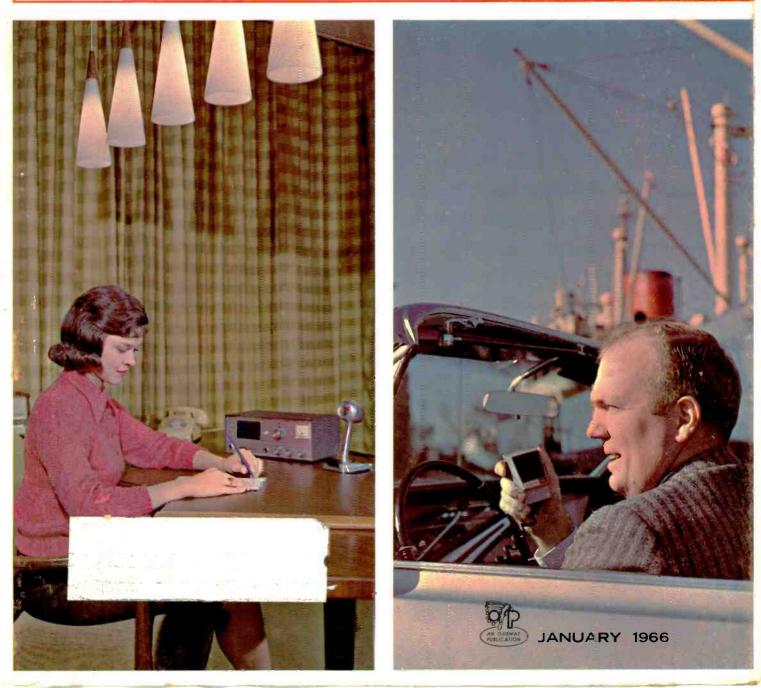


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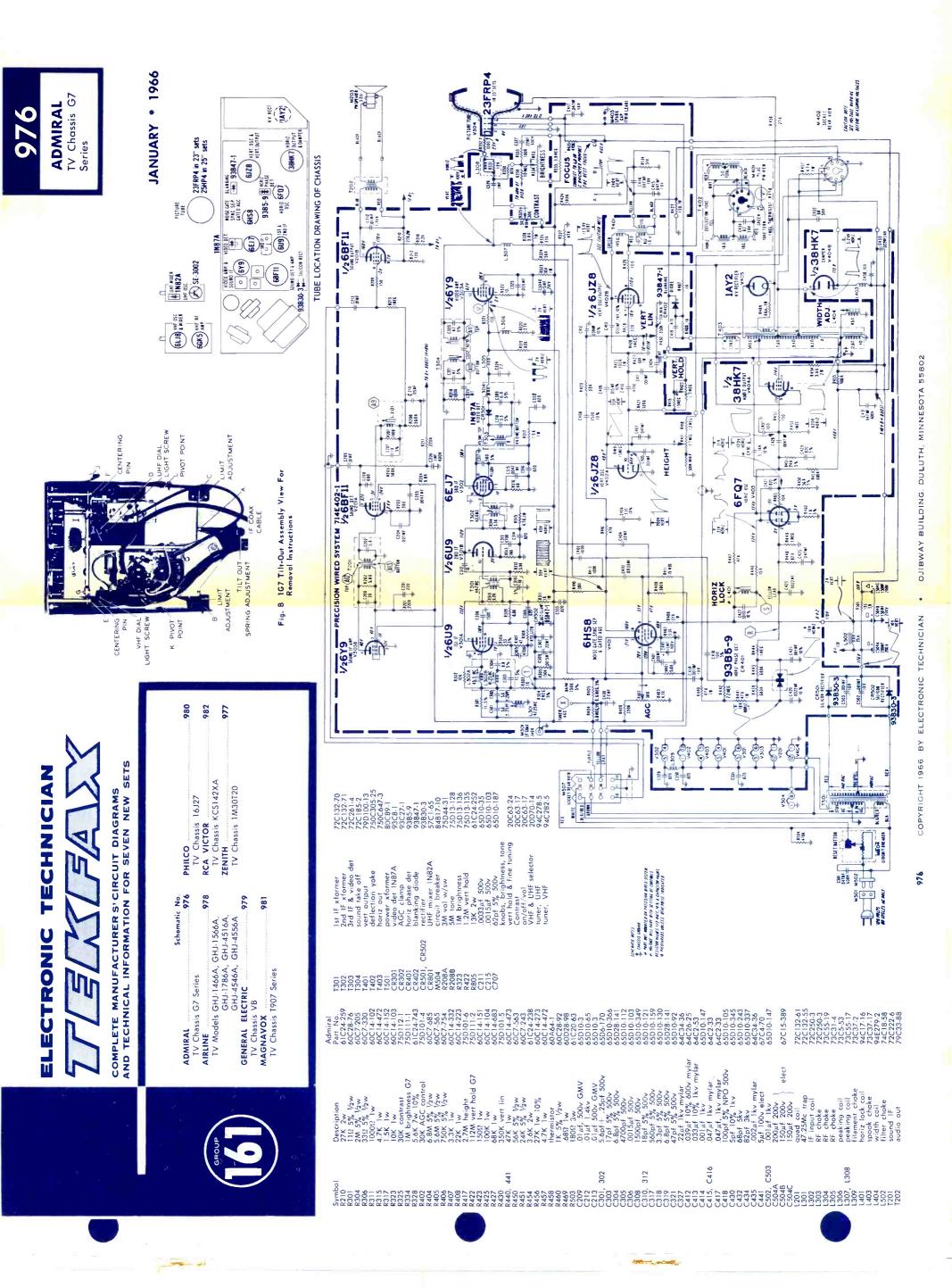
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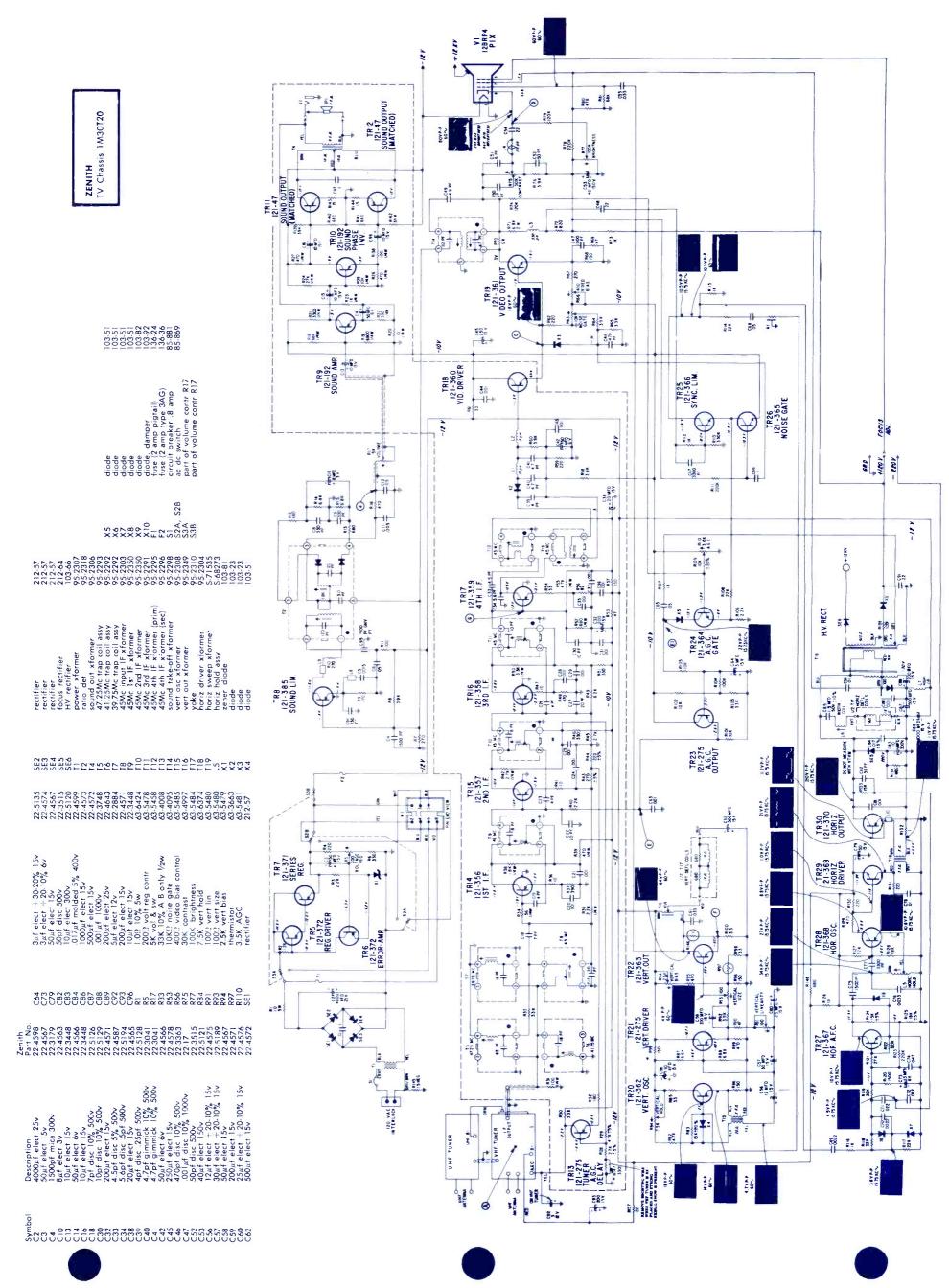




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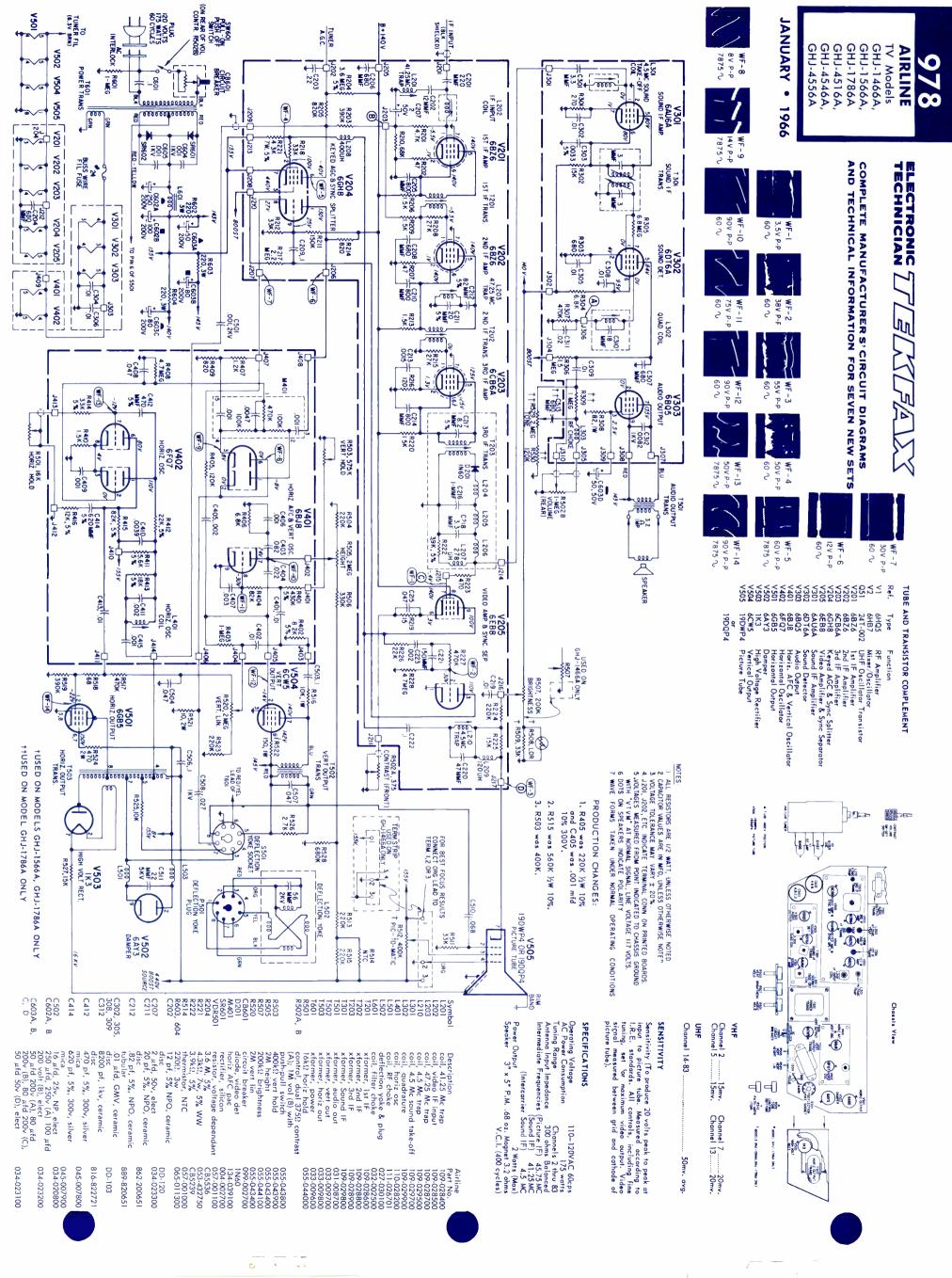
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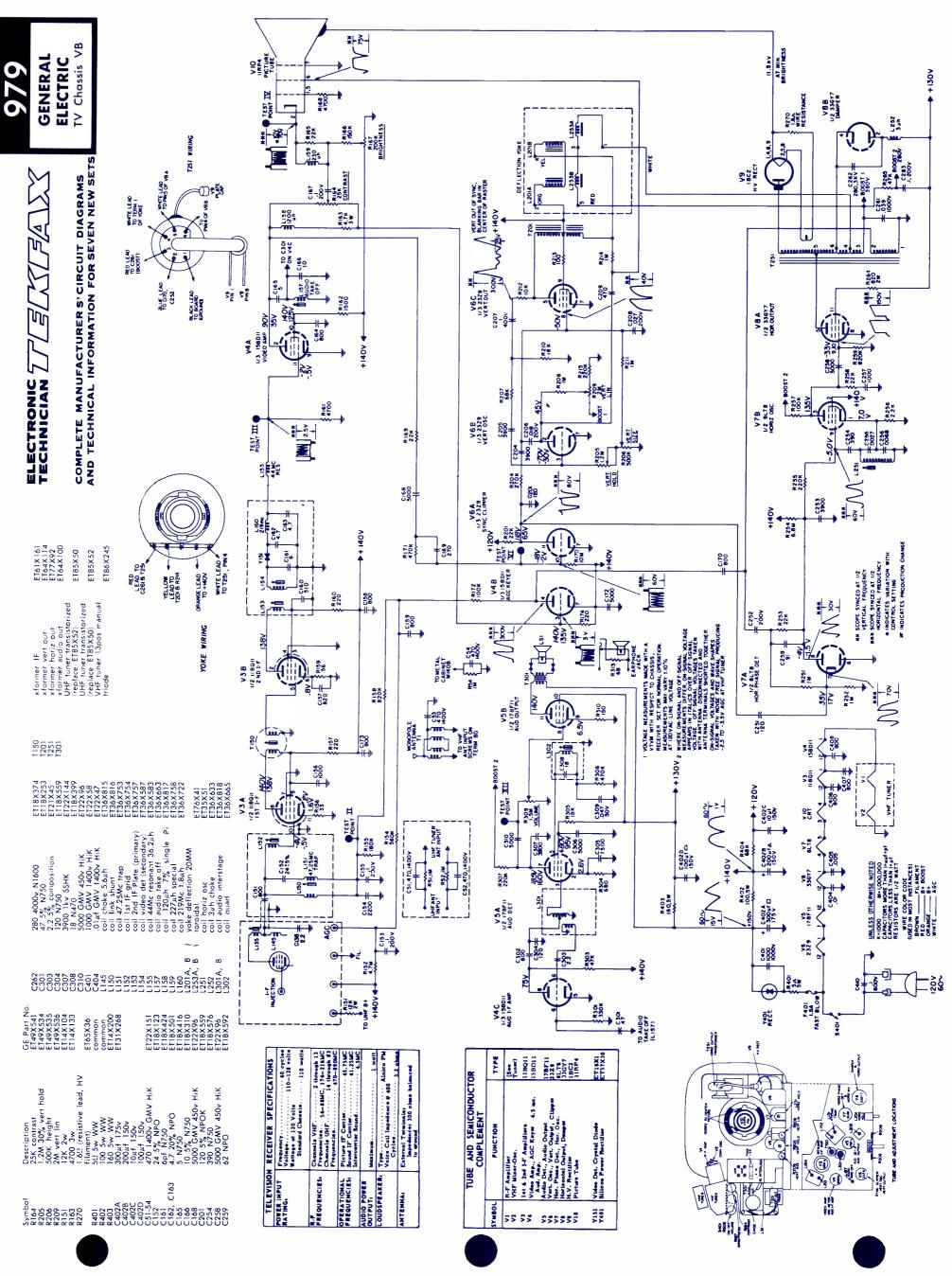
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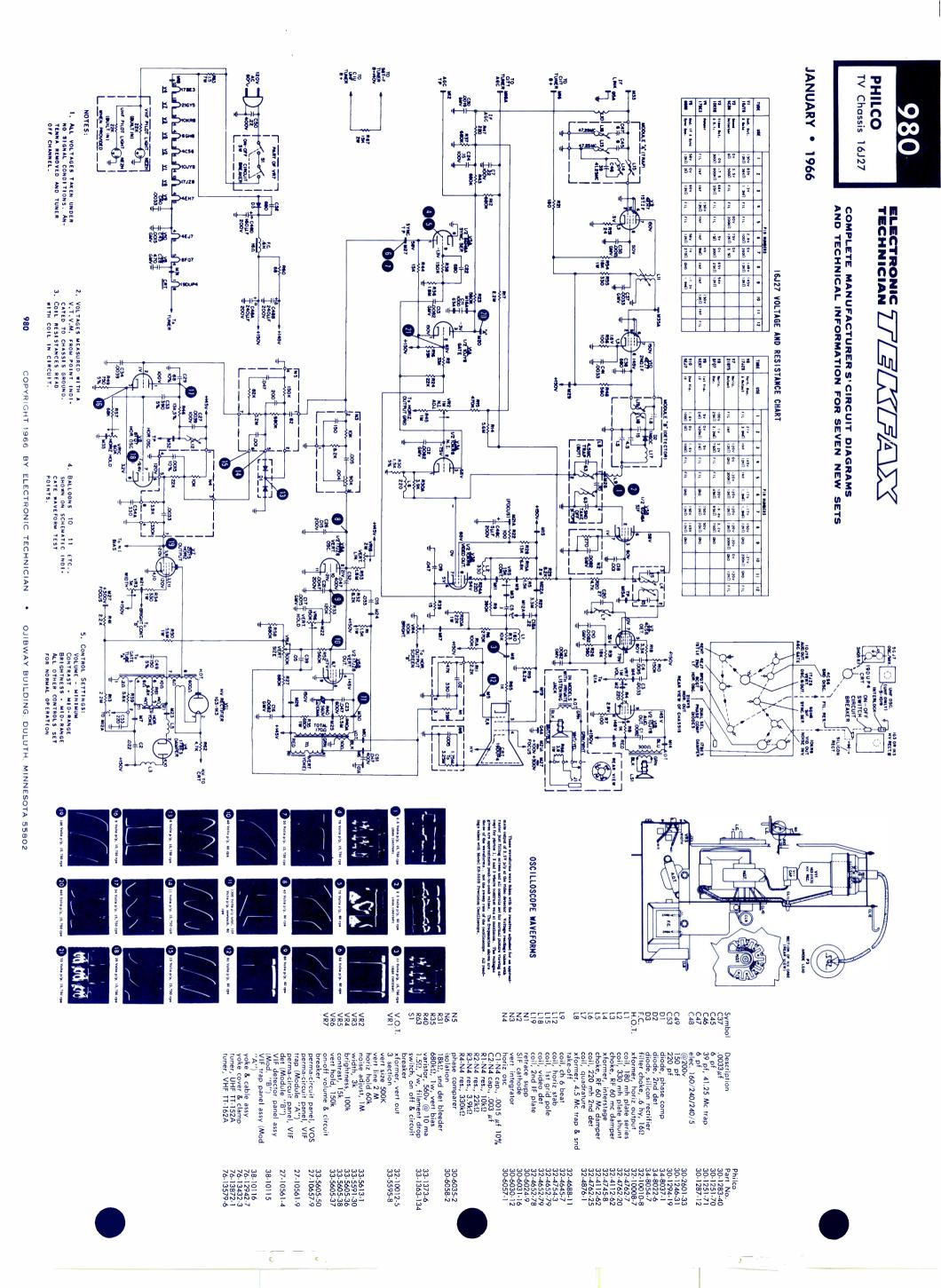
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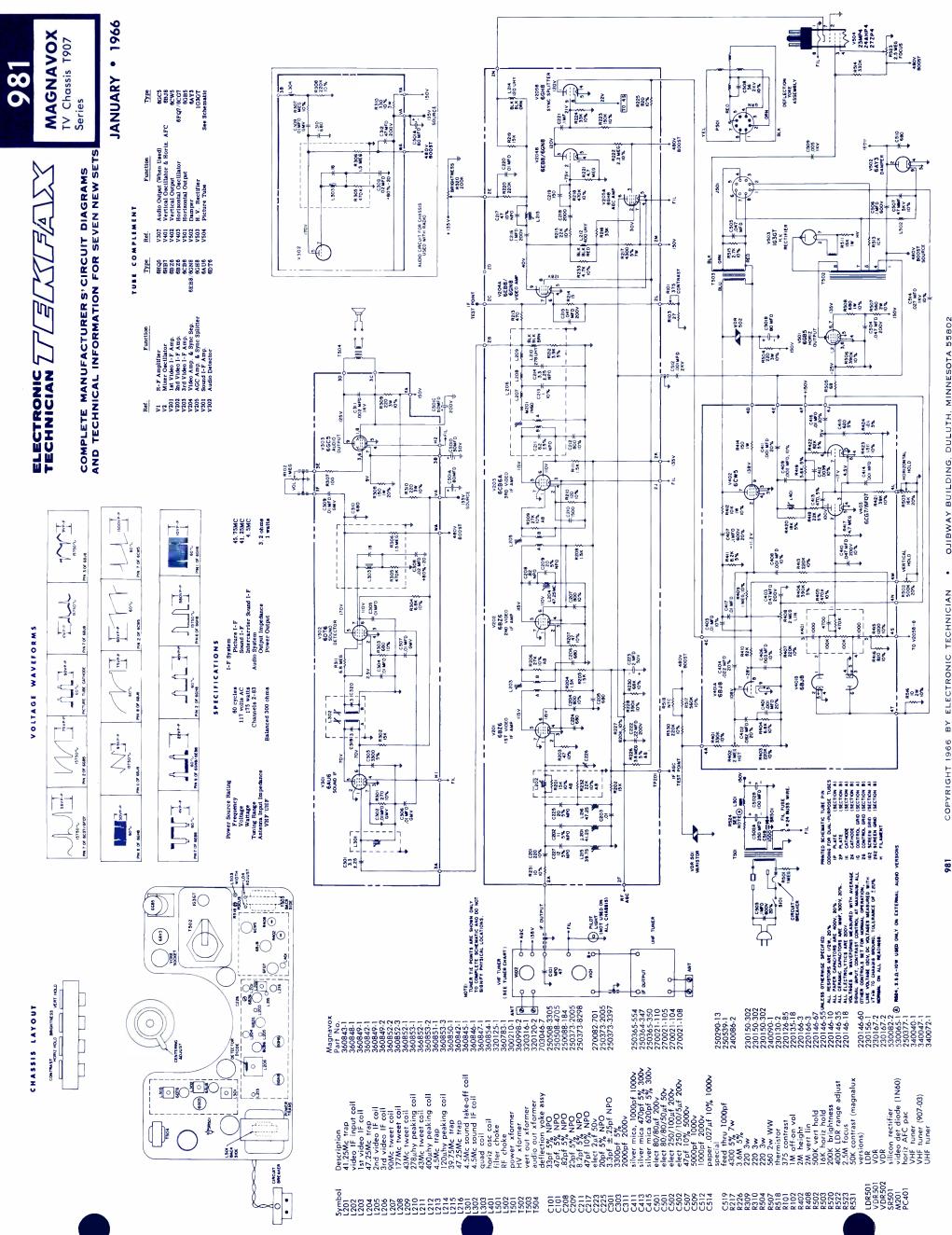


