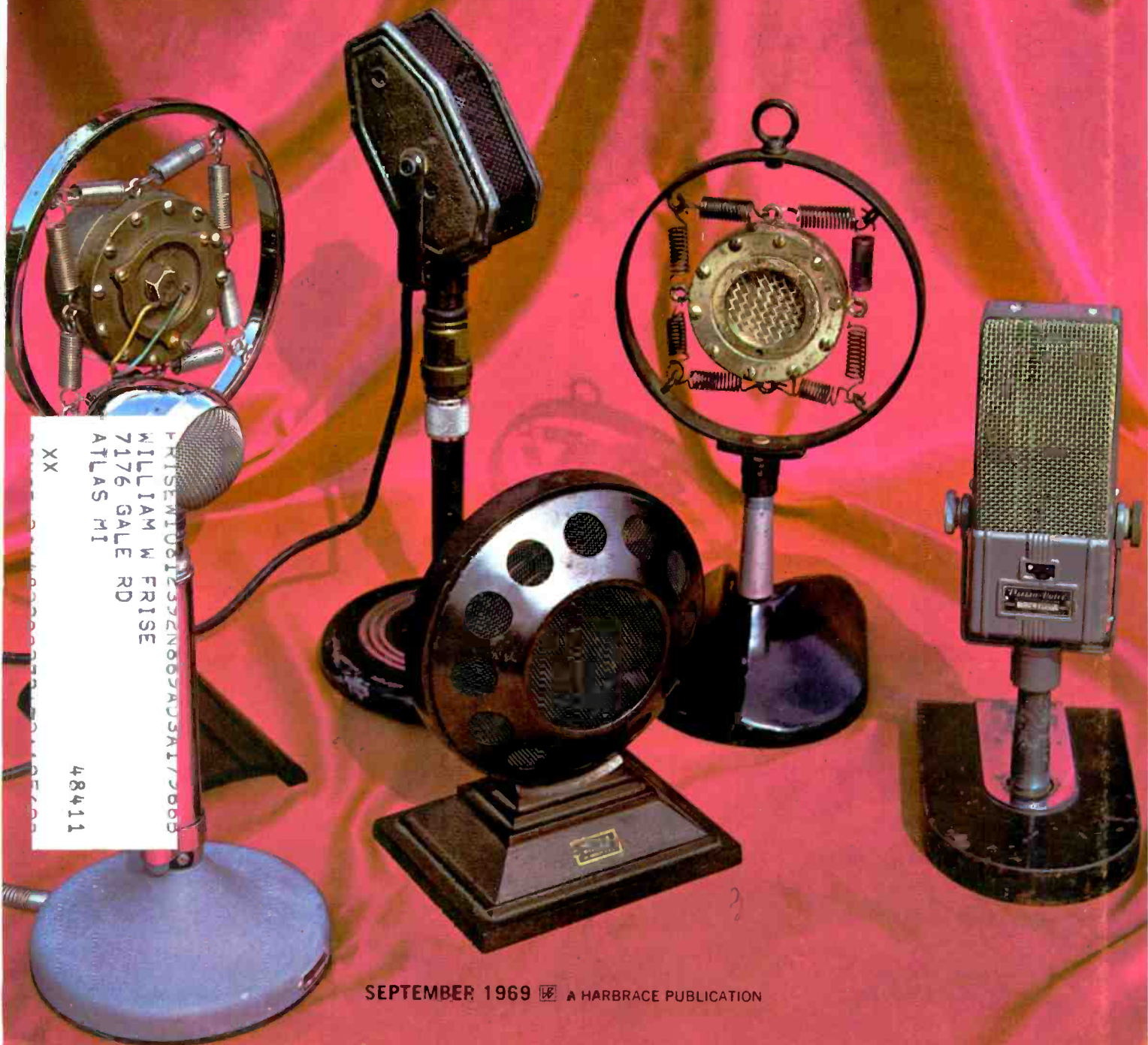


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	SCHEMATIC NO.	SCHEMATIC NO.
EMERSON	1248	SEARS SILVERTONE 1249
Color TV Model 29P10		Color TV Chassis 528.72940
PHILCO-FORD	1250	SYLVANIA 1247
TV Chassis 19HT15		TV Chassis B12-1, -2
RCAVICTOR	1251	ZENITH 1252
TV Chassis KCS177 Series		TV Chassis 14Z21, 14Z21Z

