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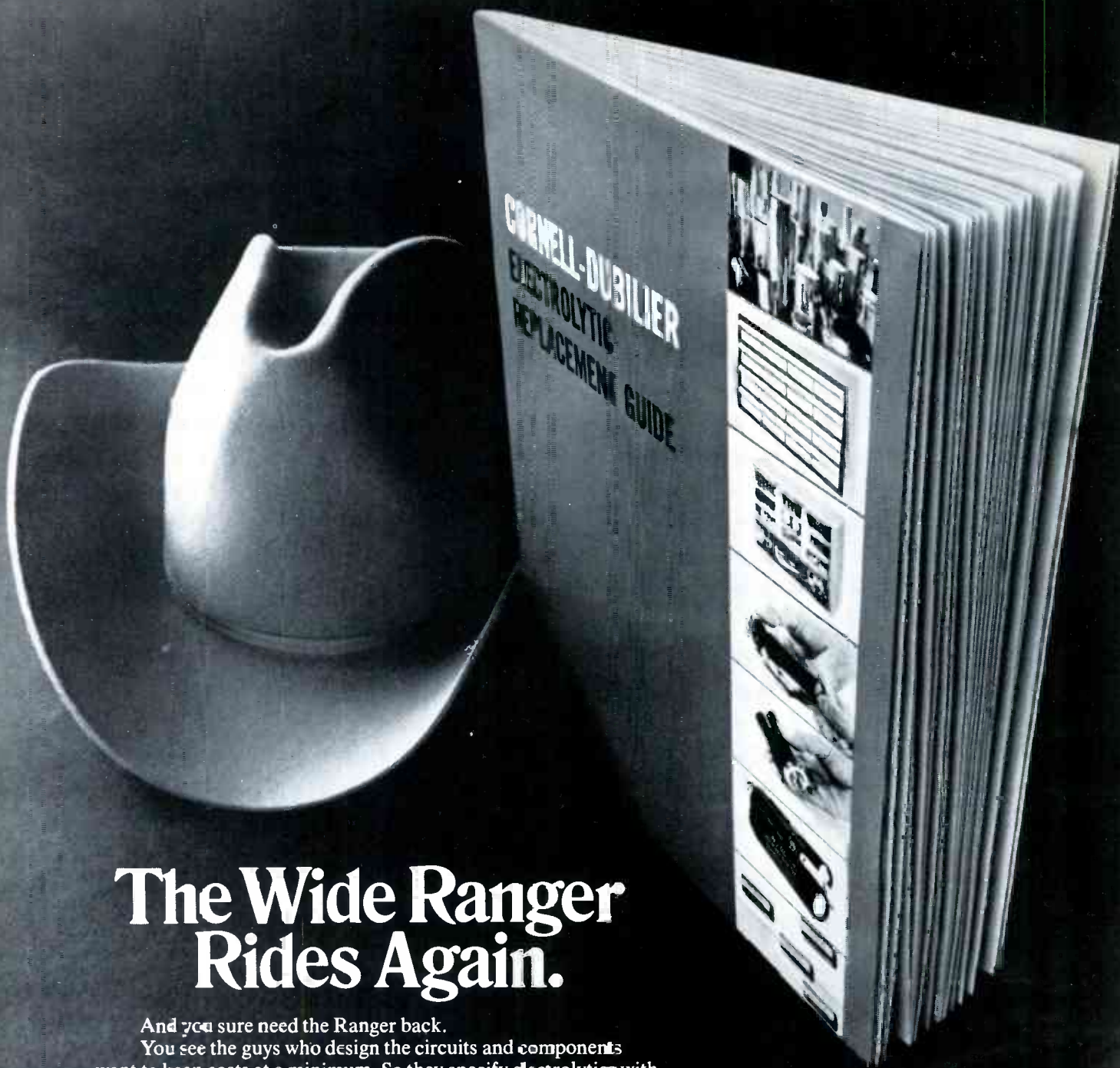
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## Ohio Serviceman Selected for NEA Electronic Hall of Fame

John Graham, member of the Associated Radio and Television Service Dealers (ARTSD) of Columbus, Ohio, has been selected as a member of the National Electronic Associations' (NEA) Electronic Hall of Fame, Service Division. Mr. Graham is the first living member to be so honored.

Selections to NEA's Electronic Hall of Fame are made from among living and deceased men who have made outstanding contributions within the electronic industry.

Plans are currently being made to erect a building to house the awards. Howard W. Sams & Co., Indianapolis, has offered to house the display until a permanent site is made available.

—ARTSD News

## New York State Again Tries TV Licensing

A bill for the licensing of TV technicians has been introduced to the New York State legislature for the fourth time according to a report in Home Furnishings Daily. Three previous attempts at licensing New York State TV technicians have failed. Increased consumer criticism of television servicing is given as the reason for introduction of the bill. According to informed sources, the bill has dim prospects for passage, although the National Electronics Association (NEA) has voiced approval of "the proper licensing of TV technicians."

## NATESA Revises Code-of-Ethics Certificate and Assumes Arbitrator Role

The National Alliance of Television and Electronic Service Associations (NATESA) has updated its code of ethics and issued to its members new certificates of membership that indicate the member is a licensed "Electronician." Each certificate bears the name and license number of the member. The term "Electronician" is registered by NATESA in Washington, D.C.

NATESA is also offering set owners a method of recourse concerning complaints against members. According to NATESA, "When a complaint is received, it will be processed and evaluated by NATESA people in the area. If the customer is in error, he will be so informed and given a full explanation. If the licensed NATESA member is at fault, he will be so appraised and billed for service necessary to make correction. Failure to pay this invoice will be cause for revocation of membership."

## RCA Reduces Color Service Contracts

RCA is planning to eliminate home setups on new color sets, unless dealers specifically request that this procedure be continued, according to a recent report by Fairchild News Service.® "Improved quality of color sets" was given as the reason for doing away with home color setups.

A price reduction of color TV service contracts has also been announced by RCA Service Co. Price cuts range from 7 dollars on portables to 4 dollars on combination units.

## American TV Manufacturers Interested in Single-Gun Color Tube

Sony Corporation's Trinitron single-gun color TV system has caught the interest of both American and Japanese television manufacturers, who, according to a recent report in Home Furnishings Daily, have made inquiries concerning licensing arrangements. However, according to the report, Sony has made no decision as to when licensing will begin.

Trade sources report that Sylvania, Motorola, Zenith and RCA have indicated their interest in the Trinitron system.

When the Sony single-gun system was first introduced, it was explained that the new color tube could be used with Chromatron grid, the conventional shadow mask, or the new aperture grill.

It is expected that full U.S. distribution of a 12-inch Sony color set using the Trinitron picture tube will be a reality later this year.

## Preliminary EIA Home Electronics 1968 Sales Figures Show Increases

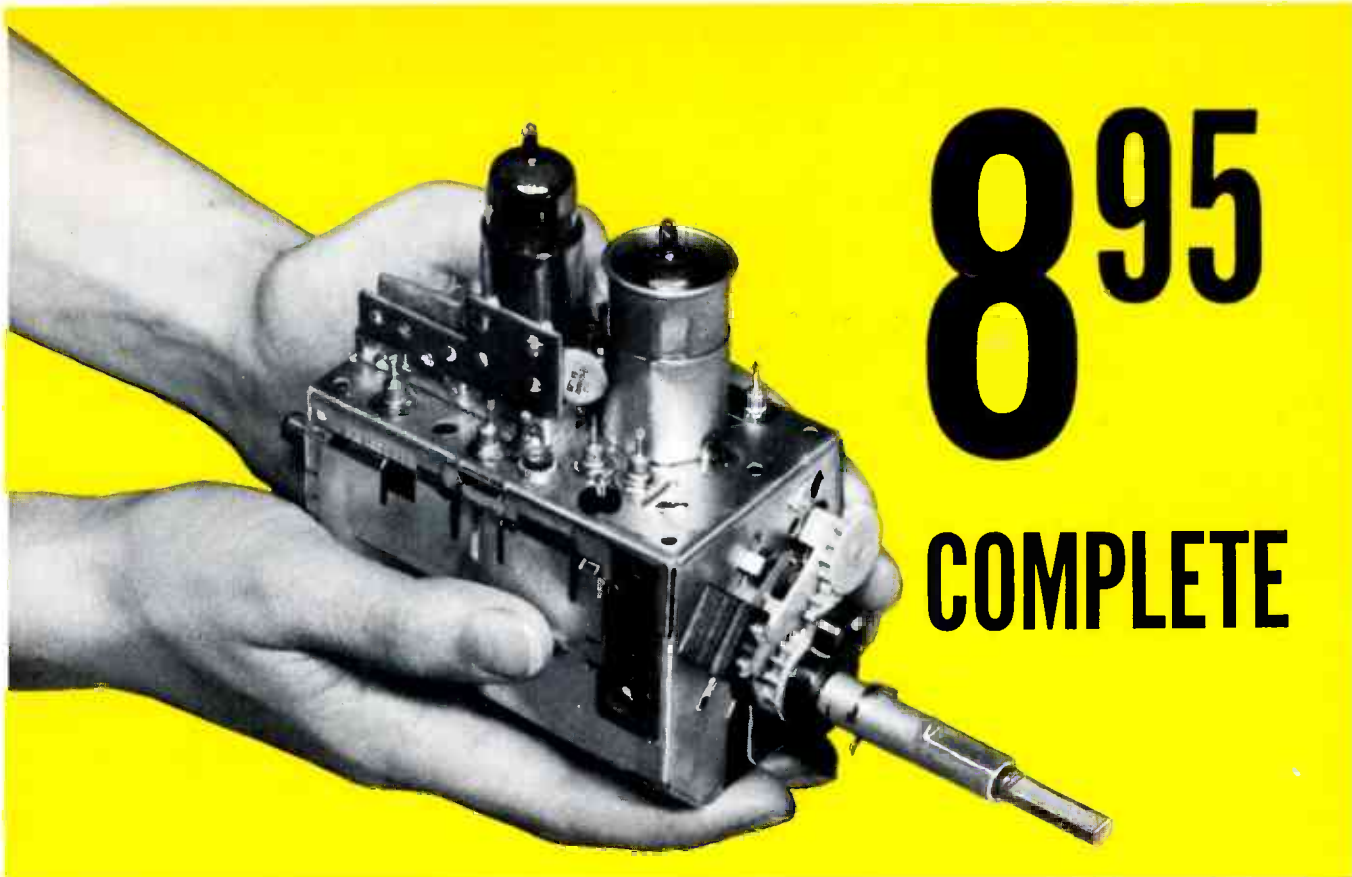
Based on preliminary statistics gathered by the Electronic Industries Association's Marketing Services Department, EIA's Consumer Products Division has announced that 1968 year-end figures on sales by domestic manufacturers of television, radio (including auto), phonograph and tape equipment all showed increases over 1967 sales.

1968 CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SALES TO DEALERS*			
RADIO:	1968	1967	% Change
Home	11,810,646	12,393,051	- 4.7
Auto	10,685,827	8,900,208	+ 20.1
Total Radio	22,496,473	21,293,259	+ 5.7
TELEVISION:			
Color	5,829,150	5,224,499	+ 11.6
Monochrome	5,555,339	5,434,702	+ 2.2
Total TV	11,384,489	10,659,201	+ 6.8
PHONOGRAPH:			
Portable & Table	3,946,001	3,766,541	+ 4.8
Console	1,565,373	1,498,645	+ 4.5
Total Phonograph	5,511,374	5,265,186	+ 4.7

\*Preliminary figures. These data reflected total U.S. manufacturers' sales, including foreign-made sets sold under U.S. manufacturers' brand names.

While the statistics shown here are based on U.S. manufacturers' sales to dealers, imports—both domestic and foreign brand names—are a sizeable factor in the total U.S. Market consumption of consumer electronic products, EIA said.

EIA estimates that the total television market, including imports, will exceed 12 million units; that 1968 radio sales will be over 40 million units, counting home and auto figures; that phonograph sales will exceed 6 million units; and that tape equipment sales, the fastest growing consumer electronic product (including reel-to-reel, cartridge and cassette equipment) will exceed 5 million units.



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**Admiral Introduces 12-inch Color**

The development and full production of a 12-inch color picture tube (79 square inches) for portable television sets has been announced by Admiral Corporation. The exclusive tube size will be incorporated in Admiral's new 12-inch color portables. Another exclusive tube size for 16-inch sets was introduced by Admiral last November.

**Sony Adds New Service Point**

A new facility for sales, warehousing and service for Sony home entertainment products has been opened at 54 Cypress Lane in Brisbane, California, a suburb of San Francisco.

**TC Becomes CRYSTEK**

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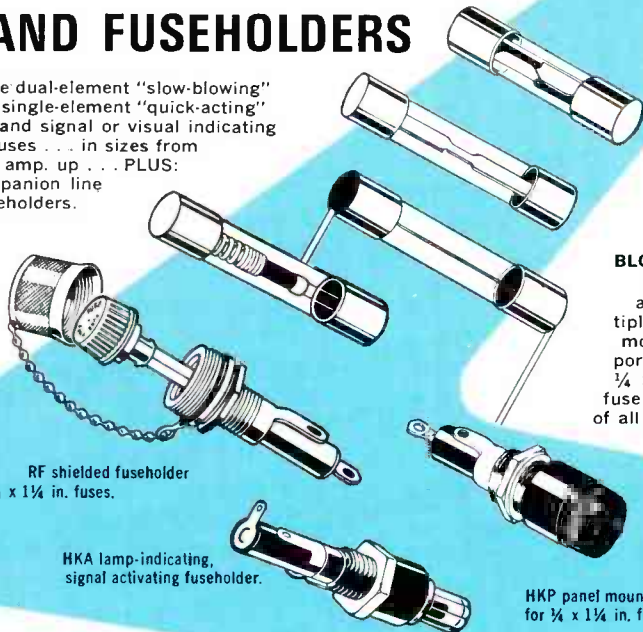


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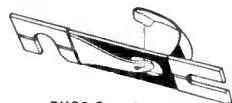
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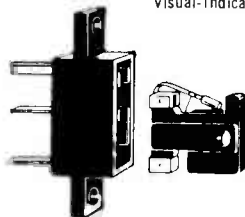
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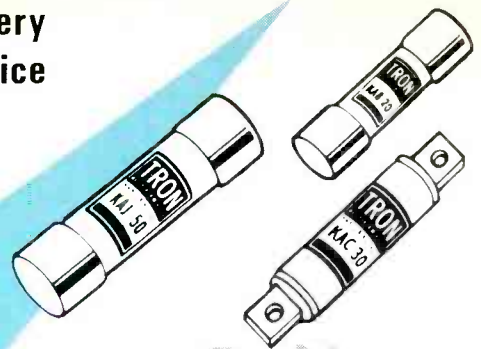


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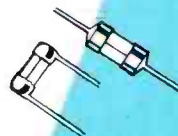
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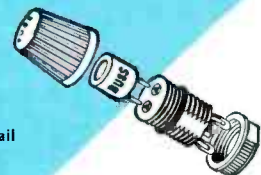


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His new pricing system has been successful, Reich said, because "management explains it to the technicians and the technicians explain it to the customers." He added, "I have yet to have a complaint about the cost of repair."

The subject of service was mentioned in other sessions of the convention, with the emphasis put on the theory that service can be a profitable pursuit in its own right, as well as a means for retailers to secure customers for their whole goods. ▲

The National Appliance & Radio-TV Dealers Assn. (NARDA), meeting for its annual convention in Tucson from Feb. 5-9, touched on several aspects of servicing the products its members sell.

The only session of the convention program specifically scheduled to treatment of service was a talk by George T. Stewart, executive vice-president of Toshiba America, Inc. He pointed to some changes that may be expected in the industry: "The growth of our industry has been in technology—in research and development. Emphasis has been on the product. But servicing may well draw ahead of 'product' in the years coming, and the independent retailer will be forced to pay attention to it."

Stewart said also that those undertaking service should take the initiative in establishing uniform pricing and quality standards for the servicing industry.

"We at Toshiba believe in letting the independents provide the service," declared Stewart. He went on to say that the manufacturers tend to become lax regarding product control if they have their own service units.

An unscheduled talk on servicing was given by Ed Reich, Wholesale TV, Indianapolis, Ind. He had been scheduled to talk about the type of merchandise that distributors should stock. Instead, he told the NARDA members of a few basic changes in managing his service business that



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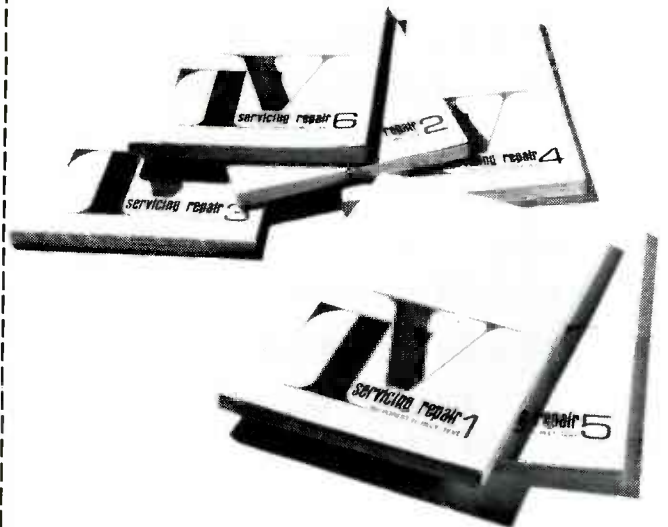
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# TV servicing goes the franchise route

by J. W. Phipps and Wendall Burns

*In the January issue we reported the operation of a large-scale independent electronic service shop. In this issue, we describe a chain or franchise operation. Coming up is a report rounding up what manufacturers are doing to expand their own service systems. These are all alternatives to the traditional self-employed, small-volume service shop.*

■ A high-volume TV service system, duplicated and expanded into a chain of service centers, has been developed by a New Haven, Indiana technician and his associates. The franchise system was chosen by the founders of this firm, Tele-Quick, as the business method best suited to reach their objectives of establishing a number of these high-volume centers using a minimum number of technicians (in some cases only one) in each center.

The first Tele-Quick franchise center was inaugurated less than two years ago in New Haven. Since then, centers have also been established in five different market areas. Now, the company is projecting expansion throughout the continental U.S.

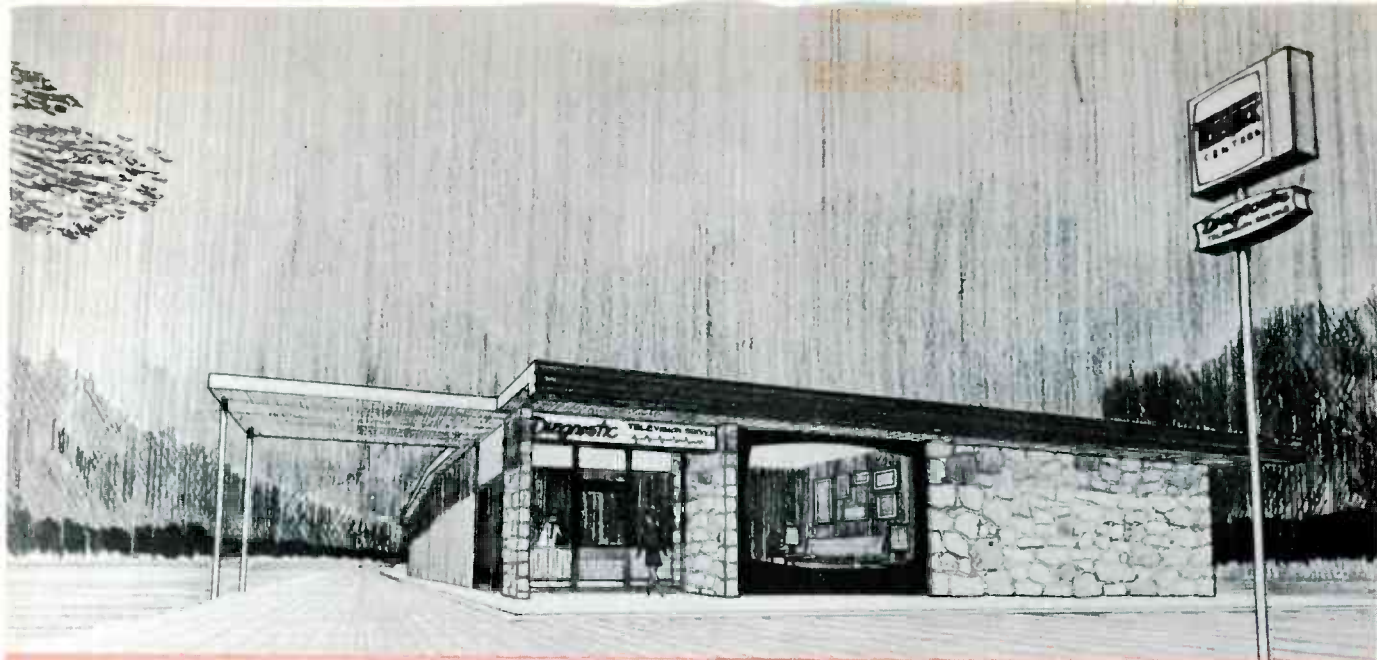


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1. *Determine the types of electronic service work that were franchise-able.*—A franchise service operation demands standard service of uniform quality, and methods to control the standards. But, not all electronic service can be easily standardized and controlled. One major segment, TV bench work, can be. Tele-Quick's founders decided to select primarily that segment of the market as their business.

According to Royce Evans, Tele-Quick president, it was initially decided to exclude the outside TV service business from the franchise package because "It takes a skilled man on a service call, and we would have to have four skilled men in most areas to handle the calls. In our system we utilize skill more effectively by employing one technician aided by a few semi-skilled assistants."





**Singer Pat Boone** lends his name, prestige and time to Tele-Quick. Here with Tele-Quick's president Royce Evans, right, and Sidney Patterson, another director of the firm, he participates in a ground-breaking for a new service center. The famous singer, a member of Tele-Quick's board of directors, is active in promotion activities.

**A model building**—although the above-pictured prototype of a building has been adopted as a model for newly constructed Tele-Quick centers, centers are also being established in existing structures. 'We would like to have low rent, and in some cases will go for existing buildings,' Evans said. He indicated furthermore that he does not believe it is necessary for the service shop to be in a high-rent, high-traffic area: 'People do not buy this service on impulse as they might buy a TV set—or as they buy a meal at a restaurant when they get hungry.' Although the appearance of the centers' structures may vary, all will display the distinctive logo shown here. Evans said, 'We will want uniform identity. At this time the franchisees lease their own sites.'

## Tele-Quick chain, founders of the firm had to:

2. *Establish Confidence in a name*—Tele-Quick management wants this name to be synonymous with the concept "efficient service of uniform quality at a fair price." To create the image of *efficient service* the centers are laid out and operated in a manner to reflect an aura of efficiency, and the personnel, all in Tele-Quick uniforms, are trained to bolster this concept of efficiency. The idea of *uniform quality* is conveyed to the customer, among other ways, when he is told "the Diagnostic equipment indicated . . . such-and-such defect." This indicates uniformity with less chance of human error. To assure the customer that he is receiving service at a *fair price*, Tele-Quick management insists that the charge may not exceed the estimate, and has adopted the practice of advising the customer of the diagnosis and estimate before any work is begun.

3. *Adapt to this industry and the franchise system these other elements common to any commercial service operation:*

a. A precise, standardized cost accounting system—Each account is assigned a number on the standardized chart of accounts adopted for the Tele-Quick centers. Each franchisee is instructed in bookkeeping methods and in methods of reporting and control required by the "parent" organization. A complete data processing system presently is being developed.

b. Efficient use of manpower—This is based on a shop system using adequate diagnostic equipment, efficient shop layout, and a step-by-step approach to diagnosis and repair. Tele-Quick's President Evans said a center can function "without a problem" using only one technician, one apprentice technician and one or two semi-skilled persons completing 10-15 sets a day. (Layout and methods, page 13.)

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# Tele-Quick method of servicing

■ Regardless of the trouble symptoms displayed, each set received for servicing at Tele-Quick undergoes a routine step-by-step servicing procedure designed to uncover all troubles. When the trouble diagnosis is completed, an estimate of the cost of repair is made, and the customer is notified of the diagnosis and the cost. No repair is made until authorization has been received from the owner of the set.

Each set is processed in the following sequence:

**Step 1:** Set is brought in by customer. The customer's name, address, phone number, etc., and the customer's description of the trouble symptom are recorded on a work order form called a Tele-Log. The Tele-Log is then placed inside a clear plastic bag called a Tele-Tote Bag, which is attached to the set.

**Step 2:** The set is placed on a roll-about cart and rolled to the first service station. If necessary, the chassis is removed from the cabinet. The chassis and picture tube are cleaned. All tubes are checked, with the exception of the high-voltage rectifier, horizontal output and damper tubes, which are checked in later tests. All defective tubes are listed on the Tele-Log.

**Step 3.** The chassis is rolled to a "Diagnostic island" which is equipped with all the test equipment required for a complete check of each receiver. A technician performs a complete Diagnostic procedure designed to uncover all troubles in the receiver. The results of the diagnosis are recorded on the Tele-Log, along with an estimate of the cost of repair.

**Step 4:** The customer is notified of the complete Diagnostic analysis and the cost of repair. If the customer cannot be reached at once, the set is put in a "hold" section until customer approval of the repair

and cost is received. No repair is accomplished until the customer authorizes it.

**Step 5:** Once authorization for repair is received, the set is repaired as soon as possible. Defective tubes and parts removed from the chassis are placed in the Tele-Tote Bag and given to the customer when the set is picked up.

**Step 6:** After repair is accomplished, the chassis is reinserted in the cabinet. The cabinet is cleaned and polished and the set is left to operate several hours before the customer calls for it.

#### Efficient use of available man power

Step 3 in the preceding sequence is the only servicing function requiring a skilled electronic technician. All other functions can be performed by semi-skilled personnel.

The fact that there are six distinct functions in the servicing sequence does not necessarily mean that six individuals are required. One individual can perform two or more of the functions, depending on the volume of business. For example, in a relatively low-volume operation one semi-skilled employee or trainee may perform steps 1, 2 and 4; one trainee may perform steps 5 and 6; and a skilled electronic technician performs step 3, the Diagnostic function. Thus, only three employees are required, of which only one is an experienced electronic technician.

