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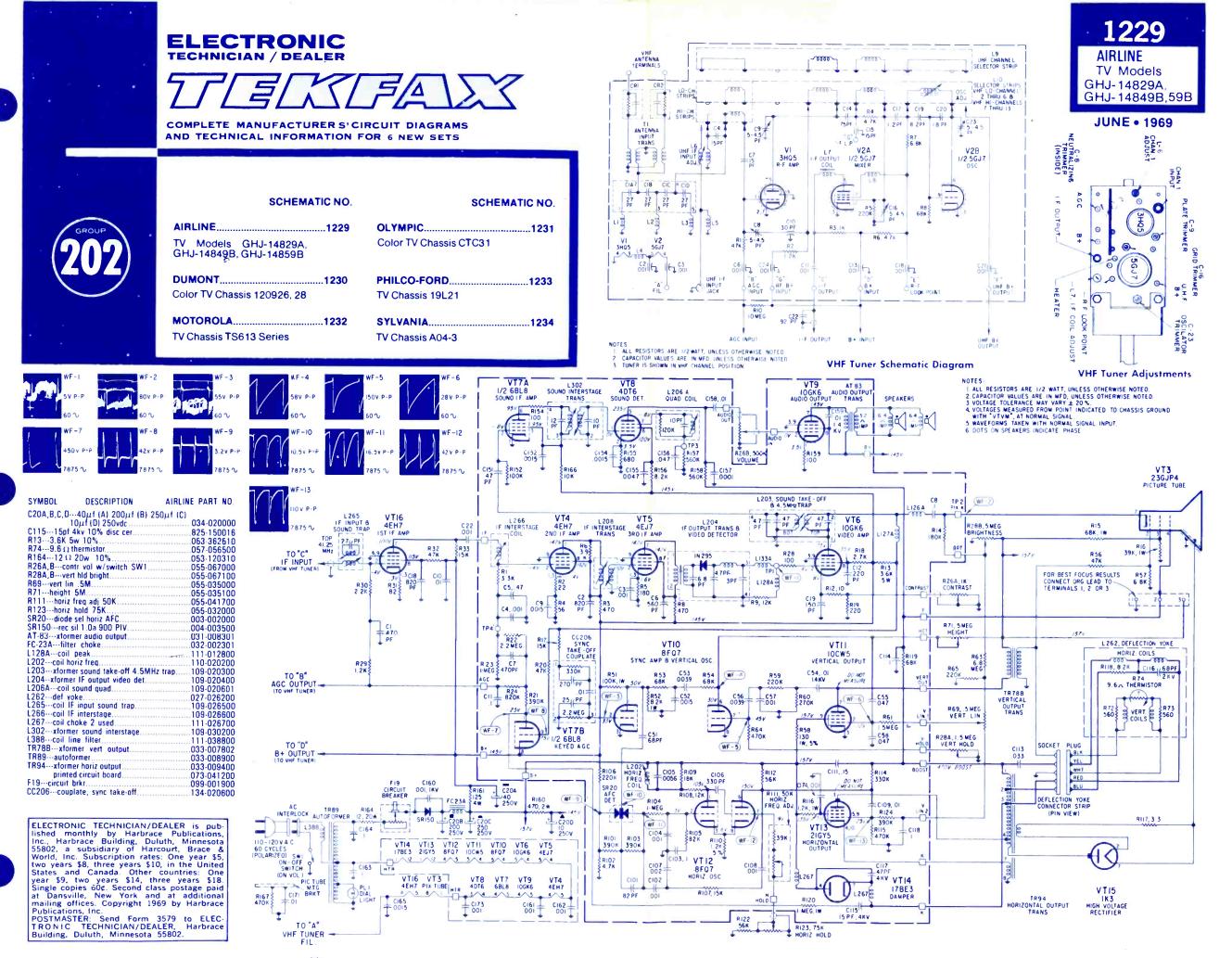
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COMPLETE MANUFACTURERS' CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR 6 NEW SETS

R126---vert horiz hold cont 750K/35K

R804---left rd/grn vert lin cont 150 g

R813---rd/grn horiz top lin cont 120 Ω R815---vert blu tilt cont 60 Ω

RV102---thermistor

RV301---varistor

SE102---sel rect (focus) SW103---AFT switch...

T103---focus adj trans.

T104---vert output trans.

T201---sound take-off trans.

T105---power trans.

T202---sound IF trans.

T203---sound quad trans.

T206---2nd video IF trans

T208---video peak trans.

T301---bandpass trans...

T304---3.58MHz osc trans.

--horiz phase det. Y301---3.58MHz crystal.

X301-

T101---audio output trans.

RV103---voltage dep resistor. RV104---voltage dep resistor.

R212---adj sound cont 10K

R231---sound rej cont 750 Ω. R264---AGC cont 6K.....

R140---video peaking/contr cont 50K/368.

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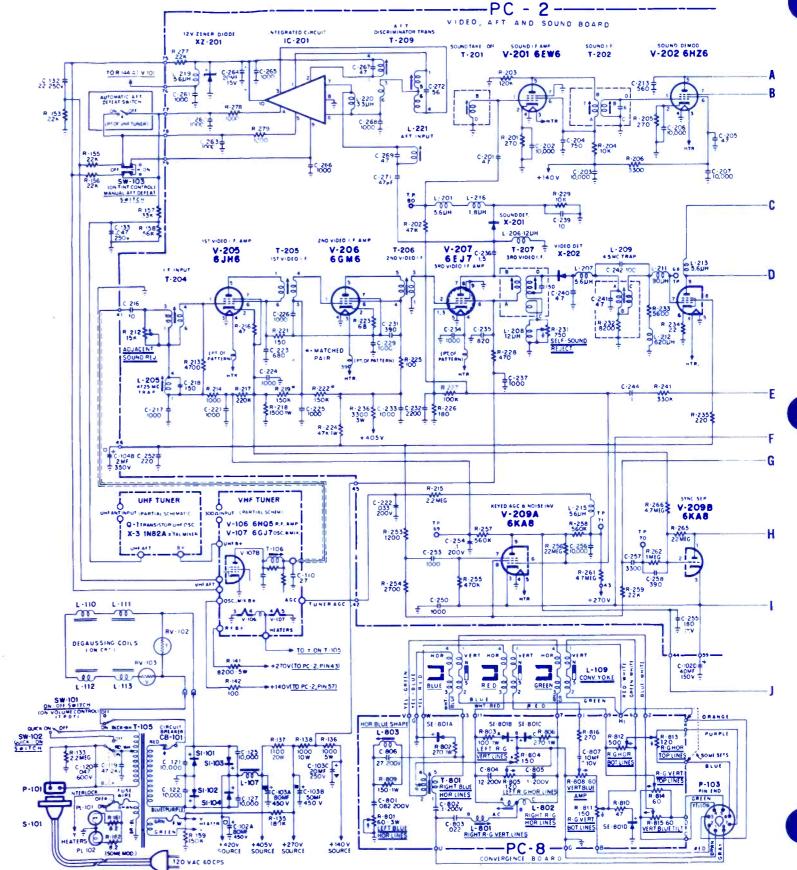
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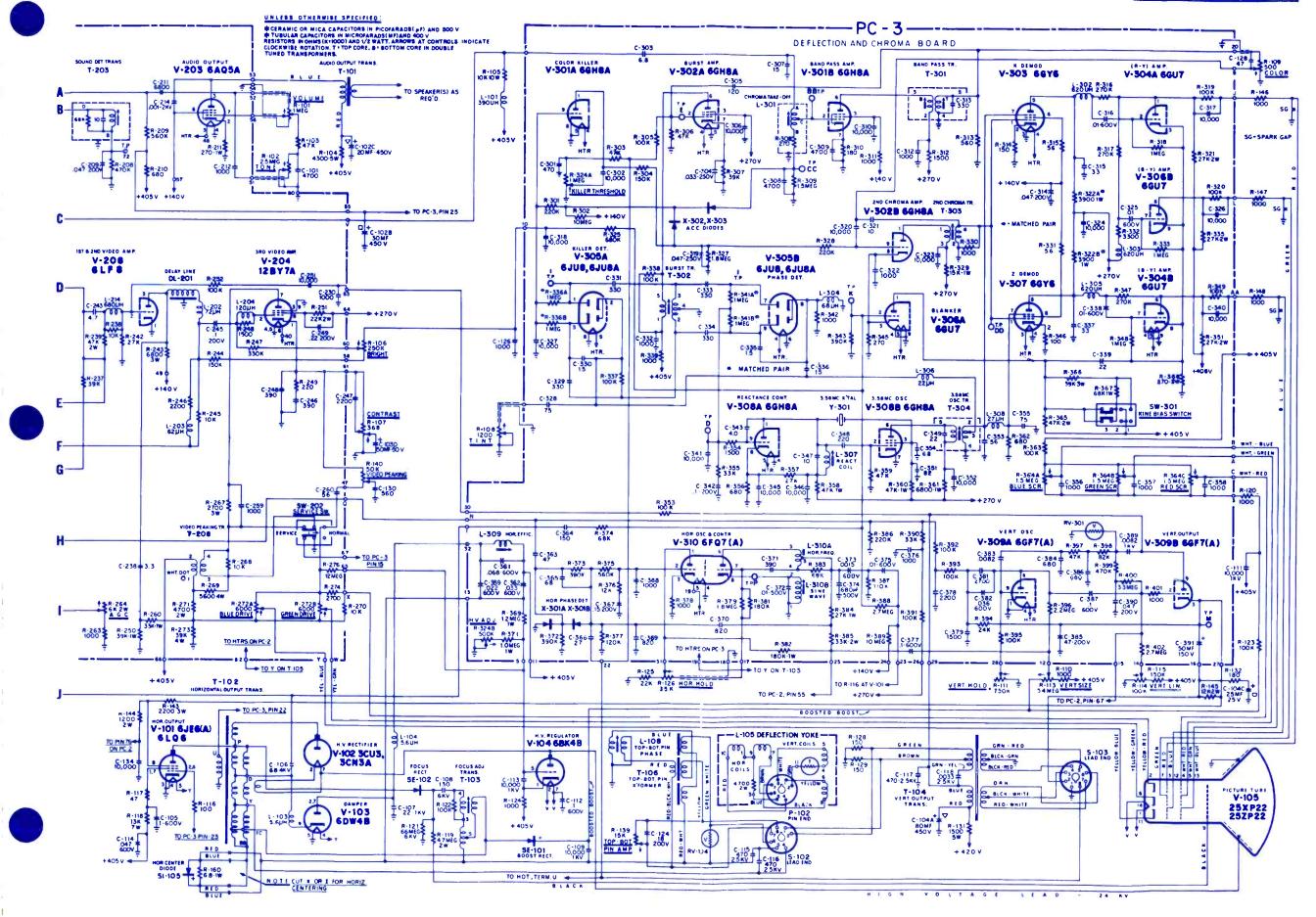
VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS T. V. CHASSIS 120926, 120928

SYMBOL	TUBE TYPE	PIN 1	PIN 2	PIN 3	PIN 4	PIN 5	PIN 6	PIN 7	PIN 8	PIN 9
v-201	6 EN 6	0	1V	Fil	F11	80V	80V	0		
V-202	6RZ6	0	2V	Fil	Fil	155V	100V	0		
V-203	6AQ5A		5.5V	Fil	Fil	300V	1 30V	0		
V-204	128Y7A	8V	6V	0	F11	Fil	Fil	210V	145V	0
V-205	6.ЈН6	*-3.5V	7V	F11	P11	190V	190V	7V		
V-206	6GN6	190V	193V	F11	Píl	360V	370V	193V		
v-207	6EJ7	2V	0	2V	F11	Fil	0	165V	180V	0
v-208	6LF8	0	3.5V	25V	Fil	Fil	0	-2.5V	160V	185V
V-209	6KA8	125V	-10V	15V	Fi 1	Fil	2V	1 3V	160V	-30V
v-301	6GH8A	-1V	0.1V	135V	F11	F11	265V	18V	0	+ 2V
v - 302	6GH8A	200V	0	2 70V	F1	Fil	425V	42V	3.5V	-1V
v-303	6676	0	1V	F11	Fil	250V	125V	0		
v-304	6GU7	170V	-1.5V	TV	Fil	Fil	170V	-1V	7V	Fil
V-305	6JU8 (A)	-50V	0	35V	Fil	F11	F11	-35V	0	35V
V-306	6GU7	1100	-100V	3V	F11	Fil	170V	-1V	7	F 11
V-307	6GY 6	0	1 V	Fil	F11	250V	125V	0		
v-308	6GH8A	90V	-4V	1100	F11	Fil	200V	0	2.5V	0
v-309	6GF7A	0	40V	90V	Fil	Fil	350V		140V	-20V
V-310	6F07A	25V	-0.5V	0.6V	Fil	F11	265V	-95V	0.5V	Fil
v-101	6JE6	150 V	-50V	Fil	F11	F11	-50V	150V	30V	
V-102	3003		Adju	sted for	25kv Norm	al Pictu	re			
V-103	6DW4		400V		Fil	F11		400V		н у рь 900v
V-104	6BEAB	370V	713			340V		F11		
		PIN 1	PIN 2	PIN 3	PIN 4	PIN 5	PIN 6	PIN 7	PIN 8	PIN 9
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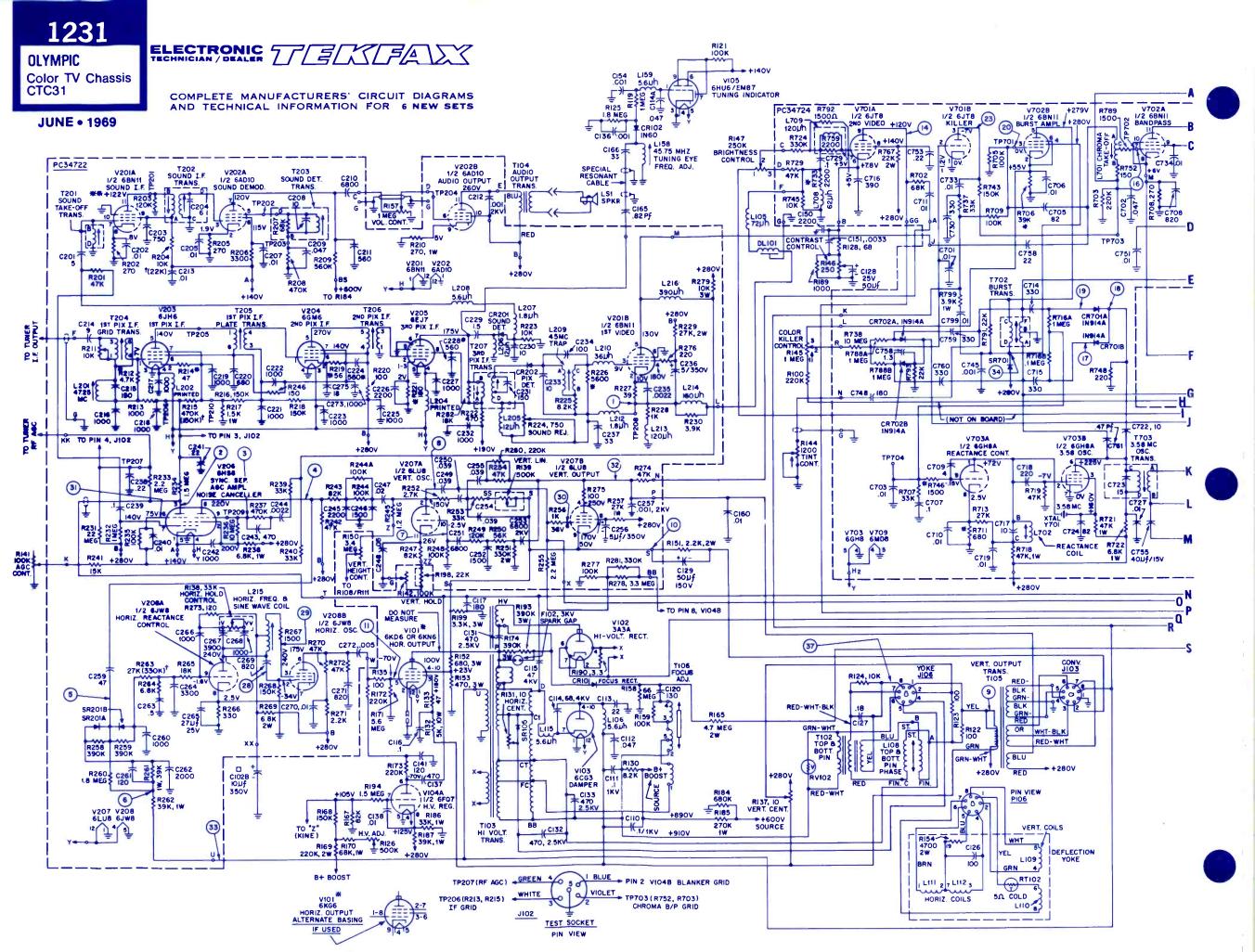
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10280/30	0/20µ1. 0/20/50µ1. /25µ1.		5686
103 80/5	0/20/50µf		5586
10480/2	25ut		5650
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107filter	choke	73	7057
2094.5MI	Hz trap	70	8432
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.301chrom	a take-off coil	70	8438
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102tone/	bright cont 2.5m/250K		0970
10510K	10w 10%. bright cont 2.5m/250K		4260
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107video	peak/contr cont 50K/368		0963
108tint ci	cont 1.2K. cont 500 Ω		0965
109	cont 500 12		0966
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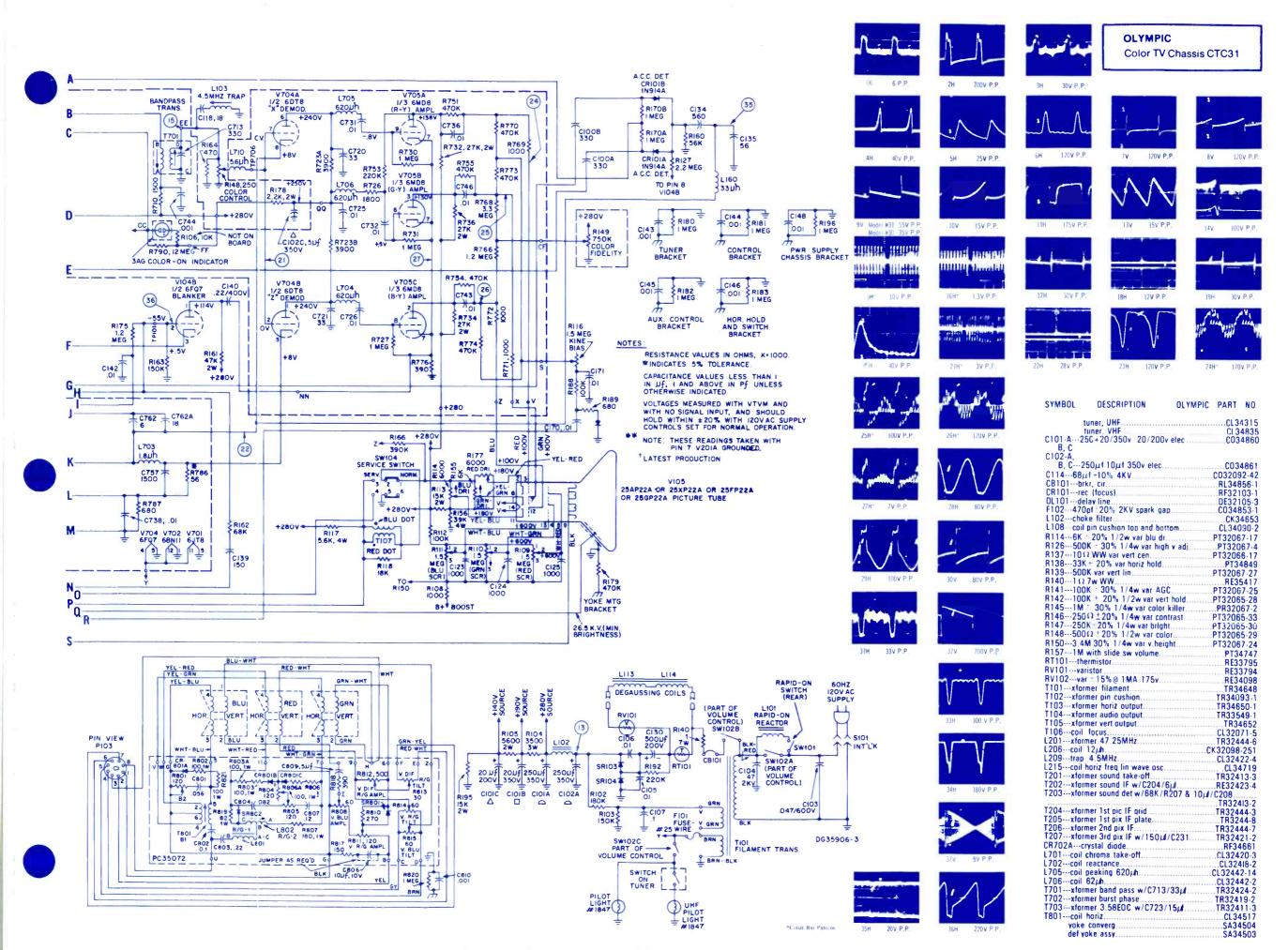


