than 52 ohms to the desired value.

The circuits of Fig. 1 and 2 may be simply combined with the aid of an autotransformer to produce a new circuit capable of transforming resistance both above and below 52 ohms to 52 ohms. A schematic of this combination circuit is shown in Fig. 3A.

Autotransformer Action

When antenna resistance r values greater than 52 ohms are desired to be transformed to 52 ohms, the variable tap is in some position above the fixed tap of the autotransformer. The matching qualities of the second basic matching circuit are thus obtained. Some variation in theory exists owing to the presence of the portion of the autotransformer from the fixed tap to ground. However, if $X_1' + X_2'$ is large compared to R it does not materially affect the basic matching theory.

On the other hand, when r values less than 52 ohms are desired to be transformed to 52 ohms, the vari-

able tap is in some position below the fixed tap of the autotransformer, as indicated by the dashedline position in the figure. The X_{II} portion of the autotransformer is eliminated from the circuit and X_1 and X_{z}' appear. Again the presence of X_2 tends to produce some variation in the matching theory by altering the value of $r - jX_3$ which it shunts. However, a slight readjustment of X_s and the variable tap position of the autotransformer from the theoretical will cancel its effect. The presence of X_z complicates the circuit slightly, but does not alter its basic operation.

The mutual inductance existing between X_1' and X_2' has been neglected in the foregoing circuit analysis. Its only real effect would be that of altering the assumption that $X_1' + X_2'$ is a constant at all variable tap positions that are below the fixed tap. This is not particularly serious, however, since at the limits when $X_1' = 0$ and $X_2' =$ +j4R, or when the reverse is true, the mutual inductance is zero. Therefore, the end points of the locus of matchable values of r (Fig. 2) would not be altered. The only effect would be that the shape of the locus between its end points would deviate slightly from that shown.

The complete radio-frequency matching network is shown in Fig. 3B. It differs from the previous circuit in that a variable inductance as well as a variable capacitance are inserted in series with the antenna. These are the reactive elements used to series-resonate the antenna. The variable capacitor serves the dual function of series resonating any inductive antenna and providing X_3 .

Discriminator Unit

The source of information used to direct the operation and ultimate tuning position of the various r-f matching network components is an impedance-monitoring device called a discriminator. It is connected between the transmitter and the r-f matching network, as shown in Fig. 3C, to perform the function of constantly monitoring the impedance presented to the transmitter. The impedance monitoring is done with respect to the ideal $52 \angle 0^\circ$ ohm transmitter load. That is, the discriminator monitors both magnitude and phase of the impedance presented to the transmitter and submits its measurement in terms of two d-c voltages. These voltages have polarity dependent upon the direction of impedance deviation from $52 \angle 0^\circ$ ohms.

Sampling E and I

The phase of the impedance presented to the transmitter by the r-f matching network in monitored by noting the phase relationship between the transmission line voltage E and line current I. To determine the phase relationship existing between E and I it is necessary to sample each. The means of sampling is important since it must be accurate throughout the wide frequency range over which the system is required to operate.

Line current I is sampled by inductive coupling to the transmission line. The center conductor of the coaxial line is passed through the center of a f-inch diameter



FIG. 4-Elements of complete motor-controlled automatic antenna-matching unit



FIG. 5—Typical 400-cps servoamplifier used in matching unit adds phase shift

powdered iron ring. A centertapped five-turn toroid winding about the ring serves to provide the inductive coupling to the line. Induced voltage produced in the fiveturn winding is proportional to line current and 90 degrees out of phase with it. Line voltage E is sampled by a capacitive divider consisting of C_1 and C_2 .

The means of sampling E and Iprovides the essential voltages at the proper phase so they may be added vectorially in the same manner as that employed in the ordinary Foster-Seeley discriminator circuit. That is, if the vector sum of E_1 and E' is rectified and added and in polarity opposition to the rectified vector sum of E^{z} and E'. zero d-c output voltage is obtained if E and I are in phase. If E and Iare not in phase, the circuit will provide d-c output voltage of a polarity dependent upon whether Eleads or lags I.

With this type of E and I sampling it is practical to obtain phase monitoring of E and Ito within ± 5 degrees over the 2-to-25 mc frequency range.

One portion of the discriminator is sensitive to the magnitude of the impedance presented to the transmitter. It was previously stated that the induced voltage across the five-turn toroid winding is directly proportional to the magnitude of I. It is also directly proportional to frequency since the voltage drop across the portion of the line to which the toroid is coupled (primary) is directly proportional to frequency.

The same proportional properties can be made to exist between E_3 and E through the use of a simple circuit containing C_s and R', when $R' << X_{cs}$.

With the frequency denoted by f, the magnitude of $E_4 \propto K_1 fI$. The magnitude of $E_3 \propto K_2 fE$. Through the choice of component values it is possible to make K_1 and K_2 constants that will allow $E_3 = E_4$ when (E/I) = 52 for all frequencies. Then if rectified E_s is added in polarity opposition to rectified E_{*} zero d-c output voltage is obtained from this portion of the discriminator when (E/I) = 52. If this ratio is not true, the discriminator will provide d-c output voltage of a polarity dependent upon whether the ratio of E to I is greater than or less than 52. With this type of E and I sampling it is practical to obtain ratio monitoring of E and Ito within ± 10 percent of 52 over the 2-to-25 mc frequency range.

Operation of Network

The manner in which the impedance-matching network operates in combination with the servosystem is shown in Fig. 4. Elements C and L are termed phasing elements. Together they provide the large range of reactance that is necessary to series-resonate the antenna reactance and provide the $X_{\rm a}$ reactance that is essential to the impedance-matching properties of the T-section. The reactance of this element would be such that X + X_L or $X_c = X_3$. For any particular tuning operation, only one of these reactive elements is necessary. This is accomplished in the actual unit by control circuits that retain C at its maximum value when L is required for tuning and L near its minimum value when C is required for tuning.

Examination of Fig. 5 indicates that the chopper coils and the fixed phases of the servomotors are all excited from a common 400-cycle source. The servoamplifiers themselves are merely 400-cycle amplifiers which in addition to amplification provide a 90-degree phase shift to the signal that is passed through them.

As an example of operation, assume the various impedance-matching network tuning elements are in such a position that only a slight discrepancy exists between the actual impedance presented to the transmitter and the required impedance of $52 \angle 0^\circ$ ohms. For the sake of explanation, assume that this impedance is $60 \angle 10^\circ$.

Error Detection

At the instant the transmitter delivers r-f energy, both the impedance-sensitive and phase-sensitive portions of the discriminator will detect this error from the ideal impedance and will each provide a d-c voltage of a particular polarity at its output point. The d-c voltage at the output of the phase- sensitive discriminator is applied to a 400cycle chopper that converts the d-c voltage to 400-cycle a-c having phase in accordance with the polarity of the d-c voltage. The 400cycle a-c is then amplified, shifted 90 degrees in phase and used to excite one phase of a two-phase motor. With the particular 10-degree impedance-phase-angle error assumed, the motor would operate the phasing element L or C to increase the value of capacitive reactance in the phasing circuit and reduce the phase angle of the impedance presented to the transmitter to zero degrees.

At the same time, the d-c voltage



Complete antenna-matching unit



Discriminator is formed from transmission line surrounded by powdered-iron toroid to which is coupled five-turn, center-tapped loop

appearing at the output of the impedance-sensitive discriminator is applied to another chopper, servo amplifier and two-phase motor that mechanically moves the variable autotransformer tap nearer ground to correct for the assumed 8-ohm error in impedance magnitude.

This is the basic operation of the system, with one exception. The explanation was indicative of a tuning sequence wherein the matching elements were only slightly mistuned from their ultimate positions.

Upon further examination of the circuit it becomes apparent that a more complex condition can, and usually does, exist.

Assume that the antenna-phasing elements L and C are considerably mispositioned from their ultimate tuning points. Under these conditions very little antenna current is able to flow. In fact, most of the r-f current sampled by the discriminator is the inductive current flowing from the fixed tap of the autotransformer to ground. It may also be current flowing from the fixed tap through capacitor C_2 to ground, depending upon the starting position of the autotransformer variable tap. The problem exists of trying correctly to tune the phasing elements L and C to series-resonate the antenna with information obtained from a discriminator, which under these conditions cannot detect antenna current because of its relative absence.

This is the usual tuning condi-

tion and results in the necessity of forcibly operating the phasing elements at the beginning of each tuning operation by automatically applying a voltage to the motors until such time as they are near enough to resonating the antenna to allow the discriminator to assume control of the situation and complete the tuning function.

Shunt Capacitor

Owing primarily to practical considerations with regard to component minimum and maximum values it is still possible to present an antenna to this network, as it is thus far described, which the network is not capable of transforming to 52 + j0. Since this cannot be tolerated, in these instances a relay-operated fixed capacitor C_* is provided within the antenna-matching unit and permitted to shunt the antenna and change its effective impedance to a matchable value.

Whenever C_* is required for the solution of a matching problem, it decreases matching efficiency. Its use, therefore, is restricted to antenna impedances that represent limits of tuning range and for which the construction of a seriesresonating reactance or autotransformer would be impractical. The necessity for use of C_* is determined automatically by providing switches at the extreme limits of L and C and the autotransformer, such that if any one of these elements reaches the limit of its tuning range it will operate the relay

to connect C_* in shunt with the antenna.

The unit as constructed is capable of operation with antennas from 25 to 90 feet in length over the 2-to-25 mc frequency range. The antennas may have their remote ends either grounded or ungrounded. Tuning accuracy of the entire unit is approximately equivalent to a 1.3-to-1 standing-wave ratio.

The efficiency of the unit is dependent primarily upon the relationship existing between the antenna Q factor and the Q factors of the phasing inductance L and autotransformer. The greater the value of coil Q with respect to antenna Q, the greater is the matching efficiency of this network.

The time involved in matching any particular antenna depends upon the antenna and the starting position of the various tunable elements. Time values from 1 to 25 seconds represent the limits in time that will elapse from the instant the transmitter is keyed to the moment the antenna has been completely tuned.

For antennas and frequencies within design limits, no further information is required by the unit except a grounding pulse from the transmitter whenever a new frequency is selected. Control circuits within the automatic antennamatching unit perform the function of keying the transmitter prior to tuning, and unkeying the transmitter when the antenna has been properly tuned.

Some changes in antenna characteristics occur during operation, particularly in aircraft, wherein antenna-impedance variation occurs between ground operation and flight. The unit is designed to monitor the impedance presented to the transmitter and continually correct for this type of variation.

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MECHANICAL DESIGN of electronic equipment





DESIGNING THE CHASSIS involves selecting materials, laying out the work and specifying the finish. Operator is punching out subassembly chassis with a 75-ton geared press



MAKING SMALL PARTS requires processes such as machining, casting, brazing and welding. Operator pictured uses a hand milling machine to trim rods on variable capacitor

The Importance of **Mechanical Design**

By JOHN M. CARROLL Associate Editor, ELECTRONICS Good design is reflected in increased production of reliable equipment. This special report gives a rundown on the latest in methods, machines and materials

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SHIELDING AND POTTING include both electric and magnetic shielding as well as use of casting and potting resins. These transformer cans are filled with molten beeswax



POWER DEVICES employed are subfractional a-c and d-c motors, clutches, brakes, damps and complete synchro systems. Engineer is checking a 2,929-rpm magnetic drum

MECHANICAL DESIGN can be either the strength or the weakness of electronic systems engineering. Considerations such as price, rate of production, reliability, ease of operation and maintenance depend heavily upon the mechanical layout and construction of the equipment.

Modern trends in mechanical design are directed in general toward two objectives: automatizing manufacturing processes to increase production rates and reduce cost, and improving equipment reliability to achieve optimum, trouble-free operation under even the most severe environmental conditions.

manufacturing processes

In consumer products, mechanical design largely determines the competitive price position of the finished set. The configuration of parts and the mechanical layout of the chassis usually decide whether fabrication and assembly operations will be economical or costly.

In the design of an audio preamplifier a few minor changes in layout permitted the chassis to be stamped from a single piece of sheet metal rather than fabricated from three separate pieces by riveting. Savings in direct labor and cost of materials were 30 percent.

Such savings are magnified when indirect labor and



MOVING PARTS used in electronic equipment include shafting, gears, springs, cams and bar linkages. Operator is assembling gears for an all-band communications receiver



ASSEMBLY TECHNIQUES entail use of screws, rivets, special fasteners, fittings and connectors. Operator is assembling one of the instrument panels of a large radar

overhead charges are applied percentagewise and serve significantly to reduce the selling price. Thus a minor change in mechanical design that permits a small metal part to be broached, extruded or die cast, avoiding expensive machining operations, will have an important influence on gross sales of the finished product.

Military planners are interested in design from the standpoint of reducing production time. In design of military equipment, cost necessarily must defer to optimum performance and maximum reliability. But time is an important factor and production bottlenecks can be costly in lives as well as equipment cost.

reliable equipment

Reliability is an important objective in military equipment design. The most advanced electronic gear is worse than useless if it cannot be depended upon to function in emergencies.

Toward the end of World War II, the Navy installed an advanced type of radar to control the main battery fire aboard some of its latest warships. The equipment provided exceptional gunlaying accuracy. However, usually only the first salvo could be fired under electronic control. The recoil shook electron tubes loose and, while technicians scrambled about pushing them



WIRING AND SOLDERING are important steps in production. Conventional soldering operations like the one shown are still important



DESIGNING THE CABINET entails planning housings for both stationary and mobile equipment. Cabinet shown is undergoing test on a vibration table

back into their sockets, optical fire control equipment had to be relied upon—often this was rendered hopelessly inadequate by fog or darkness.

In another type of radar equipment designed for use on destroyers, chassis were mounted in removable drawers for ease of servicing. Ashore, the equipment performed well but when subjected to the intense vibration caused by marine turbines it often developed accordion pleats in the cabinet that jammed drawers shut and rendered servicing all but impossible

recent problems

Modern equipment such as that used in high-speed aircraft and rocket-powered guided missiles places even more exacting requirements upon the equipment designer's art. For example, much airborne gear must pass vibration tests at 500 cps and higher. This has required development of new means for vibration isolation.

High sound levels have also been found injurious to electron tubes and other components and acoustic techniques are becoming important in airborne equipment design.

Stockpiling weapons such as missiles has brought up the problem of hermetic sealing to avoid corrosion and insure that the weapon will deliver 100-percent performance when taken from the shelf.

Other problems involve subminiaturization to cram essential electronic gear into ever-smaller equipment spaces, heat dissipation to permit operation under high ambient temperatures and space-heating and deicing schemes where low ambients are expected. There is, also, explosion proofing of equipment required to function in explosive atmospheres, waterproofing, splash proofing and drip proofing, resistance to salt spray, high humidity and fungus growth, and pressurization for operation at extremely high altitudes.

The mechanical engineer has been, for some time, a

full-fledged member of the electronic design team. He may be a full-time worker in a research and development group along with electronic engineers and possibly physicists, chemists and mathematicians, or he may be assigned to a department where his specialized knowledge is available to several project engineers.

designer's role

In some organizations, mechanical engineers may be grouped in a separate department that functions as a clearing house for the mechanical problems of all design task forces. In others the mechanical engineer may be summoned in a consulting capacity, or the project engineer may be required to guide his electronic engineers in solving mechanical problems.

However the mechanical engineer may be represented, mechanical design plays a vital part in the design of electronic equipment. The following eight articles represent a compendium of recent design trends, production processes and manufacturing techniques aimed primarily at giving the electronic engineer the mechanical information he needs to articulate his particular problems and either solve them independently or intelligently seek the aid of a mechanical design specialist. It is also aimed at providing the trained mechanical engineer new to the field of electronic equipment design an insight into the particular problems, techniques and processes he will encounter while working with electronic equipment.

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FIG. 2--Close-tolerance dimensions are given decimally, while wider tolerance dimensions are given fractionally

Designing the Chassis...

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MATERIALS used in manufacturing chassis include both metals and plastics. The metals may be ferrous or nonferrous. Plastics include acrylic and phenolic plastics, fiber board and laminates.

Selection of material is based on the service requirement of the equipment. Important factors are: weight, tensile strength, electrical properties, resistance to corrosion, magnetic properties and cost.

Table I indicates weight per square foot in various gages for various metals. Carbon steel is commonly used because of low cost, good tensile strength and economy of fabrication. It has the disadvantage of poor resistance to corrosion and must have a protective coating of paint or plating.

size and shape

The chassis designer must keep in mind the following: electrical interference between components, dis-



Fig. 1—Military equipment chassis, illustrating use of removable top and side skirts and plug-in subchassis

Properly designed chassis increase reliability, facilitate maintenance, reduce cost and enhance appearance of electronic equipment. Common chassis materials are discussed as well as techniques for fabricating and finishing sheet metal

tribution of weight throughout the chassis, wiring distance between terminals of components and overall dimensions of the equipment. With the current emphasis on miniaturization, the designer must place his components as closely together as possible. To facilitate wiring and assembly, chassis can be designed with removable top decks or removable side skirts as shown in Fig. 1.

Chassis can be made sectionally of subchassis that can be wired and assembled on separate production lines. These subchassis can be inspected and tested rapidly. There has been an increasing trend to plug in chassis and subassemblies, particularly in military equipment, since they greatly facilitate servicing and repair.

For the manufacturer who has limited production runs there are available stock blank chassis from many sheet metal fabricators.

laying out the work

In conventional mechanical drafting tolerance occupies an important place. To maintain interchangability

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FIG. 3-Sheet-metal shearing. Operations shown are conventional shearing (left), front shearing (center) and use of circle shears (right)

of parts, close tolerance must be observed. Such tolerance, however, increases the cost of fabrication. Critical dimensions are usually indicated decimally with plus or minus 0.005-in. tolerance. Dimensions of overall size and locations of holes to an edge are usually located fractionally with a tolerance of plus or minus $\frac{1}{64}$ in.

Since it takes more labor to fabricate sheet metal to close decimal tolerances, they should be used only where the relative location of holes and bends is critical. Unless a chassis is to be enclosed in a tight-fitting case, the overall dimensions should be expressed fractionally. In a group of holes dimensions between mounting holes should be expressed decimally, but the whole group or cluster can be located fractionally from the edge of the chassis. See Fig. 2.

Where quantity justifies tooling costs, it is advantageous to use cluster dies which pierce the critically dimensioned holes at one time, insuring correct location.

Mounting holes can be dimensioned fractionally, however, if the holes are slotted or made slightly larger than clearance to accommodate the greater tolerance.

The chassis designer must specify the radius of bends in the part. If the radius is too small, the bend will fracture. Although most drawings of chassis are thirdangle projections, it is sometimes convenient to draw a development of a sheet-metal part. A hole dimensioned past a bend will be located incorrectly on a development if allowance for the stretching or shrinking of material at the bend is not considered. The allowance for a 90-deg bend can be determined from the relationship $L = (\pi/2)$ $(R + \frac{1}{3}T)$ where L = length, R = inside radius and T = thickness.

Many engineers find it convenient to use a blank chassis of the required overall dimensions and move their components about on the top, checker fashion, until they find the optimum location. To make a marking surface on the top of the chassis, template blueing can be applied or, if the chassis is aluminum, the surface can be satin etched or sandblasted.

cutting sheet metal

The first step in chassis manufacture is cutting the blank. Unless the blank is accurately cut, the location of all the subsequent operations will be incorrect. In conventional shearing practice, Fig. 3 (left), the blank is shoved against a gage behind the blade and held secured until the blade cuts the piece. For greater accuracy the blank should be front sheared or held against a gage in front of the blade and trimmed to the correct size. See Fig. 3 (center). For shearing rectangular pieces or for straight line shearing, this type of machine is used, but for cutting radii or circles a circle shear or a nibbler must be used, Fig. 3 (right). In large quantities, dies like that shown in Fig. 4 (top) are made which blank out the entire shape in one blow.

making holes in sheet metal

Although some drilling is necessary in most chassis construction, chassis are pierced where practical using punch and die sets. Generally, any round hole which has a diameter less than the thickness of the metal used should be drilled instead of punched. Punches should be kept sharpened to minimize burrs on the underside of the hole. Special piercing dies are made which will knock out specially shaped holes in one blow instead of chewing them out with a series of blows. Figure 4 (center) illustrates one such die.

Machinery is available to blank, pierce and form chassis, delivering a complete unit on each blow of the press. However, in production runs that are not of sufficient quantity to amortize high cost of such dies, it is necessary to use other machinery.

Movable punch and die sets can be used to great advantage. The bed of the die is either slotted for bolting down small piercing dies (Fig. 4, bottom) or the dies are held in place magnetically.

Turret presses utilize a turret which holds a number of die sets and can be rotated quickly to the correct size. The hole is located in the blank either by placing the blank against a gage (Fig. 5, left) or piercing through a template clamped to the piece.

Another type of turret press utilizes a master template fastened to the bed of the press. A moving carriage firmly holds the blank and is registered to the template with a pantograph section as shown in Fig. 5, right. Kick presses and small power presses are used in limited quantity production runs; see Fig. 6.

bending sheet metal

Piercing, cutting, blanking and notching should be completed before bending or forming. Bending is done on a brake. These range from manually operated devices such as fingerbrakes to powered brakes shown in Fig. 7. These are known as press brakes. Press brakes range in length from 3 to 12 ft and more. Sequence of bending is important. If the wrong bend is put in too soon, it is impossible to finish bending the chassis. A Dutch bend illustrated in Fig. 8A can be used at the edge of sheet metal to strengthen the edge when working with light gages. Corner construction of chassis varies with the service requirement of the equipment. Various corner configurations are shown in Fig. 8.

fastening methods

Joints assembled with bolts and screws can be readily disassembled and reassembled. Thus, they are widely used as mechanical fasteners. The use of nuts can frequently be eliminated. Methods include threading holes previously pierced in the chassis. When the gage of metal is too thin to provide enough land for threads, the hole can be extruded to add extra thickness for the threads. See Fig. 9A. Self-tapping screws, Fig. 9B, are used to great advantage since they cut their own thread on initial insertion. A chassis can be lanced at its edge as in Fig. 9C to provide holding surface for sheet metal screws for fastening the chassis



FIG, 4—Special punch and die sets (top, center) permit knocking out chassis with a single blow. Setup at right (bottom) is made with movable punches and dies bolted to die bed

in a cabinet or for holding on a bottom plate.

Special screw fasteners are available for many applications. The locking types fall into four general groups: wedge, spring seating, spring stopnut and interference stopnut. The wedge type (Fig. 10A) is locked by wedging one part against the other.

Spring seating fasteners, Fig. 10B, are free running because the locking action does not occur until seating begins. The locking is due to a lever or spring action



FIG. 5-Punching chassis with turret press, left. Model at right uses pantograph and template

within the periphery of the nut or bolt head. Locking action of the spring stopnut shown in Fig. 10C is also due to a spring clamping action. These fasteners differ from previous types in that the clamping action is continuous.

The interference stopnut employs a plastic or fiber collar to provide the locking action. See Fig. 10D. These collars are not threaded and when placed on the bolt are elastically deformed. Thus they tend to return to their original shape, squeezing against the threads and holding the nut in place. Quick-release fasteners, illustrated in Fig. 10E, are used for doors, panels and covers where intermittent closing and opening is required and a positive lock is necessary.

rivets

Riveting is a popular method for permanently fastening parts together. It is inexpensive and produces a sound joint without locking devices. Riveted joints are of two general types: lap joints and butt joints. Lap joined plates overlap while butt joined plate ends abutt each other and one or more cover plates or straps are employed. Both types of joint can be single riveted, double riveted, etc. depending on whether one row, two rows, etc. of rivets are used. Figure 11A illustrates several rivet types. Rivets are usually placed on lines parallel to the edge of the sheets. Lines which pass through the center of the rivet are gage lines. The distance from the edge of the plate to the first gage line is the edge distance. The distance between the centers of two adjacent rivets on the same gage line is the pitch of the rivet. Improperly riveted joints fail because of shearing of the rivet, tearing of sheet or coverplate, tearing or shearing between rivet hole and edge of sheet and crushing of the rivet or sheet at the edge of the hole.

Other failures may occur, such as popping of the head and head pulling through the sheet. These can be controlled by correct proportioning of the joint and by proper driving of the rivets. Correct proportioning of the joint involves factors of rivet size, material and spacing as well as hole size and edge distance.

methods

Where head protrusion is not desirable, countersunk-head rivets are used and driven in such a manner that the top of the head is flush with the surface. The top sheet must be dimpled or countersunk to the correct head dimensions during fabrication either in a press or by machine countersinking.

Rivets are driven by placing the driving tool against the head and a bucking bar against the shank end of the rivet. The driving tool is a rivet set attached to a pneumatic hammer or struck by hand. Riveting machines are also available which feed rivets by a raceway. Rivets can be also set with a squeeze action.

When using solid rivets of small diameter in thin sheets, the bearing area is so small that buckling of sheet may occur. To increase the bearing area without appreciably increasing rivet weight, tubular rivets are often employed. Use of tubular rivets also minimizes damage to the sheet. Two types of tubular rivets are available: the sleeve type and the solid head and a hollow shank rivet. See Fig. 11B.

Many standard fasteners require access to both sides of the assembly. Several types of blind rivets have been developed for special applications.

welding

Welding is the joining of two or more pieces of metal by application of heat and sometimes of pressure. The welding processes include: gas welding, arc weld-


FIG. 6-Kick presses and small power presses are useful for small production runs

ing, resistance welding, brazing, induction welding, forge welding, flow welding and thermit welding.

Gas welding produces coalescence by heating with a gas flame with or without the application of pressure and with or without use of filler material. Gas welding covers many processes employing different fuel gases. They generally require oxygen to support combustion. Within certain limits the flame temperature increases with the oxygen in the mixture. A widely used fuel gas is acetylene. Oxyacetylene welding is used on the whole range of commercial ferrous and nonferrous metals and alloys.

An oxyhydrogen flame supplies a source of heat for low-temperature operations such as welding low-melting-point metals, brazing and braze-welding. The oxyhydrogen flame finds extensive use in welding aluminum and its alloys, particularly in the thinner gages.

materials for welding

Welding rods vary greatly in composition. For the thin gages of metal used in chassis construction, filler material is not always necessary. Thin materials, particularly aluminum, are often joined by flanging the sheet and melting this flange into the joint as filler.

A flux is usually used to combine with products of the welding operation which would interfere with the operation. The oxides of most alloyed metals generally have higher melting points than the metals themselves and remain as solids when the base metal is in the fluid state. Appropriate fluxes form a fusible slag with the oxides which tends to flow away from the weld area. The slag also forms a coating to protect the molten metal from oxidation. Fluxes are cleaning agents but should never replace proper cleaning of the base metal. Excess flux should be removed.

In arc welding coalescence is produced by heating

with an electric arc. Its advantages are ease of edge preparation, fast welding speed and the elimination of flux. It also provides a concentration of heat which prevents excessive expansion and reduces distortion.

Metal-arc welding is done with flux-coated electrodes using direct current and reverse polarity (work negative). In gas-shielded tungsten-arc welding coalescence is produced by an arc between a tungsten electrode and work, shielded by an inert-gas envelope. This method has its greatest application when aluminum is the base material. It is capable of making clean, sound welds without use of corrosive fluxes. An inert gas such as argon shields the arc and the molten metal from the air, preventing oxides from forming. Such welding uses an h-f alternating current superimposed on 60cycle welding current. The low-intensity arc produced by the h-f current provides a path easily followed by the main welding current, which makes the arc easier to start and maintain. Filler material is used.

other welding methods

Resistance welding is a process in which a current is conducted through the parts to be joined. Heat is generated at the junction due to resistance. When this heat is combined with pressure applied by associated equipment, fusion is produced. Figure 12 illustrates operation of resistance welding equipment.

Spot welding and seam welding are resistance welding processes. Seam welding is spot welding with spots spaced so closely that they overlap to produce a continuous joint or seam. Timing is important in the spotwelding process. Pressure must be applied, maintained during the period of curent flow and the cooling period afterward.

A spot weld must first resist shear stress. The strength of a joint depends not only on the strength



FIG. 7—Power brakes accomplish heavy bending operations on sheet metal

FIG. 8—Dutch bend (A) strengthens edge of light-gage metal. Other drawings illustrate various corner configurations

of the spot but also on the number and position of the spots. Because of partial short circuiting of welding current by a previous spot, it is necessary to maintain a minimum weld spacing (pitch) of the spots.

Minimum edge spacing is also important to prevent bulging and forcing out of the metal between the spot and the edge. Each spot weld tends to expand the sheet, so that correct weld sequence should be observed to prevent warping. The weld size recommended is three times the thickness of the thinnest outer piece, plus 0.06 inch. The specific sizes vary for each metal.

Penetration of the weld metal into the outer sheets of a joint is important. Weld penetration of less than twenty percent into one or both sheets will result in low weld strength. If the weld penetrates more than eighty percent, cracked welds can result.

The shape of the electrodes is also important. The contour of the tip depends upon the thickness of metal being welded, welding process and surface appearance desired. Materials of high thermal and electrical conductivity such as aluminum require higher welding current than steel. Aluminum and its alloys can be spot-welded satisfactorily only if the surface of the material is cleaned to remove the oxide coating. These oxides offer high resistance and prevent good welding. They can best be removed with alkaline cleaners. Since these chemicals also attack the aluminum and may produce a film with as much electrical resistance as the oxide film, they must be neutralized and washed from the aluminum.

brazing

In brazing coalescence is produced by heating to temperatures above 800 F and using a filler of nonferrous metal having a melting point below that of the base metals. The filler metal is distributed by capillary action. In making joints, the following factors should be considered: design of the joint, cleaning and preparation, fluxes, jigging, filler material and heating.

The strength of the joint can be controlled by the length of the lap. A reasonable length of lap is three times the thickness of the metal being joined. Maintaining a clearance of 0.001 to 0.003 in. is important to insure even flowing of the filler material. In aluminum the filler is aluminum alloy. The oxide coating of aluminum requires a flux which will melt below the brazing temperature and prepare the surfaces so that the filler material will flow. Parts may be spot welded before brazing to hold them in place. Parts to be brazed can be heated in a furnace, by gas torch or by induction heating.

metal finishing

Coatings are required either for protection from corrosion or enhancing of appearance.

Steel cannot ordinarily be used in its primary condition because it has little resistance to corrosion. Prior to finishing, dirt, grease, oils used in fabrication and surface scales and oxides must be removed.

Oils and greases can be removed with solvents. Washing by hand or wiping with a cloth or brush soaked with solvent is inefficient because the operator often spreads the impurity instead of removing it. Immersion in a tank of solvent is not effective because the oils and greases float on the surface and lifting the part out redeposits the contamination.

An effective method of degreasing is use of chlorinated solvents such as trichlorethylene and perchlorethylene. These are heated until they vaporize. Since these vapors are heavy as compared to air, they tend to stay in the container. The part to be degreased is suspended in the vapor for about thirty seconds. The





vapor condenses on the piece and streams off, washing the greases away.

If the final finish is to be an electroplate, no other surface treatment may be required. However, if paint is to be used, further chemical treatment of the surface will increase adhesion qualities of the material. One type of coating is Bonderizing. This coating is composed of zinc phosphates and has a strong affinity for paint. It also protects the surface against corrosion. Iron oxides (rust) have an alkaline reaction with moisture. These alkalies react with paint to form soaps which prevent adhesion between the steel surface and the paint. The phosphate coating prevents oxidation. Phosphate coatings are produced by several manufacturers.

Excessive scale and rust can be removed from steel by pickling in acids or by sandblasting.

finishing aluminum

Aluminum must also be cleansed of impurities on its surface. Vapor degreasing is an efficient method of removing oils and greases. Aluminum has high corrosion resistance as compared to steel. The natural oxide film protects the material but offers poor adhesion to paint. Proprietary solutions are available which not only chemically remove this film but also leave a phosphate deposit which aids adhesion.

Certain oxide films are deliberately added to the surface of aluminum either for additional corrosion resistance, increasing adhesion qualities or both. One process specifies immersion of material in a hot solution of 2-percent sodium carbonate and 0.1-percent potassium dichromate, with a subsequent bath of 5-percent potassium dichromate, and offers an excellent base for paint.

Another process produces an insoluble phosphate



FIG. 10—Special fasteners are widely used in commercial equipment such as television sets and home radios. The several varieties illustrated include: wedge type (A), spring seating fasteners (B), spring stopnuts (C), interference stopnut (D) and quick release fasteners (E)



FIG. 11—Rivet types; from left to right (A) shows round, flat, brazier and countersunk heads. Tubular rivets (B) include salid head with hollow shank and tubular type



FIG. 12-Chassis work with resistance welding equipment

coating which is corrosion resistant and a good base for paint. Another offers a coating which can be used as a final finish or is a good base for paint. Another provides excellent corrosion resistance and is electrically conductive. It offers protection without interfering with electrical grounding of components.

Phosphatizing is an economical chemical treatment for aluminum. It consists of immersion of the part in a 5-10 percent solution of phosphoric acid. It is a good preparation of the surface for paint.

Electrolytic oxide finishes of aluminum (anodizing) are important because they offer a hard, inert, durable protective film. Anodic films, however, have high dielectric strength and interfere with electrical grounding. Anodizing takes its name from the fact that the aluminum is made the anode instead of the cathode as in electroplating. An electrolyte capable of yielding oxygen is used.

When current is passed, an initial oxide film forms on the aluminum surface and progressive oxidation takes place beneath this film. Hence, the film formed last is next to the metal and the oldest part of the film is on the surface. This outer part of the film is less dense and is softer than at the metal interface, since it has been subjected to the most severe solvent action. The aluminum oxide film produced is minutely porous. Thus current is able to pass through the electrolyte in the pores to the metal without too much resistance and heavy oxide films can be built up.

After formation, the film is treated with boiling water, which closes the pores and destroys the absorptive characteristics of the coating. This is known as sealing. Chromic acid and sulphuric acid are commonly used in anodizing processes, although other acids can be used.

The chromic acid method produces an absorptive film which can subsequently be colored by dipping in dye baths. Assembled parts can be anodized without the corrosion resistance being effected by acids that may be trapped in the joints. The film also offers a good base for paint.

Sulphuric acid anodizing is an economical process. It is not ordinarily used in an assembled or spot-welded part where acid may be trapped under a lap or joint. Such retention of acid would cause deterioration of the aluminum.

electroplating

The deposit of metal on the surface of another metal by electrolytic process is called electroplating. Steel can readily be electroplated after degreasing and cleaning. Where corrosion resistance must be provided but electrical conductivity maintained for grounding of components or soldering, zinc or cadimum plating are common methods. Plating may oxidize on prolonged exposure to the atmosphere. To protect the plating from oxidation and increase the adhesion quality, a subsequent dip in a chromate solution is recommended.



FIG. 13-Three chassis with nomenclature imprinted by silk-screen process

Steel surfaces can be made more electrically conductive by plating with copper or the noble metals, silver, gold, etc. The material should be copper-plated prior to the latter platings.

Chromium plating is used when a hard abrasion resisting surface is required. It is also used as a decorative finish. The high polished appearance of chromium is based on buffing the surface underneath the chromium plating. Aluminum can be electroplated after the part has been zinc coated. This process is an immersion type coating. The material is chemically cleaned and dipped into a solution of caustic soda and zinc oxide. This coating provides excellent adhesion for subsequent electroplatings. Both copper and brass plating on aluminum are used for applications requiring joining with soft solder. Aluminum in its natural state does not solder easily because of its natural oxide film and high thermal conductivity. Aluminum can be plated with chromium, nickel, cadimum, silver, to provide specific decorative or corrosion resistant finishes.

paint, varnish and enamel

Paint is a general term covering lacquers, varnishes and enamels. Lacquer is usually a cellulose nitrate or acetate base that can be pigmented if desired. In its clear state, it is used as a protective film over plated surfaces to prevent tarnishing. These films are economical to apply, because they air-dry and become hard without baking. Lacquers are water resistant but will not withstand salt water. They may also become brittle and discolor upon exposure to sunlight.

Varnishes can be formulated to provide special protection such as moisture, mildew or fungus resistance and are used for this purpose in electronic equipment.

Enamels, sometimes called synthetic because the resins are manufactured rather than natural, are pro-

duced in a variety of textures and appearances.

Wrinkle enamels have a crinky appearance which has the chief advantage of covering minor surface imperfections in the base metal such as scratches and nicks. They are also widely used as a finish for sand castings because they cover the porous surface and have great hiding quality.

Hammer finishes have the appearance of hand-hammered metal. They are pigmented in a variety of colors, including the metallic.

Paints are classified by the degree of gloss desired. This can range from lusterless to a high gloss approaching mirror quality. Lusterless finishes tend to show fingermarking. Semigloss materials are desirable since the high-gloss paints can cause eye fatigue to the operator. Paints can be applied by brush, dipping and sprayed. Spray painting is acceptable because the resulting surface is even and smooth without brush marks.

In dipping, the paint drains off the piece and sometimes leaves an unsightly buildup at the lower edges. Spray painting must be done in a booth suitably ventilated and with an exhaust that will draw the excess sprayed material away from the work. Spraying is accomplished by a spray gun with a cup containing paint thinned to spraying consistency.

graphic processes

Electronic equipment must be labeled to instruct the operator in the use of controls, identification of the power requirements, identification of the manufacturer and for labeling the components. Marking must be legible and permanent. It must be easily read and understood; lettering should not be too small.