#### Volume bench repair

According to Evans, the tube-check and Diagnostic functions are the primary factors limiting the volume of the operation. "However, a good, full-time, tube-check man can turn out 30 sets in an 8-hour day. Although we've never really determined exactly how many sets a given operation can average per day, we feel that 35 or 40 sets consistently every day would be a practical figure and would be a tremendously profitable operation." (continued)

**Technician performing** Diagnostic procedure at Diagnostic island. All personnel wear white smocks with Tele-Quick logo on the back.

**Customer data** and description of trouble symptoms are entered in Tele-Log at check-in counter. Customers' first impression of Tele-Quick operation is enhanced by well decorated, neat reception area and white - smocked personnel. Wide entrance behind check-in counter provides customer with impressive view of service area, including the "Diagnostic island."

**Final check-out** and reassembly of set. Note Tele-Log attached to picture screen of set and Tele-Tote Bag containing replaced parts on lower shelf of roll-about cart.



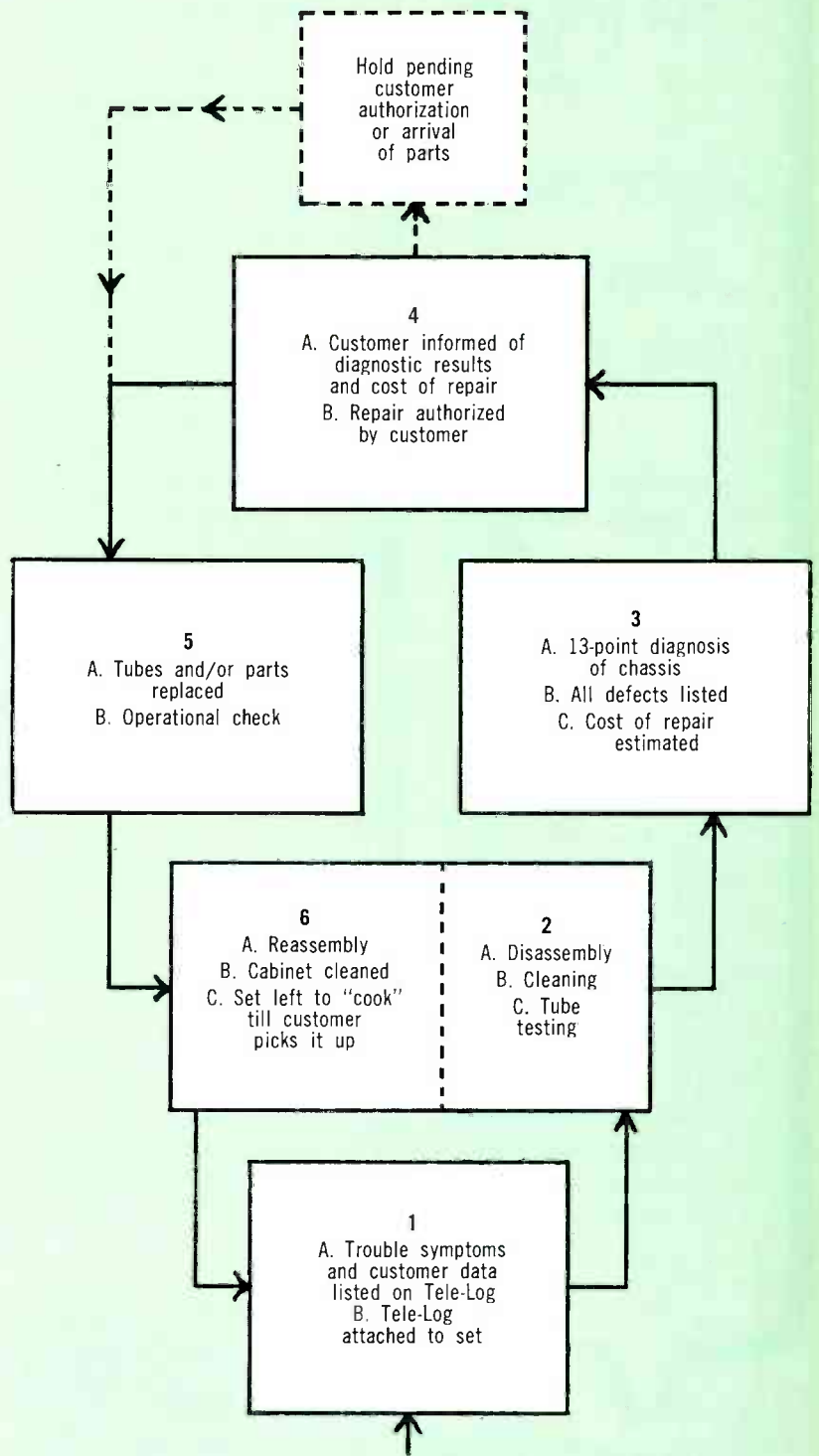
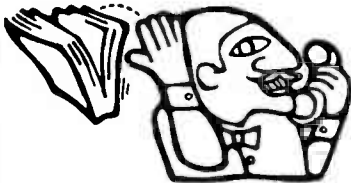


Diagram illustrating the Tele-Quick sequence of servicing.

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## TV servicing goes the franchise route

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### Franchising not new—nor complicated

Although the concept of "franchising" has become popularly understood only in recent years, the method of doing business that this word describes is not new. It has long been in common use by the automotive and other well-established industries. Nor is the concept of franchising complicated. It merely describes a type of chain operation, with links of the chain being owned by operators of the various branches instead of all being owned by one central entity and operated by salaried managers.

Many believe that the franchise system can be the independent shopkeeper's road to affluence, or at least something akin to it. Business volume which many a businessman could not have built himself comes through identity with a nationally known product or service, and with less initial investment by himself.

The franchisee still has the freedom of being his own boss, with the added security of identification with an already established product. But, this means giving up some of the freedom he would have as an independent operator. He must conform to the discipline and restraints of the contract in areas of management such as record keeping, reporting, disclosure of financial position, merchandising, etc.

### What is in Tele-Quick's franchise package?

The franchise package varies to meet the needs of each market area, and the price tag on the package varies accordingly. Basically, the package includes the Diagnostic service islands, Diagnostic equipment, initial parts inventory, training for the manager and other key personnel, and packaged advertising. The franchise package is presently being restructured to reflect the company's experience with those centers presently operating.

The price of the franchise package on a lease basis will be approximately \$19,000, Evans indicated.

"The goal is to put these in at the lowest dollar we can, so we can get centers opened and operating. In addition to the capital that he must put up for purchase of the franchise, the franchisee must have a "good cushion of operating capital—between \$5,000 and \$8,000", said Evans. □



**Royce Evans**, president of Tele-Quick: 'We have a couple years behind us now, and several locations, and a lot of statistics. We set up centers in 5 market areas across the country in a 1½-year period, and this is small potatoes compared to what we have to do. We are making an analysis to see what we can do to make the centers better, and where to locate. We assemble and produce the franchise package, and get it out. The better we are organized internally, the more centers we can set up.'

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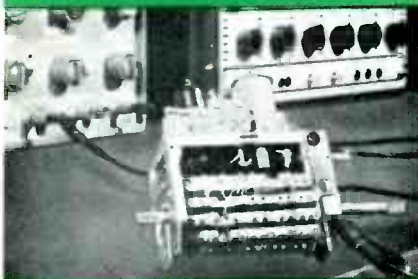


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## letters to the editor

### Where Has Paco Gone?

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Vernon Dalen  
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Ridgefield, WA

The only address we have for Paco is the one you used. We have been unable to determine if they are out of business or have moved. Perhaps a reader will be able to enlighten all of us on this matter—Ed.

### Old Tubes for Sale

I have all types of old radio tubes for sale at reasonable prices.

I have been a subscriber for several years and really enjoy the magazine.

D. C. Goodwin  
Goodwin Radio Shop  
Rankin, IL 60960

### Information Needed

I am hoping that you can help me out. I am in need of a schematic and/or operating manual for a VTVM, Electronics Design Model 100.

Does anyone have one I can buy, beg or borrow? If one isn't available, does anyone know the address of the manufacturer?

Gerard L. LeBlanc  
331 Glen Rd. No.  
Rome, NY 13440

I require a 1619 tube for a Heath-kit power supply. I would appreciate any help in obtaining the name of a distributor for one or a substitute for one. If you can't, maybe one of your readers can.

Mark Abrams  
3057 Cavendish Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Any assistance is welcome—Ed.

### Atwater Kent Information

A request for a schematic or

wiring diagram for an Atwater Kent Model 60 appeared in the Letters to the Editor column in the January, 1969 issue. I have a book covering this model. I do not wish to send the book, but will send a copy of it if Mr. McCrea desires.

A. Pacanowski  
90 Linwood St.  
London, Ontario,  
Canada

### ... and Linearity Pattern Generator

Mr. McCrea asks for a schematic or wiring diagram-battery hookup for a Model 60 Atwater Kent radio. In my *Rider's Manual*, Vol. I, the Model 60 is not a battery radio and the schematic does not show any cables. It does show a power transformer and cathode heater-type tubes, but does not give the tube numbers. They are referred to as 1st RF, 2nd RF, DET, 1st AUDIO and 2nd AUDIO (push-pull). The 2nd audio tubes are marked 2A and 2A2. The output tubes do not show a cathode. The RF tubes show a screen grid.

Recently, I bought a Model A470 Linearity Pattern Generator similar to that mentioned by Russell Scarpelli (Jan., 1969 Letters to the Editor). Unfortunately it had no instructions or schematics with it. I got it at an auction more as an antique rather than for any practical use. I could open it up and draw a diagram for Mr. Scarpelli if no other information is available.

Arthur Krasenics  
95 Henderson St.  
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### Service Association News Wanted

Congratulations on the new *ELECTRONIC SERVICING* magazine. The article on the John Sperry service firm was very informative. It is great to know we have people like John who are willing to share their knowledge with the industry. He is going to be an instructor in the management institute we are having here in Texas,

sponsored by the Texas Electronics Association.

I was also impressed with the Reader Survey the magazine is taking. If possible, our association would like any advance information on this survey. It fits quite well in our future plans for the Texas Electronics Association.

I hope the new ELECTRONIC SERVICING magazine is association-minded and will print a few articles on the importance of it.

Gene Ware, President  
Texas Electronics Association

Thank you, Mr. Ware, for your comments. The interest that you and the many other readers of ELECTRONIC SERVICING have shown in our new editorial direction is a real incentive to the entire staff. Of course, much of what we have done and will do in the future only can be accomplished with the help of such individuals as yourself and John Sperry and other technicians and shop owners who devote much of their time to improving the consumer electronic servicing industry.

The response to the reader survey, also published in the January issue, has been exceptional. By the time this issue goes to press, tabulation will have begun on the reader survey. We hope to have the results ready for the May issue.

Local, state and national electronic service association news and activities will continue to be reported in ELECTRONIC SERVICING. At this time we are preparing background articles on both the National Alliance of Television and Electronic Service Associations (NATESA) and the National Electronic Associations (NEA).

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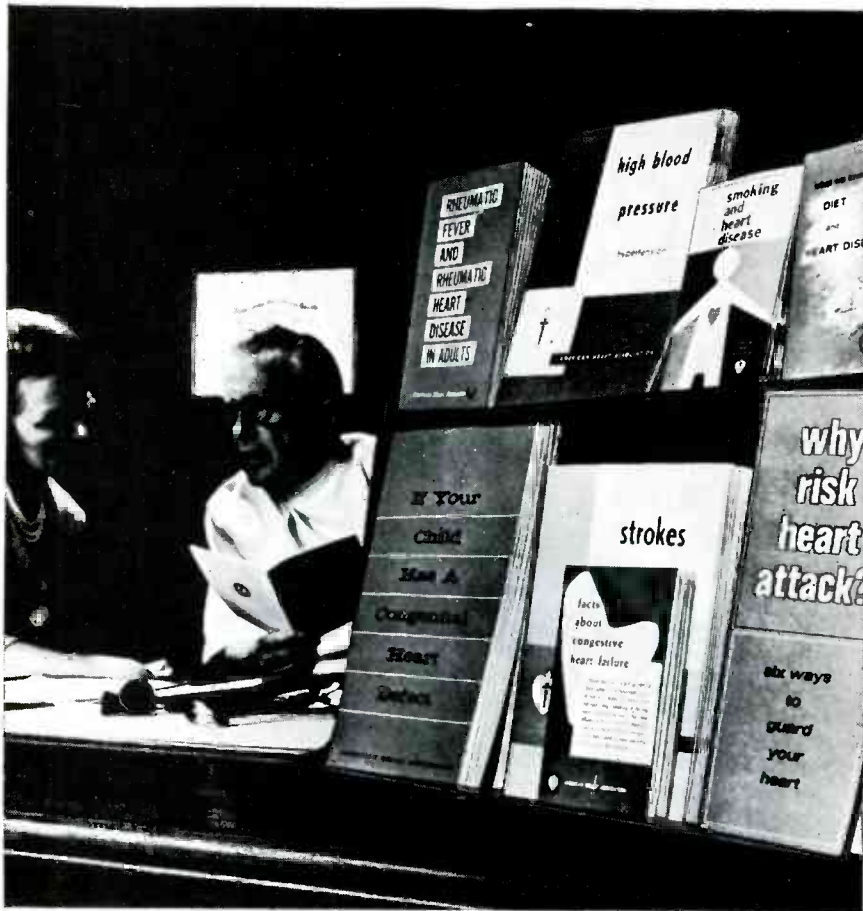
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**letters** to the **editor**

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Many fine periodicals have done an admirable job of providing valuable technical information to help the concerned technician keep abreast of newer developments, equipment and procedures. Occasionally, some of these same journals would present an article devoted to some phase of business management. These infrequent blessings were devoured by some perceptive individuals, deliberately ignored by many, and probably completely undetected during the normal thumbnail skimming by the majority of the intended . . .

At our latest state association convention in July, 1968, the program planners decided to substitute the normal array of technical topics with one of introduction to basic operation procedures. The enthusiastic reception indicates that this diet will be continued . . .

Its effectiveness should be enhanced by the fact that yours is to be a continuing program which can be anticipated with certainty rather than an occasional "one shot" episode and will be presented with some semblance of continuity.

I personally am looking forward to the presentation of every topic hinted at in your editorial profile and I think that association leaders will be urging their members to let their thoughts dwell a little longer than usual between the pages of your fine magazine . . .

W. S. Harrison, Director  
 Virginia Electronics Association

May I congratulate you on your newly announced editorial policies as stated in the January issue. I have been looking forward to the time when a periodical such as yours would begin paying more than lip service to the electronic servicing industry.

In past years, there has been an almost complete vacuum in the reporting of industry news and the treatment of industry problems. Business type articles seemed to center around either diversification into some type of sales business or

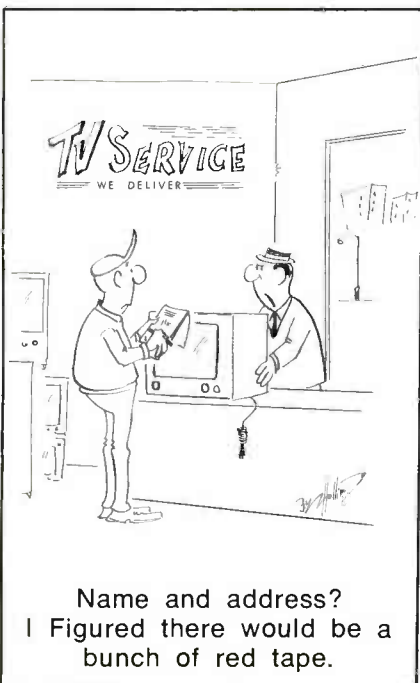


into another branch of electronic maintenance other than consumer (entertainment) electronics. News seemed to predominately come from the manufacturing and distribution levels of electronics. I hope that your announced intentions and such things as your reader survey and the article on Sperry TV provide an accurate indicator of things to come.

Knowing Mr. Sperry and having visited his place of business more than once, I can say that you have done an admirable job of reporting on his operation. You could have easily filled the entire issue with a more detailed study. Although my own business is extremely small compared to Sperry's, we differ in our outlooks in minor degree . . .

Consumer electronic service is capable of standing on its own two feet, regardless of whether it is operated separately or in conjunction with sales. Proper bookkeeping and cost allocation in combined sales-service businesses would show that owners consider service operating at a loss. Conversations with some of these owners at recent service association meetings revealed they do not compensate their service departments for delivery and in-warranty service even though these items represent a major portion of the service department work load. Conclusion? We all need education!

Lewis M. Edwards, Jr. CET  
Trenton, NJ 08609



### More on Warranties

Just a line to endorse the letter by W. S. Harrison of the Virginia Electronics Association (Dec., 1968 Letters to the Editor).

The warranty situation is ridiculous. An independent serviceman cannot make a service call and replace warranty parts and then tag and make a trip to the distributor to get the parts replaced (if they have them), and do all this for a charge of \$5 to \$10 and long remain in business.

It also seems that the manufac-

turers that put out the shoddiest merchandise are the same ones that have the least supply of available parts.

It is difficult to get a customer to pay about \$30 to replace a flyback transformer in an \$80 TV, one and a half years old.

Please realize that there are still some quality manufacturers, but this trend to longer warranties and captive service serves no useful purpose to anyone.

Mel Bonenberger  
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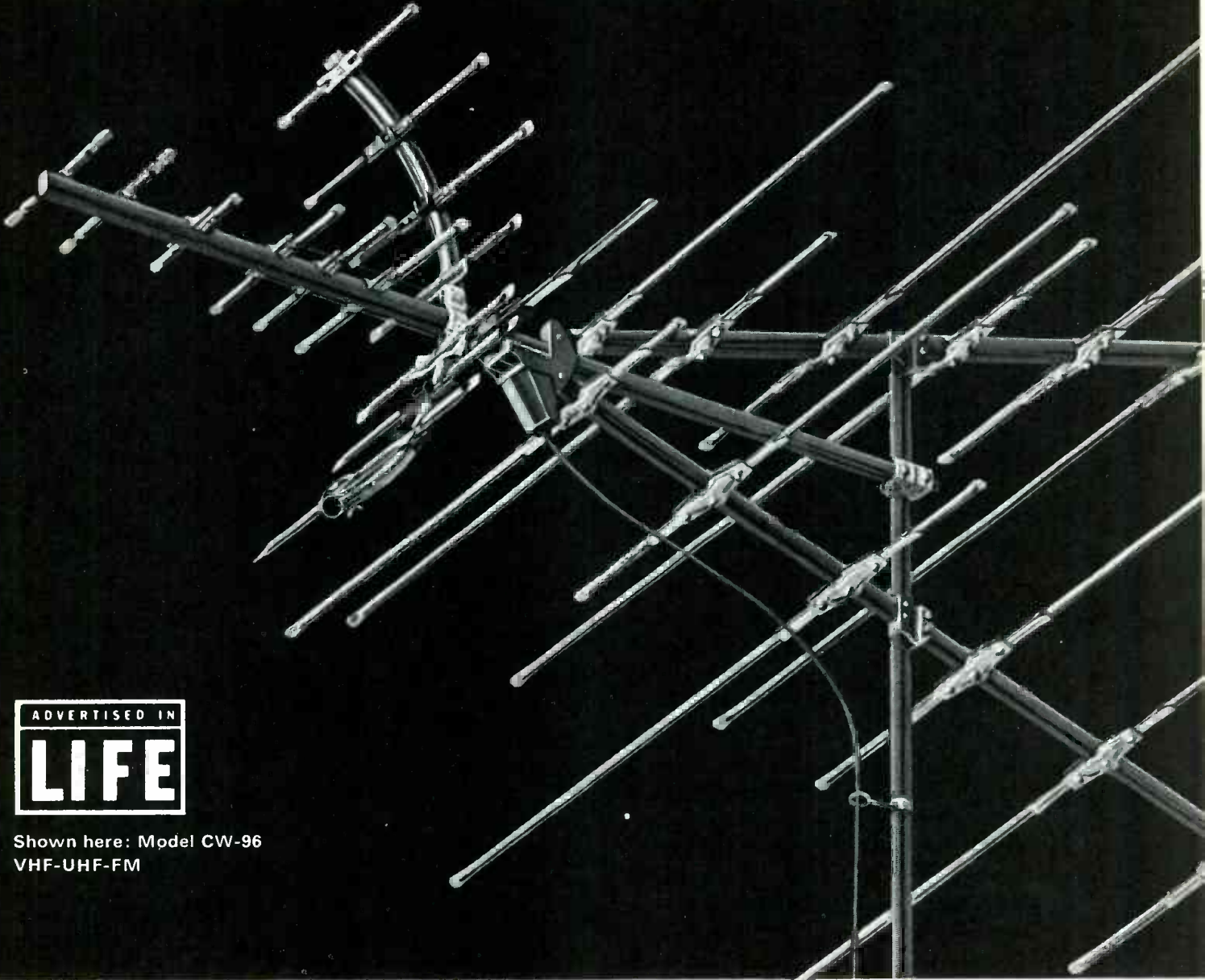
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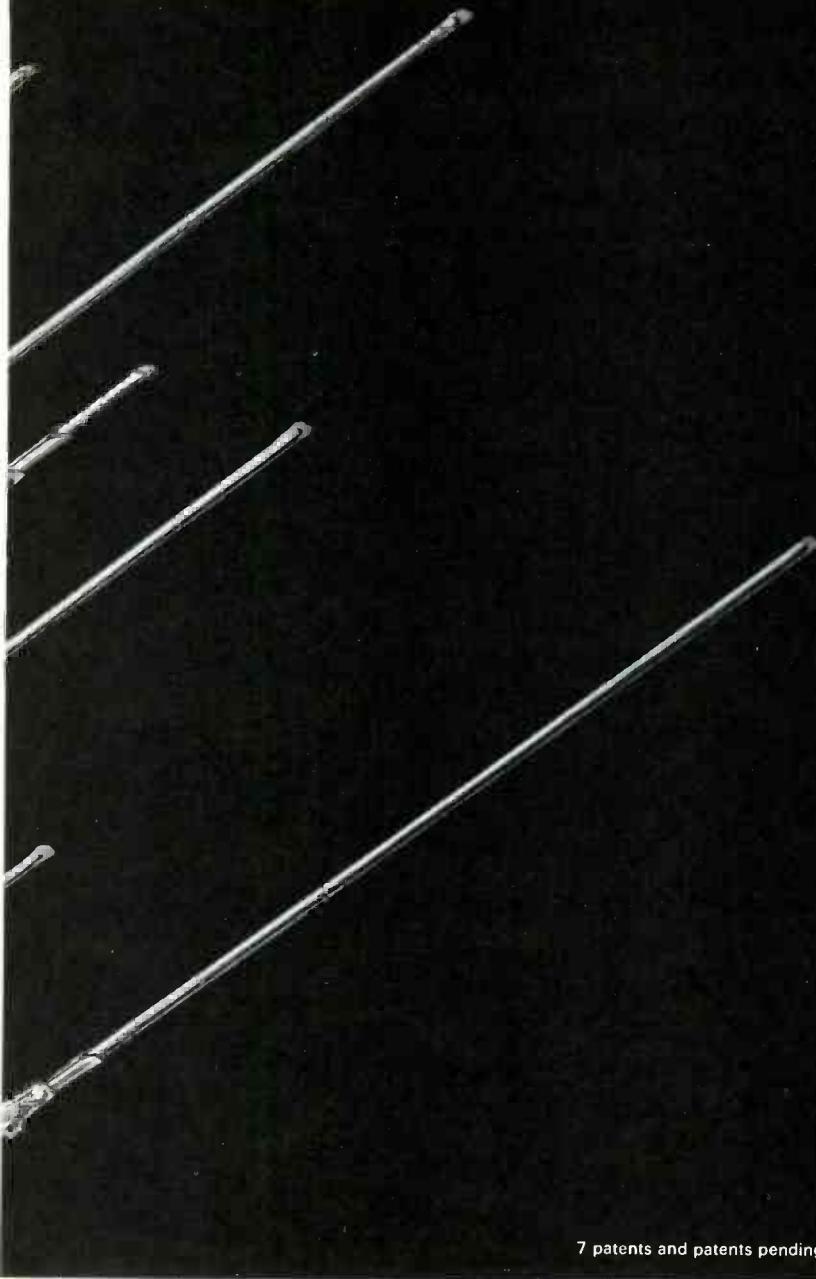
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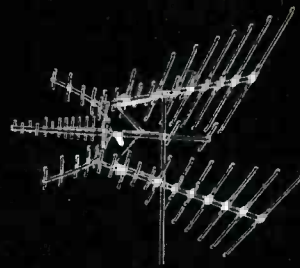
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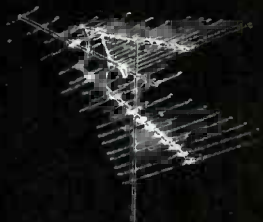
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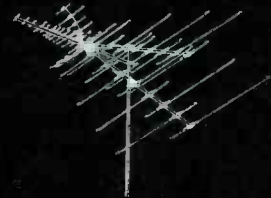
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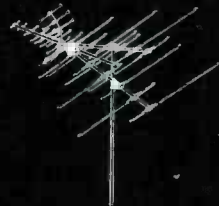
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# The in-circuit transistor tester— a time saver

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by James Smith

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The amount of solid-state units that have to be serviced is increasing, and, as a result, more and more service shops are turning to the in-circuit transistor tester to reduce the time required to service these units.

At present, there are more than 30,000 electronic service shops using the in-circuit AC beta transistor tester. Many more would use this time saver if they knew more about its operation and applications.

The following paragraphs explain how the in-circuit transistor tester operates and how it is applied to reduce servicing time.

## Operation

With the tester connected to the transistor, the BETA CAL control is adjusted to the BETA CAL line on the meter. This sets the collector current to a normal level of about 2 milliamps, as shown in Fig. 1. When the TEST or GAIN button is depressed, the meter is transferred to the base circuit, as shown in Fig. 2, and the amount of base current it took to give the 2 milliamps of collector current is read on the meter.