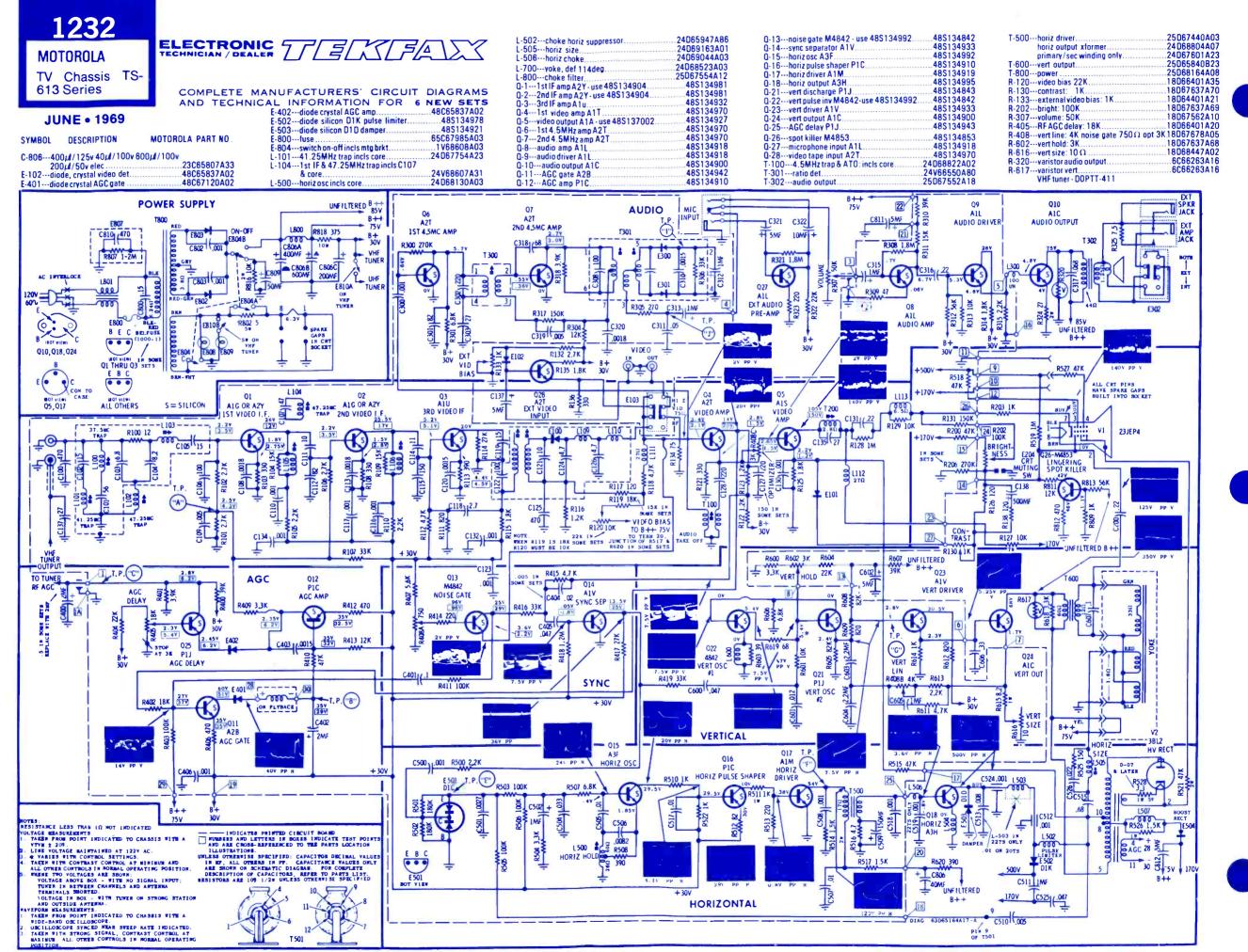


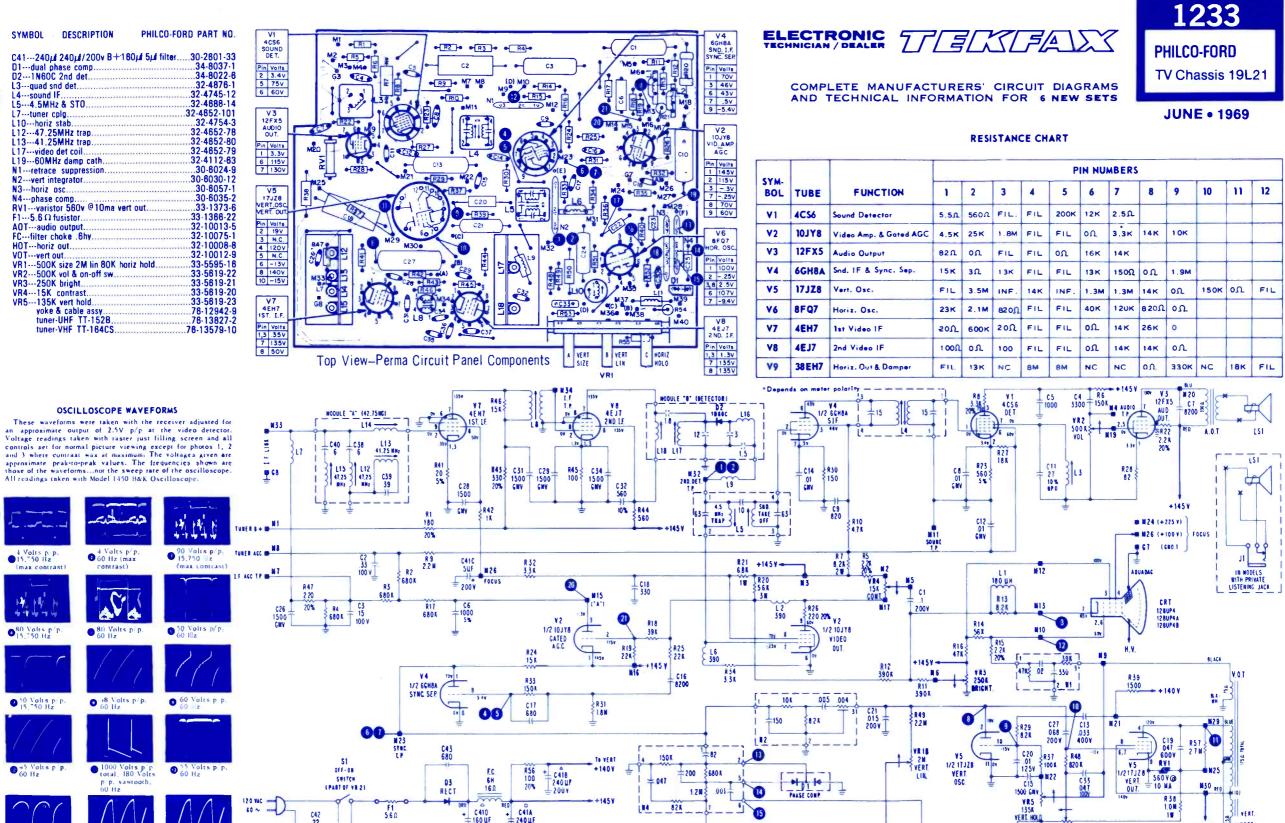
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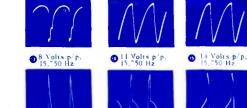
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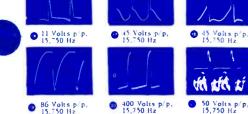
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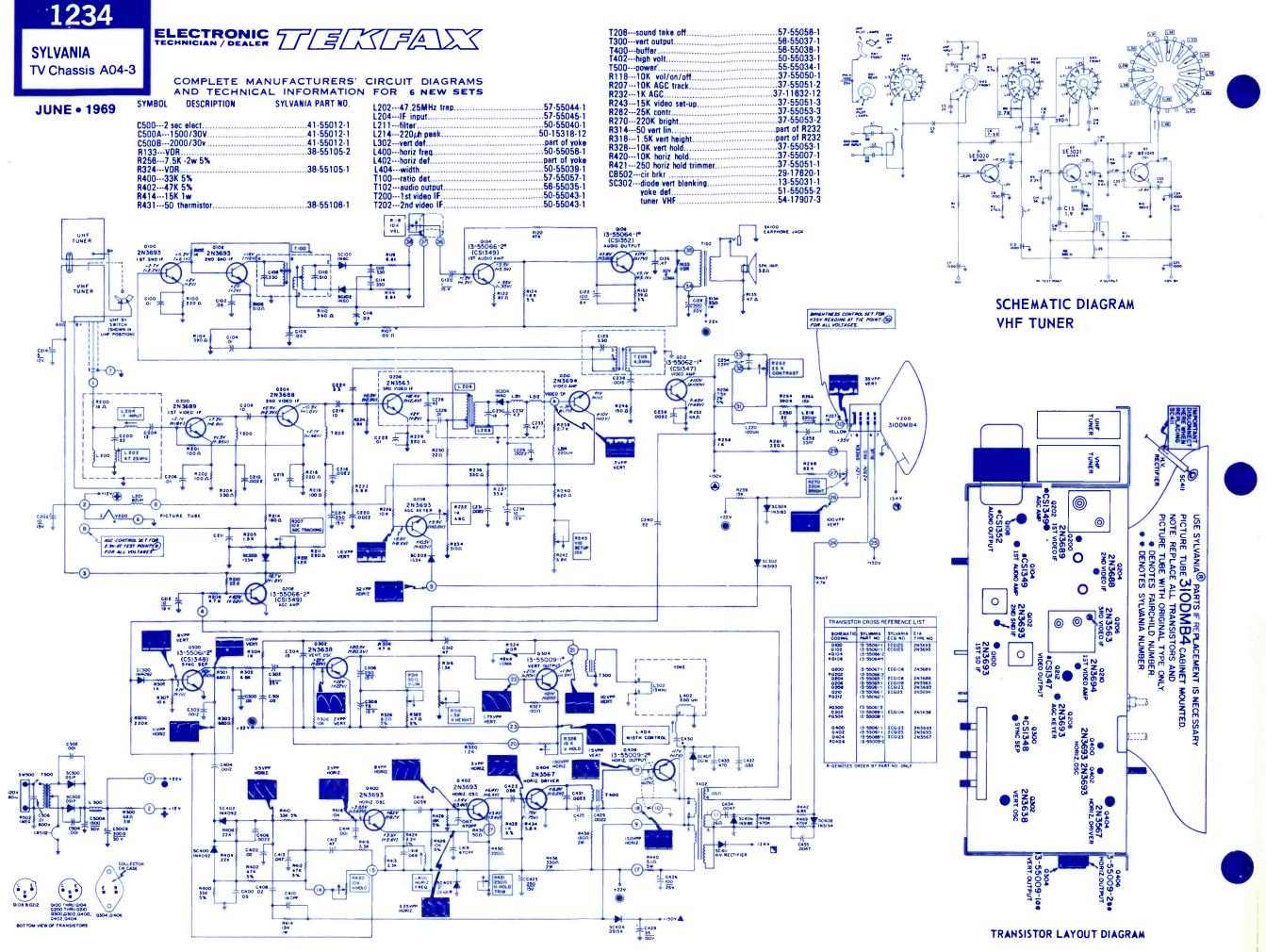
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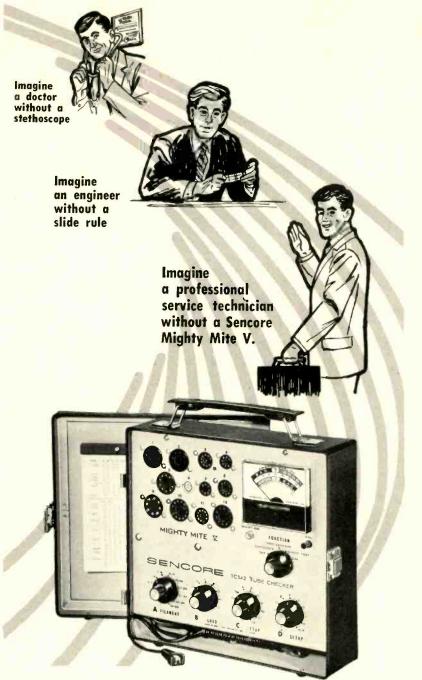
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The Night People

The seemingly unanswered cries of shop owners for more technicians, and the technician's laments about money, are not exactly parallel problems. In fact, being "underpaid" doesn't appear to bother some technicians.