SYMBOL DESCRIPTION

SYMBOL DESCRIPTION	SYLVANIA PART NO.
C500---3 sec elect	41-29367-1
C500A---3 sec elec, 50/400v	41-29367-1
C500B---3 sec elec, 120/400v	41-29367-1
C500C---3 sec elec, 5/350v	41-29367-1
R248---7k, 7w	35-92495-16
R335---VDR	38-15257-17
R504---1.7k, 15w	36-92898-18
L100---quad	57-11602-1
L202---tilt adj	57-11611-1
L204---47.25MHz trap	57-11631-2
L205---video det	57-11616-2
L206---video det	57-11652-1
L400---horiz hold	50-27910-1
L404---horiz lin	50-15019-1
L500---choke filter	56-11651-6
T100---sound IF	56-11606-1
T102---audio output	56-27824-1
T200---1st video IF	57-11612-2
T204---sound take off/4.5MHz trap	57-11604-1

T300---vert output	56-27823-1
T400---horiz output	50-27819-1
T500---power	55-29368-1
R117---1.5M tone (-2 CH)	37-15230-2
R118---1.0M volume on/off (-2 CH)	Part of R117
R118---1.0M volume/on/off (-1 CH)	37-11959-8
R224---220K AGC	37-11632-1
R250---25K contrast	37-29373-1
R252---1.5M bright	37-29373-2
R316---5M, vert lin	Part of R224
R320---1.5M, vert hold	37-29373-2
R340---1.5M, vert height	Part of R224
R436---50K, width	37-11632-1
CB500---circuit breaker	29-29000-1
1200, 1300---lamp neon NE2H	30-97684-3
PP200---printed circuit plate sound take off	32-11631-1
PP300---printed circuit plate sync take off	32-88098-2
Q1---transistor, noise gate 2N388	13-27050-1
SC200---diode video det	1N295
SC202---diode DC restorer	0B462
yokey, def.	51-29369-1