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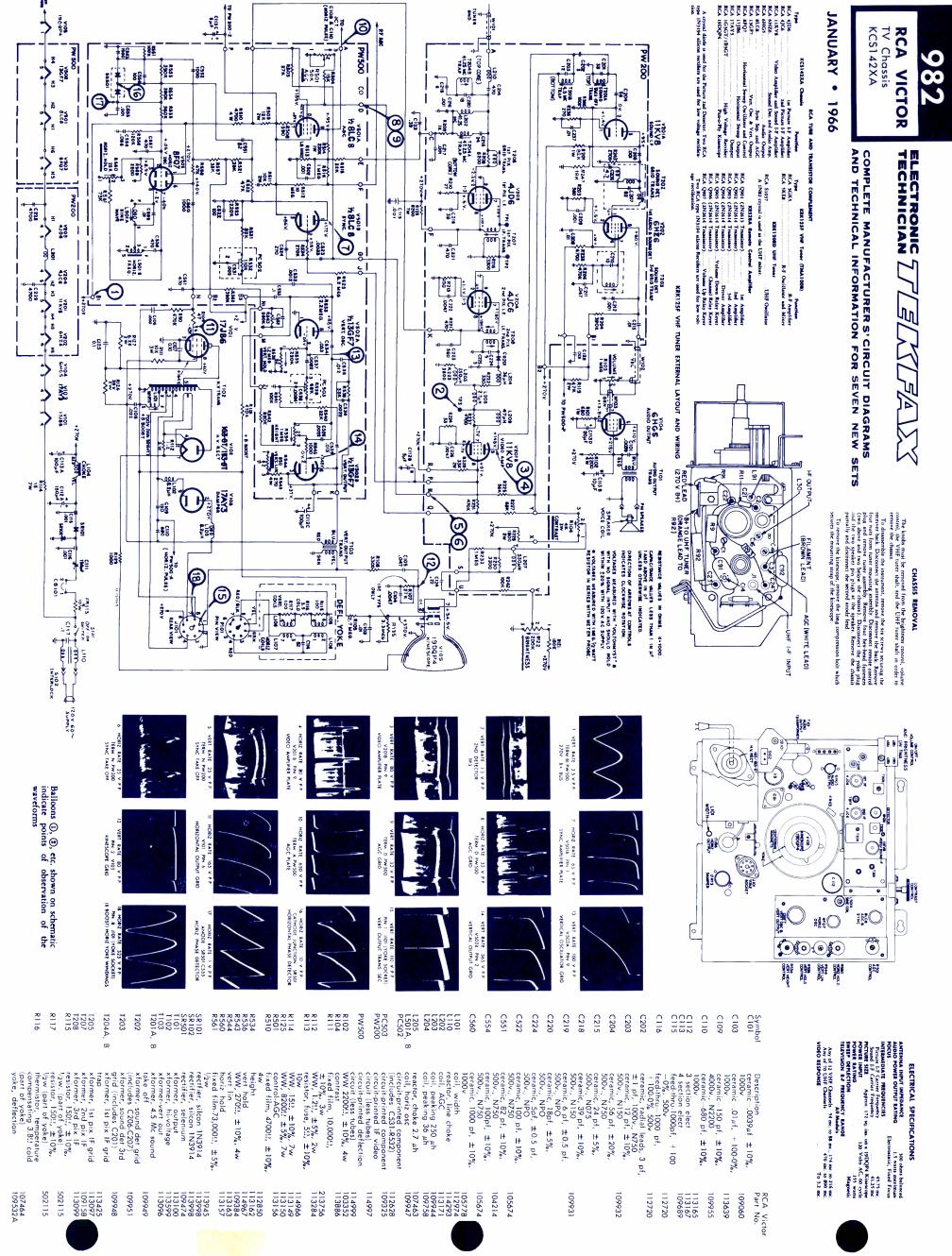
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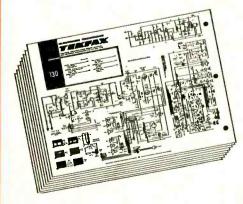
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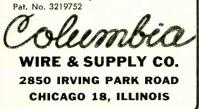
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#### The 'Die-Hards'

More than a year ago in this column (November 1964) we lauded The Federal Communications Commission's efforts to preserve the Citizens Radio Service which was fast becoming a "giant hobbyist party line." We believed that "proper regulations would help CB radio grow and become one of the important sales and service sectors in the two-way communications market."

New FCC regulations have been in effect now for some time. But a substantial group who hold CB licenses are still carrying on with their "hobbytalk" on CB channels and in various news-stand publications. CB equipment is being used and promoted as a substitute for amateur radio equipment—avoiding and ignoring "ham" licensing responsibilities and violating laws of the land.

Not too long ago, for example, we heard a TV-radio shop manager trying to get a message through to one of his trucks. He was repeatedly jammed by a group of other stations who, ostensibly, were "rehearsing" in a Civil Defense "net." The "act" was an obvions subterfuge to carry on clandestine hobby-talk.

But what is even worse, these pseudo-amateurs are being spurred on and encouraged by some CB equipment manufacturers and distributors, who still push CB equipment to hobbyists in various ways. They continue, in effect, to promote the idea in the minds of these hobbyists and prospective hobby-type buyers that CB equipment can be used in place of "ham" radio equipment—sans license responsibilities.

It is now time for the FCC to begin using its well-organized facilities to police and crack down on CB license holders who are continuing to clutter up CB spectrum-space while the communications efforts of the legitimate license holder—private-citizen, business, industrial and emergency-communications—are being jammed and interfered with in many areas of the country.

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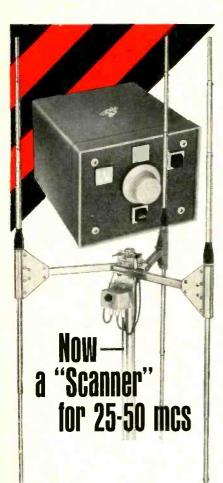
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#### Hot Box-Cold Room

You've probably heard this one before but here's what happened to us. We took a Philco console chassis to the shop for repair. Since the owner and his wife both worked, no one was at home during the day. We gave them a small portable to use during the time we had the console. Next day the owner called and said "the portable works fine but when we use it the house gets cold." Now here was a switch! We thought that we had heard everything. But we decided to check. We found that the customer was correct. The Portable had been placed on top of the console cabinet which had been pushed back near the wall. Being a hot little tin box, the portable put out plenty of heat - right under the wall thermostat of the furnace. The cure? We separated the TV from the thermostat and the furnace worked fine too.

WILLARD W. WAITE

Wellington, Ohio

#### Sony Transistorized TV

This may save some technicians a headache. This small Sony portable TV, Model 5-303W, showed picture fading out after it had been on for awhile but the sound never varied. All controls appeared to work properly when the video disappeared. A good video signal showed on the scope on both sides of the  $10\mu f$  capacitor coupling into the 2SC15 video output transistor. The 0.2µf capacitor coupling to the CRT from the transistor collector was disconnected at one end and a scope check at the collector showed that the signal polarity was the same here as on the transistor base and very weak. The 0.1µf capacitor was reconnected and the lights were turned off in the shop. A very weak negative picture could be observed on the screen. A series of voltage checks to ground was next made at the transistor base, collector and emitter. These were all low, with the collector voltage showing the greatest drop from normal values. All resistors in the circuit checked within tolerance. A new transistor was substituted but no change took place so the original was replaced. The capacitor across the 33  $\Omega$  emitter resistor couldn't make this much difference in signal, so I gave attention next to the  $100\mu f$  capacitor in series with the 500  $\Omega$  contrast control. This capacitor showed no leakage on the RX1 ohmmeter scale but on the RX100 scale it showed shorted. When it was replaced the picture came in fine. M. G. GOLDBERG

St. Paul, Minn.

#### More On Precision Apparatus

Tell Howard Williams, who asked for Precision Apparatus's address, not to waste his time writing this company. Nearly a year ago I sent them my VOM to be repaired and after a reasonable time, when the VOM didn't arrive, I wrote them a letter inquiring about its repair. The letter was not answered and several more letters were not answered either. In fact, after a year, I have given up hope of recovering my VOM.

JULIO BELLBER

#### New York, N.Y.

• I sent a check for \$3 to Precision Apparatus, the check was cashed but I never received the information.

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• We have received many letters from readers and from other sources stating they could not obtain service from Precision Apparatus Co., Inc., formerly of 70-31 84th Street, Glendale 27, N.Y. and that the company was no longer doing business as usual. This company was reported in 1964 and early 1965 as being located, at 819 King Street, Woodmere, L.I., N.Y. It was once listed in catalogs and purchasing guides either as an associate or subsidiary of Paco Electronics Co., Inc. or Pactronics but was not listed in the 1965 Radio Electronic Master. A recent report, which we believe to be reliable, indicates that the company is presently in business at 80-00 Cooper Avenue, Glendale, L.I., N.Y. We do not know to what extent. In the meantime we suggest that readers who have received no replies to letters sent to this company inquiring about service or who sent checks for service and received no service (although checks were cashed) and those who sent test instruments for repair without receiving back the instruments, once again attempt to obtain normal service from this company. If this fails, please no-tify ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN immediately giving all details. FLASH: A last minute press release received here says that the test instrument business of Precision Apparatus has been purchased by B&K Manufacturing Co., a division of Dynascan Corp. Under these circumstances it may be advisable to wait for the fog to clear up and then try to get satisfaction from the new owners.-Ed.

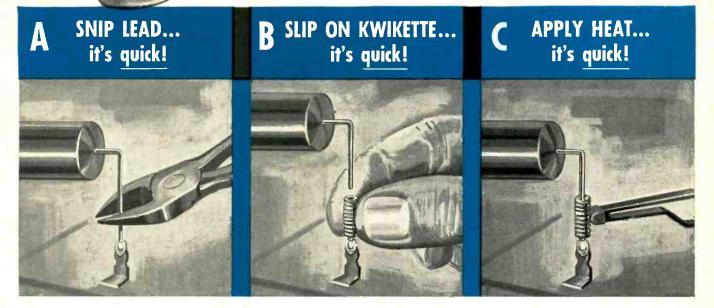
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# A Service Dealer-Marketing Program

Part II (Conclusion)

■ A previous article (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, November 1965, page 90) analyzed the question of marketing as the science of running a business. This included realistic goals, budgeting and the break-even point, organization, the service mix, advertising and sales promotion. Advertising was discussed from the viewpoint of its role in the service business. The amount spent on advertising is usually limited, however. This is because the average service dealer only has limited promotional funds. In this connection, efforts should be made to work with distributors and manufacturers in co-op programs. The



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service dealer must also use promotional materials made available to him by his suppliers. It just does not make sense for a dealer with a limited promotional budget to discourage or throw away materials which have been given to him at little or no charge. The smart service dealer will encourage, and even ask for, any and all such materials that his suppliers may have available.

Here again, we asked for Mr. Frank Moch's generous cooperation and wide range of experience in the service field. We asked him to comment on the role of advertising the service business, and here are his remarks:

"On the subject of advertising, here again a great variation exists. It appears that direct mail is the most productive and cost justifiable means for services."

Mr. Moch's comments make good sense and tie in perfectly with what has been said previously. Mailing pieces are readily available to you from manufacturers and distributors. All you need do is pay the postage. If you are not doing this, you may not be getting your share of the service market in your area. It is entirely possible that in trying to save pennies, you have lost out on dollars. Try to re-evaluate your own advertising program. Remember, the marketing conscious service dealer is constantly striving for ways to bring in new business and increase profits.

#### **Dollars and Cents Advertising**

We will now dig deeper into the subject of advertising in terms of dollars and cents. Although no specific formula can be applied to all situations, we must outline some system of determining just how much to spend on advertising during any given period.

We must first realize that advertising is a budgeted expense. We cannot obtain results by allocating funds in "scatter-gun" fashion. We must determine what the objectives of any given campaign will be and then allocate funds according to the *Continued on page 90* 

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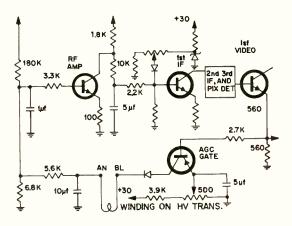


#### RCA VICTOR TV Chassis KCS153—AGC Circuit Description

The AGC system used in this chassis consists of a closed loop made up of the AGC gate, the RF amplifier, IF amplifiers, 1st video amplifier, and back to the AGC gate.

The system maintains a constant 1.2v at the emitter of the first video amplifier over a wide range of signal inputs. It is a "gated" or keyed AGC system in which an AGC voltage is developed at horizontal sync time and sustains for the duration of the horizontal scan time. Sync tips only are utilized to produce the control voltage; the system is noise immune, and not affected by scene variations.

Operation of the AGC circuits is as follows: As signal increases at the antenna, the output of the first video amplifier tends to increase. The increased video level is applied as an input signal to the "AGC gate." The AGC gate is rendered operative at horizontal sync time by a 30 volt negative pulse from the HV transformer which is applied to the collector of the AGC gate. At that time AGC gate amplifies the sync signal which is simultaneously occurring at the base. A positive AGC voltage is then developed, and is retained during scan time by the long



time-constant of the AGC bus. To prevent the collector to base junction of the AGC transistor from becoming forward biased by this developed AGC voltage, a diode is inserted between the AGC gate collector and the AGC bus. Such a condition would short out the AGC voltage. The positive AGC voltage so formed is then applied as forward bias on the RF amplifier transistor. This reduces the gain of the RF stage.

The RF amplifier then plays a "dual" role — in addition to its function as an RF amplifier, it amplifies and inverts the AGC signal delivering it to the base of the first IF amplifier as reverse bias. This reduces the gain of the first IF amplifier. In this manner both the RF amplifier and the first IF amplifier act to reduce the gain of the system.

The AGC output is filtered at the output of the AGC gate and additional filtering is provided at the IF AGC input.

The time constant of the system is slow enough to prevent "hang-up" of sync or AGC due to horizontal being out of sync; and still fast enough to permit AGC action on fast fluctuations.

To maintain optimum gain and signal to noise ratio and to prevent cross-modulation from occuring in the mixer, the RF amplifier is permitted to give nearly full gain on weak-to-medium input signals, most of the control being in the IF amplifier. As the signal gets increasingly stronger, the RF amplifier then assumes more control.

This is accomplished primarily by the characteristic of the RF amplifier. Further control over the "crossover" point is provided for the bias adjustment; this control sets the minimum gain of the first IF amplifier. This circuit is regulated by the use of a zener diode and isolated from the first IF amplifier by another diode.

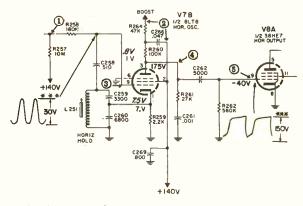
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#### TV Chassis DB-Horizontal Oscillator Troubleshooting Procedures

The following procedure may be used by service technicians to check the sine-wave horizontal oscillator of the DB chassis while troubleshooting the horizontal-high voltage system. It may also be applied to other G-E chassis incorporating the same type horizontal circuitry.

The partial schematic shows the oscillator circuitry with numbers identifying areas referred to in the stepby-step procedure. In actual troubleshooting, the DB (or other chassis) main-chassis schematic should be used, and common-sense troubleshooting practices followed; for example, in the event of a failure in the horizontal or highvoltage area, a preliminary visual inspection and a check of circuit voltages may furnish immediate clues to the trouble source.

1. Connect a jumper between chassis ground and the junction of R257 R258. If high voltage becomes operative as shown by the raster, it can be assumed that the difficulty is in the phase detector or another stage on that side of the oscillator. In this case, normal troubleshooting prac-



tices should be applied beginning with the phase detector output and working back.