Engraving is a technique in which the characters are cut into the base material and filled with paint to

Table I-	-Weight of	Materials Used	in Chassis F	abrication (Ib	per sq ft)	1 AL		
Ga U <u>\$</u> S	ges B&S	Thickness (in.)	Carbon Steel	Aluminum	Brass	Stainless Steel	Copper	
26	25	0.018-0.020	0.80	0.28	0.89	0.82	0.93	
24	22	0.023-0.025	1.0	0.35	1.12	1.05	1.18	
22	21	0.028-0.029	1.25	0.40	1.26	1.3	1. <mark>3</mark> 2	
21	20	0.032-0.033	1.38	0.45	1.41	1.4	1.48	
20	19	0.036	1.5	0.51	1.58	1.57	1.67	
18	16	0.047-0.050	2.0	0.72	2.24	2.1	2.36	
16	14	0.060-0.064	2.5	0.90	2.83	2.62	2.97	
14	12	0.078-0.080	3.13	1.14	3.56	3.28	3.75	
13	11	0.090	3.75	1.28	4.0	3.9	4.21	
11	8	0.125	5.1	1.81	5.66	5.25	5.96	
B&S (Brow	B&S (Brown & Sharp), aluminum, brass and copper USS (U.S. standard), carbon steel and stainless steel							



FIG. 14—Screen printing on hammer-finish background.

increase the contrast.

Etching is a good method of producing production quantities of nameplates. They are manufactured by imprinting the required design in reverse on aluminum or brass using a lithographic process. The printing ink is resistant to the etching solution. The etchant eats away the surface of the material not covered by the ink. The material is removed from the etching solution and neutralized. The nameplates are then sprayed with paint of the desired color and baked. The tops of the plates are then scraped down to the printing ink.

Since the etched areas are depressed, they retain the sprayed finish, resulting in a plate that has raised characters with a painted background. Entire front panels can be etched. All fabrication must be done after etching because the etchant would undercut holes pierced into the material. Small nameplates are etched in sheets containing many plates and sheared to size.

The use of rubber stamps is common for marking of nomenclature on chassis or parts. The inks used must usually be covered with lacquer or varnish.

stenciling

Stenciling requires a mask, cut with the required characters and held against the work while paint is applied either with a brush or by spraying. The marking can then be protected with an overcoat.

Silk-screen process printing is an efficient method of applying nomenclature to electronic equipment. A film positive with the desired nomenclature is placed against a bichromate gelatin film with a vinyl backing and an exposure to light made.

The bichromate emulsion becomes solid and insoluble when exposed to light. The areas of the film not affected by light are soluble and the emulsion is washed away. The bichromate gelatin film is then adhered to a tightly stretched silk or mesh stencil and the vinyl backing removed. By placing this stencil on the surface of the part to be printed, pressing paint of the desired color through the openings of the silk will give an imprint of the desired nomenclature.

Figure 13 depicts chassis which have been imprinted using the screen printing method. Screen printing inks and paints are formulated of synthetic baking enamels which when correctly cured offer excellent adhesion to metals and resistance to abrasion and corrosion.

The printing on the panels illustrated has been overprinted with clear fungus resistant varnish to give additional protection. Screen printing is also used extensively in marking front panels.

There is also technique of screen printing on wrinkled enamels in which the printed character is inlaid and embedded into the background and gives the appearance of engraving. Figure 14 shows screen printing on a hammer-finish background and illustrates how design can be introduced to enhance appearance.

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FIG. 1—Ten special grooves are machined in tuning-pin support, using Stellite skiving tool and 10-in. power-feed lathe

Making Small Parts .

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TURNING IS ONE of the primary machining operations used in parts manufacture. It offers the advantages of single-point tooling for maximum metal removal and good finish accuracy, with production speed equal to the fastest processing equipment. Turning equipment includes the basic engine lathe and automatic lathes such as turret lathes and automatic screw machines, also tracers or shape turners that use templates.

lathes

The lathe removes material by rotating the work against a cutting tool. Parts are held between centers, attached to a face plate, supported in a jaw chuck or held in a draw-in chuck or collet. The machine is adapted to cylindrical work but may also be used for other purposes. Plain surfaces can be obtained, or workpieces centered, drilled, bored or reamed. The lathe can also be used for cutting threads, turning tapers and milling or grinding operations. In mass production, lathework is done on turret lathes and automatics.

Brackets, mounts, insulators, meter cases and other small parts of metal and plastic must be rugged, economical and have close dimensional tolerance. Fabricating processes include machining, casting, brazing and welding

Use of the lathe as a production machine is illustrated by the manufacture of a tuning-pin support. It was necessary to machine 10 angular radial convolutions in oxygen-free, high-conductivity copper rod to tolerances of ± 0.001 on a 0.248-in. diameter. Production requirements were too high to justify machining the grooves individually on a lathe and too low to justify the cost of providing automatic equipment.

As shown in Fig. 1, a skiving tool of modified design with a special tool holder did the job. The skiving tool cutting member was made from nonferrous alloy and the work put on a 10-in. power-feed lathe. The large end of the part was held in a collet and the small end supported with a revolving center in the tail stock. This center was used to eliminate any possibility of the center spinning out due to friction and tool pressure. The skiving tool was clamped, adjusted in the holder and mounted on the front cross slide. The tool was power fed tangentially across the top of the part to machine the grooves. No trouble was encountered in holding specified dimensions. Tool life was about 24 hours between sharpenings. An operation that may be considered the inverse of turning, milling is the process of cutting metal by feeding it into a rotating cutter whose edges are successively brought against the work.

milling machines

A milling machine consists of a power-driven spindle or arbor to which the cutter is attached. The part is cut by moving the table toward the tool by hand or power until the tool has bitten into the work a specified distance.

Milling machines are made so that the table will raise or lower, move right or left, in or out or swivel at an angle. The cutter may be mounted so that it is horizontal or vertical to the table or any angle. With indexing attachments, straight or helical cuts may be made on cylindrical pieces. Standard cutters are made in widths $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 in. and in all shapes and styles.

Milling machines may be classified as plain, universal, hand and vertical. Plain milling machines have the cutter revolving about a horizontal axis and the table traveling past the cutter at right angles to its axis. A hand miller is one type of plain milling machine. A universal milling machine has a table moving in a swivel carriage which allows it to travel past the cutter at different angles with its axis. Vertical milling machines have the cutter revolving about a vertical axis.

An operation indicative of the adaptability of the milling machine is the milling of 32 cooling-fin slots in a copper electron-tube shell as shown in Fig. 2. A horizontal-type milling machine is used. The machine is equipped with a fixture designed to hold two parts located at the specified angle. Sixteen slots are cut

Table I Decesso for Fair C II P

Jalkanski k	105365 101	Forming Small Parts
Type of Press	Size	Operation .
Inclinable	4-90 tons	Blanking, bending, stamp- ing, forming and assem- bling light gage sheet metal
End-wheel gap	Small to 50 tons	Blanking, forming, notch- ing, piercing and cutting long, narrow strips
Double- crank overhanging	Small	Blanking, cutting and pierc- ing large pieces of sheet metal
Straight-side high-speed	10-400 tons	Blanking and stamping for high production rates
Dieing machine	Small	Progressive die operations on small parts
die	Small	Blanking and cutting light gage material
Multislide	Small	Combined operations – blanking, forming and bending light gage metal
Double- action	Šmall, medium or large	Blanking and drawing ap- plications requiring two related operations



FIG. 2—Ganged carbide-tipped cutters mill 32 cooling-fin slots in magnetron shell. Sixteen slots are cut at a time. Tolerance is on width +0.002, -0.002 and ± 0.005 for depth and location

simultaneously on one side of each part using carbidetipped cutters arranged in a gaug and mounted on a single-spindle arbor. When this operation is completed the parts are turned 180 deg, located in an alternate position in the fixture and the slotting is completed. The tolerance of the width of the grooves is +0.002, -0.002 and ± 0.005 for the depth and location.

automatics

Automatic screw machines are essentially turret lathes designed to use only bar stock. They produce parts automatically and without constant attention. Screw machines are usually provided with an automatic feed. They are classified according to the type of turret used or the number of spindles on each machine. Multispindle machines, however, are spoken of as multispindle automatics.

Some single-spindle automatics use a cross slide for carrying tools both front and rear and have a turret mounted in a vertical position on a slide with a longitudinal movement. The two disk cams controlling the cross slide are driven by the front drive shaft. Mounted on this same shaft are three disk-shaped carriers, which have dogs to engage various trip levers that control the machine operation. One carrier controls the indexing of the turret, the center one, the collet and feeding of the stock and the remaining one, the rotation and speed of the spindle. Different tools are mounted around the turret in line with the spindle. Operations such as turning, drilling, boring and threading can be done on these machines. The kind of bar stock used-round, square, hexagonal or special shape—is fixed by the cross section desired in the end product.

Swiss automatic screw machines are often used in precision turning of small parts. The single-point tools



FIG. 3—Multispindle automatic machine drills, reams, chamfers, faces and taps 750 telephone-dial frames per hour. A 12-position die is used. Tolerance on center hole is ± 0.003 in., -0.000

used are placed radially around the carbide-lined guide bushing through which the stock is advanced. Most diameter turning is done by two horizontal tool slides while the three other slides are used principally for operations such as knurling, chamfering, cutting off and recessing. Diameters can be held to tolerances of 0.0002.

Multispindle automatics are fully automatic and are made with two, four, five, six or eight spindles. All spindles operate simultaneously and one piece is completed each time the tools are withdrawn and the spindles indexed. Attachments can be added that increase the range of cutting conditions or make possible special operations that otherwise could not be performed. Frequently, multispindle setups eliminate secondary operations with considerable savings in direct labor and overhead. Production materials in all shapes and up to $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter can be worked.

Almost any machine operation is available. Both solid and self-opening dies and taps may be applied. Taper turning, combined taper turning and boring or recessing attachments are applied to the end tool slide. A spindle-stopping mechanism can be arranged for such operations as milling, slotting and cross drilling. The multispindle automatic in Fig. 3 drills, reams, chamfers, faces and taps 750 telephone-dial frames per hour. It uses a 12-position die and drills the center hole to a tolerance of ± 0.003 in., -0.000.

broaches

Broaching is the removing of metal by an elongated tool having a number of successive teeth of increasing size which cut in a fixed path. A part is completed in one stroke of the machine, the last teeth on the cutting tool conforming to the desired shape of the finished surface. In most machines the broach is moved past



FIG. 4—Rectangular opening in magnetron shell is broached in two operations. Grooves running the length of the broach fit into keys and guides on fixtures to insure concentricity

the work, but effective results are also obtained if the tool is stationary and the work is moved. A broach consists of a work-holding fixture, tool, drive mechanism and a supporting frame.

Broaching machines are of horizontal or vertical design. Vertical machines are adapted for surface broaching although both pull and push internal broaching machines are made. Horizontal machines pull the broach and are often used on internal broaching in small and medium sized work. However, they too have many surface broaching applications. Broaching machines have been adopted for mass manufacturing because of their exceptionally high rate of production.

An application of broaching is seen in Fig. 4. The parts are cored forgings of vacuum-tube shell inserts and waveguide parts made of oxygen-free, high-conductivity copper and to fairly close tolerances. The forgings are machined such that the excessive stock is removed to insure pure oxygen-free, high conductivity material.

The shell insert blank is first turned in an automatic turret lathe by chucking in the rectangular opening using specially designed centralizing jaws mounted on an air chuck. Turned diameters and the rectangular hole are concentric within 0.004 of center.

The rectangular opening in the shell insert is broached in two operations. The narrow width is first machined to size using a guided broach. Grooves located on the narrow side and running the length of the broach fit onto keys and guides mounted centrally in the work-holding fixture and thus maintain concentricity regardless of previous hole location. Broach shift is prevented and any existing eccentricity between the rectangular hole and turned diameters corrected.

The long axis of the hole is then broached to size



FIG. 5—Compression molding eight telephone handsets at a time. Preformed shapes of thermosetting plastic are fed directly to heated metal mold

by rotating the work-holding fixture 90 deg and using a guided broach as in the previous operation.

metal forming

Cold-forming processes are used in making end-use products because of their economy in producing the desired shape. For most cold-forming operations a press is used. Although some presses are better adapted for certain types of work than others, most of the forming, punching and shearing operations can be performed on any press if the proper dies and punches are used. A list of presses commonly used in making small parts in the electronics industry is given in Table I. Other cold-forming processes of importance include bending, extruding, deep drawing and spinning.

Bending is a plastic deformation as performed on a brake, in contrast to forming which is a process making one or more bends about a linear axis by making the metal conform to a die shape. The inner radius of curvature in forming is generally specified. The machine commonly used in bending operations is called a press brake. It is suited for long bending or forming operations not adapted to regular presses.

Extruding is causing metal to flow through a shaped opening in a die to impart that shape to the metal. Extrusion can be worked by impact or continuous pressure. Both methods are commonly limited to nonferrous parts. In impact extrusion the pressures required and consequent tool duty are severe compared to stamping and deep drawing. However, this method offers unique possibilities in the manufacture of cups, shells or tubular shaped parts. Common applications include cams, cases, tubular parts with straight or tapered walls, capacitors and shielding cans.

Spinning is the operation of shaping thin metal by pressing it against a form while it is rotating. The nature of the process limits it to a symmetrical article of circular cross section. This work is done on a speed lathe similar to the ordinary wood lathe except that in place of the usual tail stock it is provided with some



FIG. 6—Joining magnetron cathode structures by high-frequency induction brazing. Bell jars maintain controlled atmosphere 90 percent nitrogen and 10 percent hydrogen to prevent oxidation

means of holding the work against the form. The forms are usually turned from hard wood and are attached to the face plate of the lathe although smooth steel chucks are recommended for production jobs.

Parts are formed by blunt hand tools which press the metal against the form. The cross slide has a hand or compounded-tool rest in front and some means for supporting a trimming cutter or forming tool in the rear.

casting

Resin-bonded shell molding is a sand-casting technique which uses, in place of the clay to bond the sand as in conventional practice, a plastic resin. This provides a strengthened bond which permits the mold to be made as a thin shell. After the plastic binder is cured, two mating halves of the mold are clipped together and placed in a pouring flask backed up with sand or steel shot for support. As the metal solidifies, the mold and the casting are drawn from the flask and the shell stripped off. Special venting is not required as the gases readily escape through the shell mold. Production tolerances of 0.002 to 0.004 in. per in. are readily obtainable and large castings have been made with less than 0.0015 in. per in. deviation. Metals cast include brass, bronze, aluminum, iron and steel.

Plaster-mold casting uses plaster as a casting investment. It has recently been accepted as a production casting method. Compared with sand molds, it has a higher molding cost but close tolerance, fine detail and good surface finish make it economically practical for short and medium production runs. The molds are destroyed by removal of the castings.

Patterns are made of free-machining brass and are held to close tolerance. They are assembled on bottom plates of standard-size flasks and before receiving the plaster are sprayed with a parting compound. The plaster is poured over the patterns with vibration used to insure filling the cavities. The plaster sets quickly and is removed from the flask by a vacuum head. Moisture is removed by baking. Plaster molds are used for

Table II - Plastics Used in Parts Fabrication

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Material	Applications	Properties	
Phenol-formaldehyde	Wire-spring relays, jack mountings, insulators, plug shells, handset handles	High resistance, dimensional stability, low cost	
Resin solution (phenolic varnish)	Insulators, spool heads	High resistance, dimensional stability, low cost	
Cast polyester	Terminal strips, cable terminal blocks, encasements	Good aging, adherence	
Reinforced glass fiber	Wiring supports	High resistance, mechanical strength toughness	
Polyvinyl chloride acetate	Loading-coil cases, wire insulation, capacitor coverings	High resistance, flexibility, toughness and abrasion resistance	
Cellulose acetate	Coil interleaving, coil wrappers, relay and jack bushings	High resistance, film strength, close dimensional toleranc <mark>es</mark>	
Cellulose acetate butyrate	Combined-set housings, number plates	lmpact strength, light weight, good surface finish	
Polystyrene	Crossbar frame dust covers	Transparency, low cost	
Polyethylene	Cable sheathing	High resistance, flexibility, chemical inertness, light weight, ductility	
Polymethyl methacrylate	Wire-spring relay du st co v ers	Transparency, mechanical strength, good aging properties	
Polyamide	Message register gears, combined set dial cam and pawl	Toughness, abrasion resistance, high resistance	
Polyethylene terephthalate	Aluminum-foil capacitor dielectric	Film strength, dielectric strength, mois- ture resistance	
Polytrifluoro- chloroethylene	Deposited-carbon resistor sleeves	Nonflammable, heat resistant, almost transparent	
Polytetrafluoro- ethylene	Relay armature stops	Nonsticking, wear resistant	

nonferrous alloys having casting temperatures up to 2,100 F. While plaster has proved an excellent mold material for yellow brass, certain bronzes, aluminum and magnesium may also be used.

Permanent mold casting utilizes molds machined from cast iron or tool steel but in some cases ceramic or refractory material is used. The mold must withstand high temperatures. Because of high cost, permanent molding should be used only for large-run production of small and medium nonferrous castings.

Castings produced by gravity in permanent molds are free from sand and have good finish and surface detail with tolerances of 0.0025 to 0.010 inches.

other casting techniques

Investment casting is used when dimensional control is important, such as in making waveguide components. It uses patterns of beeswax, frozen mercury and polystyrene plastic. Molds are made with an investment of silica and clay. As it is not necessary to open the is used to cast complicated shapes. Variations of this basic process include the lost-wax process and frozenmercury casting. In the former, a wax object is covered with a plaster investment. When the plaster hardens, the mold is heated to melt the wax while further drying and hardening the plaster. The remaining cavity is then filled with molten metal. Upon cooling, the plaster investment is chipped away leaving the desired casting. Thermoplastic polystyrene resin is sometimes used in place of wax.

mold to remove the pattern or to use cores, the process

A casting process using frozen mercury has been developed for production of precision castings. A metal mold or die is made of the part to be cast. When assembled and ready for pouring, it is partially immersed in a cold bath and filled with acetone which acts as a lubricant. Then mercury is poured into the mold, displacing the acetone. Freezing takes place in a liquid bath held at around -76 F in about 10 minutes. Patterns are removed from the mold and invested in a

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FIG. 7—Seam welding. This resistance-welding process can provide a liquid-tight joint

cold ceramic slurry by repeated dippings until a shell about $\frac{1}{5}$ inch thick is built up. Mercury is melted and removed from the shell at room temperature and after a short drying period, the shell is fired at a high temperature resulting in a hard permeable form. The shell is then placed in a flask, surrounded by sand, preheated and filled with metal.

In die casting, molten metal is formed under pressure in a metallic mold. Pressures vary from 80 to 40,000 psi and are maintained until solidification is complete. Die-casting machines consist of a press and an injection mechanism and are designed for speed so the cycle of operations resulting in a casting can be as brief as possible. The die halves are bolted to opposing platens of the press in perfect register and other moving parts are integrated with the press such that they operate automatically in proper sequence as the press opens and closes. Die casting is done by both the hot-chamber and cold-chamber methods. In the former, a melting pot is part of the machine and the machine injection cylinder is immersed in the molten metal at all times. The process is normally confined to relatively small parts. The advantages of die casting include rapid production, good finish, close tolerances and minimum machining. The high production rates result in low-cost parts providing the rate is sufficient to offset a high initial tooling cost. Die casting as a production process is limited to zinc, aluminum, copper and magnesium-base alloys.

plastics

Characteristics of plastics, such as ease and speed of forming into desired shapes in large quantities, moisture resistance and electrical resistivity have led to their increasing use in the electronics industry replacing materials such as wood, metal, ceramics and natural fibers. One company is currently using polyethylene at the rate of 6 million lbs per year, replacing lead as cable sheath with considerable cost savings. Tables II and III give applications for plastics and their more important properties.

Plastics can be divided into thermoplastic and ther-

mosetting types. Thermoplastics are heat softening. After heating, forming and cooling they can be remelted and molded again. The thermosetting plastics are heathardening and, once having been heated under pressure, the synthetic polymerizes and will not become plastic upon reheating.

Thermosetting plastics include: phenolics, ureas, melamines and polyesters. Thermoplastics include: acetates, butyrates, ethyls, vinyls, acrylics, polystyrenes, nylons, polyethylenes and nitrates. Plastics are further subdivided according to the processes by which parts are produced: molding, laminating or casting. The molding methods include compression, transfer, injection, extrusion or jet molding.

production processes

Compression molding uses powder or preformed shapes fed directly into a heated metallic mold where under heat, (250-400 F) and pressure (100 to 20,000 psi) it becomes plastic and fills the mold. The mold remains closed until the piece is cured and hardens into its final shape. Compression molding is largely used for thermosetting materials. The telephone handset in Fig. 5 is made by this method.

Transfer molding is used for thermosetting materials and makes use of a pressure chamber, separate from the mold cavity, in which the compound is plasticized by high-frequency current and pressure prior to being injected into the heated, closed mold cavity where it is cured and hardened. Transfer molding was developed for intricate-insert and slender-core parts not easily molded by compression.

Injection molding is used for molding thermoplastics and uses chilled dies to solidify liquid plastic material. Powdered material is fed into heating cylinders where it becomes molten. A plunger forces it through a nozzle under pressure (10,000 to 30,000 psi) into mold cavities. The chilled mold after a short cooling period hardens the material into final shape. No curing time is required.

Jet molding is an adaptation of injection molding for thermosetting materials. The plastic is forced by ram or screw through a heated jet where it is softened before entering the closed die. The method is particularly applicable to good flowing materials with long flow periods.

Extrusion molding is used to produce continuous rods, tubes, strips of almost any cross section from thermoplastic material. Granulated material is fed by hopper into a heating cylinder through which it is forced by a screw into a shaping die. Continuous lengths are usually produced by this method at a rate of 500 to 1,000 ft per hour, the hot material cooling and hardening on takeoff belts. Die requirements are relatively inexpensive and equipment is much simpler than for other methods of forming plastics. Generally, thermoplastic materials are extruded. Casting is often used when the number of parts desired is not sufficient to justify making die equipment. It is usually used with phenolic resins in lead molds. The molds are hand-filled with the prepared resin in a liquid state and baked until the material reaches the required hardness. Casting is recommended for preparing short rods, tubes and various shapes to be used in later machining operations. Machined surfaces have a dull white appearance which may be removed by tumbling with wood blocks and abrasive particles or by buffing. Cast products include terminal strips, instrument cases, and terminal blocks.

Laminated plastics consist of sheets of paper, fabric, asbestos, wood or similar material impregnated or coated with resin and combined under heat and pressure. These materials are hard, strong, impact resisting and unaffected by heat and water and have desirable properties for numerous electrical applications. They may consist of a few sheets or over a hundred depending on the thickness and properties desired. Although most laminated stock is in sheet form, rods, tubes and special shapes are available. The material has good machining characteristics which permit its fabrication into many types of small parts.

In manufacture the resinoid material, usually thermosetting, is dissolved by a solvent to convert it into a liquid varnish. Reels of paper or fabric are then passed through a bath for impregnation. This is a continuous operation and as the sheet leaves the resinoid bath, it goes through a dryer which evaporates the solvent leaving a fairly stiff sheet impregnated with plastic.

welding and brazing

Welding includes pressure, nonpressure and brazing processes. In pressure welding both pieces of metal are forged together while in a plastic state; actual melting may or may not occur. In nonpressure welding the metal is fused or melted together. In brazing, a filler metal of lower melting point is used to join the parts; no forging action is present nor do the parts melt. Brazing, resistance welding, arc welding and gas welding are of primary importance to the electronics industry in the manufacture of small parts.

Brazing is similar to soldering but in brazing parts are joined by copper, zinc or silver alloys having melting points below that of the parent metal but above 800 F. The filler metal is introduced in a liquid state between the surfaces of the joint by capillary attraction. Temperatures range from 1,100 to 1,983 F. Four types of filler are commonly used: copper, copper alloys, silver alloys and aluminum alloys.

The melting point of copper, 1,982 F, limits its application to ferrous metals and other high-melting-point alloys including high-speed steel and tungsten carbide. Copper is frequently used in furnace brazing at 2,000 to 2,100 F with a protective atmosphere. Joints in steel parts brazed with copper have high strengths resulting



FIG. 8—Miniature welding machine used in making miniature tubes. Wire tabs 0.006 \times 0.002 in. are welded to 0.25-in. diameter cathodes

from copper penetration and grain flow. Copper alloys for brazing are brass and bronze alloys having melting points ranging up to 1,980 F.

Silver-alloy brazing employs melting temperatures from 1,165 to 1,550 F. Pure silver is seldom used because alloys of silver such as silver and brass have a lower melting temperature and better melting and flowing characteristics. The silver brazing alloys are intended for use where higher physical strengths are required than are obtainable with soft solder or brazing spelter. Silver-brazed joints may be subjected to temperatures up to 425 F without appreciable loss in strength or to temperatures up to 200 F below their melting points if used only for sealing.

Aluminum alloys have melting temperatures ranging from 1,025 to 1,785 F and are used for brazing aluminum. The filler metal is usually applied in the form of wire or sheet-metal washer. The brazing temperature is above the recrystallization temperature so that coldworked alloys are annealed.

There are four methods used in heating the metal to complete a joint: dipping in a bath of filler metal or flux, furnace brazing, torch brazing and electric brazing—resistance, induction or arc. The magnetrons in Fig. 6 are having their cathode structures brazed by the high-frequency induction technique.

The joint must first be cleaned of all oil, dirt or oxide and the pieces properly fitted together with appropriate clearance for the filler metal. Mechanical or chemical cleaning may be necessary in addition to the use of flux. Borax, either alone or in combination with other salts, is commonly used as flux and is applied as a thin paste. Borax and boric acid mixtures are suitable above 1,400 F. Commercial fluxes are available for use with lower flow point alloys for brazing stainless steels and for aluminum bronze.

The filler metal is frequently prepared in rings, washers, rods or other special shapes to fit the joint being brazed. Joints may be of the lap, butt, sleeve or scarf type or of various shapes obtained by curling, upsetting or seaming. Brazing is important in vacuum-tube appli-

Table III — Comparative Properties of Plastics

Material	Tens Str (psi ×1,000)	Flex Str (psi ×1,000)	Compr Str (psi X1,000)	Izod Impact (ft-Ib per in.)	Diel- ectric Str (volts per mil)	Resist. (ohm- cm×10 ⁿ)	Arc Resist. (sec)	Water Absorp. (per- cent)	Therm Expan Coeff (×10 ⁻⁵ per deg C)
Phenol-formaldehye	7	14	20	0.3	350	12	5	0.2	4
Urea-formaldehyde	9	12	30	0.3	350	1.3	1,25	1.9	. 3
Melamine-formaldehyde	7	14	40	0.3	350	13	145	-	5
Cast phenol-formaldehyde	7	14	15	0.3	375	11.	225	0.4	7
Cast polyester	6	13	20	0.3	450	1,4	12,5	0.4	9
Cast epoxy	12	19	15	0.5	400	14	115	0.1	6
Polyvinyl chloride	8	14	-	0.5	600	16		0.4	-
Polyvinyl chloride-acetate	8	14	10	0.5	425	16	70	0.1	7
Polyvinyl butyral	6	10	10	0.8	400	14		2	15
Polyvinylidene chloride	5	16		2	350	15	-	0	19
Cellulose acetate	6	12	25	2	275	12	180	4	13
Cellulose acetate butyrate	5	7	15	3	325	11		2	14
Ethyl cellulose	5	8	15	5	425	13	175	1.3	15
Polystyrene	7	9	15	0.3	600	<mark>18</mark>	100	0.4	7
Polyethylene	2	2	-	-	450	14	135	0	17
Polymethyl methacrylate	7	15	15	0.4	475	15		0.4	9
Polyamide	10	12	15	1	<mark>40</mark> 0	13	140	1.5	10
Polyethylene terephthalate	20	-		-	-	19		-	2
Polytrifluorochloroethylene	6	8	50	4	400	18	360	0	6
Polytetrafluoroethylene	2	2	2	4	475	16	700	0	10

cations, manufacturing magnetrons and for special uses where high ductility and malleability are required.

Resistance welding is a production process adapted to joining light-gage metal that can be lapped. Spot welding is a form of resistance welding. It is the welding of two or more sheets of metal held between metal electrodes, applying pressure and then passing high current between the electrodes and through the work. The current is on just long enough to melt the metal under the electrodes so that the pressure of the electrodes will forge the metal together. The current is high, the voltage is low and there is no danger of shock from the welding current. In an average job the current is on only about 2/10 second and the pressure is about 500 lbs. The electrodes must be in firm contact with the work before the current comes on and the current must go off before the electrodes leave the work to avoid dangerous arcing.

Spot welds are really forge-welds, so usually there will be marks left by the electrodes that exert the forg-

ing pressure—at least on one side. Spot welds in steel up to 0.078 in. can be made relatively free of marks on one side if a flat electrode is used on that side. To make a markless spot weld requires that the material be welded without heating the surface opposite the weld. Markless spot welding can be made with special equipment for which capacitor discharge power is required. This welder makes a spot weld so quickly that only the surface of the metal right in the weld reaches welding temperature.

Seam welding is used in making liquid-tight joints. The work is put between two large but thin copper rolls and the seam is passed between these roll edges. As the seam rolls through, this current is turned on and off rapidly making a series of overlapping spots. For a tight seam in 0.031-in. material, the electronic timer would keep the current going at 3 cycles on and 2 cycles off making ten welds per inch at the rate of 72 in. of seam per minute. A seam-welding operation is illustrated in Fig. 7.



Cathode-ray storage tube for large digital computer requires magnetic shielding to exclude stray fields. Shield is fabricated from magnetic alloy by sheet-metal development

Shielding and Potting . . .

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A shield is a metallic barrier to attenuate or decrease radio-frequency energy (either electric or magnetic fields) passing through it. Shields are either electrostatic or electromagnetic. The electrostatic shield is used primarily against interference or fields of the electric type, such as those produced by a charged capacitor.

Electrostatic shields are normally of high-conductivity material such as aluminum, brass or copper (Table I). The thickness of the material to be used may be determined from an equation giving the energy absorbed by the material¹

Loss =
$$3.34S (f \mu_r \sigma_r)^{1/2}$$
 (1)

Where S is thickness of material in mils, μ_r is relative permeability, σ_r is conductivity relative to copper and f is frequency in mc.

Another method of expressing the penetration loss is to define the thickness which reduces the voltage at the shield barrier to 37 percent of its original value

$$d = 1,980 \ (R/\mu f)^{1/2} \tag{2}$$

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Fabrication of electrostatic and electromagnetic shielding for optimum electrical performance and potting, embedding and encapsulating techniques required to guard against moisture, fungus or accidental short circuits are discussed

Where R is the resistivity in ohms per cubic centimeter, f is the frequency in cps, μ is the permeability and d is the skin depth in inches.

Therefore

penetration loss in db =
$$\frac{8.686}{d} \left(\frac{f}{R}\right)^{1/2}$$
 (3)

Thus calculation of the thickness of material for a given loss is greatly simplified.

There is also associated with the metallic material used, a reflection loss

reflection loss in db =
$$(f/R)^{1/2}$$
 (4)

The combination of these losses (Eq. 3 and 4) is the total loss for a given field offered by the solid sheet of metal.

electrostatic shielding

In most cases of shielding against electric fields, however, the mechanical engineer must consider other factors such as rigidity of the chassis for the purpose of meeting shock and vibration specifications. Conse-

¹ Electrostatic and electromagnetic shielding ⁹ Potting, embedding and encapsulating

quently, a sufficient thickness of aluminum or other nonmagnetic material is usually provided which precludes the field energy's radiating from the equipment.

Very often a mesh material must be used between chassis to permit the flow of air for cooling. So long as the flange mounting the screen does not permit the leakage of energy, the screen material will offer almost the same loss as a solid sheet. Normally a No. 20 mesh copper, aluminum or bronze screen will suffice for suppressing frequencies above 150 kc.

Rigidity requirements of the chassis usually dictate use of metal thick enough for adequate shielding except in the case of small subchassis. However, it is possible that if the unit does not have continuous metalto-metal contact at all seams and joints, serious leakage can result. Fastening screws spaced a maximum of two inches apart on centers will provide a good contact. The mating surfaces must be clean and free of paint and any other insulating material.

metal gaskets

Many times, metal-to-metal contact of surfaces is insufficient to contain the fields generated within an equipment. Here metal gaskets or spring fingers find wide use. Beryllium copper fingers are utilized primarily on flat rectangular surfaces for sealing doors or small chassis such as radar receivers or i-f strips.

Conductive metal gaskets find use in almost all sealing applications whether the assembly is a sheet-metal cabinet, heavy casting or waveguide flange. One good type of gasket has as a base material a knitted wire mesh that can be made from any metal or alloy that can be drawn into wire. Being metal, the mesh is conductive; being knitted, it is flexible and resilient. A monel gasket is especially resilient and corrosion resistant. Where shielding and sealing both are required, metal gaskets are combined with neoprene or a similar material.

Figures 1 and 2 illustrate how use is made of the resiliency of a metal gasket. Figure 3 shows its application on a flange joint. The joints may be roughly machined with the gasket supplying the necessary complete surface-to-surface contact. In this type of application the gasket should be higher than the depth of the flange groove to insure good contact and should be located inside the bolt hole when possible to prevent leakage through the holes.

Figure 4 shows a compression curve as height relative to nominal height versus applied pressure in psi for a gasket of flattened 0.0045-in. monel wire. Figure 5 shows the shielding effectiveness of the monel metal gasket in decibels versus applied pressure. Frequency is 30 mc.

A new application is being tried in which knitted mesh provides flexibility under vibration, air flow for cooling and at the same time shielding against an intense electric field.

Problems in magnetic shielding occur primarily in the low-frequency range-60 cps to 30 mc. Usually ferro-



FIG. 1—Wire-mesh gasket around top of cabinet is compressed when lid is closed and forms radiation-proof electrostatic shield

magnetic materials are employed for shielding against magnetic fields.

magnetic shielding

Magnetic fields are generally produced by transformers and coils. Nonmagnetic materials find little utilization in shielding against such low-frequency fields, since the reflection and penetration losses are low at low frequencies. In designing against magnetic fields the induction or near field is the energy source to be shielded against even though external fields may be present due to other equipment radiation.

The parameters useful in defining depth of penetration and relative electric thickness of materials¹ are $\sigma = \text{conductivity}$, $\mu = \text{permeability}$, $\omega = 2\pi f = \text{an-}$ gular frequency of the field, d = thickness of shield, P = relative electric thickness, $d_o = \text{depth of penetra-}$ tion and $\beta = 1/d_o$

$$P = d\beta = d \left(\omega \mu \sigma/2\right)^{1/2} \tag{4}$$

The depth of penetration as previously defined is the distance, from the surface of the shield, at which the field is attenuated to 37 percent of its surface value. Shields where $d/d_s = p \ll 1$ are called electrically thin shields. Shields where $p \gg 1$ are electrically thick. The delineation between an electrically thin and electrically thick shield occurs at the critical frequency f_c . At this point $d = d_s$ or p = 1

$$f_c = \frac{1}{\pi \mu \sigma d^2} \tag{5}$$

Quantity p may be calculated for any frequency.² It is essential however in all cases to know the effective permeability and conductivity at the frequency of interest. At present, an attempt is being made to develop a standard technique for frequency and attenuation evaluation of ferromagnetic materials.

In general, the problem of shielding against internally generated magnetic fields by transformers and coils requires either shielding the source or shielding the com-



FIG. 1—Wire-mesh gasket around top of cabinet is compressed when lid is closed and forms radiation-proof electrostatic shield

ponent or chassis which can be most affected or both.

In the case of cathode-ray tubes, mesh shielding protection against power-line frequencies must be effected to preclude modulation of the beam current by the fields produced by transformers. Much effort has gone into the fabrication of such shields. A typical example is shown in the photograph.

In some cases multiple shields are required to extend the shielding into a higher frequency range such as 30 mc. Here laminates of mumetal and copper are used with excellent results.

materials for shielding

Electromagnetic shielding materials depend for their shielding action upon their high magnetic permeability and low remanence. The alloys used are based on the elements iron, nickel and cobalt. Iron alone does not give a high enough permeability in many cases but alloys of iron, nickel and cobalt with proper heat treatment yield permeabilities as high as 100,000. The basic phenomenon which is controlled by alloying and heat treatment is the aligning of the magnetic domains. The energy necessary for this alignment process is so great that dimensional changes in the metal are caused by the magnetizing forces. This dimensional change is termed magnetostriction.

Metallurgical variables which control the tensile strength of a material also control the permeability. These metallurgical variables are grain size and orientation, alloying elements and impurities. Grain size controls the ease of magnetization in the same manner as it controls yield and tensile strengths. The larger the grain size the less the hardness and the greater the permeability. Grain orientation is important because crystallographically magnetism is anisotropic in nature.