Because beta is the ratio of input current to output current, the meter can be calibrated directly in beta. This is an extremely simple explanation, but the operation is just as simple and easy to perform.

## Parameters

Beta is a very important parameter in a transistor because it indicates whether or not the transistor has enough gain (the ability to amplify a signal). As can be seen, the less base current it takes to produce the "set-up" collector current, the higher the beta or amplification of the transistor. This is the reason for the reverse-reading beta scale on these testers.

There is one more parameter that is just as important: leakage, or ICBO. Leakage is the reverse current that flows between the base and collector of a transistor, and is measured with the emitter lead open, as shown in Fig. 3.

Leakage in a transistor is important because it can affect the total operation of the circuit. Since the leakage current is in opposition to the normal current flow between the emitter and collector, it will lower the beta of the transistor. In many cases it may not lower the beta below the general beta spread of the transistor and, therefore, may not be

detected during the beta test. The leakage measurement must be made out of circuit because any resistors or coils in the circuit will provide a path for the DC current and produce a false reading.

To measure leakage, a voltage of the opposite polarity is applied between the base and collector leads, and the resultant base current is measured on the meter. Normal leakage of a germanium transistor will be about 2 to 10 microamps in low-power types and up to 3 milliamps in power-output types. The leakage in silicon transistors is much lower and, in many cases, may not even be indicated on the meter of the tester.

## Connecting the Leads

The leads from the tester must be connected correctly to the transistor to be tested. With the transistor out of circuit, this is simple because the leads are easy to get to. The only difficulty that may be encountered is identification of the base, emitter and collector leads. Fig. 4 shows some of the more common base diagrams of transistors. When there is some doubt about lead identification, consult a transistor manual, such as Howard W. Sams Transistor Specification Manual, or Sencore's FET and Transistor Reference Book. Look up the transistor by number and refer to the base diagram indicated.

Testing transistors in-circuit may be a little difficult. In many cases, transistors are soldered to the circuit board, and the leads are either too short or non-existent so that the test leads cannot be attached to them. To overcome this, connect the tester leads to the leads of a component that is connected to the different elements of the transistor, as shown in Fig. 5. A small light under the board will help trace out the leads and printed circuit for making the right connections.

After the transistor tester has been connected properly to the transistor, either in or out of circuit, rotate the BETA CAL control on the tester until the meter pointer rests on the BETA CAL line on the



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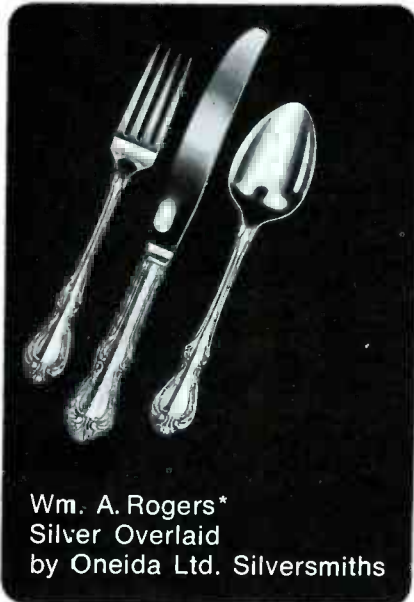


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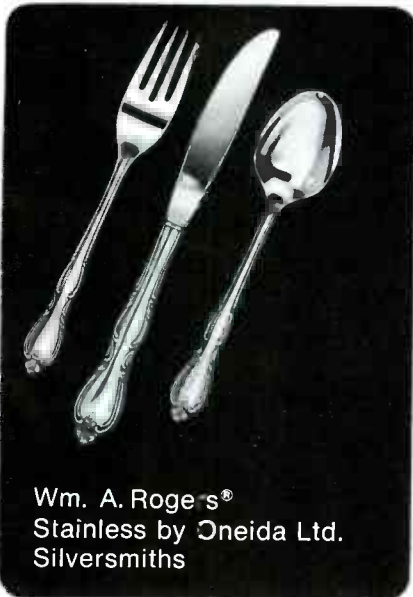
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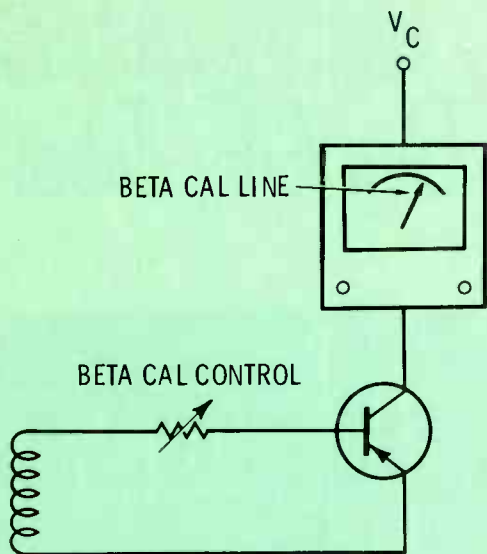
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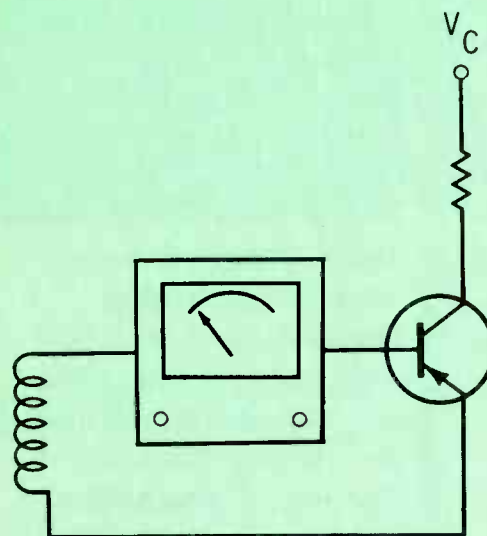
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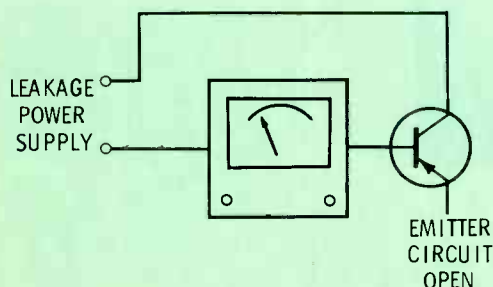
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**Fig. 1** BETA CAL control sets the collector current to a normal, or reference, level of about 2 ma.



**Fig. 2** Depressing TEST or GAIN button switches meter to base circuit. Meter indicates amount of base current it took to produce 2 ma of collector current, although meter scale is actually calibrated in terms of beta.



**Fig. 3** Reverse current flowing between base and collector (ICBO) is measured with this basic test setup.

right hand side of the meter. As explained earlier, the collector current is now being set to a 2-milliamp reference level. With the meter calibrated, depress the BETA TEST or GAIN button, and read the beta direct from the meter scale. Most testers have two ranges of beta. In most cases, the high range will be used. The lower range will be used mostly for older transistors and many of the audio output transistors, since they have a lower beta figure than the low-power audio-driver transistor.

### Checking for Defects

The chart on page 28 shows the meter indications for different transistor defects. For example, if one of the transistor elements is open, the tester will not calibrate out of circuit, but may appear to calibrate in-circuit due to current paths created by the circuit impedances. When the gain or test button is depressed, no beta reading will be obtained. For various other defects the tester will not calibrate or will not give a beta reading, indicating that the transistor or the circuit around it is defective. This will be the case in over 85 percent of the circuits that are tested. If the transistor tester can be calibrated and a gain reading in beta obtained on the meter, the transistor is not defective.

This simplicity and ease of testing is the one big reason why the in-circuit AC beta transistor tester has become so popular for solid-state servicing.

### Leakage

In some cases, a beta reading will be indicated, but the transistor will still be defective. There are several ways to tell if the transistor is at fault.

First, if the meter needle vibrates rapidly during the beta reading, it indicates that the transistor could be leaky or have excessive ICBO. The vibrating needle indicates that a large amount of current is being drawn from the power supply of the tester. Any time this is indicated, recheck the transistor for leakage out of circuit. (In low-im-

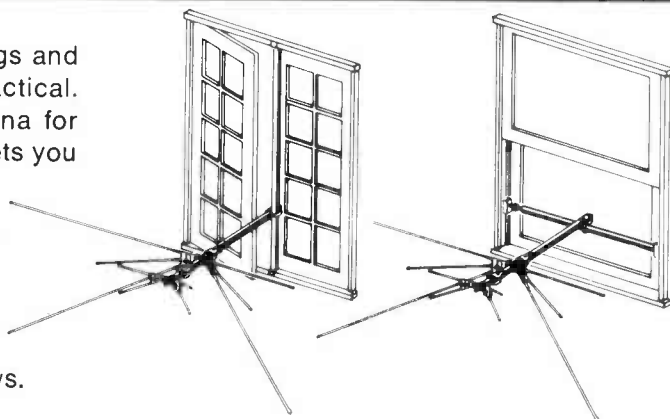


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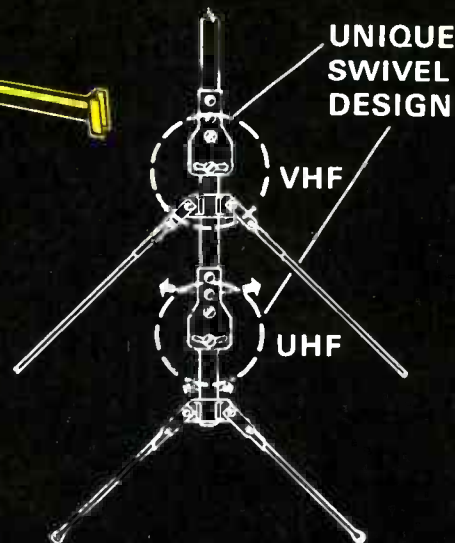


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pedance circuits, the circuit itself, or a defective component in the circuit, could also cause this effect.) If the transistor is not found to be defective, check the circuit for the source of the problem. In either case, the defect has been isolated to a given stage or component.

If the beta reading of the transistor being checked is low, it is generally due to leakage of the transistor. It is a good idea to list on the schematic of the various sets that you service regularly, the beta readings taken in-circuit on a normally operating set. These readings can be used for comparison in the future. Also, consult a transistor manual for the values of beta that can be expected

from the various types of transistors.

### Examples of Application

Using an in-circuit transistor tester and the preceding information, servicing time on solid-state devices can be reduced. Here are a few examples and points that can be used for servicing solid-state devices in the shop.

The customer complained of distorted audio after his radio operated for several minutes. The unit was opened and the audio output transistor was replaced. When the unit was connected to the bench power supply, it operated normally for over 30 minutes without distorting, so it was buttoned up and returned

to the customer. Two days later he returned the radio for servicing.

When asked how long it played before distorting, he said 30 minutes. Without opening the unit, it was allowed to play, and after 20 minutes, the sound became distorted. The output transistor was checked but it registered normal on both beta and leakage.

The audio stages were the most likely suspects, so beta readings of the transistors in the audio were taken and recorded while the unit was cold. The radio then was allowed to play until the distortion became very noticeable, and another beta reading was taken. The reading of the first audio amplifier was almost half the value of the reading taken earlier, and the leakage was high when checked out of circuit.

When the transistor was tapped, the leakage changed, indicating an intermittent problem. The first audio amplifier transistor was replaced, and the radio returned to the customer, who reported much later that the radio played better than ever. The moral: Don't jump to conclusions before having all the facts.

While servicing a small-screen, portable imported TV set, it was found that an exact replacement transistor is not always the answer. The original complaint had been no video. Another technician had discovered that the first video amplifier transistor was defective, and had put in the recommended replacement transistor from a replacement line. The result: a weak and washed-out picture. This prompted him to get an exact replacement transistor for the set, but it produced only slightly better results.

The in-circuit transistor test showed the driver and video output transistors to be high-gain types, while the exact replacement transistor was a low-beta type.

Another transistor in the set had the same markings as the replacement transistor so its beta was measured. It measured high.

The beta of various transistors in the general replacement transistor stock was checked. One transistor out of the group was high, but just under that of the driver and output stage. This was installed and the picture improved. The FET and transistor reference book was consulted, and it was discovered that the general replacement transistor

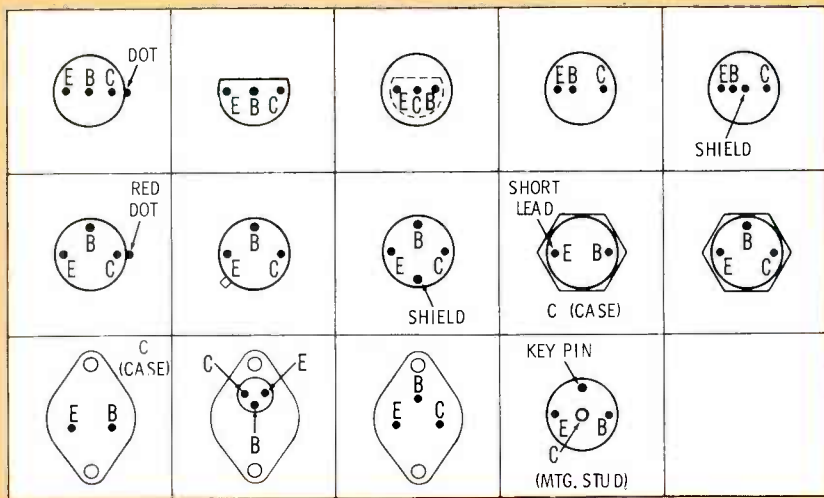


Fig. 4 Base diagrams of common transistor types currently in use.

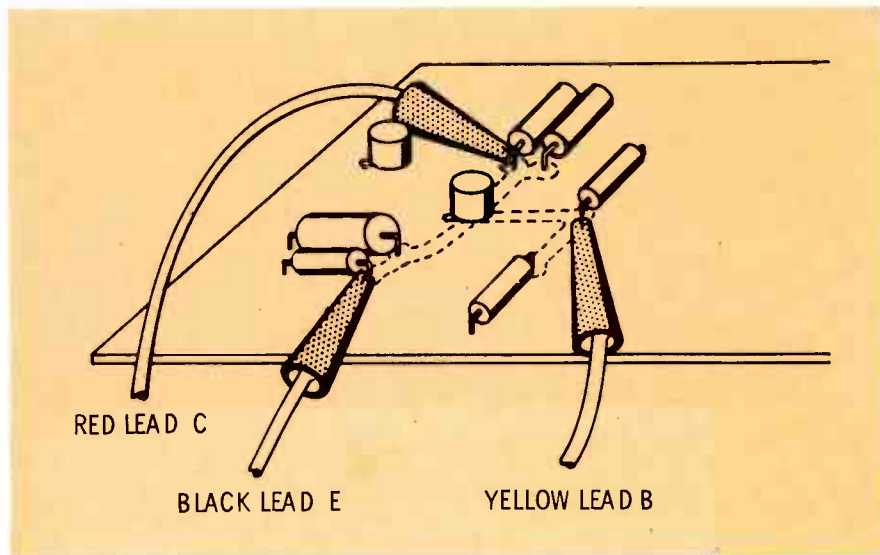


Fig. 5 Tester leads connected to components whose leads are electrically connected to leads of transistor under test.

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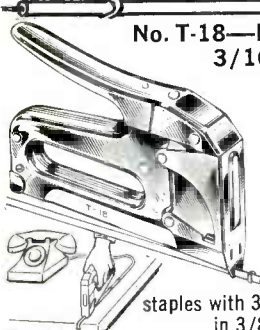


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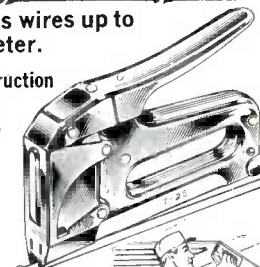
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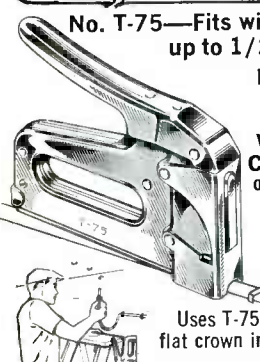
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was usable since its beta reading of 75 fell within the indicated normal beta spread of 50 to 180. However, the transistor that finally solved the problem had a beta of 165. Apparently, the design of the video circuit left much to be desired and would work only with high-beta transistors in all three stages.

In most cases, the circuit will operate normally with a transistor whose beta falls within the given beta spread of the general replacement transistor, but don't overlook the fact that some circuit designs are more gain sensitive than others.

### Other Tips About Transistors

There is such a thing as an intermittent transistor. The AC beta can be checked hot or cold. Using freeze spray can speed up servicing time.

Connect the in-circuit tester to the suspected transistor, and check the beta. While depressing the TEST or GAIN button, spray the transistor with the freeze spray. If the beta reading disappears, the transistor is defective. Beta gradually decreasing is normal for a transistor operating in cold ambient temperatures. Any sudden or drastic change

indicates a thermally intermittent transistor.

Another problem involves the transistor that is not listed in any specifications book. In this case, look for a transistor with markings similar to the defective transistor, and use its beta reading to select a replacement transistor. Usually a similar transistor can be found in the TV set, but if not, look for one with a similar function, such as an audio driver for a video, horizontal or vertical driver.

In the IF there are usually three transistors. Compare the two good ones and average the readings. IF and RF transistors generally have lower beta than audio transistors.

### Conclusion

Servicing time can be reduced by using the in-circuit transistor tester. The amount of time saved is dependent on the technician's knowledge of the operation and application of the instrument and his ability to interpret the information it supplies. A thorough understanding of the parameters and peculiarities of solid-state devices is also essential to quicker solid-state servicing. ▲

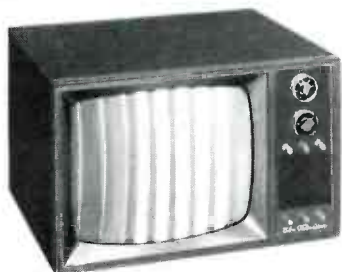
### Transistor Tester Meter Indications For Defective Transistors

TROUBLE	METER INDICATION
Open Base, Emitter or Collector	Cannot BETA CAL when transistor is tested out of circuit. In circuit tester may BETA CAL through circuit impedances but no beta reading can be obtained when GAIN button is depressed.
Base to Emitter short	Tester will BETA CAL, but TYPE switch must be in wrong position. Beta reading will be all the way to left or greater than infinity with meter pointer vibrating.
Base to Collector short	Tester will BETA CAL, but when GAIN button is depressed, meter indication will not change.
Emitter to Collector short	If there is a dead short, tester will not BETA CAL. If there is a low resistance short the tester may BETA CAL, but the meter needle will vibrate rapidly when checking beta.
Collector and Base leads interchanged	Tester will BETA CAL, but meter reads to right (a beta of less than one).
Emitter and Collector leads interchanged	Tester will BETA CAL, but meter may read to right (a beta of less than one). Indicates a very low beta figure. A few transistors may read the same because they are made to have the Emitter and Collector leads transposed.
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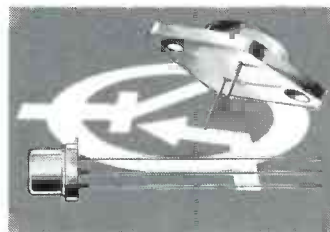
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# Cartridge and turntable

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Cartridge and turntable measurement tests are required to obtain and verify performance within accepted high-fidelity limits. These tests are listed below.

### Cartridge Tests

1. Measurement of needle pressure
2. Checking of cartridge output voltage
3. Hum Tests
4. Test of frequency response
5. Measurement of tracking distortion
6. Verification of stylus angle
7. Observation of stylus tip
8. Verification of tracking angle

### Turntable Tests

1. Measurement of turntable speed
2. Check for wow
3. Check for flutter
4. Level test
5. Tests for wobble and/or eccentricity
6. Approximate measurement of rumble.

### Measurement of Needle Pressure

Fig. 1 shows a typical needle-pressure gauge. Other types may be used, but all indicate the pressure in grams.

Normal needle pressures are different for various types of recordings. A typical hi-fi, super lightweight, pickup employs 1, 2.5 or 3 mil radius sapphire tips. (One mil equals 0.001 inch.) A 25-ohm pickup of this type uses a nominal needle pressure of 9 grams,  $\pm 1$  gram. On the other hand, a 400-ohm pickup operates with a nominal needle pressure of 5 grams,  $\pm 1$  gram. For precise evaluations, stylus pressure must be checked

within specified tolerance limits against tracking distortion. This measurement is discussed later in this article.

The needle-pressure gauge should be placed so that the indication is obtained at the normal playing level of the pickup. This level varies in most changers; therefore, measurement is made at the average playing level. Although the pressure usually varies as the pickup is raised, and decreases as the pickup is lowered, this variation should not exceed 25%. If a greater variation is measured, look for a defect in the arm assembly. Obscure defects must be corrected by replacement of the arm assembly.

### Checking of Cartridge Output Voltage

Cartridge output voltage is checked with an AC VTVM or with a calibrated oscilloscope. The advantage of a scope is that hum voltage can be distinguished from the normal cartridge output. Only the VTVM method will be discussed in this section.

The test setup for checking cartridge output voltage is shown in Fig. 2. It is desirable to employ a test record that provides a constant level at a standard test frequency, such as 1 KHz or 400 Hz.

A typical hi-fi super lightweight pickup that works into a 25-ohm load (R in Fig. 2) normally provides about 10 mv rms. If the output is weak, it is advisable to check the stylus tip, as explained later. If the tip is in good condition, but output is weak, the cartridge should be replaced.

The 25-ohm pickup described previously is often used with a 1-to-5 ratio transformer. Normal loading of the transformer results in a secondary output voltage of approximately 300 mv rms. On the other hand, a 400-ohm pickup normally

is used with a 1-to-6 ratio transformer. In this case, about 40 mv rms output will be measured across the secondary. Note that the secondary must be connected to the correct value of load impedance to obtain a meaningful voltage measurement.

With reference to Fig. 3,  $N_p$  denotes the number of primary turns, and  $N_s$  denotes the number of secondary turns. The winding ratio is equal to  $N_p/N_s$ .

The voltage ratio of the transformer is the same as the turns ratio (except for losses due to leakage flux under normal load). The current ratio of the transformer is the inverse of the turns ratio (except for losses). The impedance ratio is equal to the square of the turns ratio. This means that if the cartridge has an impedance of 400 ohms, and the transformer winding ratio is 1-to-6, the impedance ratio is 1-to-36, and the secondary impedance is 14,400 ohms. Thus, the nominal secondary load resistor has a value of 14,400 ohms. Note, however, that a somewhat different value of secondary load impedance might be chosen to compensate for incidental transformer characteristics such as distributed capacitance. This topic is explained in greater detail in this article under "Test of Frequency Response."

The normal output voltages of common types of cartridges may be summarized as follows: A variable-reluctance cartridge will provide from 10 to 30 mv rms; a ceramic cartridge, 500 to 1200 mv rms; and crystal cartridges, 0.5 to 5 volts rms. These values assume that the cartridge works into its specified load.

The load is an impedance which consists of both the load resistance, cable capacitance, and any leakage reactance of the transformer primary. The variable-reluctance pickup works into a load impedance of



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5,000 to 50,000 ohms, with a stylus pressure of 16 grams or slightly more. The ceramic pickup works into a load impedance of approximately 1 megohm, with a stylus force of about 22 grams. The crystal pickup works into a load impedance as high as 5 megohms, with a stylus force of less than 70 grams.

## Hum Tests

Pickups that employ iron and coil construction are more likely to be affected by stray hum fields than crystal pickups. Of course, a poorly shielded lead from a high-impedance pickup is susceptible to stray electrostatic hum fields. Pickups with iron and coil construction are generally used with solid-steel turntables, because magnetic shielding is thereby provided against stray hum fields from the motor and power supply.

To check for hum, use the test setup shown in Fig. 2, with the pickup held slightly above the record surface. Any reading on the meter is probably the product of hum pickup.

A better test for hum is made by using a scope in place of the VTVM in Fig. 2. Hum voltage is then seen as a 60-Hz (or 120-Hz) waveform, and can be definitely identified. Note that 120-Hz hum is most likely to stem from stray fields of a filter inductor. When playing a test record that has a 1-KHz tone, hum shows up with the tone signal superimposed on the low-frequency waveform, as shown in Fig. 4. The hum level can be minimized in any case by correction of shielding defects to prevent stray fields from gaining access to the pickup.

## Test of Frequency Response

Frequency response is checked with a test record and an audio VTVM, using the setup shown in Fig. 2. Various types of test records

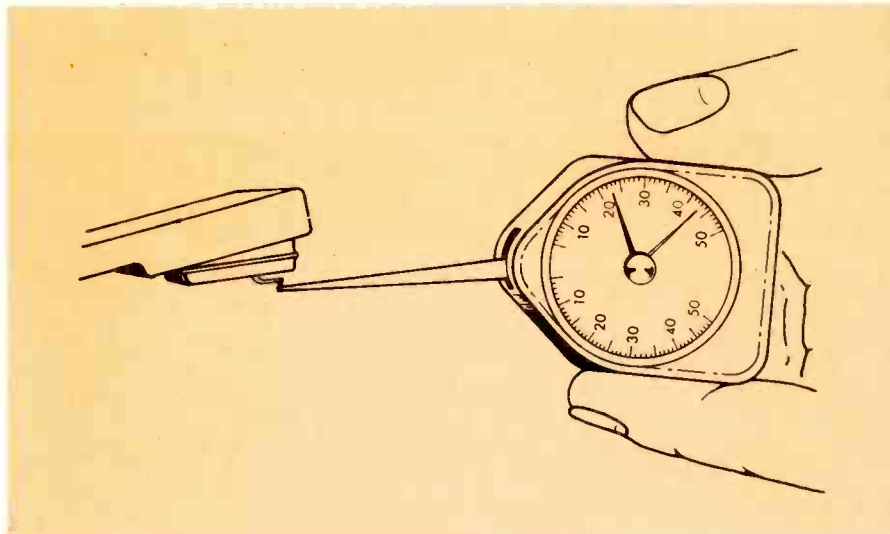


Fig. 1 A typical needle-pressure gauge used for measuring the pressure exerted at the tip of the needle.