2. If the oscillator remains suspect after Step 1, check dc voltages at the 8LT8 screen (pin 2) and the boost end of R264. Potential at both points should be approximately 140v without boost. If voltages are in this range, proceed to step 3. (No voltage at the end of R264 indicates failure in the damper or flyback circuitry.)

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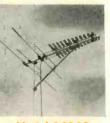
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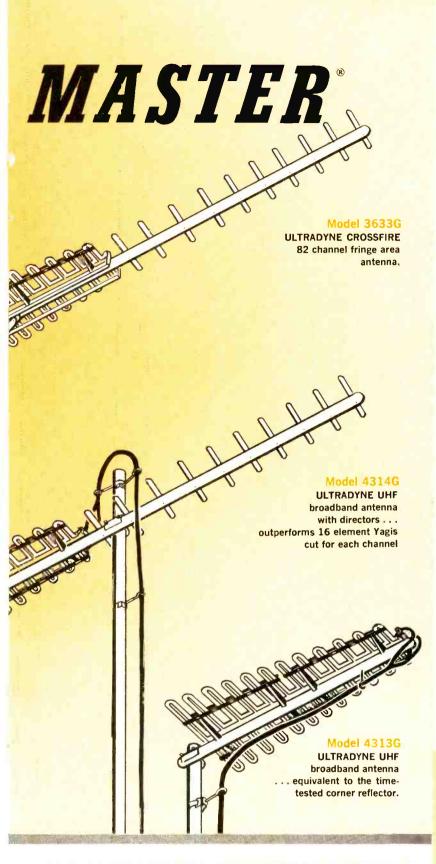


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# **TECHNICAL DIGEST**

3. Using a scope, check at the control grid (pin 9) for a horizontal-frequency sine-wave indicating that the oscillator is functioning. If the waveform does not appear, or appears at considerably smaller amplitude than indicated on the schematic, troubleshoot the oscillator stage for possible tube or component failure. If the waveform appears normal, proceed to Step 4.

4. Connect the scope to the 8LT8 plate (pin 3). If the scope does not show a trapezoidal waveform of approximately 100v amplitude, check for a short or open in the plate circuitry. Otherwise, go on to Step 5.

5. Connect the scope to the driver control grid (pin 9 of the 38HE7). The display and voltage reading should conform to that obtained at the plate of the 8LT8 in Step. 4. If not, the coupling capacitor C262 may be at fault.

If the oscillator is operating and properly driving the horizontal output stage, a high-voltage failure indicates trouble — probably a tube or component failure — in the high voltage area itself.

#### PHILCO

#### Stereo Amplifiers N25ST and ND25ST—Field Service Data

When a chassis is being serviced for output transistors that have been destroyed, the normal procedure would be to check for defective components in the output circuits in addition to replacing the defective transistors. Good procedure would be to make resistance or ohmeter checks first on a cold chassis. If no defects are shown by this procedure the next step would be to apply power and make voltage checks. Should the cause of the defect be such that it shows up or becomes more evident only when power is applied, however, then the technician stands a good chance of destroying the replacement transistors before he has time to locate the cause.

This problem can easily be avoided by using a variable ac line transformer.

The set should be operated through the variable transformer, initially adjusted to zero or minimum line voltage. With the amplifier turned on, advance the line voltage to a relatively low potential, approximately 20v.

Although the power supply voltage will be below the operating point for the set, a B + voltage will appear across the output transistors to ground of approximately 8v depending on the variable transformer setting and circuit variations. A voltage measurement across each transistor can then be made. The voltage division should be equal or very close across each pair of output transistors in the right and left channels. Thus the collector voltage of transistor Q7 or Q14, depending on which channel is being measured, would be 8v. The voltage and currents through the transistors, however, will be so low that the transistors would not be damaged by circuit defects.

Then measuring across the remaining transistors in each channel, collector to ground, a reading of 4v should be obtained. In other words the voltages are equally divided across each set of transistors indicating normal operation.

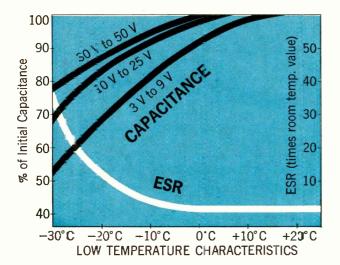
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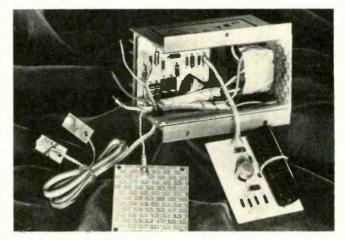
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It was also reported that circuitry of the Mark 10 system are not potted and all components are commercially available. Current price is less than \$50 for assembled units and less in kit form for those who wish to construct their own.

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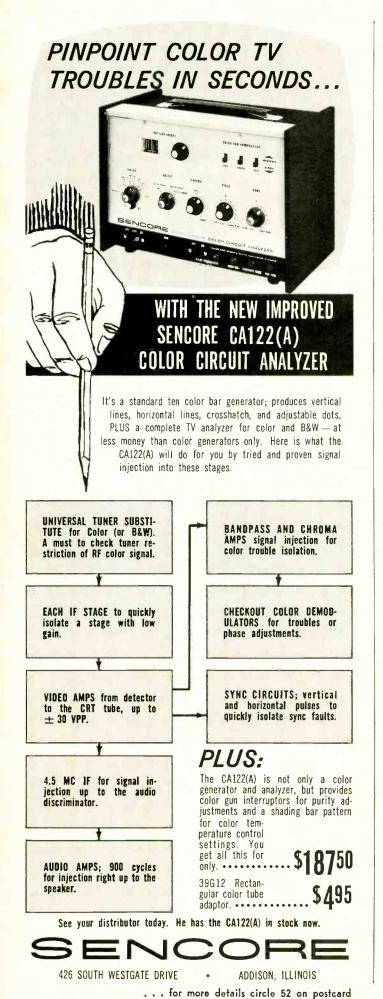
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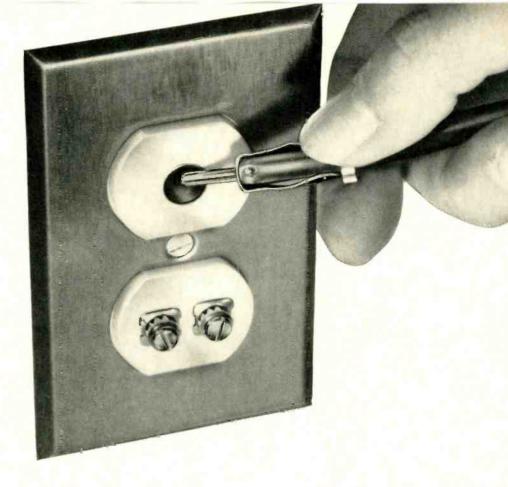
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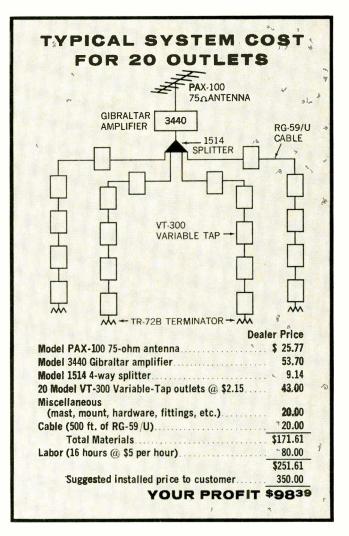
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# Servicing A Modern 2-Way Communications Center

An FCC license-holding service engineer handles emergency repairs and coordinates service activities



Teltronic's top team, William F. Graham, president and general manager, Peter Sacallaris, vice president and shop manager, John J. Cristea, vice president and service manager and Rosemary Thompson, secretary-treasurer and office manager. Two-way radio equipment servicing at the Montgomery County, Maryland emergency operating center is an example of modern spaceage technical competence and business "horse sense" in action.

The center, located in Silver Spring, Md., a suburb of the nation's capital, is built underground and designed to maintain operation even in the case of a nuclear

blast over the capital.

The equipment operates on VHF and UHF, has more than 400 mobile units, 10 VHF 250w base stations, one 250w UHF station and two UHF repeaters. The equipment operates on 11 different frequencies.

#### Service Organization

Around-the-clock service for this space-age communications center is performed by Teltronic Industrial Systems, Inc., under contract with Motorola. One service engineer, with a first class FCC license, is responsible for technical knowledge of the system. He does most of the emergency breakdown service and coordinates all service activities with the county. A staff of six other contract workers is instantly available for major service problems.

When the service load from simultaneous breakdowns becomes too much for one man, as many as four technicians at a time can be activated to restore equipment operation. Down-time on major equipment is generally less than one hour from the time the call is received until a technician has restored the equipment to normal service.

Emergency breakdowns represent about 30 percent of the technical effort expended on the system. Remaining time is devoted to preventative maintenance. All mobile and base station equipment is checked on a 90-day schedule. This includes frequency netting between transmitters and receivers, power output checks, receiver sensitivity and loose-wiring checks in mobile installations.

The weekly service load for the system requires about 60 technical man hours, not including a few hours logged by non-technical helpers who assist in pulling equipment for maintenance readings, meter readings on site alignments and general clean-up of mobile installations.

The county provides a field

# 2-Way Communications Center...



Drive-in service is performed from mobile test van at customer's location.



Field-service fleet readies for take-off from headquarters. One truck was in paint shop when photo was taken.

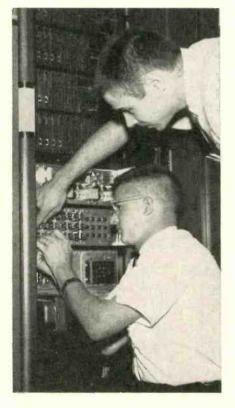


Technician Goodell aligns receiver of transistorized mobile unit in field maintenance shop.



Bill Graham and technician Roger Goddell discuss component replacement. Modules are extended for servicing with a cable adapter.

Making adjustments to relay matrix in Motorola's 'voting' comparator which samples all incoming signals and selects the strongest.



maintenance shop with drive-in service for county vehicles four hours a day. Remaining service is provided on-site by fully-equipped field-service vans. The service company's mobile van fleet is equipped with instruments, benches, test panels, ac converters, parts and files of tech-manuals. Each truck is in constant radio contact with service headquarters.

#### Model Service Company

According to offficials of the company, the highest quality maintenance must be provided regardless of cost. Hence, to realize a profit, the company must depend on the ability and efficiency of its technical crew.

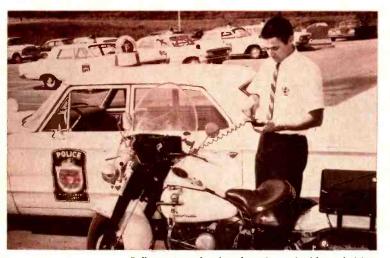
Service is normally provided under a yearly contract with a fixed amount of income per month. A typical business radio system, with a base and 10 mobiles, for example,



Maintenance check is performed at test bench station.



Field alignment is performed on mobile unit in police cruiser trunk. Touch-up tuning is frequently accomplished without removing unit.



Police motorcycle microphone is repaired by technician.



Technician nets receiver on frequency in the field maintenance shop.

is maintained for \$76.50 per month with eight-hour a day service. Contract customers are given priority in emergencies and supplied with FCC verifications and regular preventive maintenance. The flat rate includes all parts and labor. Additional work-installations and relocations - is extra. Contracts and fixed price projects are cost-analyzed monthly to determine rates, employee bonuses, efficiency and new accounts. Most service work is performed in the field, with concentration on large fleet systems where the customer makes equipment available at his place of business.

#### **In-House Technical Training**

Each technician is closely observed for talents and abilities that may need further development. For example, some may be strong on circuit troubleshooting but lack system comprehension. Others may be experts in practical experience but lack communications theory. These abilities and shortcomings are evaluated to determine the type of counselling or training required to coach technicians into competent professionals. The "finished product" must be equally capable of soothing dissatisfied customers, scheduling work-loads, estimating contracts and replacing defective resistors or capacitors.

When a technician is qualified to handle systems alone, he is assigned specific accounts and is placed on a salary-plus-incentive bonus plan which makes it possible to exceed the average salary paid for this type of work. The bonus is based on the technician's efficiency in performing all of the essential details of contract service and a portion of the contract profit is returned to him.



Adjustments being made on microwave station. This 8-channel system ties in remote base station sites in the upper parts of the county.

## Essentials For Selecting

Choose the microphone having a response characteristic which gives maximum modulation to voice-frequencies that provide optimum intelligibility

#### by Theodore Lindenberg and Robert Shenc



Service technicians who work with two-way communications equipment recognize its special microphone requirements. And the reasons given for "tailored response" or "shaped frequency response characteristics," in reference to communications mikes, can frequently be confusing and misunderstood.

A guide to choosing the correct microphone for radio communications can be formulated simply: Select a microphone having a response characteristic which gives maximum modulation to voice-frequencies that provide optimum intelligibility. Let's briefly consider some of the important factors involved.

#### **Limiting Factors**

Radio communications equipment manufactured today is designed to eliminate all radiated audio signal outside the passband of 300 to 3000 cps. A service technician who works with both Hi Fi sound (tape recorders, public address/music distribution systems, etc. that require broadcast quality microphones), and communications equipment microphones, should be prepared to explain the great difference existing between each requirement.

In Olsen's "Elements of Acoustical Engineering," reference is made to an "Articulation Index." To quote Olsen, "A high order of articulation can be obtained with a response-frequency characteristic of very limited range."

The FCC rules help avoid "splatter" in transmission and establish the usable frequency range between 300 and 3000 cps. This limitation protects adjacent bands. But it does not rule out intelligibility if the appropriate microphone is employed to take greatest advantage of the audio passband prescribed.

#### Human Voice Characteristics

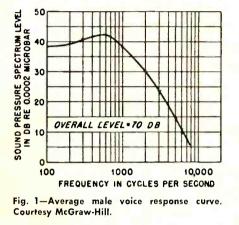
A frequency-response-range curve of the average male voice is shown in Fig. 1. Note the appreciable roll-off in the high frequency region. It would follow that a microphone with a response characteristic that is the reciprocal of this curve (See Fig 2) would result in uniform modulation amplitude for the input signal to the transmitter. (Assuming nearly flat amplification characteristics exist in the transmitter over the frequency range limited by law.)

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Based on the curve shown in Fig. 2, and realizing that frequency response limits are clearly defined by the FCC, good engineering design of a communications microphone should follow this curve over as much of the passband as possible and should permit roll-off beyond these limits so the transmitter filtering is not required to eliminate undue amounts of energy beyond the passband. (See Fig. 3.)

Keep in mind, too, that the design of a microphone for mass production must necessarily be based on *average* voice characteristics. In-

### **2-Way Microphones**



dividual voice characteristics and personal preferences can and do take precedence in the final selection of a microphone by a customer. But the prime consideration will usually be maximum performance of the equipment used with respect to range and intelligibility.

#### Talk Power

"Talk power" is not measured in watts! Because radio transmitting equipment modulates the input signal in proportion to the levels at which the signal is presented to the input circuit, it is advantageous, for the clarity and intelligibility at the receiving end, if the input signal to the transmitter is flat.

Presentation to the transmitter of a voice frequency signal, with maximum modulation at all points in the usable voice frequency range is referred to as "talk power." If the microphone you select accomplishes this result, the transmitted signal will have the best possible chance of getting through.

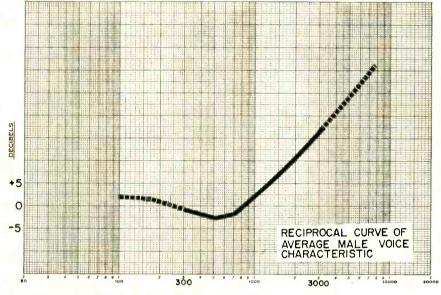


Fig. 2-Reciprocal curve of average male voice characteristic.

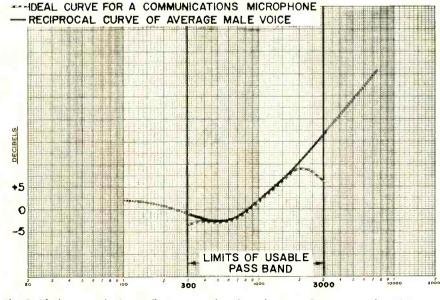
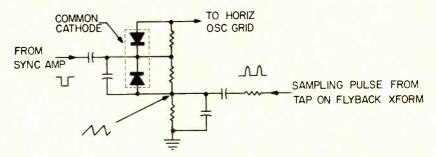
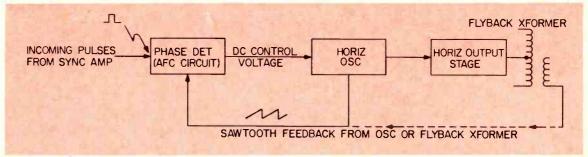


Fig. 3—Ideal communications mike curve and reciprocal curve of average male voice.







SERVICING HORIZONTAL PHASE DETECTORS

Know how dual diodes function and save hours of troubleshooting time in TV's trickiest circuit

by Harry J. Abramson

Fig. 1—Block diagram of a typical AFC network.

■ Horizontal phase detector circuits are called various names—AFC detector, comparator, horizontal sync discriminator—but whatever the name, they all compare the incoming sync with the receiver's horizontal sweep oscillator. If a phase or frequency difference occurs, a dc voltage, called "correction bias," is developed and fed back to the grid of the horizontal oscillator, which adjusts its frequency to the incoming sync.

#### AFC Circuits

Two kinds of horizontal phase detector circuits are used today: the diode and triode circuit. Several methods are used to develop output voltage in each system. But manufacturers from Admiral to Zenith use solidstate dual diodes in horizontal phase detector circuits. The balanced diode phase detector is popular.

An understanding of this component can save you hours of troubleshooting time in what most technicians consider TV's trickiest circuit. A typical block diagram of an AFC network is shown in Fig. 1.

Although solid-state dual diodes are simple components, containing two closely matched diodes to assure electrical balance, they may cause some critical TV troubles when they develop faults. They differ from conventional diodes by being highly insensitive to temperature variations. General electrical parameters of most AFC dual diodes are shown in Table I. Manufacturers began using dual diodes in TV receivers primarily because of their ruggedness, resistance to temporary overloads, easy circuit application, compactness, long life, stability and low cost. The most used phase detector circuit is the common cathode type as shown in Fig. 2.

This circuit became popular in the late 1950's when the dual semiconductor diode was introduced. It practically obsoleted the series connected circuit shown in Fig. 3, which required out-of-phase sync or sampling

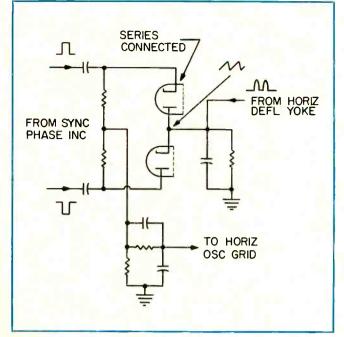


Fig. 3-Series connected phase detector.

pulses. This type also required a sync phase-splitter tube, but the common cathode circuit needed only a single-ended input from the sync separator.

#### Trouble Symptoms

Some symptoms of defective phase detector diodes are:

- 1. Bending or horizontal displacement,
- 2. Tearing or jitter.
- 3. Complete loss of horizontal sync.
- 4. Intermittent loss of raster.

On first consideration it appears impossible for a faulty AFC system to cause a loss of raster. Although it rarely happens, a defective AFC diode can allow an excessive negative bias to reach the oscillator grid, cut off the oscillator and kill the high voltage. The oscillator will resume operation and the raster will re-appear when the sync pulse is removed from the phase detector. This fault can usually be verified by checking the horizontal oscillator grid voltage with a VTVM.

#### **Troubleshooting**

If your troubleshooting approach is logical, horizontal AFC faults can be isolated easily. Make these checks, however, before you remove a chassis from the cabinet:

1. Check all sync control settings. Many sync troubles have been traced to "do-it-yourselfer" tampering with phasing or ringing coils in oscillator circuits.

2. Check the tubes in the horizontal circuit. Then substitute them. Not once but two or three times—even if the old tubes check good.

3. If dual diodes are plug-in types and accessible substitute them. If these efforts don't produce satisfactory results, then pull the chassis.

