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Sometimes an educational explanation serves the purpose better than a cutting remark, though the immediate personal gratification is not nearly as great. In particular, I'm thinking about the words spouted by detractors of the TV service industry.

Whether the derogatory comment comes from a friend or business acquaintance, I never pass up the opportunity to set the record straight. There are sour apples in every profession. Nine out of ten people are satisfied with their present TV service.

And I can't resist firing a letter off to a newspaper or magazine that demeans our industry. I hope more and more of our readers will become equally outspoken in presenting the case of electronic service.

Some people have a wonderful knack of quick-thinking under trying circumstances. They're never at a loss for words-or an ingenious excuse.

A humorous example of the ability to think quickly in an embarrassing situation is illustrated in the tale of the technician with slippery fingers. (Originally the story dealt with doctors delivering babies.) The poor fellow walked into the customer's home with a replacement picture tube. After removing the cit from the carton, it slipped from his grasp.

Horror struck, he waited for the expected implosion as the tube bounced on the carpeted floor. Luckily, it didn't break.

The customer then watched curiously as the all-thumbs technician dropped the crt a second time without shattering the glass. When this amazing performance was repeated still a third time, the customer asked what the devil was going on.

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QUAM NICHOLS has announced the eight distributors who found lucky keys which opened the treasure chest at the annual Parts Show as follows: JACK WHITAKER, CRABTREE WHOLESALE ELECTRONICS; ELWIN GLASS RODEN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY; FERRELL SMITH, SATTERFIELD ELECTRONICS; EUNICE BAUMAN, ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTING CO.; HAROLD WISKER, CENTRAL RADIO SUPPLY; LEONARD OLSEN, NESLO ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTORS; and KEN SCHNEIDER, SEYBERT'S RADIO SUPPLY. The winners were awarded American-made transistor radios.

## Reps \& Distributors

HENRY LAVIN ASSOC. reports the addition of ARNOLD LESTER BYMAN as Sales Engr. and assoc. to the staff of their Needham, Mass. branch office.

THOMAS ELECTRONICS announces the appointment of LAURENCE C. FREEMAN \& ASSOC. as rep for the Industrial-Military Cathode Ray Tube Div. in the metropoli$\tan$ N.Y. area and northern N.J.

PACIFIC ELECTRONIC TRADE SHOW has invited western electronic distributors to join in the sponsorship of the first Show scheduled for February 26-March 1, 1961, in Los Angeles' Great Western Exhibit Center.

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Harold N. Horowitz
Sombrero Television Co.
Phoenix, Ariz.

## Transistor Testing

## Editor, Electronic Techinician:

We note with interest Herb Bowden's letter in your August issue commenting on your June "Transistor Testing" article. We disagree with his contention that a pencil type harmonic generator is unsuitable. We use "Mosquitos"-the absence of a ground lead is no disadvantage as a clip lead can be run from the pocket clip. Actually we went a step further and fitted a banana plug jack to the bakelite cap holding in the battery, a minor job. The lack of an output control is a disadvantage but the output can be varied by the position of the hand holding it and its lack is outweighed by the compactness of the pencil. As to inadequate power to drive a speaker direct, we have not found this to be soenough signal exists to produce a clear note and one does not use this as a method of judging quality. The question of a second lead we have already dealt with. Regarding battery eliminators, we agree with Mr. Bowden to a point. We actually ordered one manufactured by his company. Sencore, but the distributor was out of stock. We purchased one from one of his competitors and have had to install a milliammeter in the top of the case. Incidentally, we think this an improvement on the dual purpose meter as simultaneous readings of voltage and current are frequently most informative. The lack of a bias tap, which Mr. Bowden's unit includes, is a considerable handicap and really the only point on which we can agree with him.

## S. Stephenson,

General Manager
Newtonhill Industries, Ltd.
Welland, Ont., Canada

- Mr. Bowden replies: "I agree with Mr. Stephenson as he has really agreed with me and taken the time to add a ground lead. I agree with Mr. Stephenson that if you are good enough to control radiation from a generator by the use of your hand, you do not need an output control. I thinle that most people want the control as he suggests. I agree that if you add a ground lead, you may be able to operate a speaker directly-that is if you add the ground lead as he has done. The pencil that I tested would not drive the speaker; his may have. I am not concerned about speaker quality that he mentions. I am only interested in whether the speaker. is working, as a transistor radio is really dead when it doesn't work. I agree that Mr. Stephenson now has a good power supply after adding the meter. However, he is just agreeing with me that the current is important. He agrees with me on the bias tap, so certainly I agree with him. Now that Mr. Stephenson has changed his units so they are more like the Sencore units, I am sure that he is happier."
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## Japanese Parts

Editor, Electronic Technician:
In the August issue there appeared a letter from L. Cybulska, Lincoln Radio, opposing the use of Japanese tubes and parts. I agree with his comments. I wrote my congressman, and furnished him with trade paper literature on these items. He agrees with my point of view, but we are only two! Have other service technicians written to their representatives yet?

Howard McCall
Lister Television
Canton, Ohio

## Dealer-Distributor Relations

Editor, Electronic Technician:
Concerning the pressing problem of dealer-distributor relations, we would be glad to meet with our distributors to discuss these problems. Some of the don'ts we can think of at this time are: Dealers should not send a customer to a distributor's showroom to look at a large item he can't afford to stock, without a qualified salesman or representative from his store. Distributors should not maintain such attractive street level displays. Distributors should never write up a "cash" sale. Use the customer's name if he is in the trade. Distributors should show only list prices on showroom items. Any item for that matter. Quoting net prices over the 'phone is risky.

Clem Daigneault, President
Worcester County Assn. TV Technicians, Inc.
Worcester, Mass.

## Ooo La La!

Editor, Electronic Technician :
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## Stopped

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Item: King Petroleum's Southfield refinery was closed down when the electronic control system failed to operate properly. The facility will re-open when the control system is repaired.

Fanciful? Yes, in a way. But not far-fetched if electronic service all of a sudden stopped one fine day. The above items would be merely an infinitesimal taste of the inconvenience, and even disaster, which would result.

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Most of the $52,000,000$ TV sets in this country will fail at least once this year. Many of the $155,000,000$ radios and over $40,000,000$ phonos and hi-fi systems will require repair and replacement parts.

Detractors of electronic service people notwithstanding, our industry will carry out its mammoth obligation effectively, and with dedicated effort. One thing too many unappreciative critics forget is that the job of maintaining the nation's vast array of electronic equipment does get done. And almost always economically and well done.

Maybe it's human nature that people don't appreciate what they have until it's gone. We shudder to think what would happen to the country if electronic service ceased. Fortunately, we don't expect this to happen. But the thought alone is sobering, and should make anyone who thinks of it more appreciative of the electronic service industry and the skilled technicians who carry out its functions.

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RADIO RECEIVER production is increasing, reports the Business \& Defense Services Administration. The 1959 totals were more than 16 million units valued at almost $\$ 424$ million. This year's production is estimated at 17 million units valued at $\$ 460$ million. While U.S. exports of radio receivers continued a decline begun in 1950, totaling only 289,000 units valued at about $\$ 7.7$ million in 1959, imports of radio receivers reached a record high in 1959 -more than 5.8 million units valued at almost $\$ 70$ million, or about $14 \%$ of the U.S. consumption. Japan accounted for the greatest part of these imports, about 5.5 million units valued at about $\$ 55$ million; and West Germany, about 265,000 units valued at $\$ 13.5$ million.

## TUBE PRINTS PICTURE



This electrostatic printer tube held by Raytheon engineer, Louis $T$ Jansen, can print three high quality pictures per second from signals transmitted by telephone or radio circuits. Photographic receiving machines presently used by news services require seven minutes to print one picture. The new tube can also print 20,000 characters per second. This is accomplished with wire matrices resembling stubbly beards across the tube faces. The 1 mil wires, spaced 250 to the inch, extend brush-like through the tube face. Varying cathode beam current deposits electrostafic charges on paper as it passes against the tube.

"I'll have to take it back to the shop."