Silicon serves another purpose inasmuch as iron alloys containing more than $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent silicon do not exhibit the allotropic transformation which causes recrystallization to occur in some iron alloys during cooling. Thus the large grains formed at high temperatures are maintained. Just as a larger grain size means a lower yield point in tensile testing so also does a larger grain size mean that less energy is required for magnetization. For maximum permeability, the rolling direction must be kept nearly parallel to the direction of the magnetic field. Increased efficiency may be had by making duplicate or triplicate shields of thin material and orienting each shield so that the magnetic field in all three axis is absorbed.

Another important alloying element used with iron is nickel. The characteristic of nonnickel alloys that gives them such high permeability is the difference of the directions of the magnetostriction of nickel and iron. Iron has a positive magnetostriction; nickel a negative one. Thus by proper alloying, less magnetostriction occurs with concomitantly less energy necessary for maximum permeability. Important iron-nickel alloys are around 50 percent nickel and 80 percent nickel. Minor amounts of other alloying elements are added to commercial alloys.

The addition of silicon in iron, followed by proper cold reduction and annealing, causes an alignment of the < 100 > or family of 100 planes parallel to the rolling direction. This crystallographic direction is also the direction of easy magnetization for body centered cubic crystals. Thus a minimum of energy is needed to align the domains.

manufacturing processes

Shielding devices are made largely by sheet-metal techniques with little or no machining. There are, however, instances where machining is necessary. Machining of magnetic-shield materials employs techniques similar to those developed for nickel² and monel³. Lubrication



FIG. 2-Three ways to design electrostatic shielding. When shields are spot welded metal gaskets are compressed forming a tight radiation seal

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FIG. 3—Sealing a flange joint against radiation. For best results metal gaskets should be located inboard of bolt holes

is necessary during machining but must be removed prior to heating so as not to allow free sulfur to embrittle the nickel alloys.

The materials can be stamped and formed into simple shapes but not without a great deal of caution. Generous curves should be allowed during forming. Each manufacturer has his own tooling and equipment problem and must shape the material accordingly. A successful way of producing c-r tube shields of both silicon and nickel alloys is sheet-metal development. Normally the shield is made of three parts, front ring, cone and voke shield. The conical piece is developed from sheet material. Normal practice is to blank out a semicircular sheet. The curved sides are serrated by V notches the roots of which have a generous radii. Lands between these notches are later bent to form the flange over which the front ring and the yoke shield are slid. The developed cone is spot welded together. The spot welding schedules are similar to those for steel. When making the shield of grain-oriented silicon-iron, the rolling direction and the direction of the magnetic field must be nearly parallel for maximum permeabilities. A magnetic shield for a color ty tube is pictured. This form is developed by winding a thin ribbon of magnetic material.

There are two different types of heat treatment given to both iron-silicon and iron-nickel alloys: for formability and for permeability. One thing common to both alloys and heat treatments is that all parts must be thoroughly degreased prior to heat treatment. Not only is this necessary because of the carbon present but also because of the sulfur which could cause severe grainboundary attack in the iron-nickel alloys. Also, heat treatments must be carried out in a reducing atmosphere—usually hydrogen. The recommended temperature for formability annealing both silicon and nickel alloys is 1,400 to 1,600 F.

heat treatment

The heat treatment for magnetic permeability is performed after all fabrication operations. Any forming, bending or sandblasting after the magnetic annealing will necessitate a reanneal. If the parts are to be in contact with each other in the heat-treating furnace they should be powdered with dried calcined alumina, 400 mesh or finer, to prevent sticking. The normal safety precautions for working in a reducing (hydrogen) atmosphere must be observed.

Iron-silicon alloys fall into two groups, the oriented and nonoriented material. The former material is annealed at 1,350 to 1,400 F since higher temperatures result in breakdown of the preferred orientation. The preferred orientation and enlarged grain size already exist in the material by virtue of a mill anneal after cold rolling. The nonoriented material is usually annealed at 1,850 F. The usual holding time is two to four hours.

The annealing of the iron-nickel alloys to develop their full permeability properties must be closely controlled. They must be annealed in a sealed retort in the presence of dried electrolytic hydrogen (dew point, -60 F at 2,000 F for times of saturation plus two-four hours). The cooling rate must not exceed 100 F per hour to 1,100 F; below that temperature the cooling rate is not important. The parts must be loaded with care to prevent distortion since any cold adjustment of the distortion after annealing will immediately impair the desired magnetic properties.

In many instances simultaneous electrostatic and

Table I — Nonmagnetic Metals for Electrostatic Shielding							
Metal	Relative Conductivity	Minimum Thickness (mils)					
Aluminum	0.61	13					
Brass	0.25	20					
Copper	1.00	10					
Zinc	0.29	18.5					



FIG. 4—Deflection characteristics of wire-mesh gaskets (Metal Textile Corp.)

electromagnetic shielding is desired. A common installation is a trilayer construction with the electromagnetic material as the top and bottom surfaces.

The proper material to use is a function of the protection needed. An efficient material is the 80 percent nickel-iron type alloys. There are instances, however, where even ingot iron will give adequate protection from magnetic fields. Should nickel become scarce, many shielding devices using alloys of high nickel content, especially those in commercial equipment such as color



FIG. 5--Shielding properties of metal gaskets are improved by compression

tv might substitute a trilayer construction of grainoriented silicon-iron.

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Potting, Embedding and Encapsulating

S^{EALING} MATERIALS may be used for encapsulating, embedding or potting. Encapsulating involves coating the part by dipping or brushing. Embedding means creating a self-supporting structure of the part and its resin jacket, while potting entails placing the part in a shield can or other enclosure.

Bituminous compounds are used to obtain high efficiency from power transformers and chokes by providing good heat transfer from the windings.

Bituminous compounds for potting have low stain and a high softening point—265-275 F. The compounds should also have low viscosity at a convenient pouring temperature—about 425 F.

One of the first compounds for potting components such as audio transformers and tuned circuits was beeswax. The part was wrapped in kraft paper to prevent shorting to the case and molten beeswax poured in. Microcrystalline waxes produced in petroleum refining have been found an economical and adequate substitute for beeswax and are more widely used today. Microcrystalline wax can be poured at 133 F.

thermosetting resins

Polyester resins are unsaturated alkyds combined with a reactive monomer such as styrene or diallyl phthalate. They can be solidified by use of an organic

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peroxide catalyst with or without heat. When the catalyst is added the reaction proceeds slowly at room temperature but after a period called the tank or pot life solidification or gelation occurs. The process then continues more rapidly and with the evolution of heat until the plastic is fully cured. During curing the resin shrinks 7-10 percent. Ordinarily polyester resins are cured at 225-250 F to reduce cure time. Production cycles vary with the type of resin, proportion of catalyst and temperature but cycles for potting and embedding electronic components can be in the order of minutes.

Epoxy type polymers solidify upon addition of a curing agent and, in most cases, application of heat. Pot life of 4 to 6 hours is not uncommon. The curing temperature varies widely but some epoxies can be cured by temperatures of about 150 F in a few hours. Some curing agents used with epoxy resins are toxic and the precautions suggested by the manufacturer should be followed. Shrinkage can be as low as 2 percent before gelation and 2 percent after. Shrinkage of both epoxy and polyester resins can be reduced by adding filler material such as glass fibers, asbestos, silica or alumina.

techniques

Embedments are made by pouring the resin into removable shells. Mold materials and release agents often

Table II — Mechanic	al and Electrical P	roperties of Typico	al Sealing Compound	ds
	Microcrystalline Wax	Bituminous Compound	Polyester Resin	Epoxy Resin
Specific Gravity		1.45-1.55	1.22	1.19
Hardness (Barcol impressor)		15-22	45-50	36
Tensile Strength (psi)		9 Q.C.	7,000-8,000	8,000
Compressive Strength (psi)			21,000-23,000	18,400
Notched Izod Impact Strength (ft-Ib /in.)			0.17	0.36
Heat Distortion Point (264 psi)	135 F (melts)	245-300 F (softens)	190 F	189 F
Linear Coefficient of Thermal Expansion per deg C			7.2-9 × 10 ⁻⁵	6.7 × 10-5
Dielectric Strength (v/mil; ½-in. thickness)			480	400-500
Dielectric Constant				
at 1 kc	2.3	2.66	3.15	3.8
at 10 mc	2.3	2.57	3.03	3.8
Loss Factor				
at 1 kc	0.0006	0.0035	0.011	0.0023
at 10 mc	0.0004	0.0010	0.054	0.019
Arc Resistance (seconds)			125	240
D-C Volume Resistivity (ohm-cm)		1737	3.3 × 10 ⁸	8.7 × 10 ¹⁴

must be selected with care. Both metal and plastic molds are used—plastics used include Teflon and polyethylene. Release agents used include carnauba wax, cellulose acetate and silicone greases. However, some resins may react with certain release agents or the use of some agents may create problems if the embedment is subsequently to be painted. The advice of the manufacturer of the resin should be sought.

When parts are encapsulated, curing is sometimes done in ovens or under banks of infrared lamps. In pouring embedments or in potting it is important that no air bubbles be trapped. This can be avoided by careful pouring which includes tilting the mold. In some cases a centrifuge may be employed. Some mechanical and electrical properties of representative sealing compounds from each of the four groups discussed are given in Table II.

steps in sealing

Steps to be followed in potting, encapsulating and embedding may now be summarized.

(1) Select the proper compound and determine if a filler is needed. Fillers and plasticizers may be used if shrinkage is a factor. Fillers may also be used for coloring, varying the coefficient of expansion, improving high frequency characteristics, changing viscosity and improving low-temperature operation.

(2) Where two or more ingredients are used, measure carefully the portions. The ratio of hardener or catalyst to resin is particularly important.

(3) Make sure that the coils, transformers or other components are free from moisture by preheating them; keep moisture from resin compounds.

(4) Do not use air-drying varnishes except for surface impregnation. Use internal curing varnishes for impregnation only, not for hermetic sealing.

(5) Check the adhesion of the resin to be used to the metals of which the leads, bushings and shield cans are made. Where leads are to be brought out of the assembly, it is often best to use bare metal. Some resins may react with copper or other metals and care also must be exercised to prevent this type of corrosion.



Kinematic systems used in field of electronics range from antenna drive system of giant airborne radar equipment (left) to tiny computer elements (right) used in ground-position indicator



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Input and output systems of electronic equipment almost invariably involve moving parts. Mechanical design of such systems is particularly important in radar, computers and automatic control devices

BASICALLY there are two modes of motion, rotation and translation. The former of these is in much more widespread use, possibly due to the comparative ease in containing the motion. Included in the field of pure rotary parts are pulleys, gears, bearings and universal joints, while there are but a few cases of pure translational movement.

shafting and remote control

Probably the most commonly used component in the field of moving parts is the shaft. It is used in practically all cases of rotation and in many instances involving translation. Basically, there are two types of shafting, rigid and flexible. The former of these is used quite extensively, especially the round shaft, which is a component so common that it is often taken for granted. There are many shapes of shafts, but costs (especially those of mating parts) dictate the use of the round shaft. Fabrication is relatively simple since stock is available in all standard sizes and simple turning can usually result in any desired shape. In using solid round shafting, the basic design problems are tolerances and materials. Tolerances are usually determined by the shaft supports or by the components that mount on the shaft. All grades of shafting are commercially available, even accurately ground stock, so that final determination can be made on the function versus cost basis.

rigid shafting

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Nonround shafts are being used more and more, especially in cases where the elimination of keys, set screws etc is desired. However, it should be pointed out that this design is usually more costly unless



FIG. 1-Universal joint joining two shafts. Typical curve for input-out put shaft position (A) and method of positioning shafts (B)

stamped parts are used extensively in mounting components on the shaft.

Of course, in the precision field there may be many cases where a nonround shaft is the answer to the design problem, especially where positioning is important.

Round shafting is also used for transmitting translational movement. Actually any solid link could work equally as well, but designers have used the round rod since round bearings are readily available and it is easy to turn or drill mating parts. However, in cases where stampings can be used and no turning of the shaft is desired, a nonround shaft is used. Actually, in cases where stamping is either not available or not desired, keys on a round shaft solve both the support and rotational problems quite well.

Another variation is that of the hollow shaft, which is designed to meet the same basic demands to which the solid shaft is subject. It can be used in cases where weight is of extreme importance or where the space inside of the shaft is needed for a fluid, wiring or even another shaft. This design, being used in mechanisms where compactness is the key to the design, necessitates care in insuring proper supports for each shaft.

flexible shafting

In contrast to rigid shafting, flexible shafting is used extensively for transmitting both rotational and translational movements. Flexible shafts can be used to take up misalignment between shafts, to allow for relative movement between parts, or to connect two shafts without using gearing. In precision designs, care must be taken since there is some inherent backlash in using a flexible shaft for transmitting rotation. Most manufacturers' catalogs are fairly complete and should



FIG. 2—Disk and wheel friction drive mechanism

be consulted in reference to the dos and don'ts of flexible shafting. For the best results, it is usually better to contain the shaft within a sheath, protecting the moving member and giving greater support in general.

supports and bearings

When considering shafting, it follows that supports and bearings are topics that are closely allied. Actually there are many types of bearings whose use are dictated by the precision versus the cost criterion. The simplest support is a hole in the mating piece that is large enough to contain the shaft. Of course precision is poor, cost is little and the friction is high if the piece be made from common materials.

The next refinement is to bore the hole accurately and to keep closer tolerances on the shaft. This approach results in a lapped hole and a finely polished shaft that afford good precision, moderately high costs and a moderate amount of friction.

Another approach is the use of a bearing material that is usually either a soft, ductile material or a harder

material that is self-lubricating.

For cases where both precision and friction are the important factors, there is the ball bearing with all of its many extensions. Sizes of ball bearings are quite varied and there are several different grades of precision that are available.

small bearings

At this point it would be well to make mention of the subminiature and inch bearings, a field that has sprung up in recent years. There are commercially available small, precise, radial ball bearings with o.d.'s as small as 0.0100 in. and bores as small as 0.0197 in. Pivot bearings are available with o.d.'s of 0.043 in. and widths of 0.028 in.

Bearings of this type have helped immensely in the field of instrumentation and should be used in the precision field wherever possible. When using bearings with very small bores, it would be well to be careful with the shaft design, since these shafts are extremely delicate and can be damaged by common handling.

Most small bearings have their outer races pressed into the supporting pieces. However, this practice is not too good when loads get high or when bearing sizes get too large. For such cases, the designer should rely on bearing supports or pillow blocks that are marketed by the bearing manufacturers. These supports are especially designed to take the larger torques prevalent between the outer races and the housings. The designer, of course, can design his own housing if the problem warrants it. However, he must be careful not to rely on press fits when this torque gets too high.

Another consideration in bearing design is that of maintenance. To obtain satisfactory operation, the bearing must be kept free from dirt and properly lubricated. Sealed and shielded bearings are available to take care of this problem, but when an open bearing is used, the design must contain provisions for keeping the bearing clean and properly lubricated. The latter problem is especially difficult if the bearing will be operated at elevated temperatures.

A device that should be considered with shafting and supports is the universal joint. In the use of this component, care must be taken in the design, since the relative position of the input shaft with regard to the output shaft is not fixed. See Fig. 1A.

This is an important consideration in the design of a precision positioning device such as a servo gear train. However, a universal joint is an excellent device for transmitting rotation between two nonparallel shafts and if position is desired, the designer should use two joints, having them properly positioned with respect to each other. See Fig. 1B.

belts, chains and friction drives

This category of components has a somewhat limited use in the electronic equipment field, being better suited for power equipment. There are, however, several instances where they have been quite useful.

One particular case is that of controls such as tuning dials, where the transmission of rotary motion is desired, with no regard to slippage and where costs

Table I — Materials Used in Fabricating Gears								
	Cast Iron	Stainless Steel	Heat- Treated Steel	Brass	Aluminum	Nylon	Plastic	Fiber
Strength	Fair	Good	Good	Fair	Fair to Good	Fair	Poor to Good	Poor to Good
Wear	Fair	Fair	Good to Excellent	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair to Good	Poor to Fair
Machinability	Good	Fair to Good	Fair to Good	Excellent	Good	Good	Poor to Good	Fair to Good
Weight	Heavy	Heavy	Heavy	Heavy	Light	Light	Light to Heavy	Light
Dielectric Strength	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good	Fair to Excellent	Good to Excellent
Resistance to Heat	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Poor	Poor to Good	Fair to Good
Resilience	Poor	Fair to Good	Fair to Good	Good	Fair	Poor to Fair	Poor to Good	Poor to Good
Corrosion Resistance	Poor	Good	Good	Good to Excellent	Good to Excellent	Good	Poor to Good	Poor



FIG. 3—Types of gears used in electronic equipment: spur (A), worm (B), bevel (C), helical (D) and spiral gears (E). Also shown is planetary or epicyclic gear train

should be kept low. If slippage is not desired, chains and timing belts can be used; however, there is an increase in costs due to more complex belting and sprockets.

Belting is best used in transmitting power from the prime mover, but this is done usually in cases where more than 1/5 horsepower is involved. In these cases a V belt is usually used and again if slippage is not desired, a timing belt or the like can be used.

Chain drives have not been used too extensively since they are somewhat heavy and fairly costly. There are cases however, where the interference of other components presents problems that the use of chains and sprockets can easily solve.

The principle of friction drives has been used to a greater extent. The majority of clutches use this principle to transmit power, since a drive of this type is the easiest to engage and disengage. This article will not attempt to start to mention the many possible, designs using a friction type clutch.

A characteristic of the disk and wheel friction drive

shown in Fig. 2 is its ability to multiply two inputs together with very simple controls. This feature is often used for mechanical integrators, or simpler still, a reversible, variable speed drive.

gears

Probably one of the most versatile items in the field of moving parts is the gear. The primary purpose of the gear train is to transmit power or position from one shaft to another. This can be accomplished with a change in speed, whether or not the shafts are parallel, and without slippage between the driver and the driven members. Gear trains can also combine inputs algebraically by using combinations of mating gears.

There is no limit to the number of materials that can be used for gearing. The major requirements are those of hardness and ability to absorb wear. Gear trains are usually used to transmit relative position.

If the gear train is one designed primarily for positioning, the wear factor is usually small and material consideration is based on material and fabrication costs tempered by the design criteria.

For the transmission of power, the factor of tooth strength becomes important since there is considerable bearing of one gear upon the other with resulting wear and local heating problems. Metals have been widely used for gearing and for the most part have proved very satisfactory. However, in recent years, plastic and other nonmetallic gears have been used in increasing numbers. In many cases, the latter have proved as good, if not better, than the metallic gears.

types

The simplest form of gearing is the spur gear, Fig. 3A. Because of its comparative ease of manufacture and its versatility, it is the most widely used of all of the forms of gearing. Spur gearing is used extensively in small precision devices since the smallest gears are now available in this form.

The form of gearing which is probably the second most widely used is the worm gear and worm wheel illustrated in Fig. 3B. The worm and worm wheel are capable of large reductions in speed with but one stage of gearing. This reduction is done between two nonintersecting shafts that are perpendicular to each other. This form of gearing has the feature of nonreversibility since it is difficult and at times impossible to drive the worm by turning the worm wheel. The effectiveness of this feature depends on the design of the lead angle of the worm gear.

Other forms of gearing include bevel gears, helical gears, spiral gears, differential mechanisms, rack-andpinion gears and planetary or epicyclic gear trains. Bevel gears, Fig. 3C are used for the transmission of rotation between two intersecting shafts. They have the disadvantages of cantilever type shaft supports, noninterchangeability and difficulty in assembly and disassembly.

Helical gears portrayed in Fig. 3D are used to transmit



FIG. 4-Special gearing systems: differential gears (A), rack and pinion (B), intermittent gears (C) and Geneva mechanism (D)

heavier loads at higher speeds with quieter operation. They are capable of transmitting rotation between two parallel shafts. Their disadvantage lies in the transmission of axial thrusts to the gear shafts and inherently high fabrication costs.

Spiral gears, Fig. 3E, allow for the transmission of rotation between two nonintersecting, nonparallel shafts. Planetary or epicyclic gear trains shown in Fig. 3F are used for small or large speed changes where the input and output shafts are in line and where no fixed idler shaft is required.

Differential mechanisms, Fig. 4A, are widely used in electronics. They consist of combinations of bevel and spur gears. Actually a differential mechanism is an epicyclic gear train in which the fixed gear is now allowed to move, giving the effect of a double epicyclic train. The purpose of an ordinary differential is the algebraic combination of two inputs.

Rack and pinion gears, Fig. 4B, transform rotational motion to translation and vice versa by the use of gearing. Spur, bevel and helical toothforms can be used for this type of mechanism. The latter has the advantage of being able to vary the angle between the shaft of the pinion and the line of action of the rack.

Another series of components that should be considered in this section are the noncontinuous types such as the intermittent gears and the Geneva mechanism. These components are capable of changing constant speed rotation to intermittent rotation. There are many variations in the design of these devices and Fig. 4C and 4D show typical designs of each of these types. These components have found much use in computer mechanisms and counting devices, but their use is somewhat limited since, unless large quantities are made, the design and fabrication costs are quite high.

toothform

The most important factors in the design of gears are those involving the toothform and include the type of teeth, the pressure angle and the pitch. Some degree of standardization has occurred in recent years, with the result that both the pressure angle and the type of teeth have been more or less tied down.

At the turn of the century, there were many forms of gearing which included conjugate, cycloidal and composite toothforms. However, at present, in electronic devices, the involute toothform is almost the only one used. The major reasons for this evolution of this standard are the inherently superior rolling contact of the teeth, the comparative ease in manufacture and the fact that inaccuracies and wear can occur without seriously damaging gear action.

Of course there are variations of the involute system such as extended addendums or shortened teeth such as those found in stub-tooth systems; however, these



FIG. 5-Interference effects in gears

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are used in electronic mechanisms primarily to avoid interference.

Two pressure angles, $14\frac{1}{2}$ and 20 deg, have been used as standards. The former has been widely used and is present in most commercially available stock gears. In recent years, especially in electromechanical devices, the trend has been for smaller parts and naturally smaller gearing. This has caused a demand for gears with a 20-deg pressure angle since a pinion with fewer teeth can be used without fear of interference. See Fig. 5. Another advantage of the 20-deg pressure angle is its greater tooth strength since the increase in the angle of obliquity results in a tooth a little broader at the base. This author feels that we are now in a transition period and that in time, the 20-deg pressure angle will become the only standard.

pitch

The pitch of a gear can be greatly varied. A long time ago when gears and gear teeth were large, the circular pitch was used to specify the pitch. Since the circular pitch is the distance in inches on the pitch circle between corresponding points on adjacent teeth of a gear, it is easily seen that for large gears this number is an integer and for small gears it becomes fractional.

To keep the pitch a whole number, the parameter diametral pitch was evolved, which is the number of teeth on the gear per inch of pitch diameter. Thus a gear with a diametral pitch of 24 and a 2-in. pitch diameter would have 48 teeth. This same gear would have a circular pitch of 0.131 in. Since gears used in electronic mechanisms are usually small, the diametral pitch is primarily used to denote pitch.

For use in instruments, stock gears with diametral pitches of 20, 24, 32 and 48 have been commercially available for some time. In the quest for smaller, more accurate gearing, gears are now being stocked with diametral pitches of 64, 72 and 96. Although not stocked, gears have been used whose diametral pitches have gone as high as 120, 144 and 200.

The advantages of a high diametral pitch are the obvious reduction in size and the inherent decrease in backlash which is primarily a function of the circular pitch. The disadvantages of large diametral pitches are the increased difficulty in manufacturing and the necessarily weaker tooth. For a gear with a diametral pitch of 200 the height of the tooth is 0.0108 in. while the thickness is only 0.00785 in.

The designer has to compromise between these factors. This author believes that for precision, it is usually not necessary to have a gear with a diametral pitch higher than 96, and only in very rare cases, would it be advisable to exceed 120.

interference

The final problem of gearing is interference. As can be seen in Fig. 5, if the pinion gets too small, inter-



FIG. 6—Use of springs in electronic equipment: to keep roller in contact with cam (A) and as a self-centering device (B) $\,$

ference will occur when the upper part of the addendum of a tooth on the larger gear contacts the addendum of a tooth of the pinion gear. If the designer finds it necessary to work in this interference range, he has several methods of eliminating the trouble. If this problem occurs with gears whose pressure angle is $14\frac{1}{2}$ deg, change to a 20-deg pressure angle. See Fig. 5.

A second solution would be to relieve the addendums of the teeth on the larger gear, but this is not easily done in a shop. The same results could be obtained by undercutting the dedendum of the pinion gear, but this weakens the strength of the teeth.

Continuing along this approach the designer could use a stub toothform which is a modification of the tooth profile achieved by decreasing the tooth height while leaving the diametral pitch and the number of teeth on the gear unchanged. Another solution is the modification of the toothform by increasing the addendum and decreasing the dedendum of the pinion while decreasing the addendum and increasing the dedendum of the larger gear. The effect of this is to make the pinion's teeth stronger and the large gear's teeth weaker. The designer will have to decide which course to follow, basing his decision on the design criteria and the capabilities of the manufacturing plant.

springs

Springs are used extensively throughout electronic equipment, most notably in relays, limit switches, contact arms, vibrators and solenoids. There are two basic design functions for a spring, both of which are used in electromechanical devices. The first, and possibly the more common of the two, is the use of a spring to give return action to a unidirectional device. This can best be shown in a cam mechanism where the spring



FIG. 7—Various bar linkages: slider-crank mechanism (A), Scotch yoke (B), four-bar linkage (C), pantograph (D), wrapping-paper mechanism (E) and stone-crusher mechanism (F)

keeps the roller in contact with the cam surface as shown in Fig. 6A.

The second basic function of a spring is to provide a displacement that is proportional to the applied force. Secondary features of this function are that with comparative ease, it is possible to have the displacement directly proportional to the applied force and that this displacement can be both positive and negative about a determined mean point. A self-centering device is shown in Fig. 6B demonstrating this basic function.

There are innumerable uses involving both these functions and it would be impractical to attempt to discuss them in this article. Springs have been used in many different forms, among these are helical, leaf, flat, spiral and many more. Several of the larger spring manufacturing companies have available a jointly prepared book concerning the design and use of springs. Included in this book are discussions of the various cross-sections that are available for springs along with all of the formulas necessary to design the spring properly. This book also includes a section on materials. However, a designer may find the data given in Table II useful. If the spring is to experience stresses close to the elastic limit, it would be wise to test a sample of that material to be used to see if it will withstand those stresses for the specified life of the parent device.

cams and bar linkages

One of the most useful components and yet probably the least used in electronic devices in proportion to its capabilities is the cam. Fundamentally, the cam converts reciprocation and rotation to reciprocating motion, multiplying the input by some predetermined factor. Evidently, this type of device can impart

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innumerable complicated motions to the driven elements. This feature makes a cam quite useful since special mechanical movements can easily be obtained.

The design of cans is not too difficult and all basic machine design and kinematics textbooks are fairly adequate on the subject. The main problem in cam design is to have the driven element capable of following the driving element. This is a function of the design criteria since rapid accelerations and decelerations are difficult to follow, and if the parent device demands this, it would be better to go to linkages to obtain the desired motions.

Most cams have to be designed with a spring to enable the follower to have return action. In some cases, the force of gravity is sufficient to do this. Cams can be double-acting using a groove to contain the follower instead of having the follower ride upon the cam surface. This is done to control motions in both directions without the use of a spring.

Another type of mechanism, similar in function to the cam, is the bar linkage. This mechanism has the advantage of supplying positive action at all times, not relying on a spring for return action, and the disadvantage of occupying a larger space for its operation. Its uses are also innumerable since it is possible to achieve many different kinds of motion using rotating or reciprocating inputs. Several different types of linkages will be illustrated in this article to illustrate a few of the many possibilities. Figure 7A shows a simple slidercrank mechanism where rotary motion is converted into reciprocation. The Scotch-yoke, shown in Fig. 7B, converts rotary motion into simple harmonic reciprocation. Figure 7C is an example of a 4-bar chain where rotation is converted to rotary motion modified by a

Table II — Spring Materials							
Material	Young's Elasticity (\times 10 ⁻⁶)	Shear Elasticity (\times 10 ⁻⁶)	Rockwell Hardness	Elastic Limit (psi)			
Spring Brass	15.0	5.0	B91	80,000			
Nickel Silver	16.0	5.5	B96	100,000			
Phosphor Bronze	15.0	6.0	B100	100,000			
Monel	26.0	9.5	C28	100,000			
Chrome Vanadium Steel	30.0	11.2	C47	140,000			
Beryllium Copper	19.0	6.2	C38	150,000			
Type 17-7 Stainless Steel	29.5	11.0	C42	160,000			
Music Wire	30.0	12.0	C44	160,000			
SAE 1095 Steel	30.0	•••	C46	185,000			
Type 302 Stainless Steel	26.5	10.0	C45	190,000			
Type 304 Stainless Steel	26.5	10.0	C45	190,000			
Type 420 Stainless Steel	29.0	11.0	C48	230,000			

predetermined function. Figure 7D, 7E and 7F show various mechanisms that can be obtained from bar linkages.

lubrication

The subject of moving parts cannot be completely covered without some discussion of friction and lubrication. In general, there are four conditions that prevail between surfaces moving relative to each other. These are dry surfaces, greasy surfaces, thin-film lubrication and thick-film lubrication.

The condition of dry surfaces is usually avoided since the coefficient of friction is high resulting in extra expended energy that eventually is turned into heat at the rubbing surfaces. The first refinement is the condition of greasy surfaces that still have metal-to-metal contact, but give a much lower coefficient of friction.

The next refinement is the condition of thin-film lubrication that provides a film of lubricant between the moving surfaces at all times that there is relative motion. This condition and that of greasy surfaces cover the vast majority of lubrication examples.

The final condition of thick-film lubrication covers the few cases where the parts are always separated by the lubricant. It is used for cases where the function need be very low. The most notable example of its use is the mounting of the Mount Palomar telescope where a 1/12-horsepower motor is all that is required to turn the giant unit weighing over 500 tons. The coefficient of friction for this installation is 0.000004.

Iubrication points

The main points of lubrication in moving parts are in bearings and pivot points. In the former cases, the self-

lubricating bearings usually take care of themselves. Regular sleeve bearings, although not used extensively in electronics, are usually cases of thin-film lubrication, requiring a pump to supply fluid to the acting surfaces.

Ball and roller type bearings should be packed with some sort of grease or oil to give a condition between greasy surface and thin-film lubrication to their moving parts. The actual coefficient of friction of these antifriction bearings is quite low and should not be confused with the condition of lubrication that is intended. Too often a designer will forget that these bearings need some form of lubrication and neglect the grease in their designs. This can result in hot spots and shortened bearing life. The manufacturers of ball and roller type bearings usually supply a bearing containing some form of lubrication; however, the designer should stretch this point to insure satisfactory operation, especially under severe operating conditions such as extreme heat or cold.

The lubrication of pivot points has been considered more and more through the years. Greases and oils have been used with the difficulties of maintaining the lubrication at the critical areas.

More recently, oils containing graphite have been used. In these, the graphite is deposited on the working surfaces, giving the effect of greasy friction as found in a bearing material.

Another innovation in recent years is the use of silicone oils as a lubricant. These oils have proven quite versatile since they can withstand large pressures and operate through a wide temperature range. Another interesting use of high viscosity silicone oil is on instrument pivot points where flutter and transients are filtered out while slower movements are transmitted through the junction.

conclusion

This article has been prepared to give the electronic designer a summary of the various components used in the field of moving parts. It is also meant to provide the electrical engineer a better insight into the design problems that the man on the board faces, enabling the engineer to work more closely with the designer during the basic concept phase of the design. At best, this article is a summary and for more precise information the designer or engineer will have to resort to a library or to the various manufacturers in the particular field of interest.

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FIG. 1—Servo motor characteristics. Speed-torque curves illustrate effects of rotor resistance (A) and control field voltage (B); (C) shows typical motor performance

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Inspecting instrument-motor chassis. This device forms part of a supervisory control system by which heavy equipment such as oil-refinery pumps can be regulated by signals from a central location Electronic control instrumentation requires use of motors and associated devices such as clutches, brakes and damps. Several of these are discussed and selection criteria given

DNE OF THE popular motors for control application is the two-phase induction servo motor.

The servo motor is normally operated on unbalanced terminal voltage. One phase, called the main field, is excited by constant voltage while the other, called the control field, is excited from a variable source such as a high-gain amplifier. The control field may be varied from rated value of one polarity through zero to rated value of the opposite polarity. Thus the command signal can control speed, torque and direction of rotation.

Performance requirements are: high torque at speeds near zero; negative slope of the speed-torque characteristic around zero speed; and, when the command signal is reduced to zero, the servo motor should not run as a single-phase motor. These are met by a high-resistance rotor designed so that maximum torque is developed at a reverse speed of approximately one-half synchronous speed. Figure 1A shows the effect of rotor-resistance on the speed-torque characteristic.

parameters

An important figure of merit for the two-phase induction motor is the ratio of stalled torque to rotor



FIG. 2—Servo motor connections. Phase shift may be obtained with capacitors (A) or by using two phases of three-phase supply (B). Splitfield motors are available for plate-to-plate operation (C)

inertia. To achieve low inertia a small diameter rotor is necessary. The highest torque-to-inertia ratios are obtained for minimum diameter rotors. The simplicity of a die-cast squirrel-cage rotor lends itself to small diameter design.

The negative slope of the speed-torque characteristic contributes to the stability of a servo. As seen from Fig. 1A, as the speed increases the torque decreases almost proportionally. This internal motor damping is referred to as the viscous motor friction. The magnitude is equal to the reciprocal of the speed-torque curve. Figure 1B shows a family of speed-torque curves for various values of control-field voltage. In the region of low control-field voltage viscous friction is about half that obtained in the high-voltage region. Typical motor performance is illustrated in Fig. 1C.

The capability of a motor to respond to rapidly varying inputs is determined by its time constant expressed as the ratio of rotor inertia to viscous motor friction. This time constant is important in closed-loop stability.

Maximum starting voltage is a measure of the static friction of the motor. In a positioned servomechanism, a sufficient break-away voltage must be developed to overcome static friction. Static friction includes bearing friction and slot effect. Slot effect is caused by varying reluctance torque with rotor position due to magnetic nonuniformity of the slot openings.

In critical applications, slot effect can be eliminated using a drag cup-type rotor if the accompanying decrease in torque can be tolerated.

With rated voltage on the main field, starting voltage is the minimum control-field voltage necessary to cause the motor to rotate

Starting Torque = (Control Field Starting Voltage/ Control Field Rated Voltage) × Stalled Torque The determining limitation is the maximum operating temperature the motor can withstand. This includes the temperature rise within the motor plus the ambient temperature. The temperature rise depends on the heat conduction of the mounting, radiation of the exterior finish, type of cooling and average power input.

Proper mounting on a metal surface can reduce the temperature rise approximately 50 percent. If radiation is the main source of heat dissipation, a motor with a brightly polished finish may run 10 C hotter than one with a dull black finish. Cooling with fans can increase the power rating 2 or 3 times.

applications

The temperature rise above ambient is directly proportional to the average power input. If the temperature rise for a given power input and mounting is known, the temperature rise for a new power input is Temp Rise = Average Power Input \times (Known Temp Rise/Known Power Input)

Table I is a guide to maximum operating temperature obtainable with various classes of insulation. The range of class A insulation can be extended by potting motor windings instead of using varnish impregnation. The potting material is a thermosetting resin which adds to the individual wire insulation and helps dissipate heat.

Voltages impressed on a two-phase motor should be 90 deg out of time phase. The main field voltage may be shifted 90 deg from the command signal by a series capacitor. The quadrature voltage that will appear across the motor terminals will be Q times the line voltage. It is, therefore, necessary to reduce the Q of the motor to unity by inserting a shunt capacitor C_2 (Fig. 2A) across the motor and readjusting C_1 for 90-deg phase shift.

Where three-phase voltage is available, any two of the three phases may be used for two-phase excitation with a 15-percent reduction in torque (Fig. 2B).

advantages and disadvantages

The two-phase induction servo motor has no brushes to require inspection and replacement. Quiet operation is characteristic. A high torque-to-inertia ratio is possible and low starting torques can be obtained with drag cut-type rotors.

The principle disadvantage is the inherent inefficiency of a squirrel-cage motor running at a high slip (low speed). The efficiency is lowered further by operating with unbalanced voltages. The standby condition, main field constantly excited with rated voltage, increases the heating problem.

The conventional polyphase motor, of which the twophase motor is a type, develops a smooth nonpulsating torque and is essentially a constant speed motor. It finds use for driving such things as gyro wheels and blowers. The running speed is less than the synchronous speed, Speed = 120 f/p.

As seen from a typical speed-torque curve, Fig. 1A, stable operation takes place where the slope is negative. Although speed is proportional to frequency, some blower motors will run at constant speed over range of input frequencies from 400-2,000 cycles.

The starting performance of a squirrel-cage induction motor is characterized by low torque and high starting current. Wound-rotor motors with slip rings are used where frequent heavy starting with low current is required. As can be seen from Fig. 1A, as rotor resistance is increased the starting torque can be increased. However, this is not common for small sizes and requires an external controller.