When the horizontal frequency goes off, you know this is caused by a loss of horizontal sync or a drifting

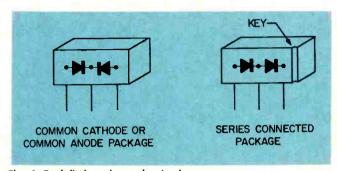


Fig. 4—Dual diode packages showing key on series connected package.

oscillator. But if the diagonal bars can be locked in place, then the AFC section is working. If it were not, the bars would continue running. On the other hand, trouble in the AFC circuit can cause the oscillator to go way off frequency if it applies an improper control signal. For instance, if one diode becomes defective by lower than normal conduction, the voltage-cancelling action in its output circuit would be lost and the resulting AFC voltage would drive the sweep oscillator far off frequency. The more positive the AFC voltage, the lower the oscillator frequency; the lower the voltage, the higher the frequency. A very negative voltage will drive the oscillator grid to cut-off.

When the AFC system is good but the oscillator drift is excessive, the entire picture pulls off-center, exhibits pulling and finally breaks up into diagonal bars which lock in sync. The AFC system can bring the oscillator back on the correct frequency within certain limits when its natural frequency drifts up or down. Outside these limits, control is lost and the picture breaks up.

A quick and simple check for proper AFC operation is to rotate the horizontal hold control and monitor the output with a voltmeter to determine if the AFC voltage is varying. If the dc voltage on the output of the AFC stage remains the same or varies *nonlinearly*, the AFC circuit is not working properly.

Where the AFC circuit feeds a cathode-coupled multivibrator, another rapid check can determine whether an instability trouble is in the oscillator or in the AFC circuit. This is done by grounding the multivibrator input grid and adjusting the oscillator frequency slug until the picture is in sync or floats across the screen. If this occurs, the AFC circuit is at fault and the sweep oscillator is probably operative.

Assuming the trouble is isolated to the AFC circuit, the phase detector diodes should be checked only by substitution. Measuring the forward and reverse resistance is not conclusive unless the diodes are shorted or open. This is because they may not match under load because of heat variations.

Certain manufacturers have balanced assortments of dual diodes available. A balanced assortment of diodes for the average size shop is shown in Table II.

The coverage afforded by these diodes is illustrated in Table III. The common cathode type is an absolute must. It is used in over 90 percent of recent TV models. The series connected variety is still used by some manufacturers, however.

#### **Replacement Tips**

**Polarity.** Two different phase detector diode packages are made. The common cathode and common anode types are similar since they cannot be installed backward. But the series connected type, if placed in the circuit backward, can cause critical or no horizontal sync. One corner of the case of the series connected types has a diagonal cutoff (Fig. 4) to indicate polarity. This assures replacement in the same position as the original.

**Replacing single diodes.** When two single diodes are used in AFC circuits, both diodes must be closely matched. An unbalanced circuit can cause faulty operation. It is good practice to replace both units with a balanced dual diode package.

**Checking diodes.** The resistance of both diodes should be within 20 percent of each other in both the forward and reverse directions. The reverse resistance for germanium units should not be less than 150K while selenium units should be discarded if less than

Table I	
Electrical Ratings Per Section	
Max. RMS input volts, resistive load	40v
Max. peak inverse volts, ćapacitive load	68v
Max. peak inverse volts, resistive load	56v
Max. dc output current	1ma
Max. continuous dc volts	20v
Max. capacitance unbalance	20pf

Table II           Suggested Dual Diode Stock		
Quantity	Туре	No. of Manufacturers Using
5	Common Cathode	26
3	Series Connected	19
2	Common Anode	4

75K. Forward resistance generally runs  $200\Omega$  or less. If the meter shifts or creeps during measurement, discard the unit. It may become defective in a short time. Dual diodes should not be checked in-circuit since the load resistors may be of different values or out of tolerance. If in doubt about the condition of diodes substitute known-to-be-good components.

Installation. Dual diodes are frequently mounted very close to PC boards. When replacing, coiled wire connectors prove very helpful. And diodes should be installed with their long leads. These long leads dissipate heat and make it possible to position the diodes away from a heat dissipating component.

	TV D	UAL D	INDES	
100	REPLACEN		ORMATION	
	COMMON	CATHODE		
MANUFACTURER	PART NO.	MANUFACTURER	PART NO.	
dmiral		Muntz	SROO4	
virline	9385-6, 9 93C26-7, 9 66X21	Olympic	RF5465-1 RF5794-1 72053	
Coronado	296V004H01 66X21, 25	Packard Bell Philco	72053 34-8034	
Curtis Mathes	296V004H01 66X21, 25 9LR2-S 21A2 702-810	RCA	34-8034 34-8037-1, 2, 3 109328, 109474 1107832-7,	
Dominion	702-810 14-501-01		1107832-7, 9, 10, 11 9LR2	
lectrohome Emerson	817062 817074	Setchell-Carlson Silvertone	9LR2 86-9-1	
	817126	SHAGLOUG	86-18-1	Connections
ederal 1.T.T.	K1615 P15		624-0007 D51	
SE	6GC1	Sylvania	109328 624-0006	
	K115/510-1, 2 K117/460-1, 2 WT16X7 27C226		624-0007 13-85943-1, 2, 3	Leads Up
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International	744006 DD04	Wells-Gardner Westinghouse	296V004H01	
Rectifier	530093-1	Workman Zenith	103-20	
Magnavox Motorola	530093-1 48C751656 48K741255		103-32	
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MANUFACTURER	PART NO.	MANUFACTURER	PART NO.	
Admiral	93A5-2	Olympic	R£5794	
Airline	9385-3, 4, 5, 6 \$R15	Packard Bell Silvertone	72030 B-45-110 B-48-110	
Citizenship Radio	34-8037		B86-4-1A	
Coronado Dominion	SR15 14-503-01		D76 86-3-1 SR15	
Electrohome	817062	Sonora	SR15 13-93889	Connections
	817962	Sylvania Tel-Rad Travler	13-93889 TRC-55 SR10	
Federal I.T.T.	817962 K1616 P16		SR15 SR10	Landa Ma
GE	6GD1 K118/966.1	Truetone	SR15	Leads Up
International	WT16X9 DD05	Webcor	SR15 65P113 G9P17741	
Rectifier Magnavox	5330045-1. 2, 3	Workman	65P124-1 SD5	
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## Volume Limiting In Communications

Understand basic two-way equipment circuits and make your servicing job easier



Outercom FM50A. Aerotron 6N15/SLT rated at 35w.



by Thomas R. Hasket P. E.

■ The fundamentals of two-way radio system volume limiting, intelligible speech and typical clipper-filters, were explored in a previous article (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN January 1965, page 44). This article analyzes some limiting circuits used in typical equipment presently being serviced in the field.

#### **Automatic Deviation Limiting**

Although an FM transmitter can't be overmodulated in the same sense that an AM transmitter can, too much audio will produce overswing, or excessive deviation. In VHF/FM two-way communications equipment, for example,  $\pm 5$ kc is the deviation limit. A greater swing will cause receiver distortion because IFs are narrow-banded. More important, FM overmodulation causes adjacent-channel interference which disrupts other services. Hence, the FCC requires new equipment used in VHF low and high bands to contain ADL circuitry. Basically, this means that a clipperfilter is used ahead of the modulator. Circuits used in a number of transmitters will be reviewed here.

The first example covers a number of VHF/FM low and high-band mobile transceivers made by one manufacturer. Various models are used which have 15, 30, 35 and 100-w power inputs. The ADL circuit is shown in Fig. 1. Audio from the microphone is amplified by V201A. The screen of this tube contains a standard FM pre-emphasis circuit (R204 and C204). This produces the desired signal-to-noise ratio for the highs. After passing through V201A, audio goes to the double-diode clipper, CR201/202. Note that the clip-level and speech-gain is fixed. Distortion products generated by the clipper are rolled off by R210 and C208, an integrator in V201B's grid. V201B's clipped audio output feeds through a lowpass filter (C211, L201 and C212). Together with the interstage coupling capacitors, this limits frequency response to a passband extending from 300 to 3000cps. The filter output goes to R217 which sets the transmitter deviation. R217's arm feeds V202B's (phase modulator) grid. Once set, deviation can't exceed the amount determined by R217 (normally  $\pm 5kc$ ).

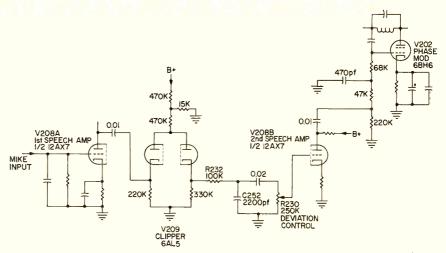


Fig. 2-COMCO's ADL circuit used in the 580/582 series.

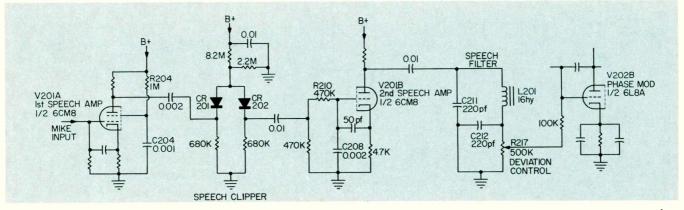


Fig. 1—ADL circuit of Aerotron 7N20/SLT.

Another typical VHF/FM transceiver group for base station, mobile, portable and aircraft work has a power of 25 to 50w for both high and low bands. These units employ ADL similar to the previous sets and the circuity is shown in Fig. 2. The input speech amplifier gain- and clip-level are also fixed. The highs are rolled off by R232 and C252, following the clipper and maximum deviation is set by R230—usually  $\pm$ 5kc.

A second speech amplifier follows the deviation control, driving the grid of V202, the phase modulator. The integrator (R232/C252) and the interstage coupling capacitors shape frequency to the desired 300/-3000cps band. This circuit is basic to all transceivers in this group.

A third group of VHF/FM mobile high-band transceivers have power ratings of 10, 30 and 35w. The ADL circuit, almost identical to the preceding two, is shown in Fig. 3. Semiconductor diodes are used in the clipper stage; audio gain- and clip-level are fixed so deviation doesn't exceed the set value regardless of the input level. R168 and C187 form the integrator, rolling off the highs. L121 and C191 form a low-pass filter in V114B's plate circuit, which, together with the integrator and the interstage coupling capacitors, restrict response to a 300/2500cps range.

#### **Automatic Load Control**

It is desirable to maintain the highest possible power output in a single-sideband (SSB) transmitter. Since this is directly produced by the speech signal it would seem that a peak clipper would do the job. Because of phase shift in intermediate RF amplifiers, however, power amplifier RF envelope peaks do not always correspond to audio peaks. Additionally, certain factors (tube aging, frequency changing, etc.) cause the SSB exciter output to vary, thus varying the power amplifier drive. And overdriving the power amplifier causes severe distortion in the transmitted signal.

Automatic load control (ALC) minimizes distortion and maintains a nearly-constant, high drive level on the power amplifier. A simplified ALC circuit is shown in Fig. 4. It will be recognized as a form of compressor, similar to receiver AGC and consists of a feedback loop from output to a preceding RF stage. The power amplifier RF output is developed across capacitive voltage divider C1/C2; C2's portion is rectified by

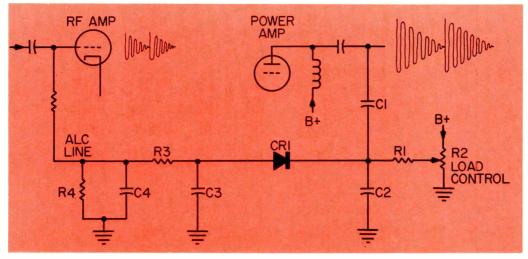


Fig. 4-Basic ALC circuit.

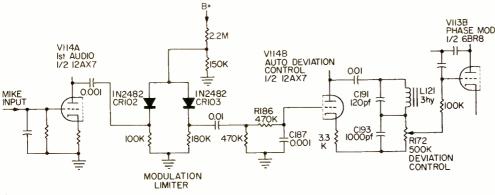


Fig. 3-ADL circuit of the Outercom FM50A.

CR1, producing a negative dc voltage which is filtered by C3 and R3. The charge/discharge time constants are governed by R3, R4, C3 and C4 and the resultant dc is applied to the RF amplifier grid—a remote-cutoff tube—which is ahead of the power amplifier. CR1 is biased by setting R2, the load control. This prevents action until the envelope peaks exceed a predetermined value. At that time, dc applied through the ALC line to the RF amplifier causes a reduction in envelope peaks, thus limiting RF output peaks.

A 150-w commercial SSB transceiver, with a frequency range from 2.5 to 15Mc, employs a single-loop, manually-adjustable ALC circuit (Fig. 5). RF from the power amplifier grid is rectified by V207A, and R265 sets bias on this rectifier to provide gain-correcting voltage only on speech peaks which might otherwise overdrive the power amplifier. The ALC line provides bias on a 6BA6 remote-cutoff stage operating at 455kc—which is used in both receiver and transmitter sections as an IF.

A forthcoming article will cover other limiting circuits, including combined RF/ALC and AF/AGC types. ■

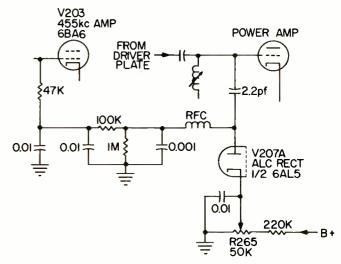
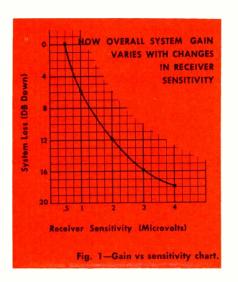


Fig. 5-Aerotron 9\$150 ALC circuit.

## Give Your 2-Way

Keep the receiver sensitivity at or near the

#### by Joe Jatis



■ A previous article (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN January, 1965, page 48) covered the importance of onfrequency operation and proper transmitter deviation. Two other important factors, receiver sensitivity and noise suppression, will be considered here.

#### **Receiver Sensitivity**

Receiver sensitivity is commonly expressed in terms of the signal strength required to produce 20db of noise quieting. The figure 20db is used as an Electronics Industries Assn., (EIA) standard for comparison purposes and is generally accepted as a desirable noise reduction for good audio reception.

Receiver sensitivity is a good indication of a receiver's ability to detect signals. In general, the lower the microvolt sensitivity, the better the performance. Keeping the receiver sensitivity at or near the guaranteed specifications level is good maintenance practice and should be part of the radio maintenance program.

The curve plotted in the accompanying diagram (Fig. 1) shows how system gain varies with changes in receiver sensitivity. The figure of  $0.5\mu$ v is used as a reference point and is plotted as the zero db level for convenience in reading the chart.

From the viewpoint of over-all system performance, the factor of receiver sensitivity is coupled with another important characteristic of radio operation called the "ambient noise level."

#### Ambient Noise

Ambient noise is an inherent characteristic in all radio operations. It is measured in terms of microvolts of noise, the same as received signals are measured in microvolts of signal strength. For good radio communications, signals at the receiver must be greater than the ambient noise. Where the ambient noise level overrides the signal level, the signals will not be readable regardless of receiver sensitivity.

It can be seen, therefore, that the factors of receiver sensitivity, ambient noise level and signal level are all interrelated. To give your customers the most from their twoway radio systems these factors must be considered together. Notice that ambient noise and signal level will vary from place to place throughout the operating area of a two-way system. Receiver sensitivity, on the other hand, is independent of geography but does vary somewhat from receiver to receiver and varies with time in any given receiver.

Ambient noises from sources other than mobile ignition systems is generally high in cities and low in rural areas. Thus, in giving your customers the most from their systems, it is desirable to make measurements of ambient noise levels at various typical points throughout the operating area. Generally speaking, if the ambient noise is particularly high throughout the entire area, an increase in signal level will be required to override the noise. Usually, however, an operating area includes points of high noise level and points of low noise level. In the typical radio system the ambient noise level is low enough over a wide enough area to justify full attention to keeping receiver sensitivity near the specified value.

Ambient noise originates from a wide variety of sources, both natural and man-made. These sources include a mobile vehicle's electrical system, RF radiated by other transmitters, power lines, electric signs, etc. Ambient noise can be controlled to some extent when it originates within the vehicle. Service manuals include many suggestions for suppressing noise caused by the generator, ignition system, electrical gages, etc. Where the noise level is high, a noise suppression program may be of great benefit.

Various methods have been devised for eliminating ignition noise. Most of these systems, however, have had one serious drawback:

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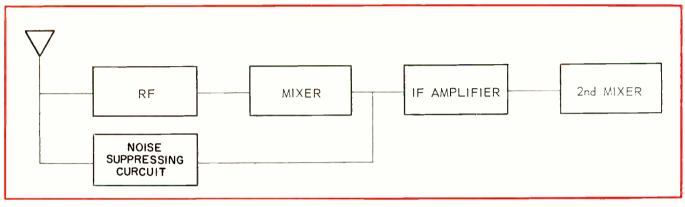


Fig 2—Effective noise suppression is obtained by placing a high speed blanking circuit as near the antenna as possible.

they reduce the ignition noise generated within individual vehicles only. They have no effect on outside interference.

To effectively eliminate noise, a special approach is necessary. To understand why this is so, a basic knowledge of the nature of ignition "noise" is necessary.

#### **Ignition** Noise

When a spark plug fires, it produces a short burst of RF energy. Since this RF energy contains components that extend throughout the frequency spectrum, some interference will enter the receiver, regardless of the specific frequency to which the radio is tuned. A plot of interference amplitude vs frequency gets higher, however. Interference is highest in the 25-50Mc band. It is much less bothersome in the 150-174Mc and 450-470Mc bands.

Ignition noise pulses have an extremely short duration when they enter the receiver antenna. But, as these pulses pass through the re-

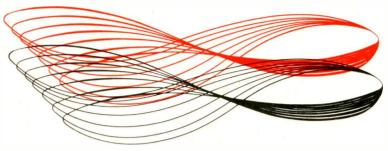
they are progressively ceiver. broadened by the tuned circuits. Therefore, effective noise suppression must take place as close to the antenna as possible. Additionally, the suppressor circuit must be fast-acting, so the receiver is cut off only for a few microseconds during noise pulses, and then immediately opened to the incoming modulated signal. This all important high speed characteristic is the key to an effective noise suppression system.

Noise pulses, together with the desired RF signal, enter the receiver through the antenna. The signal and the noise are delayed while the suppressing action begins. Simultaneously the interference travels through the noise suppressing module (See Fig. 2).

Here noise pulses are detected, acted upon and used to bias a part of the receiver to cutoff at the precise time the noise pulses in the normal signal path attempt to enter this stage. Its high speed response enables the circuit to effectively blank out tens of thousands of noise pulses per second with no effect on the radio message being received. In an area of heavy mobile traffic, for example, the circuit is able to eliminate the interference from scores of vehicles in the immediate vicinity—even when traffic is moving at 50 and 60 miles per hour.

#### **Checking Receiver Sensitivity**

Most service manuals include full details for checking receiver sensitivity. This is done by injecting an unmodulated signal into the receiver and the signal strength is increased until a drop of 20db occurs in the speaker noise level. This requires a signal generator which has a calibrated output control that indicates the signal strength for any given control setting. Thus, a sensitivity rating of  $1\mu\nu$ means that a  $1\mu\nu$  signal reduces noise by 20db and would provide *Continued on page 99* 



Modify your old narrow band scope



Typical bench set up using the audio generator, signal tracer and modified scope. Photo and diagrams Courtesy Heath Co.

■ You can check out the complete modulation system of CB transceivers without disassembling the transceiver. This can be done with standard test equipment now used in most TV-radio service shops.

You can perform complete modulation checks, including the microphone, microphone preamp, audio amp and the modulator output stage. A general purpose scope can be easily rearranged to provide a visual indication of the RF signal at the transceiver output. Your audio generator can give a stable frequency, variable level audio signal that can be fed into a signal tracer to produce an audible tone at its speaker. By placing the microphone in front of the speaker, and depressing the microphone switch, you can tone-modulate the transceiver's RF output. The tone amplitude can be controlled by the signal tracer's audio gain control.