ELECTRONIC LARYNX introduced by the Bell Telephone System, is being produced in two models, one high-pitched for female voices and the other pitched lower for men. The unit resembles an electric shaver and is contoured to fit the hand with a finger control enabling the user to vary the pitch of his voice over a half-octave range to produce more natural inflections of speech. Designed to be held against the outside of the throat while being operated, it transmits sound waves into the throat cavity, replacing those normally produced by air passing over the vocal cords. Speech is produced by forming words with the lips and tongue just as in normal conversation. Some 20,000 persons in the U.S. are without the power of speech. Manufacturing costs of the larynx is $\$ 45$ which also is the cost to the customer. Information about the new device may be obtained at any Bell Telephone business office.

COMMUNICATION TECHNICIANS' Correspondence Courses for TV and radio servicemen leading to FCC second class radio-telephone operators' licenses are offered by Raytheon. Graduates of the 24-lesson course will also be professionally qualified to service more complicated two-way radio equipment. Dealers applying for the course tale a preliminary test of approximately 50 questions to determine qualifications to complete the course. Working in his spare time, the service dealer may complete it in six to nine months, with approximately five or six hours of study each week. Application forms are available from Raytheon distributors.

## Picture



SPACE VEHICLES reentering the earth's atmosphere at $18,000 \mathrm{mph}$ create a real problem for nose cone radio transmitters. Missile friction with the air produces temperatures as high as $3000^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. This heat causes sheets of highly conductive ionized air to form around the capsule, in effect short circuiting low and medium frequency radio signals. High frequencies offer a better chance of penetrating this ionized envelope.

LOW ENERGY explosives can be detonated by electromagnetic fields, or even static electricity. In the case of the Experimental Fuze Unit at Picatinny Arsenal, an elaborate safety program is required to prevent such accidental detonation. The entire laboratory is shielded, all tools are grounded, floors are made of conductive rubber, light switches and telephones are explosion-proof, and workers must wear conductive-soled shoes and cotton clothing. Synthetic materials and combs which can generate static electricity are prohibited. Operators handle explosives behind lucite shields. This very hazard is turned to advantage by Smith, Kline \& French Labs. SK\&F has designed radio-detonated pellets for distributing medicine at various points in a patient's digestive tract.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Nov. 14-16: Mid-American Electronics Convention (MAECON), Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Mo.
Nov. 15-16: 4th Annual Conference, Professional Group on Product Engineering and Production, Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass.
Nov. 15-17: Northeast Research and Engineering Meeting (NEREM), Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass.
Nov. 20-21: Conference on Electro-Optical and Radiation Devices, Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, Calif.
Nov. 25-27: Northwest High Fidelity Stereo and Music Show, Audio Div., Paul Bunyan Chapter, Electronic Representatives Assn., Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.
Dec. 1-2: 11 th National Conference, Professional Group on Vehicular Communications, Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
Dec. 5-8: National Conference on the Application of Electrical Insulation, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, III.
Dec. 12-14: URSI-IRE Fall Meeting, Radio Bldg., Boulder Labs., Nafional Bureau of Siandards, Boulder, Colo.
Dec. 13-15: 10th Annual Eastern Joint Computer Conference, Hotel New Yorker, New York, N. Y.
Jan. 8-12: Symposium on Thermo-electro Energy Conversion, Statler Hotel, Dallas, Texas.
Jan. 9-11: 7th National Symposium on Reliability and Quality Control in Electronics, Bellevue-Strafford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa .

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# Servicing Electronic 

 Bowling AlleysAlignment, Maintenance, $\mathcal{E}$ Repair Of "Foul Line" Violation Detection Equipment

Walter Blair

- No one would normally associate electronics with the sport known as "10 pin" bowling, although chains of plush million-dollar electro-mechanically automated "lanes" and "bowlaramas" have mushroomed throughout the country. The photoelectric "foul line" or Telefoul, is only one of many "lanes" innovations now requiring the services of skilled electronic technicians. The system acts as an unseen, silent umpire that keeps the feet of a bowler on the honest side of a foul line.

A bowling alley foul line installation, shown in Fig. 1, consists of a light source, lens system, and photoelectric cell. Relative positions of
all the components to each other and the foul line are illustrated in Fig. 2.

A lens and photo-electric system is installed parallel to the alley base line. A lamp and lens assembly is placed on one side of the alley and focuses a light beam on the lens secured to the other side. This second lens diffuses the light beam on a photo-electric cell (PEC). Both lamp and PEC holders have adjustable mounts centered on the foul line leading edge. Secured behind the photo-cell lens, the "eye" waits for a wayward foot to touch the foul line and interrupt the light beam. When this happens, a buzzer or bell sounds, a light flashes "foul," and the bowler is penalized one Dall. (Automatic pinsetter resets any pins knocked down).

Fig. 2-Cut-away end-view of gutter-rails showing position of components in the electronic foul-detector's head end. Note the foul line's approach edge is on lens center.


## Operation

The light source lamp is frequently a double contact, bayonet base, $6-8$ volt unit, similar to a standard \#1154 automotive tail light. The photo-electric tube is generally a vacuum cartridge type (\#922) which fits in a polarized socket. The photo-electric tube's anode is coupled to the grid of a 117 L 7 or M7 tube located in an amplifier-relay-signal unit. When light falls on the PEC cathode and the tube is conducting normally, the grid of the amplifier tube will be biased to cut-off. This point will be between 30 and 50 volts negative. When the light source is momentarily removed from the PEC's cathode it stops conducting, bias is removed from the amplifier grid, and the 117 L 7 conducts, operating the signal relay. A schematic diagram of the amplifier and control unit is shown in Fig. 3.

A-C voltage for the lamp is usually fed from a centrally located panel, or from individual control units located behind each alley. Paired wiring is used to transfer voltage to the desired location at the head of the alley. Voltages for the lamp normally range between 4.7 to 5.2 volts at the lamp when burning.

## Adjustments

Mechanical adjustment of the lens system is not difficult when it is thoroughly understood. Since adjustment tolerances are critical, the


Fig. 1-A small area in a modern automated "bowlarama" where alleys or lanes are equipped with electronic foul detectors. A beam-light and projection lens assembly is mounted at the end of one gutter-rail, and a diffusion lens and photo-electric tube are mounted across the alley
at the opposite rail end-parallel to the foul line. When the light beam is broken by a bowler's foot touching the foul line's leading edge, a bell or buzzer sounds and the signal-board light flashes "foul." Automatic pin setter restores pins and bowler loses one ball.
service technician should not overlook the minutest detail or a trouble source may be overlooked.

Lamp, lens and PEC are treated as one integrated unit, but with all three interacting. Lenses must be
centered on the approach edge of the foul line. As illustrated in Fig. 2, only $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ tolerance forward from this edge is allowed. This alignment can easily be made, as follows:

1. Rule a straight pencil line down
the center of a regular business or similar type white card.
2. Place the card in front of the PEC lens with the pencil line even with the foul line leading edge.
3. Observe position of image (lamp
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Fig. 3-Schematic diagram of amplifier, relays, and signal components employed in "telefoul" system.


## TV Deflection Yoke Defects

## Advanced Test Methods Correct Yoke Problems Caused By Mismatch

Fig. 1-Inter-winding deflection coil shorts create trapezoid patterns, as shown.


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- Technicians have experienced yoke failures that allow no vertical or horizontal sweep, trapezoid picture, ringing, no high voltage, etc. We all know a yoke plays an important part in overall set performance.

By using two individual coils, two magnetic fields control the beam's direction at any given point on a CRT screen. Separate fields created at right angles to the CRT neck concentrate their field around the CRT neck. The vertical deflection coils control the beam's motion in a vertical plane, while the horizontal coils control motion in a horizontal plane.

The variety of CRT sizes naturally created a need for different deflection yoke angles. Yoke angles may vary from $52^{\circ}$ through $110^{\circ}$, depending upon the size and shape of the CRT they complement. In-


Fig. 2-Balancing the horizontal deflection coils to minimize ringing effect.
ductance specifications of vertical and horizontal windings vary, as well. Consulting yoke manufacturer's data will usually reveal the yoke impedance rating, as well as the approximate $d$-c resistance of the windings.