The procedure often referred to as "moonlighting" has a new twist. A service shop sends a technician on a house call. It turns out to be an expensive TV repair problem. The set owner, feeling a twinge in the pocketbook, wishes out loud that there was a less expensive way to enjoy his favorite color program.

The technician mentions that he sometimes repairs sets at home in his spare time. Since his overhead is low, the repair cost will be greatly reduced. To many a man with a sick color set, a family intent on watching TV and a moth-filled pocketbook, it's a deal. After all, the technician must be reliable; he works for a reputable service shop. If it means a smaller repair cost and (often) a faster job, why not?

The customer informs the shop owner that the repair is too costly and he will wait awhile. The shop owner may realize what's happening, but what can he do about it? Technicians claim that they need night work to subsidize their low salary, and shop owners take a soft attitude. They can't afford to lose the technician—some even feel lucky if the technician uses his own rather than the shop facilities. The situation is, of course, a product of increased service work and fewer men to do the job. The money is merely the clincher.

In today's TV business, a service technician might earn as much as \$100 a week in home repairs—most of it picked up through shop contacts. As one technician bluntly put it, "If I get fired, I'll stay home and earn as much as I do at the shop."



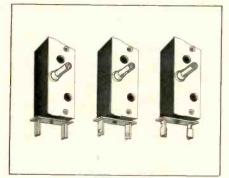
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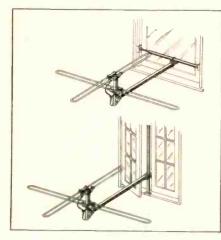
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Introduced are circuit breakers with amp fuse pins. In TV repair involving a blown chemical or amp fuse, several fuses can be blown before the trouble is found. This can be expensive and if a jumper is used, it can cause extensive damage. The FA fuse, which fits in the same socket as the chemical or amp fuse, can eliminate this problem because it can be reset as often as needed, or until the cause of breakdown is found. The FA fuse can be left in the set after the repair is made. Model numbers FA350-1, FA1000-1 and FA2000-1 have the same carry and break currents as the chemical fuses with the same model number. Workman.





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Indoor Clock-Sign 701

Internal illumination and built-in clock give additional life and utility

An animated indoor clock-sign is introduced to help dealers identify their home products. Dealer identification is given added impact by a "moving" home products logo and a stylized home and antenna. Bands of red, blue, green and white (suggesting color TV reception) flow from the antenna into the home. Internal fluorescent illumination and a built-in electric clock give the sign additional "life" and utility. Dealers add their individual messages to the signs using acetate letter sets inserted in a track on the panel. The sign, 15×37 in. in size, can be set up, suspended or wall-mounted. Jerrold.

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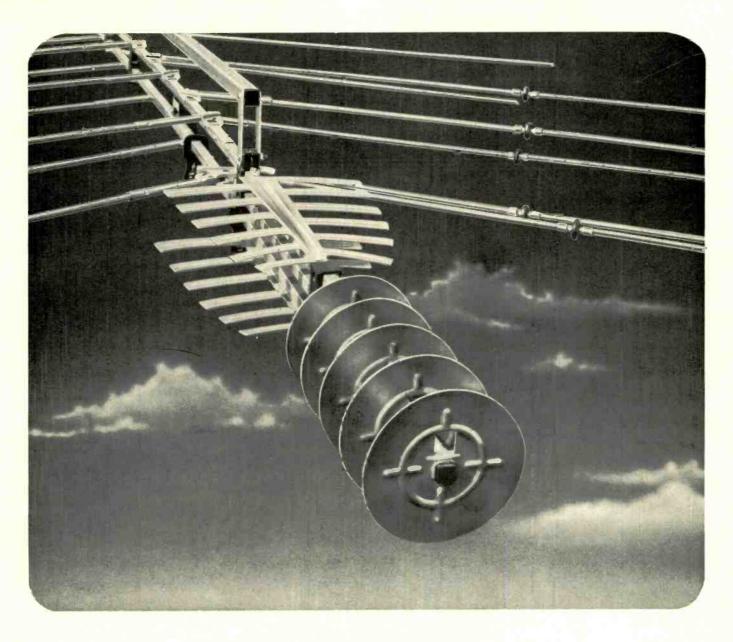
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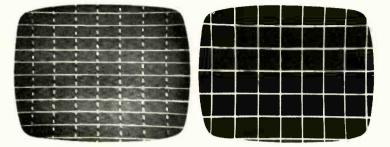


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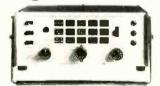


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Kingsport, Tenn.

Multiple Ghosts

I am having a problem in my area with multiple ghosts. I am located in the flat lands of Louisiana right in the middle of two grain elevators. These buildings are approximately 300 ft. high and .4 mile apart. I have tried ghost killers, high and low gain antennas of every shape and form to no avail. 1 would appreciate any help from your readers or antenna manufacturers. I have approximately 150 customers with the same situation and if I could solve the problem, I could sell 150 antennas. I have been a faithful reader of ELECTRONIC TECHNI-CIAN/DEALER for years and enjoy it very much. Keep up the good work.

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Hot Chassis

Without going into the details of my near tragedy, I found out that a piece of equipment with a transformer power supply had a "hot" chassis. I was working on one of the better, higherpriced CB transceivers, but it could have been any brand. The unit was blowing fuses and yet B+, filaments and the 110vac circuits tested normal, The chassis was hot through the transformer laminations which provided a contact between the primary and secondary. The oxide and shellac on the laminations isolated the core from the chassis and caused the unit to act like an autotransformer. When I attempted to attach the antenna coaxial connector, I got the full jolt-certainly more than J10vac!

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Readers' Aid

I need a schematic and instruction book for a Triplett Model 3434 TV-FM marker signal generator. I have written the manufacturer and was told the information is not available. I will gladly defray the cost if any ELEC-TRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER reader can supply me with the original or copies.

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Schematics Not Available

Thank you for your help, but the reply from Candle American, Inc., was negative. I would appreciate help from your readers. My problem is poor sync causing pulling and rolling. I would like to know if any modifications were made. The set is a Candle Model MT-510.

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Editor's Note

Candle America, Inc., indicated in its reply to SSGT Cors that schematics are no longer available for Models MT-510 and MT-510A Candle and Valiant brands of micro TV. The supply was exhausted a year ago and since the firm discontinued TV manufacturing over five years ago, it will not have diagrams reprinted. However, Candle indicates that if the TV set has not been tampered with, one of the company's service technicians will repair it. Further information on this can be obtained by writing T. Kikuchi, Candle Corp. of America, 1457 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90006 . . . Ed.

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BOOK REVIEWS

TRANSISTOR-TV SERVICING GUIDE by Robert G. Middleton. Published by Howard W. Evans & Co., Inc., 128 pages, 81/2x11 in. softbound. \$3.95.

This book is a revised edition of the first printing. It has eleven chapters which cover circuit troubles in every stage of a TV set including the tuner, AGC, picture tube and low voltage power supply. The first chapter gives a few pointers on general troubleshooting and information on typical transistorized circuits. This information will be especially useful to technicians who are not well acquainted with servicing transistor circuits. The book is profusely illustrated with supporting diagrams, waveforms, test instrument connections and video patterns. In most of the chapters, a general circuit discussion leads into a numbered outline of symptoms followed by an explanation of probable causes and cures. The book is a practical reference source for any technician involved in transistorized TV servicing.

RCA POWER CIRCUITS MANUAL, SP-51, Published by RCA Electronic Components, Harrison, N.J., 81/4 x 51/4, 448 pages, \$2.00.

This manual provides a valuable source of information on characteristics and applications of some of the latest devices with a brief theory of operation.

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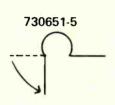
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Radio Model R10/C10-Installing Heat Sinks on Output Transistors

The output transistor in the R10 and C10 radios may fail because of excessive heat. It is recommended that a heat sink, part No. 730651-5, be installed on all 2SB178 and



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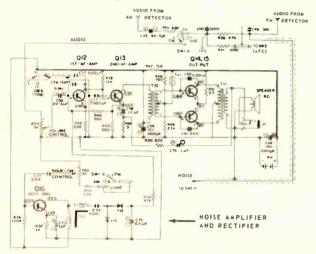
on all 2SB178 and 2BS324 output transistors in these units. The heat sink must be reformed, as indicated in the illustration, by bending one of the flanges 90deg so that it will not interfere with the cabinet or output transformer.

Remember to apply silicone grease between transistors and heat sinks.

WESTINGHOUSE

Radio Model 23S18B-'Squelch Circuit' Description

On this three-band radio, squelch is used for VHF only. The squelch control at the back of the radio is used to eliminate noise and to allow reception when a station transmits. Many times only one half of a conversation can be



heard because of the location and the power of the stations which are communicating with each other. The squelch circuit silences the radio when a large amount of noise is being received. The desired signal must be moderately strong, stronger than the noise. Example: if a police broadcast is being heard and the squelch control is set to the point where disturbing background noises just disappear, the police broadcast will still be heard. When the station stops transmitting (standby) no noise or weak stations will be heard. This is possible because the squelch control can be set so that when the station stops transmitting, the receiver "noise" increases and this "noise" is used to control the cutoff point of the audio amplifier.

The squelch control circuit can be used, only when the BAND SELECTOR is in the VHF position. When switch SWI-A is in the AM or FM position, "noise" cannot reach the noise amplifier to "cut off" the audio amplifier. When only

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noise is present on the station, it will be amplified and fed to a rectifier circuit to provide bias voltages for the audio amplifiers. When an RF signal stronger than the noise is received, the noise will be blocked out. When noise is removed from the noise amplifier, the first audio stage current is reduced and the second audio stage is allowed to conduct normally.

The amount of noise received and the setting of the squELCH control determine the effectiveness of "squelch" action. The amount of noise amplified determines the rectified bias voltage to the first audio amplifier transistor. The bias voltage of course controls the amount of current through the collector to emitter circuit. Since the collector of the first audio amplifier and the base of the second audio amplifier are common, an increase in the first audio collector current will result in a voltage decrease at the base of the second audio amplifier. When the voltage at the base of the second audio amplifier is low enough, it causes "cutoff." There is no output and noise is "squelched" until a signal from a transmitting station is received.

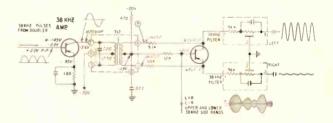
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FM Multiplex Receiver Chassis 25ZT120—Biplex Detector Circuit Description

The 121-347 PNP transistor used in the Biplex detector circuit, although not a bilateral transistor, exhibits bilateral characteristics. As a result, its function can be best explained by the operation of a normal bilateral transistor.

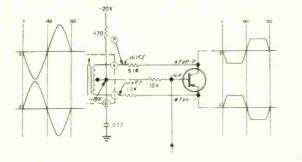
A bilateral transistor is a special type in which the collector will serve as the emitter and the emitter will serve as the collector under certain conditions. When switched by a properly applied ac voltage, in push-pull, sufficient in value to overcome the cutoff bias normally applied, the bilateral transistor will pass current in both directions in accordance with the alternations of the switching voltage. The switching voltage in this case is the regenerated 38kHz subcarrier signal.

The transistor is not biased in the conventional manner. For the following refer to the illustration. The base is biased at -16v while the collector and emitter are both

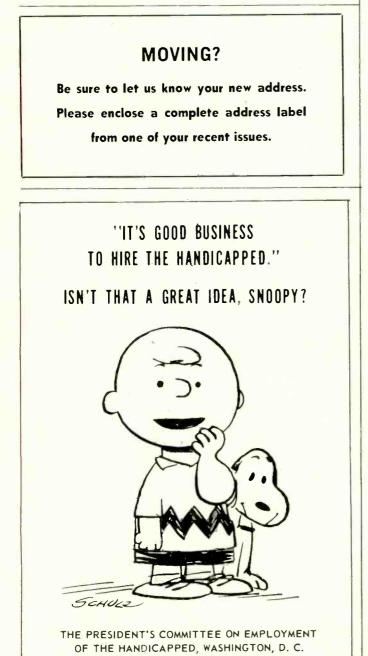


biased at -19v (as shown at the center-tap, terminal No. 6 of transformer T12). The -19 and -16 are obtained from the voltage divider consisting of the 1.2K and 470 Ω resistors and TR12. Note that the collector and emitter are connected to the opposite ends of the 38kHz output transformer secondary winding (part of T12). Under no-switching voltage conditions, the transistor is biased to cut off due to the 3v difference between the 16v at the base and the 19v at the emitter. To forward bias the transistor and cause current flow, the voltage at the emitter must be positive or less negative than the voltage at the base. The required forward bias is supplied by regenerated 38kHz subcarrier (a CW signal) when the value of the 38kHz voltage

exceeds the reverse bias between base and emitter. Referring to the illustration showing the input and output waveforms of the 38kHz switching signal only, note that



the upper 38kHz input wave supplies the positive bias from the emitter to the base on the first half-cycle. At the same time, the lower wave supplies the negative bias from the collector to the base. During the second half-cycle the reverse is true, but the action of the transistor is the same due to the bilateral effect.



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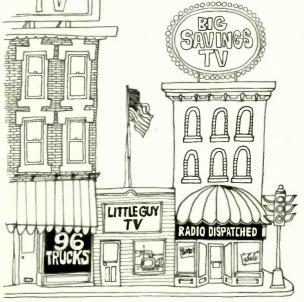
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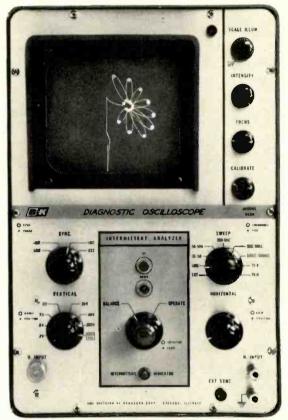
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Setchell Carlson is continuing its unitized concept and now employs an aluminum base chassis construction with ten etched "plug-in" circuit board units.

This type of construction provides the separation of circuit functions and aids in more economical servicing. The circuit board substitution method allows faster isolation of the trouble and most repairs can be accomplished in the home.

When we unpacked the Setchell Carlson Model 2900 for this Teklab report, the first thing we noticed was the walnut cabinet. Another feature is the console-size 6 in. speaker, rare in portable models.

The front panel controls include: CHANNEL SELECTOR, UHF TUNING, FINE-TUNING, VOL-UME, TINT, COLOR BRIGHT-NESS and TV OFF/ON switch.

The controls on the back of the chassis which we feel should be more conveniently placed for ease of adjustment are: CON-TRAST, VERTICAL HOLD and HORIZONTAL HOLD.

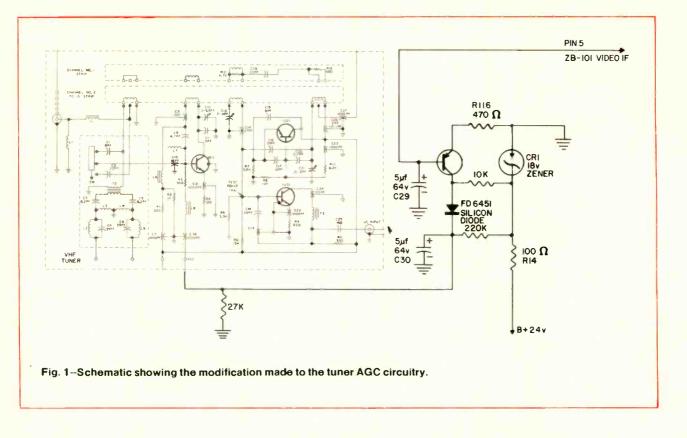
Antenna terminals are provided at the rear of the receiver to permit attachment of outdoor antennas. A slide switch on the antenna terminal board connects the receiver to the built-in VHF antenna or to an external VHF antenna which

Setchell Carlson's Model 2900 portable color television in a walnut cabinet.



Unitized circuit boards are changed without tools. Positive electrical connection is assured by nylon catches which hold the board firmly in place and allow quick removal.





attaches to terminals directly below the slide switch.

When an external UHF antenna is used, the internal UHF antenna must be removed.

When the set was first turned on, we were not overly impressed with the picture quality. It happened to be an early model lacking the AGC modifications to the tuner and other minor changes to several of the plug-in circuits. Once these modifications and the plug-in circuits from the manufacturer were installed, the set produced a good picture.