#### **Scope Alteration**

Because of the limited frequency response of vertical amplifiers in many older scopes, they require a small modification to perform this work. This modification bypasses the vertical amplifier stages and connects the CB RF signal directly to the CRT's vertical deflection plates. These changes will not interfere with nomal operation of your scope.

This simple modification is an overall approach and will suffice for most older general purpose scopes and of course is not necessary on modern wide-band scopes.

Remove the scope cabinet so you can cut a small hole in the

## Checking CB Modulation by Clarence Lee Thomas

#### to troubleshoot this 2-way equipment

rear for a slide switch and two banana jacks.

Install a bracket for mounting the slide switch and banana jacks near the CRT base. It must be mounted close to the CRT base so the leads can be kept short.

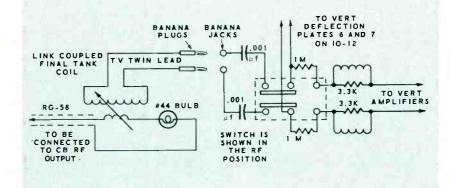
Connect a 1M resistor from the center of each switch section to one end as shown in Fig. 1 (also see the schematic in Fig. 2). Disconnect the parallel choke-resistor combination or separate resistors and chokes, as the case may be in your particular scope, from both vertical deflection plates, pins 6 and 7, and connect them to the end lugs of the switch with the 1M resistors.

Connect a  $0.001\mu f$  capacitor from each lug on the other end of the switch to the banana jacks. Connect a short piece of hookup wire from the center lug of each switch section to the vertical deflection plates (pins 6 and 7) of the CRT.

This completes the scope modification. Re-install the cabinet so the hole in the rear lines up with the switch and banana jacks.

The next step is to construct a  $50\Omega$  RF input cable and a pickup loop to sample a portion of the transceiver's output signal. This cable can be made from a section of RG58 shielded cable. Install a plug on one end, to be connected to the CB transceiver output. Phono plugs and auto-radio type plugs are the most common types used here.

The other end of this input cable (center conductor) is connected





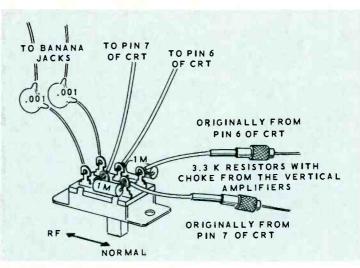
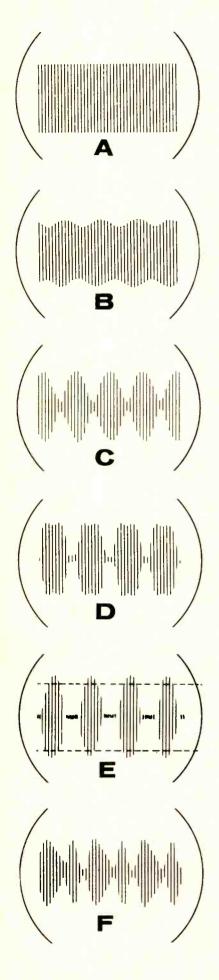


Fig. 1—Diagram for making component connections to slide switch.



to the end of the secondary winding (winding with the least number of turns) of a small link coupled "amateur type" doubler or CB transmitter final tank coil. The other end of the secondary winding is connected to the insulated end of a bayonet-type lamp socket. The other side of the socket is then connected to the shield on the RG58 coax. To the primary winding (the side with the most turns), connect a length of TV twin lead. At the end of this twin lead install banana plugs to both conductors. These banana plugs will then be plugged into the banana jacks you added to your scope. Now install a number 44 lamp in the bayonet socket. You are now ready to begin work.

#### Doing The Job

While becoming familiar with this equipment and procedure, it would probably be best to use a properly operating CB transceiver.

Switch on your scope, audio oscillator, signal tracer and CB transceiver and let them warm up. Place the audio oscillator and signal tracer on standby. Set the audio oscillator at lkc.

Connect the  $50\Omega$  input cable to the CB transceiver output, and connect the other end to your scope and flip the switch on the rear of the scope to the RF position. Turn the scope's vertical gain control fully counter-clock-wise (CCW). Adjust the vertical and horizontal position controls for a straight line centered on the scope face. Adjust the intensity and focus controls for a bright and sharp horizontal line.

Depress the microphone switch. The bulb should light. You should also get an RF indication on the scope similar to that shown in Fig. 3A.

Activate the audio oscillator and feed a signal into the signal tracer

input. Adjust the gain on the signal tracer with one hand while holding the microphone in front of the speaker with the other. Adjust the scope to show about four to ten complete cycles of the modulation envelope (Fig. 3C).

By gradually turning the audio gain on the tracer up until flattening appears, the clipping point may be seen. Also the percentage of modulation may be determined (Fig. 3C, D, E, and F).

Set the modulation level on the scope to between 40 and 70 percent by adjusting the audio gain control on the signal tracer. The envelope pattern should be sinusoidal. If it isn't, then you should suspect that the modulating circuits are causing distortion. This distortion may be caused by a bad microphone, weak or gassy tubes, open by-pass capacitors, or any number of components in the audio stages.

Kill the audio oscillator signal to the signal-tracer input. Depress the microphone switch and talk into the microphone. You can now see the average voice modulation level on the scope. If the CB unit has a compression amplifier, the amplifier gain may be adjusted to give the desired average modulation level (70 to 85 percent).

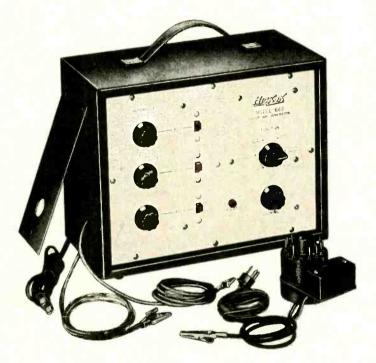
With no tone input, or voice modulation, the scope pattern should look like the unmodulated RF pattern shown in Fig. 3A. If some modulation does appear (Fig. 3B) then the RF signal is probably being modulated by hum, vibrator hash, microphonic tubes, or an oscillation in the audio stages or microphone preamp stage. Quite often on sets using electronic switching the trouble can be traced to dirty microphone switch contacts or a defective microphone cord.

Remember, with the added scope switch in the normal position (See Fig. 2) the scope is restored to its original operating condition.

Fig. 3 (A)—Pure CW carrier, no modulation, hash or hum present. (B)—CW with no tone input. The ripples indicate vibrator hash or hum modulating the RF. (C)—Tone modulated AM nearly 100 percent modulated, excellent waveform. (D)—Tone modulated AM. Over-driven modulator incapable of 100 percent modulation. May also result from deliberately 'clipped' audio not properly filtered. (E)—Tone modulated AM. Modulator output more than ample. Modulation in excess of 100 percent in both directions. (E)—Tone modulated AM. Severe distortion in audio modulator system.

## Hickok Model 662 Color Generator

Functions, controls, signals and circuit description



Hickok Model 662 Color Generator

■ This instrument generates a single horizontal color reference bar at the exact color burst frequency of 3.579545Mc (crystal controlled). In addition to this color signal, horizontal and vertical bars, dots and a crosshatch pattern are available at the output of the generator.

An important feature of the unit is the gun killer incorporated in the generator. The gun killer is connected so a variety of tests can be performed on the CRT including cutoff and leakage tests of each gun and relative emission tests on each gun. The individual R-Y, B-Y and G-Y signals can also be viewed on the picture tube.

The dot, bar and crosshatch signals are fed directly to the CRT of the set under test. These signals are based on a 500 dot system with a 5:4 ratio. The generator is designed for use on sets employing a 21 in. round CRT but as the CRT assembly plugs in, an available adaptor can be connected for rectangular type tubes.

#### **Circuit Functions**

The 15,750cps pulse for synchronizing the generator is obtained by capacitive coupling to one of the leads to the deflection yoke of the receiver. This is done by twisting the pickup lead from the unit around the yoke lead.

The bar and dot signals are developed by two oscillators, one operating at 441kc and the other at 630cps. These oscillators are locked to the incoming retrace pulse from the TV set.

The incoming retrace pulse is applied to V1A, which is connected as a diode clipper. Because the effective coupling capacitance to the TV receiver yoke lead is small in value, R1 is placed in series with the coupling lead to prevent severe differentiation of the incoming pulse. The clipped, positive-going retrace pulse is applied to the grid of sync splitter, V1B. The sync splitter clips and amplifies this pulse, producing a negative-going pulse at the plate and a positive going pulse at the cathode. The negative pulse from the plate is used to trigger the unijunction transistor, Q1, through network R16, C8.

The unijunction transistor, Q1, functions as a 630cps relaxation os-

cillator. Capacitor C7, connected between the emitter and ground charges through resistors R13 and R14. When the voltage across C7 reaches approximately 60 percent of the voltage at B2, the transistor fires. Capacitor C7 discharges to ground through the emitter-base 1 junction. The current through base 2-base 1 increases sharply, producing a negative-going pulse across the base 2 load resistor R15. The width of this pulse can be adjusted by R17, which is in series with base 1 and ground and thus affects the discharge time of the capacitor. When the capacitor has discharged the transistor switches off and the cycle is then repeated. The frequency of oscillation is determined mainly by the RC combination of C7, R13 and R14. The locking control R14, is used to adjust the frequency to 630cps, which is 1/25 of 15,750cps. The oscillator is locked to the incoming sync pulse from the plate of the sync splitter V1B.

The negative-going pulse from base 2 of Q1 is coupled to V3B

### Color Generator...

where it is clipped and amplified. The positive-going pulse from the plate of V3B is then coupled to inverter, V4A. The inverter, V4A, inverts, amplifies and clips the pulse.

The horizontal bar pulse is approximately 40v in amplitude. From V4A it is then coupled to the cathode of the color CRT through switch S1 and the CRT adapter assembly.

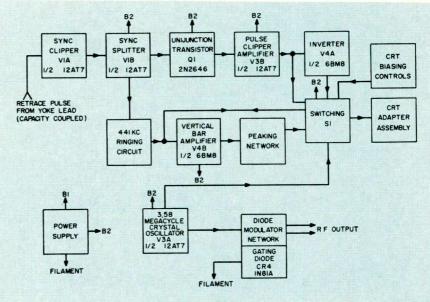
The sync pulse from the cathode of V1B drives the ringing coil, 11, which is tuned to 441kc. This produces damped 441kc oscillations which are reinforced and amplified by V4B.

The amplified pulses at the plate of V4B are sharpened by the peaking circuits consisting of R25, R29, C20 and L2 and L3. They are then coupled through C21, S1 and CRT adapter assembly to the cathode of the color CRT.

Since the 441kc ringing oscillator is synced to the 15,750cps retrace pulse, the vertical bar pulses are locked so as to produce a stationary pattern on the television screen.

The vertical bar oscillator amplifier operates as before except that its grid leak resistor, R26, is returned to the grid of inverter, V4A, through switch S1. The positivegoing 630cps pulse from the plate of V3B is coupled to this grid through C10. The grid and cathode of V4A form a diode, clamping the tip of the positive-going pulse to ground level. Capacitor C10 charges through this diode developing a negative bias at the grid of V4A which cuts off V4B through B26 except during the 630cps pulses. The output of V4B therefore consists of bursts of 441kc pulses. These bursts occur at a rate of 630cps. The bursts are coupled to the cathodes of the color CRT as before and produce a stationary pattern of dots on the face of the CRT.

The 630cps pulses and the 441kc pulses are mixed in network R29, L3, R21, and C11. The mixed pulses are coupled to the cathode of the color CRT as before, producing simultaneous horizontal and vertical bars, or a crosshatch pat-



Block diagram Model 662 Generator

tern on the face of the CRT. To eliminate bright dots at the intersection of the horizontal and vertical bars, a portion of the negative-going horizontal bar pulse is coupled through switch S1 and attenuator R30-R31 to grid leak resistor, R26, thus cutting off the vertical bar pulse amplifier, V4B, during the horizontal bar pulse time.

The frequency of the crystal oscillator, V3A, is controlled by crystal CR2, which is adjusted to operate at 3.579545Mc. A portion of the output of the oscillator is coupled through C28 to diode CR3.

The RF cable is connected to the television antenna. The TV station carrier signal received by the antenna is coupled into CR3 where it is modulated by the 3.579545Mc signal from the crystal oscillator The resultant signal is connected to the antenna terminals of the TV receiver and is interpreted by the TV receiver as a standard TV signal modulated with a 3.579545Mc color sub-carrier. This color sub-carrier modulation passes through the TV

receiver RF, IF circuits and is then detected and amplified by the TV receiver color circuits. Since this subcarrier signal acts as both a "burst" and a color signal, the receiver will interpret this as a color signal at burst phase and will produce a yellowish green color on the face of the CRT, when the color circuits are properly phased.

The 60cps ac from the filament supply is rectified by CR4 to produce a positive pulse. This positive pulse is then applied to the cathode of CR3 through network R39, R40. CR3 is therefore gated off for onehalf of each of the 60cps. Since the vertical field rate in the TV receiver is 60cps, the color signal will appear during one-half of the vertical field.

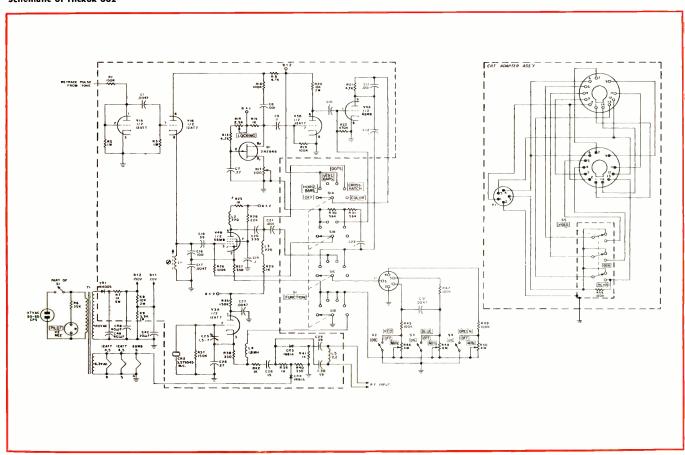
The CRT bias controls provide a means by which the intensity of the red, blue, and green screens can be independently controlled. The operation of these controls is as follows:

The grid of the red gun in the CRT is connected through limiting resistor R45 to variable resistor R46 and switch S2. As the resistance of R46 is reduced, a portion of the positive bias normally present on the CRT grid is shunted to ground through R45 and R46. This makes the grid more negative with respect to the cathode, thus reducing the brightness of the red screen. When switch S2 is closed the red gun grid is grounded through R45 and this "kills" the operation of the red gun completely. The blue and green CRT biasing controls function in the same manner.

The CRT adapter assembly provides a method of connecting either receiver or generator video information to the picture tube.

Pins 4, 5, and 13 of the adapter plugs are connected to switch S5. In the GEN position of the switch, the cathodes of the CRT are connected directly to the TV receiver.

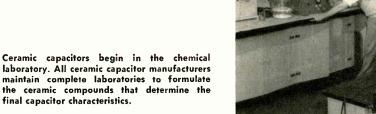
Resistor R55 is placed in series with pin 3 of connector P2 and Pin 13 of the adapter plug. It provides a dc bias path for the CRT cathodes when S5 is in the GEN position.



#### Schematic of Hickok 662

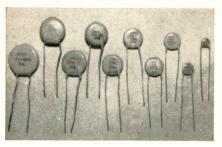
## **CERAMICS**--THE NEW SHAPE OF CAPACITANCE

by C.G. Cunningham. P.E.



Testing ceramic tubulars.





**RMC** ceramic capacitors



■ Semiconductor and other sensational new component developments have obscured the revolution taking place in some other electronic component areas. One important example is the ceramic capacitor. Sure, most of us knew they were around, but the breadth of their application and versatility has been an almost unnoticed subtle change.

The very appearance of electronics has changed and ceramic capacitors are greatly responsible. Not only has printed circuitry moved the bottom of the chassis to the top, but the most obvious component, the "paper" capacitor, appears to be diminishing. In its place are small discs and tube-shaped ceramic capacitors. And this is only the beginning.

Already, according to one authority, more ceramic capacitors are now being used in consumer products than any other kind.

#### **Capacitor Basics**

The function of a capacitor-to

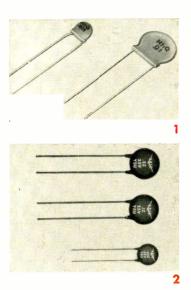
store electricity—remains the same regardless of how it's made. And, just to confuse matters, all capacitors have the same basic design. They are all variations of two conducting plates separated by insulating material—the dielectric. Different designs result from the following phenomonea governing the behavior of capacitors:

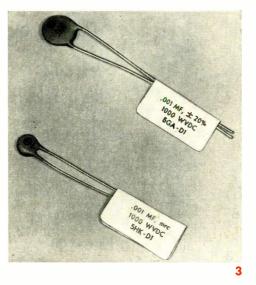
1. Capacitance increases as the area of the plates increases.

2. Capacitance decreases as the distance between the plates increases.

3. Capacitance increases as the constant of the dielectric material increases.

All capacitors, except ceramics, usually apply the first two factors to achieve different components. The plates were long, thin sheets and the whole thing was rolled up to make the familiar tubular capacitor. The electrolytic capacitor obtained its high capacitance by putting the plates extremely close together. This was possible because of the high strength of the oxide film that The next generation of electronics technicians will shake their heads in tolerant amusement at the brute force methods used to obtain today's 'standard' components





was formed on the plates electrically.

Many rating factors apply to a capacitor besides capacitance and voltage. These relate to losses, accuracy and stability. They all depend chiefly on the characteristics of the dielectric.

Various dielectrics have a number of surprising characteristics. For instance, the losses in the dielectric may be higher at dc than at high frequencies or vice-versa. They sometimes exhibit hysterisis-usually associated with iron cores. They are beset with numerous instabilities and most of them change characteristics. For example, change with temperature. They often show a temperature hysterisis by failing to return to the same value after heating and then cooling. The strangest characteristic, common to all solid dielectrics, is dielectric absorption. This is the tendency of the dielectric to absorb some energy in a manner that prevents quick release. This is observed when the voltage across an open circuit capacitor begins to build up from no apparent source.

#### The Nature of Ceramics

Ceramic capacitors depend on the third factor that affects capacitance-dielectric constant. Dielectric constant is a characteristic of the atomic structure of the insulating material. It is the ability of this structure to store energy. Ceramics can be made that have dielectric constants more than 1000 times greater than the best previously used materials. Additionally, they have great insulating strength and, thus, can stand high voltages. The result, a capacitor as much as 1000 times smaller than the same component made another way.

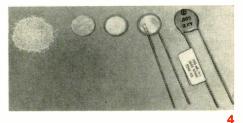
Hence, an important characteristic of a ceramic dielectric is its dielectric constant. This can range from 10 to 10,000. At present, certain widely different characteristics seem to go with a given dielectric constant range. High dielectric constant material, for example, displays the greatest hysterisis effect.

1. Aerovox ceramics.

2. Ceramics by Erie Technological Products.

3. Two capacitors with the same rating. The one at top has a lower dielectric constant ceramic. The component at the top is a general use component with a 20 percent tolerance. The smaller capacitor has a minimum rated capacity (MRC).

4. Steps in manufacturing a ceramic capacitor. Ceramic powder is sintered into discs, electrodes are silvered onto opposite sides and leads are soldered on. The entire assembly is then coated with a tough insulating covering.



Hence, when the dielectric constant is selected many other general characteristics are set.

#### **Know Your Ceramic Types**

Ceramic dielectrics are made in three different ranges: low, medium and high. From these, four different capacitor classes are made.

Capacitors having the lowest dielectric-constant ceramic also have extremely low losses and excellent stability. They perform well at HF and at high temperatures. Capacitance change with temperature is small. Insulation resistance is extremely high and units are usually rated at 1000vdc plus ac peak, the dc unit is usually rated at 1000vdc plus ac peak—the dc working voltage (wvdc). They are available from 3 pf to  $0.01\mu$ f with a tolerance of 10 percent.