## Abnormal Deflection

Should the technician be confronted with a receiver displaying a trapezoid image, (Fig. 1), he may suggest replacement of the yoke or
troubleshoot to determine the reason for this abnormality. Replacement of the component may be the only service solution. But yokes can be repaired simply and economically in many instances.

Disconnecting the yoke from the circuit (either unsoldering or unplugging) permits the technician to check for short circuits in the horizontal and vertical windings. This may consist of one or two turns of the coil that allowed a high current spark to jump through poor insulation. By applying 200 volts d-c to each set of coils at different times, it may be possible to unshort the windings. Using a shellac spray may complete the repair.

Should the yoke check out normally, a balancing capacitor short-


Fig. 3-Inserting resistor in series with horizontal deflection coil enables the technician to observe yoke's current waveform. Procedure is used to defect yoke abnormalities.
ing under load may cause this abnormality. This component is found in the network contained in the yoke section under the back cover. Substituting a capacitor will confirm or disprove suspicions.

Included in the yoke network are the damping resistors (in the vertical windings). Should a resistor open (as it often does) the picture will be over-run with vertical lines.

## Matching

A familiar precept of TV servicing is: isolate the stage, locate the defective component within the stage, and replace the unsatisfactory component with an "exact" replacement. "Exact" replacements,
however, frequently have slight performance differences. This is especially apparent when substituting a replacement yoke. It's exasperating to effect a simple yoke replacement and discover that performance is inadequate. Ringing (in the form of vertical stripes at the left side of a picture) can negate an otherwise excellent repair. This is usually caused by a slight yoke mismatch with the existing flyback. Correcting this common problem can be accomplished by balancing the yoke.

Using the test set-up in Fig. 2 will aid in balancing a replacement deflection yoke. A capacitor box containing $56,60,68$, etc $\mu \mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitors@1.5 KV and a 5 K pot is shown. Inserting the variable 5 K pot in series with the balancing capacitor will enable the technician to determine the value resistor needed in series with the capacitor to balance the yoke circuit.

Putting the yoke in place on the CRT, the pot is varied until the stripes disappear or are minimized. The resistance of the variable pot setting is then checked and an equivalent resistor is soldered in its place as a permanent addition to the yoke's horizontal circuit.

Should the chassis require deflection circuit troubleshooting, scope a yoke's current waveform to check for normal or abnormal operation. By inserting a 0.5 to 3 ohm resistor in series with the horizontal coil windings, and applying the scope leads directly across the resistor (as shown in Fig. 3), the current waveform of the yoke itself may be viewed. Though the voltage waveform of a yoke is essentially a square wave, the current waveform is a saw-tooth. Abnormal and normal waveforms (both current and voltage) are illustrated in Fig. 4.

Although pulsed voltage of high amplitude appears in the yoke, the dominating factor in CRT scanning is the large current. Damping tube conduction and nonconduction causes yoke current to start and stop. The rapid emancipation of energy in the yoke (via collapse of the magnetic field) and the transient oscillations that are developed as a result, form part of the working machinery called "horizontal scanning."

The prime example of improper scanning pulse is the raster show-


Fig. 4-Waveforms illustrated represent voltage and current traces, both normal and abnormal, as reproduced on an oscilloscope.
ing a wavy accumulation on about 1 to $1 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$ of the CRT screen as shown in Fig. 5. By checking the current pulse in the horizontal winding and balancing the yoke network, the oscillations should disappear.

Obviously, replacing either a yoke or flyback doesn't always mean the successful completion of a repair job, as the preceding text illustrates. Rebalancing the yokeflyback network after either one has been replaced is necessary in many cases and should be accomplished as an integral part of the service procedure for these components.

Fig. 5-Oscillations may be caused by unbalanced yoke-flyback circuit.


# Single-Stage Audio Amplifier 

Voltage $\mathcal{E}$ Resistance Measurements At Tube

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Fig. 1-Two commonly used audio amplifier circuits are shown. (A)-The common cathode amplifier circuit has a high input and output impedance. (B)-The cathode follower has a high input and a low output impedance.
fig. 2-Fundamental amplifier circuit considering only d-c plate circuit resistances. No voltage drop appears across R -1 when $r_{p}$ is open, and total B+ appears at the tube's plate. When R-2 is open the tube draws no current and a similar condition exists.


- At one stage in the evolution of hi-fi equipment, the triode tube was considered the most distortion-free type used in audio amplifiers. During the past decade, however, pentodes have been developed which exhibit good audio characteristics -but the triode, single or dual, still predominates in hi-fi preamplifiers and driver stages. The technician who has a thorough basic understanding of triode circuits is well equipped to begin mastering the techniques involved in troubleshooting and testing hi-fi amplifiers -from preamp to output.
Two frequently used simplified basic triode circuit arrangements for hi-fi applications are illustrated in Fig. 1. The most usual arrangement, at Fig. 1A, is a common cathode type circuit. It is characterized by a reasonably high input and output impedance. The cathode follower in Fig. 1B, presents an extremely high impedance to an input signal and has a very low output impedance.


## Troubleshooting

Every technician already knows that the first step in troubleshooting ailing amplifiers is to substitute the tube or tubes with a known good tube. It should be recalled at this point that the tube tester is an important instrument for making a preliminary analysis of the general condition of tubes in all kinds of electronic equipment. But it is not always completely fault-free as a precise troubleshooting indicator. Hence, a tube should be substituted at the beginning with a known good one to eliminate it as a source of trouble.

A check of the triode's d-c voltages will generally indicate most of the defects that may have developed. Since all voltages are meas-
ured with respect to a tube's cathode, the negative meter lead should be attached at this point if an exact voltage reading is desired. Whenever convenience dictates that the meter's negative probe be placed at B-or ground, errors in reading are generally negligible because of relatively low cathode voltages.

It is obvious that voltages measured at any electrode of a tube may fall into one of four categories: It will be (1) too high, (2) lower than normal, (3) non-existent or (4) relatively correct.

Normal procedure dictates checking plate voltage at the tube even if manufacturers specific service data is not at hand. After this, with or without data, the $B+$ supply source should be checked.

Measurement of plate and $B+$ supply voltages may seem superfluous when manufacturers' precise voltage data is not available. The experienced technician is well aware, however, that relative voltage readings can direct attention to circuit faults even if specified voltages are not known. In most cases, for example, plate voltages range between 30 and $80 \%$ of B + supply voltages, depending on the load resistor value, and type of tube being used. If a reading is outside this range, it is a fairly good indication that the plate voltage is incorrect.

Of course, the 30 to $80 \%$ figure should be modified with some logic. When d-c passes through an output transformer, for example, the plate voltage is nearly equal to the supply voltage. Conversely, if the load resistor is exceptionally high, voltages may be well below the $30 \%$ figure. The specified percentage range can be used as a "rule of thumb" only-but it usually works.

Several factors can cause any

# Troubleshooting Methods 

## Electrodes Generally Reveal Circuit Faults

one of the previously itemized conditions. Some of the more frequent causes will now be reviewed for each of the four conditions.

## Excessive Plate Voltage

A high plate voltage normally indicates the tube is drawing insufficient current. Referring to Fig. 1A, the voltage drop across load resistor R-1 is dependent upon the amount of current the tube conducts (voltage across R-1 equals plate current times resistance of the load resistor). If plate current is small, the voltage drop across R-1 is small. Therefore, most of the B + supply voltage will appear at the tube plate.

This may be visualized more clearly by referring to Fig. 2, where only the d-c plate circuit resistances are considered. Here the tube's plate resistance is represented by $r_{p}$. The battery " $B$ " is the only voltage source. All voltages throughout the circuit must be either equal to or less than this voltage source. Any voltage drop across a resistor is caused by plate current flowing through the particular resistor in the circuit.

When $r_{p}$ is open, therefore, the tube does not conduct, and current cannot flow. Since there is no voltage drop across $R-1$, total $B+$ voltage appears at the tube's plate. As we already know, then, high voltage at the plate is usually caused by low plate current. The problem now is to locate the cause of low plate current.