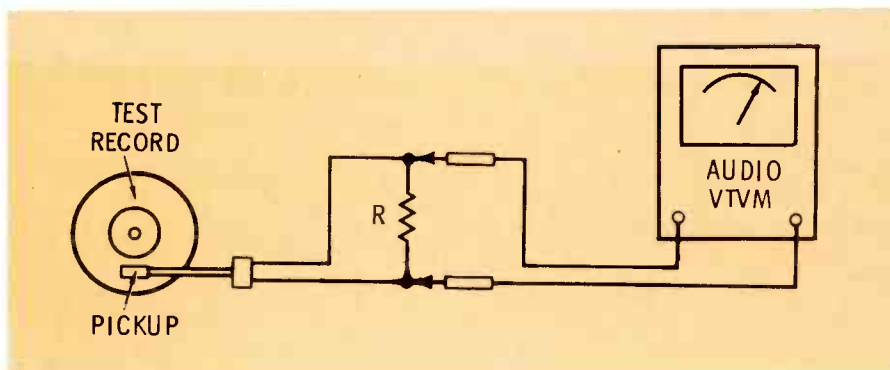
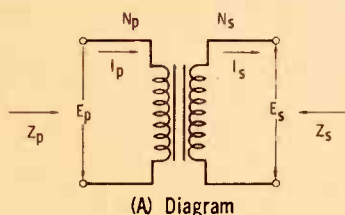


Fig. 2 Test setup for checking cartridge output voltage.



$$\text{(VOLTAGE)} \quad \frac{E_p}{E_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$$

$$\text{(CURRENT)} \quad \frac{I_s}{I_p} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$$

Fig. 3 Diagram and equations showing basic transformer relationship between number of turns, voltage, current and impedance.

$$\text{(IMPEDANCE)} \quad \frac{E_p I_s}{E_s I_p} = \frac{N_p^2}{N_s^2} = \frac{Z_p}{Z_s}$$

(B) Equations

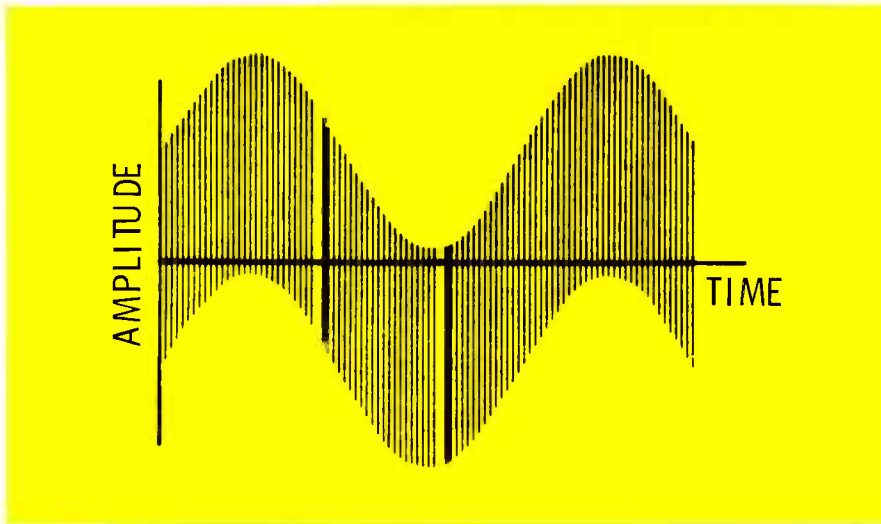


Fig. 4 Hum voltage superimposed on low-frequency waveform.

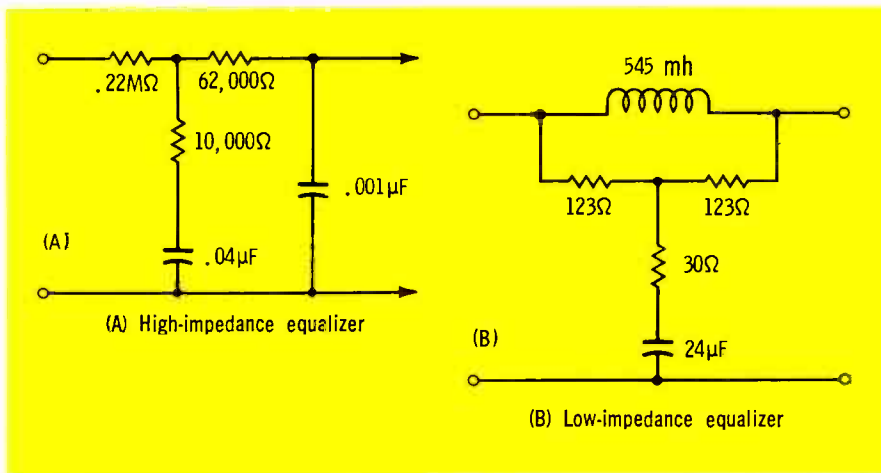


Fig. 5 Equalizer circuits can be used to improve frequency response.

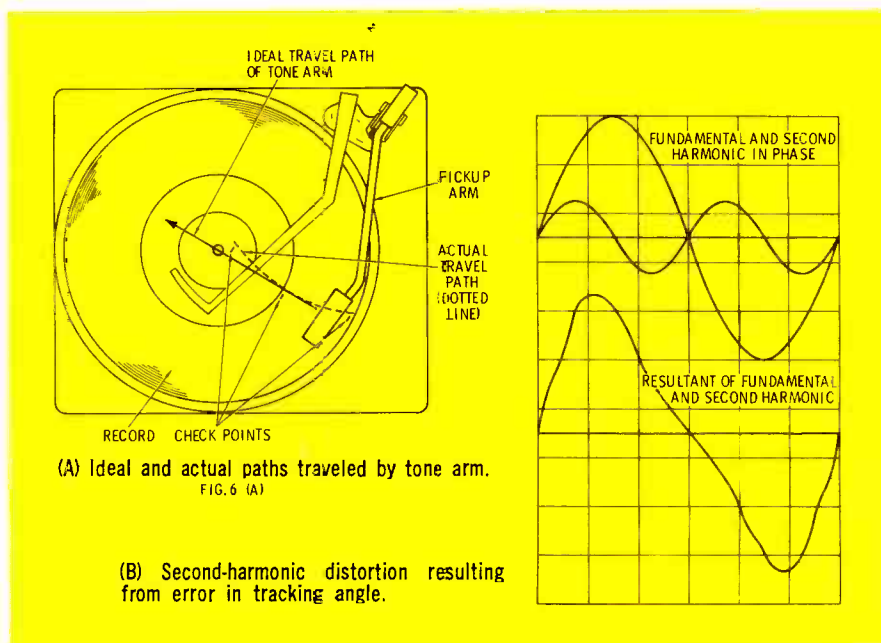


Fig 6 Illustrations showing tracking characteristics and harmonic distortion resulting from improper tracking.

are available. A **gliding-tone** test record can be compared to an audio sweep generator. One standard test record starts at 14 KHz and ends at 10 Hz. Another starts at 10 KHz and ends at 50 Hz. A **banded-tone** test record provides only a 1-KHz tone in steps with increasing output levels. This type of record is suitable for harmonic-distortion tests, but not for frequency-response checks. Some test records provide both banded-tone and gliding-tone outputs. For example, a banded-tone sequence may be followed by alternate gliding and constant audio frequencies from 3 KHz to 30 Hz. **Two-tone** test records are used only for IM distortion measurements.

The frequency response of a good ceramic or crystal cartridge should be reasonably uniform from 50 Hz to approximately 15 KHz. Variable-reluctance cartridges should have reasonably flat frequency response to approximately 20 KHz. Some types of high-output cartridges have an upper frequency limit of 8 KHz. Although one or more peaks in frequency response will often be found, the peak amplitude(s) should be less than 2 dB. An audio VTVM with a dB scale is particularly useful for these tests.

Load-impedance values can have considerable effect on the frequency response of a ceramic or crystal cartridge. Poor frequency response can sometimes be improved by a change in load resistance and/or capacitance. Equalizer circuits for standard recordings are shown in Fig. 5. If the high-frequency response of a pickup drops off gradually, this characteristic will often be acceptable, inasmuch as the pre-emphasis employed in most recordings must be equalized in the hi-fi system.

### Measurement of Tracking Distortion

An ideal tone arm and pickup would track a record (see Fig. 6A) so that the stylus would always move perpendicularly to the tangent at the record groove. In practice, this can occur only at one groove in the record because the pickup moves on a curve from the outer to the inner grooves, as shown in Fig. 6A. A reasonably good test of the tracking angle is to place the stylus at the outer grooves, then at an intermediate groove, and finally at an

inner groove, and to observe whether the edge of the cartridge is reasonably tangent to the grooves.

A tracking error of 3° or 4° is normally expected at the outer and inner grooves. Large tracking errors are plainly visible, but small errors must be detected by careful measurement. Excessive errors in the tracking angle produce second-harmonic distortion, as shown in Fig. 6B. Harmonic distortion is measured with the test setup shown in Fig. 7. In such tests, it is assumed the preamplifier has been checked previously for distortion, using a quality audio oscillator.

Note that the percentage of harmonic distortion measured in Fig. 6B is not entirely accounted for by tracking error and possible preamplifier distortion. That is, the pickup might have inherent harmonic distortion. At this point in the procedure, we are concerned with minimizing the harmonic distortion due to tracking error. Since this is a function of stylus pressure, it is advisable to try the effect of increasing the stylus pressure within reasonable limits. Some pickups are rated for minimum stylus force to provide optimum tracking. If a recording or turntable is warped, or slightly eccentric, a 50% increase in stylus force may be required to obtain good tracking.

After checking for harmonic distortion, it is good practice to make an intermodulation distortion test, as depicted in Fig. 8. The two-tone test record must provide suitable frequencies. Assuming that the preamplifier has been checked previously and found to have acceptably low IM distortion, an objectionably high meter reading is due to non-linearity in the pickup. A banded-tone 1-KHz test record with progressive output levels may show that IM distortion is negligible except at high output level. In any case, a defective pickup must be replaced.

### Verification of Stylus Angle

Even if the needle pressure is optimum, distortion will occur if the stylus angle is incorrect. Therefore, it is good practice to check the stylus angle against the manufacturer's specifications, if available. Angles can be conveniently measured with a protractor, such as depicted in Fig. 9. If the stylus angle is out of tolerance because of me-

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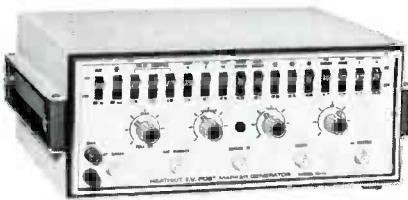
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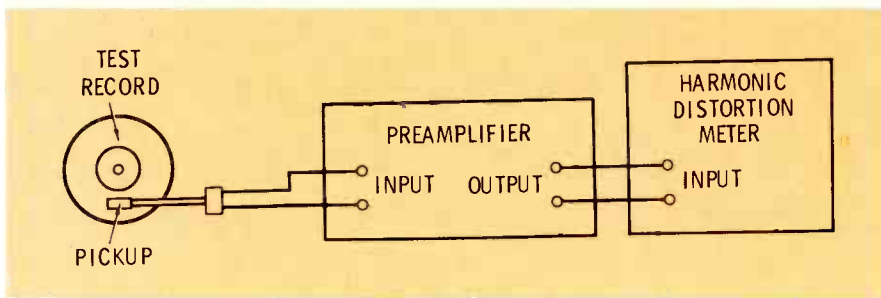


Fig. 7 Test setup for measuring harmonic distortion.

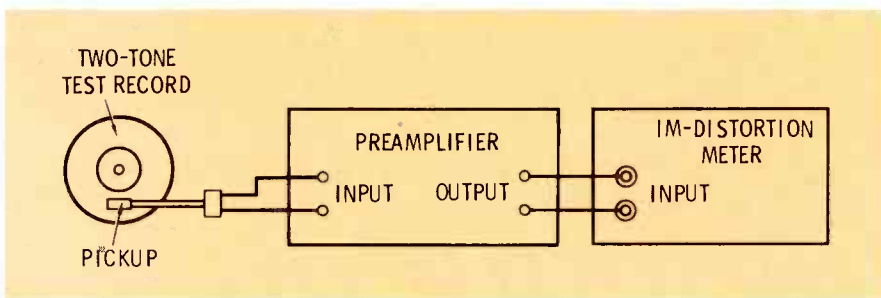


Fig. 8 Test setup for measuring intermodulation distortion using two-tone test record.

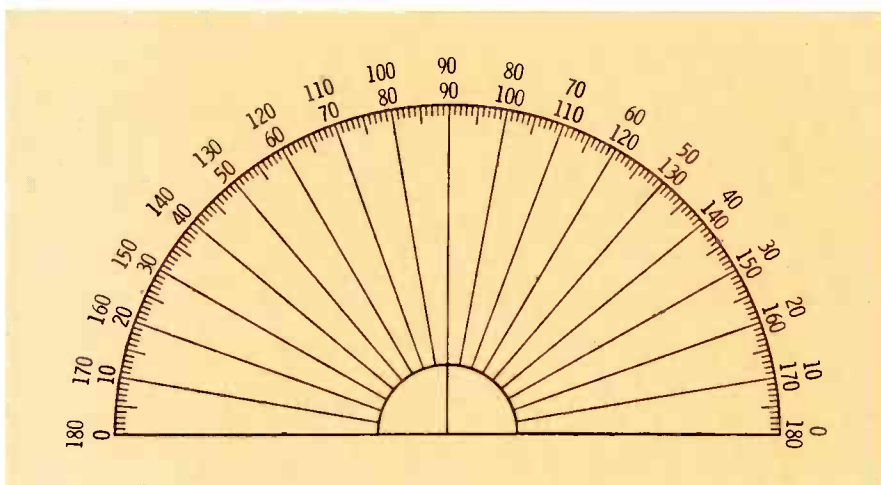


Fig. 9 Protractor can be used for measuring stylus angle.

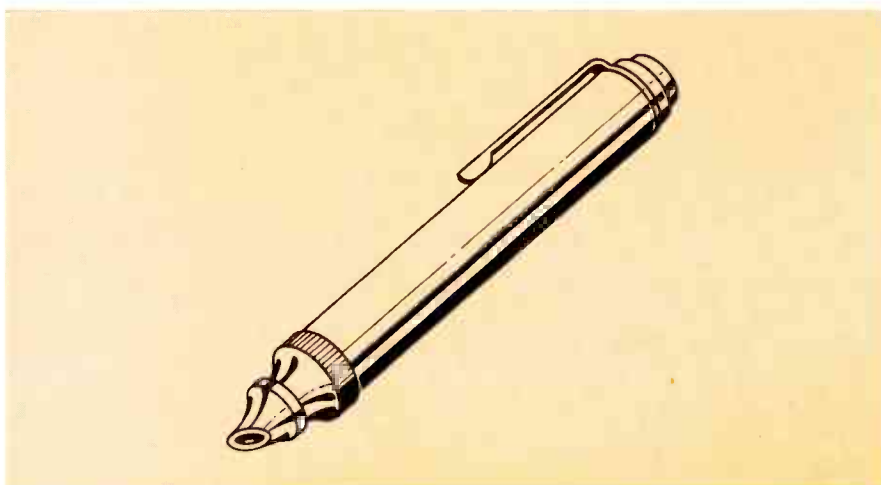


Fig. 10 Fifty-power microscope for visually inspecting condition of stylus.

chanical distortion, it is generally impractical to correct the trouble—replacement should be made at the outset.

### Observation of Stylus Tip

Unless a new stylus is used in making performance measurements, it is a good practice to inspect the stylus for wear with a 50-power stylus inspection microscope, as shown in Fig. 10. If the stylus shows signs of wear, it should be replaced before playing a test record. By the same token, a test record should be checked periodically for harmonic and IM distortion, using a good stylus. When the test record begins to show appreciable distortion, it should be discarded.

### Measurement of Turntable Speed

A turntable must rotate at constant speed, even during lightly and heavily recorded passages. Turntable speed is conveniently measured with a stroboscopic disc illustrated in Fig. 11. The strobe disc is viewed under a neon or fluorescent light powered from a 60-Hz source. One of the barred circles will appear to stand still, or to rotate slowly clockwise or counterclockwise. Motionless bars indicate the calibrated speed of the particular barred circle. Clockwise rotation indicates that the actual speed is slower.

In some cases, the barred circle will appear to stand still momentarily, rotate for a while, and then stand still again. This trouble is sometimes caused by oil or other foreign substances on the drive wheel. These parts can be cleaned with alcohol.

The same trouble symptom can be caused by defective turntable or motor bearings. Also, there may be unsuspected mechanical interference, such as the turntable rubbing against some surface or object.

### Wow

If a turntable does not rotate at constant speed, the condition is technically termed **wow**. It is basically a mechanical form of frequency modulation. Economy-type turntables may be unsatisfactory for hi-fi reproduction because of marginal motor power and lack of sufficient flywheel effect. A strobe disc test under playing conditions will disclose wow which, in this case, can-

not be eliminated.

Motor and turntable units are often specified by manufacturers for motor type, power consumption, and the torque required to brake the turntable from a given speed to a lower speed (such as from 78 rpm to 77 rpm). Torque denotes a twisting force, as depicted in Fig. 12. The magnitude of torque is expressed as the product of force and distance ( $F$  and  $r$  in Fig. 12.) Braking torque for a turntable is stated in ounce-inch units.

Of course, wow will become evident if the motor is operated at sub-normal line voltage. Noticeable wow will be observed on heavily recorded passages. Another obvious cause of wow is a warped record; the tolerable limit of warp is about 1/16 inch. Special instruments are available to measure wow, and indicate the percentage in rms deviation of a tone frequency with respect to its average frequency. However, a strobe disc serves the same purpose for routine shop tests. The only requirement in strobe-disc application is that the changes in apparent speed of bar rotation be observed carefully. When wow is slight, it might be overlooked in an off-hand test.

#### Flutter

**Flutter** is related to wow, but has a comparatively higher deviation rate. The human ear is more sensitive to flutter than to wow. Flutter is usually caused by small defects in the motor or the mechanical drive system. It tends to occur in units that have been in extended service, with little or no attention to lubrication. The resulting wear causes poor mechanical fit, which must be corrected by replacement of the faulty parts. Although flutter meters are available, a strobe disc serves adequately for routine shop tests. Both wow and flutter meters are comparatively expensive instruments, and their cost can be justified only by the larger shops or labs.

Understandably, a turntable must be level to provide optimum performance. A typical turntable level is illustrated in Fig. 13. The turntable must also be free from wobble, and should maintain its level against moderate vertical pressure near the edges. If a wow and/or flutter meter is available, note that a meter reading of less than 1% is considered acceptable. A good hi-fi turntable

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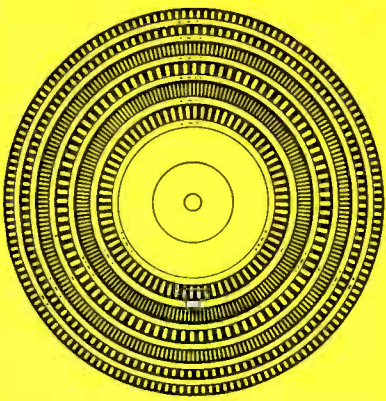


Fig. 11 Stroboscopic disc for measuring turntable speed.

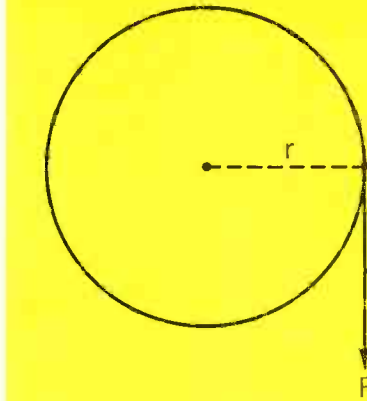


Fig. 12 Illustration of twisting force called torque.

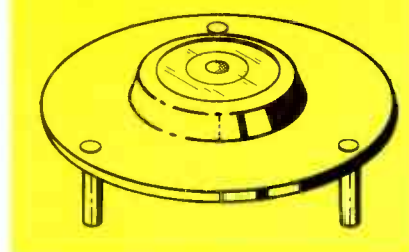


Fig. 13 Device for leveling a turntable.

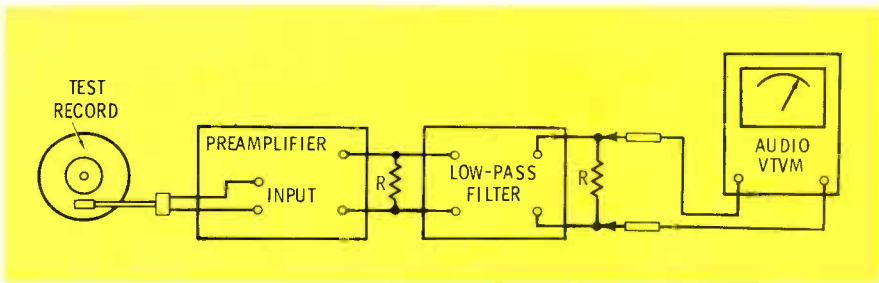


Fig. 14 Test setup for measuring rumble.

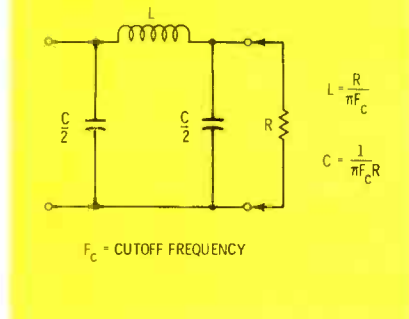


Fig. 15 A single-section, low-pass Pi filter used in rumble test.

may show as little as 0.1% wow or flutter, even on heavily recorded passages.

**Rumble**

Both wow and flutter are distinguished from **rumble**. Rumble consists of a series of random pulses (not a cyclic low-frequency interference). It is caused by vibrations within the player, and is often described as noise "like furniture moving around upstairs." A scope test quickly shows whether interference has a rumble waveform—the pattern is random and does not have a steady cyclic form in the case of rumble. Although rumble can be reduced or eliminated by means of an amplifier rumble filter which cuts off sharply below 50 Hz, it is obviously desirable to correct the cause of the rumble if it is practical to do so.

When rumble is a problem, check the motor for vibration. Any mechanical defect that causes vibrations to be transmitted to the turntable can cause rumble. Note that rumble can be measured, using the

test setup shown in Fig. 14. The low-pass filter has a cutoff frequency of approximately 300 Hz. The test procedure is as follows:

First, the low-pass filter is removed from the circuit, and the output is measured using a 1-KHz test record. The preamplifier controls are adjusted for maximum-rated output and flat frequency response. Then, the low-pass filter is connected into the test circuit, and the VTVM sensitivity is advanced to obtain a convenient reading. Finally, lift the pickup from the test record and note any change in VTVM reading. The amount of rumble is expressed as the number of dB below maximum rated output from the preamplifier.

Let us briefly consider the component values used in a low-pass filter. With reference to Fig. 15, choose a cutoff frequency,  $f_c$ , and a terminating resistance,  $R$ . Then find the required values of  $L$  and  $C$  as indicated. For example, if  $f_c = 300$  Hz, and  $R = 75$  ohms, then  $L = 80$  mh and  $C = 0.071$  mfd. One-half of  $C$ , or 0.035 mfd is connected at

each end of  $L$  to form the filter. A sharper cutoff characteristic can be obtained by connecting several filter sections in series. (Note that the inductors of the multi-section filter must not couple into one another.)

**Conclusion**

Although other types of tests are made in audio laboratories, these are generally out of the question for the service shop because of the costly test equipment that is required. For example, measurement of the static compliance of a stylus requires a calibrated shadowgraph and a sensitive balance. However, the simpler tests that have been explained in this series of articles permit almost any service problem to be solved with a minimum of time and effort. Apprentice technicians are often awed by ordinary harmonic and intermodulation distortion meters, and occasionally by a scope. However, practice makes perfect, and the modern shop cannot hope to remain competitive unless modern test equipment is utilized. ▲



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# A look at RCA's solid-state color

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The horizontal section of the CTC40 is discussed in this, the final installment of a series of articles analyzing the circuitry employed in this manufacturer's first solid-state color chassis.

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## Horizontal AFC and Oscillator

The function of an automatic frequency control (AFC) circuit in the horizontal section of a television receiver is to hold the horizontal oscillator frequency at exactly the same frequency and phase as the broadcast horizontal sync pulses. Color television receivers demand even more exact performance from the horizontal AFC circuit because the color burst amplifier is keyed by pulses obtained from the horizontal circuit. Any change in frequency or phase existing between the occurrence of color burst and the horizontal keying pulse for the burst amplifier will result in an incorrect color display.

The design of the AFC circuit employed in the CTC40 chassis is such that it will hold the horizontal oscillator at the exact frequency of the incoming horizontal sync pulses as long as the free-running frequency of the oscillator is within a tolerance of  $\pm 300$  Hz of the broadcast horizontal sync signal.

## Theory of Operation

The horizontal AFC and oscillator circuitry is illustrated schematically in Fig. 1. The phase splitter stage supplies equal and opposite sync pulses to the familiar dual-diode phase detector. Incoming sync pulses are differentiated at the base of the phase-splitter transistor to reduce interference from the vertical sync pulses that are present in the output of the sync separator.

Output pulses from the collector

and emitter of the phase splitter are coupled to the phase-detector diodes by capacitors C1 and C2.

A reference voltage taken from the high-voltage transformer is applied to the common diode junction through a waveshaping network. This network shapes the negative-going pulses from the high-voltage transformer into a sawtooth signal that is applied to the AFC circuit. The frequency of the pulses sampled from the high-voltage transformer is the same as that of the horizontal oscillator.

When the pulses from the high-voltage transformer and the incoming horizontal sync pulses occur at the exact same frequency, each diode is keyed into conduction by the sync pulses as the reference voltage passes through zero. The current through each diode will be equal, resulting in equal and opposite charges on capacitors C1 and C2. As these capacitors discharge through resistors R1 and R2, equal and opposite voltages are developed across the resistors. The voltage at their junction is zero (with respect to ground), and, consequently, the amount of correction voltage developed is zero.