The modification made on the tuner AGC circuitry is provided here for comparison purposes and also as a point of interest to those with earlier production units. The tuner AGC circuitry shown in Fig. 1 is used on all Model 2900s and 2800s other than early production models. Optimum performance will be obtained from the new ZB-101 units with present tuner AGC circuitry. The tuner AGC circuitry can be checked without removing the chassis by observing the tuner through the slots in the bottom of the cabinet. The tuner incorporates the latest AGC circuitry if the 27K resistor is present on the tuner. If not, it can be modified in the following manner: Check C29 and C30 for connection as shown in the schematic. Add the 220K resistor and silicon diode if required.

The chassis employed on this portable is divided into ten plugin units and a common chassis into which they connect. Actually there are nine plug-in circuits, the tenth being the circular convergence adjustments and related solid-state circuitry in one complete package with electrical connections made through a plug and socket.

TUNER

The tuner shown in Fig. 1 is a conventional turret-type consisting of the RF amplifier (Q1), mixer (Q3) and the oscillator (Q2). With the VHF channel-selector in the "UHF" position, the UHF tuner is supplied with collector voltage through a segment of the channel strip. Transistor Q31 is then activated as a UHF oscillator.

VIDEO IF AND AGC ZB-101

Because of gain/bandwidth requirements in many special applications for which this receiver is often used, four video IF amplifier stages are used instead of the usual two or three. The video IF and AGC schematic is shown in Fig. 2. Rather than the conventional keyed AGC, an amplified sync system was developed to permit employment in certain video tape applications. Transistors Q101, 102, 103 and 104 are video IF amplifiers. Signal for the 4.5MHz sound detector, D102, is taken from the collector circuit of transistor Q104. The secondary of the output IF transformer, T102, includes a 41.25MHz trap which removes practically all of the sound signal from the video detector, D101. The video detector signal passes to transistor Q106, an emitter follower which matches the impedance of the detector to the low impedance of the contrast control and following stages.

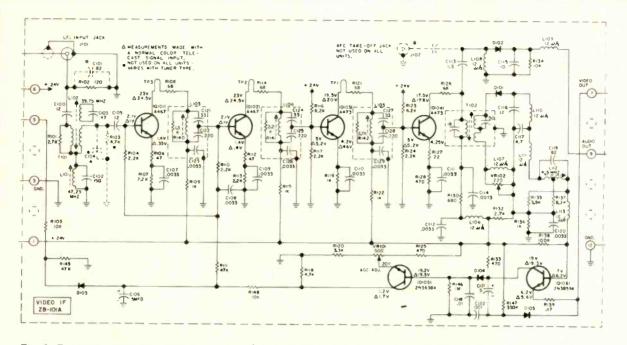
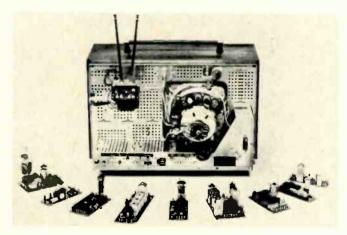


Fig. 2--Four stages of video IF are employed instead of the usual two or three. A special sync system permits certain video tape application.

Capacitor C121 and diode D105 comprise a very effective noise gate. All of the noise pulses in higher amplitude than the average determined by the sync pulse level will be shorted between collector and emitter of Q106 and thus prevent signal or AGC output. Positive-going sync signals are formed in the collector circuit of Q106, clipped by diode D104, amplified and inverted by transistor Q105 and applied as reverse AGC to the first two stages of the video IF amplifier. This signal is delayed by D103, amplified and inverted by Q4, further delay-ed by D1 and applied to the tuner RF stage as forward AGC. Forward AGC is used on the tuner for best cross-modulation characteristics. while reverse AGC is applied to the video IF stages to minimize impedance shift with varying signal levels. The AGC is adjusted to determine the detector output level on strong signals.

VIDEO SYNC UNIT ZB-201

The signal from the contrast



Over 90 percent of all circuit components are mounted on 10 plug-in units. Nine units plug into the chassis while the tenth mounts on the picture tube.

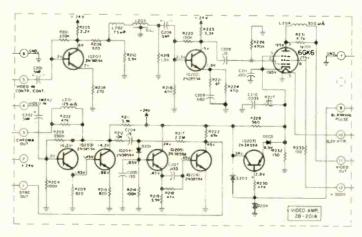
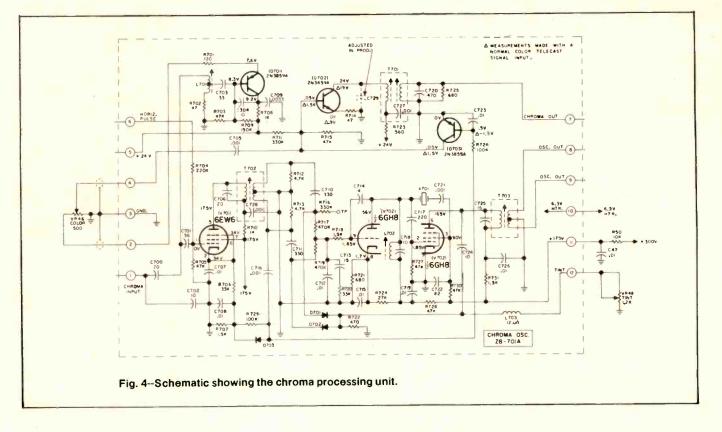


Fig. 3--Transistors Q203 and Q204 are connected as a Darlington pair and comprise the first chroma and sync amplifiers.



control is amplified by the first video amplifier, Q201, passed through the delay line to bring it into phase with the chroma signal and further amplified in Q202 and V201. (See Fig. 3.) The luminance signal is fed to the cathode of the picture tube. If it is necessary to adjust the luminance drive to compensate for differences in picture tube gun characteristics, a resistor network (R51 and R52) is provided on the cathode drive socket. The plug-in cathode connections may be adjusted as required but are normally used in the maximum drive position.

Transistors Q203 and Q204 are connected as a Darlington pair and comprise the first chroma and sync amplifiers. Diode D201 and transistor Q205 act as sync levelers before feeding the sync signal to the sync separator, Q206. Transistor transistor Q207 is a blanking amplifier which, together with diodes D203, D204 and D205, shapes the horizontal and vertical blanking pulses from the deflection circuits and applies them to the cathode of the video output tube.

CHROMA OSC ZB-701

Chroma signal is received from the video-sync unit, (Fig. 4) which is tuned by coil L701 and matched to the low impedance of the color control by the emitter follower transistor Q701. It is further amplified by transistor Q702 and fed through the bandpass transformer (T701) to the chroma demodulators on the chroma output unit. V701, the burst amplifier, is keyed on during burst time by a pulse from the horizontal output transformer. The amplifier burst is applied through T702 to diodes D701 and D702 which act as automatic phase detectors. Their output signal controls the phase of the chroma oscillator tube, V702, to keep it locked in sync with the burst signal. When the burst signal is present, diode D703 develops a negative voltage which biases off the color killer transistor Q703. If no color signal is being received, Q703 conducts and cuts off Q702.

CHROMA OUTPUT ZB-751

The chroma and chroma oscil-

lator signals from ZB-701 are applied to the balanced demodulators, diodes D751, 752, 753 and 754. (See Fig. 5.) The B-Y and R-Y signals are derived directly from the demodulators and amplified by transistors Q751, Q752 and the red and blue amplifier sections of tube V751. Green is derived by matrixing the red and blue signals. It is then amplified by its section of V751, after which the chroma is applied to the CRT.

4.5MHz SOUND IF AMPLIFIER UNIT ZB-301

The sound detector on ZB-101 feeds its signal through a 4.5MHz amplifier transistor (Q301), a limiter-amplifier transistor (Q302), and then to the ratio-detector diodes D301 and D302. Their output is passed through the volume control to audio amplifier ZB-401.

AUDIO AMPLIFIER ZB-401

The audio amplifier is conventional and consists of amplifier transistors (Q401 and Q402) in a Darlington pair driving a class "B" output stage (Q403 and Q404). Their output feeds a 16Ω speaker.

VERTICAL DEFLECTION UNIT ZB-601

The vertical deflection unit consists of V601, the multivibrator-amplifier tube and related components. Its function is conventional except for diode D601, which permits the vertical sync signal to be fed to the multivibrator cathode but prevents the vertical retrace pulse from feeding back into and upsetting the horizontal sync.

HORIZONTAL DEFLECTION UNIT ZB-501

Horizontal sync is fed to a conventional phase detector (dual diode DD501) and used to control the frequency of the horizontal multivibrator tube V501. (See Fig. 6.) The horizontal output tube V502 connects to the output transformer. The high voltage is regulated by taking a reference voltage from Boost B+and using it to control the regulator transistor Q501. Together with diodes D501 and D502, transistor Q501 regulates the high voltage by shaping V502's grid drive waveforms thus controlling the rate of change of the output plate current.

HORIZONTAL EFFICIENCY UNIT ZB-551

This unit (shown in Fig. 7) contains the damper diode D551 and the efficiency control components. The horizontal efficiency coil L551 is adjusted for minimum 6JE6 cathode current,

POWER SUPPLY

The power supply components are located on the main chassis. Two separate full-wave supplies are included. The 300v supply feeds only the deflection circuits while the video output circuits are powered from the 24v supply. (See Fig. 8.) ■

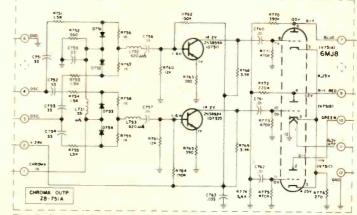


Fig. 5--Schematic showing the chroma output circuitry.

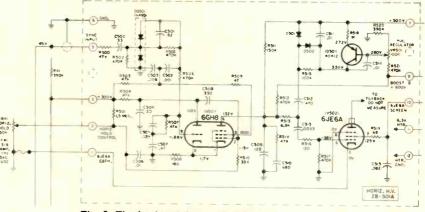
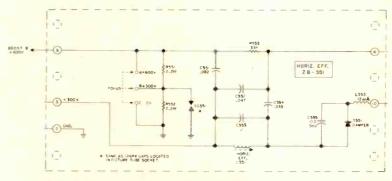
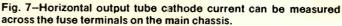


Fig. 6--The horizontal sync signal is fed to a conventional phase detector and is used to control the frequency of the horizontal multivibrator tube.





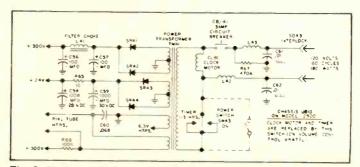


Fig. 8--As shown in the schematic, the 300v supply feeds only the deflection circuits. Video output circuits are powered from the 24v supply.

TV Tuner Servicing

There are times when it is profitable to repair a TV tuner, and times when it is more profitable to send it to a specialist--knowing the difference can save you a lot of headaches

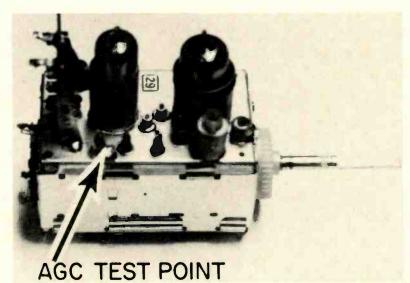


Fig. 1--The first step in isolating the trouble to a tuner is to check the AGC action by shorting the AGC test point to ground. The tuner takes more of a beating than any other section in a TV set. With the average family watching TV 46 1/2 hours per week, it has been estimated that channels are changed 3000 to 4000 times per year! This puts quite a strain on the tuner and therefore they account for a fair percentage of TV troubles. The following symptoms are typical of problems often caused by a defective tuner:

 (1) "snowy" picture
 (2) raster, but no sound or picture

(3) loss of UHF channels

(4) loss of high or low VHF band channels

(5) streaking or flashing in the picture

(6) separation of sound and picture

(7) picture pulling

(8) picture distortion

(9) partial blanking of the raster

FIX IT FAST OR FORGET IT

In addition to being one of the most common sources of trouble, the tuner is undoubtedly the most difficult to repair. For one thing, mechanical problems which don't apply to any other part of the TV set may be difficult or impossible for the average technician to correct, even if he knows precisely what is wrong. For another, few shops have the equipment to sweep and align a TV tuner properly. Finally, at the frequencies involved, strange things can happen. Just moving a critical part physically can make the tuner inoperative.

It is because of the difficulty of repairing tuners in the field that repair and rebuilding specialists have sprung up all over the country. (See list of specialists at end of this article.) For an average of \$10, these businesses will restore any tuner to top working order.

This brings us to the prime rule of tuner repair: If you can't fix it fast, forget it! Don't waste a lot of time trying to do something you're not equipped to do. Remember, you are in business to make money and time is your most precious asset. It may give you satisfaction to lick a tough tuner after a couple of hours of struggling, but it also costs you money.

The professional way to handle tuner troubles is: (1) make sure it's the tuner that is causing the trouble, (2) clean the tuner thoroughly, (3) check the tuner quickly for obvious troubles, (4) if the trouble is easy to find and easy to fix, go ahead, (5) if you think the trouble may take more than an hour to find and repair, send it to a tuner specialist.

MAKE SURE IT'S THE TUNER

Before you start to troubleshoot a TV tuner, make sure it is really the tuner that's at fault. IF and AGC troubles often cause symptoms that appear to be tuner problems.

If the picture is snowy, for example, too much AGC voltage may be the problem. This is easy enough to check out. Simply short the AGC test point (see Fig. 1) to the tuner ground. This reduces the AGC voltage to zero, enabling the RF amplifier to operate at maximum gain.

If shorting out the AGC improves the picture significantly, the trouble is in the AGC. If not, it is probably in the tuner. AGC voltages normally measure about -1.5v. If the voltage goes below -3v, it often causes snow.

However, it is also possible for snow to be caused by the IF stages. This is rare, but you'd feel foolish sending a tuner in for repair only to find out it was really an IF trouble. Therefore, it pays to check this out.

If you have a good IF sweep generator and a scope, this is an ideal way to check the IF stages for proper gain.

If not, you can accomplish

approximately the same effect with a little improvising. Start with a known good TV receiver connected to an antenna and displaying a normal picture. Then, connect the IF cable from the tuner of the normal receiver to the IF input of the receiver you are repairing. Be sure that you connect the shield of the IF cable to ground and that the center conductor is isolated from the defective receiver by a coupling capacitor. Don't use an ac/dc or line connected TV set as your good receiver because there may be a difference in potential between grounds on the two chassis.

If substituting a good tuner via this method brings in a normal picture, you know your problem is in the tuner. If not, it's undoubtedly a chassis problem.

Substitution of a known good tuner, (preferably a similar tuner) as described above is, of course, an excellent method of isolating any tuner trouble, making sure the tuner is at fault.

START WITH A CLEAN TUNER

Technicians often forget that dirty tuners just don't work very well. Tuner specialists report that many of the units they receive for repair need nothing more than a thorough cleaning. Intermittent troubles, snowy pictures, streaking or flashing pictures, and poor color response are all troubles commonly caused by corrosion or dirt on contacts.

In fact, many troubles can be caused by dirty contacts. If a tube socket is dirty, for example, the tube pin fails to make contact and the circuit doesn't operate properly.

The best way to clean a tuner thoroughly is with a high pressure washing or degreasing spray as shown in Fig. 2. Don't use a spray that includes a lubricant. These sprays are fine for tuners that are working, but a pure cleaner is normally more effective than a combination cleaner/lubricant.

Of course, you have undoubtedly tried new tubes in the tuner before starting your servicing procedure, but don't leave them in their sockets. Remove the tubes from the tuner and spray it thoroughly, including the tube sockets.

HINT: Never spray the neutralizing capacitor in a Nuvistor tuner. Even the best tuner spray can cause permanent detuning if used on this capacitor.

TUNER CHECKUP

Once the tuner is clean, give it a fast but thorough checkup. Remove the cover and start with a visual inspection. But be careful not to poke around inside the tuner or disturb the placement of components. Once a wire or coil is moved, it's almost impossible to get it back into the proper operating position without alignment equipment.

If your preliminary inspection reveals a shorted or gassy tube, chances are that excessive current has burned up or changed the value of a resistor. Burned resistors, of course, are easy to spot visually.

If your visual inspection reveals no problems, make voltage checks at the test points provided. B+ test points are most likely to reveal trouble (some tuners have two or three B+test points). Check the schematic for proper voltages. Your readings should be accurate within $\pm 20\%$.

Then make voltage-resistance checks at the tube sockets. Since tuners are so compact, the easiest way to do this is with a test socket.

You can't expect the tuner to operate properly with test sockets in the circuit, but the voltage and resistance readings should be fairly accurate.