TRANSISTOR LAYOUT

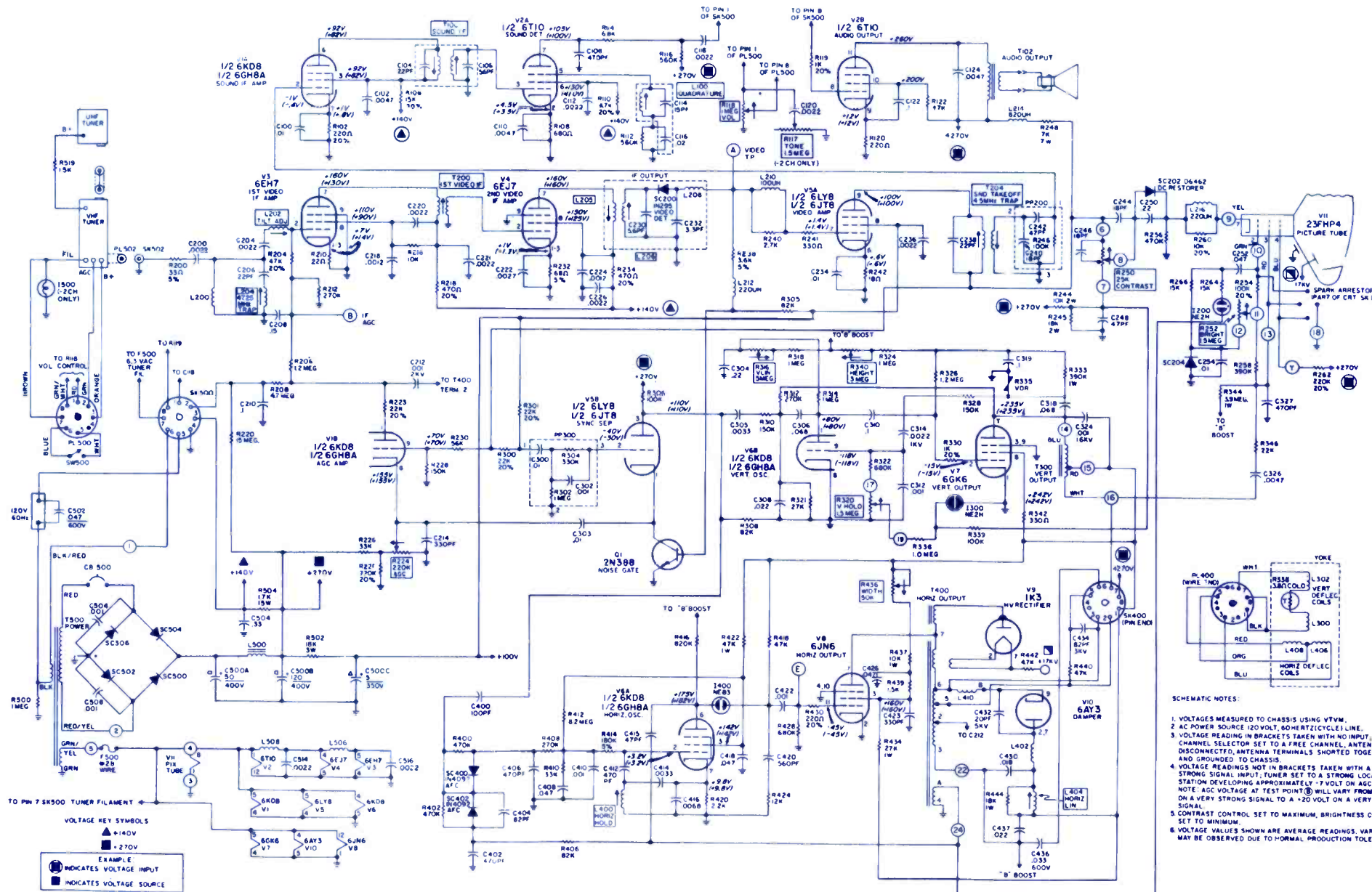
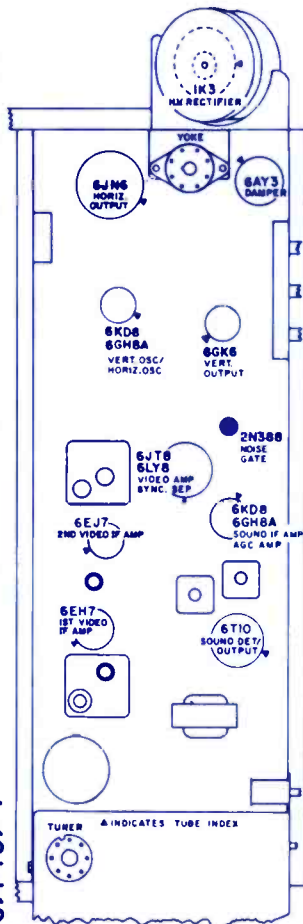
—WARNING—
TO INDICATE HIGH VOLTAGE, ARC ANODE TO CHASSIS NEAR HV. TRANSFORMER ONLY. DO NOT ARC TO ANY OTHER METAL PARTS.

USE ONLY GENUINE SYLVANIA TUBES IF REPLACEMENT IS NECESSARY. PICTURE TUBE 23FHP4 CABINET MOUNTED NOTE: REPLACE ALL TUBES WITH ORIGINAL TYPE ONLY.



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SCHEMATIC NOTES:

- VOLTAGES MEASURED TO CHASSIS USING VTVM.
- AC POWER SOURCE 120 VOLT, 60 HERTZ (CYCLE) LINE.
- VOLTAGE READINGS IN BRACKETS TAKEN WITH NO INPUT. CHANNEL SELECTOR SET TO A FREE CHANNEL. ANTENNA DISCONNECTED. ANTENNA TERMINALS SHORTED TOGETHER AND GROUNDED TO CHASSIS.
- VOLTAGE READINGS NOT IN BRACKETS TAKEN WITH A STRONG SIGNAL INPUT. TUNER SET TO A STRONG LOCAL STATION DEVELOPING APPROXIMATELY 7 VOLT ON AGC BUS. NOTE: AGC VOLTAGE AT TEST POINT (D) WILL VARY FROM 7 VOLT ON A VERY STRONG SIGNAL TO A +20 VOLT ON A VERY WEAK SIGNAL.
- CONTRAST CONTROL SET TO MAXIMUM, BRIGHTNESS CONTROL SET TO MINIMUM.
- VOLTAGE VALUES SHOWN ARE AVERAGE READINGS. VARIATIONS MAY BE OBSERVED DUE TO NORMAL PRODUCTION TOLERANCES.