The advantage of the squirrel-cage polyphase induction motor is its reliability, simplicity, absence of commutator sparking and economy. The disadvantages are difficulty in obtaining polyphase power, poor speed control, low starting torque and high starting current.

Single-phase motors are more numerous than any other factional horsepower motor because usually only





FIG. 3—Single-phase motor characteristics. Curves illustrate split phase (A), capacitor start (B), permanent split (C) and capacitor startcapacitor run (D) motors. Configuration and characteristics of shaded-pole machine are given in (E) and (F)



FIG. 4-Rotor lamination of four-pole reluctance motor (A), magnetic field (B) and speed-torque curve (C) of hysteresis motor

single-phase power is available. The single-phase induction motor is probably most common.

single-phase motors

The outstanding problem of a pure single-phase motor is that it is not self-starting. Single-phase induction motors are usually referred to by names descriptive of starting methods.

To produce a rotating field, a starting winding in the stator is necessary. The axis of the starting winding must be displaced from the main winding and the current in it must be out of phase with the current in the main winding.

The single-phase motor is characterized by relatively poor efficiency, low power factor, noisy operation and poor reversibility characteristics. A single-phase motor must be brought to rest before it can be reversed. Reversal is achieved by reversing connections to either main or auxiliary winding.

motor types

Split-phase motors have the auxiliary winding displaced 90 deg. The auxiliary winding has a higher resistance-to-reactance ratio than the main winding so that the two currents are out of phase. This is equivalent to an unbalanced two-phase motor, and the rotating field causes the motor to start. After the motor starts, the auxiliary winding is disconnected by a centrifugal switch that operates at about 75percent sync speed.

Connection of a split-phase motor for plate-to-plate operation is given in Fig. 2C while operating characteristics are shown in Fig. 3A.

The capacitor start-induction run type is also a split-phase motor, but the time-phase displacement between the two currents is obtained by a capacitor in series with the auxiliary winding. The auxiliary winding is disconnected after the motor has started. The outstanding feature is high starting torque. Its performance data are given by Fig. 3B. In the permanent split or capacitor motor the auxiliary winding of a capacitor-start motor is not cut out and the motor operates essentially as a two-phase motor. The power factor and efficiency are improved and the reduction in torque pulsations makes the motor quiet. Starting torque is sacrificed as the capacitance is a compromise between the best running and starting values. Figure 3C shows operating characteristics.

Capacitor start-capacitor run motors (Fig. 3D) use two capacitors. The permanent capacitor is the best for running. The shunt capacitor for best starting is cut out by a switching device after the motor is started.

The shaded-pole method is essentially a split-phase method with power supplied to the auxiliary winding inductively. A shading coil, made of a heavy copper loop, is placed about a portion of each of the salient poles as shown in Fig. 3E. Induced currents cause the flux in the shaded portion of the pole to lag the flux in the unshaded portion. This produces a shift of the field axis across the pole face that acts like a rotating field. See Fig. 3F for performance data. Starting torque is very low. Because of poor efficiency this motor is used for small fans and for starting clock motors. Bidirectional control may be achieved by using two shading coils on each pole and remotely shorting the desired coil.

reluctance motor

The squirrel-cage induction motor can be converted into a self-starting synchronous motor of the reluctance type by salient pole effect in the rotor. This is achieved by removing some of the teeth from the rotor and leaving the remaining bars and end rings intact. Figure 4A shows a lamination of such a rotor for use with a four-pole stator. The motor starts as an induction motor and accelerates to a speed approaching synchronous. If the reluctance torque is sufficiently large to bring the rotor from slip speed to synchronous speed, the rotor will lock in with the rotating field and run as a synchronous motor. If



FIG. 5—Direct-current machines. Speed-torque curve of series motor (A), method for reversing rotation (B), and typical d-c motor performance (C)

the inertia of the rotor and its load is too high to be pulled in, the motor can run only as an induction motor. To operate synchronously, a given size reluctance motor must have $\frac{1}{3}$ the output of an induction motor.

The main disadvantage of the reluctance motor is that its pull-in characteristics limit its application to light loads. In clock motors, this is overcome by manually spinning the rotor above sync speed. As the rotor coasts down, it pulls into step and continues to rotate.

Another disadvantage is the high starting torque and hunting characteristic inherent in all salient pole synchronous motors.

hysteresis motor

A relatively new type small synchronous motor is the hysteresis motor. It utilizes magnetic hysteresis to produce torque.

The rotor is a simple, smooth, nonsalient ring of permanent magnet material. The stator has a polyphase or permanent-split capacitor-type winding. The magnetic field produced by the stator winding induces magnetic poles of opposite polarity in the rotor. As the rotating stator field slips past the rotor, the rotor tends to retain its polarity of magnetization. Figure 4B shows magnetization in the hysteresis motor. The axis of the magnetic field produced by the stator is along line A-B while the rotor axis of magnetization lags behind by the angle ϑ and is along line C-D. As a result of this lag torque is produced. The torque accelerates the motor until it pulls into synchronism with the rotating stator field. At synchronism the rotor behaves like a permanent magnet rotor locked in with the synchronously rotating field. The speedtorque curve of a hysteresis motor is shown in Fig. 4C.

The constant hysteresis torque will pull into synchronism any load that it is capable of accelerating. Miniature hysteresis motors are widely used to synchronize gyro wheels. Another feature is reduced hunting due to the absence of salient poles. The advantages of low noise level, continuous nonpulsating synchronizing torque and reduced hunting make the hysteresis motor highly desirable in phonograph and recording drives.

Where minimum size and maximum efficiency are required, as in miniature gyros, the efficiency of 1 to 2-inch diameter hysteresis motors does not compare favorably with the approximately constant speed induction motor. This disadvantage has been overcome in many miniature applications by overexcitation. This consists of using increased excitation voltage for a short time to overmagnetize the rotor after it has pulled into synchronism.

d-c motors

Direct-current machines are more adaptable to adjustable speed service than a-c machines. Direct-current motors provide a given output power in a smaller volume than a-c motors and have higher starting and reversing torques. Their major application is in aircraft control systems.

Series motors have high starting and reversing torques and poor speed regulation. As shown in Fig. 5A the speed-torque characteristic has a high negative slope.

For control applications this contributes to stability as it is equivalent to a high viscous damping torque. The series motor is a nondirectional device unless switching is used. This has led to the development of the split series field motor (Fig. 5B) which has two oppositely poled field windings, one for each direction of rotation. Bidirectional control can be obtained with a single-pole relay.

Series motors are ideal for fans and blowers, step positioning devices and other constant torque loads where speed is relatively unimportant.

shunt motor

The shunt motor has from low to medium starting torque and fairly good speed regulation. With a series field (compound motor) the full-load speed at



FIG. 6—Associated motor devices. Clutch and brake applications, top, and servo damping devices, below

Table I	— Temperatu	re Ratings of I	Notor Insulation
NEMA Class	Wire Insulation	Impreg- nation	Max Continuous Total Temp
0	Organics: cotton fiber Formvar	None	80 C
A	Organics: Formvar	Organic resir (varnish)	105 C
В	Inorganics: Teflon mica glass asbestos	Organic resir (varnish)	130 C
Н	Inorganics	High temp res (silicone varnish)	in 180 C
С	Inorganics	None Gr	eater than 180 C

can be made to be equal to, smaller than or greater than the no-load speed. Control of speed and torque can be achieved by the armature circuit resistance method, by field control or by armature control.

Field control can be achieved by driving from a d-c amplifier. To prevent time delay between buildup of field current and application of control signal, a current amplifier should be designed. A disadvantage of field control is difficulty experienced at low or zero signal levels by residual flux due to hysteresis.

Armature control utilizes a change in armature terminal voltage to provide an equal change in counter emf and a proportional change in speed. The field flux is constant. If a d-c amplifier is used for the armature, it must be capable of delivering full motor power. This system gives good linearity and operates satisfactorily in high-gain systems.

Permanent magnet motors are similar to shunt motors. They are characterized by light weight, economy, high efficiency and armature control. Their chief disadvantage is that the field may be demagnetized or the pole axes shifted if the motor is badly overloaded. Figure 5C shows the characteristics of a permanent magnet servo motor.

The basic disadvantage of all d-c machines is the prob-



FIG. 7-Five common synchro types used in instrument applications

lem of commutation. Commutation generates radio noise and interference and often requires noise suppressors. Uneven brush wear causes apparent brush axis shift.

clutches

A practical instrument control clutch can achieve torque coupling and control by three methods: mechanical contact between friction surfaces as in an automobile; electrical, generation of eddy currents; and fluid coupling, control of the shear and viscosity characteristics of a fluid between the input and output members. Figure 6A illustrates one typical clutch coupling application.

Fluid couplings of the torque converter type do not generally exist in instrument sizes. A straight fluid coupling offers a convenient answer for open-loop applications where considerable slippage at low speeds can be tolerated and where maximum smoothness in torque pickup is needed.

The fluid magnetic clutch is versatile since it combines the smoothness of the eddy-current clutch with the large torque controlling ability of the friction clutch.

To circumvent the problems in utilizing an inherently abrasive mixture as the high-speed coupling agent

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in a fluid magnetic clutch the synchronous-induction clutch was recently developed. This clutch is similar to a hysteresis motor with the stator excited with d-c and spun. Its characteristics are much like those of the direct friction clutch, no slip below a certain torque determined by the excitation. After pull-out the clutch slips and behaves like the eddy-current clutch.

Since a clutch need not generate torque, the input power for control can be made a small percentage of the peak capability of the clutch.

The disadvantage of a clutch in servo control applications is that for maximum torque output with zero velocity all the input power to the clutch goes into heat. From the standpoint of heat dissipation there is little basis for choice between the clutch types.

brakes

Brakes are devices for dissipating kinetic energy. Dissipation may be achieved by utilizing the energy for some useful purpose as in dynamic braking or by converting the energy to heat; for instrument units no economy is gained by dynamic braking. Figure 6B depicts an instrument braking system.

Many instrument brakes utilize cork on steel as the braking surfaces since this combines economy with



relatively long wear. If extremely longer wear is desired as in sealed units sintered bronze on steel may be used.

Like clutches, brakes may be direct friction, fluid or electromagnetic although the first two are mostly in use today. Fluid brakes are used to provide viscous friction for damping.

damps

The ideal servomechanism damp brings servo velocity and error to zero simultaneously in the smallest possible time with no overshoots. One means to accomplish this is to build some anticipation into the servo controller so that the net driving torque can be reversed sufficiently in advance of null to decelerate the servo to zero velocity at the instant null is reached.

A viscous friction damp offers a good method of improving instrument performance. Viscous friction can cause no static positional servo error and improves following performance at low rates. However, the unwanted energy is still dissipated as heat. A schematic of a fluid viscous coupled flywheel damp appears in Fig. 6C. It consists of a shell and an internal flywheel coupled to the shell by viscous friction of oil in

which the flywheel is immersed.

Among the problems of fluid viscous coupled flywheel damps are: sealing of units against leaks over a wide range of ambient conditions, variation of damping characteristics with temperature, and lack of simple means for continuous damping adjustment.

The variation of damping characteristics with temperature has been partially overcome by using silicone fluids instead of oil. To overcome two of the detrimental characteristics of the fluid viscous damps, the electrical viscous damp has been developed. A thin extruded copper or aluminum cup is coupled to the servo motor. The cup is rotated between the circular pole pieces of a permanent magnet and soft iron elements providing a low reluctance return flux path. Eddy currents induced in the cup provide viscous coupling between the cup and the magnet which is flywheel mounted. A diagram of the electrical viscous damp appears in Fig. 6D.

The inherent damping characteristics of most servo motors can be increased by allowing a direct current to flow through the motor windings. For the smaller motors, however, flux paths are usually operated so close to saturation that not much additional damping can be bought by power expenditure.

synchros

Fundamentally synchros consist of a wound stator and rotor which may be cylindrical or have salient pole structure. The windings may be single phase or three-branch wye.

Figure 7 shows the classes of synchros in common use.

The cascading of a synchro generator and synchro motor produces the primary self-synchronizing system.

In any rotor position, the rotor coils and stator coils constitute two windings of a transformer.

When the rotors are aligned and excited with equal voltages in the absence of load torques, the induced voltages in the secondaries cancel, and no stator current flows. If misalignment occurs, voltage is developed causing current to flow through both stators.

Torque synchros in self-synchronism do not amplify. Therefore the energy delivered mechanically at the output of the motor must be supplied mechanically at the generator input.

Because of the inherent transient overshoots and the lack of torque amplification simple transmitter-repeater data systems are generally used to drive only light dials. In driving heavy loads, torque amplification can be obtained by feedback.

Another useful component is the differential synchro which may be either a motor or generator. It can modify the angle indicated between a standard generator and motor or control transformer by adding or subtracting another angle. The differential motor gives mechanical rotation equal to the sum or difference of the signals from two generators.
Assembly Techniques....

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Modern fastening and assembly methods utilizing automatic equipment speed production for the mass market while special fabrication techniques prescribed for military gear enhance reliability and simplify maintenance



FIG. 1—Keeps (A) combining nut and lockwasher, blind rivets, shown before and after upsetting (B), and nut retainer (C) are useful in inaccessible locations

To ASSEMBLE the components that make up electronic equipment industry has devised numerous methods and devices.

In television set production the emphasis is on speed and economy. In military equipment, fastening methods are usually delineated by specifications. Fasteners must allow for easy replacement of parts under difficult circumstances.

Machine screws are widely used in military equipment. The machine screws mostly used are ASA coarse thread sizes 6-32 and 8-32, class 2 fit after plating.

machine screws

The most commonly used material is steel. Brass screws are also used, usually where parts must be mounted in a magnetic field such as in mounting the neutralizing coil around the face of a cathode-ray tube.

Small machine screws size 4-40 are occasionally used in fastening small parts. Two uses for machine screws in production of commercial equipment are mounting speakers and fastening heavy parts such as yokes of color sets. For heavy fastening $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 screws are used. A widely used screw head is the hexagonal head, chosen because of the wide application of screw-driving guns. On military equipment slotted pan-head screws are used for ease of maintenance. When hex-head screws are not specified, industry often uses cross-head screws which avoid tool slippage. Countersunk-head screws are not often used; their use is restricted largely to military equipment.

set screws

In military equipment set screws are frequently used to fasten knobs, collars and couplings to shafts. These screws usually have recessed heads and are designed to be tightened by special wrenches. One wrench has a six-sided stock while another is fluted. Most common set-screw size is ASA coarse 8-32.

In equipment designed for the mass market knobs are usually of the slip-on type held in place by spring fasteners.

A nut commonly used with machine screws is the hexagonal nut, usually the chamfer type. Military specifications often call for nuts having a plastic insert. This nut is self-locking.

An interesting device used where secure fastening is



FIG. 2—Construction of multiposition wafer switch illustrates use of eyeleting

desired is shown in Fig. 1A. It combines a nut and lockwasher as one unit; these are called keeps. In building military equipment lockwashers are generally used under screws. Commercial equipment occasionally uses lockwashers, generally under screws holding the chassis to its wooden cabinets.

Fiber washers or plastic inserts are used for insulation.

self-tapping screws

The self-tapping screw is a widely used device. The A type is a pointed sheet-metal screw, easy to insert and used to fasten components and brackets to chassis. Type A screw is used in sizes 6, 8 and 10, depending upon the size and weight of the component.

The type Z self-tapping screw is a multifluted screw resembling a tap shank. It is used in assembling plastic parts and in making connections through extruded holes in sheet metal.

The Type FZ self-tapping screw is also fluted but has a wider thread than the Z type and is specifically designed for assembling plastic parts.

riveting

Riveting and cycleting are widely used, especially in fastening parts that do not usually need replacement, such as tube sockets, terminal strips, capacitor mounting plates, etc.

A special type of rivet in common use is the shoulder rivet. The connection is made by a shank of smaller diameter than the body of the rivet to provide freeturning mounting of idlers and pulleys, and mounting of springs and spacers.

Blind rivets are used in closed places where bucking is impossible. One type is a hollow rivet with a pin to drive the rivet. The head of the pin exerts a squeezing force. Some blind rivets are of self-plugging type and some of the pull-through type. Designers



FIG. 3—Spring-steel fasteners used in assembly of portable radio cabinet

attempt to avoid closed places in their layouts. Therefore, blind rivets are largely used in putting on trim. Where insulated rivets are required plastic blind rivets are available. See Fig. 1B.

Common rivets are used in subassembly operations such as where a bracket is riveted to mounting strap for a television picture tube. Here riveting is done on a machine similar to the eyeleting machine.

Most widely used eyelets are 0.088 and 0.122 in. in diameter. Eycleting is usually done by eyeleting machines. These are commonly equipped with automatic feeds; some provide for inserting two eyelets at one time. Figure 2 illustrates use of eyelets in a multiposition wafer switch.

special fasteners

The spring-steel fastener reduces parts handling and speeds production. It consists of a flat piece of spring steel bent in a bow. Basically it is a one-thread holding device that fits over the screw and grips it in place. The spring-steel fastener can also fit over studs, rivets, nails, tubing or wire.

Where ease of disassembly is important, spring-steel fasteners can be slipped over studs of D-shaped crosssection. The stud is gripped on two sides by the fastener and locked in position. The part may be released by turning the fastener one-quarter turn.

When spring-steel fasteners are used with machine or self-tapping screws, the screws can be unfastened just as when they are used with machined nuts. In Fig. 3 use of spring-steel fasteners in assembly of a portable radio cabinet is illustrated. Studs die cast on the dial frame are inserted in holes in the plastic cabinet and the fasteners then slipped over the studs.

Figure 4 illustrates the self-retaining feature of a spring-steel fastener. The fastener is U-shaped and fits over the chassis edge to provide a self-retaining nut for fastening the cover.



FIG. 4—Self-retaining U-shaped fasteners fit over edge of chassis to permit attaching dust cover

Spring-steel fasteners are available in several shapes including brackets, tubular fasteners, compression rings, wire and cable clamps. Also included are wood anchors, turning fasteners and a wide variety of clamps, retaining rings and special mounting fixtures.

Another special fastener is the nut retainer shown in Fig. 1C. It can be used for holding nuts in blind locations and requires no welding or clinching. One common application is mounting the television chassis in the cabinet. The nut retainer is housed in a springsteel cage and provides play to compensate for manufacturing tolerances.

use of Glyptal and cement

Glyptal is a fast-setting liquid compound used to coat critical tuning adjustments to prevent tampering. Cements are used in several assembly operations. Some of these include affixing sound baffling material inside the cabinet and fastening voice coils to speaker cones.

Several cements have been developed to meet special needs. A rubber-base cement is often used. Special cements known as dope have been developed for coating coil forms to help them retain their shape while not affecting the electrical performance.

Cement is not often used in what was formerly its most important application cementing labels to pieces of equipment. Labels used today are largely of the pressure-sensitive type.

fittings and connectors

Where a ground connection must be made to the chassis this is usually done by a ground lug. In military practice the ground lug may be a combination lug and lockwasher. The lug is fitted under the machine screw holding, say, a tube socket and connections made directly to the lug.

In commercial practice, it is customary to lance the ground lug out of the chassis—actually punch a small



FIG. 5—Component board types include free-standing type (A), turret (B) and pancake types (C)

piece of steel partially out and make the connection by soldering to it.

Terminal strips show a considerable difference between military and commercial practice. A commonly used terminal strip for commercial practice is a thin piece of phenolic resin about $\frac{1}{32}$ in. thick and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide. See Fig. 5A. This is equipped with mounting feet at right angles, one or more depending upon the length. Solder lugs are connected to the strip by eyelets forming the lower part of the lug. Solder connections are made directly to the lugs.

In military practice a common terminal board (Fig. 5B) is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. strip of $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. phenolic resin appropriately fungus proofed and equipped with rows of turret lugs. The terminal boards are usually fastened to the chassis by machine screws. Also used is the pancake component board, shown in Fig. 5C. Figure 6 shows a chassis using eyeleted pancake component boards and wafer-type tube sockets.

plugs and receptacles

The military-type connector consists generally of a die-cast shell inside of which there is an insulator holding male or female metallic parts. The insulator may be phenolic resin or of polystyrene or other materials for better insulation.

In commercial practice plugs consist of thin phenolic resin forms with the metallic connectors fastened directly to them. The so-called phonograph connector lends itself well to connection to shielded leads. The plug contains a center prong which carries the signal. The prong is centered by a disk of insulating material, which is in turn surrounded with a small metal shell that provides ground contact.

high-voltage connectors

Use of voltages of 12,000-14,000 v on cathode-ray picture tubes has brought about the need for carefully



FIG, 6—Eyeleted component boards and wafer-type tube sockets installed on chassis

FIG. 7—Bayonet (A) and bead (B) type tube shields; also ring (C) and collar (D) type tube clamps

insulated anode connectors. The connector consists of a plug button designed for corona-free operation, which fits into a small recessed cavity in the cathoderay tube.

The anode connector is surrounded by a wide circular shield of Neoprene or silicone since the high voltages used in this work have a deteriorating effect on natural rubber.

Anode connector leads are often equipped with polyethylene-enclosed single-prong connectors.

Where electronic equipment is built up of several interconnected chassis, need exists for multiconductor cable and corresponding plugs and receptacles. In commercial equipment for the mass market, multiconductor cable is sometimes terminated in an octalbase tube socket acting as the female receptacle and a corresponding eight-prong male plug. In military equipment, a wide variety of multiconductor connectors is used. These include types having tubular prongs arranged in clusters and knife-like prongs.

tube sockets

Most common types of tube sockets are the miniature 7, 9-prong and octal-based sockets. Special types include 4-prong, 8-prong, loktal, 5, 6 and 7-prong subminiature sockets, 3-prong transistor sockets, special sockets for the klystron and various transmitter tubes and cathode-ray tube sockets with up to 20 prongs to accommodate new three-gun color tubes.

There are two basic types of sockets, the wafer type, (Fig. 6), usually made of laminated phenolic material, and the molded type made of either plastic or ceramic. The wafer socket is riveted to the underside of the chassis while the molded type is mounted by a metal saddle either above or below the chassis. The saddle often incorporates a ground lug.

Tube shields are often used, particularly on miniature tubes. In one type the saddle of the tube socket forms the base of the shield. See Fig. 7A. The base has a bayonet connection to the upper part of the shield. The upper part of the shield also includes a spring. Another type, shown in Fig. 7B has a spring bead on the lower part, which fits into a rim on the upper part.

Tube clamps or tube holders are used where excessive vibration is encountered or where tubes are mounted horizontally or inverted. One type of tube holder exerts cutting-edge action on tubes having molded bases and may readily be released by slight pressure of fingers on the holder in the direction of the chassis. This holder is of 0.015-in. annealed spring steel in the form of a ring, fastened to the chassis in two places and bent upwards to form two bows. This type of clamp is illustrated in Fig. 7C. Another type, shown in Fig. 7D, widely used in military applications consists of spring-steel collar and buckle welded to an upright post. For octal and loktal-based tubes, the collar is tightened around the plastic base. For miniature tubes, the post is longer and the tube is held by a cap that fits over the top of the envelope and exerts downward spring tension. Subminiature tubes may be held in a cylindrical clamp that fits around the tube and serves to conduct heat.



Wiring and soldering operations, often performed along a moving belt like the one shown, may represent 30 to 40 percent of direct labor cost in manufacturing electronic equipment

Wiring and **Soldering**

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Television Receiver Division Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc. East Paterson, New Jersey Efficient wiring and soldering methods together with choice of proper materials cut direct-labor cost and improve performance in military and commercial equipment. Special techniques point way to fully automatic production

T ELEVISION receivers may contain over 90 feet of wire, while a complete radar system may have over 4,000 feet. Although the cost of wire and flux-solder in a television receiver represents only a small fraction of the overall cost, wiring and soldering may represent 30 to 40 percent of direct labor cost.

Both tinned copper wire and insulated wire are used. Figure 1 shows various kinds of wire used in set production. Solid copper wire tinned and bare of insulation is used in sizes ranging from 38 gage (0.003465 in. in diameter) to 6 gage (0.1620 in. in diameter). Wire of 22 gage (0.0253 in. in diameter) is commonly used. Stranded wire is used to provide flexibility where movement may be required in disassembly and reassembly. Occasionally flat woven copper braid or solid flat copper is used where low resistance contacts are required such as common ground connections between chassis. See Fig. 2. Types of insulated wire include plastic covered, cotton covered, lacquered, nylon covered, glass fiber insulated and the film insulated type. Plastic covered wire is in wide use.

insulation

A common type of plastic covering is polyvinyl chloride $\frac{1}{32}$ or $\frac{1}{64}$ in. in thickness. This insulation will resist temperatures up to 80 to 90 C and breakdown voltage to 10,000 v with a usual rating of 600 v. This wire has good resistance to abrasion and humidity and is easy to strip. Glass fiber insulated wire shows



FIG. 1—Wire used in electronic equipment manufacturing. At the top are five examples of solid insulated wire and two of shielded cable. In the center are shown two types of flexible copper braid, five of bare hookup wire and three of sleeving or spaghetti. At the bottom are shown two samples of twin lead and 11 of stranded insulated wire



FIG. 2—Detail of television receiver showing use of flat copper strip as a ground connection. Wire at left is twin lead bringing in signal from antenna

the favorable attributes of plastic covered wire and provides great resistance to heat. This wire is fire retardent and is often used in military and airborne equipment.

Cotton covered and lacquered braid wire is still used in some receiver manufacturing. Nylon covered wire is coming into use because it is economical in cost and space due to its insulating qualities. Its resistance to abrasion is good.

Film insulated wire includes enamel covered wire and special coated types. These coatings are tough and durable, will withstand bending and require no additional thickness due to covering. They are used in winding coils, particularly the horizontal size and horizontal linearity coils and deflection yoke coils for the television receiver.

Teflon is made from tetrafluoroethylene resin. Its most outstanding characteristics are high insulation value, resistance to moisture, heat and abrasion. The plastic in dispersion is applied to glass fiber cloth by dipping. It is then dried and fused at elevated temperatures. Glass fabric laminates withstand 250 C continuously and up to 300 C intermittently. Teflon suffers no apparent degradation from oxygen, tends to repel water and has the property of shedding dust. It is used for critical wiring such as high-voltage leads in television receivers where the wire goes through several metal shields incurring abrasion and danger of arc over. High-frequency work in government equipment often requires its use.

Special types of wiring include twin lead used primarily to transmit signals from the antenna to the tv or f-m chassis. Twin lead may consist of two conductors of No. 22 gage stranded copper wire set parallel in a casing of brown polyethlene. This wire has a dielectric strength of 5,000 volts rms for one minute and a capacitance per foot of 5.5 micromicrofarads at one megacycle.

Special purpose shielded cable used for audio and pulse circuits consists of an inner conductor of tinned copper wire 0.0228 to 0.0256 in., an insulated film of polyvinyl chloride and circumferential shield of 32 to 36 strands of 0.0057 to 0.0072 in. tinned copper wire. It may also have a spiral wrap and an outer jacket 0.010 in. thick of polyvinyl chloride. This cable will withstand up to 600 volts rms at 90 C.

Silicone is a relatively new hydrocarbon applied as a varnish or additive to the outside covering of insulation. It is outstanding for its waterproofing properties.

spaghetti

Sleeving insulation known as spaghetti is slipped over tinned copper hookup wire to prevent shorts. One type consists of braided cotton, rayon, nylon or glass sleeving impregnated with an oleoresinous varnish and will withstand 800 v average and 1,500 v short-time dielectric test. It comes in sizes from 24 gage to 1 inch in diameter. A second type is braided glass tubing coated with a continuous film of oleoresinous varnish. This type of sleeving will withstand 2,500 v average, 4,000 v short-time dielectric test. It comes in sizes from 24 gage to $\frac{5}{8}$ in. inside diameter.

wiring

In point-to-point wiring, as shown in Fig. 3, all wiring should be neat, sturdy and as short as possible. In high-frequency circuits it is often necessary that point-to-point wiring be used. Servicing can sometimes be completed in less time with point-to-point



FIG. 3—Subassembly illustrating use of point-to-point wiring. Basic wiring composed of bare solid copper wire is shown at the left. View of completed unit, right, shows appearance after components are wired in

wiring because the direct path can be traced easily. Less wire is used and there is no need for identification of wire ends.

Basic wiring, or the connections of tinned copper wire to the chassis after mechanical parts have been assembled, is usually point-to-point wiring. Figure 4 shows use of point-to-point wiring in a ty receiver.

When specifications require it, wires are grouped and laced into a cable. Wires in a cable must be neat and tightly bound. Leads should be of a length to provide slack to prevent stress on individual wires and terminal connections. There must be sufficient slack to enable removal of parts for inspection, adjustment or repair without disconnecting or damaging other parts. The wires are placed separately on a cable board in a predetermined sequence. After all the wires are laid, twine, linen or lacing cord is used to form a solid unit. Cables are almost always made bottom side up so that the lacing knots will not be visible. Figure 5 illustrates use of cabled wiring.

wire stripping

The outer covering of wire such as nylon, cotton or enamel must be separated from the conductor to provide a clean, shiny surface for the soldered connection. Poor stripping will result in poorly tinned copper ends and a poorly soldered or noisy connection.

Wire stripping can be accomplished chemically, mechanically or electrically. Preparations having the consistency of heavy syrup or free-flowing paste are available that can be used to strip lacquer, enamel or other film insulation. These preparations are composed of ingredients such as chlorinated solvents, having good solubility properties, ammonia and phenolic fractions which are excellent solvents for resins. An interval of time must elapse between the application of the stripper and the reaction or blooming time. This time element is a cost consideration.

A common method of wire stripping is mechanical

stripping. Precision machines, Fig. 6, have been designed to cut to lengths up to 15 in. and strip 3,000 wires per hour. Stripping length on both ends can be the same or the ends can be stripped to different lengths.

Another mechanical stripping method employs an electric motor and one or two wire wheels. This method can be used on various gages of wire and types of insulation and a long stripping length is possible. A variety of stripping wheels are made, including a fine-gage crimped wire or wire and glass fiber wheel. Insulation is stripped by inserting leads between rotating wheels. The entire unit can be moved to the work position. The wheels must be changed, depending upon the wire to be stripped. In some cases wheels with 50 percent of their useful life remaining must be replaced to achieve satisfactory quality of stripping.

Still another type of mechanical stripper uses a motor to revolve the stripping blades. The wire to be stripped is fed through a hole in the front cover and, by depressing a foot pedal, the two stripping blades, which revolve at a high rate of speed, are brought in contact with the insulation. The blades stop short of the conductor and as the wire is withdrawn the insulation is separated from the conductor.

This type of stripper can be used only on insulation other than the film or plastic type. It must be bolted to the bench and the pedal secured to the floor. Its advantages are that it operates quietly and safely; stripping length adjustment can be made quickly. Blade cost is low and blade life high.

marking and coding

Once the wire is cut and stripped to the required length it is tin dipped, generally in a solder pot containing 50-50 (tin/lead) bar solder. When used in cabling the wires may require identification or coding.

In point-to-point wiring such as that used in radio and television receivers the exterior color of the insula-



FIG. 4—Use of point-to-point wiring in a tv receiver. Photo, left, shows set with parts assembled to chassis and basic wiring installed. Photo, right, shows a set completely assembled and wired

tion is used for coding. This may be either a solid coloring or a secondary or tracer color along with the principal color.

Recently, printed vinyl tape has been used for identification of wire, cable and conduit. It is composed of a thin printed pressure-sensitive vinyl tape having an efficient adhesive on the back. It is available in rolls of various widths. The ink is sealed into the vinyl backing to provide an abrasion-resisting material. The tape can be fed from a machine or cut to required length by hand.

Insulated plastic tubing is also used on individual or grouped wires. To identify both ends of a large quantity of wires, plastic tubing is purchased in lengths as required. Printing is done on the exterior parallel to the length. In a particular cycle of the operation a length of the imprinted tubing is slipped over the end of the wire before terminating it.

A self-adhesive tape is available in cut-to-size strips or labels from 1 to 6 inches in length and from $\frac{5}{16}$ to 3 inches in width. It can be written on with any dry, blunt point such as pencil or stylus. Writing appears beneath a layer of transparent plastic due to pressure of the writing instrument.

component boards

Component or terminal boards are used as tie points in the circuit of a television receiver. They are usually mounted to the metal chassis by rivets, eyelets or screws. Some have only one or two terminals while others may have eight or more. The material used may be phenolic NEMA grade XP, vacuum wax impregnated, or it may be of phenolic, grade X, chocolate brown surface with a tan core. Table I lists materials for terminal boards.

The material itself is a laminated thermosetting plastic made by bonding together two or more piles of impregnated stock. The base material may be paper or fabric made from cotton, asbestos, glass or synthetic fiber. The binder in most cases is a phenolic in the form of a varnish with which the material is treated in the early stages of manufacture. This material is also available with a binder of melamine or silicone if required.

Standard sheet sizes are 18×24 , 36×67 , 36×44 , 36×36 and 39×49 inches. Thickness runs from 0.010 in. to $\frac{1}{32}$ in. Terminals fastened to these boards may be of the single-ended type riveted or eyeleted on. By staking and spinning, terminals of a double-ended type may be attached.

Prototype fabrication and short-run production is facilitated by a mounting system that consists of terminal cards, unit planning cards, miniature terminals and tube sockets. The terminal cards are prepunched, multihole cards that have flexibility to take a number of circuit variations.

soldering fluxes

To join metal by soldering, it is necessary that the surfaces be clean and free of all oxides. This is done by employing a flux that will dissolve the oxides on the surface, permitting the molten solder to wet, spread and take. The flux reduces surface tension of the solder and the metal, allowing the solder to penetrate into the pores of the metal, and creates a protective covering to preclude the now clean surface from becoming reoxidized due to the heat required in soldering.

Fluxes are either noncorrosive or corrosive. The degree of corrosion indicates its activity with pure water. Rosin is noncorrosive while hydrochloric acid is corrosive but has great fluxing power.

Rosin consists chiefly of abietic acid and related substances. At ordinary temperatures it is a solid and does not cause corrosion but it reacts mildly at soldering temperatures. Rosin is easily crushed into powder and melts rapidly at about 125 C. The usual solvent for rosin is methylated or denatured alcohol. Powdered rosin is mixed with from two to four parts by weight



FIG. 5—Cabled wiring may often be required in military and commercial equipment. Operator at left is fabricating cable for a communications receiver. She lays wires on harness board, then binds them with linen cord. Operator at right is stripping ends of wires comprising cable for large radar set

solder bath.

of alcohol. In addition to either methyl, ethyl, propyl or butyl alcohol, oil of turpentine or carbon tetrachloride are sometimes used as solvents. Rosin itself is a relatively poor flux since it will take only on relatively clean copper, brass, hot-tinned or tin-dipped surfaces.

Various acid additives are added to rosin to make it a more active flux. In activated solders the active ingredient employed will volatilize upon being heated, accomplish its extra fluxing job and leave only a plain rosin residue.

soldering techniques

To join metal with soft solder the proper flux must be applied and the metal heated to liquify the solder alloy. Tools used for soldering include: electric and gas-fired soldering irons, torches, induction heating machines, oven soldering, radiant heat, electrode soldering, steam heating, resistance soldering and hot-plate soldering. Figure 7 illustrates a soldering operation using a torch.

The tip is the heart of the soldering iron and is generally made of copper because of its exceptional ability to absorb and transfer heat rapidly. Electric soldering irons are available in power ratings of 40, 60, 100, 125, 150, 200, 250, 300 and 500 watts. The higher the wattage the more heat the tip can hold and transfer and, in general, the higher the wattage the heavier the soldering iron. For production soldering, which is often done by women, a frequently used iron runs between 125 and 150 watts.

Irons of 200 watts or more are used where a number of ground lances are to be soldered. On long cycle operations without a temperature-regulation device service life of soldering iron heater elements may be upwards of four months. Use of a heavy soldering iron for parts assembly is shown in Fig. 8.

Much of the bar solder used in industry is used in

above the melting point of the solder being used. Table II gives melting temperatures of various solder alloys. Bar solder is available in 50/50, 60/40, 40/60, etc. Consideration must be given to the amount of heat with-

sideration must be given to the amount of heat withdrawn due to parts being dipped. By so doing drossing and scaling on the top of solder in pots will be kept to a minimum and brighter finish obtained on the part. To maintain proper temperature during dipping a thermostatically controlled soldering pot may be employed. Use of virgin tin-lead solders is important for good pot soldering. Virgin metals contain far less impurities than smelted or refined solder.

soldering pots. See Fig. 10. Solder pots are used where

the tinning of wires or components is necessary. The

electrically heated solder pots make the solder molten.

The part is dipped in flux and then immersed in the

A soldering pot should be operated at a controlled

temperature, generally not in excess of 125 to 150 F

In dipping copper parts into a tin-lead solder bath the affinity between tin and copper results in tincopper crystals that may form a sludge at the bottom of the pot. This is removed from the bath and deposited upon the surface of the article being tinned. It is good practice occasionally to cool the solder bath to 10 F above melting temperature, remove these crystals from the pot and refill with fresh solder.

other joining processes

Welding involves joining metals with high heat— 2,200 F and higher. This results in strong connection but is used primarily in joining very heavy metals to avoid buckling and warping of the basic material.