A tube grid that is very negative with respect to the cathode will cause the tube to cease conducting entirely, or indicate only a small amount of current. Stating this another way, a cathode voltage that is very positive with respect to the


Fig. 3-Low plate voltages in this resistance-capacitance coupled amplifier circuit can be caused by a shorted or leaking grid coupling capacitor. No voltage af a fube's plate is generally caused by an open plate resistor or voltage not being delivered by the power supply.
tube's grid will cause only small amounts of current to flow through the tube. Check the cathode voltage! A high voltage here with respect to grid or ground can be caused by a cathode resistor ( $\mathrm{R}-2$ ) that has increased in value. If R-2 is open, the tube will not conduct. Again, full $B+$ supply voltage will appear at the tube's plate.

Other causes of high plate voltage are: load resistor $R-1$ lowered in value, open or high grid bias resistor (R-3 Figs. 1A and B), or a defective tube. Too much $B+$ can also be caused by abnormal load conditions in other sections of an amplifier.

It should be recadled again that a number of tube defects can cause a high plate voltage reading. Poor cathode emission causes an increase in plate resistance and a subsequent decrease in plate current. A shorted or partially shorted
heater can cut-off cathode emission with similar results. Other interelectrode shorts can cause either too much or too little plate current.

The reasons for low plate voltage are generally similar to those for high plate voltage-except in reverse. Low plate voltage is caused
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Fig. 4-A very high input impedance meter should be used to measure cathode bias of this cathode-follower circuit.


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# Component And Transmission Characteristics At UHF 

How Industry Is Slowly Licking UHF's Problems

Allan Lytel


- Ultra High Frequencies are employed for mobile radio communications, radar, military communications, and a host of other services. Why UHF? One answer is simply-no other frequencies are available. Mobile radio, to give only one example, has expanded from a handful of stations to almost $1,000,000$ transmitters

Fig. 1-Because of the very short wave lengths employed, a relatively small parabalic "dish" antenna can concentrate ultra-high-frequency energy into a narrow beam toward a similar type receiving antenna.

in 20 years. Further extension into UHF became necessary. TV and radar were allocated UHF frequencies primarily for the same reason.

Because of the short propagation range of these radio waves, consistent coverage is usually limited to a line-of-sight distance. Consequently, UHF is well suited for communications covering a restricted range.

Some bands within the radio spectrum are listed in Chart I, together with their designations. Each band is further divided into specific allocations based primarily on a number of special factors, including the behavior of these waves and the requirements of particular services. UHF is a single division of the radio spectrum, known as band No. 9, extending from 300 mc to $3,000 \mathrm{mc}$.

## Development

Radio transmission and reception developed in the lower-frequency bands. Explorations within the UHF band revealed a number of unique

Fig. 2-Ulifa-high-frequency waves usually travel in a straight line tangent to the earth's surface-out in space. This prevents long distance UHF communication except when special propagation methods are used.

CHART I

## Band

Megacycles
HF
VHF
UHF

| From | ro |
| ---: | ---: |
| 3 | 30 |
| 30 | 300 |
| 300 | 3,000 |
| 3,000 | 30,000 |
| 30,000 | 300,000 |

characteristics that were insignificant at lower frequencies. Consequently, the necessity arose for the development of new types of tuned circuits and unconventional components.

## Advantages

A number of reasons exist for the increasing utility of UHF, as follows:
(1) Wide-band modulation is possible: Certain types of communication services, TV for example, require wide-band channels. The channel containing the transmitted modulation increases in width as the amount of information is in-

Fig. 3 (A)-LF currents are almost uniformly distributed throughout a conductor's area. (B)-As frequency increases, current concentrates closer to surface. (C)-R-f energy dissipation increases as frequency rises.

creased. It is simpler to obtain this wide modulated channel at higher frequencies since the total bandwidth required at UHF is a smaller fraction of the operating frequency than it is at lower frequencies. For example, the modulation channel at high frequencies may be several megacycles, as in TV, although remaining small compared to the transmitted frequency of, say, several hundred megacycles. Many individual communication channels are readily feasible on one UHF carrier.
(2) Antenna structures are relatively compact and low power outputs can be directed to receiving


Fig. 4-At UHF frequencies, an ordinary pigtail lead resistor becomes a circuit having inductance, resistance and capacitance.
points for specialized types of communication: In any type of communication system, the physical dimensions of the antennas are comparable to the wavelength employed. Low frequency antennas are large and cumbersome. At the low-frequency end of the broadcast band, a quarter wavelength is approximately 447 feet. A directive antenna system involving a number of radiators, could possibly extend over considerable land area. In contrast, a simple directive UHF antenna system is small and convenient. A parabolic reflector, illustrated in Fig. 1, may be used to direct UHF waves. The diam-

Fig. 5-At higher UHF frequencies an ordinary in-circuit capacitor and its leads contain inductance, capacitance and resistance.

eter of this reflector is only a few feet.
(3) It is easier to combine signal energy to a specific area: It would be incorrect to say that energy from a given UHF transmitter cannot be received beyond a certain radius. Normally, however, these waves extend only slightly beyond the line of sight along the earth surface. This characteristic permits allocation of similar frequencies to a number of transmitters sufficiently separated to prevent mutual interference. This is not possible at lower frequencies because upper ionospheric reflection provides long distance reception, and prohibits band-sharing techniques. (See Fig. 2.)
(4) Atmospheric and man-made interferences are less severe: Atmospheric noise is generally reduced as the frequency increases. Below the UHF band, it has been found that the noise entering a radio receiver from the antenna system, is much greater than the noise generated in the receiver itself. In the UHF band, this is not the case. The externally produced noises are of much less importance. UHF receivers are generally limited in sensitivity only by the noise created inside the receiver itself. However, man made noise, especially ignition noise, is not eliminated entirely.

## Disadvantages

A difficulty peculiar to high frequencies is skin effect, the condition whereby as frequencies increase, the current tends to travel nearer the surface of the conductor. Therefore, as the frequency increases, the area available for current flow is reduced.

If the effective circular mill area of a conductor decreases, as with higher frequencies, the resistance of the conductor increases accordingly. This increased resistance results in a power loss, illustrated in Fig. 3. Because of this effect, it is unnecessary to use a solid conductor in the r-f sections of UHF circuitry. Copper tubing is more feasible. Resistance, naturally is lessened if the tubing is silver-plated.

In addition to skin effect, there are other significant factors normally ignored at lower frequencies.

Resistors in r-f circuits contain a definite amount of capacitance and inductance. The magnitude of induc-
tive and capacitive reactance, of course, varies with frequency. As frequencies increase these factors multiply and special design problems arise.

## Components

The magnetic field of the current flow through the resistor and its associated leads produces a certain amount of inductance. A potential difference across á resistor also creates a capacitive effect.

There is a capacitance from one end of the resistor to the other end, as well as capacitance from the resistor and its leads to the chassis itself. A resistor, then, has an equivalent circuit, illustrated in Fig. 4, made up of resistance, inductance, and capacitance. This is a parallel-resonant circuit whose impedance varies with frequency. If the inductive reactance is much smaller than the ohmic resistance and the capacitive reactance is much greater, as it is in audio, the network is equivalent to a resistor in series with a small inductance and the capacitive effect will be negligible.

Any wire has inductance and this is no less true for capacitor leads. Although the total inductance of these capacitor leads, as shown in Fig. 5 , is small, there is a frequency at which any ordinary capacitor will be self-resonant. Under this condition, the capacitor leads form the inductive part of the circuit and the capacitor itself supplies the capacitance.
The coil is designed primarily because of its inductive reactance. However, any inductor has a certain amount of capacitance, depending on the frequency since a capacitor is essentially two conductors, separated by a dielectric. An inductor having six turns of wire, for example, also has a certain definite capacitance value. This may be seen in Fig. 6.

Capacitance exists between the input leads to the inductance, between

Fig. 6-An in-circuit inductance, with its distributed capacitance, becomes a parallel-tuned circuit at higher UHF frequencies.

any two adjacent turns and between any turn and ground Since these individual capacitances are present at the same time, they may be replaced by a total equivalent capacitance. The overall effects of these individual capacitances, distributed capacitance, means a coil is never a pure inductance at UHF.