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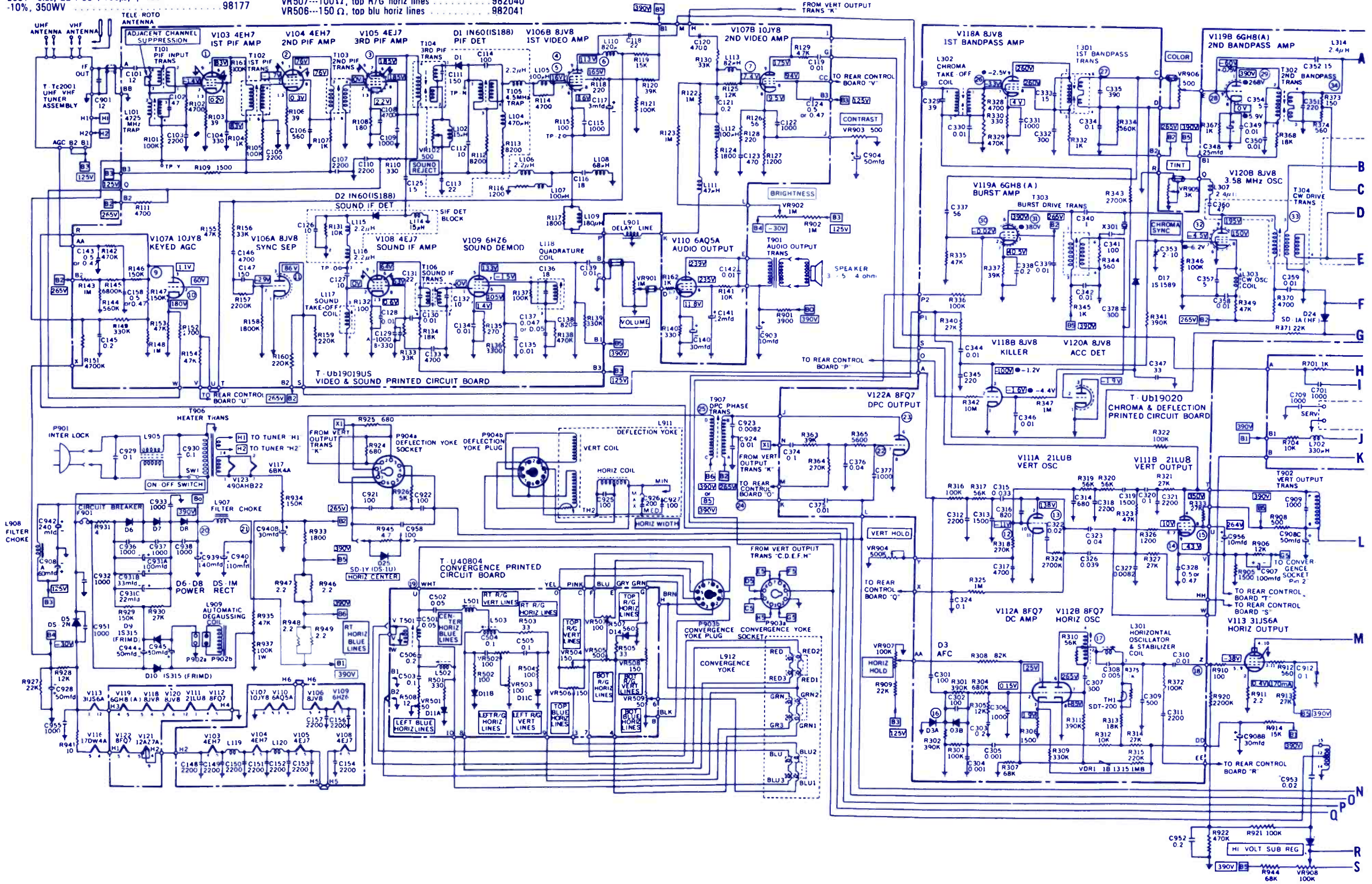
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C908, C940	elec. 30 + 50 + 80µf, + 50%	
-10%	450WV	981974
C931	elec. 22 + 33 + 100µf, + 100%	981974
-10%	350WV	98177