If ceramic material having a slightly higher dielectric constant is used, an extremely useful component results. It has all the advantages of a lower dielectric constant material plus a known rate of capacitance change with temperature. This temperature coefficient can be either positive, negative, or zero. This means the capacitance increases, decreases, or remains the same when the temperature is raised. These components are indispensable for stabilizing tune circuits—local oscillators in TV and FM receiver, for example. The voltage rating is usually 1000wvdc and the capacitor is available from 1pf to 700 pf with a tolerance of 5 percent.

Capacitors ranging from 1.5 pf to  $0.15\mu f$  are obtained if ceramic with fairly high dielectric constants -from 200 to 2000-are used. Components of this type are useful for many purposes: coupling, bypassing, filtering, decoupling and many others They are not satisfactory, however, for tuned circuits, timing applications or frequency compensation. This is because the capacitance of these units changes greatly with temperature and exhibits other rather large instabilities. For many applications, including those previously mentioned, this is not important and a capacitor that remains within 20 percent of its nominal value is perfectly adequate. These general-application capacitors are rated from 300 to 6000wvdc. Tolerance on the rated capacitance is 20 percent for a given range of temperatures. It is important not to exceed this temperature range because a few degrees beyond the range may result in a capacitance change of 100 percent or more.

Extremely high dielectric constant values—3000 to 10,000 yield a high-capacitance component in a small package. Because of its many instabilities and high losses it is suitable only for non-critical applications—filtering, bypassing and in some cases coupling—for example.

Because of the great temperature sensitivity of this ceramic type, components made from it are usually rated in terms of guaranteed minimum value (GMV) or minimum rated capacity (MRC). That is, the capacitance never goes below rated value, but may go much above it.

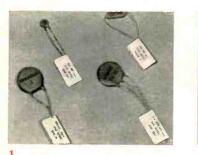
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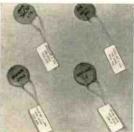
terisis much like an iron core. For this reason, they are not suitable for large ac signals because of distortion and losses from hysterisis. This group also shows changes in capacitance with applied dc bias and other peculiarities. Despite these disadvantages it has wide application in non-critical circuits. Its insulation resistance is very high and it is available from  $0.001\mu f$  to  $0.1\mu f$  at 1000wvdc.

Composite ceramic components are also available. These range from a "universal" capacitor that can be used to yield 12 different capacitance values and multiple section units with a common ground point, to printed circuit resistor/capacitor combinations useful for TV vertical integrators and other applications.

#### **Application Notes**

Ceramic, with its high insulating strength, is an ideal material for high voltage applications. For this reason it is substituting for mica and other types in transmitter applications. They have practically *Continued on page 100* 





1. High dielectric constant capacitors pack a lot of capacitance in a small package. Unit at lower right is a dual with common electrode. All are minimum rated capacitance. (MRC). By Sprague.

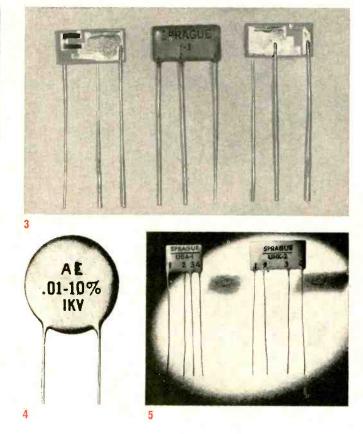
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2. Four capacitors with the same physical size but different values of capacitance. Other characteristics are different, too. The components at the top are for temperature compensation. The one at the lower left is for general applications, including coupling. The  $0.1\mu f$  is for non-critical uses as in filtering and bypassing.

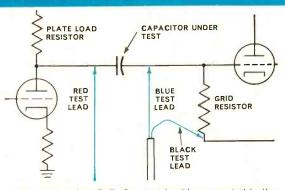
3. Composite circuits are produced on ceramic bodies. This is a complete RC network for a TV vertical integrator.

4. Ceramic capacitor by Arco Electronics.

5. A 'universal' capacitor. Twelve different values are obtained by different lead connections: By Sprague.



## locate defective capacitors in-circuit



3-LEAD LEAKAGE TEST: One test lead is connected to the plate side of the capacitor and the ground lead to the grid leak return on the other side of the capacitor, and the meter is zeroed. The third test lead is then connected to the grid side of the capacitor and the meter scale shows the leakage directly in megohms.

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#### G-E "CB" Tint and 3.58Mc Alignment

In performing 3.58Mc subcarrier alignment on General Electric "CB" chassis, it is very important that each coil or transformer is tuned to the proper peak as indicated on the meter connected to Test Point 701.

As the core in each coil or transformer is adjusted, two definite peaks (dips for T704) will be seen on the meter. Tune the coils and transformers as follows:

1. For T702 crystal filter and L705 crystal tuning, turn the core counterclockwise to the top of the shield can. Now rotate the core clockwise towards the chassis and the meter indication will increase to the first peak. If the clockwise rotation of the core is continued, the meter indication will drop slightly and then increase to a second peak. The first peak is the correct tuning point.

2. For T703, the R-Y transformer, turn the core clockwise towards the circuit board and the bottom of the shield can. Now rotate the core counterclockwise until the meter indicates the first peak which is the correct one. Again, further adjustment in the same direction will indicate a second peak which is the incorrect one.

3. For T704, the B-Y transformer,

rotate the core clockwise to the bottom of the shield can. Now rotate the core counterclockwise until a point of minimum voltage (dip) is indicated on the meter. If the counter clockwise rotation of the core is continued, the meter indication will rise slightly and then decrease to a second dip. The first dip from the bottom of the shield can is the correct tuning point.

In multi-channel areas a condition may exist, because of transmission difficulties, where the 3.58Mc burst phase of a particular station has been shifted sufficiently so that normal flesh tones are not attained. This would occur, of course, with the TINT control places at the end of its range for the nearest approach to correct fleshtones.

Using a hypothetical example of a three-channel area, the following conditions might exist.

**One channel** — Flesh tones at center of TINT control range. Second channel — Flesh tones  $\pm$  10 deg from center. Third channel — TINT control at end of range and flesh tones not attained. (flesh tones either green or magenta).

The cure for this condition would be to correctly tune in the third channel and preset the TINT control about ten deg in from the end of

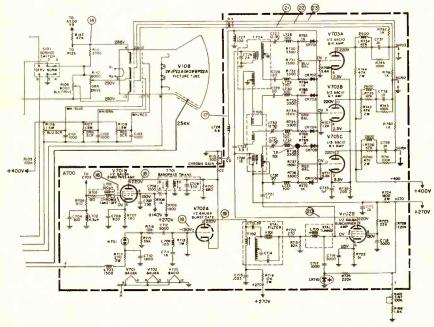


Fig. 1-Chroma circuitry, General Electric "CB" color chassis

the control range which is nearest to flesh tones (turning toward the center of the range). Leave the TINT control in this position and realign the 3.58 Mc subcarrier channel using the offending station signal as a signal source. After realignment it should be possible to get correct flesh tones within the range of the TINT control for all of the above channels. Similar adjustments can be made if you have multi-channel peculiarities in your area.

The TINT control in the 21 in. and 25 in. "CB" Chassis was changed from a capacitor (C125) to a potentiometer (R165) beginning with chassis stamped "EN106." C720 (24pf) was also deleted at this time. (See Fig. 1.)

A special semiconductor diode (CR710) which, when reverse biased, acts like a capacitor. If the reverse bias applied to the diode is changed, the capacity of the diode will change. CR710 has a capacity range of approximately 5pf to 25pf when the applied reverse bias is changed from +90v to +2v. The capacitance is low when the voltage is high and vice versa. The function of the new TINT control R165 is to produce the change in voltage to vary the capacity of the diode CR710.

A voltage divider between B+270vand ground is formed by R726, R165 and R166, B+ is connected to the cathode of CR710 through R725. CR710 is connected to L705 and the grid of the subcarrier amplifier V702B through the dc blocking capacitor, C717. R725 isolates the grid circuit from the voltage divider to eliminate stray capacity effects.

Adjustment of the TINT control, R165, produces a change in voltage at point T and CR710 which changes the capacity of CR710. CR710 then acting as a variable capacitor, changes the phase of the subcarrier at the grid of V702B.

With the above change it was necessary to readjust the neutralization. C721 was changed to 1.1pf and the connections were reversed at the secondary of the R-Y transformer, T703. Since this reversed the phase of the subcarrier at the R-Y synchronous detectors, it was also necessary to reverse the polarity of the diodes CR705 and CR706.



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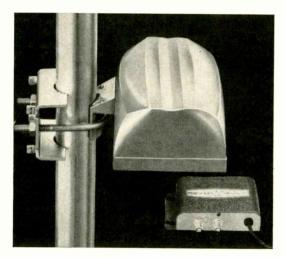
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#### Sylvania 22 in. Color CRT

Sylvania Electric Products Inc. announces that it will introduce a 22 in. 90 deg rectangular, color television tube this spring.

To facilitate TV chassis and cabinet design, Merle W. Kremer, a senior vice president of the company in charge of the electronic components group, said that sample quantities of the new tube will be sent to the nation's leading television manufacturers in the second quarter of the year.

All of Sylvania's color picture tubes use the red "rare earth" europium phosphor introduced by the company in June 1964. The phosphor provides increased brightness and truer color rendition and has been in heavy demand since its introduction.

"The 22-in. rectangular tube has been designed to eventually succeed the 21-in., 70-deg round tube that has long been the standard tube in the industry," Mr. Kremer reported. "The 22-in. tube will be six inches shorter, back to front, and will provide 228-square-in. of viewing area."

The new tube will be made available to set manufacturers for approximately \$120.

"During 1966, Sylvania will produce rectangular tubes in 19-, 22-, and 25-in. sizes and the 21-in. round tube," Mr. Kremer said. "A 15-in. rectangular tube will be shown early this year and will be in production late in 1966 or early in 1967, depending on demand from set manufacturers," Mr. Kremer added.



Elmer H. Wavering, president of Motorola, Inc., is shown with a 21 in. rectangular color CRT. The new addition to Motorola's color CRT line is being tested in a Helmholst Chamber where the effects of magnetic fields in various parts of the earth can be simulated.

## 10 facts you should know about color-bar generators

If you are going to buy a color-bar generator *-or even if you already own one*-here are several facts you should know.

While other types of test instruments may lack one or more features, they may still be useful in skilled hands—*provided* the user is aware of their shortcomings and *provided* he has other means of determining what he must know.

This is not true of a color-bar generator. A color-bar generator should allow you to walk away from an adjusted receiver knowing that the owner can turn it on and receive color broadcasts in full-fidelity color and sound.

Not all color-bar generators can give you this assurance.

Let's talk facts.

#### **FACT NO. 1:** A gated-rainbow type generator is accepted as the standard of the service industry

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to achieve perfect adjustment any more than you need an FCC-type broadcast signal for tuner and if-amplifier alignment. The gatedrainbow type signals are used by virtually



all TV manufacturers in establishing service procedures for their sets.

Urgent service needs for a trustworthy color-signal source were met years ago when RCA introduced the *gated-rainbow* system.

Today, this basic system is used in nearly all service-type color-bar generators. The waveforms and procedures in nearly all color-TV service notes are based on this system.

### FACT NO. 2: All gated-rainbow type generators are not alike

In spite of their basic circuit similarities, available models differ in their features, accuracy, and ultimate usefulness. Some of these differences are critical.

#### FACT NO. 3: The offset subcarrier oscillator must be controlled within a few cycles of its true frequency

This oscillator controls the phase angles (hues) of the color-bar pattern. It is the *heart* of the color-bar generator.

The subcarrier oscillator should be within  $\pm 20$  cps of its fundamental frequency of 3.563795 megacycles. In the crystal-controlled RCA WR-64B Color-Bar/Dot/Crosshatch Generator, this deviation is kept well within the  $\pm 20$  cps limit.

#### FACT NO. 4: Provision must be included to prevent the subcarrier oscillator from drifting off frequency

The subcarrier oscillator must not only be accurate when the instrument is *new*—it must

stay accurate. Top-quality components minimize undesirable frequency changes.

Check, for instance, the trimmer capacitor used in the 3.56-Mc subcarrier oscillator. You'll find a piston-type ceramic capacitornot a flat mica type-in the RCA WR-64B.

#### FACT NO. 5: The generator must have an rf-sound carrier to assure proper setting of the fine-tuning control

Unless your color-bar generator has this essential feature, it may produce a perfect color-bar pattern on the receiver, but at the wrong setting of the receiver fine-tuning control. In such cases, the receiver may not correctly reproduce a color program.

The WR-64B has this necessary feature. With it, you can accurately set the fine-tuning control before making color adjustments. In the WR-64B the rf-sound carrier is also crystal-controlled.

#### **FACT NO. 6:** The rf picture carrier must be exactly on frequency to assure that the color subcarrier is correctly placed in the receiver bandpass

Drift, faulty adjustment, or aging of components in the rf oscillator section can move the generator picture carrier off frequency. This shift, in turn, will also move the color subcarrier signal away from its correct position in the receiver bandpass. In some receivers, this shift will affect accuracy of colorcircuit adjustments.

A separate crystal-controlled oscillator is used in the WR-64B to keep the picture exactly on frequency.

#### FACT NO. 7: The axes of the output colorbar pulses should lie on the zero axis—and not on elevated brightness pedestals

Elevated pulses necessitate use of an oscilloscope for accurate setting of receiver phasing. A generator having zero-axis color-bar pulses, such as the WR-64B, does not require use of an oscilloscope for checking phasing in the customer's home.

#### FACT NO. 8: The generator should not require frequent adjustment of internal counter circuits

All color-bar generators contain circuits which develop vertical and horizontal sync, and dot-and-bar-pattern signals, by dividing or counting down from a higher frequency: usually 189 Kc. If one of these circuits is unstable, the patterns can jitter, ripple, jump sync or contain the wrong number of dots or bars.

Conventional R-C circuits are used in the counters of most generators. But the RCA WR-64B uses inherently stable iron-core in-



ductors in its counters, thereby assuring long-term counter-circuit stability.

**FACT NO. 9:** The proper way to check receiver color performance is to feed the generator signal into the antenna terminals Color performance depends on overall receiver condition—not on that of a single section alone. A color-test signal fed directly into the video amplifier—rather than through the antenna terminals—will not provide a proper check of the complete receiver. The only method you should use in adjusting the receiver, therefore, is the rf-signal-input method—the method provided by the RCA WR-64B.

FACT NO. 10: There is no "best" dot size or bar width for convergence adjustments Generator dot size or bar width has no sig-

nificance for convergence adjustments.

Veteran technicians, however, have found that very small dots or thin bars are difficult to use under average lighting conditions. If receiver brightness is turned up to overcome this handicap, blooming will result. Proper convergence cannot be achieved under this abnormal condition.

The dot and bar size of the WR-64B is small enough to permit exact, speedy adjustment, and large enough to be useful under average lighting conditions.

These are ten specific facts you should know about color-bar generators. They add up to this

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A CRT tester with a variable G2 control is announced. The tester has two permanently attached cables including sockets for all types of CRTs. The CR128A checks CRTs for em-



mission, shorts and leakage between elements. It weighs 10 lb and measures 10 x 9 x  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. and sells for \$74.95. Sencore.

#### Emergency Identification 201

A line of mobile communications antennas made with brilliant fluor-"International Emergency escent Orange" material is introduced. The antennas are used on police radio



equipped motorcycles and other vehicles. The citizens band versions are used by CB clubs with emergency groups such as REACT teams. Antenna Specialists.

#### **CB** Radio

202 An all solid-state citizens band two-

way radio, with 12 crystal-controlled channels and an all-silicon transistor complement is introduced. This CB transceiver, designated Mark 10, weighs less than four and one-half lb and occupies a space of slightly more



than one cubic ft. In addition to operating as a two-way CB radio, the unit may be used as a public address (PA) system with 3w audio-power output and includes a jack for external speaker connections. The unit requires a 12vdc power supply with either positive or negative ground. RCA.

#### **Color Generator**

A portable transistorized color generator which provides crystal-controlled keyed rainbow color bar display, and dot, crosshatch, horizontal line

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and vertical line patterns as well as gun killer controls is announced. Dots are one line high and only  $0.2\mu$ sec wide. The model 1245 measures 2-7/8 x 8-1/2 x 8-7/8 in., weighs 3 lb and sells for \$134.95 net. B&K.

#### **Hook Blade Knife**



204 A pocket knife with a "modified hook" blade, instead of the conventional "spear" blade is intro-

duced. The knife also has a screwdriver blade. It is claimed that the new blade is scientifically shaped so that it is highly effective for general cutting. In addition, the modified hook is just right for ripping, cutting close to a line, or slitting the outer covering of cable, Holub,

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A device for underwater communications between skin divers is introduced. Normal speech sounds are carried through the water for 50 ft. or more and can be heard by other divers without special receivers or listening equipment.

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and a sound diffuser to eliminate bubble sounds and a plastic case containing the amplifier circuitry, dry cell battery, and speaker. The microphone assembly fits inside an ordinary diving mask while the speaker case is worn on the weight belt. The complete system weighs 25 oz in the water. Raytheon.

#### Soldering System

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A production soldering system which includes a power-control unit which regulates soldering-iron tip temperatures, and a miniature solder-



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#### **Cable Clamps**

An adhesive cable clip for holding electronic cable in place is introduced. The cable clips are constructed of polyvinylchloride with a foam adhesive backing. They are available in four sizes to handle bundles or jacketed cable from 1/8 to 1/2 in. in diameter. The clamps are for use in communi-

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cations systems wiring to hold JKT or coaxial cables, and in electronic systems. 3M.

#### Microphone

A transistorized base station microphone with adjustable output level is introduced. According to the manufacturer, the microphone makes it

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unit is being offered to dealers through a promotion. The display/dispenser measures  $15\frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$  in. Sonotone.

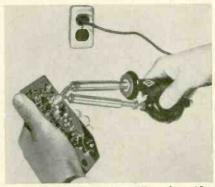
Screwdriver 212 This 3 15/16 in. long pocket screwdriver has a pocket clip, plastic



handle and a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in. hardened steel blade. Moody.

#### Desoldering/Resoldering Iron 213

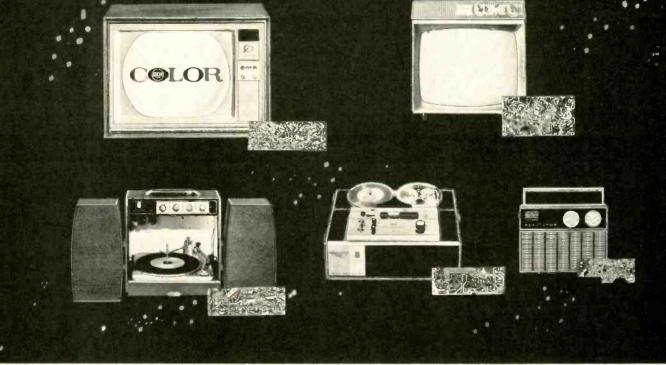
A pencil-style iron for removing and replacing miniature components in printed circuit boards and conventional wiring is announced. Known as the Model 300, it is only 8 in.



long and weighs  $3\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Rated at 40w and 115 vac, it delivers a 720° F tip temperature, according to the announcement. List \$13.49. Enterprise.

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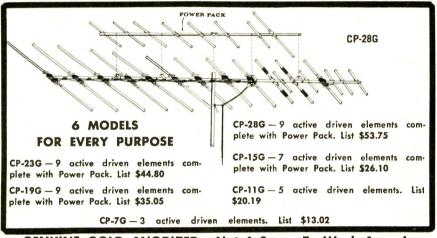


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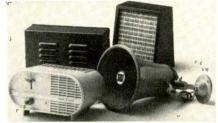
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Wireless Paging System 214 A two-way paging and talkback system that plugs into ac outlets is introduced. The system permits one



(or more) persons to originate the call—the paged party can reply by speaking in the direction of the speaker. Fanon.

#### SSB Transceiver

A transceiver for use on the high frequency band (2 to 30Mc) is announced. The SB72 uses 13 tubes in-



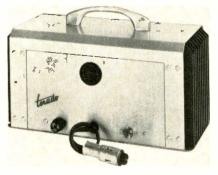
cluding compactrons and nuvistors. It has a built-in power supply for 12 or 115v operation. The unit is an upper sideband, lower sideband or double sideband transceiver. General.