## Chassis Ground

In UHF, a common chassis ground point becomes a circuit design problem. At low frequencies any two points on the same chassis are considered at the same potential. At UHF a considerable difference in potential can exist between two points on the same chassis if they are separated by an appreciable part of a wavelength.

## Resonant Circuits

Parallel resonant line type oscilliatory circuits are used in UHF up to approximately $1,000 \mathrm{mc}$. Beyond this frequency, wave guides and cavity resonators are generally used. A straight piece of wire carrying current has a definite amount of selfinductance. It is feasible, therefore, to use two ordinary pieces of wire or tubing for a resonant circuit, as shown in Fig. 7 . To obtain resonance, the parallel line must be cut to an exact length for the operating frequency desired

A quarter wavelength parallel resonant line can replace an ordinary soil and capacitor tuned circuit at UHF This arrangement functions similarly in all respects to a circuit made of ordinary capacitors and coils. Parallel-resonant lines are used only at frequencies providing conveniently shơrt element lengths. If used, for example, at $1,000 \mathrm{kc}$ in the AM broadcast band, a quarter wave resonant circuit would be about 246 feet long. At $1,000 \mathrm{mc}$, however, a quarter wave line is only about 3 inches long.

## Production Development

A unique manufacturing technique easing UHF design problems is the printed circuit method of producing resistors, capacitors, inductors, and wiring for low power applications. Basically the method is simple. On a small plate of insulating material, a resistor may be made by depositing a thin line of a semiconductor. The greater the amount of material deposited, the less the resistance. Circuit wiring is made by a thin deposit
of any good conductor.
Capacitors are produced by employing the insulating base material as the dielectric. Depositing the required amount of conducting material on opposite sides of the dielectric forms the capacitor. An inductor may be made by depositing conducting material in the form of a simple coil. All of the necessary low-power components may be obtained by this procedure.


Fig. 7-When cut to exact quarter-wave length of a desired frequency, properly spaced and shorted at one end, two conductors become a parallel-tuned circuit at UHF frequencies.

Obviously advantages are the reduction in lead lengths and the fixed unvarying relations between elements. Lead dressing, once established, no longer arises as a problem. By having the capacitors and resistors in the same physical relation at all times, greater circuit stability is obtained. All are primary design considerations in UHF.

## Vacuum Tube Circuits

When original research began near the lower boundary of the UHF band, it became obvious that conventional vacuum tube circuits suffered from two fundamental limitations in high frequency operations. (1) Various circuit losses associated with the circuit wiring and circuit components and (2) the effects of UHF upon the operation of the tube itself.

As the frequency increased and the tank circuit became a single short piece of wire from the plate to the grid, tubes ceased to perform as oscillators and the capacitance between the various elements in the tube bypassed the signal and prevented amplification.

Over a period of time new tubes and circuits evolved, allowing progressively higher frequencies to be utilized. These included electron-orbit, magnetron, klystron, planar and
many other types of tubes and special circuits.

## Transistors In UHF

Commercial transistors have vast potential application to UHF in low power circuits. Experimental laboratory spacistors have operated above $1,000 \mathrm{mc}$. Printed UHF circuits with transistors form a new, small, inexpensive package of reliable electronics.
The spacistor, as a new semiconductor device, holds promise for amplification well beyond $1,000 \mathrm{mc}$. In this four-electrode semiconductor device transit time is reduced by accelerating the charge carriers. While this is still in the research stage it would appear useful in UHF communications, where small size and low power drain will make it an important amplifier.

## Solid State Devices

Circuitry noise has been a major factor in the UHF band. Two new devices have recently been developed for low-noise amplification. Both are solid state, operating on novel principles. One is the Maser (microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation) and the other is the parametric amplifier. In the Maser device, the transition of electrons from one level to another, in a crystalline material, is controlled by a microwave signal.

Parametric amplifiers depend upon non-linear reactance, either inductive or capacitive, for amplification. One form having possibilities as a lownoise UHF or SHF amplifier, is the variable-capacitance diode, employing semiconductor diodes as active elements.

Diodes acting as non-linear variable capacitors seem quite successful. Variable reactance is provided by a semiconductor diode or varactor diode, whose capacitance varies with the applied voltage.

The Tunnel Diode development offers promise of major advances. It presently oscillates to 1 K mc . Further research indicates it may go to 10 K mc .

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## Runaway Horizontal Oscillator

A Canadian GE TV, Model C719, came into the shop with the complaint: intermittent horizontal lock. When switching off-channel, the horizontal oscillator would "takeoff" and go so far off-frequency the raster would either disappear completely or show as a "streaky mess," accompanied by loud whistling from


Fig. 1-Horizontal oscillator "take-off" was ultimately traced to the encircled resistor, which had increased in value.
the horizontal deflection circuit. When switching back to a live channel, the picture would usually return.

I replaced the 6AL5 horizontal phase detector, 12SN7 horizontal oscillator, and 12AU7 phase splitter. None had any effect. Disabling the horizontal sync by opening the circuit at the junction of R206, R207, R208, as shown in Fig. 1, the horizontal oscillator was running perfectly (free-wheeling normally, with the horizontal blanking bar "floating" sideways across the screen). The picture could be held with the horizontal control.

Occasionally, the horizontal oscillator would "take-off" on a signal. When this happened I found the grid (pin 1) of the 12SN7 oscillator measured slightly positive (less
than 1 volt); whereas it measured slightly negative when operating normally. When the oscillator was running way-off frequency, touching pin 1 with a negative bias lead restored normal operation. When the horizontal oscillator was allowed to free-wheel on its own (by disconnecting the a.f.c.) the same "streaky picture" condition and loud whistle could be reproduced simply by adjusting the horizontal a.f.c. coil (L1) a turn or so. If the slug was adjusted to give bars slanting to the left, or less than three bars slanting down to the right, everything was normal; but the oscillator would suddenly takeoff with more than three bars slanting to the right. I now reflected the trouble could be in the oscillator, after all . . . and right I was! In very little time I found the 270 K resistor had gone way up to 800 K . Replacing the resistor corrected the trouble.-Lambert C. Huneault, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

## Poor Width, <br> Sound Buzz

A Capehart TV Set Model \# IT174BS wals brought to the shop for insufficient width and buzz in the sound. The customer said that the buzz had been in there ever since he purchased the set.
Replacing a defective horizontal output tube screen grid resistor restored the width but not quite to normal, as it would overscan the tube only about $1 / 8$ inch. Varying the width control had no affect on the width but would cause the set to overload. The set used a keyed agc with the keying pulse obtained from a winding on the width coil.
Substitution of i-f, tuner and agc tubes had no affect. Overriding the
age with a bias box locked the picture in perfectly and eliminated the sync buzz.

The keying pulse was about 100


Fig. 2-Poor solder joint at flyback caused the age pulse to compress and reduced the horizontal width of the set.
volts low so a new width coil was tried with no progress. All capacitors, resistors in the age circuit were checked with no defects found. I-F alignment was also checked.

After studying the schematic I decided to check the flyback. Measuring the resistance between terminals $5 \& 6$ in Fig. 2, revealed a resistance of 500 K instead of 0.7 ohm . Close inspection of the flyback revealed the wire coming from the flyback to terminal 6 on the board was poorly soldered. Soldering this connection returned the keying pulse to normal. The set performed correctly and had width to spare.Jim Utterback, Columbus Junction, Iowa.

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# Erecting Fringe-Area TV Antennas 

## Installation Techniques For TV Antenna Towers, Extended Sectional Masts and Guy Supports

Dan George

- The demand for fringe area reception has created a need for a higher order of technical ability and ingenuity. TV owners in the distant suburbs are requesting reception equal in quality to that being enjoyed by their city dwelling counterpart. The technician is being called upon by the

Fig. 1-At least three suitable guy wires are needed to support a 30 or 40 foot mast with stacked anfenna array under normal wind loading conditions. More are desirable.

fringe area TV owner to produce results. This development requires a little more than superficial consideration.

The question uppermost in the mind of the responsible technician appears to be: "How can I satisfy the demands of this customer?"