Silver soldering and brazing are methods of joining metals using hard solders that contain high percentages of silver, copper, etc.

The temperature for silver soldering or brazing runs from 1,150 F upwards and fills the need for a process



FIG. 6—Mechanical wire stripping methods. Wires can be cut to length and stripped automatically, left, or the ends merely stripped by inserting, them in machine, right



FIG. 7—Use of a torch in soldering aperation. Operator is assembling variable air-dielectric capacitors



FIG. 8—Irons of 200 watts or more are used in chassis soldering and parts fabrication

of joining of metals at a lower temperature than that of welding. Soft soldering employing tin-lead is the lowest temperature (360 to 600 F) method of joining metals. It permits joining thin metal sheets or delicate parts without buckling or warping.

Tensile strengths of soft solders vary from 17,000 lbs per square inch to approximately 29,000 lbs per square inch. An alloy of tin and lead will melt at a lower temperature than either of the two metals by themselves. Pure tin has a liquidus temperature of 450 F, while pure lead has a liquidus temperature of 620 F. Any combination of the two metals has a lower melting point.

solderless connections

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Solderless connectors are available in a wide variety of sizes and types. Tools are available for manual, pneumatic, hydraulic and electric operation that compress the barrel of the connector onto the conductor.

Advantages of solderless connectors include uni-

Table I — Characteristics of Materials Used in Terminal Board Fabrication						
NEMA Classification	Colors	Filler	Binder	Application and Description		
x	Natural, black, walnut &, brown	Paper	Phenolic	General purpose paper-base grade for panels, contactors and terminal blocks where high me- chanical strength, low-cost material is required		
ХХР	Black & natural	Paper	Phenolic	Excellent insulator; can be machined readily and punched hot. May be used in switches, relays, vibrators and where a low dielectric loss material is required		
CE	Black & natural	Medium cotton drill	Phenolic	Best canvas base, electrical grade		
AA	Natura <mark>l</mark> only	Asbestos fabric	Phenolic	Has high heat resistance, low coefficient of thermal expansion, low water absorption, fairly high impact resistance and good resistance to wear and chemical corrosion. It has low dielectric strength		
XXX	Black & natura∦	Paper	Phenolic	Excellent electrical grade. Preferred grade where low dielectric loss and stability upon exposure to moisture are of primary importance. Used on equipment involving high voltages at tempera- tures up to 130 C		
ХХХР	Black & natural	Paper	Phenolic	Compares favorably to XXX as regards electrical properties. Preferred where a paper-base punching grade of high insulating value is required		
ХР	Black, natural, walnut & brown	Paper	Phenolic	General purpose paper-base grade of low cost for punching. For use at temperatures up to 100 C and moderate humidity in applications such as spacers, terminal boards and crossbars for knife- type switches		



FIG. 9—Printed circuit techniques include use of conductors sprayed on dielectric plate, left, and stamped from metal foil and embedded in plastic, right

formity of installation, simple operation by unskilled operators and optimum rate of attachment. Savings in manufacturing are obtained by elimination of solder, soldering iron with its replacement and maintenance costs and a saving of the electrical power required to operate soldering equipment.

Development of a solderless wire-wrap connection provides a new technique for making solderless electrical connections. The wire is wrapped around the terminal using a specially designed air or electric tool. Sufficient tension is developed so that the resulting bond becomes permanent, both electrically and mechanically. This method not only eliminates all need for solder, but since it is made with a power tool, less time is required than for hand wrapping.

special techniques

Modular design for electronic equipment is aimed at breaking a potential bottleneck that might occur in an all-out emergency and at simplifying equipment. The

Table I	I - Melting	Characteristic	s of Solder
		Temp at	Temp at
Solder Allo	y Composition	Which Solder	Which Solder
percent	percent	Becomes Plastic	Becomes Liquid
tin	lead	in deg F	in deg F
0	100		620
5	95	522	597
<mark>10</mark>	90	435	576
15	<mark>85</mark>	<mark>36</mark> 1	554
20	80	361	536
25	75	<mark>3</mark> 61	514
30	70	361	496
35	65	361	477
38	62	361	468
40	60	361	460
45	<mark>55</mark>	361	437
48	52	361	424
<mark>50</mark>	50	361	414
55	45	361	391
60	40	361	370
63	37	*	<mark>3</mark> 61
65	35	361	<mark>364</mark>
70	<mark>30</mark>	361	<mark>367</mark>
75	25	361	378
80	20	361	390
85	15	361	403
90	10	361	415
<mark>9</mark> 5	5	361	<mark>43</mark> 2
100	0		450

*Eutectic alloy is formed having one sharp melting point and no plastic range



FIG. 10—Soldering of leads to octal plug is performed by first fluxing connections then dipping part in soldering pot, rear

heart of one system is a ceramic wafer, $\frac{2}{5}$ inch square and $\frac{1}{16}$ inch thick. After being stamped and pressed, the wafers are oven cured. Notches on all four sides are silver-painted for circuit connection use. After fabrication they are sorted automatically for proper positioning of capacitors or resistors of the required value. Complete assembly of the wafer-mounted parts is done on a single machine. They are then fed into a machine for automatic soldering. The final modules, which may consist of four to six wafers with their associated resistors and capacitors, are assembled, soldered and then connected automatically to a tube base. In turn, connections are made to a base plate produced by a printed circuit process to form the final subassembly.

Another automatic production technique revolves around a machine that solders many joints at one time by dipping an inverted television chassis in a solder pot of sufficient size. Preceding the dip soldering operation, a chassis has ground pins and spring washers installed by semiautomatic machinery. The chassis are then fed into a large press which inserts a large quantity of rivets into pin plates and terminal strips in one stroke. The terminal pins receive the components designed for them and the chassis is dip-soldered.

printed circuits

When a circuit is produced upon an insulating surface by any process it is termed a printed circuit. There are six main classifications: painting, spraying, chemical deposition, vacuum processes, stamping and dusting. In painting, conductive and resistive paint is applied by brush or stencil. Later capacitors and tubes are added. Resistive and conductive paint may also be applied by spraying. In chemical deposition, a chemical solution is poured over an insulating surface covered with a stencil and a metallic film precipitated out to form the circuit. The circuit may also be electroplated. In vacuum processes, the conductors and resistors are distilled onto the surface.

Other methods include die stamping in which conductors are punched out of metal foil and then attached to the insulating panel and dusting wherein conductive powders are dusted onto a surface through a stencil and then fired. The powder may be held electrostatically or by a binder. In addition to these printing processes, photoetched circuits are also referred to as printed circuits.

A printed circuit replacement for waveguides is composed of some base metal which is a fairly good conductor such as aluminum or copper. On to this is securely fastened by pressing, a material such as polystyrene. Next to this insulator is the foil, photoetched in particular a design together with the components, resistors, connections, etc. Sometimes a double arrangement is made resulting in a sandwich. It is used principally in microwave circuits as a substitute for the plumbing generally used.



FIG. 1—Plan and front elevation of a Christmas-tree frame. This provides a rigid structure of channels to which panels can be fastened. Chassis are mounted in horizontal drawers

Designing the Cabinet . . .

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Consultant Livingston, New Jersey Environmental conditions strongly influence design of military and commercial electronic equipment. Some cabinets even permit operation underwater, in explosive atmospheres or while subjected to severe shock, vibration and extreme climatic conditions

M ECHANICAL DESIGN of cabinets for electronic equipment depends primarily upon the size and function of the equipment and the environment in which it must operate. Environmental conditions include shock, vibration, extreme temperatures, salt spray and high humidity. Equipment may also be designed for operation at high altitudes, underwater and in explosive atmospheres.

construction

Stationary equipment such as large-scale computers and telephone amplifiers is not ordinarily required to function under conditions of shock and vibration. Such equipment is designed primarily from consideration of static loading.

Equipment built as a single unit, such as the power amplifier of a transmitter, presents an individual design problem. However, heavy components such as power and modulation transformers, filter capacitors and chokes should be mounted near the bottom of the cabinet to reduce static loading of upright structural members.

Heat dissipating components such as power amplifying and rectifying tubes should be mounted clear of other objects to permit convection cooling. A blower may have to be installed to provide necessary movement of cooling air. The air intake should be located near the bottom of the cabinet with the outlet provided by perforated side panels or louvers near the top.

When locating shelves or other functional supports within the cabinet consider their effect as baffles in the air cooling system. The air intake should be furnished with a glass fiber or other filter to avoid dust deposits within the cabinet that may cause short circuits. In many transmitter locations it may be necessary to install ducting connecting the air intake, outlet or both to the



FIG. 2—Drawer type of construction in which broad side of chassis is horizontal

outside of the building. Liquid cooling is necessary for some large transmitting tubes but modern practice is to restrict its use as much as possible, especially in military equipment.

relay racks

When equipment is broken down into individual chassis as with telephone amplifiers, diversity receivers, frequency meters and laboratory equipment, relay rack construction is popular. The standard rack stands 76 in. high, is 19 in. wide and 14 in. deep. It has a rectangular framework of welded angle sections. Smallest structural angle is $3 \times 3 \times \frac{3}{16}$ in. However, for cabinet construction bar angles of mild steel are commonly employed. A list of sizes and weight per linear foot is given in Table I.

Side panels and back panels or doors are pressed from sheet steel. Gages and weight per square foot together with mill tolerances are given in Table II. Mild steel is usually adequate for cabinet work. Where corrosion is a factor, copper-bearing sheet steel may be employed.

Where appearance is important use of galvanized steel may be economically justified by its ease of finishing. Note that in U. S. gages galvanized sheet steel runs 2.5 ounces heavier per square foot. Where additional strength or hardness is required in structural members, steel of higher carbon content may be employed. Use of galvanized steel is commonly avoided in designing government equipment because of difficulties experienced in welding it.

Chassis are mounted in relay racks by either panel or vertical mounting. In panel mounting the chassis is bolted to a front panel and the panel attached to parallel upright members of the rack by countersunk bolts. The broad side of the chassis is supported in the horizontal plane by cantilever action. Heavier chassis may require angle brackets for additional support. Panel mounting has the advantage that the tubes are operated in an upright position.



FIG. 3—Drawer type of construction in which broad side of chassis is vertical

When subdividing equipment into chassis, functional design is the major consideration. However, mechanically the front panel should be an integral number of inches high. For ease of servicing each unit should weigh no more than about 40 pounds. Military specifications require that chassis or single units weighing in excess of 150 pounds be equipped with hooks for use with mechanical hoisting equipment.

Size restrictions are imposed on marine equipment by hatch and door sizes. Surface vessel hatches are 30×30 in. with round corners on a 7.5-in. radius. Doors are 26×45 in. with round corners on 8-in. radius. Submarine hatches are circles 25 in. in diameter. Doors are 20×38 in. with round corners on 10-in. radius. In both cases the height restriction is 72 in.

In military airborne equipment, panels are usually multiples of 5.5 in. in width and an integral number of inches in height.

One disadvantage of panel mounting aside from the difficulty of servicing is heat dissipation. Often each heat dissipating chassis must be equipped with its own blower. In equipment where more than one relay rack is to be employed, install rectifiers and other heat dissipating units in one rack, mounting the units vertically, and provide an adequate blower if such a layout does not make the cabling too complicated.

vertical mounting

In vertical mounting each chassis is provided with a flange along its narrower dimension. The chassis is bolted to parallel upright members in the rack so that its broad dimension is in the vertical plane. This has the advantage that both the tubes and the components and base wiring are available for adjustment and servicing without removing the chassis from the rack. This type of construction is commonly used for television video equipment.

Single blowers can be installed for a whole relay rack or the front and rear panels left off and cooling equip-



FIG. 4—Hinged chassis pivots about axis indicated. Arrow illustrates how chassis is swung forward and down

ment installed for the whole operating space. There is some disadvantage when tubes are mounted on their side, which subjects their internal structure to abnormal static loading.

means of access

Accessibility for servicing may be achieved by mounting chassis in removable sliding drawers. This is required quite frequently in military equipment. Where drawer type construction is employed the Christmas-tree frame illustrated in Fig. 1 is used to construct the overall cabinet. Here, mild steel angle sections form the basic rectangular framework that may be strengthened by straps of channel section. Channel sections also divide the cabinet sections vertically and provide support for the drawer mechanisms. The smallest structural channel section is $3 \times 2 \times \frac{3}{16}$ in. But bar channels are usually used in cabinet construction. Table I lists sizes and weight of bar channel sections.

Among the drawer mechanisms commercially available is one in which the chassis may be tilted upwards after being withdrawn from the cabinet, forming an angle of 30 degrees with the horizontal. Another type is the vertical slide in which the broad dimension of the chassis is vertical in the cabinet. Choice of whether to use a horizontal or vertical slide will depend upon the functions of the chassis themselves and upon their linear dimensions. Horizontal and vertical slides are shown in Fig. 2 and 3.

Where drawer construction is used in portable or mobile equipment precautions must be taken to prevent the chassis rattling in its drawer. The drawer can be driven onto tapered guide pins that lift it off its rollers and lock it in place. This may be done by a tie rod having a knurled knob or a cam rod with a handle. Vertical drawers or slides usually have less depth than horizontal ones. Thus there is less room for the locking mechanism and the drawers may not be secured as well. Other means for gaining access include hinged chas-



FIG. 5—Front panel of airborne navigational computer, illustrating arrangement of controls

sis, doors and removable panels. The equipment illustrated in Fig. 4 is a radar indicator. The chassis rotates about the axis indicated; its broad side may be swung down to a 60-degree angle with the vertical.

Electronic business machines are designed with doors on the inside of which components are mounted, with servicing test points readily available. In television cameras, components and wiring are mounted on both side panels and on either side of a vertical plate midway between the sides. The side panels fold away, exposing all circuits for servicing or adjustment.

Equipment built as a single unit may be equipped either with doors or removable side and back panels. Where extremely wide equipment racks are employed care should be taken that the door is not too wide to permit opening it in confined quarters. Alternative methods include double doors latching to an upright member in the center of the cabinet's rear face, sliding doors or fold-away doors. These three latter means of gaining access may, however, become sources of vibration trouble in mobile equipment. Thus many marine transmitters still use back and side panels that are secured by captive bolts having knurled or slotted heads.

other materials

Where weight is a factor, as in airborne radio and radar equipment, cabinets may be made from aluminum or magnesium. Aluminum cabinets may be either fabricated from sheet stock and structural sections or cast. Aluminum alloys are available for either sand or permanent-mold casting. Magnesium alloy cabinets are usually cast.

Commercially pure aluminum, 2S, is quite soft and used largely for panels where strength and hardness are not prerequisite. Aluminum alloys, formed by adding small percentages of copper and other metals, provide greater strength and hardness. However, aluminum's natural resistance to corrosion is diminished by alloving. This corrosion resistance may be recovered



FIG. 6—Cabinet for radio transmitter designed to function underwater; gasket provides waterproof seal





FIG. 7—Three methods utilizing O-rings to seal cabinets of waterproof or pressurized equipment



FIG. 8 (left)—Isolation; basic mechanical system of handling vibration (A), three typical methods of applying shock mounts, (B, C, D) and one form of acoustic isolation (E)

FIG. 9 (above)—Military equipment employing modern cabinet design principles. Heavy components are mounted at bottom

to some degree by rolling a coating of commercially pure aluminum onto the structural alloy when the alloy is in the ingot stage.

Structural sections are generally made from alloy 14S. Available sections include angles, unequal angles, channels and flats. Sheet aluminum is available in grades 2S, 3S, 52S, 24S and others. The characteristics of various alloys are given in Table III.

Where strength and hardness only slightly better than 2S is required, 3S may be used without additional cost. However, where strength and hardness are prime considerations 24S is often used.

Commonly used alloys for sand casting are 112, 113 and 212. For permanent-mold casting, alloys 113 and C113 are available. Where only a short production run on cast aluminum chassis is desired, sand casting may be used although for longer runs, permanent-mold casting provides increased production and better finish.

Choice of the proper alloy for casting cabinets is a critical business best done in consultation with either an aluminum supplier or staff metallurgical engineer.

appearance

The external appearance of the cabinet deserves consideration from both esthetic and functional points of view. Modern practice is to avoid sharp corners on cabinets as a safety measure. Doors should have rounded corners and be furnished with stay-open latches for

Table I — Structural Steel Forms for Cabinet Construction				
Weight (Ibs per ft)				
0.28				
0.84				
2.32				
0.64				
0.70				
0.80				
1.23				
1.80				
2.34				

the protection of maintenance personnel. Finish is often dictated by military or customer specifications but a dull crinkly finish is preferred both for appearance and to reduce operator fatigue from glare. Shatterproof and glareproof glass for windows in cabinets is often required, as is the use of clips to hold the glass in place—augmenting cement commonly applied. Designers of military equipment must be concerned about light leaks in cabinets. Military equipment must also be furnished with means of dimming panel lights. Use of transilluminated plastic lighting panels is one preferred way to illuminate dials and meters.

controls and indicators

In placing controls and indicators, it is generally desirable to group dials and meters in clusters of no more than five. The controls must be so placed that their manipulation does not interfere with reading dials and meters. The indicators must be legible, which requires that printing be done in strong contrasting colors; it should also be large and without serifs or other distracting embellishments. Counter-type indicators are sometimes preferred to pointer type indicators.

Indicators should be at eye level and controls within convenient reach of the operator. The most infrequently used controls should be placed behind the front panel or in other locations available to the technician. Controls more frequently used but not necessary used for normal operation should be located behind hinged doors to reduce operator confusion from too vast an array of controls. Factory adjustments must be clearly indicated, such as by painting, and daubed with Glyptal or a similar compound to prevent tampering. A well-designed control panel is illustrated in Fig. 5.

Cabinets for marine equipment or other gear designed to function while exposed to the elements are either drip proof, splash proof or waterproof. Drip proofing is

To Cor	able II—W nmonly U	/eight and sed Gages	Thickn of She	ess of et Steel
			Weight	
USS	Thickness	Order	(lbs per	Weight
Gage	(in.)	Limits	sq ft)	(galvanized)

USS	Thickness	Order	(lbs per	Weight
Gage	(in.)	Limits	sq ft)	(galvanized)
11	0 <mark>.1</mark> 196	0.1121	5.0	5.156
1		0.1270		_
12	0.1046	0.0072	1 275	4 531
12	0.1040	0.0772	4.375	4.551
		0.1120		
13	0.0897	0.0822	3.75	3.906
12. 1		0.0971		
14	0.0747	0.0710	3.125	3.281
		0.0821		
				0.454
16	0.0598	0.0568	2.5	2.650
1		0.0635		
18	0.0478	0 0449	2.0	2,156
10	0.0470	0.0508		
-				
19	0.0418	0.0389	1.75	1.906
		0.0448		
20	0.0359	0.0344	1.5	1.656
		0.0388		
21	0.0220	0.0314	1 375	1 531
21	0.0329	0.0314	1.575	1.551
		0.0545		

provided by avoiding openings in the top of the cabinet, crowning the top surface for good drainage and designing louvers so that water will drain off. Splash proofing involves design of baffles to prevent water from reaching the circuits.

waterproofing

These methods stop short of actual waterproofing, which is reserved for equipment that is to function while submerged. This includes radio equipment for mounting on decks of submarines (Fig. 6), underwater television equipment etc. Waterproofing is achieved by use of gaskets and specially designed flanges as illustrated. Similar techniques are used when it is necessary to pressure seal equipment for operation at high altitudes or in explosive atmospheres. The gaskets used are often synthetic rubber O-rings. These may be backed up by leather or fiber washers where high pressure sealing is required. Sealing rings are available in special cross

Table III — Mechanical Characteristics of Aluminum Alloys					
Alloy	Tensile Strength (Ibs per sq in.)	Yield Strength (Ibs per sq in.)	Brinell Hardness		
WROUGHT	ALLOYS				
25	13,000	5,000	23		
<mark>35</mark>	16,000	6,000	28		
145	27,000	14,000	45		
24S	27,00 <mark>0</mark>	11,000	47		
A51\$	48,00 <mark>0</mark>	43,000	100		
525	27,000	12,000	45		
61\$	18 <mark>,00</mark> 0	<mark>8,</mark> 000	30		
7 <mark>5</mark> 5	33 <mark>,</mark> 000	1 <i>5</i> ,000	60		
112	19,000	1 <i>5,</i> 000	70		
113	19,000	15,000	70		
195	29,000	1 <mark>6,000</mark>	60		
212	19,000	14,000	<mark>65</mark>		
PERMANENT MOLD CAST ALLOYS					
113	24,000	19,000	<mark>7</mark> 0		
C113	25,000	24,0 <mark>00</mark>	80		
B195	33,000	19,000	75		

sections as well as the usual O shape. Three common ways of making an O-ring seal are illustrated in Fig. 7. Scaling inhibits ventilation and cooling the equipment may become a serious problem. Fins are added that increase the surface area exposed to the water, so that heat may be dissipated.

Where equipment is to be operated in an explosive atmosphere, means must be provided to eliminate sparking in the equipment and to insure that if sparking does occur resulting hot gases will be contained and not spread to the outside atmosphere.

Sparking may be reduced by using mercury switches and nonarcing relays. To contain any explosion that may occur, equipment can be housed in dome-shaped cast steel structures. These are equipped with wide flanges so that escaping hot gases will be cooled before reaching the explosive atmosphere outside.

An air purge may also be used. Here inert gas or air free of explosive gases is supplied to the equipment housing or, in some cases, to the entire equipment space under a static pressure greater than atmospheric. This technique keeps the explosive gases away from sources of flame. As in the case of waterproof equipment, explosion proofing increases the cooling problem. Solutions include separating equipment that might spark from heat dissipating circuits and mounting the latter outside the housing, furnishing the housing with cool air under pressure, providing the housing with cooling fins and derating components to be located within the housing.

Equipment, such as missiles, which may be stored for an indefinite period but must give 100-percent performance when taken from the shelf is often hermetically sealed and filled with dry nitrogen to prevent corrosion.

mobile equipment

In a sense, all modern equipment must be transportable. Formerly, large transmitters were erected on the site but today even these units and items such as large scale computers are broken down into smaller units and shipped to point of use. In such cases, however, protection from shock and vibration while in transit is the responsibility of the packaging engineer.

Equipment designed for installation aboard ships, planes or motor vehicles must maintain its functional performance under varying conditions of shock and vibration. Such mobile equipment is subjected to both primary and secondary motions. The former are the motions of the vehicle while the latter include motions of equipment or component parts induced by the primary motion. A prime function of the cabinet designer is to eliminate secondary motion or to limit it so that fragile electronic parts will not be damaged or their life unduly shortened by fatigue.

vibration

Basically vibration is a periodic motion that occurs when an elastic system is displaced from its equilibrium position and released. When a mechanical system is excited at its natural resonant frequency, the disturbance is apparently amplified, by a means analogous to the voltage amplification across a parallel resonant circuit excited at its resonant frequency.

A piece of electronic equipment is an aggregation of simple mechanical systems. For a complex system there are a great number of natural frequencies or modes of vibration. If excitation is applied, all these modes will appear—some to a greater extent than others. If the excitation is too great the amplitudes of the various modes may be sufficient to cause failure of electronic components.

If equipment is designed so that its lowest mode of vibration occurs at a frequency higher than any anticipated forcing frequency (primary motion) no modes of vibration will be excited in the equipment. This is the principle of rugged design.

vibration isolators

When equipment must function in the presence of primary motions having such high frequencies that it



Environmental testing. Equipment at left is readied for test in Signal Corps' stratosphere chamber. Center photo shows chamber for 50-hour salt-spray test. Resistance to ice and snow is determined by testing equipment in cold room, right

is impossible to design equipment all of whose modes of vibration occur at higher frequencies, vibration isolators must be employed.

In equipment for conventional aircraft, the effects of vibration may be limited by use of soft isolators such as shock mounts.

A vibration isolation system using shock mounts is shown in Fig. 8A. It consists of resilient cushions such as steel springs, rubber mounts or mounts of composition material. Also shown is a method for snubbing or limiting the maximum excursion of the system under extreme overloads. Captive features in the mounts will prevent the unit becoming a missile should the spring or rubber be destroyed or disintegrate. Two typical systems of mounting are shown. Center-of-gravity mounting, Fig. 8C, is commonly used for military equipment. Double shock mounting, Fig. 8D, has sometimes proved ineffective.

Equipment for use in modern military aircraft must undergo vibration tests up to 500 cps or higher for pulse jets and rockets. At such high frequencies of vibration conventional isolation methods are sometimes ineffective. The problem may become an acoustical one. One method of vibration isolation, shown in Fig. 8E, involves the use of a laminated framework in which fiber or asbestos is introduced between metallic laminations to provide an acoustic block.

rugged design

In the case of shipborne equipment, Navy specifications call for vibration test in the range 5 to 23 cps at an amplitude of 0.03 in. and at a greatly reduced amplitude up to 35 cps. Resonance will be avoided in these tests only if the lowest mode of vibration is above these frequencies.

Mounting the cabinet on shock mounts may be ineffective since the resonant frequency of some shock mounts is about 30 to 35 cps and no isolation is provided below 50 cps. Rather than attenuation of vibration amplitudes, there is an amplification. One answer is to design the equipment so that all modes of vibration are above the test range. This implies that the stiffness of supporting structures such as brackets, clamps and chassis should be checked so that the natural frequency is within the correct range.

Simple mechanical systems like a transformer and its supporting bracket, or a transformer in the middle of a chassis may be checked by load deflection tests. For example, if a transformer-bracket combination should have a resonant frequency not lower than 50 cps then the static deflection of the bracket at the load should not exceed 0.004 in. This is obtained from

$$D = 10/f^{2}$$

where f is the natural frequency.

When assemblies become more complex, frequency response can be investigated on a vibration table. This may be done early in development. It is good practice to require components to pass a vibration test; every chassis should be subjected to similar treatment.

Such procedures will often reveal failures recognized at once as design shortcomings and at other times construction or assembly weaknesses.

Among design failures must be counted the so-called oil-canning of transformers and other solid massive components on the chassis. Motion of these components causes the broad side of the chassis to vibrate in a two-dimensional mode. The effect is similar to that produced by displacing and releasing the sides of a large rectangular oil can. It is extremely destructive of fragile electronic components.

Oil-canning can be reduced by dividing a chassis into several subchassis possibly held together by a rigid framework. Also, heavy components such as transformers and chokes should be mounted near corners to derive added support and transmit secondary vibrating motions of the part to the framework where the motions will be damped out.

The supporting framework and the various drawers or chassis assemblies make up another resonant system. For example, a drawer that contains transformers may be considered to be a solid mass compared to the framework of the supporting cabinet. The stiffness of this framework must be sufficiently high so that it does not have a low mode of vibration. Providing vibration or shock mounts for such a cabinet is sometimes ineffective since the lowest mode of vibration of the cabinet itself is below the minimum allowed. Therefore the framework of a cabinet should be sufficiently rigid to be compatible with the subassemblies which it must support. Rigid frames do not imply heavier frames but frames designed to make better use of the cross-sectional areas.

It should be noted that the amplifying effect of cabinet resonances requires that component subassemblies be tested on the vibration table at amplitudes higher than that of the cabinet as a whole.

shock resistance

Protecting electronic gear against shock is related to the modes of vibration. Shock is a transient motion with a finite time interval. If there is a proper ratio between this time interval and the period of the mode the chances are excellent that no interruption of the functional operation of the equipment will occur. It is impractical, however, to protect equipment against any and all shocks. It has been shown that shock mounts giving a natural period of 30 to 35 cps and a displacement capacity of about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch provide excellent shock protection for shipborne equipment.

Some of the important steps in designing a cabinet may be summarized. Design a substantial, rigid frame

compatible with the weight it must support. Put heavy components such as transformers near the base. Locate fragile components like tubes and relays in the center of the cabinet away from locations where vibration and shock disturbances are transmitted to the cabinet. Select rigid supporting brackets and tie them in properly with the frame. Make all clamping positive and avoid springs for holding parts in place.

Although such requirements may seem incompatible with weight saving, they are actually conducive to such a program. Rigidity and light weight are both associated with higher natural frequencies and any procedure that considers the dynamic response of a system will automatically result in weight saving. Selection of lighter materials is also part of the design procedure. The equipment illustrated in Fig. 9 bears out many of the foregoing suggestions.

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Mechanical testing. Console of radar fire control equipment is shown undergoing vibration test on shake table, left. Shock tester, right, delivers either horizontal impact shocks, by hammer, or vertical shocks by dropping test platform

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Circular Waveguide Chart

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G IVEN a circular copper tube of inner diameter 9 centimeters, find: (a) what modes will propagate at a frequency of 3,000 mc; (b) what the cutoff wavelength is for these modes; (c) what guide wavelength is at this frequency for each mode.

A frequency of 3,000 mc corresponds to a free-space wavelength λ of 10 cm; calculate λ/ID to be 1.11 (ID is the inner diameter); find this value on the base of the chart and project it vertically. The only two diagonal straight lines that intersect this value are marked TM_{α} and TE_{α} . Thus these two modes provide the answer to (a).

Project these intersections horizontally on the chart to find that λ/λ_c is 0.85 for the TM_{01} case and 0.65 for the TE_{11} case.

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Dividing 10 (the free space wavelength λ) by these figures in turn will give cutoff wavelengths λ_c of 11.77 cm for the TM_{α} mode in 9-centimeter tubing and 15.39 cm for the TE_{μ} mode.

Where these horizontal projections intersect the curved line, read the horizontal scale on the chart to find that λ/λ_{σ} is 0.522 for the TM_{o1} mode and 0.757 for the TE_{11} mode. Dividing 10 by these factors will indicate that λ_{σ} is 19.15 cm for the TM_{o1} mode and 13.20 cm for the TE_{11} mode.

A further use for the chart is

the calculation of attenuation constant for any waveguide beyond cutoff where, as usual, copper losses are neglected. The following example will explain this method of using the chart.

Given a waveguide of any cross-section with λ_c known to be 2.5 cm, what will be the attenuation for a wave of free-space wavelength = 5.9 cm?

Calculate $\lambda_c/\lambda = 0.424$ and assume that the ordinate scale of the chart marked λ/λ_c reads λ_c/λ .

Find 0.424 on this scale and determine its intersection with the curved line as 0.905.

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Military Carrier Telegraph Equipment

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NEW CARRIER TELEGRAPH equipment specifically designed for longdistance military communications, superior in performance and adaptability to equipment currently available, will soon be produced in quantity for military radio communication networks.

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frequency diversity or both. Diversity operation is commonly used on long-distance radio circuits to mitigate the effects of selective fading.

Signals incoming over the two radio paths are received by the dualchannel receiver of the new terminal and are then combined by a new method, called ratio squaring. Systematic time phase difference in the two paths is corrected by use of adjustable time-delay equalizers. This method of combining provides a 3-db improvement of signal to noise in addition to the normal diversity improvement factor. Under ad-

Illegal Radio Shocks Bettors



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A complete terminal, shown in Fig. 1, comprises six cabinets, two (left) for transmitting equipment and four for receiving equipment, each 75 inches high, 22½ inches wide and 24 inches deep. Sending and receiving units are completely independent and need not be inent units complete with power supply. They can be removed from the drawer slides and installed at a remote location by front-panel mounting on any standard 19-inch relay rack. No wiring changes are required at the terminal when this is done; circuit connections are restored by use of dummy connector panels.

A channel transmitter drawer containing sending equipment for two channels and typical of chassis construction is shown in Fig. 2.



FIG. 1—Complete carrier-telegraph terminal. Two transmitting cabinets are at left. Four others are for receiving circuits



FIG. 2—Channel transmitter drawer is typical of chassis construction

are also provided to permit operation over cable pairs to remotely located radio stations.

Mechanically, terminal AN/FGC-29 is ruggedized to withstand the rigors of military transportation and service. Requirements include unusual resistance to shock and stalled in the same location. Installation is simple, involving little more than provision of a-e power and telegraph loop circuits. Interconnections between and within cabinets are made with plug-in multiconductor cables; neither wiring lists nor soldered connections are required.

Drawer-type chassis construction is used for maximum accessibility and drawers can be drawn out for maintenance work on top or bottom of the chassis without interrupting service. Drawers associated only with specific channels can be removed from the cabinets without interfering with the rest of the system. Drawers containing multiplexing equipment and equalizeramplifier equipment are independ-



FIG. 3—Subassembly is representative of unitized construction

The drawer chassis forms a framework on which are mounted unitized subassemblies, filters and other sealed units in the center, electronic units such as amplifiers, oscillators and modulators on either side. Power supplies are in a separate compartment across the rear. A representative subassembly (Fig. 3) is a miniature amplifier used throughout the terminal for various Design is circuit applications. compacted to a degree consistent with requirements on performance, maintenance and flexibility.

The advantage of ratio-squaring combining was determined in a study of a number of methods by Crosby Laboratories, Inc., under contract with the Signal Corps.

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COLOR is used to identify plug-in chassis that form part of airborne radar navigation equipment designed by General Precision Laboratory, Inc. Features of the radar include ability to function under a wide range of environmental conditions and use of standard tubes having normal tolerances.

Because the radar unit is contained in a cylindrical housing that facilitates pressurization and cooling, these chassis are uniquely shaped. Many are identical in size and layout, although they perform different functions.

By anodizing in distinctive colors, the smaller unit assemblies can be recognized at a glance. This feature speeds maintenance and replacement by normally competent personnel. Connections are made to the units by means of the plug and jack system shown.

that may lead to solutions.

The National Inventors Council lists 70 new problems and carries over 130 in a publication entitled "Technical Problems Affecting the National Defense." Among them are such needs as a protective coating for magnesium, homing navigation system, handwheels with low thermal conductivity and new type of communication system. Copies of this publication can be obtained free from: National Inventors Council, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C.

By way of partial solution to the navigational problem, a summary "Report on Electronic Systems of Air Navigation" has recently been made available. It includes the technical and economic characteristics of nondirectional beacons, standard loran, Consol, Navarho, Decca, Gee, the four-course radio range, vhf omnidirectional range (VOR) and measuring equipment distance (DME). Compiled by a panel of the Air Coordinating Committee, the 52-page report is available from U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Technical Services, Washington 25, D. C. as publication PB 111344 at \$1 a copy.

It is not unusual for an engineer to invent a circuit or device that has already been patented. Although such a situation cannot always be avoided, much time might be saved through a system of making information more easily available. The Federal Government owns many patents, 775 of which deal with instruments and date from the end of 1953. A list and brief description has been compiled in "Patent Abstracts No. 1, Instrumentation." Among the items listed device gain-measuring are a for a multiple-channel (Army) radio receiver, electrolytic resistors (Commerce Dept.) and fluorophotometer (AEC).

The 65-page listing is available at \$2 from Office of Technical Services, under the publication number PB 111464.

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Weather Radar Operates in C Band

RESOLUTION of radar, which depends upon wavelength, increases directly with frequency or inversely with wavelength. Operational tests using X-band wavelengths (3 cm) show that while it gives excellent pictures of the front of storms, it is incapable of penetrating moderate to heavy rainfall. At least, it cannot give the pilot sufficient information as to what lies behind the front portion.

Theoretical studies indicate that for weather mapping a wavelength between 3 and 10 cm (the latter has less inherent resolution but greater penetrating power) may prove optimum.

Special equipment operating in

the C band (5.5 cm) has been flown a total of 133 hours, 80 of which were in the immediate vicinity of, or through corridors of thunderstorms. From the results, it has been concluded that such equipment will permit a pilot to avoid moderate and heavier turbulence associated with thunderstorm and precipitation areas, usually by detours in the order of five miles or less from the planned flight path.

Pilots were able to penetrate visually 15 miles or more of heavy rain that was falling at a rate of not less than 60 mm an hour. There was no evidence, however, that the radar equipment was capable of identifying a tornado or tornado



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thunderstorm, although satisfactory warning was provided of hail shafts.

Isoecho contour circuitry appears essential for determining which corridors in a storm area may be flown through with safety. Isoecho circuits show which part of a storm is most turbulent (where the change from no rain to heavy rain is likely to occur in the shortest distance). The indication is a dark spot or patch within a bright display on the cathode-ray tube.

In the equipment used, transmitter frequency was 5,435 mc; peak power, 80 kw; duty cycle, 0.0008; pulse repetition frequency, 400 cycles; pulse width, 2 microseconds. The receiver had a sensitivity of 101.2 dbm; 3-db bandwidth, 0.9 mc; noise figure, 14.5 db; i-f, 60.2 mc; i-f voltage gain, 85 db and preamplifier voltage gain of 27 db.

Information on employment of this hitherto unused radar band comes from the United Air Lines, Inc. publication, "Evaluation of C Band (5.5 cm) Airborne Weather Radar" prepared by Henry T. Harrison and E. A. Post.—A. A. MCK.

In-Phase Indicator

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can be accommodated by use of a double-diode limiter in the circuit



FIG. 1-Phase detector (A) uses doublewinding filament transformer with neon bulb to indicate when two a-c signals are in phase. Graph (B) shows variation in output voltage with phase relationship

of greater voltage to reduce it to the level of the smaller one. It is better to provide limiters in both primaries so that both flux patterns will be of the same general shape for effective cancellation of out-ofphase signals.