#### Inverter

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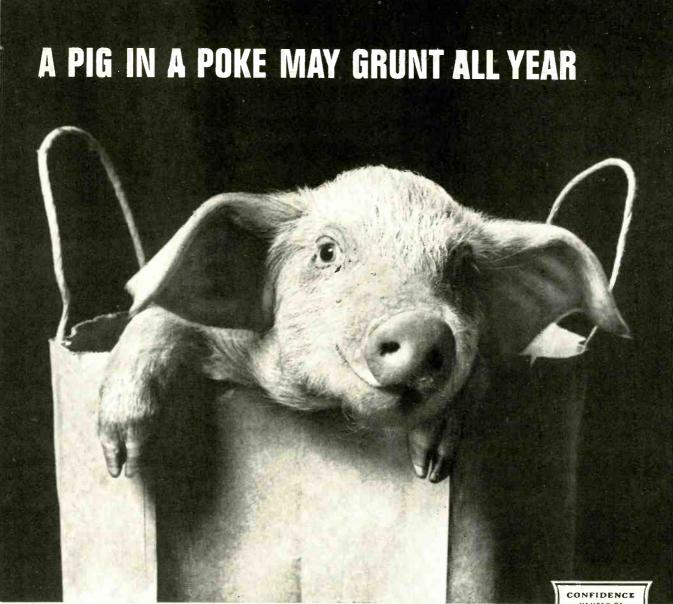
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A solid state transistor power inverter is introduced. This unit changes the regular storage battery current of a car or boat to 117v filtered ac. Ca-



pacity is 125 to 150w. The inverter can be used to power amplifiers, radio, portable TV, lights, can openers, mixers, electric shavers, electric drills, soldering irons and other electrical equipment. Terado.

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#### **CB** Transceiver

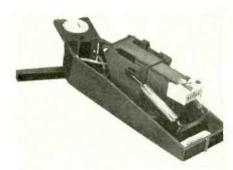
A 5w unit with pre-aligned "plugin" circuits is introduced. This 24 transistor unit has a typical RF power



output of 3.7w with 85% upward minimum modulation, the manufacturer says. A base station console is available for use with transceiver. Texas Communications.

#### **Cartridge Assembly**

A cartridge assembly designed for the newest Garrard automatic turntables is announced. The Model M80E cartridge assembly features a retractile suspension system and an elliptically shaped diamond stylus and is said to provide bounce-proof and scratch-proof operation. The assembly plugs into the tone arm of the Ger-



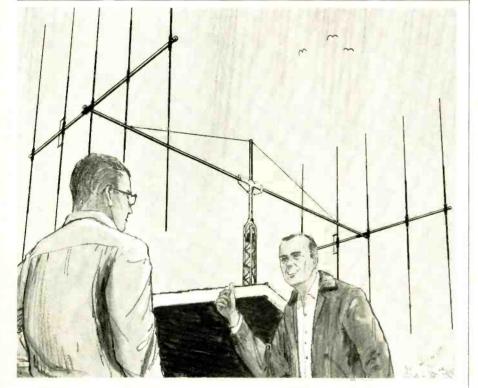
rard Lab 80 and Type A70 automatic turntables. Shure.

#### Multitester

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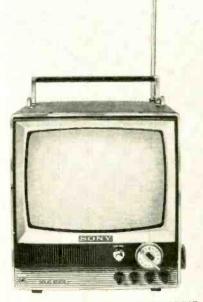
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a 30,000 $\Omega$ /v sensitivity and has a 1vdc full scale range. Olson.

Solid State TV Set220A 9 in. TV portable weighing 10lb is announced. The solid state unit



#### 951-UW

uses epitaxial passivated transistors. It operates on rechargeable battery, ac or auto/boat 12v power. Sony.

**Tool-Tray Ladder** 221 A ladder with an overhanging tooltray is introduced. The tray, 24 x 3 in., is welded to the top and back of



the ladder frame in a cantilevered arrangement. The ladder rolls on four 3 in., side-braking, swivel casters that are mounted to the frame. Ballymore.

#### **Tape Recorder**

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A custom 4-track tape recorder is announced. It is said the unit provides finest recording and playback performance of 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ips tapes, plus "sound-with-sound" feature that per-



mits additions to previously recorded programs. The unit records FM/ stereo, FM, AM or phono by using console and tape recorder controls, according to the maker. Zenith.

#### **Speakers**



223 Two speakers for high power application and adaptable for musical instruments, music systems and Hi Fi music systems and other similar applications

are announced. Both contain a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ lb Alnico V magnet, 3 in. dia. voice coil, built-in heat sink, and rear vent for air relief. Oxford.



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#### Solder Tube Dispenser



A transparent plastic tube dispenser containing  $13\frac{1}{2}$  ft of coiled 60/40 rosin core solder wire, 0.050 in. dia is introduced. This solder tube dispenser

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can be used by TV-radio technicians. Alpha.

#### Transceiver

A CB transceiver with 11 channel crystal control transmit and receive, plus a 23 channel tunable receiver is



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introduced. The transmitter's frequency range is 26.965 to 27.225Mc (channels 1 to 23). It has push to talk switching. Audio output is 3.5w and sensitivity is  $0.5\mu v$ . Power supply is either 117vac, 60cps half-wave voltage-doubler or 12vdc. Metrotek.

#### **Utility Cart**

A line of utility carts in two or three-shelf models is introduced. Each cart is equipped with 5 in. replaceable rubber tired and ball bearing casters. The three-shelf models have a capacity of 350 lb, an over-all length of 40 in., over-all width of  $21\frac{1}{2}$  in.



and an over-all height of 36 in. Clearance between shelves is  $11\frac{5}{8}$  in. Colson.

#### Microphone

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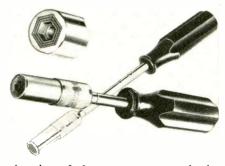
A dynamic cardioid microphone with uni-directional pickup characteristics is introduced. The Model 580SA



is a high impedance unit to be used with any high gain, high impedance amplifier while the Model 580SB is a low impedance unit to be used with any low impedance amplifier. Where long cable lengths are required, the Model 580SB should be used. Shure.

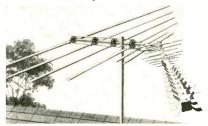
#### Socket Wrench

Concentric, spring-loaded hexagons in the socket of this wrench adapt to

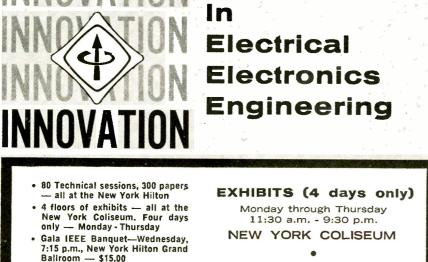


the size of the nut as you push the wrench on the nut. It fits nuts in the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{7}{16}$ " range. Meredith:

All Channel Antennas 229 A line of all-channel antennas is announced. The pathfinder series covers all eighty-two UHF and VHF TV channels, plus all FM stations,



according to the manufacturer. The antennas are available with outputs for both  $300\Omega$  twinlead and  $75\Omega$  co-axial cable. Jerrold.



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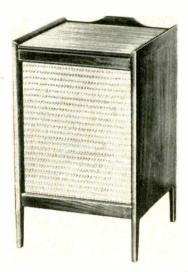
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It is said an answering and recording device features no installation and very low cost while main-



taining high quality throughout. High fidelity tape recorders transmit voice recordings and record messages left by caller, according to the manufacturer. Minatronics.

Speaker System Kit 231 A 3-way speaker sytem kit is introduced. Model AS15 contains a 12



in. woofer with a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. voice coil, two 2 in. mid-range speakers and ultrahigh frequency tweeter. Heath.

#### **CB** Transceiver

232

A tube type CB transceiver with six crystal-controlled channels plus fullchannel receiver tuning with spotting switch and "S' meter is announced. Weighing 14 lb, the CB-9 measures only  $12 \times 7 \times 5$  in. It is furnished ready to operate either base or mobile, in-



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cluding power cords and mobile mounting bracket. Hallicrafters.

#### Antenna

A line of all-channel color antennas is introduced. Five models are available for all television areas, from local to far-fringe, with list prices ranging from \$18.95 to \$59.95. A series of matching transformers and couplers



is also available for use with coax cables and/or multi-set installations. GC Electronics.

#### **Crystal Filter**



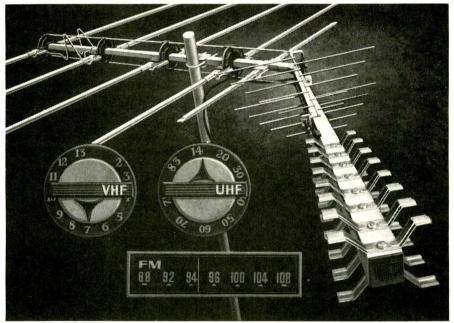
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A crystal filter for two-way radio base station receivers operat-

ing on frequencies in the 25 to 50Mc and 136 to 174Mc band is introduced. The crystal filter measures  $3 \times 1 \times 11/16$  in. Installation is accomplished with an "in line" connection between receiver and antenna relay. Motorola.

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#### **Cartridge Caddy**

A compartmentalized box designed to hold up to four cartridges and six



extra styli or three cartridges and six extra styli, with room for pressure gages, brushes or other items is announced. The cartridge caddy is finished in black simulated leather with gold leaf tooling. It is  $12 \times 5\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ in. and lined with plastic foam. Shure.

Frequency Meter 236 A solid state frequency and deviation measurement instrument is an-

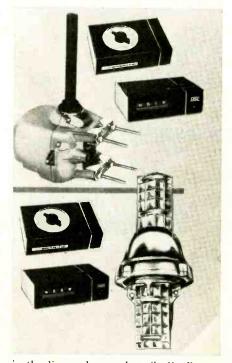


nounced. The CE1 has direct reading offered on all bands: 20-80Mc, 120-180Mc, 420-480Mc, and 920-980Mc. Three directly calibrated frequency and three directly calibrated deviation ranges are included. The self-contained, portable instrument measures 10 3/4 x 10 5/16 x 16-1/2 in. Cushman Electronics.

#### Antenna Rotor

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237 A line of automatic manually controlled rotors is announced. The two basic rotor mechanisms are contained



in the line, a heavy duty 'in-line" support with a "Bell" casting and a unit designed for single stack, non-crossbraced antennas for metropolitan and suburban use. It features a self contained 3/4 in. dia steel stub mast on which the antenna is directly mounted. The rotor exceeds the accuracy and strength for maximum performance, the report said. CDE.

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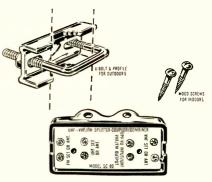


Broadcast Receiver 238 A short wave receiver covering the foreign broadcast spectrum is an-



nounced. The receiver provides coverage of the 5.9-6.25 MC (49 meters); 9.45-9.8Mc (31 meters); 11.65-12.05 Mc (25 meters); and 15.05-15.55 Mc bands. These bands are in addition to the standard broadcast band of 550-1600kc. Sizes  $13\frac{1}{2}$  by  $5\frac{7}{8}$  by  $8\frac{3}{4}$  in. Hallicrafters.

Three-Way Splitter239A signal-divider network for distributing separate VHF, UHF andFM signals from a single antennasystem is announced. This device canconversely serve as an outdoor com-biner when separate VHF, UHF and



FM antennas must be used. Eliminates multiple downleads. JFD.

#### Amateur Antenna 240

A 5/8 wave vertical base station antenna for 6-meter amateur radio use is introduced. Maximum input recom-

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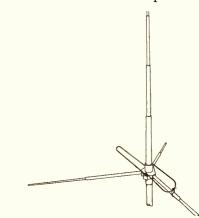
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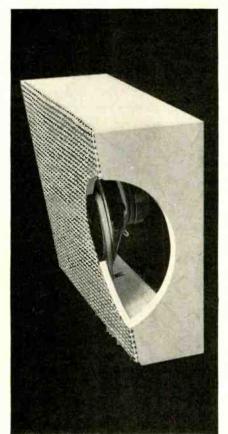
mended for this antenna is 1000w. SWR of 1.5:1 or better is claimed. Gain is 3.4db over <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> wave ground plane and 5.9db compared to isotropic source. A coax female connector is incorporated into the radial support assembly. Mosley.



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'I've poked my head in chassis for years trying to find . . .'

■ For ten years I've been storing it up. I've wrestled with TV chassis and every mistake in them and I've found every mistake that can be made — although not all in one chassis — and I'm fed up. Not mad enough to join 'em, mind you, but angry enough to resolve one thing: if ever I meet a man who introduces himself as a designer . . . well, depending on how big he is . . .

But let me tell you how I'll blast him if he *is* bigger than I am.

#### All Gold and Virgin Plastic , . .

There's this nice small portable, see. It looks like a little jewel, all gold and virgin plastic and little yellowstone knobs. The owner tells me it's a gift for his anniversary. The screen on this bauble is ablaze with light but sans picture, see. And the owner says they can't do that to him. So I'm looking for the RF section. I know there's a tuner in it somewhere, but RF tubes? No. There are three IF tubes all right and a video 6AW8. But where's the blasted 6BQ7? Ah! It don't have one? I've poked my head inside chassis for years trying to find the tube (and socket holes) behind that discriminator can — but this set is too small to get my head into, I tell you.

There's the neck of the CRT, all bundled up in wiring and little nasty resistors — two sheets of printed wiring all messed into a dandy cobweb, but no doggone tuner-tubes anywhere. Now I know they're in there somewhere. Inside the CRT, maybe? No, they didn't go that far yet, I reason. Underneath the CRT, of course — peeking their little spouty-tops out.

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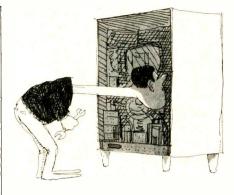
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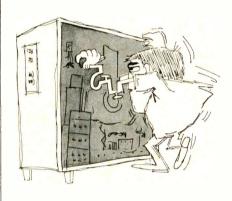
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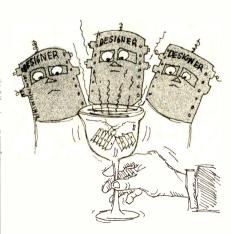
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and the printed circuits, in the far corner, way down there on the very bottom they were. You would think the front would be removable like the top of a can. But you don't know these boys. They must have almost forgotten to include the tuner —then stuffed it on the bottom of the "can" and I guarantee you the front doesn't come off.

You remove the chassis, that's what. Then you remove the CRT. And the tuner stays down there, see, screwed to the bottom. And the leads aren't long enough to move the chassis out of the way. So you *cut* 'em.

But . . . Oh! . . the tubes are pointed away from you, so you have to dismount the tuner, turn it over and if you have deep ridges on your fingers you can just squeeze the tube tops and with three or four tries they may (or may not) lift out of their long, stiff shields. Easy, wasn't it?

Now most of your hour is gone, eh? But let me give you a tip right here. Replace *both* tubes. You can't try the set until everything is back in place. That takes care of the next hour. If you pick the wrong tube, you'll have to repeat the whole thing. And by that time (like one technician I heard about) you may be keyed-up to the point where you'll smash the stupid little jewel flat on the floor like pizza-pie, anniversary-gift or not.

#### Pick A Console Job

But never mind the compacts and tinyvisions. Pick an honest to goodness console model with plenty of room to "put" things. There's the CRT all nicely by itself in the middle, the tuner fastened (and I mean fastened) in the upper left corner of the cabinet — the chassis nestled cozily bottomwise in the center. Let's not worry about the speaker, it's on the back cover, right, and exactly above the CRT neck. If you don't hold it up . . . bang . . . one neckless CRT. (That was the year this company needed to sell more CRTs.) If you're not careful now and accidentally tug on the HV lead, the CRT may fall on your fingers.

But the tuner is another matter. They've developed a special tool to bolt that down. And tight. Can't reach in with any of the tools you ever heard of. Don't swear, the cus-

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tomer is sitting next to you to see how good a technician you are. You tell him you need something from the truck and run to kick the tires, ram the floorboards with your head or whatever you do when you're in bad shape. Take ten tranquilizers and go back refreshed and ready for battle.

#### No More Sardine Cans

Instead of the sardine cans, they're now making the smaller jobs out of plastic. You know, front and back, nice soft plastic, the centerstrip metal — welded so it clings to the chassis like molasses. Now here's a job that calls for a small head, one you can poke in between the highvoltage cage and the 15-watt input resistor, to see what made the hole in the plastic front under the viewing screen. Ah! you got it! It's the globar resistor. It has dissolved the lugs it was mounted on (at one time) and now dangles against the plastic bottom. What do you do with the hole? That's easy. Do what the designers do with the holes they make and later discover they have no use for. You get some fancy gold strip with such names as "Super-Duper Chassis," "Aristocrat of the Silver Screen," or perhaps "Air-ventilated Picture Screen" and stick it over the hole with glue -not too tight so it will fall off within a few months — and there you are.

You would think, since we're on the matter of holes, you might find one, say, where the tuner-oscillator slugs are behind, don't you? Ah! Not so. You must search for the slugs with a spying glass, my friend, *after* you remove the tuner. That figures!

#### **Printed Circuits**

Now getting down to printed circuits (which one must). Here's something you can get your teeth into. Much easier to service. You simply peel the whole thing off and sell the man a new set. They don't develop intermittents half as much as some people say. You simply button up sagging and on-off sections with pieces of card-board, which was intended to be done all along. You can plug IFs, tune sockets, anything at all that moves like thin ice up and down with the heat to give you the finest sheet of intermittents imaginable, with tube tops, neatly folded and stuck in -



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around and under like nobody's business. If you have to unsolder stuff, I admit, that's a little harder — a good yank or two will generally make the thing say "snap," however. This is the time to tell him you think it will cost too much to fix it. Gives the designers a chance to design another day.

#### **Circuit Tracing**

Now let's get to methods of tracing circuit wiring. You have the schematic with you at all times, haven't you? Well, it don't say much about where things are hung in the chassis anyhow. I'm having a portable this time (the country is full of 'em) and I'm tracing B+, see. The line that supplies the contrast control circuit, because that's where we lost the picture. Now. It comes from, say, the 260v line somewhere out of a filter. Good. Now the wire runs into a hole on the chassis and away underneath . . . behind . . . the CRT. So I figure the supply resistor sits there all blackened up and wide open, see. But . . . eh . . . I have to remove the CRT to get at it, of course. That done . . . ah . . . you'd never guess it. The wire runs to a neat little lug there, but nothing else is connected to the lug. No sir. From the lug with nothing connected it runs back through another hole and ends up not two inches from where it started, all nice and easily accesible, to a little metal cover with three resistors inside, including the one I wanted. Could you ask for anything neater?

#### Knobs and Shafts

I've recently read of a world exposition where a technical writer ran into a set made in an "ironbar" country and he complained that the knobs fell off at a touch Well sir, let me tell you about *our* knobs. We have two kinds — the ones made of plastic that melt around the shaft, so you will no doubt conclude that they have been glued on (go ahead with your screwdriver, its going to break in half no matter what you use) and the kind that . . . eh . . . falls off. I'm sure there is no other word for it.

You see, shafts are made with the idea in mind that there should be a choice between too short or too long. So what's wrong with that? We have always had choices, no-

body's ever happy unless he has a choice. And we have plenty of choices, let me tell you. Shafts too long, too short, too brittle (we've all seen fine-tuner shafts made of pressed paper and plastic snap off). And then there's the kind that look and feel like plastic drinking straws and are. Trying to get them aligned to go through their holes in the back cover is like setting up eggs on end without cracking 'em. They can go around corners and neither horses nor men could keep them from splitting open at the ends where they're supposed to fit on controls.

But there's one thing the designers have not neglected. That's the back cover. It is generally held on the set with enough screws to assemble a half-ton truck. Sixty-four screws is my own record and anyone who has seen anywhere from eight to thirty-four to sixty-four, half red robinson and half green robinson with one or two flat-slotted or criss-crossed . . . knows enough to slip two-thirds of 'em in his pocket so he can make the job possible next time.