Most fringe-area technicians have been confronted with a customer recently moved from the city to establish neighborly relations with the grass-hoppers, ants and bees. The new suburban arrival just cannot understand why the antenna installation must cost as much as the TV set, or at least, double the standard city installation price. After exhausting all patience, explaining line-of-sight, below the horizon, etc., the technician finally convinces the set owner that an antenna tower of a certain height with a stacked array must be installed. Within three or four hours two technicians will have earned their pay, literally by the sweat of their respective brows.

## Gelting The Job Done

From past callous-hand experience I have found it easier to assemble a telescoping tower than mount thirty feet of swage-ended mast lengths to the roof of a house. Raising 30 feet of mast even 16 ga , with a stacked array on one end, is apt to end in a buckled-collapse of the mast and damage to the antenna elements. A typical 30 foot installation with stacked conicals is shown in Fig. 1. The antenna choice may include the conical, V beam, in-line or any one of the so-called broad-band yagi arrays. Individual area problems will
generally govern the choice. If you are called from the city and are unfamiliar with the area, you should consult the local distributor for information regarding practical arrays, mast height requirements, etc.

Fig. 2-Proper connection of guy wire to mast ring and turnbuckle is important in aiding an antenna to stand up in a storm.



Fig. 3-Telescoping TV antenna towers are quickly and easily installed, and present a minimum of installation hazards.

Chimney mounts are frequently used as the base for a twenty or thirty foot guyed mast with stacked antenna array. Standard city procedure changes here since most of the assembly work is done while the two men are on a peak roof. It would be foolhardy to attempt to do a job of this kind alone. A sudden gust of wind, while adjusting this length of mast, could pitch the entire assembly and the installation technician from the roof.

After assembling the required length of mast the next job is placing the array and guy wire ring. The two antennas, joined by stacking bars, should be mounted with the top antenna mounted six or eight inches from the top end of the mast. It is important that both antennas are on the same plane when they are tightened. If not, an out-of-phase ghost signal may be observed on the TV screen. After the array is secure and the lead-in has been attached to the center of the stacking bars, the next
step is tying the guy wires in place. Three wires, preferably stranded aluminum alloy, should be attached to the guy ring at approximately 120 degrees apart. The ring should be attached to the mast a few feet below the bottom antenna. This spacing of the guy wires will allow the antenna to bear the effects of wind loading and sway. It is important that the guy wires be secured properly. Past experience with Boy Scout knots can prove helpful.
Typical mast and base connections for guy wires are shown in Fig. 2. Make sure the guy wire base connections are made to durable points. Otherwise you may run into an experience similar to that of a technician I know. It seems he installed a guy wire system so good that the wind didn't even budge the antenna. Instead, it ripped away part of the customer's roof at a point where the base turnbuckles were secured. He did not take the time necessary to carefully inspect the guy wire mounting point. He is now paying for a new roof. If possible, guy wire base mounts should be secured to lower

Fig. 4-The mast platform design should provide an ample margin of strength to safely support the heavy mast and array under all wind loading conditions.



Fig. 5-Sectional type towers mounted at ground level must be assembled and erected with the aid of a gin pole. When mounted on a roof they are generally assembled from the first mounted section upward by climbing the mast.
areas of tree trunks or to adequate buried ground anchors.

## Towers

Installing a tower on the roof is a more difficult job. A collapsible tower, similar to the one shown in Fig. 3 is easier to install than the sectional type. After its base is secured it can be extended upward from within. The mast and antenna are fastened to the top section when in the collapsed position and the tower is then extended upward. There are two universal tower base mounts which should cover most intended applications. One type provides flat mounts for flat roof surfaces, and the other easily adapts to pitched roofs. An example of both types are shown in Fig. 4. In either case it is advisable to nail or bolt two three-by-six planks to the roof where the tower is to be mounted. The tower base is then bolted to these planks. The roof is protected and reinforced by this platform. The tower is now mounted to its base anchored to this solid platform. Naturally, all towers require a minimum of three guy-wires, anchored as close as possible to 120 degrees apart.

Aluminum towers are much lighter than steel. It is safer on a roof to handle a 125 pound aluminum tower than a 500 pound steel tower. This is no reflection on the steel tower. The steel tower's advantages are obvious when it is used at ground level. Common sense, however, advises the technician to use the lighter metal when making a roof installation.

Sectional tower installations made on the roof require the technician to climb the side of the tower when the added section is to be attached. This calls for an abundance of intestinal fortitude. You can picture a dare-
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## TV Ownership in U.S. \& Canada

TV set ownership in the United States and Canada continues its climb toward the saturation limit. According to studies by the A. C. Nielsen Co., 45,200,000 U.S. homes own one or more TV receivers. This is $87 \%$ of the $52,000,000$ homes in the country.

In Canada, the saturation is $80 \%$, with $3,423,410$ homes out of a total of $4,267,000$ (excluding Newfoundland) owning TV.

The following is a state-by-state breakdown of TV homes and the percent saturation (TV homes/total homes).

United States

| Tele- |
| :---: |
| vision of |
| Homes |
| all |

Homes

| TOTAL U.S. | $45,200,000$ | $87 \%$ |
| :---: | ---: | :--- |
| NORTH EAST | $12,043,800$ | 92 |
| NEW ENGLAND | $2,725,060$ | 92 |
| CONNECTICUT | 655,550 | 93 |
| MAINE | 234,580 | 90 |


| MASSA- |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| CHUSETTS | $1,358,160$ | 93 |
| NEW |  |  |
| HAMPSHIRE | 153,320 | 91 |
| RHODE |  |  |
| ISLAND | 232,810 | 93 |
| VERMONT | 90,640 | 88 |
| MIDDLE |  |  |
| ATLANTIC | $9,318,740$ | 92 |
| NEW JERSEY | $1,628,530$ | 93 |
| NEW YORK | $4,694,940$ | 92 |
| PENNSYL- | $2,995,270$ | 92 |
| VANIA |  |  |
| NORTH CENTRAL $14,061,900$ | 90 |  |
| E. N. |  |  |
| CENTRAL | $10,032,610$ | 92 |
| ILLINOIS | $2,848,170$ | 92 |
| INDIANA | $1,297,250$ | 91 |
| MICHIGAN | $2,151,580$ | 92 |
| OHIO | $2,700,660$ | 93 |
| WISCONSIN | $1,034,950$ | 90 |
| W. N. |  |  |
| CENTRAL | $4,029,290$ | 86 |
| IOWA | 775,950 | 90 |
| KANSAS | 557,660 | 83 |
| MINNESOTA | 847,360 | 87 |
| MISSOURI | $1,215,750$ | 89 |


| NEBRASKA | 372,520 | 84 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NORTH <br> DAKOTA | 124,890 | 73 |
| SOUTH <br> DAKOTA | 135,160 | 68 |

SOUTH $\quad 11,908,440 \quad 80$
S. ATLANTIC $\quad 5,700,400 \quad 82$

| DELAWARE | 116,850 | 92 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| DIST OF |  |  |
| CO | 223,900 | 92 | COLUMBIA 223,900 92


| FLORIDA | $1,177,740$ | 81 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| GEORGIA | 809,900 | 79 |

MARYLAND 776,940 90 NORTH
CAROLINA 877,480 79

SOUTH
CAROLINA 459,800 77
VIRGINIA $854,550 \quad 82$

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\text { VIRGINIA } \quad 403,540
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E. S. CENTRAL $\quad 2,366,000 \quad 74$
ALABAMA 638,230 76

KENTUCKY 622,170 75
MISSISSIPPI 354,310 64
TENNESSEE 751,290 78
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## Bowling Alleys

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filament image) on card. It should center pencil line precisely, and should not be higher from the floor than the lamp's unit housing. If not in the correct position, move lamp mount to properly center image:
4. When image is properly centered, the lamp adjusting screw is tightened, locking the lamp in place.

After these adjustments are made the technician should observe the light beam falling on the PEC cathode. Care should be taken to check the PEC mounting to assure that its cathode is facing square to the light beam. Although it cannot be reversed because of its polarized socket, it can be rotated on a quadrant either 90 or 180 degrees from normal position.

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unit to normal operation, change the PEC or look for bad connections in its immediate area.
The lamp-holder should be checked to determine if it has been moved out of adjustment. No possibility should be overlooked when attempting to isolate the cause of abnormal operation.