If the horizontal oscillator is running at a frequency less than that of the incoming horizontal sync pulses, a change in the relative position of the reference voltage waveshape during the application of the sync pulses will result. The sync pulses will key the diodes into conduction during the positive portion

of the retrace slope; diode X1 will conduct more strongly than diode X2; and the charge on capacitor C1 will become more positive, while the charge on capacitor C2 will become less negative.

Discharge action of these capacitors through resistors R1 and R2 will result in an imbalance of current flow through R1 and R2, and the voltage developed at their junction will go positive. This positive voltage is the correction voltage for the horizontal oscillator and will cause the oscillator to increase in frequency.

Should the oscillator be running at a frequency greater than the incoming sync pulses, a negative correction voltage will be developed at the junction of R1 and R2 as the result of circuit action similar but opposite to that described in the preceding paragraph. Application of the negative correction voltage to the oscillator will produce a decrease in the oscillator frequency.

The DC correction voltage present at the junction of R1 and R2 is fed to an AFC limiting and filtering circuit comprised of diodes X3 and X4, capacitors C3 and C4, and resistor R3. The function of this circuit is two-fold: The limiting diodes prevent the AFC correction voltage from exceeding  $-0.5$ V to  $0.5$  volts; and the filter network prevents the AFC output from being contaminated by unwanted frequencies, such as 60 Hz. (A 60-Hz signal present at this point would result in horizontal bending, twisting, etc.)

## Horizontal Oscillator

A blocking oscillator circuit is employed as the horizontal oscillator in the CTC40 chassis. Basic circuit action is as follows:

Voltage pulses present on the collector of the horizontal oscillator transistor are transformer-coupled into the base circuit, driving the stage into cutoff. During the time that the oscillator transistor is cutoff, capacitor C5 discharges through the horizontal hold control circuitry to the "turn-on" potential of the oscillator. The oscillator conducts, a pulse appears at the collector and is coupled to the base, and the cycle repeats.

The settings or adjustments of the horizontal linearity and horizontal hold controls determine the discharge time of capacitor C5 or, in other words, the length of time the

transistor remains cut off. In this manner the horizontal hold control determines the frequency of the horizontal oscillator.

This is accomplished by adding the correction voltage from the AFC circuit to the charge capacitor C5. This correction voltage, depending on its polarity and amplitude, will either add or subtract from the charge on capacitor C5, which, in turn, either increases or decreases the time required to discharge C5 to the turn-on potential of the oscillator. This circuit action alters the frequency and phase of the oscillator in accordance with the broadcast sync pulse.

### Horizontal Oscillator B+ Source

A special 30-volt source is used to supply B+ to the horizontal oscillator. This is done to assure that the horizontal oscillator will be capable of supplying adequate drive to the horizontal output stage at the instant power is first applied to the receiver. The filter circuit of the normal +30-volt supply source requires too much time to reach full value; therefore, the special circuit, comprised of X5 (zener diode) and resistor R4, is used to develop the required 30 volts from the more lightly filtered 155-volt source. This circuit functions to reduce the time required for the oscillator output to

reach its normal operating level.

### Horizontal Output Circuitry

It is necessary to slightly alter the shape of the horizontal oscillator output waveform to minimize the possibility of pretriggering the commutator switch. This is accomplished by the waveshaping network composed of diode X5, capacitor C6 and resistors R5 and R6.

The voltage developed across the output winding of the horizontal blocking oscillator transformer is coupled to this waveshaping network. R6 and C6 function as a differentiating network, producing a positive voltage spike to turn on the commutator switch. The diode, X6, is reverse biased during the negative-going portion of the output voltage waveshape. This permits capacitor C6 to discharge through the parallel paths provided by R5 and R6. This discharging action holds the waveshape negative until the next positive pulse arrives. Thus, the commutator gate is held negative during trace-time, reducing commutator pretriggering.

### Control of Temperature Induced Frequency Change

It is an inherent characteristic of transistors that their operation will vary with changes in ambient and internal temperature. A thermistor, RT, in conjunction with resistor R7,

functions as a temperature-sensitive, voltage-divider network. As the temperature of the horizontal oscillator transistor changes, its operating frequency tends to change.

The same changes in temperature that affect the transistor also affect the thermistor (RT). The transistor base-circuit voltage will be altered by the temperature-induced changes in the divider network comprised of RT and R7. This change in base-circuit voltage will be in a direction that will cancel out the effects of temperature on the transistor.

### Horizontal Deflection

The RCA CTC40 chassis utilizes two silicon-controlled rectifiers (SRC's) and their associated components to generate the necessary yoke current and fulfill high-voltage requirements.

The function of any horizontal deflection system used in television receivers utilizing electromagnetic deflection is to provide a linear flow of current through the yoke windings which, in turn, moves an electron beam from one side of the picture tube screen to the other in a linear sweep. This action is normally referred to as "trace", and the yoke current that caused the deflection is called "trace current."

Trace current must be in sync with the incoming TV signal. The

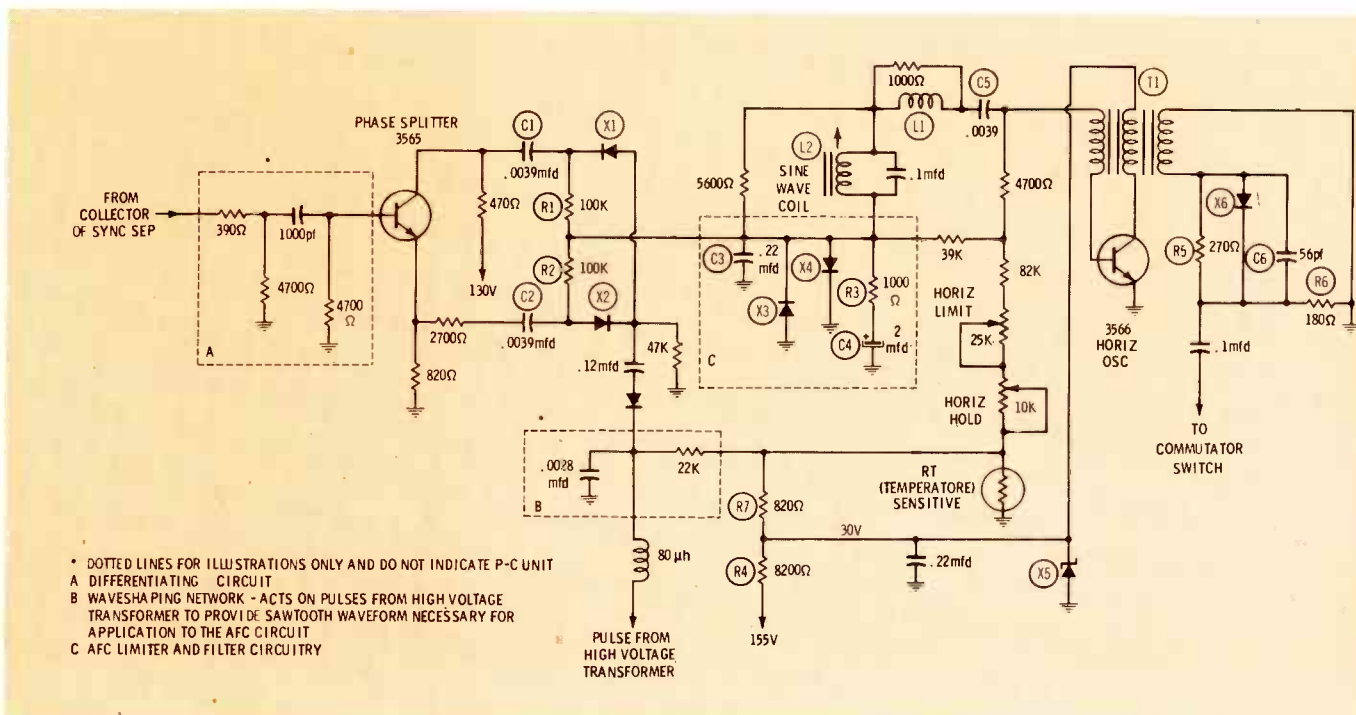


Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of horizontal AFC and horizontal oscillator circuitry employed in RCA CTC40 chassis.



yoke current must also provide a means of returning the CRT beam to the starting side of the CRT screen. The current that accomplishes this is referred to as retrace, or flyback, current.

**Circuit Action**

A partial schematic of the horizontal output circuit is shown in Fig. 2. Diode X1 and silicon-controlled rectifier SCR1 control the flow of current through the horizontal yoke windings during the CRT beam trace time. Diode X2 and silicon-controlled rectifier SCR2 con-

trol the flow of current through the horizontal yoke windings during retrace time.

Energy storage and timing properties are provided in the circuit by components L1, C1, C2 and Cy. Inductors L2A and L2B provide a charge path for L1 and C1, and a gating, or keying, signal to SCR1. The complete horizontal-deflection yoke-current cycle can be divided into a sequence of individual actions involving different modes of horizontal circuit operation. These actions are accomplished during discrete intervals of the horizontal de-

flection yoke current cycle.

During the first one half of CRT beam trace time, the current through the horizontal deflection coils decreases towards zero and flows through trace diode X1, resulting in a charge build-up on capacitor Cy. During this interval (first half of trace time), silicon controlled rectifier SCR1, the trace SCR, is prepared for conduction by the application of the proper gate-voltage pulse. However, the SCR1 will not conduct until its anode/cathode junction is forward biased. This condition will be satisfied during the sec-

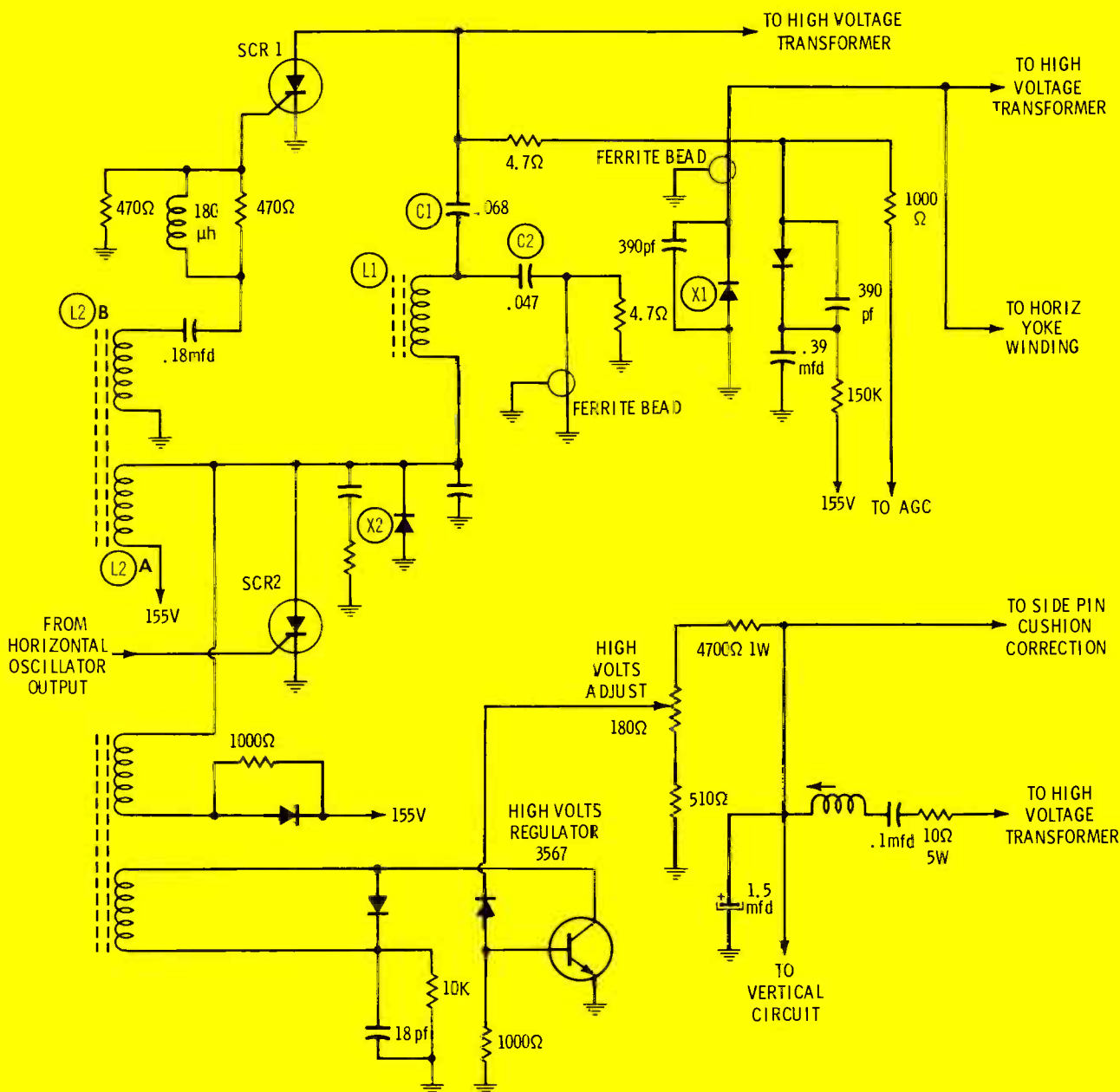


Fig. 2 Partial schematic diagram of horizontal output circuitry found in CTC40.

ond half of the beam trace cycle.

At the end of the first half of trace, yoke current reaches zero, capacitor  $C_y$  starts discharging through the yoke inductance, and the current flow through the circuit reverses, reverse-biasing diode  $X_1$  and, simultaneously, forward biasing the SCR1. The capacitor discharges into the yoke inductance through SCR1 and the resulting yoke current completes the second half of trace.

When the second half of trace is concluded, the CRT beam has scanned across the entire width of the CRT screen. At this point, a pulse, derived from the horizontal oscillator circuit, keys the retrace SCR into conduction. This action releases the charge previously built up, or stored, on capacitor  $C_y$ , and current flows into the commutator circuit comprised of inductor  $L_1$  and capacitor  $C_1$ .

Because of heavy forward current flow through the yoke circuit (SCR1,  $L_y$  and  $C_y$ ), the net current resulting from the combined circuit actions of the commutating switch circuit and the yoke circuit continues to allow the trace rectifier, SCR1, to conduct.

At this point both rectifiers, SCR1 and SCR2, are conducting. However, the current flowing in the commutator circuit increases much more rapidly than the current flow in the yoke circuit. After an extremely short period of time (two to three microseconds) the net current flowing in SCR1 reverses, turning off SCR1 at the start of retrace.

Circuit conditions are now set to initiate retrace: Trace rectifier SCR1, along with diode  $X_1$ , is cut off, and retrace rectifier SCR2 is conducting. The result is a series resonant circuit comprised of inductor  $L_1$ , capacitor  $C_1$  and the horizontal yoke windings. (Capacitor  $C_Y$  is also in series with these components, but, because of its value, can be disregarded.)

The current through this circuit causes the CRT beam to retrace half way across the screen. At this point the current flow has decreased to zero. Current flow in the series resonant circuit now reverses, and retrace rectifier SCR2 ceases conduction because the current flow in the circuit is opposite the normal flow of forward current.

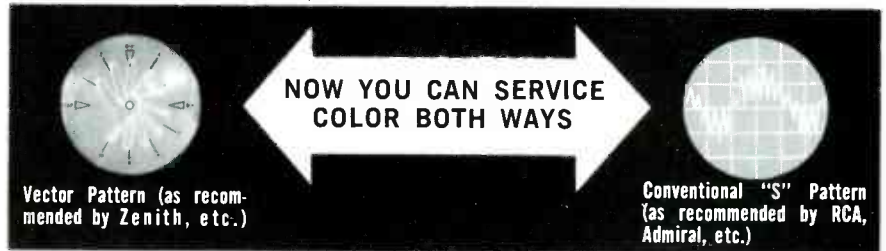
Diode  $X_2$  is now forward-biased

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by this reversal of current and starts conducting, supplying the energy for the remainder of retrace. The energy previously stored on capacitor C1 has been returned to the yoke inductance.

Retrace current flowing in the horizontal yoke winding returns the electron beam to its starting point. The time interval of yoke retrace current flow is made equal to the desired retrace time by selection of the proper values of components L1, C1 and Ly.

These components are selected to be resonant at a frequency which has a period equal to two times the retrace time interval. Therefore, the current flowing during one half cycle of circuit oscillations will accomplish the full retrace function.

After completion of one full cycle (trace and retrace), the circuit must be made ready for the next cycle. This includes restoring energy to the commutator circuit and resetting the trace rectifier, SCR1. Both of these functions are performed by utilizing circuitry which includes inductor L2.

During retrace, inductor L2 is connected between B+ and ground

by the conduction of SCR2 and diode X2, respectively. When X2 ceases conduction, inductor L2 is removed from ground. A charge is built up on C1 from the B+ line through inductor L2. This charging process continues throughout the trace interval, until retrace begins. The charge on C1 serves to replenish energy to the yoke circuit during the retrace interval.

The voltage developed across inductor L2 during the charging of capacitor C1 is used to forward-bias the gate of SCR1. This sets up SCR1 and enables it to conduct upon receiving the proper signal. The voltage developed across inductor L2 is coupled to the gate of SCR1 via L2A, C2 and R1.

These components form a wave-shaping network that forms a pulse with the proper shape and amplitude to enable SCR1 to conduct when its anode/cathode junction is forward-biased. This will occur approximately mid-way through the trace interval.

This concludes our analysis of RCA's solid-state CTC40 color chassis. (Schematic diagrams used in this article series courtesy of RCA.) ▲

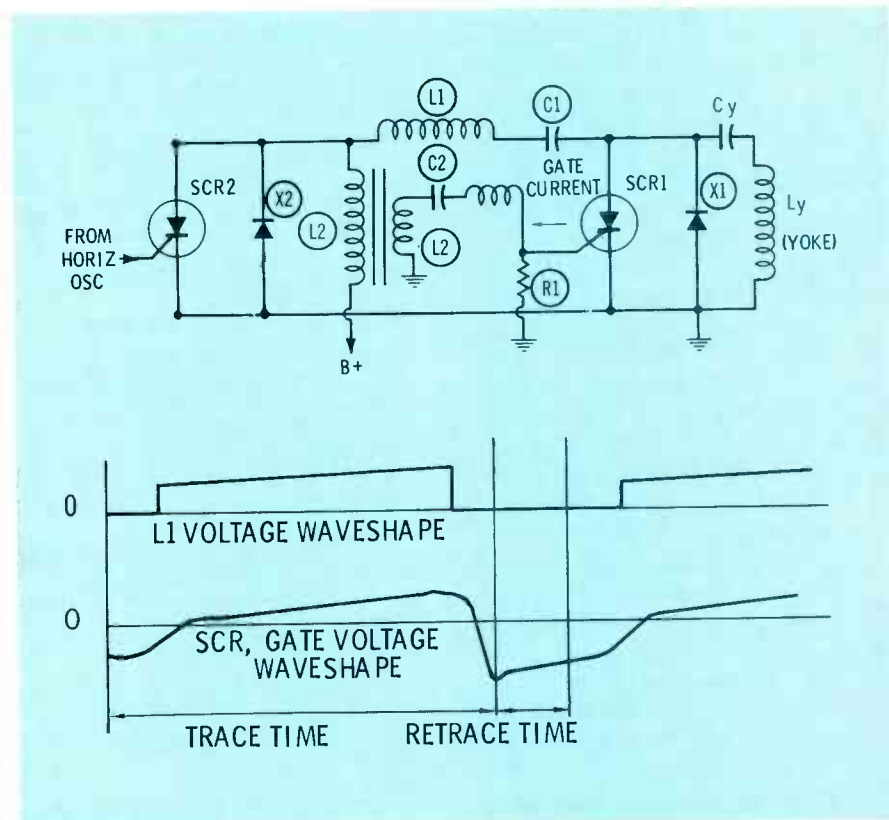


Fig. 3 Simplified schematic of horizontal output circuit, and diagram showing instantaneous voltages across L1 and SCR1 during trace and retrace times.



# bookreview

## Using Scopes In Transistor Circuits:

Robert G. Middleton, Howard W. Sams and Company, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, 1968; 192 pages, 5½" x 8½", soft cover, \$4.50 (Catalog No. 20663).

Written chiefly for the electronics technician, this text tells how and when to use oscilloscopes in transistor circuits, with special emphasis on scope waveform analysis. It includes detailed discussions of waveforms and circuit theory of transistor oscillators, amplifiers, waveshaping circuits, monochrome and color TV and electronic computers.

## Practical CB Radio Servicing:

R. R. Frelander, Hayden Book Company, Inc. New York, 1968; 192 pages, 6" x 9", soft cover, \$4.75.

Specifically written for professionals who must diagnose and repair CB radios quickly, the content of this text is arranged so that each chapter discusses a specific aspect of CB servicing. Thus, the book can be used as a review source for spot testing and troubleshooting techniques.

The text begins by detailing check-out procedures for both fixed and mobile units. Discussed next is a step-by-step method for measuring transmission and receiving frequencies for optimum performance and compliance with FCC rules, followed by measurement and corrective procedures for modulation and symmetry, input and output power, sensitivity and selectivity.

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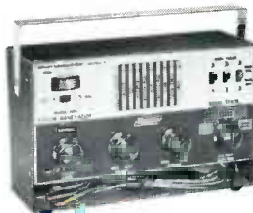
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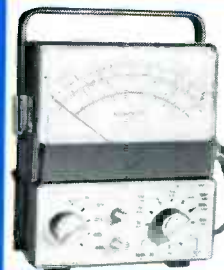
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# Test equipment available for TV servicing

The test equipment described in the following pages is representative of the quality, variety and cost of common test instruments currently available for servicing both b-w and color TV.

The list does not include all items currently available. Included are only the instruments of those manufacturers who respond to our request for information. (NA indicates that the information was not available at press time.)

Compare the characteristics of the test equipment you are currently using with those of the instruments listed here. If yours comes out second best, perhaps it is time you considered updating your test equipment inventory.

## Color-bar generators

### AMPHENOL MODEL 865

#### Patterns

##### Color:

- Keyed rainbow
- Three-bar (80°, 180°, 270°)
- Single bar, variable between 30° and 300°

##### Convergence:

- Crosshatch (20 x 15 lines)
- Dots (300 in 20 x 15 array)
- Horizontal lines
- Single crossbar (movable)
- Single dot (movable)
- Vertical lines

#### Outputs

##### RF:

All patterns, channels 3 or 4, level variable to about 50 mv p-p

##### Video:

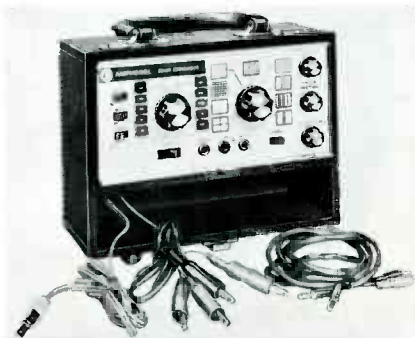
All patterns, black positive, level fixed at about 1 volt p-p

#### Chroma Level:

Level variable 0-200%

#### Power Requirements:

Battery—12 AA cells  
Line—115V AC, 60 Hz



**Size (HWD):**  
6 5/8" x 9 1/4" x 5"

**Weight:**  
4 lbs.

**Price:**  
\$189.95

### B&K MODEL 1242

#### Patterns

##### Color:

Keyed Rainbow (crystal controlled)

##### Convergence:

- Crosshatch (9 x 14 lines)
- Dots
- Horizontal lines
- Vertical lines

#### Outputs

##### RF:

Channels 3 or 4, level fixed to 5 mv p-p

#### Chroma Level:

Variable 0-200%

#### Added Features:

Gun killers

#### Power Requirements:

Line—115V AC, 60 Hz



#### Size (HWD):

7" x 2 1/4" x 9 3/8"

#### Weight:

3 lbs.

#### Price:

\$99.95

### B&K MODEL 1245



#### Patterns

##### Color:

Keyed rainbow (crystal controlled)

##### Convergence:

- Crosshatch
- Dots (0.25 microseconds wide)
- Horizontal lines
- Vertical lines

#### Size (HWD):

2 7/8" x 8 7/8" x 8 1/2"

#### Weight:

3 lbs.

#### Price:

\$139.95

### EICO MODEL 385

#### Patterns

##### Color:

Keyed rainbow (crystal controlled)

##### Convergence:

- Crosshatch
- Dots
- Horizontal lines
- Vertical lines



**Added Features:**

Gun killers

**Size (HWD):**

2 1/2" x 8 2/3" x 8 3/8"

**Weight:**

7 lbs.

**Price:**

\$109.95 (wired)

\$79.95 (kit form)

**HICKOK MODEL 661**

**Patterns**

**Color:**

- 6 separate NTSC color bars (each bar covers 2/3 of screen)
- 4 phase test signals (R-Y, B-Y, G-Y/90 and -G-Y)

**Convergence:**

- Crosshatch (15 x 20)
- Dots (approx. 300)
- Horizontal bars (15)
- Vertical bars (20)

**Outputs**

**RF:**

- channels 3 and 4, all pattern, variable gain control

**Video:**

- All patterns available at separate video jack

**Chroma Level:**

Fixed, on/off switch provided

**Power Requirements:**

105-125V AC, 60 Hz

**Size (HWD):**

11 1/16" x 15" x 1 1/8"

**Weight:**

18 1/2 lbs.

**Price:**

\$359.50

**LEADER MODEL LCG-387**

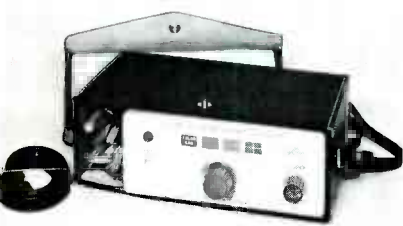
**Patterns**

**Color:**

Keyed rainbow

**Convergence:**

- Crosshatch (11 x 14 lines. Horizontal bars are one scan line wide, with blanking. Vertical bars are 0.2 us wide with 4 us spacing)
- Dots (at crosshatch intersections)
- Single Crossbar (centered on raster)



**Outputs**

**RF:**

- Ch. 5 or 6 ±0.5%, switch selectable. 10 mv on open circuit

**Chroma Level:**

Variable

**Added Features:**

Solid-state

**Power Requirements:**

115V AC, 2 watts

**Size (HWD):**

2 3/4" x 6 3/4" x 4 3/4"

**Weight:**

3 1/2 lbs.