If you read a low plate or screen voltage it generally indicates that a series resistor has chang-

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Fig. 2-- Before troubleshooting the set, clean the tuner thoroughly.

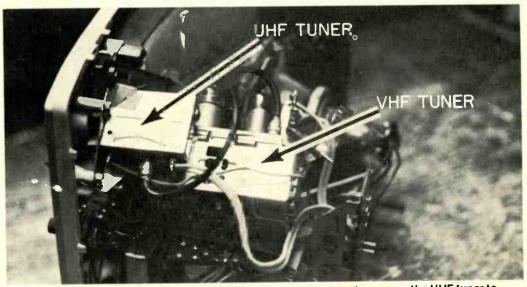
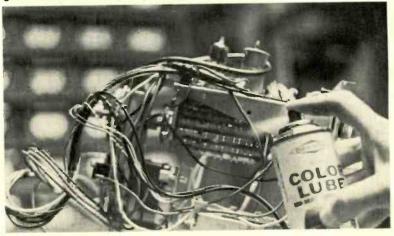


Fig. 3--In some sets, it may be necessary to remove the UHF tuner to get at the VHF.

Fig. 4--Once the tuner has been repaired, it should be sprayed with a good lubricant to keep it operating smoothly.



ed value or a capacitor going to ground is leaky or shorted. If the voltage change is intermittent, you can usually isolate the defective part by spraying components with freezing solution.

A dead oscillator is most often caused by a defective plate load resistor. You can tell whether the oscillator is working or not simply by checking the oscillator injector voltage at the mixer grid test point. In a tubed tuner, this voltage should be about -1.5 to -3.5v.

In a solid-state tuner, you can tell whether or not the oscillator is working by checking at the base of the oscillator. You should read about -1 or -2v. However, in many solid-state tuners it's difficult to take this reading and you may be better off sending the tuner to a specialist for repair.

In making resistance checks, don't overlook the balun coils. Defective baluns can often cause snow or loss of high and low VHF bands. Careful resistance tests will usually turn up balun problems quickly. Since there are such a wide variety of balun configurations, however, it is imperative that you check the schematic before jumping to any conclusions.

Internal tuner voltages and resistances can be very difficult to check. In many modern TV sets, for example, you have to take out the UHF tuner in order to get at the VHF tuner. (See Fig. 3). Some tuners, especially foreign made and solidstate tuners, are simply too compact to get at. In this case, you're usually better off sending the tuner out for repair.

REPLACING DEFECTIVE PARTS

Once you locate a defective component in a tuner, your problem is to reach it without disturbing a lot of wires. Tuner specialists use tiny soldering irons and slim tools.

Be sure you obtain an exact

replacement for the defective part if possible. Otherwise the tuner may work, but not properly.

Many of the problems you spot will not be easy to correct, especially mechanical problems.

If the defective part can be replaced with an exact replacement, be very careful. Cut lead lengths to the exact length of the original and substitute the new part for the old one without disturbing lead dress or coils. Lead dress is especially critical in UHF tuners.

HOW TO SEND A TUNER

Let's suppose that you've isolated the trouble to the tuner, given it a thorough cleaning, replaced the tubes, tested it and decided to send it out for repair. There is a right way.

You'll save yourself a lot of headaches if you follow this procedure:

(1) Disconnect the wires going to the tuner, but don't unsolder them. Clip them with a pair of diagonal cutters, leaving a little of each colored wire on the terminals. This will make it easy for you to reconnect the tuner to the chassis once you get it back, without relying on your memory or taking the time to make a drawing.

(2) Remove the mounting brackets from the tuner and fasten them to the chassis. This way they won't be lost. Lost brackets can take weeks or months to replace and impossible to explain to an irate customer.

(3) Do not remove the tubes. Leave them snugly in their sockets. Tuners should always be aligned with the tubes the customer is going to use, so tubes must be included. Make sure the tubes are in the center of the package and surround the entire tuner with at least 2 in. of other packing material.

You can make money with tuner repairs if you use a common sense, professional approach. ■ Tuners Inc. 6302 5th Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y.

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SWEEP ALIGNMENT

Boost your efficiency in sweep alignment by reviewing some practical procedures using a post marker generator

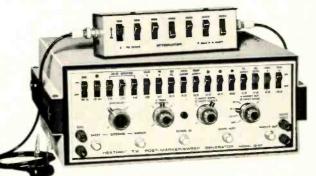


B&K Model 415 solid-state sweep/marker generator.



Sencore Model SM152 sweep and marker generator.

Heath Model IG-57 TV post-marker/sweep generator.



■ A tuned amplifier, such as the IF amplifier in a television receiver, is designed to pass a band of frequencies and reject frequencies outside of this band. For example, a color television IF amplifier is designed to pass frequencies between 41.67 and 46.75MHz and reject frequencies below 41.25 and above 47.25MHz. This wide passband is obtained by having several IF stages each tuned to a different part of the band -- stagger tuned.

Alignment of this amplifier using a standard signal generator is difficult because each stage has to be aligned individually and the over-all response checked laboriously recording the output as the input frequency is changed in small steps across the band. Plotting the output against frequency on a graph provides a response pattern.

If you were able to tune the frequency of the signal generator at a constant rate back and forth across the frequency band of interest, you could observe the output (after detection) on an oscilloscope and actually see the response of the amplifier. This is what a sweep generator does. The output signal from the generator is a constantly changing frequency over a selected range as determined by the tuning and sweep width settings of the generator. The rate at which the output is swept is low. For convenience it is normally set at the frequency of the ac line.

Markers are added to the response curve to show the frequency accurately at different parts of the curve. They are generated by amplifying the low frequencies on each side of the zero beat that develops when the frequency of the sweep signal passes through the marker oscillator frequency. Generating markers external to the amplifier under test and adding them to the response curve is called post injection. It is superior to a pre-injection system in which the marker signal is fed to the amplifier along with the sweep signal, because pre-injection markers can distort the response curve or become lost in traps making sweep alignment more difficult.

THE COLOR TV IF RESPONSE CURVE

The ideal color TV IF response curve is shown in Fig. 1. You should become totally familiar with this curve because it can be an excellent troubleshooting aid. Note that the top of the curve shown is flat. However, some sets will have a dip in the top; others (the newer color sets) may have a rounded or "hay stack" top.

The shape of the response curve skirts is also very important. The picture carrier (45.75MHz) and the color sub carrier (42.17MHz) are approximately at the 50 percent points on the skirts. Color signal information 0.5MHz away (41.67MHz) must still pass through the amplifier, but the sound carrier (41.25MHz) must be trapped out so this skirt has a fairly steep slope. The opposite slope is not quite as steep, but should rise linearly for best recovery of low frequency video information. The upper adjacent channel picture carrier (39.75MHz) and the lower adjacent channel sound carrier (47.25MHz) must be trapped out to prevent interference. The amplifier has minimum or zero gain at these frequencies.

There are a number of things that will affect the response curve. For example, if a trap is misadjusted it will be impossible to get the correct curve and a lot of time can be wasted if this is not recognized. One or more weak stages will also give a poor curve, so the tubes should always be checked or substituted before alignment is attempted. The design of an amplifier takes into account the internal tube capacity. When tubes are replaced in an amplifier, a different internal capacity could upset the alignment.

TV RECEIVER ALIGNMENT HINTS AND PRECAUTIONS

Disable the HV applied to the

CRT. This can be done by removing the plate cap from the horizontal output tube. Then connect the load specified by the manufacturer from B+to ground to apply the proper load to the low voltage power supply.

Another method of removing hash and interference on the response curve, sometimes called "grass" (Fig. 2), is caused by the horizontal output tube. One of the easiest ways to eliminate the radiation is to remove the tube from its socket. In series wired receivers a dummy tube may be used or a resistor placed across the filament pins on the socket. If a compactron tube is used, the filament pins are 1 and 12. The novar filament pins are 4 and 5. Connect a voltmeter across the resistor to be sure the voltage drop is equal to the filament voltage of the tube.

Interference from the vertical circuits is generally a spike that will drift through the response curve and cause distortion as it passes through. This type of interference is caused by the vertical frequency difference between the TV set and the sweep generator. Many sets have a "setup" switch that can be used to disable the vertical deflection system and eliminate the vertical interference.

Use care when adjusting a transformer or coil that has two slugs as each slug may have two positions that appear to tune to the correct frequency. The position farthest out from the center of the coil form is correct; the position near the center of the coil form is incorrect because of coupling from one coil to the other.

Use only the proper cables that are supplied with the generator. Be sure the RF cable is terminated with its proper impedance. Keep the leads from the terminated cable as short as possible at the point of connection to the receiver under test.

Check that there are no ground loops between the pieces of equipment. This is done by observing the trace on the oscilloscope while touching each piece of equipment. If the trace moves or changes shape, check all ground connections. It may become necessary to ground all the cables at one common point.

Do not dress the sweep generator output leads or demodulation input cable leads over the IF board, IF coils or tubes as it may result in detuning or oscillation in the section under test.

Use bias voltages as specified by the set manufacturer of the receiver under test.

More accurate trap adjustments can be obtained by reducing the bias on the IF. Prevent overload of the IF circuits by reducing RF signal from the generator.

Set the oscilloscope vertical gain control near its most sensitive position and keep the sweep generator output as low as possible. This will prevent overloading the IF amplifiers with a sweep signal which may produce an improper curve.

POST MARKER GENERATOR FEATURES

The post marker generator produces accurate markers at the IF and RF frequencies specified by most manufacturers.

The generator mixes the marker signal with the demodulated signal from the circuit being tested or aligned. Markers are normally well defined and should not alter or distort the response curve of the circuits involved. Therefore, the oscilloscope will show the actual waveshape of the TV receiver being checked or aligned.

As many as eight markers may be made to appear simultaneously on an IF alignment scope trace. This enables you to adjust the IF circuits for proper waveshape and bandwidth in less time than would be possible if you were to use the old variable marker system which must be reset and calibrated for each marker frequency.

Additional post markers are provided for color bandpass alignment, picture and sound carrier frequencies, FM tun-

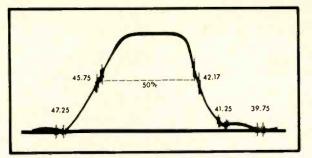


Fig. 1--The ideal response curve of a color TV receiver.

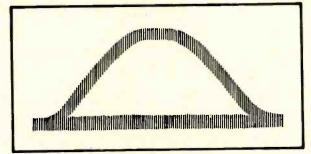


Fig. 2--Horizontal interference in the response curve caused by output tube radiation.

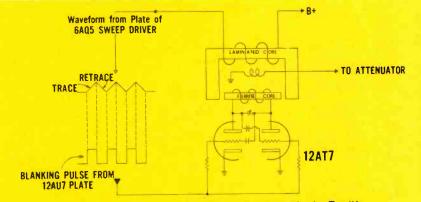
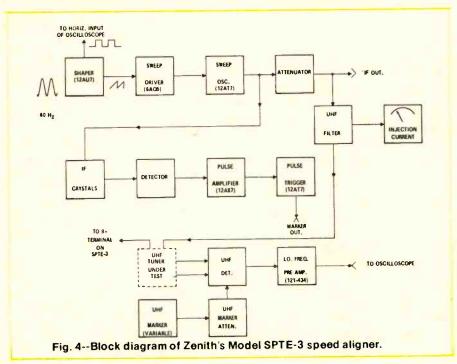


Fig. 3--Schematic of the sweep oscillator employed in the Zenith.



er, FM IF, discriminator alignment, and TV sound IF adjustments. Modulation is provided for trap adjustment as well as for checking and adjusting FM tuners.

ZENITH SPEED ALIGNER GENERATOR OPERATION

The heart of this typical generator is the sweep oscillator. A dual triode, operated in parallel to provide adequate power output, is connected in a modified colpitts arrangement with circuit-center tuned its tank to 43.5MHz. The tank includes variable inductance shown a in Fig. 3 whose reactance depends on the amplitude of current flowing through it. By providing a current of the proper phase, shape and amplitude, the inductance of the oscillator changes at a given rate, thus producing a frequency deviation which is used to provide sweep frequenthe required cy output. This method is superior to sweep techniques using a synchronous motor and to a speaker system with a specially designed spider driving a sweep capacitor.

Markers are produced by first supplying a sample of the swept oscillator voltage to a set of crystals. The sample voltage is of sufficient amplitude to allow the crystal to "ring," or oscillate at its natural frequency. The resultant oscillator voltage is then detected, amplified and shaped to provide the proper output marker "pip" display on the scope. A block diagram of this generator is shown in Fig. 4.

The 40MHz sweep oscillator is also used to provide the necessary signal for UHF tuner alignment. The principle of operation is similar to that encountered in a normal superheterodyne receiver: an oscillator frequency mixes with an RF sig-

nal to provide an IF output. The IF signal is then mixed with an oscillator frequency and the resultant RF frequency can be used as the signal source for the alignment of the UHF preselector circuits. The resultant output from the UHF tuner antenna terminals is detected and then amplified for proper oscilloscope display. A UHF marker at the channel sound carrier frequency is injected at the detector to provide a means of tracking the oscillator rotor to a given calibration standard. A 50-0-50 microammeter is provided to show injection voltage at all times when a UHF tuner is being swept or adjusted.

DETERMINING THE ACCU-RACY OF THE SCOPE FOR SWEEP ALIGNMENT

The oscilloscope is an important tool in sweep alignment. If it has poor low frequency response, a phase shift in the vertical amplifier or a phase shift between the horizontal and vertical amplifier, the response curve on the scope screen can be misleading as to the actual condition of the television receiver. Any of the above conditions can distort the response curve enough to give inaccurate results when the TV set is aligned. The Sencore SM152 provides an ultra linear sweep and a flat, automatically controlled output which allows a test of the scope before alignment is started. Once the scope is tested, the results can be taken into consideration during alignment to provide greater accuracy.

The following procedure illustrates the use of the SM152 to test an oscilloscope response:

1. Set the sweep marker generator to the 10-55MHz range and the tuning dial to about 43MHz. Set the sweep width to 15MHz.

2. Connect the RF cable us-

ing the 300Ω matching pad to the detector probe (blue lead) input and the scope vertical input to the SCOPE V jack on the generator.

3. Adjust the scope vertical gain until a usable pattern is achieved. If the scope has no phase shift and normal low frequency response, the pattern should appear as shown in Fig. 5.

If it has a poor low frequency response, the pattern will appear as shown in Fig. 6. The more the pattern bows or tilts, the more undesirable the low frequency response. Some bowing or tilting of the pattern is acceptable, but it should be taken into consideration when adjusting the television receiver. Other scope deficiencies are shown in Fig. 7 and 8. If any of these problems appear to excess, they will affect the response curve of the TV set.

The signal at the SCOPE H jack is about 60v P-P. This voltage is high enough to provide adequate horizontal drive for most scopes, but may overload some. This may be avoided by shunting the horizontal input terminals with a suitable resistor. Turn the horizontal gain control down about 1/3 from maximum gain and try a few values of shunt resistor until finding one which gives about full screen deflection. For the Sencore PS148, a suitable value would be about 330K. After the resistor is connected, the HORIZONTAL PHASE adjustment on the rear of the SM152 must be reset in accordance with the manufacturers instructions. This adjustment will be set once for the scope used.

The next article will cover actual applications of sweep marker generators in the alignment of the TV receiver tuner, IF, chroma bandpass and the RF and IF amplifiers in FM receivers. ■

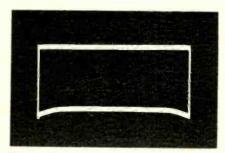


Fig. 5--A normal scope pattern with no phase shift and sufficient low frequency response.

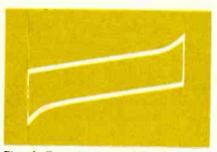


Fig. 6--The tilted or bowed pattern shows poor vertical low frequency response.

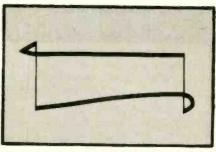


Fig. 7--Pattern showing phase shift in the horizontal amplifier.

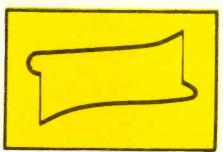


Fig. 8--Pattern showing phase shift and poor low frequency response.

Solid-State Horizontal Deflection Systems

The horizontal-deflection system employed in the RCA CTC40 chassis is believed to be unique in television designs currently on the market. The switching action required to generate scan and retrace yoke current, as well as high voltage pulses, is accomplished by two bipolar switches, each consisting of an SCR and a fast-recovery diode. The essential components of the system, including the high-voltage regulator, are shown in Fig. 1.