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Current-Limited Variable Power Supply

BY CHARLES R. DEMING Hughes Research and Development Laboratories Culver City, California

TO PROTECT EQUIPMENT from excessive currents in regulated highvoltage supplies, the circuit shown in Fig. 1 has been developed. Performance curves are shown in Fig. 2. Current-limiting action is obtained by using the constant-current properties of a pentode series tube, V_1 , resistor R_1 and the diode in the cathode circuit of the series tube.



FIG. 1—Current-limiting circuit for a variable voltage power supply

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FIG. 2—Curve shows limiting action for various output voltage levels

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Thyratons Protect Unloaded Amplifier

BY ROBERT W. WOODS Biophysicist College of Medical Exangelists Los Angeles, Calif.

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By GEORGE M. ETTINGER London, England

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FIG. 1—Variation of phototube output with line voltage

The effect of x-ray intensity fluctuations, however, cannot be easily eliminated. Voltage regulators are sometimes employed but where motor-driven, these are slow and where electronic, considerable circuit complications are encountered.



FIG. 2—Test circuit for single-stage nonlinear impedance (A). Curve (B) shows impedance variation with change of line voltage

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FIG. 3—Circuit of three-stage nonlinear compensation circuit

In a single-channel x-ray absorption gage a variation of 3 volts in '10 is sufficient to give the same change of output as a change of 0.005 inch of sample thickness. Variation of gage output is plotted against relative line voltage in Fig. 1.

Output is not proportional to line voltage. The variation may be expressed by as $v_{\text{OUT}} = a \ (v_{\text{LINE}})^n$ where 5 < n < 6. A characteristic of this nature must, therefore, be produced in the compensating circuits.

A square-law input-output voltage variation may be obtained from a potential-divider network of which one element is a metal rectifier. To maintain symmetrical characteristics, it is desirable to use two rectifiers back-to-back. The simple circut of Fig. 2A gives the results plotted in Fig. 2B.

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FIG. 4—Characteristic of three-stage compensator plotted against x-ray characteristic curve and curve of singlestage compensator

vidual characteristics. Figure 3 shows how the three-stage nonlinear impedance is constructed. The second and third stages are isolated by a 6SN7. The output of the last nonlinear stage is amplified in the second half of the 6SN7, passed through on a step-up transformer and rectified. The characteristics of the 3-stage nonlinear impedance are plotted in Fig. 4. This agrees fairly closely with the x-ray characteristic curve. For comparison, a linear impedance characteristic is also drawn.

X-ray gage output with line-voltage variations is substantially unchanged as line voltage is reduced from 110 volts rms to 80 volts rms.

Time constant of the compensator must be considered. In order to improve photomultiplier signalto-noise ratio, the x-ray absorption gage used in these tests had a bandwidth of 5 cps. The compensator circuit however, had a faster response. Therefore, transient overcompensation was obtained. This was overcome by connecting sufficiently large time constants in the output of the compensator.

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The klystron local oscillator and AFC system in a 9000 mc CW radar are eliminated by the use of a quartz crystal controlled 60 mc source modulating a small portion of the transmitter power by means of two silicon diodes in a magic-Tee. Side bands of 9060 and 8940 are generated and the desired band is selected by a filter cavity. If the transmitted frequency changes from 9000 mc to 9001, the selected side band changes by the same amount, thus achieving AFC. The use of one reversed polarity diode paired with one regular polarity diode allows the carrier and IF signals to be supplied in the same relative phase generating side bands in phase opposition which add in arm 4 of the mixer.

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missions are prohibited from broadcasting network color programs. If the characteristic 3.58-mc color subcarrier is removed from network color programs, the colorkiller circuits of receivers will interpret television signals as being black-and-white. The simple filter to be described permits use of all incoming programs, either color or monochrome, in full compliance with FCC rules.



FIG. 1—Color remover filter for transmitter input

For stations desiring to remove the color subcarrier the filter shown in Fig. 1, inserted in the line to the transmitter, will attenuate the fundamental of the 3.58-mc subcarrier approximately 23 db. Absence of this signal allows the color receiving set to operate as a blackand-white device. Sidebands are attenuated as little as possible in order to prevent removal of highfrequency luminance information.



FIG. 2—Characteristics of the input filter

Insertion of such a filter in a line carrying an RETMA test-pattern signal cuts the vertical wedge from about 300 lines to 250 lines. It also adds one or two rings after all sharp transitions. Complete elimination of ringing would require many additional filter sections that would complicate adjustment.

The filter is adjusted using a video sweep generator at the input and a detector probe at the output. Inductors L_1 and L_2 are set for maximum attenuation at the subcarrier frequency. With at least 100 ohms in series between sweep generator output and filter input, L_1 is then adjusted for constant in-



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Performance of the filter is shown in Fig. 2. This material is abstracted from a field bulletin of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc.

Low-Distortion Electronic Attenuators

By WILLIAM H. SWAIN Pleasantville, N. Y.

ELECTRONIC ATTENUATORS are commonly used as part of studio-type amplifiers, computing apparatus and various ranging and navigational devices. The variable gain element is usually a tube and is required to operate in the audio and ultrasonic range. These automatic gain-control circuits generally provide for changing the operating bias of a multigrid tube, thus introducing a moderate amount of distortion at some point in the control range.



FIG. 1—Control tube in electronic attenuator acts as variable shunt to ground

A usable control is obtained in this manner, especially if the control range is not great and a moderate distortion level can be tolerated. The electronic attenuators discussed here are designed particularly for applications where minimum distortion and wide control range are desired. Some types of military apparatus require that audio signals be attenuated automatically and rapidly, with distortion not in excess of about 2 percent.

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0.25	0.65	1,25	1.65
0.30	0.70	1.30	1.70
0.35	0.75	1.35	1.75
0.40	0.80	1.40	1.80
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good amplifier stages and operate them at all times with constant bias and gain. They are followed by gain controls that introduce a minimum of distortion. However, the device should not include a servodriven potentiometer for rapid $\begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ sec or less) response must be possible.

The first solution investigated is shown in Fig. 1. It comprises a fixed resistor, R_s , in series with the signal source and a variable shunt to ground provided by the dynamic plate resistance R_p of the control tube. Maximum transmission is obtained when the control tube is cut off. As the control voltage E_a decreases the dynamic plate resistance of the control tube becomes less and the tube acts as a greater conductance shunt to ground. This results not in a true potentiometer, but in an attenuator with a fixed series arm and a variable shunt arm.



FIG. 2—Attenuator circuit for low-level signals

Operating limits are usually established by the maximum resistance that can be tolerated for the series resistor R_{\star} owing to stray capacitance and the shunting effect of R_{L} in parallel with the output load impedance. Of course, the minimum resistance of the control tube determines the maximum attenuation and the tube should be selected with this in mind. Tube types 12AY7, 12AT7 and 2C51 were found to combine good control range with relatively low distortion.

The circuit shown in Fig. 2 is a basic form of the electronic attenuator and may be used at low levels. The first section of the tube is a voltage amplifier operating at constant bias level and gain. The second section is the attenuator and derives its d-c plate voltage from the first section through the series

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attenuator resistor R_{s} .

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A version of the circuit shown in Fig. 3 has been used in military equipment to provide a 40-db attenuation range with about 3 percent maximum distortion at 0.2 volt rms output. The value of R_* shown is rather high, but a resistance in the order of 47K can also be used. Control tube V_1 produces a variable shunt impedance to ground. In this case, however, the grid is coupled directly to the output and this results in voltage negative feedback having an effective gain a, which is the gain of V_1 at any particular operating bias.



FIG. 3—Circuit providing 40 db attenuation with about 3 percent distortion

The value β is unity and this results in a reduction of the dynamic plate resistance by the gain factor of V_1 . Tube V_2 acts as a cathode clamp, establishing a well-regulated plate potential for V_1 . In addition, when V_1 is drawing a large current, V_2 acts as an added shunt conductance to ground. The net impedance presented by the two tubes to ground is

$$Z_s = 1/2 \, G_m$$

where Z_s is the minimum impedance shunting the signal to ground, and G_m is the manufacturer's rating for the tube under normal operation. Values of Z_s in the order of 500 ohms are readily obtained.

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Recently, the Federal Communications Commission approved the use of low-power satellite tv broadcast transmitters that operate on a different ultrahigh frequency from that assigned to the main station. Since the booster-type station operates on the same frequency as the parent station it requires a more exacting performance. Where experimental boosters have operated successfully, satellites might be expected to work as well with less difficulty.

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FIG. 1—High-gain receiving antenna plcks up main-station signal for rebroadcast by booster on same frequency

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FIG. 2—Experimental transmitting antenna undergoing tests found later use in uhf booster installation for channel 25

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The booster transmitter, with a power of about 10 watts provided acceptable service in an area partially shadowed by intervening terrain.

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Testing Signal Equipment



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Counting Tube

Patent 2,638,541 has ben granted to John T. Wallmark of Bromma, Sweden for an Impulse Counting Tube. The patent is assigned to the Radio Corporation of America.

Figure 1 shows the internal structure of the tube. There is a plurality of dually stable discharge devices in the envelope of the tube. Where ten such devices are included in the tube it becomes a decade impulse counter.

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FIG. 1—Internal structure of the impulse counter tube



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beams directed at ten secondary emitters. The grids shield the collectors from primary electrons.

Operation of the decade impulse counter may be followed from Fig. 2. This is a plot of the conditions of a single pair of the elements connected with one of the dynodes. Resistor R_1 is a dynode load. Component R_{e} is the collector load resistor. When the pushbutton switch in the output circuit is closed the resistors to the source are connected together at their cold ends. They form a voltage divider placing the collector and dynode to which they are joined at a common potential at the divider voltage point. This potential should be higher than V_b .

The values of resistance are so chosen. As a result of the positive potential on the dynode now energized, a beam of electrons will flow towards it from the cathode between the two adjacent grid wires. This results in secondary electron emission, which will return to the emitter as long as the switch is closed. As soon as the switch is opened, the collector electrode potential will rise and that of the secondary emitter will drop to V_{ν} . Electron current will now flow from the emitter to collector because of the potential difference and the polarity of that difference between them. The electron space discharge resulting will now provide the low-impedance path from secondary emitter to collector in place of the switch contacts.

While the secondary emitter will draw primary current it will release a greater secondary electron current. The total current will therefore be negative. The drop across resistor R_1 as a result is of the proper polarity to maintain the secondary emitter sufficiently positive to continue drawing current and remain stable in this condition. The voltage versus total electron current for the dynode is shown in Fig. 2.

As in all secondary emitters there exist two stable operating points, 0 and V_{ν} . The stable-current condition may be cut off by the application of a pulse to the input that is impressed on the grid. Cutoff of the electron beam results in a return

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FIG. 2—Stable operating point V_b and 0 of secondary emitter

of this pair of elements to its first passive condition. The collector electrode potential during this transition rises sharply and the rise is coupled by the capacitor to the next clockwise secondary emitter to initiate another conductive stable state. Such condition, described for a dynode collector pair, is maintained until the next negative pulse is applied to the grid. This cycle repeats to the subsequent pairs as each pulse is applied.

If at the output circuit there is connected the grid of another of these decade impulse counters, a digital decade impulse counter may be set up with as many digits as there are tubes. Indicating devices such as glow discharge tubes may be connected for displaying the position of the conducting dynodecollector pair then in operation.

Some of the operating circuit data are included in the patent specification as to pulse shaping and the time constants of the R and C combinations. They should be substantially shorter than n times the period between the highest frequency pulses to be counted. The inventor claims that very weak pulse amplitudes can control the counting system of this tube.

Radio Viewer

Recently awarded to H. A. Iams of Princeton, N. J., patent 2,668,-869 describes a Radio Viewing System. The patent is assigned to the Radio Corporation of America.

Figure 3 shows the basic idea. Radio waves are received as reflected from a source illuminated by some radio frequency in the range of 1-cm wavelength. The receiving antenna is a spherical mirror that collects the reflected waves onto a plane mirror. This, in turn, reflects the waves into an opening in the

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FIG. 3—Basis of microwave scanning system

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A waveguide scanning drum is passed over the opening in the spherical mirror to receive the waves and carry them to a waveguide pickup at the center of the drum. The positions of the radially arranged waveguides of the drum are such as to produce a scanning action over the opening. This portion of the system is reminiscent of the Baird mirror-drum tv pickup and reproducer.

The drum and scanning are synchronized with a sweep circuit and the signals received at the waveguide pickup are detected and converted to light intensity signals on a cathode-ray tube to reproduce the image picked up by the spherical mirror. Figure 4 illustrates the system for reproducing the radiowave image.

Textile Recorder

An Indicating and Recording Device for Yarn Diameters was granted patent 2,641,960. The inventor, Fred P. Strother, of old Grenwich, Conn., has assigned the patent to Deering-Milliken Research Trust, of New York.

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FIG. 4—Method of reproducing radiowave images



FIG. 5—Circuit of the photometric yarn measuring device

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average variation. This second amplifier has isolating grid resistors and the output circuit is damped with capacitors. The capacitors integrate the variations and drive the second pen motor to produce an average diameter record.

Frequency Discriminator

In a patent awarded Leo Staschover, 2,667,576 for a Frequency Discriminator Circuit a novel arrangement is disclosed. The patent is assigned to International Standard Electric Company of New York.

The discriminator circuit is shown in Fig. 6. Its particular novelty resides in the network inserted between the source of f-m waves and the detector. The network may be a T or pi conformation; the T type is shown. Another feature is the use of a unity-coupled transformer in which the primary and secondary are interwound on a common form.



FIG. 6—Frequency discriminator uses network and unity coupling

The advantages claimed are that a wide band of frequencies may be covered in the tuning range of the discriminator, while at a particular frequency setting there is a narrow band of operation. A further advantage claimed is ease of tuning. The inventor claims the improved result to be obtained by impedance rather than magnetic coupling as in conventional discriminators.

Microwave AFC

Patent 2,667,636 was issued to O. H. Winn of the General Electric Co. for Automatic Frequency Control Circuits for Superheterodyne Microwave Receivers.

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by a separate afc crystal detector for use in a system mixing localoscillator and transmitter frequencies to develop the appropriate afc voltage that in turn is applied to the repeller. Crystal detectors, because of their nonlinear characteristics, produce harmonics that interfere with proper operation of afc circuits.

This inventor has found that by eliminating the separate afc crystal detector and mixing within the reflex klystron oscillator's resonant cavity, he has been able to accomplish an improved afc action. The output of the klystron has a circuit tuned to the i-f resulting from the mixing of a portion of the transmitter-oscillator frequency in the klystron cavity with the local-oscillator frequency. The resultant difference frequency appears in the beam current of the oscillator. The resonant circuit in the local oscillator output is tuned to the difference frequency and the voltage applied to the afc voltage generating circuits. The resultant afc volt-



FIG. 7—Microwave superheterodyne eliminates separate afc crystal

age is applied to the local-oscillator klystron repeller.

Figure 7 is a simplified diagram of the inventor's circuit.

Color TV Tube

E. O. Lawrence has been awarded patent 2,669,675 for a Display Surface for Color Television Tubes. The patent is assigned to Chromatic Television Laboratories, Inc. of San Francisco, California.

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of the problem presented by the perforated screen type of color picture tube.

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Figure 8 shows the structure of a lens grid screen employed in this invention to direct the beam to the



FIG. 8—Lens-grid screen for color tubes directs beam to desired area



FIG. 9—Method of energizing color-tube grid with vertical and horizontal oscillators controlled by receiver



FIG. 10—Three-gun tube used to demonstrate how beam can be directed to a common point on screen area


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desired color area of the picture surface, as the beam is swept by the deflection circuits.

The block diagram of Fig. 9 shows the circuits by which the lens-grid structure is excited by a vertical and a horizontal oscillator. While the arrangement essentially describes a field-sequential application of the system to an electrostatic deflection tube, there is a likelihood that the vertical and horizontal color oscillators can be so phased as to provide operation in the manner of the dynamic convergence coil of the electromagnetic systems now in use in the present NTSC system.

An arrangement of the principle of this invention applied to a threegun electromagnetic cathode-ray tube structure is shown in Fig. 10. Here all three guns are tied together to direct the beam to a common point on the lens grid screen area.



FIG. 11-Position of the color areas that are activated by the beam

Figure 11 shows the positions of the color areas with respect to the vertically and horizontally controlling deflection meshes of the lens grid. By appropriate polarities of voltages applied to the meshes the beam may be positioned to impinge on a greater or lesser proportion of the areas of each color section within the grid square to provide the appropriate color in the combination, or the beam can be spun inside the mesh with brightness changes effected by controlgrid excitation of the beam.

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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, there is described a piezoelectric voltmeter, although the title of the invention is Light Valve.

Figure 12 is an end-view illustration of the piezoelectric voltmeter arranged with an optical film recorder. The top view of the piezoelectric structure is shown in Fig. 13

The piezoelectric crystal shown has a chamfered edge that is coated to form a partially reflective surface. The surface of the plate glass nearest the crystal is partially coated also. Since the crystal and



FIG. 12-End view of piezoelectric voltmeter



FIG. 13-Top view of piezoelectric structura

glass surfaces are not in parallel planes, these surfaces define a wedge-shaped film. When a monochromatic light source is directed at an angle on the interference fringe created by these surfaces interfering rays appear to diverge from the reflecting surface at points P and P' respectively.

Light from the monochromatic source when passing through the coated surface of the glass is reflected by the chamfered edge of the crystal to the film recorder. As the crystal is deformed by the voltages applied to it the thickness of the pattern formed is a measure of the voltage applied to the crystal. The response of the system is best from 1,000 to 50,000 cycles.

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Mass Separator

Another recently awarded patent assigned to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission is for a Mass Separator. J. G. Backus is the inventor. Patent is No. 2,667,-582

Mass separators resolve beams of ions into separate distinguishable groups of like mass-to-charge ratios and provide visual indications of the ratios and abundance of ions in each group.

The present invention is a velocity-focused mass separator. Fig. ure 14 illustrates the electronic system of this invention as utilized



FIG. 14-Electronic portion of focused mass spectrometer

in a chamber into which is inserted a material to be studied.

An ion source bombarding an accelerating plate sends a beam of ions down a crescent-shaped enclosed electric field area towards an anode and ion collector.

The crescent-shaped area has strip electrodes arranged concentrically within the area. There is an equal number on each side of the beam area with respect to center. That is, there is an equal number in each of the positive and negative areas as the area is swept by a saw-tooth voltage; the ion beam is swept to focus ions of like mass-to-charge ratios in succession. The saw-tooth voltage is also connected to the horizontal plates of an oscilloscope and the output of the mass separator to the vertical plates of the oscilloscope. A trace is thereby provided of the magnitude versus mass-to-charge ratio on the oscilloscope screen.

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Frames for Cable-Lacing Boards Cut Production Costs



Storage rack for different lengths and colors of stripped wires used on lacing board. As many parts as possible are wired directly into the harness



Bench setup in lacing board department, showing frames for supporting boards on bench and method of using pull-out breadboards to support tools and wire rack

DIVIDING wire harness boards into labeled rectangular coordinates much as for maps permits specifying individual wires by means of an origin coordinate square and a destination coordinate square. This simplifies placement of wiring and improves accuracy in the North Hollywood, Calif. plant of Pacific Bendix Division.

Wood frames for supporting harness boards are constructed in sections that sit on top of benches and can easily be removed or shifted as the work load varies. Each standard eight-foot-long workbench is equipped with sliding breadboards at each end and in the middle on both side of the bench. These boards, made from five-ply plywood, can be pulled out as required to support cut wire racks and tools at the most convenient locations for the operator regardless of lacing board size.

The racks for cut wires are made by drilling holes in a sheet of tempered pressed wood and mounting this sheet at an angle on a wood frame. Wires are inserted in pairs of holes. The operator grasps a wire at its center and pulls it out; this eliminates the annoyance of pricking fingers on sharp ends of stripped wire. Strips of masking tape are run across the board and holes are identified by lettering on the strips. Lettering can thus be changed easily by putting on new strips. Chassis components are wired into the harness wherever possible, to avoid more difficult wiring later in the chassis. Even tube sockets and resistor subassembly panels are wired into the harness and later riveted or bolted to the chassis.

Scribing Dial Windows

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Calif., found that a hand scriber used against a straight edge was unsatisfactory, producing uneven work. An engraving machine didn't work either; the line was cut with reference to the engraving table instead of the sometimes irregular plastic surface.

The solution worked out uses a recording needle mounted in a spring-loaded cutting head which rolls along the surface of the plastic to obtain a depth of slot constant to 0.001 in. The needle is self-adjusting to 0.040 in. and can be adjusted by a setscrew for various thicknesses of plastic sheet. A micrometer can be added for exact adjustment.

For some applications, the engraved lines are filled with black ink or colored pigments to improve visibility. For other uses, the lines are unfilled and the panel is edgelighted.

Vacuum Cleaner Cleans Drill Press

A CLEANING tool operating from a compressed-air supply and using the principle of the Venturi tube contributes to good housekeeping in metal-working departments of electronic plants. When permanently mounted on a drill press, the unit picks up chips as fast as they appear and shoots them through a rubber hose into a waste barrel.

With a bag attached in place alongside of a rubber hose, the unit can be used as a hand vacuum cleaner for lifting lathe cuttings out of a lathe and for cleaning other machines employed in the production of electronic components. Absence of moving parts in the cleaner minimizes clogging, and absence of electrical contacts permits use in locations having fire hazards.

The new cleaner can be attached to grinding wheels, belt sanders and other machines that produce lint, grit or filings during operation. By placing appropriate sizes of screens on the nozzle, it can be used to separate particles of different sizes or to clean stock bins without picking up parts.

Another shop use is picking up liquids. The cleaner will empty a 50-gallon drum of water in 60 seconds and transfer the liquid through a rubber hose to any other container. Since the aluminum housing of the cleaner is essentially



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Base Alignment Gage Checks Octal Tubes

WHEN the V-block of a Tung-Sol gage is cradled against the cylindrical glass envelope of an octal tube, a pointer indicates the exact angle by which the base deviates from alignment with the envelope. Good alignment is desired both for appearance and for utilitarian reasons.

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tion independent of these diameters. The problem was solved by using a hand-held V-block for the glass portion of the tube. An extension of the V-block holds a small pointer and scale calibrated in degrees.

The pointer has a small slot at its pivot point instead of a hole. The pointer can thus slide up and down and thereby adjust itself to any diameter variations. The indicated degrees will still be correct because it is the angle of the indicator in relation to the face of the V-block that is the correct reference point. Longer scale lines on the gage indicate permissible 3-percent tolerance limits that are observed for most tubes.

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Quality Control Sets Factory Traffic Lights

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quality control department by a redlighted unit until the trouble has been corrected.

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Strip charts used for recording numbers of rejects in each batch of 100 tubes of a given type. Noise, electrical and mechanical defects are listed separately in a vertical row of three boxes

The strip charts are arranged in groups on a holder in such a way that a strip can be advanced by pulling the end with the left hand. Labels or crayon markings on transparent plastic guides identify the tube represented by each strip chart. These markings are easily changed when a different tube type is placed into production.

The cumulative averages for the last 1,000 tubes produced are transferred regularly from the strip charts to a bulletin board type of chart, the composite results of which determine the settings of the traffic lights. This chart is four-sided and is mounted on a vertical pipe for easy rotation, much in the manner of postcard display racks in stores. Small horizontal strips of wood divide each side of the rack into 16 areas in which the

ALPHA WIRE

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New computer matrix has high component density

This experimental reading gate matrix for airborne computers effectively utilizes the subminiature size of Hughes Point-Contact Germanium Diodes*. Developed by the Miniaturization Group of Hughes Research and Development Laboratories, the unit measures 5¼ by 3¼8 by ¼ inches (excluding plugs and frame). It contains 504 diodes, 209 resistors. Average component density: 94.5 per cubic inch! Frequently, space requirements of conventional wiring techniques will not permit electronic equipment to be miniaturized to the same extent as the components. However, spot-welded connections can effectively reduce wiring space... and it is easy to spotweld the dumet leads of Hughes diodes. There is no adverse effect on diode characteristics, even when the connections are welded close to the diode body. With Hughes diodes, designers can take full advantage of advanced packaging and wiring techniques.

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Method of using fixture for supporting turret socket during assembly. Finished chassis is shown in nest on other part of fixture

other end of the turret is supported by a hinged arm which is under spring tension. This arm is easily bent back out of the way for insertion or removal of a turret.

On the same wood base is an additional fixture that serves as a nest for supporting the subassembly chassis on which the turret is later mounted. The chassis is used in the Fishscope transmitter designed for use on commercial fishing boats to locate schools of fish deep under water.

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Using lift at knee level for initial stages of assembling parts on a panel



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Method of using banding machine for splicing two wires together. Resulting joint is mechanically satisfactory for electronic circuitry



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Examples of banded joints

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(1) Support one or both terminals of coupling and suppressor



Two totem poles and two tube sockets are required in this amplifier subassembly

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Jig facilitates production of two-post subassembly, using sample and diagram as guides. Note accessibility of terminals for inspection and wiring



With jigs removed, subassemblies are stored in cardboard box until needed in final chassis

plus a semi-pictorial wiring diagram. Code colors are added by the draftsmen in crayon for further simplification. With these tools the wireman can proceed with efficiency whether he prefers to work from the model, the diagram, or both.

When subassemblies are completed, they are removed from their jigs and stored in layers in a cardboard box until needed for final assembly. No trouble has been experienced in storing with the jigs removed. Extensive handling is unnecessary in this case because the storing and final assembly take place in the same building. Plywood and aluminum jigs have been satisfactory. Simplified equally wiring diagrams are used to complete the wiring on the chassis.

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Soldering Stand With Automatic Solder Feed

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Overhead mounting of soldering iron. Action of foot pedal lowers iron and pulls down lever arm that rotates gears between which solder runs, so that wheels push solder through bent copper tubing to the work

soldering iron is rigidly mounted under the bench in one installation, with the heated tip projecting up through an asbestos disk set in a hole in the bench. A foot pedal advances the solder and simultaneously brings the iron up to the correct position for the soldering operation. A curved copper tube can be easily bent to make the solder feed precisely to the desired point.

Another soldering setup that is also used in this Pasadena, California plant of Hycon Manufacturing Co. has the iron mounted above the bench, point downward. The parts to be soldered are held together on a small fixed anvil and the foot pedal is actuated to bring

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the iron down on the work and simultaneously feed solder to the work.

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Soldering setup in which iron mounted vertically under bench moves up to work when foot pedal is pressed. For some operations, the iron can be rigid in this mounting with foot pedal serving only to feed solder

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merry-go-round or in-line production setups, and can also be operated as a stationary unit to minimize vibration during the metalliz-

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ing cycle. Chief design feature of the new metallizer is completely automatic control over all stages of the metallizing cycle. Closing and opening



Loading bent aluminum strips on tungsten filament

of the valves, starting and stopping of the two vacuum pumps, and switching on and off of the vaporizing current are controlled by a standard sequence-type electrical timer, settings of which are adjustable to 10-second intervals over a 10-minute cycle.

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The production pattern reduces to this simple sequence:

1. The uncoated tube is lowered, neck down, into the vacuum-metallizing unit by an automatic lowering device. The operator then pushes one button to start the timer.

2. The rough pumping stage of

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the cycle automatically begins. A vacuum valve opens between the evacuation chamber of the unit (into which the tube neck has been inserted) and the 10-cfm rotary mechanical vacuum pump which is running continuously. The pressure in the tube is reduced to about 200 microns in approximately 2½ minutes.

3. At this pre-set time, the 4inch water-cooled oil-diffusion vacuum pump is cut in automatically and reduces the pressure within the tube to the desired pressure for vaporizing the aluminum to be deposited. This pressure is easily reached within 4 or 5 minutes.

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Placing picture tube in counterweighted yoke of automatic lowering device that lowers tube accurately into position, neck first



Pushing start button initiates complete sequence of metallizing

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the neck of the tube. The filament carries several short bent strips of aluminum ribbon which supply the metal source for the coating to be deposited. Heated by this current, the filament melts the ribbon. At the low pressure now in the chamber, the molten aluminum vaporizes and takes flight in molecular form, depositing as a thin coating over all of the inner surface of the tube. Location of the metal source within the tube has been



Interior of metallizer. Operator is changing timer setting that controls duration of flashing current

carefully determined to provide uniform coverage by the metal film. The duration of the flash is controlled by a separate micrometer adjustment on the timer, calibrated in seconds, and lasts as long as desired to give the required thickness of coating. The power supply for the filament is a standard stepdown transformer and rheostat, which converts the normal 115-volt a-c supply to a low voltage, adjustable from 0 to 17 volts.

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lifts the tube completely clear of the filament and thus indicates to the operator that the tube is ready for replacement. Another uncoated tube is then lowered into place, and the cycle repeats. Average length of one cycle is about 8 minutes—or better than 7 tubes per hour.

The mouth of the vacuum chamber is flared to facilitate admission of the neck of the tube as it is positioned by the tube-lowering device. A pressure-tight seal is made by a flexible rubber ring gasket around the rim of the chamber on which the tube seats.

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Air Control Improves Quality of Relays

AIR CIRCULATION, temperature, humidity and cleanliness are automatically controlled at exact points essential to precision manufacturing of relays in the new Chicago plant of C. P. Clare & Co. The entire plant design is aimed at eliminating the hazards of dust and dirt as the major cause of electrical relay failures both in production and in the field.

Washable ceramic tile walls,



Production floor of new relay plant, showing method of installing fluorescent lighting on low ceiling to get shadowproof illumination

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Heater Volts 3.15*

(Prototype -12AX7)

Heater Volts 3.15*

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(Prototype-6SN7GTA)

Heater Current 0.6 A

(Prototype-12AX4GT)

Heater Current 0.6 A

Heater Volts 12.6

Heater Volts 6.3

12AX4GTA

Heater Current 0.6 A

24F4

(Prototype-6AF4) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 2.35

3AL5 (Pratotype—6AL5) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 3.15

3AU6 (Prototype-6AU6) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 3.15

3AV6 (Protatype—6AV6) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 3.15

3BC5 (Prototype-6BC5) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 3.15

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(Protatype — 6BE6) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 3.15

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3BE6

4**BQ7A** (Prototype-6BQ7A) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 4.2

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5AN8 (Prototype-6AN8) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 4.7

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5BK7A (Prototyne-68K7A) Heater Current 0.6 A **Heater Volts 4.7**

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12BH7 (Prototype-12BH7) Heoter Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 6.3*

12BQ6GA (Prototype-6BQ6GA) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 12.6

12BQ6GT (Prototype-68Q6GT) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 12.6

12BY7A (Prototype - 12BY7) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 6.3*

12L6GT

(Prototype - 25L6GT) Heater Current 0.6 A Heater Volts 12.6

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Sheet metal hood mounted on vertical pipe draws soldering fumes off through underfloor ducts to maintain cleanliness during relay manufacture

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Power Transformer Tester

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COIL DISSIPATION: (Maximum) For continuous duty: a-c, 10 va; d-c, 6 watts.

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FIG. 1-Types of internally threaded coil forms and mating threaded iron Cores



FIG. 2-Typical triangular or cloverleaf type coil form

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A typical embossed form before and after forming is illustrated in Fig. 3. With this type, the form is the correct size before forming, since there is no decreasing or deforming of the diameter in manufacture. Strain to control torque



FIG. 3-Typical embossed form and Vtype core

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FIG. 4-Recommended winding arbor

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FIG. 5—Methods of positioning embossed threads on coil forms

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Figure 3 also illustrates the important factors in fitting a round into a round. Even a variation of 0.001 inch in core diameter makes a big difference in fit. The peak is also important, in that it will wear rapidly if sharp and thin. A peak of 0.007 to 0.015 inch is recommended. Increasing the pitch diameter will provide more material in the core and give more land at the peak. Always specify the length of the iron core to be used. This is a matter of friction; the longer the core, the greater the resistance.

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Wood, Hertfordshire, England, is manufacturing a line of photoelectric cells in which germanium junction transistors are the light-sensitive elements. The light-sensitive germanium is enclosed in a hermetically sealed metal case which has a window at one end. When light strikes the germanium through this window, the current passing through the germanium increases in direct proportion to the quantity of light which reaches it. The cells are more sensitive to normal light than most gas-filled or vacuum-type cells, and can be used where the amount of light to be measured is low. They have an output of current sufficient to operate a cold-cathode trigger tube.



ARBOR PRESS of close tolerance design

QUEENS TOOL ENGINEERING AND MFG. Co., 15 Front St., Rockville Center, N. Y. The Micro arbor press is a precision bench tool designed specifically for use by instrument makers where close tolerances are involved in the press fitting of bearings and gears in gear chains such as are used in cameras and computers. The end use is not single purpose in that it does an excellent job of piercing, broaching, forming and burnishing. Complete technical specifications are available from the company.

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HIGH-PASS FILTER reduces tv interference

REGENCY, a division of Industrial Development Engineering Associates, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind. Model HP-45 high-pass filter reduces tv interference caused by interfering transmitters. It is a constant-K type filter with a cutoff frequency of approximately 45 mc in a 300ohm balanced line. Attenuation at 29 mc is approximately 20 db. At frequencies of 14 mc and below. the attenuation is 40 db or more. Signals above 55 mc are passed through the filter without loss. Installation of the filter is easy and each unit is accompanied by an instruction sheet. List price is \$1.65.

MAGNETIC AMPLIFIER for servo motor uses

THE UNITED TRANSFORMER Co., 150 Varick St., New York 3, N. Y., has released a new series of magnetic amplifiers for servo motor applications. Four sizes have been made available, which will handle 2, 4, 6 or 9-w servo motors when used with a 115-v, 400-cycle supply. These units are extremely compact, hermetically sealed, and magnetically shielded. The output is sinu-

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RECORDER with nylon gear drives

EDIN CO., Worcester, Mass., has announced the model 8082, twochannel oscillograph recorder. Noise has been eliminated by the use of nylon gear drives. Recording shifts to any one of six speeds, from 2.5 to 100 mm per second, may be made easily, higher or lower, on this model, while the unit is operating and while it is turned off. A deposited-metal drive roll and positive nonslip paper adjustments permit the use of rolled or folded paper with equally high efficiency. The unit transcribes in ink, drawn

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TENSION ANALYZER applicable to all textiles

BRUSH ELECTRONICS Co., 3405 Perkins Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, has announced a new tension analyzer for accurately measuring and recording instantaneous tension loads in filamentary materials. The complete unit is equally applicable to all textiles and to fine wire of reasonable flexibility. The tension analyzer will measure both static tension levels and dynamic tension variations while the material is running at high production speeds. In operation, the filamentary material, whose tension is to be measured, is placed over the three pulleys of the transducer. The tension in the material causes mechanical displacement of the center pulley. These displacements, both static and dynamic, are converted into electrical signals which are amplified and recorded on the direct writing oscillograph. Special hardware and fittings have been designed so that the transducer may be positioned on any plane at any level, from approximately 1 ft to 8 ft above the floor.

SERVO MOTOR features high performance

INFRA ELECTRONIC CORP., 553 Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland, N. J., has announced a new servo motor de-



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REFERENCE CAVITIES cover 6 frequencies

BOMAC LABORATORIES, INC., Salem Road, Beverly, Mass., announces a new line of high-precision reference cavities covering six different frequencies. The cavities are essentially fixed-frequency, vacuumsealed, transmission-type tubes. They are used primarily as frequency determining references and frequency stabilizers in radar

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beacon applications. Temperature stability from 100 C is \pm 0.3 mc; 0 C to -55 C is \pm 1.0 mc. By cushioning the tube within the block, resonant frequency is held to \pm 0.1 mc under vibration and shock up to 50 g.



OUTPUT TRANSFORMER for ultralinear operation

CHICAGO STANDARD TRANSFORMER CORP., 3501 Addison St., Chicago 18, Ill., has announced a highfidelity output transformer, BO-13, designed for ultralinear operation. It features sealed-in-steel construction. Extremely compact, its drawn steel case measures only 3 11/16 in. \times 3 5/16 in. \times 4 11/16 in. high. It has pin-type terminals and is designed with studs for flush chassis mounting. Complete details, including performance curves, are given in bulletin No. 33.



RECTIFIER for h-v and current operation

AMPEREX ELECTRONIC CORP., 230 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, L. I., N. Y., announces a new mercury vapor rectifier tube, to meet the demand for a comparatively inexpensive

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RESISTORS in three wattage ranges

DALE PRODUCTS, INC., Columbus, Neb., announces the production of a new hermetically sealed, ruggedized, deposited carbon resistor for the ultimate in precision. Type HC Dalohm resistors are completely solder sealed in a newly developed envelope of nonhygroscopic ceramic, and are ruggedized for incorporation into snap-in component clips. They are production tested for resistance to thermal shock, saltwater immersion and humidity. The resistors are available in 3 wattage ranges $(\frac{1}{2}, 1 \text{ and } 2)$ and in resistance ranges to 200 megohms. Standard tolerance is 1 percent.