**Price:**

\$140.00

**LECTROTECH MODEL V6-B**

**Patterns**

**Color:**

Keyed rainbow (crystal controlled)

**Convergence:**

- Crosshatch
- Dots (size adjustable)
- Horizontal lines (width adjustable)
- Vertical lines

**Outputs**

**RF:**

Channels 3, 4 or 5 (+10,000 mv)

**Chroma level:**

Variable

**Added features:**

- Dial-a-line
- Gun killers
- Hand-wired circuitry

**Power Requirements:**

115V AC, 60 Hz

**Size (HWD):**

3 1/2" x 7 5/8" x 9"

**Weight:**

5 1/2 lbs.

**Price:**

\$99.50

**RCA MODEL WR-64B**



**Patterns**

**Color:**

Keyed rainbow

**Convergence:**

- Crosshatch
- Dots

**Added Features:**

- Chroma variable
- Standby Switch

**Size (HWD):**

10" x 13 1/2" x 8"

**Weight:**

13 1/2 lbs.

**Price:**

\$129.00

**RCA CHRO-BAR MODEL WR-502A**

**Patterns**

**Color:**

Keyed rainbow

**Convergence:**

- Blank raster
- Crosshatch



**Dots**

Horizontal lines

Vertical lines

**Added Features**

- Gun killer switches
- All solid-state circuitry
- Battery condition-indicating meter

**Size (HWD):**

6 1/2" x 7 1/2" x 4"

**Weight:**

4 lbs.

**Price:**

\$168.00

**SENCORE MODEL CG10**

**Patterns**

**Color:**

Ten standard RCA-licensed color-bar patterns (NTSC phased colors)

**Convergence:**

- Crosshatch (14H x 10V)
- Dots (adjustable)
- Horizontal lines
- Vertical lines

**Chroma Level:**

Variable to 200%

**Added Features**

- Interlace control (eliminates "dot bounce" due to receiver chassis design variations)

All solid state

Gun killers

**Power Requirements:**

Battery (Zener regulated 12-volt supply)

**Size (HWD):**

10" x 8 3/8" x 3 1/8"

**Weight:**

8 lbs.

**Price:**

\$89.95



**SENCORE MODEL CG12**

**Patterns**

**Color:**

Keyed rainbow





**Convergence:**

- Crosshatch (14H x 10V)
- Dots (adjustable size)
- Horizontal lines
- Vertical lines

**Chroma Level:**

Variable to 200%

**Added Features:**

- 4.5-MHz crystal controlled signal modulated into the RF
- Color gun killer switches
- Positive or negative picture phase
- Solid state

**Power Requirements:**

120V AC, 60 Hz

**Size (HWD):**

10" x 8 3/8" x 3 1/8"

**Weight:**

NA

**Price:**

\$109.95

**SENCORE MODEL CG-141**

**Patterns**

**Color:**

RCA licensed standard color bars

**Convergence:**

- Crosshatch
- Dots
- Horizontal lines
- Single cross (can be placed anywhere on CRT)
- Single dot (can be placed anywhere on CRT)
- Vertical lines

**Outputs**

**RF:**

Ch. 2 through 6

**Chroma Level:**

Variable to 200%



**Added Features**

- Interlace control (eliminates "dot bounce")
- Crystal-controlled sound carrier
- All solid state
- Gun killers
- Size (HWD):**  
10" x 9" x 3 1/2"

**Weight:**

9 lbs.

**Price:**

\$149.95

**SENCORE COLOR ANALYZER  
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**Patterns**

**Color:**

Standard RCA licensed color bars

**Convergence:**

- Crosshatch
- Dots (adjustable)
- Horizontal lines
- Vertical lines
- Blank raster (no modulation)

**Outputs**

**RF:**

Ch. 2-6 variable

**Video:**

20 MHz to 50 MHz (for signal substitution: composite video, chroma and horizontal and vertical sync pulse)

**Chroma Level:**

Variable to 200%



**Added Features:**

- Color gun killer switches
- Combination circuit analyzer
- Video and sync variable up to 30 volts p-p

**Power Requirements:**

115V AC, 60 Hz

**Size (HWD):**

10" x 14" x 8"

**Weight:**

15 lbs.

**Price:**

\$187.50

**CRT testers**

**AMPHENOL MODEL 855**

**CRT's Tested:**

Color and black-and-white

**Tests Performed:**

- Emission
- Interelectrode shorts
- Measures anode and screen potentials
- Color gun balance
- Gas (direct meter readout)

**Corrective functions:**

Cathode rejuvenation



Shorts removed

Welds open cathodes

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

NA

**Price:**

\$79.95

**AMPHENOL MODEL 857**

**CRT's Tested:**

Color and black and white

**Tests Performed:**

- Emission
- Interelectrode shorts
- Measures DC voltage (two ranges, 0-1000 volts and 0-50,000 volts with optional TV probe).
- High-voltage internal leakage (direct meter reading)
- Gas (direct meter readout on 50-u meter)

**Corrective functions:**

- Cathode rejuvenation (three level, time controlled)
- Shorts removal
- Welds open cathodes



**Added Features:**

- Adjustable filament voltage (metered)
- G1 and G2 tests adjustable

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

less than 6 lbs.

**Price:**

\$99.50

**B&K MODEL 465**

**CRT's Tested:**

Color and black and white

**Tests Performed:**

- Emission
- Interelectrode shorts
- Cutoff voltage
- Life test
- Leakage

**Corrective functions:**

Cathode rejuvenation (three levels, time controlled)

- Shorts removed
- Open cathodes welded

**Added Features:**

- Variable G1 and G2 voltages
- Meter sensitivity switch for testing CRT's with normally low emission
- Calibrated heater voltage meter



**Size (HWD):**

10 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 4 1/2"

**Weight:**

7 lbs.

**Power Requirements:**

117V AC, 60 Hz

**Price:**

\$89.95

**HICKOK MODEL CR35**

**CRT's Tested:**

Color and black and white

**Tests Performed:**

- Emission
- Interelectrode shorts
- Cut-off voltage
- Life test

**Corrective functions:**

Cathode rejuvenation (three levels, time controlled)

Shorts removed

**Size (HWD):**

10 3/4" x 10 1/2" x 5 1/4"

**Weight:**

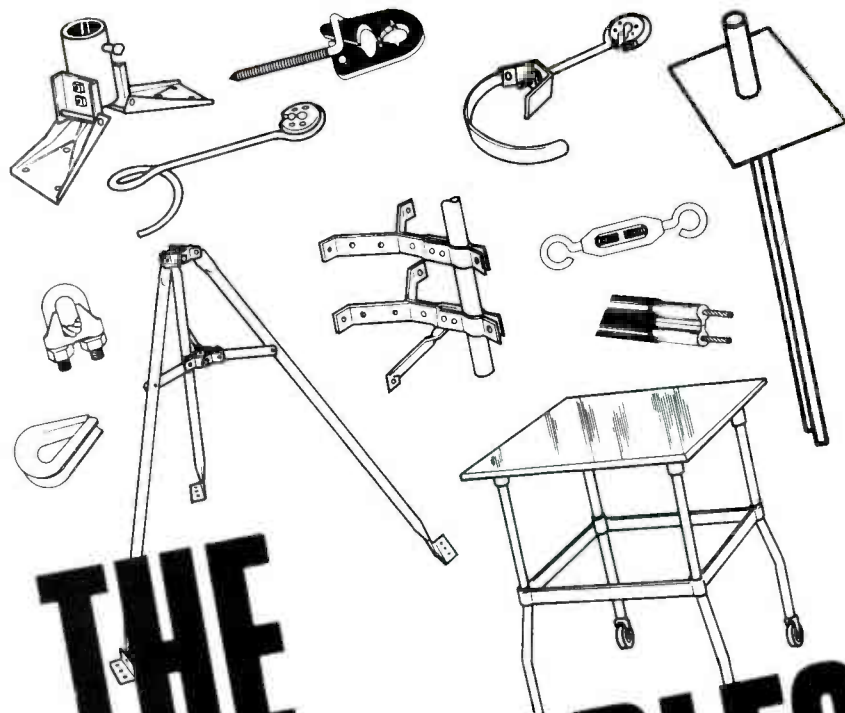
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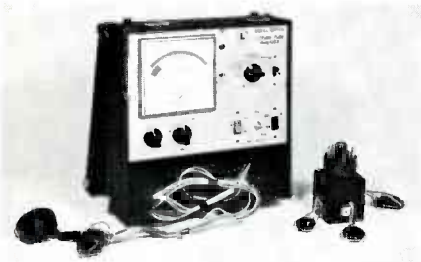
All black-and-white and color

#### Tests Performed:

Emission  
Interelectrode shorts  
Grid-to-Cathode leakage (direct meter readout)  
Color gun balance  
Leakage (neon lamp)  
Life tests

#### Corrective functions:

Cathode rejuvenation  
Shorts removed



#### Added Features:

Line voltage adjust  
Variable G2 voltage

#### Size (HWD):

NA

#### Weight:

NA

#### Price:

\$89.50

### SENCORE MODEL CR13

#### CRT's Tested:

Color and black-and-white

#### Tests Performed:

Emission  
Interelectrode shorts  
Cut-off voltage  
Life tests  
Color gun balance (individual tests)

#### Corrective functions:

Cathode rejuvenation (time controlled)  
Cathode to grid shorts removed  
Open cathodes welded

#### Added Features:

Variable G1 and G2 voltages  
Line voltage compensation  
Replaceable plug-in socket cables

#### Power Requirements:

105-125V AC, 50-60 Hz

#### Size (HWD):

10 1/4" x 10 3/4" x 4 1/4"

#### Weight:

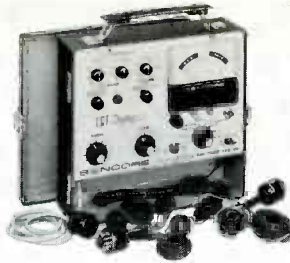
8 1/2 lbs.

#### Price:

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### SENCORE MODEL CR143



#### CRT's Tested:

All color and black and white

#### Tests Performed:

Emission  
Interelectrode shorts  
Cut-off voltage  
Life tests  
Color gun balance (individual tests)

#### Corrective functions:

Cathode rejuvenation (three level, time controlled)  
Removes shorts

Welds open cathodes

#### Added Features:

Separate screen grid controls for each gun to duplicate receiver conditions

#### Power Requirements:

117V AC, 60 Hz

#### Size (HWD):

9" x 10" x 3 1/2"

#### Weight:

10 lbs., 2 oz.

#### Price:

\$99.50

## FET meters

### AMPHENOL MODEL 870



#### DC Volts Ranges:

0 to 0.1, 0.3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, 1000

#### AC Volts Ranges:

0 to 0.01, 0.03, 0.1, 0.3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300

#### dB Ranges:

-40, -30, -20, -10, 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, (-12 to 2 scale)

#### Accuracy:

±3% of full scale on all ranges from 50 Hz to 50 KHz

#### Input Impedance:

10 mv to 1V, 10 megohms shunted by 31 pf

3V to 300V, 10 megohms shunted by 20 pf

#### Size (HWD):

5 3/4" x 9 1/4" x 6 7/8"

#### Weight:

5 lbs. (with batteries)

4.5 lbs. (less batteries)

8.5 lbs. (shipping weight)

#### Price:

\$99.95

### HEATH MODEL IM-17

#### DC Volts Ranges:

0 to 1, 10, 100, 1000 volts full scale

#### AC Volts Ranges:

0 to 1.2, 10, 100, 1000 full scale

#### Ohms Ranges:

R x 1, 100, 10K, 1 meg

#### Input Impedance:

11 megohms on DC

1 megohm shunted by 100 pf (38 pf on 1000V scale) on AC

#### Accuracy:

±3% full scale on DC

±4% full scale on AC

#### Frequency Response:

±1 dB 10 Hz to 1 MHz

#### Power Requirements:

1.5V



#### Size (HWD):

4 1/4" x 8 1/2" x 7 1/4"

#### Weight:

2 1/2 lbs.

#### Price:

\$19.95 (kit form)

### RCA MODEL WV-38A

#### DC Volts Ranges:

0 to 0.5, 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500

#### AC Volts Ranges (values of sine waves):

0 to 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500 (peak-to-peak values of sine waves and complex waves)

0 to 14, 42, 140, 420, 1400, 4200

#### Accuracy:

±3% of full scale (accuracy of AC ranges based on use of sine-wave signals having less than 1/2 of 1% total harmonic content)

#### Ohms ranges:

Seven ranges, from 0 to 1000 megohms

#### Input Impedance:

11 megohms on all DC ranges

#### Frequency Response:

30 Hz to 3 MHz (checked at 1.5 and 5V AC)

#### Maximum Input Voltages:

DC voltages with no AC voltages present—1500V

AC voltages with no DC voltages present—1500V





rms for sine waves—1500V  
 peak-to-peak for sine waves—4200V  
 peak-to-peak for complex waves—  
 2000V

**Combined AC and DC voltages:**  
 Sum of DC voltage and AC peak voltage—2000V

**Meter Movement:**  
 50  $\mu$ A DC current for full-scale deflection

**Size (HWD):**  
 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ "

**Weight:**  
 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

**Price:**  
 \$52.00 (wired)  
 \$38.00 (kit form)

#### RCA MODEL WV-500A

**DC Volts Ranges:**  
 0 to 0.5, 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 500, 1500

**AC Volts Ranges:**  
 rms—0 to 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500  
 Peak-to-peak—0 to 14, 42, 140, 420,  
 1400, 4200

**Ohms Ranges:**  
 Seven ranges, 0 to 1000 megohms

**Accuracy:**  
 $\pm$ 3% for full scale on both AC and DC

**Input Impedance:**  
 DC—11 megohms (all ranges)  
 AC—0.83 megohms shunted by 70 pf  
 (1.5, 5, 50, 150V ranges); 1.3 megohms  
 shunted by 60 pf (500V range);  
 1.5 megohm shunted by 60 pf (1500V  
 range)

**Frequency Response:**  
 $\pm$  dB 30 Hz to 3 MHz

**Maximum Input Voltages:**  
 DC voltages with no AC voltage present—1500V



AC voltages with no DC present.  
 rms for sine waves—1500V  
 peak-to-peak for sine waves—4200 volts  
 peak-to-peak for complex waves—  
 2000V

**Combined AC and DC voltages:**  
 Sum of DC voltage and AC peak voltage—2000V

**Meter Movement:**  
 50  $\mu$ A DC current for full-scale deflection

**Power Requirements:**  
 Ohms—one 1.5V "C" cell battery

**Metering Circuit:**  
 Three 9-volt batteries.

**Size (HWD):**  
 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ "

**Weight:**  
 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

**Price:**  
 \$75.00

#### SENCORE MODEL FE14

**DC Volts Ranges:**  
 0 to 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300 and 1000, full scale

Zero center scale— -0.5 to 0.5, -1.5  
 to 1.5, -5 to 5, -15 to 15, -50 to  
 50, -150 to 150 and -500 to 500



**AC Volts Ranges:**  
 rms—0 to 1, 30, 30, 100, 300 and 1000  
 full scale (frequency compensated)  
 Peak-to-peak—0 to 2.8, 8.4, 28, 84, 280,  
 840 and 2800, full scale (frequency  
 compensated)

**Input Impedance:**  
 DC volts—15 megohms shunted by 14  
 pf  
 AC volts—10 megohms shunted by 29  
 pf

**AC Rejection:**  
 30 to 300 times (30 to 50 dB)

**Accuracy:**  
 $\pm$ 3% full scale from 32° F to 122° F  
 on DC  
 $\pm$ 5% full scale from 32° F to 122° F  
 on AC

**Frequency Response:**  
 Flat from 25 Hz to 1 MHz

**Size (HWD):**  
 NA

**Weight:**  
 NA

**Price:**  
 \$69.95

#### SENCORE MODEL FE149



**DC Volts Ranges (AC rejection 30 dB):**  
 0 to 0.5, 1.5, 5, 50, 150, 500, 1500 full  
 scale.

**Zero center ranges:**  
 -0.25 to 0.25, -0.75 to 0.75, -2.5 to  
 2.5, -7.5 to 7.5, -25 to 25, -75 to  
 75, -250 to 250, -750 to 750

**AC Volts Ranges:**  
 0 to 0.5, 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 500, 1500 full  
 scale (frequency compensated)

**Input Impedance:**  
 DC—15 megohms shunted by 45 pf  
 AC—15 megohms shunted by 125 pf

**Frequency Response:**  
 Flat; 25 Hz to 1 MHz, 3 dB  
 Points; 8 Hz to over 10 MHz

**Accuracy:**  
 DC— $\pm$ 1.5%  
 AC— $\pm$ 3%

**Size (HWD):**  
 NA

**Weight:**  
 NA

**Price:**  
 \$149.50

#### SENCORE MODEL FE16

**DC Volts Ranges (AC rejection 30 to 50  
 dB):**  
 0 to 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, 1000 full  
 scale

Zero center scale ranges— -0.5 to 0.5,  
 -1.5 to 1.5, -5 to 5, -15 to 15,  
 -50 to 50, -150 to 150, -500 to  
 500

**AC Volts Ranges:**  
 rms—0 to 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, 1000  
 full scale

Peak-to-peak—0 to 2.8, 8.4, 28, 84, 280,  
 840, 2800 full scale, frequency com-  
 pensated



**Frequency Response:**

25 Hz to 1 MHz, 3 dB points: 10 Hz to 10 MHz flat

**Ohms Ranges:**

0 to 1000 ohms, 10K, 100K, 10 meg-ohms, 1000 megohms

**DC Current Ranges:**

0 to 100 ua, 1 ma, 10 ma, 100 ma, 1 amp  
Internal voltage drop: 200 mv

**Input Impedance:**

DC volts—15 megohms shunted by 14 pf at jack or 37 pf through cable  
AC volts—10 megohms shunted by 29 pf at jack or 118 pf through cable

**Accuracy:**

DC volts— $\pm 1.5\%$   
AC volts— $\pm 3\%$   
Ohmmeter— $\pm 2^\circ$  arc  
DC current— $\pm 3\%$  full scale

**Size (HWD):**

$7\frac{3}{16}'' \times 5'' \times 3\frac{1}{16}''$

**Weight:**

3 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. (less batteries)

**Price:**

\$84.50

**SIMPSON MODEL 313****DC Volts Ranges:**

0 to 0.3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, 1000 volts

**AC Volts Ranges:**

0 to 0.3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, 1000 volts

**DC Current Ranges:**

0 to 0.1, 1, 10, 30, 100, 300, 1000 ma

**Resistance Ranges:**

Rx1 (10 ohm center), Rx10, Rx100, Rx1K, Rx10K, Rx100K, Rx1 meg

**Input Impedance:**

DC volts—11 megohms  
AC volts—10 megohms

**Frequency Response:**

$\pm 0.5$  dB from 20 Hz to 100 KHz on 0 to 0.3, 1, 3 volts ranges  
 $\pm 0.5$  dB from 20 Hz to 20 KHz on 0 to 10, 30, 100 volt ranges

**Accuracy:**

$\pm 3\%$  of full scale on DC  
 $\pm 3\%$  of full scale on AC  
 $\pm 3^\circ$  of arc on ohms

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

NA

**Price:**

\$100.000

**TRIPLETT MODEL 600 TYPE 1****DC Volts Ranges:**

0 to 0.4, 0.8, 1.6, 4, 8, 16, 40, 160, 400, 1600

**AC Volts Ranges:**

0 to 4, 8, 16, 40, 160, 400, 800

**Ohms Ranges:**

0 to 1K, 10K, 100K, 1 meg, 100 megohm with 10 center

**Input Impedance:**

DC—2.75 megohms at 0.4V, 5.5 megohms at 0.9V, 11 megohms remainder of scales

AC—175 megohms minimum

**Accuracy:**

$\pm 3\%$  on DC  
 $\pm 3\%$  on AC

**Power Requirements:**

One size D cell, two size AA cells, one 9-volt #216 cell

**Size (HWD):**

$6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

**Weight:**

2 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

**Price:**

\$78.00

**TRIPLETT MODEL 601****DC Volts Ranges:**

0 to 0.1, 0.3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, 1000 @ 11 megohms

**AC Volts Ranges:**

0 to 0.01, 0.03, 0.1, 0.3, 1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, 100 @ 11 megohms

**Ohms Ranges:**

0 to 1000, 10K, 100K, 1 meg, 10 meg, 100 meg, 1000 meg (standard 1.5V, 5.5)

0 to 1000, 10K, 100K, 1 meg, 10 meg, 100 meg, 1000 meg (low power 0.1 mw, 75 mv)

Center scale value 10 ohms on x1 range

**DC Current Ranges:**

0 to 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 ma at 100 mv

**AC Current Ranges:**

0 to 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 ma at 100 mv

**dB Ranges:**

-40 dB to +50 dB in 10 dB steps

**Meter Size and Type:**

4 $\frac{1}{2}$ '' suspension meter movement

**Sensitivity:**

10 mv on AC

**Accuracy:**

$\pm 2\%$  of full scale on DC  
 $\pm 3\%$  of full scale on AC

**Input Impedance:**

11 megohms on all ranges

**Frequency Response:**

50 Hz to 50 KHz

**Power Requirements:**

Battery—10 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -volt "AA" cells, NEDA #15

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

NA

**Price:**

\$150.00

**Field-strength meters****AMPHENOL MODEL 840-13****Bands:**

VHF and FM (UHF plug-in optional)

**Input Impedance:**

300 or 75 ohms



**Power Requirements:**

Battery

**Size (HWD):**

8¾" x 4" x 4½"

**Weight:**

3½ lbs.

**Price:**

\$232.85

\$54.95 (UHF plug-in)

**CHANNEL MASTER MODEL 7275**

**Bands:**

UHF, VHF and FM

**Input Impedance:**

75 ohms

**Power Requirements:**

Battery

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

7½ lbs.

**Price:**

NA

**THE FINNEY CO. MODEL M-550**

**Bands:**

VHF and FM

**Input Impedance:**

300 or 75 ohms

**Power Requirements:**

AC or battery

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

7 lbs., 10 oz.

**Price:**

\$435.00

**JERROLD MODEL AIM-718**



**Bands:**

UHF, VHF and FM

**Input Impedance:**

300 ohms

**Power Requirements:**

Battery

**Size (HWD):**

4" x 6½" x 9"

**Weight:**

5½ lbs.

**Price:**

\$330.83

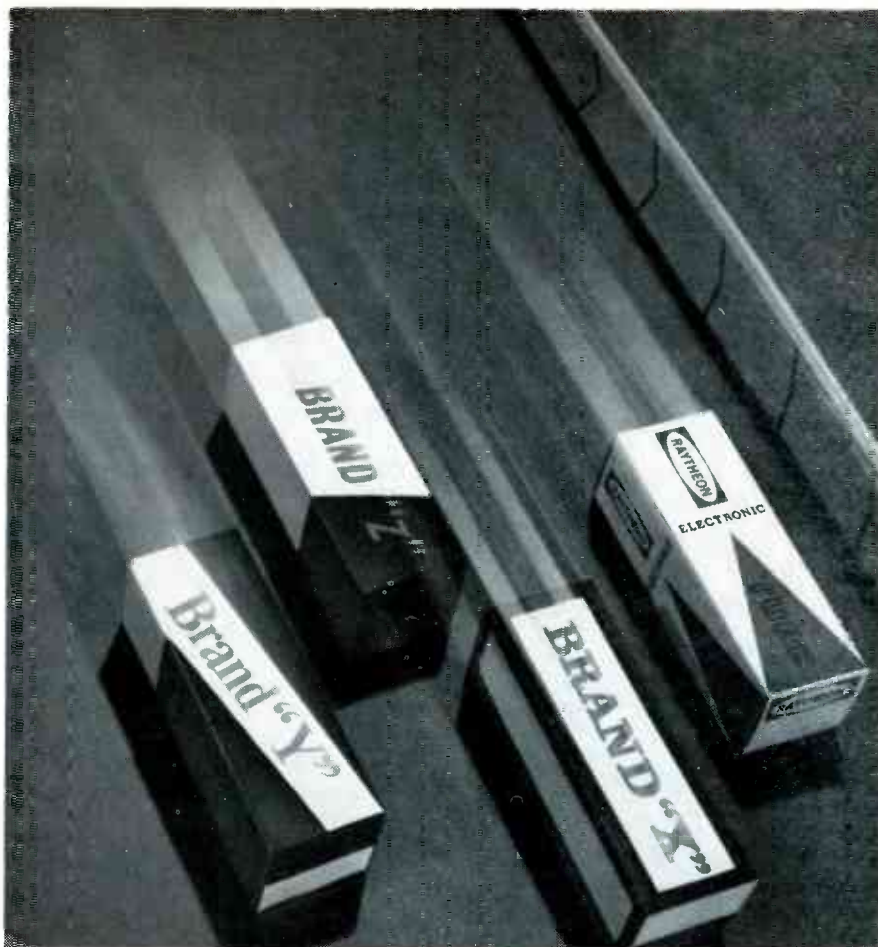
**JERROLD MODEL 727**

**Bands:**

VHF and FM (UHF plug-in optional)

**Input Impedance:**

75 ohms



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Battery

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8" x 13¼" x 8¼"

**Weight:**

15 lbs.

**Price:**

\$595.00

**SENCORE MODEL FS-134****Bands:**

UHF, VHF and FM

**Input Impedance:**

300 or 75 ohms

**Power Requirements:**

Battery

**Size (HWD):**

10" x 9" x 5"

**Weight:**

9 lbs.