By using resonant LC circuits in the design of the systems, switching transients, which might damage the solid-state devices, are avoided. Also, the total voltage across the combination of the yoke and C1 is very low (approaching zero) during trace, and rises to only about 400v during retrace.

The circuits will be thoroughly explained later but for the moment assume that the trace switch is closed during scan time and the retrace switch is closed during retrace time. Therefore, during scan time, the yoke and C1 are connected together in a resonant circuit whose period is roughly twice one horizontalretrace interval. During retrace, the retrace switch is closed and the trace switch is opened. In this configuration, the yoke and C1 become part of a resonant circuit whose period is about twice the horizontal-retrace interval.

RETRACE INTERVAL

At a point about 3μ s before the end of a horizontal scan, near the right edge of the raster, SCR2 starts to conduct by a positive trigger from the horizontal blocking oscillator. The conditions which exist in the circuit just after SCR2 is triggered into conduction are shown in Fig. 2. The charge on C2, 270 to 300v, causes electron flow through the yoke an C1 to ground and then through SCR2 and L1 to C2. Current also begins to flow from C3 to ground, up through SCR2, L1 and back to the opposite side of C3. Since each of these circuits is resonant, current rises sinusoidally instantaneously. rather than At the time SCR2 is driven into conduction, a current of about 4a already is flowing in the yoke, C1 and SCR1. As the current from C2 increases toward 4a, the current through SCR1 decreases toward zero. When the current from C2 exceeds the yoke current, the additional current from C2 passes through CR1, SCR2, L1 and back to C2. This conduction through CR1 removes forward bias from the anode of SCR1, causing cutoff.

The conditions at the start of retrace are shown in Fig. 3A. Current through the yoke has reached maximum at the moment retrace begins and therefore the field around it is maximum. Then the field begins to collapse,

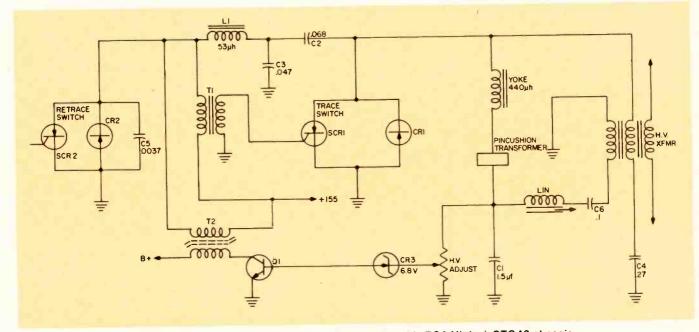


Fig. 1--Simplified schematic of the horizontal deflection system employed in RCA Victor'sCTC40 chassis.

With this troubleshooting method, you should have no difficulty servicing SCR sweep systems

causing the yoke to be the energy source for retrace deflection. Since electron flow is from positive to negative within a source (as in a battery, for instance). the top of the yoke (junction of the yoke and C2) swings positive. This cuts off CR1, and SCR1 cannot conduct because no trigger pulse is present at its gate. The trace switch is open during retrace. The yoke current decreases from its maximum value at the beginning of retrace to zero about 5.5µs later, because of circuit resonance.

Once the yoke current has dropped to zero, it increases sinusoidally in the opposite direction and rises to a maximum value of about 4a. This completes the retrace deflection of the CRT. The resonant circuit of which the yoke is a part during retrace consists of the yoke itself, capacitators C1, C2 and C3. The resonant frequency of this circuit is about 45.5kHz, so the time required for one cycle is about $22\mu s$. $(\mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{2 \pi \sqrt{LC}})$. During retrace, current in the yoke changed from maximum in one direction to maximum in the opposite direction-only one-half of a cycle $\frac{1}{M}$ requiring about 11µs retrace time.

During retrace time, a second resonant circuit Fig 3B also is of interest. This circuit consists of L1 and C3, resonant at about 100kHz. Since capacitor C3 is common to both resonant circuits, there is a continuing interchange of energy between the two during retrace.

The high-voltage transformer and capacitor C4 are not shown in Fig. 2 because the impedance of this branch is so high that it does not present a significant load on the deflection circuit during trace time. During retrace time, the transformer becomes a fairly well-matched load for the yoke and it extracts power from the deflection circuit. This power, of course, is ultimately used in high-voltage circuit.

At the end of retrace, shown in Fig. 4, the yoke current is at maximum and begins to decrease. The field around the yoke begins to collapse, and thus the yoke itself is the energy source. The yoke end connected to C2 and CR1 becomes negative, and electrons flow in the resonant circuit consisting of the yoke, CR1 and C1 resulting in current decay which is sinusoidal.

The current in the resonant circuit consisting of L1, C3 and CR2 reverses, cutting off CR2. SCR2 has no trigger pulse applied to its gate, so it remains cut off; therefore the retrace switch is opened by L1 and C3.

When the retrace switch was closed, C5 was effectively shorted but with the switch open it is in a resonant circuit with L1 and C3. This allows current to flow back into C2 and a positive pulse of voltage appears at the junction of C5 and L1. Again the current reverses, and CR2 conducts a second time. Because of resistance in series with C5, as well as the action of T1and T2 (to be discussed), circulating current in L1, C3 and C5 drops to insignificance after the time shown in Fig. 4B. Therefore, the retrace circuit is inactive during the remainder of the trace interval.

TRACE INTERVAL

The circuit action during the scanning (or trace) interval is shown in Fig. 5. During the first half of this interval, yoke current decreases sinusoidally from about 4a to zero. During the second half of this interval, the current reverses and increases sinusoidally toward 4a. This half-sine-wave of current causes the beam to be deflected from left to right across the screen like reading a typed page.

In order to have current flow through SCR1 during the second half of the trace interval, this device must be gated on. A positime gate voltage is derived from the secondary of T1 during most of the trace interval. Thus when the anode of SCR1 becomes positive at mid-trace, the device can conduct. The positive gate is removed when retrace is initiated, and the positive anode voltage is removed shortly after.

LINEARITY CIRCUITS

The yoke current just described cannot produce a linear sweep, since it is essentially sinusoidal. Two circuits are used to provide linearity. One is not shown in this article. It consists of a 4.7Ω resistor shunted across one turn of the high-voltage transformer. This combination is connected between SCR1 and CR1 so that the instantaneous voltages on these devices are slightly different.

The second linearity circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The coil and capacitor connected between a winding of the high-voltage transformer and the junction of the yoke and C1 are tuned to approximately the second harmonic of the scan frequency. The circuit is shock excited during retrace time, and during scan time it adds a second-harmonic current to the yoke to make the total current nearly a sawtooth.

POWER INPUT CIRCUIT

To understand how energy from the power supply is supplied to the deflection system, it is necessary to consider the function of T1 and T2. During

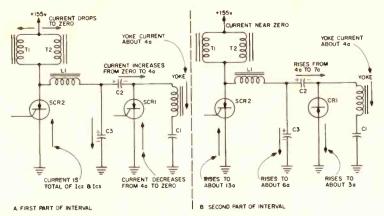


Fig. 2--Circuit action during the 3µs interval before retrace.

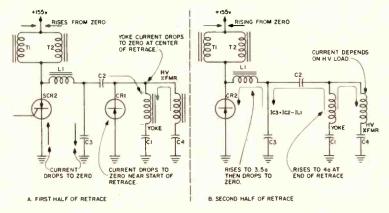
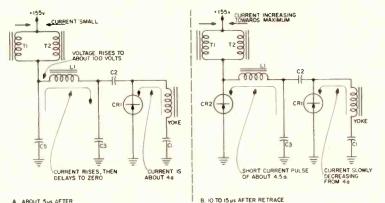


Fig. 3--Circuit action during retrace. First half of retrace is shown in Fig. 3A.



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Fig. 4--Circuit action at start of trace interval.

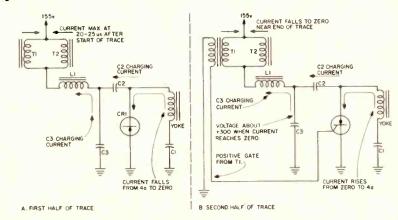


Fig. 5--Circuit action during trace interval.

retrace (Fig. 3) these transformers are connected between B+ and ground. This interval is so short that the current rises only to a small value. During scan time, the right end of C2 is connected to ground by the trace switch. A series resonant circuit exists between ground and B+. Starting from ground, the components are C2 and C3 in parallel, L1, and the parallel combination of T1 and T2. This circuit is resonant at about 5100Hz if no current flows in the control winding of T2, which is a saturable reactor.

At the start of trace, the voltage across C2 and C3 begins to rise, reaching a maximum in onefourth of a cycle, or $49\mu s$. Since the scan interval is about $52\mu s$ and SRC2 begins conduction about 3µs before the end of the scan interval, the voltage across C2 and C3 is maximum at the moment when the retrace switch is closed. This voltage is slightly less than twice the supply voltage, or about 300v, and it is the energy which is supplied to the yoke and high-voltage circuits during retrace.

HIGH VOLTAGE REGULATION

If high voltage suddenly begins to increase, the voltage across C1 (Fig. 1) increases. This causes the regulator transistor, Q1, to conduct more, allowing a greater current to flow in the control winding of T2. This tends to saturate the core of T2, lowering the primary inductance. But T2 is part of the resonant circuit through which C2 and C3 receive energy from the power supply. Reducing the inductance of T2 raises the resonant frequency of the charging circuit so that the voltage on C2 and C3 passes through at maximum and begins to decrease before retrace is initiated. This, of course, reduces the amount of energy available to the yoke during retrace, and stabilizes the HV.

SERVICING

From the servicing point of view, the design of the deflection system offers several distinct advantages. Possibly the most welcome of these is that the loss of drive (horizontal-oscillator failure) is not destructive as it is in vacuum-tube circuitry. No more incinerated 6JE6s and sockets are caused by oscillator Also, since the yoke failure. and the high-voltage transformer are effectively parallel loads on the deflection system, it is possible to isolate the high-voltage transformer without disabling the deflection system. This, of course, makes it a simple task to determine whether the fault is in the voke or the transformer.

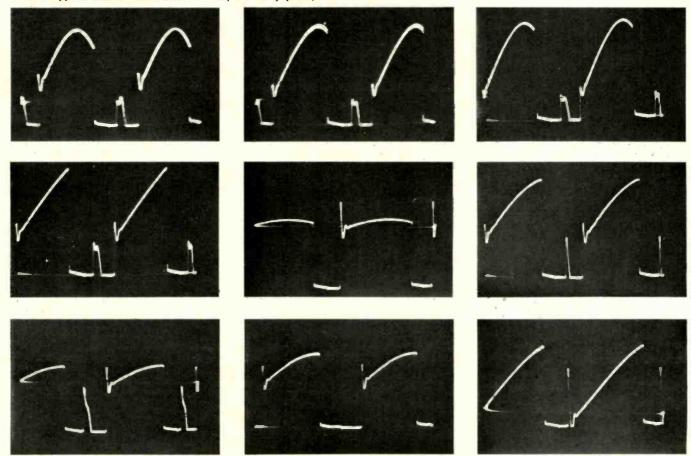
While space does not permit a description of the symptoms attending the failure of each component, it is possible to isolate faults into three general areas of the circuit quickly and accurately. Referring to Fig. 1, notice C2 isolates the trace circuit from B+. Therefore, only shorted components in the retrace circuit can overload the power supply if trigger is removed. By removing the lead to the gate SCR2 and observing whether or not the circuit breaker trips at switch-on, shorts may be isolated to the retrace circuit.

The second step in isolating faults is to short directly across the trace switch (SCR1 to ground). When the set is switched on with SCR1 shorted, the power supply will not be overloaded unless trouble is present in the retrace circuit, or the trigger pulse to SCR2 is at fault.

The next step in isolating trouble is to disconnect the high voltage transformer at its junction with C4. Before turning the instrument on with the transformer disconnected, reduce the line voltage to less than 100v to prevent exceeding the PIV or CR1, then turn the instrument on. If the power supply overloads under these conditions, the fault is in the trace circuitry; if it does not overload, the problem is the high-voltage system. Observation of the waveform at the anode of SCR2 also is helpful in isolating faults. The appearance of the waveform under various circuit conditions is shown in Fig. 6.

This system simplifies rather than complicates servicing of the horizontal system. Because of the relatively low operating potentials and the absence of switching transients, it appears that this circuit or variations of it will become common in the not-too-distant future. With a minimum of effort in learning how the circuit works and a logical troubleshooting procedure, as outlined, the average technician should have no difficulty servicing SCR sweep systems.

Fig. 6--Waveform at anode of SCR2. (A) Normal operations, brightness minimum. (B) Normal operation, brightness maximum. (C) Q1 shorted, any brightness setting. (D) T2 primary open, any brightness setting. (E) SCR1 shorted. (F) Capacitor C3 reduced to $.0022 \,\mu$ f. (G) HV transformer disconnected, no circuit faults. (H) HV transformer disconnected, capacitor C3, reduced to $.022 \,\mu$ f. (I) HV transformer disconnected, C1 leaky (10 Ω).





Service-Dealers Promote Technician

Active recruiters engineered their own technician training program

■ If you lack good service men in your city, don't waste your time complaining--do something about it. Get together with other dealers who have the same problem and then interest a college in your area in establishing a training course.

"That's just what we did in Dallas," reports Tilman Babb, president of the Wilshire Television Sales and Service. Babb's partner, Gilbert Smith, is one of the five Dallas dealers serving on the Advisory Committee to the Television and Radio Repair Course at the El Centro College.

The course began in September and El Centro College's assistant dean, Dean Van Trease, says that the "response was amazing." There are now 26 men enrolled, ranging in age from 18 to 45 and the college has invested \$105,000 to provide the students with the latest and most modern electronic equipment.

"The interest in this class has been so great that we are planning to offer it in our night school this coming fall," Van Trease indicates. He believes this course to be the only one of its kind in Texas, and one of very few in the country.

In addition to Smith, the Advisory Committee includes: "Dawes Skeen, Ace Television Sales and Service; Dee Sponsel, Sponsel Radio and TV Service; Doc Childers, Childers Radio and TV Service; and Richard Kozelski, Kozelski Electronics -- all dealers in Dallas. The purpose of this committee is to help establish curriculum and evaluate the program.



The course has already been



The Advisory Committee meets (left to right) with Dean Van Trease, assistant dean of El Centro College (standing) seated is Richard Kozelski, Kozelski Electronics with Dawes Skeen of Ace Television and Gilbert Smith of Wilshire Televison at extreme right.



Training



pledged the support of the Texas Electronic Assn. and will soon be brought to the attention of high school students and their parents in the Dallas County area by the Second Annual Technarama which will be held in El Centro College.

However, before offering a pattern - that - your - community can-follow, Van Trease offers this advice: "First, make sure that there is a need for such a class in your community. Secondly, make sure that you get a good advisory committee of dealers who have been successful because of their good service. There is no doubt that in most communities there is a strong need for such a course. And it will take educators a long time to saturate the present needs."

The El Centro College educator reveals that in addition to the night school class already being considered for the fall curriculum, serious thought is being given to an advanced course in electronics to be given to men already in the television and radio business.

Babb urges dealers in other communities to follow the Dallas example. "These courses will make more qualified technical people available and you owe it to your community. The electronic industry is changing so fast, that unless you have access to men with training on the latest and most modern of equipment, you as a dealer just cannot keep up with it."

Babb outlines a few points

he feels necessary to a profitable and successful service business: 1. Have properly trained per-

sonnel. 2. Maintain excellent customer relations.

3. Make adequate charges for the work performed.

4. Maintain a proper volume.

5. Consider the possibility of selling service contracts.

6. Use the service department as an aid to sales.

The technicians at Wilshire Television receive constant training at monthly store meetings and by attending courses given by NARDA and by the Texas Electronics Assn. Babb indicates that technicians should be encouraged to take courses like the one Dale Carnegie offers so that they can meet the public well. "The sales ability they can gain from such courses will not only enable them to sell the service that the customer's set needs, but also to sell the customers on the limitations of the product," Babb stresses.

"This may sound negative, but many customers purchase a radio, TV or stereo and expect too much in the way of performance. This is not always their fault. Many times, from what the salesman or the advertisements have said, they expect a perfect picture at all times. And when the picture isn't perfect, they blame the technician. For this reason, the technician should be able to express

> The class receives up-to-the-minute training with more than \$ 105,000 in modern electronic equipment at their disposal.





Students interested in television and radio service classes range in age from 18 to 45 years.

himself well so he can provide a proper explanation to the customer and maintain goodwill."

Keeping service records with 8000 customer cards in the files has also helped tremendously in achieving a periodic maintenance schedule on customer sets. As Babb points out, "These case histories enable us to give the customer a quick and accurate report on his set. If we didn't know the last time we serviced the product, what we did and what we charged for, we could lose both time and a customer. It takes work, but it is worth it.