R119	15K, 7w	
R704	10K, 7w	984020
R931	4Ω ± 5%, 35w	981980
R933	1800Ω ± 5%, 15w	984027
VR102	500Ω, sound reject	981999
VR301	3K, R-Y blnce	984006
VR505	100Ω, top R/G horiz lines	982040
VR506	150Ω, top blu horiz lines	982041

VR701	10K sub bright	982368
VR702	5K, blu drive	982047
VR705	1M, grn screen	982048
VR707	1M, AGC	982048
VR708	1M, vert height	982048
VR709	1M, vert lin	982048
VR711	500K, killer threshold	982369
VR713	500K high volt adi	982369
VR712	100K, horiz drive	982370
VR714	50K DPC balance	982372
VR901	1M volume with on/off switch	984002
VR902	1M bright	981964
VR903	500Ω, contract	981963
VR904	500K vert hold	982329
VR905	3K tint	982001

VR906	500Ω, color	984004
VR907	100K, horiz hold	981965
VR908	100K high volt sub regulator	984005
TH1	thermistor, SDT-200	982033
VDR1	voltage dependent resistor, VDR-1B13151MB	982032
T105	xformer, 4.5MHz trap	983976
T106	xformer, sound IF	983977
T302	xformer, 2nd bandpass	983987
T303	xformer, burst drive	983988
T501	xformer, right horiz blu lines	982037
T901	xformer, audio output	981938
T902	xformer, vert output	981939
T905	xformer focus	981919
T906	xformer, heater	983961

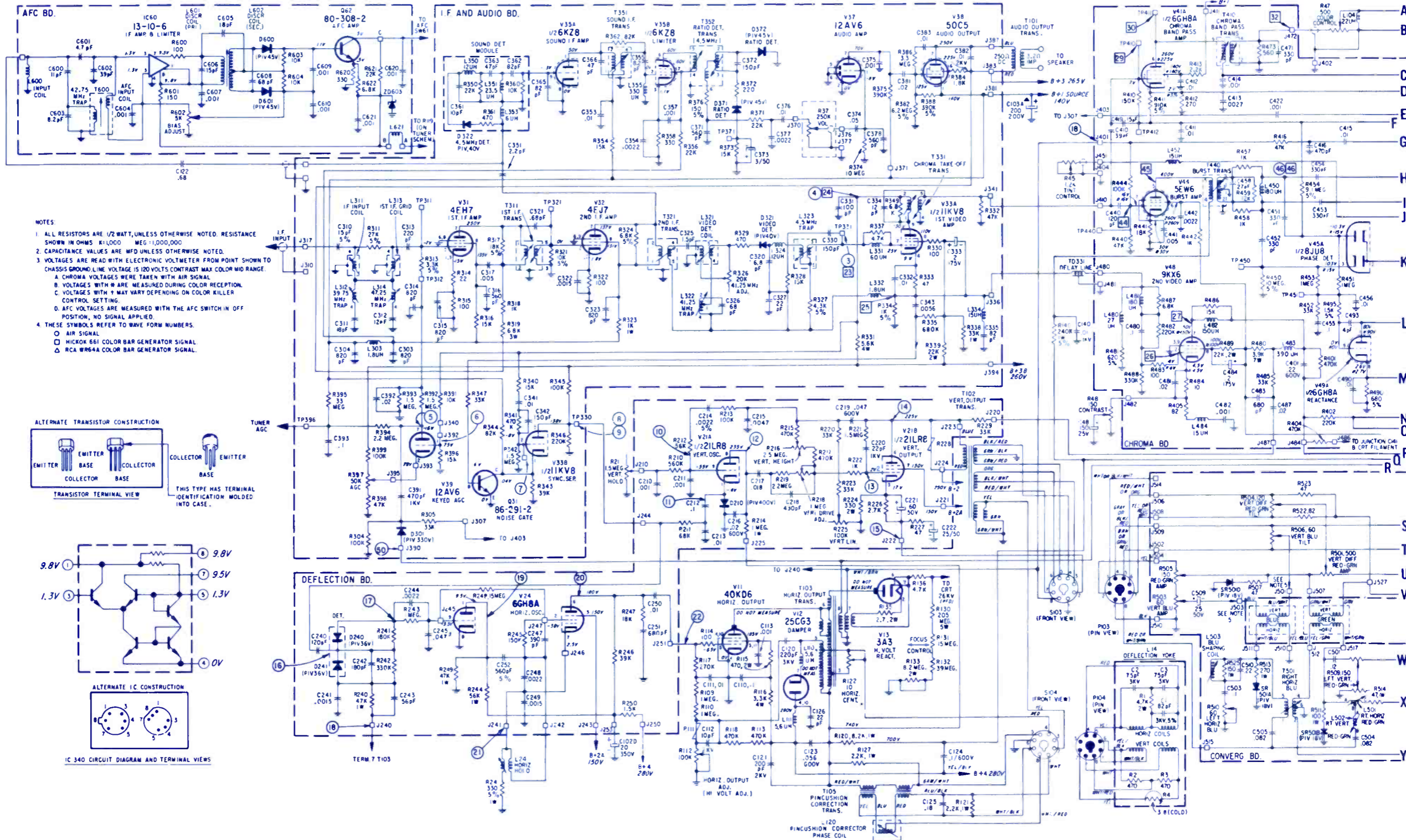
L117	coil, sound take-off	983963
L118	coil, quad	983984
L301	coil, horiz osc/stab	982014
L302	coil, chroma take-off	983990
L316	coil, horiz eff	982015
L901	coil, delay line	983962
L905	coil, filter	983161
L911	deflection yoke	983955
SW2	switch, CRT bias	982049
F901	cir brkr	981948
	video and sound cir brd ass'y (except tubes)	983963
	chroma & def cir brd ass'y (except tubes)	983964
	purity & blu lat magnet ass'y	981923