**Price:**

\$199.50



## Marker generators

**HEATH MODEL IG-14****Output Frequencies:**

100 KHz (beat marker)

3.08, 3.58, 4.08 MHz (color bandpass)

4.5 MHz (sound IF)

10.7 MHz (FM IF)

39.75, 41.25, 42.17, 42.50, 42.75, 45.00,

45.75, 47.25 MHz (TV IF)

67.25 MHz (channel 4)

193.25 MHz (channel 10)

**Modulation:**

400 Hz

**Input Impedance:**Sweep sample, 75 ohms, external  
marker, 75 ohms

Demodulated input, 220K ohms

**Output Impedance:**

RF output, 75 ohms

Scope, 22K ohms

**Bias Supply:**

0 to 15V DC, 10 ma

**Size (HWD):**

5½" x 13½" x 11"

**Weight:**

8 lbs.

**Price:**

\$99.95 (kit form)

**RCA MODEL WR-99A  
Crystal Calibrated****Output Frequencies:**

VFO tuning ranges—19 MHz to 28 MHz,

27 MHz to 40 MHz, 39 MHz to 60

MHz, 50 MHz to 90 MHz, 75 MHz to

140 MHz, 140 MHz to 180 MHz, 170

MHz to 220 MHz, 200 MHz to 260

MHz.

Crystal controlled—1 MHz, 4.5 MHz and

10 MHz

**Modulation:**

Internal—1 MHz, 10 MHz, 4.5 MHz, 4.5

MHz and 600 Hz, and 600 Hz

External source—up to 10 MHz

Plug-in fundamental crystal—1 MHz to

30 MHz

Plug-in LC circuit—100 KHz to 10 MHz

**Output Voltage Level:**

VFO range—at least 0.1 volt rms

**Output Impedance:**

90 ohms

**Size (HWD):**

13½" x 10" x 7"

**Weight:**

17 lbs.

**Price:**

\$256.50



## Oscilloscopes

**B&K MODEL 1450****Vertical Amplifier:**Sensitivity—25 mv/inch (70 mv p-p/  
inch)Undistorted Deflection—greater than 6  
inches

Positioning—±2 inches minimum

Frequency Response—5 Hz-4.5 MHz

(±1.0 dB), -3 dB at 5.5 MHz

Rise Time—120 nanoseconds maximum

Input Impedance—3 megohm shunted  
by 47 pfVertical Attenuator—7 step, frequency  
compensated**Horizontal Amplifier:**Sensitivity—0.5 volts rms/inch (or  
better)Positioning—any portion of trace can  
be placed on screenFrequency Response—2 Hz to 750 KHz,  
±3 dBInput Impedance—5 megohms minimum  
shunted by 30 pf**Sweep:**Frequency Range—5 Hz to 500 KHz,  
sawtoothSpecial Sweep—Line phaseable, TV-V  
and TV-HSynchronization—Automatic, Interval +  
and —, line and external**Intermittent Analyzer:**Sensitivity—adjustable, triggers on  
±10% to ±50% changes in signal  
level.

Output—110V AC, 100 watt latched

"on" after triggering change occurs

Frequency Response—20 Hz to greater  
than 5 MHz**Added Feature:**Intermittent analyzer indicates inter-  
mittent conditions (optional inter-  
mittent monitor available for \$24.95)**Size (HWD):**

13¾" x 8¾" x 17¼"

**Weight:**

NA

**Price:**

\$279.95

**DATA INSTRUMENTS MODEL 555****Vertical Amplifier:**Sensitivity—0.02 v/cm (10 v/cm in a 1-  
2-5 sequence)

Accuracy—±3%

Frequency response—7 MHz ±3 dB

DC (2 Hz-7 MHz when AC connected)

Rise time—50 nanoseconds

Input Impedance—1 megohm shunted  
by 33 pf**Horizontal Amplifier:**Sensitivity—0.2 v/cm (10 v/cm, contin-  
uously adjustable)

Accuracy—±5%

Sweep rate—1 us/cm (1 sec/cm in a  
1-2-5 sequence with 5X expander)

Response—2 Hz to 200 KHz ±3 dB

Input Impedance—1 megohm shunted  
by 40 pf



**Trigger:**

Internal—20 Hz (7 MHz with 1 cm deflection)

External—20 Hz-7 MHz, 1V p-p

**Calibrator:**

Waveshape—1-KHz square wave

Amplitude—5, 0.5, 0.05V p-p

Accuracy—±3%

**Power Requirements:**

117V AC, 40 watts

**Size (HWD):**

11 1/2" x 8" x 17 1/2"

**Weight:**

24 lbs.

**Price:**

\$284.00

**EICO MODEL 435**

**Vertical Amplifier:**

Frequency Response—from DC to 4.5 MHz, +1 to 3 dB (useful to 10 MHz)

Sensitivity—18 mv rms/cm (50 mv peak to peak/cm)

Input Impedance—1 megohm, 35 pf

**Horizontal Amplifier:**

Frequency Response—from 1 Hz to 500 KHz, 1 to 3 dB

Sensitivity—0.7V rms/cm

Input Impedance—4 megohms, 40 pf

**Sweep Ranges:**

10 to 100 Hz, 100 to 1 KHz, 1K to 10 KHz, 10K to 100 KHz



TV-vertical (30 Hz), TV-horizontal (7875 Hz)

**Synchronization:**

(+), (—), internal, external or line frequency

**Power Requirements:**

117V AC, 110 watts (approx.)

**Size (HWD):**

8 1/2" x 5 3/4" x 12 5/8"

**Weight:**

18 lbs.

**Price:**

\$169.50 (wired)

\$119.95 (kit form)

**HEATHKIT MODEL 10-14**

**Vertical Amplifier:**

Sensitivity—0.05 v/cm

Frequency Response—DC to 5 MHz (1 dB); DC to 8 MHz (3 dB)

Input Impedance—1 megohm shunted by 15 pf

Attenuator—9-position compensated, calibrated in 1-2-5 sequence. Continuously variable uncalibrated control between steps. Accuracy ±3%

Maximum Input—600 volts p-p. 120 volts p-p provides full-scale deflection on highest scale.

**Horizontal Amplifier:**

Sensitivity—Triggered 18 steps in 1-2-5 sequence from 0.5 sec/cm to 1 ms/cm. Continuously variable uncalibrated control on each step.

Accuracy—±3%

Magnifier—X5, accuracy is ±5% when magnifier is on

**Trigger:**

Capability—+ or — slope, AC or DC coupling, variable slope control. "Auto" position provides triggering at about 50 Hz. Internal, external or line input.

Requirements—Internal: 1/2 to 6 cm display; External: 0.5 volts to 120V p-p

**Added Features:**

CRT—5ADP2 or 5ADP31 (interchangeable with any 5AD or 5AB series tube)

Magnetic shield

Power supply—fully regulated over range of 105-125V AC or 210-250V AC line voltage

Z-axis input—access for direct coupling to vertical plates

**Power Requirements:**

115 or 230V AC, 50/60 Hz

**Size (HWD):**

15" x 10 1/2" x 22"

**Weight:**

40 lbs.

**Price:**

\$259.00 (kit form)

\$399.00 (wired)

**SCENCORE MODEL PS127**

**Vertical Amplifier:**

Sensitivity—0.017 volts rms/inch

Frequency response—10 Hz to 4.5 MHz ± dB, -3 dB at 6.2 MHz

Rise time—0.055 usec



Input Impedance—2.7 megohms shunted by 99 pf (27 megohms shunted by 9 pf when using built-in low-capacitance probe)

**Horizontal Amplifier:**

Sensitivity—0.6 volts rms/inch

Frequency Response—10 Hz to 650 KHz ±3 dB

**Sweep:**

Range—5 Hz to 500 KHz in 5 steps

**Synchronization:**

Internal, 60 Hz and external

**Screen Size:**

5"

**Size (HWD):**

12" x 9" x 15 1/2"

**Weight:**

25 lbs.

**Price:**

\$199.50 (demodulator probe \$5.75)

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**SENCORE MODEL PS148  
Oscilloscope/Vectorscope**

**Vertical Amplifier:**

Voltage measurements—peak-to-peak voltages are read directly  
Frequency response—10 Hz to 5.2 MHz,  $\pm 1$  dB  
Rise time—0.055 microseconds  
Sensitivity—0.17V rms per inch vertical deflection  
Input Impedance—27 megohms shunted by 9 pf (Lo-Cap probe), 2.7 megohms shunted by 99 pf (Direct probe)



**Horizontal Amplifier:**

Frequency Response—3 dB from 10 Hz to 650 KHz  
**Sweep:**  
5 Hz to 500 KHz in 5 overlapping ranges  
TV-horizontal and TV-vertical ranges are preset on coarse control  
**Standby Switch:**  
Cuts instrument to half power when not in use and provides "instant on" when required  
**Size (HWD):**  
NA  
**Weight:**  
NA  
**Price:**  
\$219.50

**TELEQUIPMENT MODEL 554**

**Vertical Amplifier:**

Bandwidth (3 dB down)—DC to 10 MHz at normal gain; DC to 4 MHz at 10X Y gain  
Rise time—35 nanoseconds at normal gain; 90 nanoseconds at 10X Y gain  
Sensitivity—100 mv/cm in a 1-2-5 sequence (continuously variable between steps. 10X gain switch produces 10 mv/cm maximum sensitivity)  
Input impedance—1 megohm shunted by 47 pf.



Accuracy— $\pm 5\%$

**Horizontal Amplifier:**

Sweep rate—200 nanoseconds/cm to 2 sec/cm in a 1-2-5 sequence (continuously variable to 5 s/cm. Expandable to 40 ns/cm)  
Sensitivity—0.6 v/cm to 3 v/cm  
Frequency response—DC to 750 KHz  
Input Impedance—1 megohm shunted by 30 pf

**Trigger:**

Automatic—50 Hz to 1 MHz  
Level—Any point on the input waveform, 10 Hz to 3 MHz  
HF sync—synchronized sweep 1 MHz to 25 MHz  
TV—triggers on TV frame or line  
Internal—2 mm deflection  
External—1.5-400V p-p

**Calibrator:**

Line frequency, 0.5V p-p  $\pm 2\%$   
Sawtooth—1 to 35V p-p, 30K ohms load  
Probe test—5V p-p

**Size (HWD):**

9 1/4" x 6 3/4" x 16 1/4"

**Weight:**

17 lbs.

**Power Requirements:**

100-125V, 200-250V; 48-440 Hz

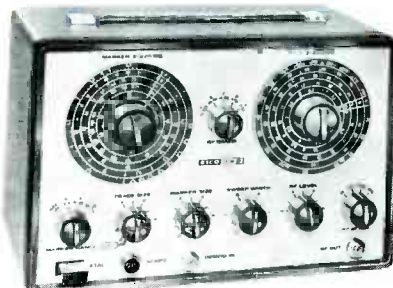
**Price:**

\$350.00

**RF signal generators**

(sweep type included)

**EICO MODEL 369  
SWEEP GENERATOR**



**Sweep Output:**

3 MHz to 220 MHz, 6:1 vernier for frequency adjustment

**Sweep Width:**

Continuously variable to 20 MHz, depending on range selected

**Marker Frequencies:**

2 MHz to 225 MHz (to 75 MHz on fundamental frequencies), 6:1 vernier for frequency adjustment

**Output Impedance:**

50 ohms

**Added Features:**

Retrace blanking  
AGC (3 stage)

**Size (HWD):**

12 1/2" x 8 1/2" x 7"

**Weight:**

16 lbs.

**Price:**

\$149.95 (wired)

\$99.95 (kit form)

**HICKOK MODEL 288 AX  
Crystal-Controlled Signal Generator**

**Sweep Outputs:**

AM—35 KHz to 110 MHz in 8 bands  
FM—35 KHz to 10 MHz in 8 bands (0-30 KHz sweep)  
1 MHz to 160 MHz (0 to 150 KHz and 0 to 450 KHz sweep)  
1 MHz, fixed (0 to 30 KHz sweep)



**Crystal Outputs:**

100 KHz or 1000 KHz unmodulated or modulated at 400 Hz  
100 KHz output provides useful harmonics to 15 MHz  
1000 KHz output provides useful harmonics to 125 MHz

**Modulation:**

External or internal modulation on both AM and FM ranges. Internal FM sweep width continuously variable to 450 KHz. Choice of 60 Hz or 400 Hz sweep rate. Sweep synchronizing voltage available on front panel.

**Audio Output:**

20 Hz to 15,000 Hz variable; or 400 Hz, fixed

**dB Meter Ranges:**

-10 dB to 6 dB, 6 dB to 22 dB, 22 dB to 38 dB

**Size (HWD):**

16" x 13" x 7"

**Weight:**

33 lbs.

**Price:**

\$385.00

**RCA MODEL WR-50B (K)  
RF Signal Generator**

**Sweep outputs:**

455 KHz center frequency  
10.7 MHz center frequency

**Sweep Width:**

Approximately 10% of center frequency

**Variable Oscillator Outputs:**

85 KHz to 40 MHz in 6 bands

**RF Output Level:**

0.05 volt rms on all ranges





**Modulation:**  
 Internal—400 Hz, FM (percentage variable to 30%)  
 External—maximum 15 KHz  
**Dial Calibration Accuracy:**  
 ±2%  
**Size (HWD):**  
 7¾" x 5¾" x 4¾"  
**Weight:**  
 5 lbs.  
**Price:**  
 \$65.00

**RCA MODEL WR-69A  
 TV/FM Sweep Generator**



**Sweep Outputs:**  
 TV channels 2 through 13—54 to 216 MHz  
 FM band—88 to 108 MHz  
 IF/video—50 KHz to 50 MHz  
**Sweep Width** (all continuously variable):  
 TV channels—at least 12 MHz  
 FM—at least 20 MHz  
 IF/video—at least 20 MHz  
**Output Voltage Levels (rms):**  
 TV channels—at least 0.1 volt  
 FM—at least 0.1 volt  
 IF/video—at least 0.1 volt  
**Output Cable Terminations:**  
 RF—300 ohms balanced to ground  
 IF/video—100 ohms  
**Size (HWD):**  
 13¾" x 10" x 7"  
**Weight:**  
 16 lbs.  
**Price:**  
 \$295.00

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**SENCORE MODEL SM152  
Sweep and Marker Generator**



**Sweep Output:**

10 MHz to 920 MHz (VHF fundamental frequencies), dial calibrated in MHz and TV channel numbers.

**Sweep Width:**

0.3 MHz to 15 MHz, calibrated

**Marker Frequencies:**

IF and RF—39.75 MHz, 41.25 MHz, 41.67 MHz, 42.17 MHz, 42.67 MHz, 44.25 MHz, 45.75 MHz, 47.25 MHz, 4.5 MHz, 4.08 MHz, 3.58 MHz and 3.08 MHz (all preset and selected by pushbutton)

FM crystal-control markers—10.7 MHz, 10.6 MHz and 10.8 MHz generated simultaneously for observation of FM center frequency, plus 100 KHz markers on each side of center frequency for "S" curve FM alignment. Variable marker—special generator marker for IF spot alignment of older TV chassis, variable from 39 MHz to 48 MHz

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

NA

**Price:**

\$349.50

**Semiconductor  
testers**

**AMPHENOL MODEL 830  
Transistor Commander**

**Tests Performed:**

Good/bad test in- or out-of-circuit



In-circuit test of diodes for "opens" and "shorts"  
Out-of-circuit tests for both high- and low-power transistors for DC beta and ICBO leakage  
Zener, silicon and germanium diodes checked out-of-circuit for forward and reverse current

**Features:**

Components under test protected against damage by tester  
A 0-100 volt DC voltmeter combined with transistor/diode tester

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

NA

**Price:**

\$79.95

**B&K MODEL 161**

**Tests Performed:**

AC beta—in- and out-of-circuit, (two ranges—2 to 100 and 10 to 500)  
Leakage (ICBO)—0 to 5000 ua  
Diode checks (out-of-circuit, front-to-back ratio)



**Features:**

Components under test protected against damage  
Polarity switch  
7" mirrored meter

**Size (HWD):**

7 1/8" x 7 1/4" x 3 5/8"

**Weight:**

6 lbs.

**Price:**

\$89.95

**EICO MODEL 443**

**Semi-Conductor Curve Tracer**

**Tests Performed:**

Tests characteristics of diodes—forward voltage (V), forward current (I), reverse current (IR), peak inverse voltage (PIV) variable from 0 to 1400 volts

Low- and high-power transistor checks—hfe, hfo, ICEO, VCESat and BVCEO

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

NA



**Price:**

\$99.95 (wired)

\$69.95 (kit form)

**EICO MODEL 680  
Transistor and Circuit Tester**



**Tests Performed:**

Checks low- and high-power transistor for DC beta  
Checks ICBO and ICEO checks

**Features:**

VOM facilities including five DC current ranges down to 50 ma full scale  
Two DC volts ranges and three resistance ranges

**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

NA

**Price:**

\$49.95 (wired)

\$34.95 (kit form)

**JACKSON MODEL 810**

**Tests Performed:**

Beta—(two ranges: 2 to 100 and 10 to 500) in- or out-of-circuit, signal or power

Leakage—0 to 5000 ua

Diodes—open or short in-circuit. Forward and reverse current out-of-circuit



**Signal Generator Output:**  
8.5V p-p semi-square wave  
**Power Requirement:**  
117V AC  
**Size (HWD):**  
7½" x 7½" x 4⅝"  
**Weight:**  
4½ lbs.  
**Price:**  
\$89.95

**LECTROTECH MODEL TT-250**

**Tests Performed:**

Good/bad test in- or out-of-circuit  
Out-of-circuit beta (two scales: 0 to 250 and 0 to 500)  
Leakage (ICBO)—measured directly in  $\mu a$   
Diode front-to-back ratio  
Electrolytic capacitor leakage current (test voltage: 6 volts)



Transistor type (PNP or NPN)  
**Features:**  
Components under test protected against damage by tester  
6" meter  
Separate power transistor socket  
**Size (HWD):**  
7" x 10" x 4½"  
**Weight:**  
5½ lbs.  
**Price:**  
\$87.50

**RCA MODEL WC-506A**

**Tests Performed:**

Checks grain and leakage levels of out-of-circuit transistors  
Checks either NPN or PNP transistors  
Checks low- or high-power transistors  
Checks relative front-to-back current ratios of diodes

**Features:**

Transistor socket and test leads are provided  
Special spring terminals for connecting diodes

**Size (HWD):**  
6¼" x 3¾" x 2"  
**Weight:**  
14 oz.  
**Price:**  
\$18.00



**RCA MODEL WT-501A**

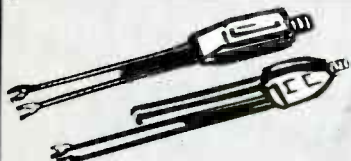
**Tests Performed:**

In- or out-of-circuit DC beta (1 to 1000)  
High- and low-power transistors in- or out-of-circuit  
Collector to emitter leakage (ICBO), collector to emitter leakage (ICEO)  
Relative front-to-back ratio of diodes at appropriate current levels

**Features:**

Battery operated, completely portable  
Variable collector current allowing many transistors to be checked at their rated current level  
Complete DC forward current transfer ratio curve can be plotted up to 1 amp

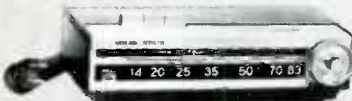
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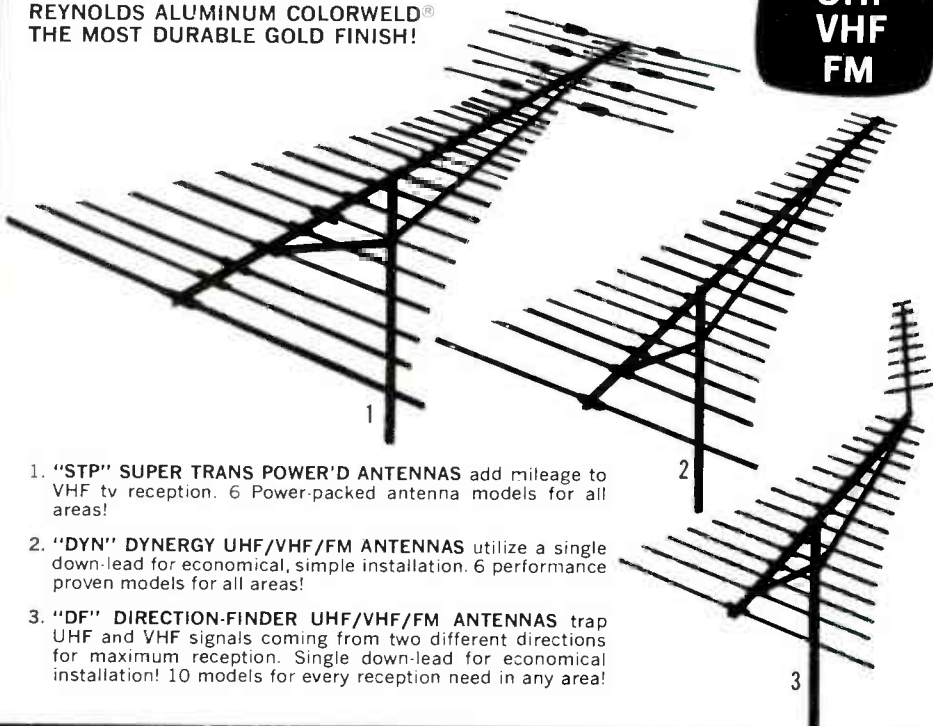


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Zero control to cancel the effects of leakage on beta reading

**Size (HWD):**

6 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ "

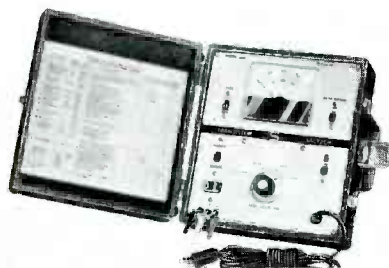
**Weight:**

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**Price:**

\$66.75

**SECO MODEL 260**



**Tests Performed:**

Quality on a relative scale  
 In-circuit dynamic (AC) beta  
 Out-of-circuit beta (two ranges: 0 to 200 and 0 to 1000)  
 Out-of-circuit leakage (ICEO and ICBO)  
 Transistor type (NPN and PNP)

**Size (HWD):**

4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

**Weight:**

4 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs.

**Price:**

\$69.50

**SENCORE MODEL TF151**



**TRIPLETT MODEL 3490-A**

**Lab-Type Transistor Tester**

**Tests Performed:**

Transistors—most large- and small-signal and power types; also tetrode, diodes, rectifiers (germanium, silicon and selenium), and SCR's  
 Collector-junction leakage current—ICO, ICBO, ICSS, ICER, ICBR; alpha (hfb); DC beta (hfe); AC beta (hfe); VCESat; RSTA; reach thru (punch-through)

**Tests Performed:**

Transistors in- or out-of-circuit for AC beta and out of circuit tests for ICBO leakage  
 Gm mutual conductance tests for field effect transistors (FET's) in- or out-of-circuit  
 IGSS leakage tests for FET's out of circuit

**Features:**

Increased current checks for high power transistors  
 Special checks provided for critical RF transistors  
 Special Gate 2 checks provided for FET's with two gates

**Size (HWD):**

9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6"

**Weight:**

9 lbs.

**Price:**

\$129.50

**SENCORE MODEL TR139**

**Tests Performed:**

AC beta checks in- and out-of-circuit for low- and high-power transistors  
 ICBO leakage on high and low power transistors  
 Diodes in- and out-of-circuit with "go" or "no go" indicator

**Features:**

Automatic circuit impedance compensation for in-circuit tests

**Size (HWD):**

9" x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6"

**Weight:**

8 lbs.

**Price:**

\$89.50



**Solid-state equipment analysts**

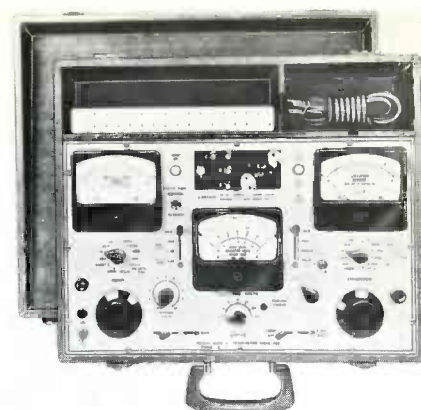
**B&K MODEL 970**

**Functions:**

DC Power Supply:  
 Adjustable in 1.5-volt steps from 1.5V DC to 15V DC with 5 amps available at each setting, ripple does not exceed 5% fuse protection, bias control permits 0 to 100% adjustment of DC voltage between 1.5-volt settings.

VOM:

Sensitivity—5.5K ohms per volt  
 DC voltage ranges—2V, 20V, 200V, 500V  
 Voltage accuracy—within 5% of full scale  
 DC current ranges—20 ma, 200 ma, 2 amps, 5 amps  
 Current accuracy—within 7% of full scale  
 Resistance ranges—x1, x10, x100  
 Resistance accuracy—within 20% of midscale  
 (Patch cord supplied for measuring current drawn from DC power supply)



Rectifier and diode—forward voltage drop, forward leakage current, reverse leakage current

SCR—reverse leakage (IR), forward leakage (IS), gate-firing current (Igf)

**Features:**

Full-scale collector-current ranges—0 ma to 30 amps in 11 overlapping ranges

Full-scale collector-voltage ranges—0 to 120 volts DC in 7 overlapping ranges

Indicator lights—power on, input on, collector on, reduce power

**Power Sources:**

105-125V AC, 60 Hz, approximately 200 watts, maximum

**Size (HWD):**

8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

**Weight:**

30 lbs.