If the trouble has not been located to this point, short out the PEC terminals at the amplifier unit. If this restores normal operation the trouble is no doubt in the wiring. If this does not help, a re-check of the detector unit is in order.

As in all electronic equipment, erratic or intermittent operation poses the most difficult problems. Causes for steady state fault conditions, previously covered, are generally easier to locate.

Loose or high resistance connections are frequent reasons for intermittent operation. Voltage fluctuations in either a-c or d-c supplies can also produce erratic operation. High ripple content in the $\mathrm{B}+$ or bias supplies can create unstable conditions. Borderline low voltage may also become a real problem.


Fig. 4-If a short develops across the paired wiring connecting the PEC to the amplifier, full bias voltage will be placed on the amplifier tube's grid-cutting off the tube.

The technician should memorize the proper voltage values existing at various points in the amplifier unit when it is operating normally. A VOM should be used to measure various voltage points in the amplifier in an effort to spot sudden
changes at a particular point when erratic operation occurs.

Wiring frequently becomes chafed, or the insulation is badly damaged. Visually inspect all wiring that is not hidden from sight. It may become necessary at times to disconnect wiring from both ends (from amplifier and PEC unit) and check insulation resistance. Set the VOM on its highest $R$ scale. If an infinite reading is not obtained, the wire is doubtful. The "initial kick" a meter needle may show when placed across the line is caused by the distributed capacity of the line. Using the R X 1 ohmmeter scale, continuity of both wires in the line should be checked. Short one end of the line and check from the other. A bad splice may show up as an added resistance in the line. Of course, on this test, it is important to have a reord of the normal resistance of the line when in good condition. -

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| W. S. CENTRAL | $3,842,040$ | 80 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| ARKANSAS | 344,100 | 71 |
| LOUISIANA | 676,420 | 79 |
| OKLAHOMA | 556,310 | 82 |
| TEXAS | $2,265,210$ | 81 |
| WEST | $7,185,860$ | 86 |
| MOUNTAIN | $1,528,330$ | 79 |
| ARIZONA | 297,940 | 83 |
| COLORADO | 425,520 | 83 |
| IDAHO | 142,100 | 77 |
| MONTANA | 137,040 | 64 |
| NEVADA | 69,040 | 77 |
| NEW MEXICO | 182,150 | 74 |
| UTAH | 216,060 | 89 |
| WYOMING | 58,480 | 61 |
| PACIFIC | $5,657,530$ | 88 |
| CALIFORNIA | $4,401,480$ | 90 |
| OREGON | 466,920 | 79 |
| WASHINGTON | 789,130 | 85 |

## Canada

| Tele- | $\%$ of <br> vision <br> all <br> Homes Homes |
| :---: | :---: |

CANADA

| (9 PROVINCES) | $3,423,410$ | $80 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| MARITIMES | 228,930 | 72 |
| PRINCE EDWARD |  |  |
| ISLAND | 14,390 | 62 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 129,980 | 78 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 84,560 | 65 |
| QUEBEC | 983,130 | 88 |
| ONTARIO | $1,336,930$ | 86 |
| PRAIRIE PROVINCES | 536,860 | 66 |
| MANITOBA | 159,610 | 69 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 148,000 | 61 |
| ALBERTA | 229,250 | 68 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 337,560 | 72 |

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## Heath STEREO TUNER

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## Clarostaf RESISTORS

New axial lead vitreous wire-wound resistors, Greenohm "V", are available in three sizes: 3,5 , and 10 watts; and carry type designations of Series VC3D, VC5E and VC10F. The axial lead design is particularly suited to

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## Xcelite TOOLS

Special purpose hand tools for assembly and service problems include those shown which are: (upper, left to right, double-ended, bronze-tipped adjusting tool for electronic equipment; combination screwdriver/nutdriver for business machines; special

driver for servo-control tamper-proof screws; (lower, left to right,) insulated bronze thread wrench for electrical equipment; prong-tipped adjusting tool for electronic computers; and offset swiveled nutdriver for typewriter assembly. Xcelite, Inc., Orchard Park, N. Y.
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## Stereo Tape Glossary

The world of stereophonic sound on magnetic tape is developing a language all of its own-and to guide the growing audience of music lovers the Magnetic Recording Industry Association has issued a glossary of tape terms.
A.B. Test: Direct comparison of two sounds by playing first one, then the other. This may be done with two tape recorders playing identical tapes (or the same tape), two speakers playing alternately from the same tape recorder, or two
amplifiers playing alternately through one speaker, etc.
Blank Tape: Tape on which nothing has been recorded. Also called raw tape or virgin tape.
Capstan: The revolving spindle which drives the tape at a constant speed over the recording and playback head.
Demagnetizer: A device for removing magnetism which may build up in a recording or play-back head. A magnetized head can cause noise and distortion.
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corded reels of tape.
Dub or Dupe: (Noun) A copy of a recording. (Verb) To make a copy of a recording by recording on one machine what another machine is playing. Also called re-recording. Fast Forward Control: A button or lever to cause the tape to move rapidly from the "feed" reel to the take-up reel-often combined with rewind control, a button or lever to cause the tape to move rapidly from the take-up reel back to the "feed" reel.
Four-Track Tape: Four different recordings on one tape. Two tracks are recorded in each direction. For stereo, two tracks are played simultaneously while the other two tracks are silent. The tape direction is reversed and the two remaining tracks are played. This doubles the amount of stereo music on a given length of one-quarter-inch wide tape.
Flat Response: Ability of a sound system to reproduce all tones (from the lowest to the highest) in their proper proportions. (For example, a specification of response within plus or minus one db from 30 to $15,000 \mathrm{c}$ p.s. would be considered "flat.")
Db., or Decibel: A relative measure of sound intensity, or volume, used to express the ratio of one sound intensity to another. One " db " is the smallest change in sound the human ear can detect. Normal ear can seldom detect sound variations under 3 db .
Flutter and/or Wow: Changes in pitch of tones due to relatively small variations in tape speed. Can be caused by faulty mechanism or by "bow-stringing" of tape across heads or tape guides. The only difference between flutter and wow is the rate at which the pitch change takes place. If the rate is below 10 c.p.s., the term wow is used; above this rate, flutter.
Gap: Distance between the poles of a head, measured in mils (one mil-. 001 inch). In a playback head, a smaller gap usually aids in achieving a higher frequency range.
Head: Ring-shaped electromagnet which magnetizes the tape's iron oxide coating in a series of patterns. In most machines there is a combination record/playback head, and an erase head.
Head Alignment: Positioning so that the head gap is exactly perpendicular to the path of the tape travel. Misalignment causes loss of high frequencies on playback.
Index Counter: Odometer type counter for noting location of selections on tape. Most late model
recorders have built-in counters.
I. P. S.: Speed of tape in inches-persecond.
Leader and Timing Tape: Plain nonmagnetic tape for splicing to either end of magnetic tape to facilitate threading and preserve recorded material; or, for splicing between recorded tape to separate selections or provide pauses.
Level Indicator: Device on recorder to show "level," or volume of sound, at which recording is being made. Uses neon bulb, meter or similar indicator to signal too much or two little recording volume.

Pressure Pads: Felt "cushions" on spring arms which keep the magnetic tape in close contact with the heads.
Signal-To-Noise Ratio: Ratio (stated in db's) between the loudest undistorted tone recorded and reproduced by the recorder-and the noise produced by the machine itself.
Tape Cartridge: "Magazine" or holder, which can be used on a cartridge tape recorder without threading. Available in both recorded and blank tape.
Tape Deck: Platform part of re-
corder, mounted with motor, reels, heads and controls. Does not include amplifier, pre-amp, lounspeaker, etc. Designed primarily for hooking up with existing high fidelity system.
Tape Speed: Speed at which tape moves past the recording head. Standard speeds for home use are $33 / 4 \mathrm{ips}$ and $71 / 2$ ips. Most recorders provide these two speeds and most recorded tapes are supplied in these two speeds. (At present, all new 4 -Track tapes are $71 / 2$ ips; tape cartridges are $33 / 4 \mathrm{ips}$.) Other speeds are faster 15 and 50 ; and slower $77 / 8$ and $15 / 16$.