"We do not attempt to do major repairs in the home. An auto mechanic will certainly not come to your home to overhaul the transmission of your car. The technician making home calls must be able to determine if a change of tubes will repair the set, and if not, be able to give the customer a reliable estimate of the work that has to be done in the shop."

Important, too, in a thriving service business is a good employee - employer relationship, Babb admitted. "We pay our men a salary and a small commission. We have found this to be best. We also have a profit-sharing plan for our employ-

ees. I don't know for sure if a profit-sharing plan works, but I am inclined to think so. We have men who have been with us for 6 to 14 years and we believe that long tenure breeds loyalty and loyalty pays off where the customer is concerned." Wilshire television also furnishes uniforms, white dress shirts, ties, wool trousers and even coveralls for the antenna men when they go under the house or on the roof. "Expensive yes, but we think it is worth it," Babb reports. "We also provide a hospitalization plan which gives an employee medical care in a hospital up to 70 days and an \$11,000 life insurance policy. Both insurance plans are unusual because we bear the entire cost, while many such plans expect the employee to pay part of it," he says.

The technician training program, in which it is actively involved, and maintenance of its own highly trained staff has paid dividends for Wilshire Television. It sells its customers through better service and as Babb indicates, "Many of our new customers come to us as referrals. If you do a good job, you'll get additional business and a reputation that can't be beat."



Tilman Babb checks the repair records with one of his servicemen. The files contain 8000 cards.



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■ We ordered the Darcy DM330 digital voltmeter to evaluate it in test lab because more and more shops are purchasing units of this type for their versatility, speed and accuracy-especially for transistorized service. The unit came packed in a heavy box filled with cut cardboard which literally suspended it.

The first thing we noticed about the DM330 was its ease of operation and the sharp readout display. Packed with the unit is a service/operating manual which explains all of the operating ranges and contains complete maintenance procedures and replacement parts list.

The DM 330 is a transistorized digital multimeter for measuring dc volts, dc current, ac volts and ohms. It operates on either 117 or 220vac. The operating voltage must be specified when the unit is ordered, but it can be easily changed later by referring to the manual.

The instrument provides five resistance ranges from 1K to

10meg, ac and dc volts from 1v to 1kv and dc current from 1 μ a to 10ma. All operating controls are push-button operated and the readout display automatically indicates the type of measurement (vac, vdc, K Ω , ma, μ a) and the polarity. Decimal point positioning is also automatic.

The display provides a full three-digit readout with a 50 percent overrange on all ranges. This means if you measure a voltage on the 0-100vdc range, it is possible to actually read up to 150vdc. If the measured voltage goes over 150vdc, an overrange indicator will come on which tells you to go to the next higher range--in this case, 1000vdc.

Digital test instruments, of course, have several important features such as speed, accuracy and high input impedance. We first tested the DM330 on a transistor TV set to note the circuit loading effects.

The DM330 has three input terminals on the front panel which are designed to accept standard voltmeter leads. Besides the normal black and red terminals found on most meters, the unit has a third "GUARD" terminal which is used when measuring with shielded test leads. The GUARD terminal is normally connected to the black ground terminal unless shielded leads are used.

The manual says to start with the unit on the highest range if the measured voltage is unknown, just as with a conventional meter. Since we already knew that the transistor circuit would read less than 20vdc, we started out on the closest range, 100vdc. The circuit voltages were less than 10vdc in this case and the manual says to reduce the range until the overrange indicator lights and then go back to the next higher range. We were reading voltages between 2.5 and 8vdc and the overrange indicator came on when we reached the 1vdc range, so we went Continued on page 69





B&K Model 1077 television analyst, showing test pattern produced.

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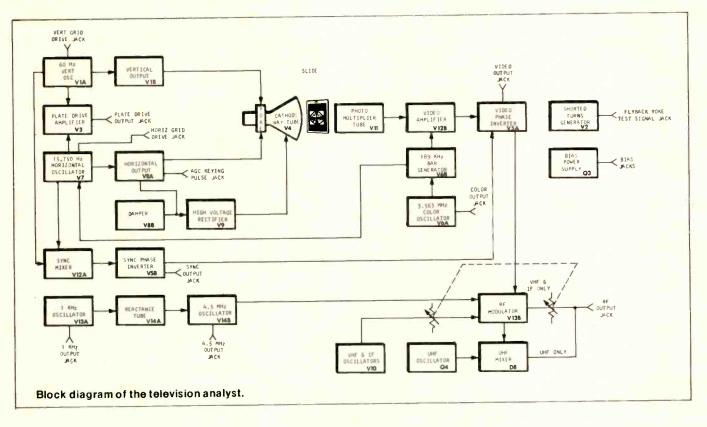
■ With more transistorized television receivers to service, we must change our service techniques. We believe that one of the fastest methods is the use of signal injection to isolate a defective stage. The finger on the volume control method to check the output stage of a radio is a simple form of signal injection. Unfortunately it is only useful in limited applications.

Actually, having a television analyst is like having a TV station of your own. You can inject your own TV signal at any time or point to isolate intermittent or general TV trouble while viewing the test pattern on the screen.

As we unpacked the analyst for this report, we compared it with the Model 1076 which has been a part of our test lab equipment for some time. There is some resemblance in size, but the 1077 has a more modern panel.

One of the panel features first noticed was the addition of a UHF output. And many of the earlier 1076 circuits were revised for testing transistorized TV sets with complete safety by providing the proper impedance match for transistorized circuitry.

For those who are unfamiliar with the television analyst, here are a few of the signals the unit will generate. (1) All signals normally transmitted by a TV station and those produced within a TV receiver for point-by-point signal substitution. (2) UHF signals on channels 14 through 83, VHF channels 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 14 for testing tuners. (3) IF signals of 20 to 48MHz for testing IF amplifier stages. (4) A positive or negative composite video signal for injection into video stages. (5) A keyed color bar pattern which modulates the RF output for troubleshooting and adjusting color circuits. (6) A color rainbow signal for injection into color amplifiers and demodulators. (7) 4.5MHz sound channel test signal that is frequency modulated by 1kHz audio tone and a 1kHz tone for audio circuit testing. (8) Composite sync pulse signal of positive or negative polarity, adjustable in amplitude with var-



iable impedance for troubleshooting sync circuits, picture tubes, blanking circuits and transistorized keyed AGC circuits. (9) Vertical and horizontal grid drive signal for troubleshooting sweep circuits. (10) Vertical plate drive signal for checking vertical output transformers. (11) Vertical yoke test signal to determine if vertical yoke windings are defective. (12) Horizontal plate drive signal for checking horizontal output transformers. (13) A high level keying pulse for testing keyed circuits, AGC, burst amplifiers and blanking.

There are a number of other uses for the analyst such as; generating a test pattern for color convergence adjustments; checking bandwidth resolution, shading and contrast capabilities of the TV receiver; displaying pictures on the TV screen for advertising and as a transmitter for video paging at conventions, hospitals and other gatherings.

One particular feature we would like to see added is a horizontal and vertical grid drive signal to drive transistorized sweep circuits. We feel this would be of great value in servicing the smaller transistorized sets.

The scanning section is the heart of the analyst. It consists primarily of the CRT and the photo-multiplier tube. Basically, the scanning circuit provides the following functions: A dot of light scans the CRT. A slide masks the light which reaches the photomultiplier tube and the photomultiplier tube and the photomultiplier tube converts the light into a video signal that is equivalent to the image on the slide.

An electron beam scans the face of the CRT just as in a TV receiver. As the electron beam scans, it produces a flying dot of light. The light is directed toward a photomultiplier tube which produces an output signal proportional to the amount of light which strikes it. A positive transparency slide is inserted between the cathode ray tube and the photomultiplier tube. As the small spot of light sweeps across the slide from left to right, light passes through the transparent portions of the slide and an output voltage is produced by the photomultiplier tube. When the spot passes behind the black parts of the slide, no light reaches the photomultiplier tube and no output voltage is produced.

Shades of gray in the transparency will produce some output voltage, but less than the fully transparent areas. Thus, as the entire slide is scanned, the photomultiplier tube will produce video signal voltages equivalent to the side image.

After the repair is complete, the analyst can be used to test the over-all performance of the TV receiver. The receiver can be checked for RF sensitivity, AGC action, centering, size and linearity, shading, resolution, bandwidth and frequency response.

The manual supplied with the instrument is almost a complete television repair course in itself. It takes you step-bystep through the various stages of operation and covers procedures, symptom analyses and troubleshooting techniques. The troubleshooting procedure section with its condensed charts provides a quick reference to symptoms, causes and cures. Net price is \$379.95. ■



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Speaker

705 Designed for solid-state components

Announced is the S20 controlled impedance speaker system designed for solid-state components. The systems' Mediterranean styling features an antiqued pecan finish with ornate scrollwork grills. A flamenco red grill cloth is supplied with the speakers, al-



though other colors may be substituted. Inside, the system includes a 10in. woofer and a 5in, dual-cone midrange/tweeter in a 223/4 in. x 113/4 in. x Ilin. enclosure. S20 price is \$129.95. Scott.

Portable Phonograph 706

Portable stereo phonograph with built-in eight-track tape player

A portable stereo phonograph with a built-in eight track stereo tape cartridge player is introduced. The model CP500E features an eight-track stereo tape deck with automatic program ad-



vance and manual program selector. The record changer, with diamond stylus, plays standard record sizes and speeds. Also included is a 45 rpm spindle. The solid-state amplifying system produces 8w peak or 4w EIA music power output. Two 61/2 in. detachable speakers, separate volume, balance and tone controls are among the features. The phonograph has a high impact polystyrene brown cabinet with walnut grained vinyl inlay. List price is \$159.95. Motorola.

Microphones

60db output and 50-12,000 Hz frequency range

"Mini-mike," a dynamic, omnidirectional microphone with a tailored frequency response over the entire speech range is announced. The microphone is designed for broadcast, recording and public address applications. The Model 35 is 34 in. in diameter, 3in, in length with a high-low impedance combination and a weight (less cable) of 41g. The model 35A is 21/4 in. in length, 3/4 in. in diameter with a 1502 impedance and a weight of 29g. Both models reportedly feature a 60db output level and a 50-12,000Hz frequency range. They are finished in desert



gold with a chromium grill. A 25ft. shielded cable, lavalier cord and clothing clip are included with each microphone. The Model 35 has a list price of \$65; Model 35A, a list of \$75. Conrac.

Speaker

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Wide range provides response from 40 to 15,000 Hz

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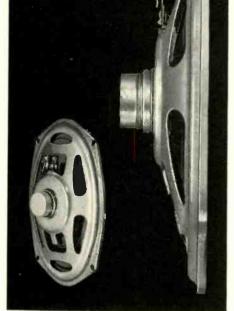
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between auto, boat and home cover each price bracket. The top-of-the-line is the "Cartable 2800," a solid-state, woodgrain, eight-track stereo system adaptable to auto or home. The unit features four $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. speakers plus optional matching woodgrain speakers for indoor installation. Belle Wood.

Phone Stylus Cleaner 710 Consists of lint-free, treated pad

Introduced is a cleaner for the phonograph stylus. It features a lint-free, treated pad, and reportedly provides



easy mounting without causing damage to the stylus. Instructions indicate that it can be used either on radial or elliptical styli. The cleaner comes in a case to keep it free of dust and dirt. Elpa.

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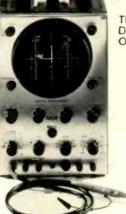
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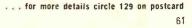
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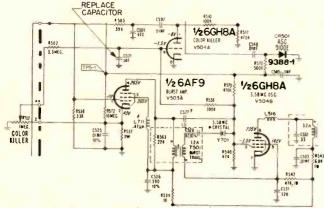




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Color TV Chassis G11/G13/H10/H12/K15 Series—Weak or No Color

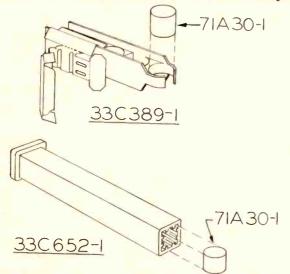
This problem can be caused by failure of disc capacitor C521 (.1 μ f, 50v). Failure of this capacitor permits a negative voltage to be produced at the plate (pin 9) of the color killer which will bias off the 2nd bandpass amplifier. Sub-



stitute this capacitor to determine if it has failed. Measuring it with an ohumeter may not reveal a defective capacitor. Replace with a $.1\mu f$ of higher working voltage such as 64C53-98 ($.1\mu f$, 200v) which is now used in production.

Color Convergence Magnets

The replacement parts pictured are available to replace the nylon slider (magnet holder) used on the convergence



assembly of earlier color TV models. Order the type shown in the drawing. The magnet (71A30-1) is not included with either type. The mounting clip shown with 33C389-1 is included.

Color TV Chassis G11/G13/H10/H12-Wrong Colors

If you encounter a complaint of chartreuse (yellow green) flesh colors which turn blue when the tint control is rotated, check the ECO transformer. Using the incorrect transformer will cause the 3.58MHz to be applied to the

color demodulators 180deg out of phase. A keyed rainbow from a color bar generator will show the blue and red bars reversed. They will also roll toward or away from each other when the tint control is rotated, instead of shifting to one side together.

The correct ECO transformer for the G11, G13 and H12 series chassis is 72B285-1. The correct transformer for the H10 series chassis is 72B285-2. Be sure you use the correct replacement—they look alike!

Color TV—Service Hint Sound But No Picture, Except Briefly When Set Is Turned Off

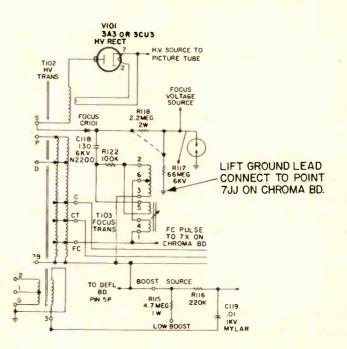
We have had several reports of this unusual condition which is not actually a fault but it can generate a service call. If the brightness control is accidently used to try to turn the set off, the next time the customer turns it on with the regular on-off switch, he will get sound but no picture. If he then turns the set off, the picture will come on briefly and fade out. This causes him to think something is wrong when all he needs to do is turn the brightness up!

This condition occurs in models with the spot eliminator circuit. These models have an extra switch on the ON-OFF switch which causes the picture tube to conduct at full brightness as the set is turned off. This drains off the high voltage rapidly and prevents a lingering spot on the face of the picture tube.

MAGNAVOX

Color TV Chassis T924-Elimination of Afterglow on CRT Face

Afterglow on the face of a CRT used with a T924 chassis can be eliminated by lifting the ground end of resistor R117, the 66M 6kv focus resistor and soldering it to point





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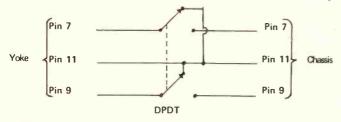
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7JJ on the chroma board. This can be most readily accomplished by lifting the ground lead of R117 from its ground connection and moving the lead to one of the blank holes on the terminal board. Run the lead through the hole and bend it around the edge of the terminal board to minimize its movement. Solder a length of hookup wire to the resistor lead and route the wire to point 7JJ on the chroma board by the most convenient route. Solder it to this point.

Color TV Chassis T924-Modification of Color Test Fixture

Refer to Service Manual 7297, Sections 4.1 and 2. The test fixture yoke is wired as shown on the schematic for the T924-03, 07 and 09 versions. These chassis are directly



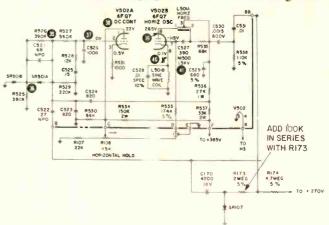
adaptable to the test fixture. However, the vertical yoke windings are connected internally in the T924-01, 02, 05, 06, 08 and 10 versions. These versions will have no vertical sweep when used with the fixture. A DPDT switch, such as part No. 160370-5, can be inserted in the yoke extension cable as shown to enable the fixture to be used with all T924 versions.



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Color TV Chassis T933—Service Hints Horizontal Jitter, Low 6BK4 Current, Raster Size Change as Brightness Control Setting Is Changed

Resistor R173 (2M, $\frac{1}{2}$ w, 5%) in the grid circuit of the 6JE6 horizontal output tube can cause horizontal jitter, low 6BK4 current and changing raster size as the brightness



control setting is changed, and when its value drops below 1.9M. If the value is indicated as being near the low tolerance limit and the ohmmeter is not known to be accurate, add a 100K resistor in series with R173. Recheck the circuit for elimination of the symptoms.