**Price:**

\$441.00

RF and Audio Signal Generation:  
 Frequencies—four bands  
 Band A—250 KHz to 750 KHz AM modulated  
 Band B—750 KHz to 2 MHz AM modulated  
 Band C—10 MHz to 11.4 MHz AM or FM modulated  
 Band D—88 MHz FM modulated (70 KHz Dev)  
 Accuracy—within 2% at 455 KHz, 1600 KHz and all frequencies on band.  
 All other frequencies within 5%  
 RF Level—minimum output of 0.025 volts rms on Bands A, B and C.  
 Minimum of 0.01 volts rms on Band D  
 Modulation—400 Hz tone, 30% for AM and 70 KHz deviation for FM  
 Audio Output—minimum of 50 mv rms at 400 Hz across a 3-ohm load.  
 Minimum of 1.25 volts at 400 Hz across a 72-ohm load

**Transistor Tests:**

Out of circuit test for DC beta (0-300) and leakage (ICEO)

**Power Requirements:**

105 to 125V AC, 60 Hz

**Size (HWD):**

15½" x 8½" x 9"

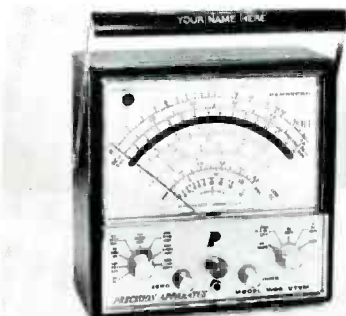
**Weight:**

22 lbs.

**Price:**

\$209.95

**PRECISION APPARATUS MODEL V-95**



**DC Volts Ranges:**

0 to 0.5 to 1500 in a 5-15 sequence

Input resistance—11 megohms

Accuracy—±3% full scale

**AC Volts Ranges:**

rms—0 to 1.5 to 1500 in a 5-15 sequence

Peak to peak—0 to 4 to 4000 in a 4-14 sequence

Accuracy—±5% full scale

Response—±1 dB, 40 Hz-4 MHz

dB scales—-6 to +66 dBm

**Ohms Ranges:**

0 to 1000 to 1000 meg (10 center)

**Power Requirements:**

105-125V AC

**Size (HWD):**

7½" x 8" x 4"

**Weight:**

6¼ lbs.

**Price:**

\$79.95

**Television analyst**

**B&K MODEL 1077**



**General Description:**

RF/IF generator modulated by test pattern video output of flying-spot scanner. The scanner uses slides of standard test patterns that are supplied with the instrument.

**Signals and voltages generated:**

RF—all VHF and UHF channels, modulated by test pattern video

IF—20 to 48 MHz

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AGC Keying pulse—high level

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**Size (HWD):**

NA

**Weight:**

NA

**Price:**

\$379.95

**Vectorscopes**

**LECTROTECH MODEL V-5  
 Vectorscope Indicator**

**General Description:**

Display instrument used in conjunction with color-bar generator to provide visual display of color vector patterns.



**Size (HWD):**

7¾" x 4¼" x 7⅝"

**Weight:**

5 lbs.

**Price:**

\$79.50

**LECTROTECH MODEL V-7**

**Color Generator and Vectorscope**

**General Description:**

Combination vectorscope and color generator that provides visual display of color vector patterns

**Color Generator:**

Patterns-generated—keyed rainbow color bar, crosshatch, vertical lines, horizontal lines and dots

Outputs—RF (channels 3, 4 and 5) and video

**Additional Features:**

Individual gun-killer switches

Color and video level variable



**Size (HWD):**

8¼" x 7½" x 12⅞"

**Weight:**

13 lbs. (approx.)

**Price:**

\$189.50

**VTVM's**

**B&K MODEL 175**



**DC Ranges:**

±0 to 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500

**AC Ranges:**

rms—0 to 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500

Peak-to-peak—0 to 4, 14, 40, 140, 400, 1400, 4000

**Response:**

±1 dB, 40 Hz to 3 MHz. (600-ohm source, 5-volt range)

**Resistance:**

Full scale—1000, 10,000, 100,000 ohms; 1, 10, 100, 1,000 megohms  
Mid-scale—10, 100, 1000, 10,000, 100,000 ohms; 1 meg, 10 megohms

**Input Resistance:**

11 meg (1 megohm in probe)

**Accuracy:**

±3% full scale DC and ±5% full scale AC

**Meter Movement:**

400 ma

**Added Features:**

Built-in battery eliminator—no ohmmeter battery required  
Zero center scale—Single AC/ohms/DC test probe with switch and ground lead

**Power Requirements:**

117V AC, 50/60 Hz

**Accessories:**

Model AV-1A RF Probe—increases frequency range up to 250 MHz. Price: \$7.95

Model AV-2A high-voltage probe—increases DC voltage range up to 60,000 volts. Price: \$12.95

**Size (HWD):**

7½" x 5¾" x 4¼"

**Weight:**

6 lbs.

**Price:**

\$59.95

**B&K MODEL 177****DC Ranges:**

±0 to 0.5, 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500

**AC Ranges**

rms—0 to 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500  
Peak-to-peak—0 to 4, 14, 40, 140, 400, 1400, 4000

**Response:**

±1 dB, 40 Hz to 3 MHz (600-ohm source, 5-volt range)

**Resistance:**

Full scale—1000, 10,000, 100,000 ohms; 1, 10, 100, 1,000 megohms  
Mid-Scale—10, 100, 1000, 10,000, 100,000 ohms; 1, 10 megohms

**Input Resistance:**

11 megohms (1 megohm in probe)

**Accuracy:**

±3% full scale DC and ±5% full scale AC

**Meter Movement:**

100 ma, 7", mirrored

**Added Features:**

Built-in battery eliminator: no ohmmeter battery required.

Zero center scale—Single AC/ohms/

DC test probe with switch and ground lead

**Power Requirements:**

117V AC, 50/60 Hz

**Size (HWD):**

7½" x 7¼" x 3⅝"

**Weight:**

7 lbs.

**Price:**

\$84.95

**EICO MODEL 235****DC Ranges:**

0 to 0.5, 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500

**AC Ranges:**

rms—0 to 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500  
Peak-to-peak—0 to 4, 14, 42, 140, 1400, 4200

**Response:**

3 Hz to 3MHz, ±1dB (up to 250 MHz using accessory probe)

**Resistance:**

0 to 1000 megohms in seven ranges

**Input Resistance:**

DC—11 megohms

AC—1 megohm shunted by 60 pf

**Accuracy:**

AC/DC—±3% on all scales

**Added Feature:**

Zero center scale—used in TV-FM sound detector alignment

**Size (HWD):**

8½" x 7½" x 5"

**Weight:**

9 lbs.

**Price:**

\$69.95 (wired)

\$49.95 (kit form)

**HICKOK MODEL 470A****DC Ranges:**

0 to 0.5, 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500

**AC Ranges:**

rms—0 to 0.5, 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500

Peak-to-peak—0 to 1.4, 4, 14, 40, 140, 400, 1400, 4000

**Resistance:**

Rx1, x10, x100, x1K, x10K, x100K, x1 meg, x10 meg

**Input Impedance:**

DC—17.7 megohms

AC—17.7 megohms shunted by 150 pf

**Added Features:**

Zero center scale—15 Hz to 2.5 MHz

**Size (HWD):**

6¾" x 7½" x 4½"

**Weight:**

6 lbs.

**Price:**

\$89.50

**RCA SENIOR VOLTOHMYST MODEL WV-98C (K)****DC Ranges:**

0 to 0.5, 1.5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500

**AC Ranges:**

rms—0 to 1.5, 5, 15, 50, 150, 500, 1500  
Peak-to-peak—0 to 4, 14, 42, 140, 420, 1400, 4200

**Ohms Ranges:**

Seven ranges from 0 to 100° megohms

**Input Resistance:**

DC—11 megohms

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**Price:**

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## Test equipment manufacturers

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**Electronic Measurements Corp.**, 625 Broadway, New York, New York 10012

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**Precision Electronics, Inc.**, 9101 King Street, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131

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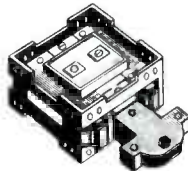
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# Electronic Servicing Tube Substitution Supplement

This Supplement has been designed to provide you with the latest up-to-date information on new tubes. The format allows maximum use during a house call or at the bench.



### Direct substitutes

Included are the older tubes that will substitute directly for the new tubes. This information supplements the sections in the Tube Substitution Handbook for American Receiving Tubes and Picture Tubes.

### Basing diagrams

The basing diagram for each new tube will help you in the servicing of new receivers when service literature is not available.

### Typical characteristics

The typical, or average, characteristics of each new tube can be of great help when troubleshooting new circuits.

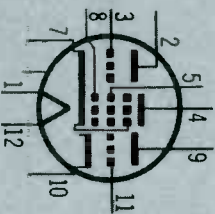
### Easy reference

The direct substitution list will be cumulative each month. Thus, only the latest edition need be carried in the Tube Substitution Handbook.

Pentode—Vertical output  
Triode 1—Vertical Oscillator  
Triode 2—Sync Clipper  
Fil.—3.1.5 @ 0.315A (11 sec)

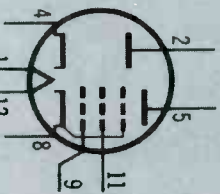
Pentode		Triode Triode	
$E_p$	120	150	150 V
$E_{s2}$	110	---	V
$E_g$	-8	-2	-5 V
$R_k$	---	---	---
$I_p$	46	5.4	5.5 ma
$I_{s2}$	3.5	---	ma
$G_m$	7100	3900	2300 $\mu$ mhos
$M_u$	---	43	20

31AL10



12HR

32HQ7

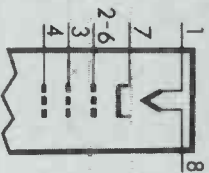


12HT

Pentode—Horizontal Output  
Diode—Damper  
Fil.—32.6V @ 0.31A (11 sec)  
Diode PIV—3300V @ 600 ma  
Diode Section—tube voltage drop approx. 16V

Pentode		Diode	
$E_p$	110	---	V
$E_{s2}$	110	---	V
$E_g$	-22.5	---	V
$R_k$	---	---	---
$I_p$	42	---	ma
$I_{s2}$	2.4	---	ma
$G_m$	4500	---	$\mu$ mhos
$M_u$	---	---	---

22ZP4



8HR

Protection—Banded Rim & Tension band  
Deflection—114°  
Fil.—6.3V @ 0.45A  
Grid 2—400V



# Direct Substitutions

To Replace	Use	To Replace	Use
5MQ8	*	16LU8A	16LU8
6AG9	6AL9	31AL10	*
6AK10	6AG9	32HQ7	*
6AL9	*	12DEP4	*
6MQ8	*	12DHP4	*
8AL9	*	19HNP22	*
9AK10	*	22TP4	*
10LY8	*	22ZP4	*
16BX11	*	25ALP22	*
16LU8	16LU8A		

\*No substitution at present time.  
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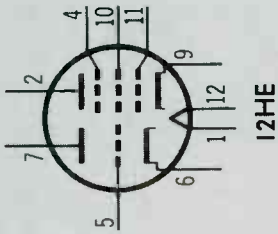
# General Specifications

Pentode—Video amplifier  
 Triode—General purpose  
 Fil.—6.3V @ 0.82A

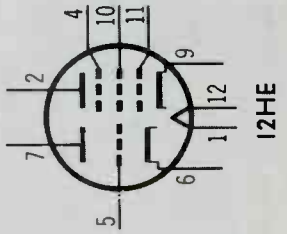
	Pentode	Triode
EP	= 250	= 200
ESg	= 150	= ---
EG	= 0	= ---
RK	= 56	= 270
IP	= 28	= 7.6
ISg	= 5.6	= ma
G <sub>m</sub>	= 30,000	= 6300
M <sub>u</sub>	= ---	= 59

Same as 6AL9 except for heater Voltage.  
 Fil.—8.6V @ 0.04A

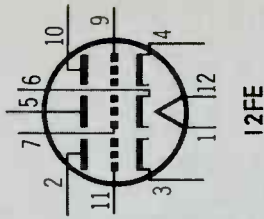
## 6AL9



## 8AL9

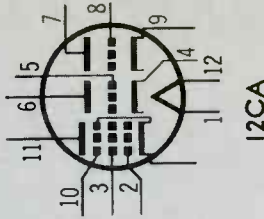


## 9AK10



Triode 1—Color difference amplifier  
 Triode 3—Color difference amplifier  
 Triode 3—Color difference amplifier  
 Fil.—9.5V @ 0.6A (11 sec)  
 EP = 200V  
 ESg = 7V  
 EG = 7500  
 RK = 10 ma  
 IP = 7000  
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 M<sub>u</sub> = 53

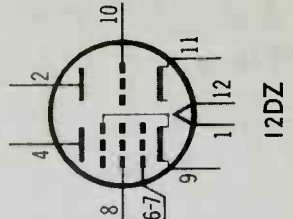
## 16BX11



Pentode—Video amplifier  
 Triode 1—General purpose  
 Triode 2—General purpose  
 Fil.—16V @ 0.315A (11 sec)

	Pentode	Triode
EP	= 125	= 150
ESg	= 125	= 150
EG	= 0	= -6 -4.5
RK	= 56	= 150
IP	= 12	= 11
ISg	= 3.8	= 7.6
G <sub>m</sub>	= 11,300	= 6200
M <sub>u</sub>	= ---	= 6800

## 16LU8A



Pentode—Vertical output  
 Triode—Vertical oscillator  
 Fil.—16V @ 0.6A (11 sec)  
 Direct Replacement—16LU8

	Pentode	Triode
EP	= 135	= 250
ESg	= 120	= ---
EG	= -10	= -4
RK	= ---	= 56
IP	= ---	= 2.3
ISg	= 3	= ma
G <sub>m</sub>	= 9300	= 3600
M <sub>u</sub>	= ---	= 58

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# test equipment

notes on analysis of test instruments, their operation and applications



Sencore Model TF151 Transistor and FET Tester

## Sencore TF151 Transistor and FET Tester

The design trend in home entertainment equipment is increasingly in favor of solid-state devices. Most manufacturers who have not gone completely solid state are using solid-state devices in over 50% of their circuits.

With the increase of solid-state devices the use of the transistor checker will also increase, and, in the very near future, it will be not only a bench instrument but, also, a must in the service truck.

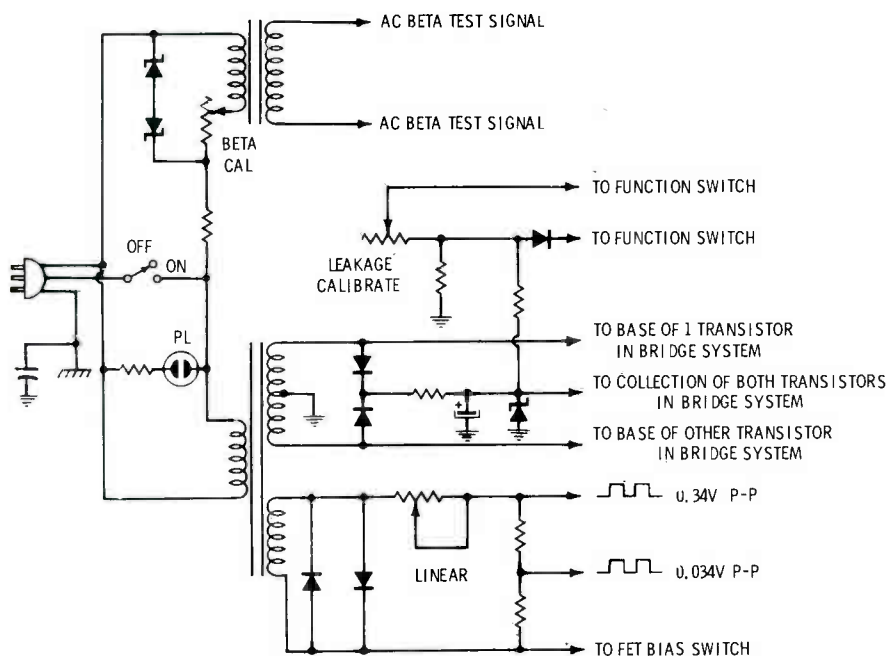
One of the latest entries in the field of transistor checkers is the Sencore Transistor/FET tester, Model TF151.

### Transistor Tests

The model TF151 performs the following tests of transistors:

1. AC beta—both in- and out-of-circuit tests of high- and low-power and RF-type transistors.
2. Leakage ( $I_{CBO}$ ) tests of low- and high-power and RF-type transistors.

Schematic diagram of basic circuitry used in Model TF151



3. Transconductance ( $G_m$ ) of FET's—both in- and out-of-circuit tests.

4. Gate leakage of FET's ( $I_{GSS}$ ).

5. Diode ratios—both in- and out-of-circuit tests.

### Circuit Description

Beta is the ratio of average collector current to the average base current of a transistor connected in a common-emitter circuit. In testing the AC beta of a transistor, the TF151 simultaneously applies 60-Hz signals between the collector and emitter and base and emitter. The ratio of the average collector current to the average base current of one cycle of operation is the AC beta.

The amplitude of the AC signal applied to the transistor under test is set by the BETA CAL control. The BETA CAL control is adjusted for each transistor under test according to that transistor's specifications.

BETA CAL settings are 0.2 ma, 2.0 ma or 20 ma. The 0.2 ma setting is used for low-saturation types of transistors, 2.0 ma for low-power types and the 20 ma setting for high-power types. The average collector current is indicated by the meter, and is set for proper value by adjusting the BETA CAL control for full scale meter deflection with the function switch set at the desired input level.

When the pushbutton labeled GAIN is depressed, the meter is transferred from the collector circuit to the base circuit of the transistor, and the meter indicates the average base current. With the function switch set at the X1 range, the meter has the same sensitivity as previously mentioned and will measure 0.2, 2.0 or 20 ma of base current. Placing the function switch in the X10 range increases the sensitivity by a factor of 10.

Zener diodes are utilized to clamp the applied AC signals to the selected level and prevent any sudden change due to line-voltage fluctuation.

Capacitors are connected to the base and collector circuits of the transistor under test to provide a return path for the AC signal.

A neutralizing capacitor is provided to prevent the component under test from developing spurious oscillations.



A switch, located immediately under the meter face at the left hand side of the tester, controls the polarity of the meter for beta checks and the polarity of the applied voltages when making leakage tests.

Leakage tests are performed by applying 4 volts DC between the collector and base, then measuring the current flow. A potential of 6 volts DC is developed by a rectifier circuit and clamped at the 6-volt level by a zener diode. A resistance-type voltage divider then provides the 4 volts DC necessary for leakage checks.

A diode and resistor shunt the meter during leakage tests to increase the full-scale deflection current from 200 ua to 5000 ua. The non-linear characteristics of the diode and series resistor cause the meter to read direct for the first half of the scale. The diode then conducts and a portion of the current is shunted, producing the non-linear leakage scale on the meter. The leakage circuit is the same for both conventional transistors and FET's.

Because FET's are tested for transconductance (Gm) rather than beta, the FET section is independent of the regular transistor test section. The system employed in Model TF151 for testing FET's utilizes two transistors and four resistors in a bridge configuration.

The transistors function as switches and are turned on or off by the applied AC signal. An input transformer applies the AC signal to the base of the two transistors in the bridge configuration. With the system connected between the drain and source of an FET, the Gm ZERO control, directly under the meter at the right-hand side, is adjusted for equal current flow in the bridge circuit so that the meter reads zero.

The impedance of the bridge circuit is low, and voltage applied to the drain of the FET under test is held constant to conform to the formula for testing Gm.

A constant-amplitude square wave "generator" circuit is then applied to a resistance-type voltage divider network, which includes the LINEAR control. The LINEAR control is adjusted so that the applied square wave is 0.34 volts p-p

when the function switch is in the "Gm X1" range. When the function switch is in the "Gm X10" range, the 0.34-volt p-p signal is fed through a voltage divider made up of precision resistors, which lowers the signal to 0.034 volts p-p.

When the square-wave signal is applied to the gate of the FET under test, the FET will conduct more on one half of the cycle than the other. This results in an imbalance in the bridge system (more current flowing in one half than the other). The meter indicates the extent of the imbalance. The amount the FET will conduct is related directly to the Gm specification of the device. An FET BIAS switch, located in the lower center directly under the function switch, selects either NORM (reverse bias) for depletion, or POS (forward bias) for enhancement types of FET.

A grounded (3-prong) line plug is used to keep the case of the instrument at ground potential to prevent the possibility of damage to insulated-gate type FET's when they are checked out of circuit.

### Calibration Procedures

#### Chassis Removal:

1. Remove the two retaining screws from the bottom of the case.
2. Remove the two retaining screws located at the top of the reference book holder on rear of case.
3. Lift the front panel away from the case to expose the leakage and Gm calibration controls located on the top of the chassis.
4. To reassemble, reverse the procedure.

#### Leakage calibration:

1. Set the TYPE switch to the NPN or PNP position.
2. Set the FUNCTION switch to the LEAKAGE position on the regular transistor side of the switch.
3. Connect the positive lead of a 1-ma meter to the C (collector) jack and the negative lead to a 2000-ohm potentiometer.
4. Connect the other side of the 2000-ohm potentiometer to the B (base) jack of the TF151.
5. Adjust the 2000-ohm potentiometer to obtain a reading of 1 ma on the external meter.
6. The meter on the TF151 should

now indicate 1 ma; if it does not, adjust the leakage calibration control until the TF151 meter indicates 1 ma.

#### Gm calibration:

1. Connect the vertical input of an oscilloscope to the G1 (gate) jack of the TF151.
2. Connect the oscilloscope ground lead to the S (source) jack.
3. Set the FUNCTION switch to X1 position of the GATE 1 section and depress the GAIN push-button.
4. The signal observed on the oscilloscope should be a square wave of 0.34 volts p-p.
5. If the signal is not 0.34 volts p-p, adjust the Gm CAL control until the indication is correct. The signal in the Gm X10 range is derived from a fixed precision resistor and requires no adjustment. ▲

### Sencore Model TF151 Specifications

#### Regular Transistor (Bi-Polar) Testing Beta (Hfe) measured at 60 Hz

Ranges:	Beta	Ic
Low Power		
X1	1-50	2.0 ma
X10	10-500	2.0 ma
High Power		
X1	1-50	20 ma
X10	10-500	20 ma
RF types		
X1	1-50	0.2 ma

#### Leakage

ICBO measured at VCB = 4 volts, IE = 0

#### One Range

0-100 microamperes first half of scale

100-5,000 microamperes last half of scale

#### Field Effect Transistors

Transconductance (Gm) measured at  
VDS = 5 volts, VGS = 0

Range:	Gm
X1	0-5,000 microhms
X10	0-50,000 microhms

#### Gate Leakage

IGSS measures at VGS = 4 volts, VDS = 0

#### One Range

0-100 microamperes first half of scale

100-5,000 microamperes last half of scale

#### Zero Bias Drain Current

IDSS measured at VDS = 5 volts, VGS = 0

#### Size (HWD):

9½" x 7½" x 6"

Weight:  
9 lbs.

Price:  
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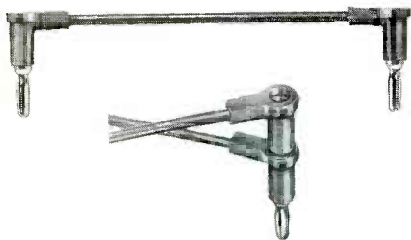
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A new right angle banana plug patch cord, featuring stack-up capability, has been introduced by **Pomona Electronics Co., Inc.**

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## Tape Head Cleaner (46)

The availability of a new aerosol-

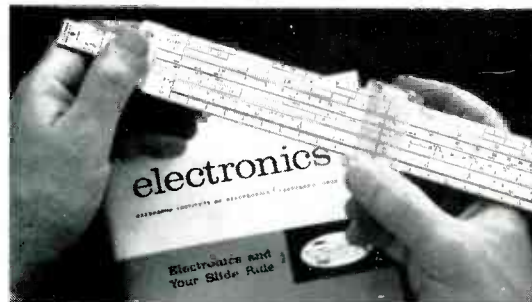
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## Record Cleaning and Maintenance Kit (47)

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very low tracking pressures of 2 grams or less.

With a pressure of about 2 lbs. applied to the brush, which is ground down to near infinity, the pressure of each individual bristle on the surface of the disc is of the order of 1/10 gram. The pointing angles used, the natural resilience of the nylon and the very large number of bristles produce countless oscillations as the myriad twists and turns of the groove are followed.



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**Diode Curve Tracer (48)**

Measurement Control Devices has introduced its Model CT-501 Diode Curve Tracer for high speed selection or comparison of diodes in the lab, on production lines or for quality control. Incorporation of a 3" CRT for visual display permits the tracer to present characteristics of all types of diodes. A built-in cal-



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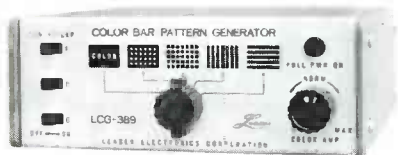
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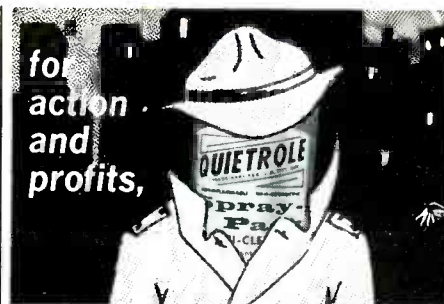


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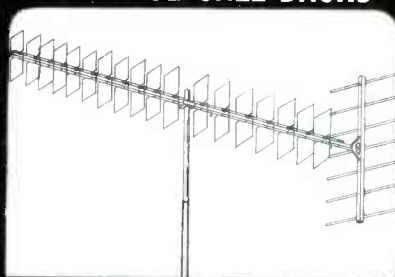


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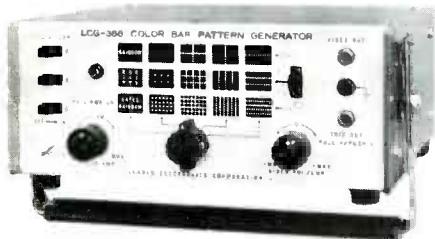
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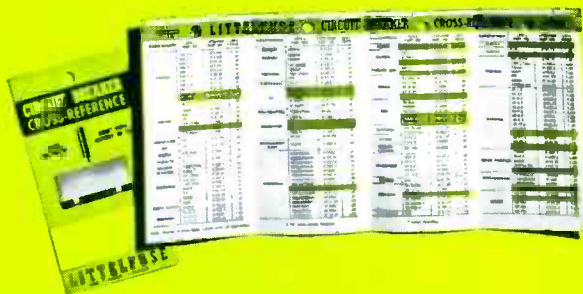
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