SLOTTED SECTIONS are precision built

UNIVERSAL MICROWAVE CORP., 380 Hillside Ave., Hillside, N. J., offers a new series of precision slotted sections. The units are constructed of normalized aluminum precisely machined and fitted with watch-like precision. The carriage is of hardened and ground high quality tool steel. Its unique support and the elimination of backlash in the drive mechanism offers exacting measurement regardless of carriage posi-

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tion. The slotted sections are available in 4 waveguide sizes ranging in frequency from 2.60 to 12.40 kmc. They are designed to accommodate a broadband probe which can readily be replaced with a special micrometer probe quickly to change the unit to a variable susceptance transformer.



TV CAMERA for one-hand operation

GENERAL PRECISION LABORATORY INC., Pleasantville, N. Y. A new tv camera enables an operator on onechain show to handle all camera work from the control room with one hand. Image orthicon camera is mounted on remote control panand-tilt pedestal, with a GPL-Watson vari-focal lens. This zoom lens, with a 5-to-1 ratio and total range of 3 to 30 in., is operated by two buttons on the pan-tilt handle of the remote controls box (left). The camera can be made to pan and tilt to follow action, zoom in for extreme closeups or out for full scene, or switched instantly to any of 6 preset positions by pushing but-

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POWER SUPPLY has large capacity

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS Co., 2012 South Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. Model 3100A power supply is precision regulated to better than 0.1 percent for line variations from 105 to 125 v a-c or for zero to full load output current. Voltage range is 0 to 300 v d-c at 0 to 1 ampere. Output impedance is guaranteed to be less than 0.8 ohm from 2 cycles to 10 kc, but may be made either positive or negative by setting of load compensation potentiometer. Also furnished is a stabil-

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ized 0 to 150-v bias output and a 6.3 v a-c output at 8 amperes. Panel size is $8\frac{3}{4}$ in. \times 19 in., rack mounting, or with steel cabinet.



ANNEALING OVEN for crt button stems

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and rebroadcast of tv signals. The mechanical construction is the same as that normally used in tv transmitter input equipment. Bathtub construction provides maximum accessibility to all tubes and controls, the other components being readily accessible on terminal boards located on the rear of the chassis. Three outputs are provided-video, audio and sync. The video signal is available at the normal level and polarity provided by network interconnection. The response of the receiver extends to 4 mc, and it is adaptable to color reception without modification. The sound channel, separate from the video channel, features wide frequency range and low distortion. The third output provides a stripped-sync signal free of noise. Effective afc makes the receiver very stable, with oscillator drift held to a very low value. Complete specifications and prices are available.



VTVM measures complex waveforms

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electronically balanced push-pull circuit and peak-to-peak rectification, and 1 percent multipliers for voltage, capacitance and resistance measurements. Also incorporated is a zero center position for f-m discriminator alignment.



PANEL METERS are sealed-ruggedized

SIMPSON ELECTRIC Co., 5200 W. Kinzie St., Chicago 44, Ill., has announced new sealed-ruggedized panel meters made with d-c ranges showing any practical scale from 300 μ a to 800 ma. The meters are available in two sizes—2½ in. and $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.



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PULSE TRANSFORMER is hermetically sealed

BERKSHIRE LABORATORIES, 506 Beaver Pond Road, Lincoln, Mass. Type PT-4 hermetically sealed pulse transformer is a versatile four-winding unit with 2:2:1:1 turns ratios. Measured characteristics includes 120 ohms characteristic impedance, 0.03-usec rise time, 20-percent droop at 1 usec, 40-percent droop at 2 p.sec. As a pulse or trigger generator it may be used in many different blocking oscillator circuits. It may also be used for coupling and impedance matching. The core is of the wound type, using high quality magnetic material, uncut. The windings are brought out to 8 terminals provided with solder lugs. The transformer is designed and constructed to meet MIL-T-27 specifications.

CHASSIS SLIDES are ultrathin

CHASSIS-TRAK CORP., 6252 E. Iona Road, Indianapolis 3, Ind., announces a new series of ultrathin (9/32 in.), heavy-duty chassis slides. Four stock sizes fit all standard electronic chassis, cabinets and

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racks. They feature automatic out position locks (especially useful for sloping cabinets) and instant pushbutton return or chassis removal from cabinet for bench servicing or unit replacement. The slides support 175 lb in the full extended position and allow the chassis to be tilted back for servicing bottom components. They are permanently dry lubricated and meet JAN slide specifications. All attaching hardware, installation templates and instructions are included with each pair of slides.



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MERCURY RELAY is improved s-p type

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CALIBRATOR is triple-purpose unit

BALLANTINE LABORATORIES, INC., Boonton, N. J. Model 420 calibrator is a triple-purpose instrument combining highly stable d-c and a-c voltage sources and having an output range of 0 to 10 v for 3 selectable outputs: d-c, rms and peak-topeak of a 1,000-cps sine wave. A decade control provides steps of 1,000 mv to which is added the setting of a 10-turn potentiometer. Dividing factors up to 1,000 are obtained with a 4-position pushbutton switch. This control combination has a setting resolution of 0.01 percent for outputs above 10 my and of 1 µv below 10 mv. Long-
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TURNOVER PICKUP has new stylus combination

PICKERING & Co., INC., Oceanside, L. I., N. Y. The model 260 turnover pickup cartridge is now available with a diamond stylus for long-playing recordings and a sapphire stylus for standard 78 recordings. The diamond stylus is of 0.001 in. radius for l-p records and the sapphire stylus is of 0,0027 in. radius for standard groove 78-rpm

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TWIN TRIODE TUBE for digital computer use

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Products Catalog. E. F. Johnson Co., Waseca, Minn., has issued a 20-page general electronic products catalog No. 975. It illustrates and describes a line of capacitors, inductors, sockets, in-

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Rectangular Miniature Connector. DeJur-Amsco Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y. New illustrated literature includes schematic drawings, electrical and mechanical specifications, contact availabilities and complete description of Continental connector series 20T. The reverse page of the bulletin shows special design receptacles specially fabricated by Continental for customers with unusual requirements.

Time Delay Relays. The A. W. Haydon Co., 230 N. Elm St., Waterbury, Conn., has released a revised bulletin on its line of miniature hermetically-sealed time delay relays for either a-c or d-c units. Time delay settings are available from 2 sec to 3 hr. Bulletin TD400 gives design features and mentions detail characteristics and factors which might determine type of timer to be used.

Resistor Engineering Guide. International Resistance Co., 401 North Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa. Over 130 types of the resistors and special products manufactured by the company are listed in a revised 1954-1955 Official Resistor Engineering Guide. Data given for each type include JAN or MIL equivalent, rated wattage, standard tolerances, temperature rise at rated load per deg C, temperature coefficient, maximum temperature, operating ohmic valves available, dimensions and approximate prices.

Reclaiming Solvent. Ram Chemiicals, 200 E. Olive St., Gardena, Calif. A descriptive data sheet deals with De-Solv 292 which permits the reclaiming and salvaging of electronic components from reject units encased with epoxy or polyester resins. The solvent discussed has been found suitable for use on parts based on nylon, Formvar and linen wrapped wires; all metallic components; ceramic capacitors and resistors; as well as miniature and subminiature electronic tubes. It is not harm-

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ful to phenolic base systems such as printed circuits.

D-C Power Supply. Perkin Engineering Corp., 345 Kansas St., El Segundo, Calif. Bulletin No. L453A illustrates and describes the model MR532-15 magnetic amplifier regulated power supply. Regulation of the unit described is ± 1.0 percent from 5 to 32 v d-c. Special features and tabular technical data are included.

Microwave Gas Tubes. Roger White Electron Devices, Inc., Route 17 and Erie R.R., Ramsey, N. J. A 6-page folder, bulletin A-20, covers a line of backward wave oscillators, traveling-wave amplifiers and microwave gas control tubes. Included are information on the nature and purpose of microwave gas tubes, and descriptions of absorption attenuators, reactance modulators and switches, and phase shifters. Specifications are given.

Literature Index. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Bulletin 100-C lists all the current company literature. Numbers and titles of all catalogs, bulletins, specification sheets and instrumentation data sheets are included.

Custom Wire Leads. Manger Electric Co., Miller St., Stamford, Conn., announces publication of a catalog of its services. These include end stripping, center stripping, counterstripping, stripping of shielded wire and multiple conductors, coding. terminating, solder dipping, straightening, packing, shipping, wire supply and engineering.

Invoice Preparation. Remington Rand Inc., 315 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. The complete preparation of an invoice from the pricing to the final printing is presented in "Application of the UNIVAC System to Invoicing." The 24-page brochure describes the electronic data processing system that replaces most of the manual and mental processes required from the maintenance of a master price list to the printing of an invoice. Flow charts, sample



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High-Voltage Connector. DeJur-Amsco Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y., has published 2 pages in color with schematics, mechanical and electrical ratings, photos and detailed description of the new series FHL Continental connector designed for h-v operation. It shows the equipment designer a miniature component that is excellent for these critical applications: voltage breakdown at sea level, 4,000 v rms; at 60,000 ft, 1.800 v rms.

Beryllium Copper Strip. American Silver Co., Inc., Industrial Division, 36-07 Prince St., Flushing 54, N. Y. A new 4-page bulletin covers the principal beryllium copper alloys. Basic information is provided for those who have never before worked with beryllium copper. Included here are the precision mill limits to which beryllium copper strip is produced by the company-thicknesses as

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Automatic Wave Analyzer. The Davies Laboratories Inc., 4705 Queensbury Road, Riverdale, Md. Completely automatic reduction of vibration. seismic. power-line transient noise, shock and similar data can now be made on the new heterodyne type automatic wave analyzer covered in bulletin 54-C. The analysis discussed is a Fouranalysis-amplitude versus ier The complete unit frequency. described consists of 6 basic units which are available individually as well as in an assembly-input switching panel, oscillator-controller, modulator-filter, recorder, power supplies and rack.

Temperature Test Chamber. Statham Development Corp., 12411 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 64, Calif. A 4-page bulletin illustrates and describes the model TC-2 temperature test chamber that is completely portable and ideally suited to production line tests of small products such as basic instruments, electronic subassemblies and components. Specifications operating instructions and maintenance information are given. Also included is a replacement parts list.

Electronic Generators. Communication Measurements Laboratory, Inc., 350 Leland Ave., Plainfield, N. J. A 16-page catalog covers a line of variable frequency and variable phase regulated electronic audio power generators. The company's products and services are illustrated and described. Specifications and prices are included.

Transformer Catalog. Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., 3501 Addison St., Chicago 18, Ill. Catalog CT-554 lists the full line of the company's Sealed-in-Steel transformers. The 32-page book

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Thermocouple and Extension Wire. The Claud S. Gordon Co., 3000 S. Wallace St., Chicago 16, Ill., has issued a new bulletin illustrating and describing its complete line of Serv-Rite thermocouple wire and thermocouple extension wire. Listed are the various sizes, metals, insulations and prices. Included also are general application data for the various type wires.

Wind Speed and Direction Recorder. Beckman & Whitley Inc., 913 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, Calif. A new leaflet describes model 170-2 instrumentation for meteorological research -particularly microclimatology. The literature shows how the equipment serves these applications by combination of low threshold, rapid transient response, and self-contained portability. Linearity data are given in curve form, and the data sheet contains complete specifications on the wind-speed recorder, wind-direction recorder and the accessories. It also includes specifications of recording meters required. Ask for Form 170.

Vector Impedance Bridge. Republic Engineering Co., Inc., Beltsville, Md. A 4-page folder illustrates and describes the model 100-B vector impedance bridge for use in laboratory, field requirements, quality control and production testing. Chief features, a long list of applications, technical specifications and price are included.

Electrical Indicating Instruments. DeJur-Amsco Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y. A new 4-page technical brochure is devoted to the company's line of standard range electrical indicat-



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Variable Toroids. Burnell & Co., Inc., 45 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., has published a technical bulletin on a new series of Rotoroids (variable toroidal inductors) that provide a continuous 3-to-1 maximum-to-minimum inductance range with 180-deg shaft rotation. The hermetically sealed units described employ a permeability tuning method and require no d-c saturating current. The choice of nominal inductance is virtually unlimited.

Induction Heating Equipment. Electric Arc, Inc., 152 Jelliff Ave., Newark 8, N. J. The newly developed Kilotron, a high-frequency (400 kc) induction heater, is the subject of an interesting 4-page brochure. Coverage is factual and includes discussion of the range of production line application of this relatively new and advanced technique. The description of the equipment covers both the 10 kw and 20 kw models of the Kilotron.

Sound Equipment. David Bogen Co. Inc., 29 Ninth Ave., New York 14, N. Y., has published a new catalog of p-a amplifiers, sound systems and sound accessories. A new addition is a section, "Hints for Selecting the Proper Sound System", which discusses the more important factors involved in determining what equipment to use. Ask for catalog PA554.

Modular Electronic Unit. The Epsilon Co., 48 Circuit Ave., Newton Highlands 61, Mass. A singlepage bulletin introduces the Concentri-Tube for electronic packaging. It illustrates a single-tube plugin unit for 7 or 9-pin miniatures. Mechanical, thermal and electrical features are outlined. By panel mounting of the Concentri-Tube units discussed, chassisless construction becomes feasible in many applications-particularly those in which a panel would normally serve primarily as a

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VHF Signal Generators. Hewlett-Packard Co., 3099D Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif., has available a 4-page folder illustrating and describing models 608D and 608C vhf signal generators. Outstanding features, complete technical specifications and prices are given for both instruments.

Receiving Tube. Sylvania Electric Products Inc., 1740 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. A recent mailing piece illustrates and describes the improved 6BQ6GTA receiving tube that features wafer stem construction, no waste envelope space, high temperature top can solder, one-piece beam confining plate, and a plate designed with folded edges that prevent bulb bombardment. The tubes discussed give top performance in tv circuits.

Bridges, Slidewires and Ratio Sets. Leeds & Northrup Co., 4934 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Complete information about Wheatstone and Kelvin bridges, slidewires and ratio sets for d-c resistance and conductance measurements is now available in a series of data sheets, group E-53, recently published in booklet form. The group of data sheets fully describes the use of these instruments for research, testing and teaching in laboratories, plants and schools. They list all pertinent data, and show adequate photographs and circuit diagrams illustrating design and operating features. Complete specifications for each instrument as well as for recommended accessories make the selection of equipment easy. How-to-order instructions and a listing of replacement parts complete the sheets.

Solder Reference Text. Kester Solder Co., 4201 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago 39, Ill. An 80-page treatise, entitled "Solder—its fundamentals and usage," is intended to rectify the basic literature inadequacies on solder and to provide the solder user with a thoroughly scientific study of the industrial

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application and usage. Charts, tables and photographs are included.

Metal Powders. Plastic Metals Division. The National Radiator Co., Johnstown, Pa. Bulletin No. 1 provides a brief introduction to the art of powder metallurgy. It also describes the general types of metal powder offered by the company and stresses the large number of grades required for different applications. Also included are references to some of the other major uses for metal powders such as in cutting tools, chemical applications, flame-cutting, welding rods, pyrotechnics and the fabrication of special electronic and magnetic parts.

Crossover Networks. The R. T. Bozak Co., Stamford, Conn., has released a data sheet on crossover networks for their B-302. B-305 and B-310 speaker systems. The networks described have a slow crossover rate of 6 db per octave, which is permitted by the fact that the Bozak B-199A woofer, B-209 midrange, and B-200X dual tweeter are all direct-radiating units with equal velocities of sound propagation.

Boron-Carbon Resistor. Shallcross Mfg. Co., Collingdale Pa. Engineering bulletin L-33 gives charts, tables and dimensions on all performance characteristics of Borohm boron-carbon resistors. In preparing the bulletin, samples were chosen at random from production runs of 1, 1 and 2-watt Borohm types designed to MIL-R-10509A styles RN20R, RN25R and RN30R. The resistors described were subjected to standard temperature cycling, load life, shorttime overload, moisture resistance, vibration, low temperature exposure and temperature coefficient tests as prescribed by MIL-R-10509A. Average electrical performance data for each resistor style was then computed. The results of these tests are compared side by side with MIL requirements in the new bulletin.

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grades T-725 and T-812 copper clad Insurok laminates for use in printed circuits. The two electrical grades described are high quality, paper-base phenolic laminates which are bonded to copper foil of 0.0014 in. and 0.0028 in. thicknesses. The bulletin devotes one page to important design considerations in the production of printed circuits and gives complete specifications on the two laminates: characteristic properties, punching information, and sheet size and thicknesses.

Vibration and Shock Control. Robinson Aviation, Inc., Teterboro, N. J. Advanced developments in vibration and shock control mounting systems are now being released in semimonthly bulletins. These technical bulletins entitled "Vibration and Shock Control Trends" are in the form of 2-page news sheets containing illustrations and detailed information about latest models of mountings and equipment installations. Performance. construction. load ranges dimensions and other engineering data are included in each bulletin. Specific mountings described cover airborne, shipboard, mobile, industrial and packaging applications.

Conelrad Alarm. Trinity Industries, P.O. Box 71, Redwood City. Calif. Α single-page bulletin illustrates and describes the Wiens Conelrad alarm, a concise, long life unit which attaches readily to any radio receiver for immediate operation. The unit discussed will give a visual indication whenever the radio station goes through the required FCC radio alert procedure. In addition to the visual indication, the audio volume of the station, in case of loudspeaker muting will automatically come up to full audio output and the radio tone signal will serve as a second alarm indication. Technical data and price are given.

Miniature Electrical Resolver. Ford Instrument Co., Division of The Sperry Corp., 31-10 Thomson Ave., Long Island City 1, N. Y. A 2-page bulletin illustrates and completely describes a new size 15 Telesyn resolver. Of miniature

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Stainless Steel Fastenings. Star Stainless Screw Co., 195 Union Ave., Paterson 2, N. J., has released a complete list of government specifications for stainless steel fastenings. Included are the latest specifications applying to U.S. Military, U.S. Army-Navy Aeronautical, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, and Federal production. Star is in a position to supply all specified fastenings for immediate delivery.

Magnetic Computer Tape. Minnesota Mining and Mfg. Co., 900 Fauquier St., St. Paul 6, Minn. "Sound Talk" bulletin No. 28 covers recent progress in the production of error-free magnetic computer tape. The 4-page illustrated bulletin discusses the physical causes of signal dropouts in modern digital computers designed to use magnetic tape as a long period storage medium. In addition, it covers the reasons why errors arise from such defects, steps taken to eliminate errors, and a summary of progress made during 1953.

Magnetic Amplifier Systems. Federal Telephone and Radio Co., 100 Kingsland Road, Clifton, N. J. A 4-page folder describes a line of magnetic amplifier systems that are varied and versatile in design and performance. It lists a few of the many uses for magnetic amplifiers and outlines other applications for units of similar design. The company's engineering service is discussed.

Electronic Voltmeter. The Hewlett-Packard Co., 395 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif. Wider range and higher stability of the new 4-mc voltmeter are described in Vol. 5 No. 9 of the *Journal*. Included are illustrations, chief

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Precision Interval Timers. Potter Instrument Co., Inc., 115 Cutter Mill Road, Great Neck, N. Y. Data sheet No. 400 describes techniques and equipment for measuring time intervals from a fraction of a usec to 1 sec (or longer if desired) with accuracies as high as $\pm \frac{1}{3}$ p.sec by electronically counting the exact number of pulses produced by a highly-stable crystal-controlled h-f oscillator during unknown interval. Illustrations. specifications and optional features are given for 5 types of counter chronographs. Information on photoelectric screens is included.

Compression Connectors. Burndy Engineering Co., Inc., Norwalk, Conn. To facilitate selection and identification of Hydent connectors, convenient, multicolored wall charts ($23\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times 35 in.) are available listing the company's insulated and uninsulated compression terminal and link sizes up to 2/0. Each connector is listed with the conductors accommodated, tooling required for installation, and, for terminals, the screw sizes accommodated. There are three charts in the series.

Loudspeakers. Jensen Mfg. Co., 6601 South Laramie Ave., Chicago 38, Ill., has issued a new catalog, No. 1040, and two new data sheets, No. 164 and 165. The catalog covers the company's line of general purpose and commercial sound loudspeakers, as well as accessory cabinets, volume controls and transformers. Data sheet No. 164 introduces the Weather Master drive-in theater speaker line and No. 165 lists the latest of the company's high-fidelity equipment.

Epoxy Resins. Bakelite Co., a Division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., 260 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Three new technical bulletins on type C-8 epoxy resins have been issued. The resins described, with the proper hardeners, can be used in tooling, casting, laminating, potting, encapsulating, embedding and adhesive applications. Specific data

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Air Data Computer. Servomechanisms Inc., 500 Franklin Ave., Garden City, Long Island, N. Y., has compiled an 8-page technical brochure on its master air data computer. The publication points out that the computer provides a single coordinated source of information, eliminating much duplication. Schematic diagrams show how the plug-in type computer permits calculation of complex function with a minimum of equipment.

X-Band Catalog. Transline Associates, A Division of EDDCO, 57 State St., Newark, N. J. Catalog X-3 is a 4-page folder dealing with a line of X-band waveguide components and test equipment. Included are illustrations, application and design information on variable flap attenuators, waveguide terminations, fixed waveguide attenuators, slide-screw tuners and waveguide T-junctions. Ordering information, sales conditions and warranty data are given.

Germanium Diodes. International Rectifier Corp., 1521 E. Grand Ave., El Segundo, Calif. The 4page bulletin, GD-1A, lists ratings and specifications on the company's germanium diodes. Included is a complete replacement guide of IRC germanium diodes for replacing RETMA type diodes, and ratings and characteristics for new Red Dot germanium diodes for 100 C applications.

Wire-Stripping Solutions. Fidelity Chemical Products Corp., 470 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark, N. J. Various types of X-Var wire-stripping solutions are discussed in a 2-color, detailed sheet. Strippers for formex, formvar, enamel, nylon and nylclad wire are described. The types of X-Var stripping solutions are described as to applications, corrosion resistance, con-





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sistency, safety precautions and illustrated instructions for each. The stripping solutions mentioned are used by electronic firms and government agencies to remove organic finishes from wire.

Audio Products. The Astatic Corp., Conneaut, Ohio, now has available a new, complete products catalog. Included among other stock items of the company's manufacture are phonograph pickups and needles, recording heads, microphone stands, tv receiver uhf converters and boosters. The new catalog stresses brevity of general descriptions and completeness of specifications, performance and replacement data. It is in simple form for easy reference.

Wires, Cables and Components. Birnbach Radio Co. Inc., 145 Hudson St., New York 13, N. Y., has released a 44-page catalog of electronic wires, cables and components. It lists practically every type of wire and cable now in use for microphone, intercom, broadcast and other electronic uses, with detailed technical information on each type. The section on plugs, jacks and connectors contains schematic diagrams and full descriptions for every item. The back cover is devoted to complete charts of commonly used engineering data.

High-Voltage Regulator Tube. CBS-Hytron, a Division of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., Danvers, Mass. Bulletin E-226A covers the 6BD4A h-v regulator tube designed for anode and convergence supplies of color tv receivers. The tube illustrated and described in the bulletin has a large bulb that provides long leakage paths and prevents corona effects. Included are mechanical and electrical data, maximum ratings and characteristics charts.

Picture Tube Chart. Reon Tube Corp., 58-15 57th Drive, Maspeth, L. I., N. Y., has published a new ty picture tube replacement guide chart. It includes a list of all type tv picture tubes, their descriptions. Reon replacements and direct substitutions. It also lists characteristics and changes for the substitutes. Printed in 2



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colors, the 4-page chart was planned to have all pertinent data available at a glance. The chart also shows a cross section of a picture-tube gun illustrating its complete structure. Another page consists of a Reon tube base chart, which is also fully illustrated.

Repeat Cycle Timers. The A. W. Haydon Co., 230 N. Elm St., Waterbury, Conn. Bulletin RC200 contains complete information on a new line of miniature hermeticallysealed repeat cycle timers. It describes cycling time, timing accuracy detail characteristics and determination of timing tolerances. Illustrations and design features are included.

Automation. T.A.B. Engineers, Inc., Milwaukee and Ogden Aves., Chicago 22, Ill. A pamphlet entitled "Cut Costs with Automation" is an evaluation chart that will help top executives rate the automation possibilities and potentials of their own plants. It gives a complete analysis of products, production, costs and future markets. The brochure reviews the meaning of automation, its history and its future.

Magnetic Laminations. Magnetics Inc., Butler, Pa. Catalog ML-101 illustrates and describes a line of magnetic laminations that are performance guaranteed. An index and individual specification sheets list both the window area and the cross-section area for a square cross-section of laminations. Tolerances for the various types are also listed. Ordering information is included.

Iron Powder. Plastic Metals Div., The National Radiator Co., Johnstown, Pa. Iron powder data sheets No. PMS-12-A-R2 and B-R2 give the composition and characteristics of electronic iron core materials as submitted to the Metal Powder Association. Electronic engineers will find helpful information in the data sheets such as particle size, apparent density, frequency range, relative permeability and Q value, and itemized electronic uses for various iron powders.

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Lockheed Plans \$10 Million Missile Research Lab

LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT has appropriated a fund of \$10 million to finance establishment of a new scientific laboratory for advanced research by its missile systems division in Van Nuys, Calif.

Tentative organization of departments in the missile systems division is as follows: Theoretical Physics and Chemistry, Electronics and Telemetering, Computers and Controls and Radar and Systems.

The lab's aim will be to explore new scientific fields for new weapons. The end objective of their research will be reliable, producible missile systems.

Research in the nuclear field will also receive heavy emphasis in the new laboratories.

Products of Lockheed's scientific research will be determined only after exploration of many "promising recent developments which must now remain secret," according to E. R. Quesada, vice-president of the company.

Heading the research laboratory will be E. H. Krause, nuclear physicist, who resigned as associate director of research at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington to join Lockheed.

Dr. Krause directed the nuclear weapons research program conducted jointly by the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico and the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C. He was in charge of scientific experimentation, including complex instrumentation, on the atomic test program conducted at Eniwetok during



E. H. Krause

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Krause will be joined in the research laboratory by Montgomery H. Johnson, named associate director. Dr. Johnson has worked on atomic and nuclear physics, quantum theory, electro-dynamics, absorbent materials, atmospheric physics and ionosphere research. Formerly at the University of California Livermore Laboratory, he has served on the Radiation Laboratory staff of the University of California since 1952, working on nuclear weapons research. He also served on the MIT Radiation Laboratory staff during the war and later at Naval Research Lab.

Another scientist joining Krause is Eric Durand, who came to Van Nuys from Chicago Midway Laboratories, where he was associate director. Dr. Durand is a specialist in solid state physics, radiation, infra-red navigational systems, test range instruments, rockets, bombing aids and ordnance devices.

The staff will include Edward J. Zadina, who resigned as technical adviser and operations analyst with the U. S. Air Force Special Weapons Center, and Henry R. Senf, who before joining Lockheed was acting director of development of CAA's Air Navigation Development Board.

The Missile Systems Division was established late in 1953. It now has 700 employees. Personnel is expected to increase to 1,000 by year-end.



Parts Manufacturers Elect Rossman

THEODORE ROSSMAN of Pentron Corp. in Chicago was elected chairman of the Association of Electronic Parts & Equipment Manufacturers.

Wilfred L. Larson of Switchcraft, in Chicago, was named vice-chairman, and Helen Staniland

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TECHNICAL NEWS FOR DESIGNERS



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RCA-6524 is a new twin-beam power tube well-suited for fixed and mobile UHF design — as a balanced push-pull rf power amplifier or frequency tripler. The tube can deliver 20 watts (approx.) in class C cw and fm services - at 462 Mc! Max. plate dissipation is 25 watts (ICAS). A common cathode for the two units reduces cathode inductance to a negligible value. Max. length, 3-9/16"

Max. diameter, 1-13/16"

For the 152-174 Mc Mobile Band **RCA-2E26**

RCA-2E26 is a beam power tube wellsuited as an rf or af amplifier, frequency multiplier, or oscillator. Max. plate voltage for class C service is 600v. As a class C plate-modulated amplifier, the tube takes 27 watts (ICAS). As a class AB2 amplifier/ modulator, two RCA-2E26's will deliver 54 watts (ICAS) of audio power at a dc plate voltage of only 500v. Heater voltage, 6.3v. Max. length, 3 - 21/32" Max. diameter, 1-5/16"

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Quam of Quam-Nichols Co. in Chicago was reelected treasurer for her eighteenth term. Kenneth C. Prince of the law firm of Prince & Schoenberg was renamed executive secretary.

EP&EM is a trade group consisting of 118 electronic firms in the midwest. Rossman, who had been vicechairman of the group, succeeds Karl W. Jensen of Jensen Industries as chairman. Both Rossman and Jensen represent the organization on the board of the Radio Parts of Electronic Equipment Shows which sponsors the annual Electronic Parts Show.

Raytheon Produces Transistor Portable



MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR Christian A. Herter, right, received from Charles F. Adams, Jr., president of Raytheon, an all-transistor portable radio using seven transistors. It is an experimental handmade model containing no tubes. It is able to operate from four standard

flashlight batteries for several times as long as a standard portable operates from its A and B batteries. Raytheon recently made its millionth transistor. It is estimated that commercial transistor portables may be on the market next year.

Ketay Joins In Forming Nuclear Firm

KETAY MANUFACTURING CORP. and American Metal Co. with Lehman Brothers, investment bankers, participated in forming a new company, Nuclear Science and Engineering Corp. Gordon Dean, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, is board chairman of the new firm. The company intends to provide a variety of technical services to firms engaged in nuclear power development and to industries interested in the application of radioactivity to industrial products and processes. It will supplement firms engaged in nuclear reactor design and en-

gineering, and those which manufacture radiation detection gear.

American Metal and Ketay Manufacturing have subscribed to a substantial portion of the capital stock of Nuclear Sc.

Headquarters of the new company have been established in Pittsburgh. It is headed by Ronald A. Brightsen, president. He was previously associated with the atomic power division of Westinghouse, as were the company's vicepresident and technical director, Ralph L. Ely, and the company's secretary-treasurer, Richard S. Frankel.

IT&T Forms New Divisions, Names Officials

A new domestic research and manufacturing division, the Farnsworth Electronics Company, has been formed by IT&T.

Farnsworth Electronics will take over and expand the research and production activities in the field of industrial and defense electronics, formerly carried on by IT&T's Capehart-Farnsworth division. The creation of the new division will establish within the IT&T system another source of supply in the fields of advanced electronics and the application of atomic energy to industry.

Former Capehart-Farnsworth officials staff the new electronic company. Harvard L. Hull, who was general manager of research and development, becomes president. Dr. Hull, who joined Capehart-Farnsworth last year, has been active in atomic research from 1943 and served as director of remote control engineering at Argonne National Laboratory. Philo T. Farnsworth will act in the capacity of vice-president and technical director for the new company and W. F. Hoeppner, who was assistant to the president of Capehart, has been appointed vicepresident.

Capehart-Farnsworth Company will concentrate on the design, manufacturing and distribution of its television and radio receivers, highfidelity phonographs and phonograph combinations and allied lines. A new president has been appointed, Lawrence G. Haggerty, who joined the company in 1950 and has been vice-president in charge of the technical products division since 1953.

Two new vice-presidents have also been named for the company general sales manager E. W. Gaughan and comptroller Paul H. Hartman.

Fred D. Wilson, who headed Capehart-Farnsworth Company for five years, has been elected IT&T vice-president in charge of industrial relations.

IT&T's Federal Telephone and Radio Co. has also formed a new division, an instrument division for the manufacture and distribution GOODMANS Introduce a POWER OSCILLATOR

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in the U.S. of precision instruments for testing and measuring.

The new division will make available to American industry the electronic precision measuring and testing equipment developed by IT&T's domestic and foreign associates, and other instrument makers abroad.



Rudolf Feldt

The director of the new Federal division is Rudolph Feldt. He was formerly in charge of the cathode ray instrument division of the Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, which he joined in 1942. Before that he was employed by IT&T associates in France and Germany.

Federal Telecommunications Laboratories appointed I. W. Gleason as sales manager for systems and commercial research and development. He has been with the company for 14 years.

GE Plans Stanford Tube Lab, Appoints Engineers

A NEW ELECTRON tube development laboratory will be established by GE in a building to be built on Stanford University land in Palo Alto, Calif.

Work at the laboratory will be concentrated on developing and exploring the application of microwave electron tubes which, according to W. R. G. Baker, GE vicepresident, promise to revolutionize the broadcast, communications and radar industries over the next ten years. Lab operations have already started in temporary space near Stanford.

The laboratory to be completed in





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In the determination and interpretation of the fundamental principles of the operation of new microwave tubes, personnel of the new G-E laboratory will work closely with the Stanford Electronics Research Laboratory, directed by Dean F. E. Terman of the School of Engineering, and the Stanford Microwave Laboratory, directed by Edward L. Ginzton.



H. R. Oldfield, Jr.

H. R. Oldfield, Jr., has been appointed manager of the new G-E laboratory.

He is a former manager of the G-E Advanced Electronics Center at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. and, until his new appointment, was manager of plans and product applications in the laboratories department.

Approximately half of the new laboratory staff, now being recruited, will be scientists and engineers. Skilled technicians, including glass blowers, model makers and draftsmen, also will be employed.

In GE's cathode raytube subdepartment Leonard C. Maier was appointed manager of engineering and Harry R. Hemmings was named to the newly created position of manager of manufacturing.

Dr. Maier has been with GE in

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L. C. Maier, Jr.

Syracuse since 1950, most of the time in engineering positions in the electronics laboratory. Previously, he was a research associate at MIT's electronics lab.

In his new position he will be in charge of all cathode ray tube product engineering for GE monochrome tv picture tubes, color tv picture tubes, and special purpose cathode ray tubes.



H. R. Hemmings

Hemmings, who joined GE in 1937, has been manager of the subdepartment's Buffalo picture tube plant for the past three years.

He will be succeeded as Buffalo plant manager by Willard L. Male, manager of employee relations for the sub-department.

The new position of manager of manufacturing was created to integrate the Buffalo and Syracuse tv picture tube manufacturing operations, in preparation for GE's eventual production of color TV picture tubes.

Victor H. Fraenckel, former liaison scientist in physics at the GE



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research laboratory, has been appointed consultant on scientific relations.

He will be responsible for informing and counseling the management of the research laboratory regarding scientific work underway outside the company. He will evaluate and forecast the probable future trends in external scientific activities of significance to the firm.

Prior to joining GE in 1937, he was engaged in electronics research for Farnsworth Television in Philadelphia and as a physicist for HyGrade-Sylvania in Emporium, Pa. During World War II he was appointed an expert consultant to the Secretary of War and served in Europe on special missions concerned with electronic countermeasures and scientific intelligence.

Firestone Tire Builds Guided Missile Plant

A NEW \$2 million plant is being built in Los Angeles for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. to be used for the production of the Corporal, the Army's guided missile. The plant will provide 350,000 sq ft of manufacturing space. It is located next to the firm's present tire plant.



Meinken Buys Electronic Tube Firm

KENNETH C. MEINKEN, former president of National Union Radio Corp., has purchased the Electronic Tube Corp. of Philadelphia. Meinken has acquired control of the company and was elected by the board of directors to the presidency of the corporation.

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Further expansion into the electronic equipment field and the establishment of a special development group to engineer and produce cathode ray tubes for color television is planned by the firm.



Ramo-Wooldridge Builds New Plant

RAMO-WOOLDRIDGE Corp. of Los Angeles has started construction on a 150,000 sq ft plant addition which represents a \$1,750,000 investment. When the project, expected to be completed by November, is finished Ramo-Wooldridge will move in with a staff expanded from 150 to 1,000.

Since its incorporation in September, 1953, the company has accumulated a backlog of \$4 million. Work is in electronic computers and guided missile control systems research for commercial and military projects.

Recent additions to the staff are W. W. Cooper, professor of economics and industrial administration, and Abraham Charnes, associate professor of mathematics and industrial administration, both of Carnegie Institute of Technology Graduate School of Industrial Administration. Cooper and Charnes will work through the summer on new methods of mathematical analysis of industrial management

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Mycalex Names New Research Chief



RICHARD A. HUMPHREY has been appointed chief of research and development of the Clifton plant of Mycalex Corp.

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Clevite Buys Counter Firm, Names Weckler

CLEVITE'S Brush Electronics has purchased the assets of the Digital Instrument Co. of Coral Gables, Florida, manufacturer of electronic counters. Meryl C. Burns, former president of the Florida concern. will serve as manager of the digital instrument department of Brush Electronics.

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New Research Center For GPL Underway



CONSTRUCTION has started on a research center, covering 29,000 sq ft, for General Precision Laboratory in Pleasantville, New York. It will house staff and equipment for design work on television cameras and other commercial tv units, plus experimental work in electronics for military application. The building is on the grounds of the 80-acre one-time Mandeville estate which is now the main headquarters for GPL.

The center will be ready for occupancy about the first of the year.

Philco Promotes Top Officers

WILLIAM BALDERSTON, president of Philco for the past six years, was elected chairman and James H. Carmine, executive vice-president for the past five years, was elected president. John M. Otter was elected executive vice-president. He was previously vice-president in charge of consumer products divisions.

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Buckley, who declined re-election as chairman after 42 years service with the company. Balderston, as board chairman, will devote himself to broad areas of finance, manufacturing, research, engineering and legal and license activities.

Carmine, in his 31 years with Philco, has specialized in sales, distribution, merchandising and advertising. Otter, who joined Philco in 1926, became a vice-president of the firm in 1948.