Minimum 6BK4 Current

With CRT BIAS and BRIGHTNESS controls set for a dark screen (no CRT current) the 6BK4 current must be minimum of 1ma. This current can be checked by measuring *Continued on page* 67



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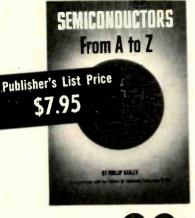
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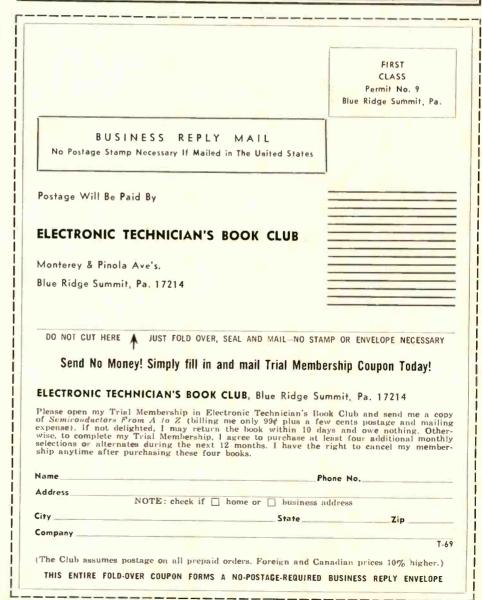
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SEMICONDUCTORS FROM A TO Z contains all you need to know about the entire range of transistors and semiconductors used today. Written in language anyone can understand, this book explains how various semiconductor devices work and how they are used, with complete descriptions of all the common and unique circuits used in modern technology. With the wealth of knowledge incorporated in this book, you'll be eminently qualified to service any type of solid-state equipment.

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Continued from page 64 the voltage across R121, the 1K cathode resistor of the 6BK4. This voltage must be a minimum of 1v (I=E/R).

Channel Eight Tweet Reduction

The following circuit modification is recommended for the reduction of channel eight tweet.

(1) Install a 15K, 2w resistor between the junction of R909 and R903 on the AFC board, and point VA(+270v) on the chroma board. This can be accomplished from the underneath side of the boards and will require an extension wire. (2) Remove and discard L905 and its extension lead. L905 is connected on the underneath side of AFC board between the junction of R909 and C913 on the AFC board and point YC(+140) on the chroma board. (3) Also remove and discard R909 on the AFC board.

Once this circuit modification has been completed the plate/screen supply for V901 will be the 270v source.

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Color TV Chassis V8001—Demodulator Circuit

The demodulator system is a two stage circuit that consists of V7A called the R-Y demodulator and V6A called the B-Y demodulator, and their associated components. Both demodulators use 5GH8A tubes. Each demodulator requires two input signals. The two input signals are:

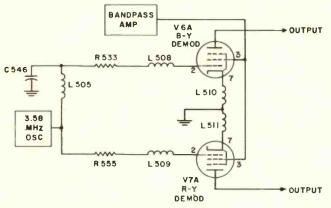
1. The output signal of V12A, the bandpass amplifier.

2. A 3.58MHz CW signal from V8A, the local oscillator. The output of the bandpass amplifier is passed to the

screen grids (G2) of the two demodulators. Two signals from the 3.58MHz local oscillator, differing

only in phase, are fed into G1, the control grids.

The purpose of the demodulator is to convert the phase



and amplitude differences of the two input signals into information that the color difference amplifier circuit can enlarge to magnitudes necessary for driving the CRT grids.

At the transmitter during a color telecast only the intelligence contained in the red information signal and the blue information signal has to be transmitted for color reproduction. Combining the R-Y and B-Y signals algebraically and electronically in the receiver will result in the reproduction of the green color. The R-Y and B-Y signals at the transmitter are fed into separate modulators and maintain a 90 degree phase relationship by the introduction of a signal from an oscillator at the transmitter into the two modulators that are 90 degrees apart in phase. In circuitry of receivers in the past the same relationship of 90 degrees was maintained by introducing the 3.58 MHz signal of the receiver's local oscillator into the R-Y and B-Y demodulators 90 degrees apart in phase. To service Color TV you need: 1. vectorscope 2. color bar generator and you can't use one without the other!



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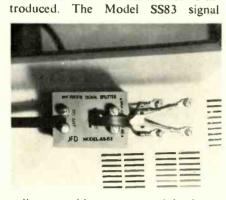
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3-Way Signal Splitter

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Provides three twinlead outputs from single input

A 3-way signal splitter capable of meeting the requirements of an 82 channel TV antenna installation is in-



splitter provides separate twinlead outputs for UHF, VHF and FM from a single 82 channel twinlead input. Virtually all TV sets require separate inputs to their UHF and VHF antenna terminals. The splitter not only provides two separate inputs from a single all-channel antenna downlead, it also provides an extra input to an FM or stereo FM receiver and makes it possible for a single antenna to provide signal voltage to an all-channel TV set as well, without the need for a separate coupler. Splitting loss on the unit is negligible, reportedly less than 1db. Isolation between outputs is 18db and response is flat over the entire TV-FM spectrum ± 0.5 db. It is equipped with no-strip terminals for the input and FM output. Twinlead is simply inserted under these terminals and the screws are tightened down for positive mechanical and electrical connection. Appropriate lengths of twinlead with spade lugs are factory attached to the UHF and VHF TV output. The splitter can easily be attached to the back of any TV set by means of an adhesive. List price is \$4.95. JFD.

CB Base Antenna

Shorter radials with 4db omnidirectional gain

712

A half-wave, 4db gain, omnidirectional base station antenna is announced. The model M-227 is the third generation of the company's Magnum series introduced in 1961. Over-all configuration of the antenna is similar to previous versions but with modifications in the loading static arrester assembly at the top of the fivesection aluminum dipole and the radials. The static arrester is a diamondshaped double loop designed to improve static drain-off, reduce noise and lower the radiation angle. The radials are shorter than on previous models to make them more rugged. This is accomplished by four small



loading coils which electrically lengthen the radials to a full 1/4 wavelength thus producing a low radiation angle and a claimed 4db of omnidirectional gain. Other construction features include a waterproof coax connector jacket, chemically welded dual phasing coil jacket, and double-interlock dipole joints. The VSWR is rated at 1.05 to 1 at centerband and 1.4 to 1 at the band edges. List price is \$36.95. Antenna Specialists.

Solid-State VOM

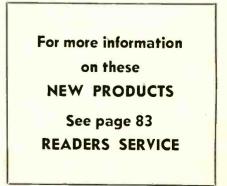
Battery-operated VOM features field-effect-transistorized circuitry

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Introduced is a battery-operated volt-ohm-milliammeter featuring a field-effect circuit with a 10M constant input resistance on all dc voltage ranges and sensitivity approximately ten times greater than the conventional bench-type VTVM. The unit, which slips easily into a shirt pocket, is 23/4 x 4¹/₄ x 1¹/₈ in, and weighs 14oz. It has a thumb switch on the side for reversing polarity, a single test/range selector switch on the front panel and provision for attaching an ac clamp-on ammeter adapter. Adding to its easeof-use in the field, the VOM has a battery-test provision as one of the selector-switch positions. The VOM reportedly performs with an accuracy of 3



percent on all dc ranges, 4 percent on all ac ranges and 3 percent on ohms. Available ranges in dc volts are: .3, 1.2, 6, 30, 120 and 600v with an input resistance of 10M constant on all ranges. In the ac position, the unit covers 3, 12, 60, 300 and 600v (for greater accuracy, a separate scale is provided for 0-3v), with input resistance of 50000 per volt. DB measurements are .1 to 600v and dc current measurements in two ranges, 0-120 µa, and 0-1/2 µa at 300mv. Four resistance measurement ranges are available (all read on the 50Ω center scale): X1, X100, X10K, and times 1M so that resistances from 12 to 5000M can be conveniently measured. The VOM utilizes two batteries, a 7v type NEDA 1501 to power the FET bridge circuit, and a 11/2 v ASA type N for the ohms circuit. Net price complete with probes and insulated leads is \$70. Triplett.



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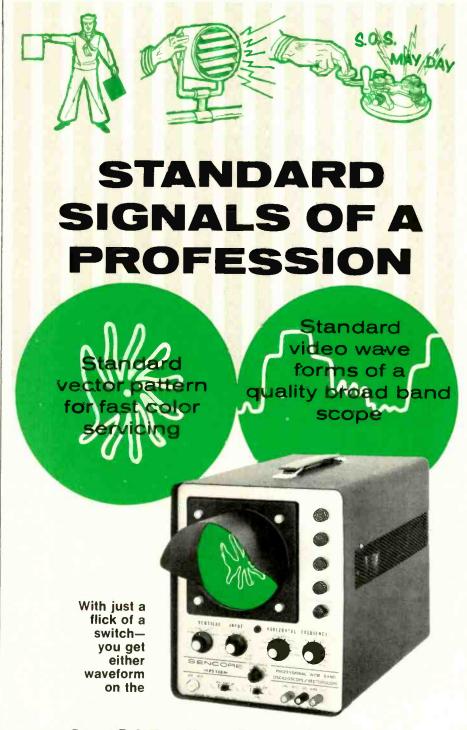
back to the 10vdc range. The unit was used to measure critical circuits such as the sync and oscillator sections which continued to operate normally proving the absence of circuit loading.

Measurements on the other ranges for ac, ohms and amps also proved to be fast and accurate.

Since digital test instruments are just now really getting into the pricing category of the small shop, we were concerned with the warranty and repair situation. The manual that came with the DM330 we received was not up to date, according to the people representing Darcy, when we contact-ed them about it. They indicated that a new warranty was being printed which better explains their program. In essence it says that Darcy provides regional repair centers. The DM330 is warranted for one year and can be sent to the closest repair center. However, the manual is purposely complete enough to allow the technician to repair the DM330 in his own shop if he wishes. But like a fine watch, once the owner opens the unit for repair, the warranty is voided. If the technician wants to repair it, he can order parts from the factory but again, the parts will not be covered under warranty unless the unit is repaired by an authorized repair center. Darcy has repair centers in the East and Midwest regions. The factory handles the Western region.

As we mentioned earlier, digital test instruments are getting closer to the price a technician and service shop can afford. The service business today is more demanding and time is more valuable so test instruments become a most important asset. Because of this, we will continue in future Testlab reports to bring you the latest designs in test instruments.

Next month's Testlab will review the Seco 88A tube tester, Sencore Model SM152 sweep and marker generator. ■



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ET/D NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

Sylvania Plans Introduction of Three Color CRTs in 1970

The Electronic Tube Div. of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. has revealed plans for the introduction of three new color television tube types in 1970, including the industry's largest tube and the first 110deg. color tube. Sylvania is a subsidiary of General Telephone & Electronics Corp.

George Konkol, vice president-operations, said the new tubes will consist of a new large screen, 25in. viewable 90deg. square corner; a 21in. viewable 90deg. square corner tube, and an 18in. viewable 110deg. tube.

Preliminary drawings for these tubes will be distributed to manufacturers of color television sets this month. Production schedules for the new tubes are predicated entirely on the availability of the new glass sizes and shapes required, Konkol said. However, plans call for the 25 and 21in. tubes to be sampled in January 1970.

Konkol said the square corner feature of the 25 and 21 in. tubes will provide a flatter and more pleasing appearance than current tubes.

Admiral Reports Profit in 1968

Admiral Corp. reported 1968 earnings after taxes of \$494,430 or 10 cents a share, compared with a loss of \$3,770,061 or 74 cents per share in 1967. Profits before

taxes were \$894,430 in 1968, while in the preceding year there was a loss of \$7,707,061. The electronics-appliance manufacturer said consolidated sales were \$377,013,813 in 1968, which compares with \$380,941,526 in 1967.

Fourth quarter sales were \$96,071,068, contrasted with \$108,230,891 in 1967. The drop in volume was attributed to a later-than-usual introduction of appliances—December against August—which prevented sizable shipments in the fourth quarter, lower sales by the government electronics division, and changeover to the new 4-4-5 weeks per quarter accounting periods ending on the Sunday nearest Dec. 31.

Profits before taxes in the quarter were \$1,891,707 against a profit of \$1,505,315 in 1967. Net profits were \$781,306 or 16 cents per share, compared with \$622,266 or 12 cents per share.

EIA Reports FM Radio Growth Up Constituting 37.1 Percent of Radios

The FM share of the radio market continued to grow in 1968, registering increases and new highs in all categories, according to the Electronic Industries Assn. Consumer Products Div. and based on EIA Marketing Services Dept. statistics.

FM radios constituted 37.1 percent of domestic-label radios (table, clock, portable) in 1968, compared to 33.5 percent in 1967. In numbers, FM radios grew from 4.21 million table, clock and portable units in 1967 to 4,322,000 units in a total domestic-label radio market that decreased from 12,6 million units in the previous year to 11.7 million in 1968. These statistics are increased to 47 percent and 42.3 percent, respectively, for 1968 compared to 1967 when TV and phonograph combinations are included.

Measured in dollars, however, FM accounted for 56.4

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percent of the factory value of all domestic-label table, clock and portable radios in 1968 compared to 55 percent in 1967. Table, clock and portable units all registered increased percentages in FM saturation, while portables showed a decrease in dollar sales. The average value of an FM home radio decreased from \$26.55 in 1967 to \$24.92 in 1968.

NEA'S Certified Electronic Technician Program Now International

In March and April of this year NEA's certification committee issued certificates to electronic technicians in several countries outside the United States, including Guam, Canada, South Vietnam, Argentina and Germany. Other technicians are attempting to qualify in Brazil, Spain, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

To become registered by NEA as a CET, a technician must successfully complete a 126-question technical test offered by NEA's CET committee. He must have completed four years of schooling and experience in consumer electronics service. Successful passage of the test entitles him to a framed wall certificate, a wallet identification card and the use of CET following his name.

Presently, the Raytheon Co. Tube Div. is presenting CETs with lapel pins. Also, in the coming months the CET committee is offering CET patches for use on blazers which many of the professional technicians now wear.

Dick Glass, CET, president of NEA, stated that "The CET Program has reached the point where it is now recognized by the entire industry. It has registered close to 800 CETs."

Technicians may take the CET test in various locations. In California, New York and Pennsylvania the majority of tests are given in two-hour sessions at association meetings. Military service personnel have their tests monitored by base education officers. Several vocational schools and some radio stations have been used as test monitors. In Nebraska, five area vocational colleges hold test sessions regularly each month in various places in the state.

International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa., has been grading the CET test papers. Due to increased volume, however, the CET Committee has designed new tests for computer grading to speed up the program.

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Superscope Inc., exclusive U.S. distributor of Sony tape recorders and related equipment, has started producing braille instruction manuals for three tape recorders. The manuals will be available free upon request.

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The 10- by 12in. instruction manuals will be for the Sony models 100, 104 and 105 tape recorders that are most frequently used by the blind because of their simplicity of operation. They will be produced by Bostonbased National Braille Press, Inc.

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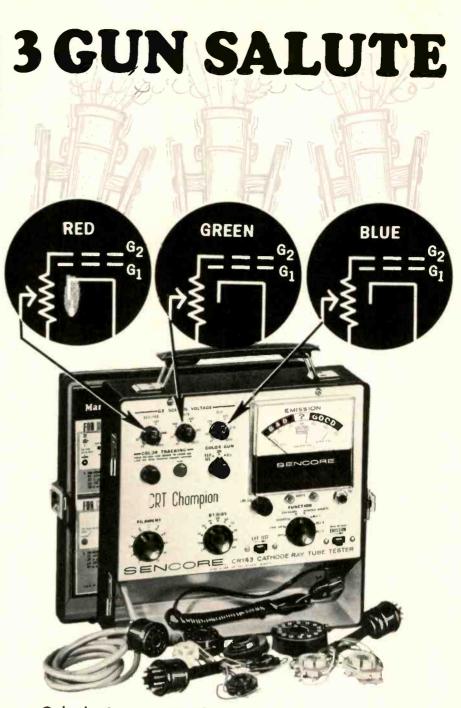
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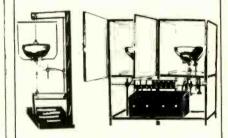
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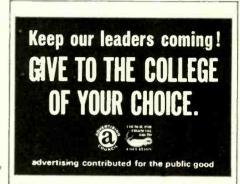
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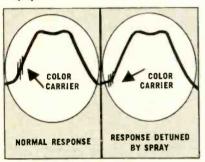
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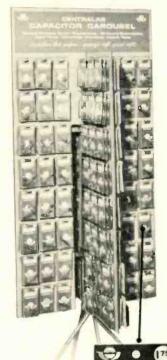
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