There's not one thing they have overlooked. Therefore I'm going to salute the men who make it all so interesting and possible. To the designers, the men who gave us handfuls of unneeded and unpaid for work, the breed that works behind closed doors and has no name, only a bodyguard or two out in the lobby of their workshops . . . to them and their likes . . . one golden supergridded glass of selenium poison!

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relative importance of each campaign. Let's shed more light on this last idea.

Suppose you have decided to allocate 3 percent of your gross sales per month to advertising. Let's also suppose in a certain month, you are faced with the problem of increasing your antenna installation business, while promoting a recently introduced 24-hour service plan. These two factors become your monthly advertising objectives. You must now pause and decide whether both are equally important (in terms of each one's profit poten-



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tial) or whether one is more important than the other. As previously mentioned, this decision should be based on expected profit potential for each factor. Once you have put these objectives into an order of importance, you can then allocate your funds accordingly.

Although this system cannot guarantee desired results, it certainly will come a lot closer than the "sawed-off-shotgun" approach used too often by service-dealers. At least you'll be able to justify vour expenditures!

Determination of the actual amount to be spent is not possible. The 3 percent figure cited here was based on the sample budget presented earlier. In that instance, gross sales were \$2400 (approximately), \$80 was ear-marked to advertising. This comes out to roughly 3 percent. You must decide for yourself whether this figure applies to your own operation. In so doing, bear in mind that advertising is no cure-all. It cannot be counted on to solve your complete business problems. You should also realize that if you advertise too little, you are wasting your money.

If you go too heavily into a campaign, you may reach a point of diminishing returns-the extra dollars you invest in the program will not produce extra-profit dollars. Actually, you must experiment. Try one figure for a few months and keep track of extra sales and new customers coming in. Then try another figure. After a few changes, you will find the one figure which best suits your own particular needs.

#### **Image Promoting**

Probably the best and least expensive advertising program you can engage in is simply to become an active member of your community. Make new friends and meet new people. Attend community meetings and participate in community activities. The more people you know-the more people who know you-the better your chances for new customers.

It is no longer true that people regard TV-radio service-dealers as "thieves" or "overcharging businessmen." People are becoming more aware that TV-radio service technicians as a group are trained

specialists like doctors, for example, and entitled to fair payment. Take advantage of this new image, enhance and build up your business on it.

One very easy way for servicedealers to enhance their images is to create a good impression in the eyes of their customers. This is readily accomplished by having a neat, clean and well organized shop and by keeping neat and well dressed. The old idea that dirty clothing indicates a hard worker just doesn't hold water any more.

We have outlined a modern service-dealer marketing program. It can, and should, help you become a more successful and more respected businessman. Like any other program of this nature, however, it will vary from one particular operation to another. The points mentioned in this summary should serve as the basis or foundation on which an individual business can build a complete and total marketing program. It is a program based on sound marketing and management techniques and it can be geared to your particular business.



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#### Contract Let For New WWV Station

The National Bureau of Standards (U.S. Department of Commerce) signed a contract with Ditzen-Mueller and Associates of Boulder, Colo. for architectural design of a transmitter building for NBS standard broadcast station WWV at the station's new site at Fort Collins, Colo. Construction of the building will begin in early 1966 and will be completed in time for WWV to begin broadcasting from Fort Collins on July 1, 1966.

#### Sam Schlussel, President of TAME

It is announced that Sam Schlussel has been elected president of the Television Accessory Manufacturers' group known as TAME. Mr. Schlussel succeeds Morton Leslie, who completed his term after serving as president since the organization's inception. Paul Wilson was reelected vice president, and Morris Finney, treasurer.

Mr. Schlussel is an official of Channel Master Corp. Mr. Leslie is with JFD Electronics Corp., Mr. Wilson with S & A, and Mr. Finney with Finco.

#### Sylvania Appoints CCTV Agent

Executone of Knoxville, Inc., Knoxville, Tenn., is appointed authorized sales agent of closed circuit TV systems

for the commercial electronics division of Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

Executone of Knoxville will assist Sylvania in the marketing of educational and commercial closed circuit television systems in the Knoxville area. In addition, the company will install and service the Sylvania equipment. Mr. Charles Bell is President of Executone of Knoxville, Inc.

#### National Electronics Week, 1966

Ninety-one companies have signed contracts to exhibit in 1966 National Electronics Week, as of the first cut-off date for preference in space assignments, according to Kenneth C. Prince, General Manager. Over half the available space is already committed, Mr. Prince says.

1966 National Electronics Week will be held in San Francisco from May 30th through June 5th. The allindustry marketing event incorporates trade association meetings and conventions, new business forums, and the only national trade show for electronics merchandisers.

#### **Philco Appointment**

Hobart A. Ballou has been appointed general service manager for consumer products at Philco Corp., according to Ray Nugent, general manager of the parts and services department, sales and distribution division.

Mr. Ballou, who has been accessories manager in Philco's Atlanta, Ga., district since December 1, succeeds C. Howard Tomlin, resigned. William D. Fore, now service manager in the Boston (Mass.) District, is moving to Atlanta as accessories manager, Mr. Nugent said.



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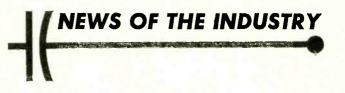
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#### Admiral Record Employment in Illinois Plants

Admiral Corp. announces that employment in its Illinois facilities including Chicago headquarters is nearly 8000. The company's Harvard, Ill., electronics center, which produces color TV, black and white TV, stereo instruments and radios, reported 3300 people are currently on the job — an increase of 1700 since early 1964. Employment is expected to total 4000 at Harvard by January. Bus service for employees who live considerable distances from the expanding plant has been increased. Established bus routes include connections to such points as Belvidere, Ill., Janesville, Wis., Beloit, Wis., Rockford and Crystal Lake, Ill., Richmond, Woodstock, and Hebron, Ill. Employment at the company's Galesburg appliance manufacturing subsidiary is 2400, and indications are that a complete third shift will soon be added at this plant. Employment at the McHenry and Bloomington, Ill., divisions are 300 and 150 respectively, while there are approximately 1800 on the payroll in Chicago.

#### **RCA Third Quarter Sales and Earnings**

Sales and earnings of the RCA rose to new record levels in the third quarter and first nine months of 1965, Chairman David Sarnoff and President Elmer W. Engstrom report. Profits after taxes in the third quarter of this year rose 22 percent to \$22,300,000, as compared with the previous high of \$18,200,000 in the same period of 1964. This marked the 18th consecutive quarter in which profits improved over the similar period of the previous year. Earnings in the first nine months of 1965 amounted to \$66,200,000, up 18 percent over the previous record of \$55,800,000 in the comparable nine months last year.

Sales of products and services in the third quarter rose 17 percent to \$506,700,000 from \$431,400,000 in the like 1964 period, and were the highest for any threemonth period in the company's 46-year history. For the first nine months of 1965 sales amounted to \$1,470,600,-000, an increase of 10 percent from the \$1,330,500,000 recorded in the similar period a year ago.

Earnings per share of common stock in the third quarter were 38 cents, an increase of 27 percent over the third quarter of 1964. In the first nine months per share earnings reached \$1.13, up 21 percent from a year earlier.

#### Zenith Engineer Cited

John Rennick, division chief of advanced development in color television at Zenith Radio Corp., received the 1965 Consumer Electronics Outstanding Achievement Award.

The award is given annually by the Broadcast and Television Receivers, Audio and Electron Devices groups of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) to the engineer who "has contributed significantly towards the advancement of consumer electronics through engineering achievement."

Rennick, who has been a member of Zenith's engineering staff since March 1935, has worked on color television for over twenty-five years. He is the inventor or co-inventor in 21 U.S. patents and 15 Canadian patents, most of which involve color TV, and almost every color television receiver in use today embodies his developments.

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#### TV Antennas On John Hancock Center

Six Chicago television stations will locate their transmitting antennas on the 100-story John Hancock Center, it is announced.

Louis Sudler, partner, Sudler and Company, rental agent for the tapering \$95 million structure being built on North Michigan Ave., identified the stations as:

WGN-TV (Channel 9), WMAQ-TV (5), WBBM-TV (2), WTTW (11) and UHF stations WXXW (20) and WSNS (44).

The stations are expected to begin transmitting from the top of the world's tallest residential-commercial structure in the summer of 1968, Sudler announced.

Although plans are still subject to approval by the Federal Aviation Agency, the Hancock Center TV facility calls for twin transmission towers 2,049 ft above sea level, or 1,499 ft above Michigan Ave., a request the FAA is studying.

Each TV tower on the Hancock Center would rise 344 ft from its roof.

Also proposed as part of its broadcasting facility, John Hancock Center will include a lower 100-ft tall common FM radio antenna located directly between the two TV transmitters. The proposed antenna is designed to serve 15 stations.

#### Jerrold Announces Record Earnings

The Jerrold Corp. had record sales and earnings for the first half of the current fiscal year announces Milton J. Shapp, president. Consolidated sales for the six months net income of \$459,188, equal to 22 cents per share, was \$1,294,949, equal to 61 cents per common share, based on an average of 2,128,613 common shares outstanding. No provision is required for Federal income tax because of a tax loss carry over of approximately \$3 million from previous periods.

Last year Jerrold reported sales of \$12,999,770 and a net loss of \$241,440 for the first half. However, after adjustments to reflect the sale of the assets and business of the Pilot Radio Corp. subsidiary last March, sales for the same period a year ago would have shown \$11,126,548, with net income of \$459,188, equal to 22 cents per share based on an average of 2,114,547 common shares outstanding.

Operating results for the first six months this year compared to those of last year - excluding Pilot - reflect an increase of 39 percent in sales and 182 percent in profits. Mr. Shapp disclosed that orders and contracts on hand as of September 1, 1965 exceeded \$8,500,000, compared to an adjusted \$7,300,000 at the same time a year ago.

#### **Oak Acquisition**

Oak Electro Netics Corp. announces acquisition of N. V. Messa Electronics, Emmen, Holland, through purchase of the remaining 25 percent of the Dutch company's outstanding capital stock. In April, 1965, Oak acquired a 75 percent stock interest in Messa. The Company will be operated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oak.

Harry E. Seston, formerly managing director of Oak-Hart Manufacturing (Canada) Ltd., the Canadian subsidiary of Oak in Aurora, Ontario, has been named managing director of Messa.

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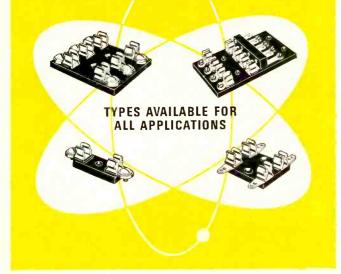
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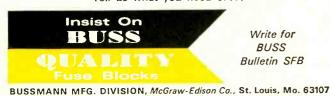
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the 1960s, from \$630 million in 1965 to \$755 million in 1970.

Although the industrial market will experience high annual growth rates through 1970, the consumer market is now enjoying and will continue to enjoy a relatively high rate of growth in the more immediate future, an expansion EIA attributes primarily to the rapid increase in sales of color television receivers.

Total sales of radios, particularly FM, phonographs, tape recorders, and many of the more recent consumer products, are also expected to contribute significantly to the overall growth of the consumer market.

#### **Distributor Rep. for Cornell Dubilier**

Cornell-Dubilier has appointed Covert-Newman Associates as their general line distributor representative in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Bernard Newman and Jack Covert have been active in both OEM and distributor marketing for many years. Their offices are located at 300 Mount Lebanon Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### Ullrich Named CCTV/MATV Product Manager

Walter A. Ullrich has been promoted to the position of product manager of the closed-circuit and master antenna television division of Blonder-Tongue Laboratories, Inc., announces Richard B. Helhoski, director of marketing of the electronics firm. In his new position, Mr. Ullrich will have national responsibility for CCTV and MATV systems, including developmental marketing and the coordination of sales programs.

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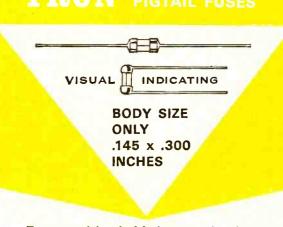
Business by the U.S. electronic industries is expected to expand 40 percent during the next five years, with all product segments — government, industrial, consumer products and components — sharing in the rise.

That is the outlook set forth in a five-year forecast prepared by the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) and released by Dr. Harper Q. North, EIA president and vice president, research and development, TRW Inc., Redondo Beach, Calif.

EIA foresees, Dr. North said, an increase in total industry business from \$17 billion in 1965 to \$23.9 billion by the end of 1970. The fast-growing industrial electronics market is expected to pace the expansion, rising 62 percent during the five-year period from \$3.87 to \$6.26 billion.

During the same period, the government market for electronics is expected to expand 36 percent, from \$9.19 billion in 1965 to \$12.48 billion in 1970, while the annual consumer electronics market is expected to advance 31 percent from \$3.34 billion to \$4.38 billion.

Electronic components business in the U.S. is projected to expand 28 percent from \$4.30 billion during 1965 to \$5.49 billion during 1970, according to the EIA analysis. Annual sales of components for replacement purposes are expected to increase by 20 percent during the balance of



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#### July Mono CRT Sales Up in Units, Down in Dollars

Factory sales of monochrome TV picture tubes in July totaled 573,077 units valued at \$9,398,626, up slightly in units (3.7 percent) but down in dollars (4 percent) compared to 552,550 units valued at \$9,788,584 in July 1964, the Electronic Industries Association's Marketing Services Department reported today. Identical decreases in units and dollars (22.9 percent) were registered in July's sales figures as compared to 743,335 units and \$12,191,-776 for the previous month of June 1965. Sales of mono TV picture tubes for the first seven months of 1965 were down both in units and dollars: 4,907,524 units valued at \$81,921,719 in 1965 compared to 5,193,324 units valued at \$92,327,538 in 1964, decreases of 5.5 percent in units and 11.3 percent in dollars. Unit sales of receiving tubes in July totaled 26,203,000, down 1.7 percent from 26,-648,000 in July 1964 and down 17.7 percent from 31,842,-000 in the previous month of June 1965. Receiving tube sales for the first seven months of 1965 totaled 214,252,000 up 5.2 percent from 203,718,000 units during the same period of 1964.

#### **Ampex-Orrtronics** Agreement

Ampex Corporation, Redwood City, California, and Orrtronics, Inc., of Opelika, Alabama, have concluded an agreement licensing Ampex to manufacture and market home and educational versions of the Orrtronic cartridge stereo tape music system now being sold for use in automobiles. Ampex will provide technical support for the further development of cartridge systems for various markets. Orrtronics will continue to manufacture and market the automobile system.

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#### New Belden Plant

Belden Manufacturing Company, Chicago, announces construction of a new plant near Franklin, N. C.

Twenty-five acres of land have been acquired approximately one and one-half miles south of the town of Franklin, North Carolina. Franklin is a town with a population of approximately 2,500 people, located in Macon County in western North Carolina. The plans are to erect a 45,000 sq ft plant which will initially employ about 100 people when the plant is in full production.

#### **Belden Earnings**

Belden Manufacturing Company announces that its earnings for the nine month period ended Spetember 30, 1965, rose to a new high in the company's 63 year history to \$2,169,554 or \$2.66 a share. Last year for the same period the earnings were \$1,572,012 or \$1.95 a share.

Sales for the period climbed 24% over the same period a year ago to a new high of \$38,338,002. The sales figure last year for nine months was \$30,871,985.

#### Littelfuse Nine Month Profits and Sales

Littelfuse, Inc., net sales and earnings for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 1965, were the highest on record, announces Thomas M. Blake, president. He reported increased earnings of \$261,329, or 71 cents per share, for the nine months of 1965 compared with \$190,-564, or 52 cents per share for the same period in 1964. Sales rose to an all-time high of \$7,202,119 in contrast to last year's \$5,243,584.



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#### Second American Revolution

A "second American revolution" based on technology can remove poverty and hunger in the underdeveloped nations and thwart the communist thrust for world domination, David Sarnoff, Chairman of the Board of the Radio Corporation of America, said.

He spoke at a National Veterans Day dinner in Birmingham, Alabama at which he received the 1965 National Veterans Award, presented annually by nine leading veterans organizations to the person who has distinguished himself most as a veteran during the year.

Charging communism with "defrauding mankind" by distorting the purpose of revolution, General Sarnoff said:

"Today, I believe we have it within our power to demonstrate the strength of our historic American principles with such clarity that the pretensions of communism can be totally exposed and its designs finally thwarted.

"The instrument that we possess is technology — the application of science to human need. It is generating a second American revolution which will have as great an impact as the first upon this nation and the world."

General Sarnoff cited the recently announced Red Chinese strategy of mobilizing the underdeveloped "rural areas of the world" to isolate and crush the industrialized West, and he said:

"Just as communist growth is rooted in frustration, it withers as the causes of frustration are removed. Therefore, to the extent that we apply our technology to the needs of others, we strengthen ourselves. In this way, we can blunt the communist thrust and defeat its objective of encircling and conquering the free world."

The RCA Chairman said that the wise application of technology to the underdeveloped continents can remove the vast distinctions between the rural areas and the cities, extending everywhere "the same opportunities for greater well-being, the same technologies and resources, and the same means of using them."

"In short," he added, "this second American revolution can accomplish all that communism has promised and never delivered, and it can do so by using the implements of technology for constructive purposes."

#### RCA Opens Direct Telex Link With U.S.S.R.

RCA Communications, Inc. announces the inauguration of telex service between the United States and the Soviet Union. The service was officially opened and placed in commercial operation by an exchange of messages between the Soviet Ministry of Communications and T. H. Mitchell, president of the RCA subsidiary. Mr. Mitchell said, "The opening of telex communications between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. marks another step forward in the many years of close cooperation in telecommunications between the two organizations." He pointed out that RCA has been maintaining direct telegraphic communications with the U.S.S.R. for more than 30 years. At the outset, government agencies and news media are expected to be the first users of the new telex service which provides two-way teletypewriter connections between the two nations. However, the service is also available to more than 70,000 subscribers to AT&T's TWX network, the Western Union domestic network and RCA subscribers in New York, San Francisco and Washington.

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### Coaxial Switches

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adequate audio for good communications. A  $2\mu\nu$  sensitivity is less desirable since the receiver requires stronger signals for adequate audio readability.

Checks of receiver sensitivity should be made and recorded periodically.

Loss of receiver sensitivity can generally be traced to low gain in the RF and first IF stages. This is usually caused by tube aging. Most often, a change of tubes in these stages will bring sensitivity back to normal. Tubes should not be changed arbitrarily.

If a change of tubes does not improve sensitivity, re-align the receiver as described in the service manual. If this does not provide acceptable sensitivity, then look for a defective component. Check plate voltages and power supply output and replace defective components to bring voltages up to normal. Check gain in the RF and IF stages. Compare these measurements with the chart in the service

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manual to isolate the faulty stage. Check voltages and resistances in the faulty stage to isolate the defective component.

With proper attention to "netting" and deviation, as covered in Part I of this series, plus the problems discussed in this article, you are well on your way toward giving your customers the most from their two-way radio equipment.

The final article in this series will cover two-way mobile power supplies, antennas and checking transmitter output power.

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infinite shelf life and do not deteriorate under sustained rated-voltage application. They are also being used as the familiar "doorknob" capacitor in TV high-voltage circuits.

Ceramic capacitors are being used more in original-equipment because they are less expensive. And their small size, plus economy, make them a favorite replacement component in electronic servicing too. Care should be exercised, however, to use the proper type when replacing another ceramic type. It should be remembered that the circuit application of the component determines the type of ceramic to use. If the capacitor is used for coupling, for example, it should be replaced with a 20 percent general use ceramic. For that matter, it pays to be careful when replacing a ceramic capacitor with a ceramic capacitor. These are flexible little components and they are sometimes used for special applications. The ceramic capacitor may be in the circuit for temperature compensation and it should naturally be replaced with the same type.

In fact, the versatility and applications-scope of these ceramic discs and tubes almost place them in the category of a new type component. They are certainly the best thing that has happened to capacitors since the Leyden jar.

Technicians of the not too distant future will no doubt consider us slightly eccentric for using rolls of foil and paper for capacitors. They will use ceramic and never give a thought to its beautiful simplicity.

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