General Mills Appoints Soucek

ZEUS SOUCEK has been appointed as general manager of General Mills' mechanical division.

Since 1950, Soucek has served government sales manager as for DuMont Laboratories. Between 1929 and 1950, he was successively engineer in charge of research for Bendix Aviation; vice-president of W. L. Maxson; vice-president of Brewster Aeronautical Corp.; president of Philharmonic Radio and president and owner of the Arpin Construction Company.



Chance Vought Appoints Missile Chief

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Navy. He has been associated with the company's missile programs since 1946. He carried out a large portion of the analytical work on servo-mechanisms for the successful Regulus program.

In 1950, he was transferred from Dallas to California, where he served as assistant to the chief of missile design and later assumed responsibility for testing and flight operations at two bases.

Seidel Succeeds Elliott at RCA

ROBERT A. SEIDEL has been elected executive vice-president of Consumer Products for RCA. He succeeds J. B. Elliott who resigned to become president of Schick. Seidel, who joined RCA as a vice-president in 1949, was formerly vice-president and controller of the W. T. Grant Co.



Stanford Research Names Benedict

DONALD L. BENEDICT has been appointed director of physical sciences research at Stanford Research Institute. He was formerly assistant director of the engineering division.

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He has served as consultant to Raytheon Manufacturing Co., advising on microwave tubes, design of equipment for microwave cooking and dielectric heating.

In 1945 he was named a research fellow in Harvard University's department of engineering science and applied physics. Earlier he was a research physicist with Sylvania's research laboratory at Flushing, L. I.

Hans Hollman Joins Hydro-Aire

HANS ERICH HOLLMAN, a German engineer in microwaves and transistors, has joined the engineering staff of the electronics division of Hydro-Aire of Burbank, Calif. In 1928, Dr. Hollman developed a microwave link in Germany and in 1936, he published an encyclopedia on microwaves, a forerunner of the MIT Radiation Series. Since his arrival in the U.S. with a group of German scientists seven years ago, Hollman has been working at the Naval Air Missile Test Center. Point Mugu, Calif. He will head the company's research and development program in the field of semi-conductor applications.



Kay Electric Names Oncley

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velopment engineer.

During World War II, Dr. Oncley was affiliated with the Division of Physical War Research at Duke University, where he designed special instruments for outdoor acoustic transmission tests and for micro-meteorological measurements. He joined the research staff of Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1945, working on the acoustics of speech and music under Harvey Fletcher and R. K. Potter. In 1949, he began a program of research on the acoustics of the singing voice under a grant from the Research Corporation, at Westminster Choir College and Columbis University. During the year 1951-53, he was also a research as sociate in electrical engineering and lecturer in the acoustics of speech and music at Columbia University. He has served as a special consultant for Rangertone, Regal Electronics and Radionics Laboratory.

At Kay Electric, Oncley will devote his time to development and expansion of the line of acoustic measuring instruments.

Carboloy Opens New Development Lab



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Mathes Named Chief Engineer Of Rosen

RICHARD E. MATHES has been named director of engineering of Raymond Rosen Engineering Products, electronics manufacturer in Philadelphia.

Mathes was formerly a research and development engineer with RCA for approximately 18 years; section head of electronic countermeasures of the design branch of the electronic division, Bureau of Ships; plant manager and chief engineer of Finch Tele-Communications Corp. and later was chief engineer and assistant general manager of Gray Research and Development Co.

Brew Appointed Chief Engineer

RODERICK A. BREW has been appointed chief engineer of Richard D. Brew and Co. of Concord, N. H.

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Nachtigall Leaves Mark Simpson

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Gamewell Names Engineering Supervisor

THE GAMEWELL COMPANY of Newton Upper Falls, Mass. has appointed Edward S. Ruth to the position of supervisor of industrial signaling engineering.

Ruth comes to Gamewell from Edwards Co. of Norwalk, Conn. where he was for many years director of research engineering and development.



General Transformer Names Walovich

GENERAL TRANSFORMER CO. of Homewood, Ill., has appointed John Walovich as chief engineer succeeding Conrad E. DeHorn, who is no longer active with the company.

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Hauman Instruments **Elects** Friedman

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newly formed photronics division.

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Friedman was most recently associated with Sanborn Co. of Cambridge, Mass. as assistant to the director of engineering.

Louis Rosenblum of Photon, in Cambridge, Mass., has been elected a director and consultant to the photronics division. Rosenblum has been associated with Polaroid Corp. as assistant to the vice-president in charge of engineering.



Mason Named Ray-O-Vac Director of Research

H. J. MASON has been named director of research and development for Ray-O-Vac Co.

Mason has been associated with the company since 1939 and in 1952 was named assistant director of research.

Stromberg Appoints Captain Bergeson

ANDREW H. BERGESON, who recently retired from active duty in the U.S. Navy with the rank of Captain, has been retained by Stromberg-Carlson as a consulting engineer.

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Little Appoints Computing Head

LESLIE G. PECK has joined the staff of Arthur D. Little of Cambridge, Mass., where he will be in charge of the computing laboratory.

Among Dr. Peck's previous appointments were a professorship at John Hopkins, where he taught mathematics, and a position at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, where he was responsible for much of the success of their computing program. Immediately before joining ADL he was a research associate at New York University. He conducted research in hydrodynamics and numerical analysis making use of the UNIVAC.

Tempel Expands Plant

A NEW administration building has just been added by Tempel Manufacturing of Chicago, manufacturers of magnetic steel laminations. Tempel now has 14 buildings comprising 43,000 sq ft on an $8\frac{1}{2}$ acre tract.



Fairchild Recording Names Suiter

FAIRCHILD RECORDING EQUIPMENT COMPANY has appointed Lyman E. G. Suiter as assistant to the vicepresident. He will assist in general manufacturing problems.

Suiter was previously with the radio division of Westinghouse

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where for the last 14 years he has served in a variety of manufacturing supervisory positions on both military and commercial equipment. Most recently, he directed the firm's home radio production line activities.

Guideline Associates Changes Its Name

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Mossman Completes New York Move

DONALD P. MOSSMAN, manufacturers of multiple-circuit lever, turn and pushbutton switches, has completed the transfer of all manufacturing facilities from Joliet, Ill. to the company's new Brewster, New York plant. All sales and administrative functions are also now located at Brewster.



Beltone Names McNabb Director Of Research

LOUIS A. MCNABB was appointed director of research and chief engineer of the Beltone Hearing Aid Co. of Chicago.

Formerly director of the electronic division of Bell and Howell, McNabb participated in the de-







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He was chief engineer of the Victor Animatograph Corporation of Davenport, Ia., from 1948 to 1950.

Later, as a consultant in product design, McNabb worked on hearing aids, miniature recorders, speech reproduction and transistors.

India Sets Plans For Electronic Plant

A MILITARY electronic factory is being set up near Bangalore, India, to make radio and radar equipment for the Indian armed forces. Set up as the result of an agreement last year between the Indian Government and France's Compagnie Generale de Telegraphie, the new plant will be called Bharat Electronics. A French three-man technical team has had consultations with India's Secretary of Defense and its factory board. As a result, nine junior Indian officers are being sent to France for further training.

Also attached to the plant will be a French-supervised training school, expected to open its doors by the end of the year. The whole operation is under Brigadier B. D. Kapur from the weapons and equipment section at General Headquarters, New Delhi.

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the electronics division of Sylvania.

Manager of the radio tube division's plant at Shawnee, Okla., since 1950, Hosterman jointed the Sylvania organization in 1943 and served in supervisory personnel capacities in various plant locations until 1947, when he was appointed manufacturing superintendent at the radio tube plant in Huntington, W. Va. He left Huntington to become manager at Shawnee.



Volkert Names Schell Plant Manager Assistant

CHARLES E. SCHELL has been appointed assistant to the plant manager of John Volkert Metal Stampings of Queens Village, New York.

Schell had been associated with Sylvania for 25 years. He served as plant manager of Sylvania's parts division.

AMF To Acquire Potter & Brumfield

AMERICAN MACHINE & FOUNDRY expects to acquire Potter & Brumfield Manufacturing as a whollyowned subsidiary for 92,000 shares of AMF common stock in exchange for all of Potter & Brumfield's stock.

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Salkover Metal Moves To New Plant

SALKOVER METAL PROCESSING of Illinois has moved to its new plant in Franklin Park, Ill.

The copper brazing and bright annealing organization formerly occupied two buildings. Both of the old plants have been discontinued and all operations are now concentrated in the Franklin Park building which has practically twice the floor area of the other two plants combined.



Resdel Engineering Names DeDiemar

J. L. DEDIEMAR, former Convair design specialist, has been appointed chief engineer of Resdel Engineering.

DeDiemar joined Convair's engineering department at the firm's Vultee field division, Downey, Calif., in 1946. In 1947 he was transferred to the company's San Diego division. He has been an electronics project engineer there for the past year. For several years he was a staff assistant in the electronics section.

Before joining Convair, DeDiemar was an electronic engineer with Gilfillan Bros. in Los Angeles.

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Plate voltage (maximum DC)
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Cathode current (max. instantaneous
peak value)
Heater-cathode voltage (max.) ±450 volts
Grid resistance (max.)
Grid voltage (max.)
(min.)
Cathode warm-up time 45 seconds
(Plate and heater voltage may be applied simultaneously.)
*To obtain greatest life expectancy from tube, avoid

*To obtain greatest life expectancy from tube, avoid designs where the tube is subjected to all maximum ratings simultaneously.

**Voltage should not fluctuate more than $\pm 5\%$.

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Bulb.			Hard	glass-	-161/2
Max. over-all length					2%
Max. seated height					2%
Max. diameter					. 1/8"
Mounting position					any
Max. altitude				80,00	00 feet
Max. bulb temperature	4				300°C.
Max. impact shock					500g
Max. vibrational acceler	ration				50g
(100-hour shock excite	d fati	gue t	est, sa	mple	basis.)

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and development work for the armed forces and commercial firms. The company's current products include electronic test equipment, radar units, and dielectric and induction heating devices.

Wilton Tool Starts New Plant

WILTON TOOL MFG. Co. broke ground for a new 65,000 sq ft general office and factory building in Schiller Park, Illinois. The expansion will cost approximately half a million dollars. The plant will be located on a five acre tract.

Wilton plans to move to the new plant in January of 1955. No major interruption of production or delivery schedules is anticipated.



I-T-E Circuit Breaker Appoints Corwin

JEROME CORWIN has been named to head the new design and development section on electromechanical devices, servo mechanisms and computers in the special products division of I-T-E Circuit Breaker Company. It was indicated that the addition of this new section was undertaken to further complement future activities of the division in the radar field. Corwin was previously chief of the mechanical engineering section of the U.S. Army Signal Corps Laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N. J. His background covers work on mechanical structures and electromechanical instrumentation in both the electronic and physical science fields. He has also directed a program for

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Add per section, in.	0.500	0.615	0.615	0.615	0.880	1.560
Resistance Range, ohms:						
Lineer, max.	50.000	140,000	178,000	283,000	100,000	350,000
Non-linear			Depends on f	unction involv	red.	
ElectricalContact Angle	350°	350°	350°	350°	1080°	3600°
Functional Toletances:						
Linear	+0.35%	±0.15%	±0.10%	±0.075%	±0.1%	±0.075%
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Torque Per Section or in.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0
Wattage Rating at 40°C	1	2.5	4.0	5.0	3	5
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Byron Jackson Acquires Rollin

BYRON JACKSON Co. of Los Angeles has purchased Rollin Co. of Pasadena, Calif., manufacturers of high-precision test equipment for electronic devices. Plans are under way for a new plant to house the added engineering and manufacturing facilities. Byron Jackson has been in pump manufacturing since 1872. Only in the past three years has the company branched into electronics.

Brew Moves To New Plant

RICHARD D. BREW Co., designers, developers and manufacturers of delay lines, moves into its new plant of 12,000 sq ft, adjacent to the Concord Airport in Concord, N. H.

Facilities include an electronic laboratory for design and testing of delay lines and associated components, a development engineering department, a machine shop for specialized tooling and a production department.



Loasby Promoted By Raytheon

FRANK LOASBY has been named director of sales engineering and service of Raytheon's television and radio operations.

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ing laboratory, Loasby was owner of Sumac Industrial Research of Los Angeles, a firm devoted to industrial electronics control application research. He has also held positions with Libby of Culver City, California and with Electronic Chemical Engineering Company of Los Angeles.

Loasby succeeds C. W. Hoshour, who has resigned.



Neomatic Names **Clifton** Davis

CLIFTON H. DAVIS has been appointed assistant chief engineer of Neomatic, sub-miniature relay manufacturer in Los Angeles, California. He will serve directly under T. Ross Welch, president and chief engineer.

Hobson Named President Of Honor Society

J. E. HOBSON, director of Stanford Research Institute, has formally succeeded to the national presidency of Eta Kappa Nu Association, electrical engineering honor society with some 22,000 members throughout the world.

Retiring president is Eric T. B. Gross of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Hobson was director of the department of electrical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh and professor of electrical engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology. He was director of Armour Research Foundation, Chicago, for four years before assuming leadership of Stanford Research Institute in March, 1948.

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Ward Products Forms Antenna Lab

of Illinois, Urbana, on October 15

WARD PRODUCTS of Cleveland has established a new antenna research laboratory in Ashtabula, Ohio, for the design and testing of all types of television and automotive antennas. W. H. Rickards is director of engineering at Ward.

The new testing laboratory will supplement the facilities of Gabriel Electronics in Needham, Mass., for antenna research and development. Walter Domoracki, formerly with Philco, is the engineer in charge of the laboratory.

Florida Distributors Form Association

A state-wide group of electronic distributors has been formed in Florida to be known as the Florida Electronic Distributors Association. Officers for election when bylaws are adopted are: Harvey Herman, chairman; Sidney Lucker, treasurer and Theodore J. Sharaf, secretary.



Alectro Moves, Names Levy

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Sol E. Levy, formerly in charge of development engineering, has been appointed vice-president and general manager. His experience includes development engineering at Western Geophysical Co. of Los Angeles and National Union Radio in Newark, New Jersey.

Robert E. Baddorf, former assistant professor of electrical engineering at University of Southern California and design engineer at Sola Electric of Chicago, is president. Lloyd Thornblad, former design engineer at Robert M. Hadley Co. in Los Angeles, and lecturer in engineering at U.S.C., is secretary-treasurer.

National Company Expands Staff

UNDER THE DIRECTION of Raul H. Frye, vice-president of engineering, the National Company expects within the next year to double its present research and engineering staff. Reasons for the expansion move, according to Frye, are to complete engineering and development on several new government defense contracts recently awarded to the firm and to accomplish the first step in the company's plan for broad expansion of its commercial line of electronics products.



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Giannini Appoints Chief Designer

J. F. STEIGERWALD has been appointed chief designer of the corporate engineering division of G. M. Giannini & Co. He was formerly chief production engineer with Jack & Heintz of Cleveland, manufacturing manager of Aerojet Engineering Corp. of Azusa, California, and vice-president and production manager of the Bill Jack Scientific Instrument Co.

Steigerwald will be responsible for tooling, processing, and production design of instruments developed by the Giannini division.

Stanford Research Appoints Baker

RICHARD H. BAKER, former electronic computing and control systems consultant, has joined the staff of Stanford Research Institute as a systems engineer. He will work in the recently expanded electronic data processing unit, a section of SRI's division of industrial economics research.

In recent years Baker has carried on independent research and acted as consultant on computing and control system design and application for equipment manufacturers and the Department of Defense.

He previously organized an electronics research laboratory while acting as chief engineer of Digital Controls of La Jolla, Calif.

Earlier he initiated a program of digital electronic systems research and development with the Bill Jack Scientific Instrument Co. of Solana Beach, Calif.

Before that, he was with the special weapons research division of Northrop Aircraft Co., Haw-



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Convair Works On Missile Test Facility

CONSTRUCTION has started for a new \$250,000 test facility on Point Loma, Calif., for one of the U. S. Air Force's guided missile programs.

Ground has already been broken on the five-acre government site on Fort Rosecrans. One of the major structures will be a steel tower covered with aluminum sheeting on three sides. Other structures will include two sheds and a horizontal testing fixture for vibration and air-pressure tests. The facility is not designed for firing missiles, but for testing components and systems.

Convair engineers are in charge of the project. They are H. A. Smith, chief plant engineer, and Charles U. Giusti, construction engineer.

Polarad Forms Computer Division

POLARAD ELECTRONICS has formed a computer division under the direction and supervision of Leroy Packer. The organization will be located at the firm's Brooklyn plant and will be concerned with the development and application of electronic computer techniques, services and equipment for industrial and government applications.

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the Franklin Institute research laboratories, where he did work on airplane simulators and developed a new device for the electronic testing of abrasive wheels.

From 1950 to 1952 Packer was section leader of the input devices section of the research division of Burroughs Corp. He did research on high speed input devices for large scale digital computers and transistor circuit development.

In 1952, he joined the staff of the Columbia University electronics research laboratory where he was group leader of the digital techniques group. Here, he directed research work on navigational and guidance systems, and developed digital devices for use in the tracking of military aircraft.

Du Mont Tube Division Promotes Scott

ROBERT G. SCOTT has been named assistant sales manager of the cathode-ray tube division of A. B. Du Mont Labs.

As well as assisting in the management of the tube sales department, Scott will continue to contact television receiver manufacturers in the dual capacity of technical consultant and home office sales representative.

Scott joined Du Mont in 1948, as a senior engineer working on the design and development of important picture-tube innovations such as large screens, short necks, and wide-angle deflection. He later transferred to product engineering, where he followed these developments through their initial massproduction stages.

For the past two years. Scott has been manager of sales engineering of the c-r tube division.

Buckingham To Receive Wetherill Medal

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George Norman Joins Sprague Electric

GEORGE H. L. NORMAN has joined Sprague Electric as coordinator of the company's activities in the field of electronic computer components. He was general sales manager of the new products division of Corning Glass.

Previously, Norman spent a total of 17 years with Aerovox Corp. He was at one time chief engineer and factory manager of Aerovox Canada, and was later chief engineer of the mica division of the firm's main plant at New Bedford, Mass. During World War II, he spent five years with the Canadian Air Force and was deputy director of airborne radar development.

AIEE Broadcasting Committee Named

J. B. EPPERSON of Scripps-Howard Radio in Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed chairman of the television and aural broadcasting committee of the AIEE. He succeeds C. E. Dean of Hazeltine Laboratories. C. M. Braum of the Joint Committee on Educational Television is the new vice-chairman and R. K. Hellmann of Hazeltine Laboratories is secretary.

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Telecomputing Plans New California Plant

TELECOMPUTING CORP., of Burbank, California, computing equipment and service firm, will start construction on a 50,000 sq ft, \$430,-000 plant in San Fernando Valley, Calif. The plant, expected to be complete by the year's end, will employ 500 workers for manufacture of Telecomputing's Point 'o Sale Recorder, an automatic sales recording device that sorts sales information for inventory control.

Sessions Clock Forms Industrial Division

AN INDUSTRIAL products division of The Sessions Clock Company has been established. It consolidates all former sales activities for clock radio timers, clock movements and industrial timing motors. Establishment of the division is designed to increase selling and service efficiency to industrial customers. As a result of this move, there are now two main product divisions at Sessions of equal importance—the clock division and the industrial products division.

Vernon A. Lee has been named manager of the division.

Scintilla Celebrates Plant Expansion

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Introduction to Microwaves and Their Scientific Applications

BY H. H. KLINGER, S. HIRZEL, Stuttgart, Germany, 1953, 118 pages, 9.60 German marks.

ACCORDING to the preface, this little book was written for students and physicists familiar with electronic fundamentals but not so well versed in the technique of high frequencies. The main subject of the book is the use of microwaves as a tool in physics, chemistry, astronomy and biology; a highly condensed but thoroughly readable review of principles and practices employed in microwave work (wave guides, cavity resonators, generators, detectors, methods of measurement) occupies the initial forty pages.

In the main part-the applications of microwaves in science-a remarkable amount of useful information can be found. In microwave spectroscopy, for instance, rotational spectra are discussed in great detail; inversion spectra, Stark and Zeman effects, etc. are explained and many examples are described. Other chapters discuss magnetic-resonance effects. dispersion and relaxation phenomena in polar liquids and high-frequency metallic conduction at low temperatures. There is also much interesting material in the chapter on biological effects of microwaves.

A few pages on radio astronomy and astrophysics, severely limited by lack of space, report measurements of solar and lunar radiation. A chapter on typical microwave experiments may appear, at first glance, to be merely a collection of well-known laboratory devices, but even here many readers will learn things they had overlooked, as for instance the distinction between two radically different types of metal array lenses. A final chapter particle accelerators using on microwaves is too short even for such a highly condensed book.

The bibliography, which lists 85 titles, gives an incomplete but truly international collection of references up to about 1952.

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Electronics

BY THOMAS BENJAMIN BROWN, George Washington University, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, N. Y., 545 pages, 1954, \$7.50.

Electronics

BY GEORGE F. CORCORAN AND HENRY W. PRICE, University of Maryland, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, N. Y., 460 pages, 1954, \$7.00.

Electronics

BY A. T. STARR, Pitman Publishing Co., New York, N. Y., 1954, 395 pages, \$7.50.

Active Networks

BY VINCENT C. RIDEOUT, University of Wisconsin, Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, N. Y., 485 pages, 1954, \$10.65. FOUR new books on electronics to serve the oncoming generation of engineers, each with somewhat different viewpoints, each useful as texts, each pointing up the vast expanse that continues in this amazing field.

Professor Brown's Book

After 35 years of teaching courses in tubes and their applications the author of this text ought to know what he wants, what he has found to be the most satisfactory arrangement and the best order in which to take up the many and varied subjects, even if that order is not too logical. Professor Brown has not been completely satisfied with what he has had to use during this teaching period, and his present text is the result of searching but not finding his ideal.

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by the old method of plotting, laboriously, the current point by point as a function of anode potential but by the modern method of using an oscilloscope to see visually the entire characteristic. Throughout the text will be found demonstrations and laboratory experiments. One of the features of the opening chapter is a derivation of Child's law.

Following chapters on conventional subjects, the final part of the book deals with electronic instruments, oscilloscopes, voltmeters, bridges etc., and finally several appendices giving tube data, advice on planning and equipping a laboratory, derivation of the Schottky effect and closing with crystal rectifiers and transistors.

The Corcoran-Price Book

This, too, is a first-course book, somewhat more mathematical than Professor Brown's text, expending more space on the fundamentals of field concepts, mobile charge behavior, thermionic emission, diode behavior and is perhaps more orthodox in its arrangement.

Progress is steady from diodes to more complex tube structures and behavior, to linear and nonlinear amplifiers, feedback circuits, gas-filled tubes and applications, with some 65 pages on germanium diodes and transistors. The final chapter deals with oscillators.

Many problems and many examples of circuits with realistic constants aid in giving the student a feel for practical electronics.

Active Networks

For the reader who has studied the physics of vacuum tubes and related devices (or who is not especially interested in this aspect of electronics) this book of Professor Rideout covers the fundamentals of all networks capable of amplification, that is, tube circuits, transistors, magnetic amplifiers, and, to a much lesser extent, servos.

After a first chapter on fundamental concepts—networks, lines, communication systems—the book really begins with amplifiers of the several types. It is interesting that magnetic amplifiers and transistors are introduced with no fanfare

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whatever. Then follow low-pass amplifiers, transient response of amplifiers, and after several chapters dealing with the several wellknown divisions of amplifiers, such matters as oscillators, modulation systems, wave-shaping circuits including trigger circuits and finally a chapter on noise and information theory.

In appendices will be found a brief exposition of Fourier analysis, Laplace transformation and charts of characteristic tube and transistor curves and data.

All of these books provide the instructor with distinctly teachable texts, with "Active Networks" somewhat out of the conventional pattern and with the other three "Electronics" more conventional but distinctly up to date.

Starr's Electronics

This is a typically British text with emphasis on the analytical treatment of circuits and tube functions rather than on engineering applications. It should be very useful as an undergraduate text or for an engineer who wishes terse mathematical discussions of basic material.

It has more on the fundamental aspects of electronics—wave theory, electron ballistics, semiconductors, gaseous discharges, energy levelsthan the other texts noted herein and the entire treatment is mathematical rather than descriptive. The mathematics involves ordinary calculus, some usage of Heaviside notation, Laplace transforms, Fourier analysis but with sufficient explanation so that the tyro can use it. Appendices give mathematical formulas, steady-state a-c theory, Maxwell's equations and other useful material.

Chapter headings are Physical Fundamentals, Valves, Rectification, Circuit Theory, Amplifiers, Oscillators and Detectors, Electronic Applications (32 pages), plus the seven appendices.

The American reader will run across terms not employed here such as trigatron, the nomotron circuit, long-tailed pair, megslip, velodyne and others but they are quickly identified with their American equivalents.—K.H.

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By J. R. PIERCE. Second Edition, D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., Toronto, New York, London, 1954, 222 pages, \$4.50.

PIERCE's book has, no doubt, become a standard reference for tube engineers whose job it is to design electron tubes employing high-current electron beams. It contains in one volume all the necessary basic theoretical material, obviating any need to search the scattered literature. It is this convenience and the knowledge that an authority has collected the material which justify the existence of this book. An engineer suddenly confronted with the task of designing beam generating and guiding structures will, therefore, find it very useful.

Electron Optics

Chapter I, "Properties of Electric and Magnetic Fields", deals with the fields which are found in such devices as cathode-ray tubes. triodes and some microwave tubes employing means of focusing electron streams. In other words, it deals with the theory of quasistatic fields.

Chapter II, "Forces and Equations of Motion", discusses the Lorentz equation for non-relativistic motion and contains a paragraph on scaling.

In Chapter III, "Simple Motions", the general equations of motion are applied to the special cases of motion in uniform electric and/or magnetic fields and in the electric field produced by hyperbolic electrodes.

In Chapter IV, "Some General Relations", a few more simple cases of electron motion are discussed, and some general laws such as the conservation of angular momentum, Busch's theorem and Liouville's theorem are treated. The concept of "index of refraction" for purely electric fields is also introduced.

Chapter V, "Some Typical Special Problems", deals principally with a discussion of analogue devices useful in the solution of problems of electron motion.

Chapter VI, "The Paraxial Ray Equation", is a chapter on elementary electron optics or the motion of electrons in rotationally symmet-

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rical and two-dimensional fields where space-charge effects are neglected.

Chapter VII, "Magnetic and Electric Lenses: Analytical and Numerical Solutions", contains some more elementary electron optics of several commonly used electron lenses.

Guns and Focusing Systems

The material of Chapters I to VII, constituting about one-half of the book, is contained in most books on electron optics. Chapters VIII to XI are the important chapters of the book, and a student of electrical engineering or an engineer concerned with design of guns and focusing systems should be able to understand these chapters even in the absence of Chapters I to VII.

Chapter VIII, "The Effect of Thermal Velocities", deals with the effects of the Maxwellian velocity distribution in an electron stream emitted from a cathode. This chapter is almost a reprint of Pierce's original paper on this subject. The material seems to have withstood any attempts to derive the results in a more straightforward manner.

Chapter IX, "Space Charge in Electron Beams", discusses the spreading of a drifting electron beam due to space-charge-repulsion effects and means to prevent such spreading by the use of a longitudinal uniform magnetic focusing field (Brillouin flow and confined flow). Questions of stability of the flow and the effects of the presense of ions are briefly discussed. The second edition of Pierce's book contains a new paragraph on "Harris flow".

Chapter X, "Electron Guns", discusses the important theory of the so-called Pierce gun and gives design information for such a gun.

New Material

The last chapter, "Periodic Focusing Fields", the addition of which was no doubt the chief reason for printing the second edition, is quite short. One cannot help feeling that a delay in publication might have made it possible to enlarge this last chapter. It deals with theory of beam focusing by means of a series of electron lenses arranged periodically along the

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electron beam. If these periodic fields are generated by means of permanent magnets, a sizable weight reduction of the focusing means and auxilliary equipment seems possible. Important investigations in this connection are being carried out but are still in the early stages so that new information being gathered must be reserved for a third edition.

In summary, this reviewer would like to state that Pierce accomplished his aim "to collect together with reasonable orderliness the minimum amount of theoretical material necessary for a good understanding of electron flow and electron focusing in devices other than electron microscopes and image tubes".

Unfortunately, the design engineer, equipped with the knowledge contained in Pierce's book, soon finds out that this knowledge is only necessary but not sufficient. Such an engineer will feel that the book would have been more useful if it had contained instead of Chapters I to VII descriptive experimental material with examples of actual structures and discussions of factors causing discrepancies between simple theory and experimental results. The author is well qualified and could have done better than to state "No attempt is made to deal with problems of experimental technique; concerning these I offer nothing but sympathy".---R. G. E. HUTTER, Sylvania Electric Products. Inc.

Introduction to Electric Fields

BY WALTER E. ROGERS. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, 1954, 333 pages, \$7.50.

DESIGNED to provide a text for a one-semester or one-quarter course for junior and senior electrical engineering students taking either communications or power option, this book indeed constitutes an adequate introduction to the subject of electromagnetic field theory. As such, it presumes no prior training in vector analysis and only a nodding acquaintance with differential equations.

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Approach

In the main, the book furnishes an approach to Maxwell's equations through a study of electrostatic and electromagnetic fields. Vector methods are employed throughout. The book is long on providing practical experience in working with field problems.

A valuable contribution is the graphical presentation of field configurations. These presentations are obtained using both the fluid-mapping methods developed by A. D. Moore of the University of Michigan and a membrane-analog method developed by the author. This latter method makes use of a taut rubber sheet suitably deformed and illuminated. An appendix describing both methods in some detail is provided for use by instructors who desire to plan laboratory work to accompany a course taught from this text.

The text's approach to Maxwell's equations is by way of studying Coulomb's law, the concept of potential, the field of an electric current, Gauss' law, the equations of Poisson and Laplace, the magnetostatic field and time-varying electric and magnetic fields. Also included is material on solution of field problems by the method of images and on the properties of dielectrics and insulation. The final chapter discusses the vector potential.

The text is adequately indexed and particularly strong on problem material both inserted in running text to explain the concepts introduced and for assignment to the student.—J.C.

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Controllers for Electric Motors

BY HENRY D. JAMES AND LEWIS E. MARKLE. Second Edition, McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., N. Y., 1953, 426 pages, \$7.00.

THIS book is primarly intended for maintenance personnel engaged in work with industrial motor-control systems. Main emphasis is placed on electrical control systems; electronics comes into the picture only in the form of conventional magnetic amplifier controls.

The book gives a good technical description of the factors involved in motor controlling and describes the electrical engineer's way of achieving control by the means at his disposal. It should be of value to electronics engineers in showing him the limitations of nonelectronic systems and in teaching him basic concepts for applying electronic controls.—J.D.F.

The Cyclotron

By W. B. MANN. John Wiley and Sons, Inc., (Methuen's Monographs on Physical Subjects), New York, 4th edition, 1954, 118 pages, \$2.00.

THIS is a new edition of a book first published in 1940, when Professor Ernest O. Lawrence wrote (in the Preface), "Let us cherish the hope that the day is not far distant when such a great cyclotron will be built !" The dream which was the object of this sentiment was a cyclotron capable of accelerating helium ions to 100 or possibly 200 million volts. That dream has been eminently fulfilled, notably at Professor Lawrence's own laboratory in Berkeley. California, where a 184-in. synchrocyclotron has accelerated alpha particles to 400 Mev.

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with Imperial College at the University of London, is at present a member of the staff of the U.S. National Bureau of Standards. In publishing a 4th edition of this now classic monograph, Methuen is filling a real gap in the literature of high-energy machines. There is, in fact, no other book-length treatment of this subject in English.

Dr. Mann's text is not highly mathematical, and can be easily followed by anyone who has ever sat in on an undergraduate course in atomic physics. If the discussion of cyclotron applications is neglected, college freshman mathematics becomes sufficient for an understanding of this largely qualitative text, which was actually aimed at readers working outside the realm of high-energy physics.

The fact that the book was originally written during a period when the designers of high-energy machines first began making great strides adds another facet to the interest with which this volume should be received—as an important contribution to the history of modern physics.

That is not to say that the book is of historical interest only: an epilogue, added in 1953, manages to bring the reader up to date. Moreover, as an exposition of the basic principles underlying the design and operation of cyclotrons, the book is not likely to be soon obsolete. — CHARLES SÜSSKIND, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.

Electron Optics

THROUGH ERROR, the review of O. Klemperer's book, published in September 1953 ELECTRONICS, contained the statement that the book had no index. The reasons for this error are as follows: the publishers sent ELECTRONICS a proof copy of the book; this was duly furnished to E. G. Ramberg, the reviewer, who noted that there was no index and properly commented on this fact. The book as published, however, does contain an index and this fact was not checked by the editors before Mr. Ramberg's review was published. This mis-statement is regretted.

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Ionic or Iontic?

DEAR SIRS:

IN MOST cases, non-Greek scientists have adopted Greek words to express scientific conceptions with such success that they have drawn the admiration of the Greek scientists themselves. . .

However, the basic term ion is the neuter of the present participle of the Greek verb *ienai*, to go. This term ion is quite correct as regards English pronunciation, spelling and meaning. But its derivatives and compounds, as they are used by non-Greek authors are not only incorrect but they are also confusing. . . .

Introducers of the derivatives or compounds have added to the original word ion the respective suffix, or additional word, to form new words having new meanings; the terms ionic, ionization, to ionize and ionosphere have been formed.

But the correct spelling of the first of them ought to be *iontic* to retain its proper meaning and not ionic because the adpective ionic comes from the Greek adjective ionikos having the meaning: "Of or pertaining to Ionia or the Ionians", an ancient Greek land and race, respectively. . . .

Ionic is also a synonym of ionian which, in addition to having the above meaning, refers to the Ionian Islands of to-day . . . no relation whatever to the electrically charged atoms, molecules or radicals. . . .

When we wish to produce a composite word relating to ion we have to use the root of the word, which is *iont*- (or ionto- for euphony) adding to it the suffix or the second constituent word . . . it has been done for iontophoresis. Can it not be done for a few more terms?

There is also the new radioactive isotope ionium, which should be spelled and pronounced: iontium. unless the introducer had in mind to honor the memory of the mythological Io, the ancient Greek priestess whose name is borne by the Ionian Sea.

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I believe the real electrical or electronic era is not at its end but at its beginning, and that electrical, radio and electronic terms have not yet attained their final form. They are continually evolving . . . to become more and more clear and precise. Therefore, in the case under consideration we should be bound to accept the correct terms. . . .

DIONYSIUS J. BATAIMIS Member of the Technical Services Hellenic National Broadcasting Institute Athens, Greece

Editor's Note: Mr. Bataimis certainly presents a strong case. We wonder who so correctly introduced the word iontophoresis for the medical introduction of ions into tissues of the body?

Feedback

DEAR SIRS:

I WAS interested in Joseph Diamond's article, p 148, Nov. 1953 ELECTRONICS, and I would offer these comments on some of the points your contributor makes.

In his very first column he says, "a tetrode stage . . . raises a stability problem that has not been discussed before".

Now in point of fact P. J. Baxendall discussed this very problem (of applying over 30 db N.F. to 6L6's to get less than 0.1 percent distortion) in *Wireless World* of January 1948. This article was subsequently reprinted with others as a booklet, "High Quality Amplifiers."

It is true that Baxendall uses a separate feedback winding which may be covered by Mayo's patent cited, but the distortion is 0.1 per-

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cent for 10 watts, which is all Diamond can get for 0.1 percent. Moreover, Baxendall's design does give square waves at 30 cps.

Referring to Diamond's Fig. 2, . . . for 18 watts the distortion is about 0.55 percent which puts the apparatus in the public address category and not hi-fi if one uses all loud speakers in series to give 100 ohms.

On p 149 (middle column) he says the anode follower gives excellent balance at 1 mc. This is open to question. Due to circuit strays an uncompensated anode follower begins to drop off somewhere about 10-20 kc. To make an anode follower go up to 1 mc it is necessary to use shunting condensers as described by Sowerby in *Wireless World*, p 447, Sept. 1948.

I would not say it is necessary or desirable to incorporate a l-mc flat anode follower in the triple feedback circuit but it seems Diamond was claiming too much for the plain anode follower.

Williamson made his amplifier to be flat up to about 200 kc to deal adequately with recording characteristics. As is well known flatness up to upper audio limits requires low phase shift at carrier frequencies (100-200 kc)...

Without in any way deprecating Diamond's article I would suggest that it is probable that the scheme has been in use since 1945 by the English company H. J. Lenk & Co., which marketed (since that date) the "Triple Loop" 0.1-percent distortion amplifier.

Where, I think, the triple loop feedback scheme may score is that it possibly permits of moderate fidelity without special large and expensive output transformers.

On the whole the triple loop feedback scheme does not seem to be so vastly superior to the positivenegative feedback scheme expounded by John Miller (p 106 March, 1950, ELECTRONICS). There are several more feedback components including electrolytic 8-µf condensers and for commercial "cut-rate" production the positive negative feedback scheme scores on component costs.

Nevertheless Diamond's article was very interesting.

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