## TV Antenna

(Continued from page 49) devil technician 50 feet off the ground working from the roof of a house. His partner steadies the initial mounted section while he ascends the side with the additional section. After reaching the top he must secure this section and repeat the performance until the mast is finished and the antenna attached to the top-most section. On a 50 foot building with a 40 foot tower, the technician often works 80 to 90 feet above the ground.

A frequently used sectional type tower is shown in Fig. 5. Again, choice of tower is entirely up to the technician and many prefer to use a sectional tower, while others indicate a preference for the telescoping type. Both provide good masts for high antenna installations.

If the installation is in an area offering two TV stations in different directions, the technician has a choice of installing two antennas with lead-ins terminating at a double pole double throw switch; two antennas with matching bars and one feed line; or finally, one broad-band antenna with a rotor. A rotor installation gives the set owner better control of antenna pick-up.

It should be remembered that all high tower and mast installations are subject to local fire and city ordinances. Make sure you can comply with these before starting an installation. As you can see, these installations are not as easily done as that "ten-foot" job in the city, and labor charges are increased accordingly. -

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Fig. 1-Keeping screws (or lock nuts) tight will solve most slow and poor-heating tip problems on solder guns.

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Fig. 2-Front-to-back ratio of video detector diodes can be measured with a VOM without unsoldering the diode. Circuit to video amplifier input is clipped at point "X."
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CSEA, Fresno, service dealers and distributors met to discuss a number of points of mutual interest, including: (1) Captive service problems. (2) Methods for increasing tube sales. (3) Pay TV effects on business. (4) Do-it-yourself plug-in TV modules . . . CSEA also announced a drive for licensing in the state is under way. Ballots are being distributed to the public to learn whether they would support licensing.

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## Training Film Available

NATESA, Chicago, reports the receipt of a letter from S. R. Mihalic, Chairman of the EIA Service Committee, informing Frank J. Moch of an available customer relations training film. Any service group wishing to use the film should contact D. H. Stover, Service Coordinator, Electronic Industries Association, 1721 De Sales St. N. W., Washington, D. C., specifying two or three alternate dates suitable for showing the film. NATESA also reports, at their recent annual convention, members heard Morris L. Finneburgh, of the Finney Antenna Co. and Jack Cattaral, of Raytheon Co. advocate licensing for the Independent Service Industry. Mr. Cattaral proposed federal licensing as the best answer.

## Indiana

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## Montana

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## North Carolina

NCFEA, High Point, reports the following have been elected to office: Pres., Charles McBroom; V.P., Howard Stutts; Treas., Joe Woods; Sec'y., Garland Hoke. Rowan-Cabarrus association has elected the following officers : Pres., Q. A. Fitte, Jr.; V.P., L. B. Mishak; Sec.-Treas., Harold Sherrill. Greensboro has elected the following officers: Pres., Bill Vaughn; V.P., Bob Walker; Sec'y., Nathan Shelton; Treas., Marion Ellis

## Ohio

ETAT, Toledo, reports TESA, Lake County, has elected the following officers: Pres., George Schlee; V.P., Charles Forsch; Sec'y, Ralph Friend; Treas., Louis Such.

## Oregon

TESA. Portland, has elected the following officers: Pres. and NATESA Dir., Les Quigley; V.P., Bill Parmalee; Treas., Chet Gowen.

## Pennsylvania

TSA, Chester County, reports the following officers have been elected: Pres., Richard Kneib; V.P., Charles Graybeard; Sec'y., Harold Jeavons; Treas., Kenneth Godschell.

## Washington

## Codes of Ethics Condemned

TSA. Seattle, reported that TESA-King County sponsored a resolution to the NATESA convention condemning codes of ethics sponsored by manufacturers and others which are similar to, or duplicate, those codes already adopted by service associations.

## Wisconsin

TESA, of Wisconsin, reports elections were held and the first officers are: Pres., Jerry Hall; V.P., Harold Juelich; Sec'y., Fred Leonard; Treas., Dave Lewis.


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by high plate current being drawn by the tube.

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A lower than normal grid voltage (too positive) with respect to cathode, or a cathode voltage not sufficiently positive with respect to the grid, can cause low plate voltage. Too little voltage at the cathode can be caused by a lowered value cathode resistor ( $\mathrm{R}-2$ ). A shorted or leaky cathode by-pass capacitor ( $\mathrm{C}-1$ ) can also be the culprit.

A tube grid can run positive for several reasons. All tubes have some residual gas. A poorly evacuated tube will cause grid current flow. The grid will be positive with respect to ground. A gassy tube is seldom measurable on an ordinary type tube tester, but is easily located by voltage checks made with a VTVM at the grid of the tube, or with a grid circuit and gas tester. This condition is seldom encountered in preamplifier stages, but is quite common with audio power output tubes.

In the conventional resistancecapacitance coupled circuit, shown in Fig. 3, C-1, C-2 and C-3 are connected to signal sources. If these capacitors leak or become shorted positive voltage will normally appear at the grid, with corresponding lower than normal plate voltage.

## No Plate Voltage

There can generally be only two causes (direct or indirect) for absence of voltage at a tube's plate. Either the plate resistor is open or no voltage is being delivered by the power supply. In most cases a plate resistor opens because of a greater than normal current surge through


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it. This can be caused by a shorted grid coupling capacitor (C-1, C-2 or C-3) shown in Fig. 3. In this case a grid bias resistor (R-4, R-5 or R-6), may also overheat or become damaged. A completely shorted decoupling capacitor (C-4 or $\mathrm{C}-5$ ) can prevent $\mathrm{B}+$ appearing at


Fig. 5-Accurate voltage measurements are essential in troubleshooting a grounded grid cathode-coupled phase inverter.
a tube's plate-as well as an open decoupling resistor (R-3).

The most difficult case of all is a defective amplifier where all voltages measure correct. The trouble generally, but not always, is in the signal circuits. Using an ohmmeter, check all grid and plate circuits for shorts or lower than normal resistance to ground. Chances are that a grid resistor has been shorted inadvertently to cathode or ground at a solder terminal. Should voltage and resistance checks fail to reveal the fault, the signal should be traced

A 1000 cycle sine wave voltage is fed to one of the amplifier stage inputs. Using a scope as a signal indicator, check the amplifier stage-by-stage by moving the scope probe from the first grid input, working to the amplifier's output. (See test points from "A" to "D" in Fig. 3.)

## Other Triode Circuits

Similar methods are employed to troubleshoot the cathode follower circuit shown in Fig. 4. Cathode voltage is the important factor here. Voltage measurements at the tube grid should be made with a VTVM, or invalid readings may be obtained because of the circuit's high input impedance. Actual bias voltage appears between " $A$ " and the cathode. Input impedance is approximately equal to the ratio of


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the two cathode resistors multiplied by the grid resistor. An extremely high impedance probe is required to measure or signal trace the grid circuit.

A grounded grid circuit used in audio phase inverter circuits-the cathode-coupled phase inverter-is shown in Fig. 5. The grid of V-2 is maintained at signal ground through capacitor $\mathrm{C}-1$. A portion of the output signal from $\mathrm{V}-1$ is developed across the cathode resistor $\mathrm{R}-1$. This voltage is applied to the cathode and grid of V-2. When troubleshooting this type circuit, voltage measurements are important. It is recalled that the $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{c}$ voltage at $\mathrm{R}-1$, and consequently the plate voltages, are determined by the combined plate currents of V-1 and V-2.

Signal tracing this circuit can be very confusing. Trouble is usually found in a feedback loop associated with other voltage and power amplifier circuits. The circuit is so well balanced that any defective or out-of-tolerance component upsetting one tube usually upsets the second tube. Thus, relative signal and amplitude measurement tests at the two tube plates will yield very little useful information.

This circuit should be approached first by checking all voltages. Next, with an ohmmeter, the values of all four resistors should be determined. Capacitors are best checked by substitution.

Troubleshooting a pentode is not unlike the process employed for a triode stage. This holds true for the tetrode, beam power output tube, stage amplifier pentode as well as the power output pentode. Only slight variations in approach are required.

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