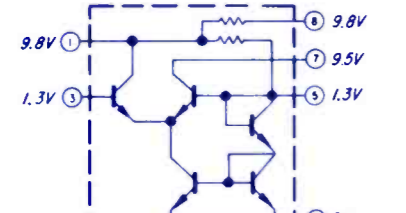
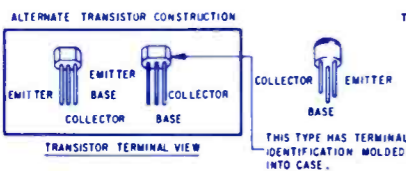
SYMBOL DESCRIPTION	SILVERTONE PART NO.
C102A,B,C,D---elec(A) 25/350v, (B) 400/350v, (C) 80/350v, (D) 20/350v	18-138-3
C103A,B,C,D---elec (A) 200/200v, (B) 250/350v, (C) 100/350v, (D) 40/350v	18-121-3
R14---control, 750K (chromix)	24-1162
R21---control, 1.5M (vert hold)	24-1033
R37---control, vol., 250K (SW101 pull on-push off)	24-1155
R45---control, 1.2K (tint)	24-1163
R47---control, 500Ω (color)	24-1164
R48---control, 150Ω (contrast)	24-583
R49---control, 2M (bright)	24-1C52
R112---control, 100K (hv adj)	24-951
R122---control, 10Ω (horiz center-part of T103)	24-721
R131---control, 15M (focus)	24-1C40
R160,R162---control, 2M (screen grid)	24-957
R161---control, 3M (screen grid)	24-956
R216---control, 2.5M (vert height)	24-832
R218---control, 1 M (vert drive)	24-1C94
R225---control, 100K (vert lin)	24-897

R326---control, 20K (41.25MHz trap)	24-1050
R397---control, 50K (AGC)	24-833
R403---2.5M (bright limit adj)	24-1035
R417---control, 1M (color killer)	24-981
R429,R435---control, 2.5M (grid drive adj)	24-976
R504,R508---control, 120Ω, 1w, WW	24-577
R505,R509---control, 150Ω, 1w, WW	24-579
R510---control, 60Ω, 3w, WW	24-880
R602---control, 5K (AFC bias adj)	24-989
R100---300Ω, 10w, WW	61-299-0
R101---2.2Ω, 15w, WW	61-428-0
R108---thermistor, 120Ω cold	61-78-1
R111---varistor	61-87-1
R119---13K, 7w	68-13371
T101---xformer, audio output	80-246-1
T102---xformer, vert output	80-45-2
T103---xformer, horiz output (inc R122)	80-82-3
T104---xformer, filament	80-21-5
L14---yoke, defl (inc C1,C2,C3,R1,R2,R3,R4)	80-77-4
L24---coil, horiz hold	10-120-4

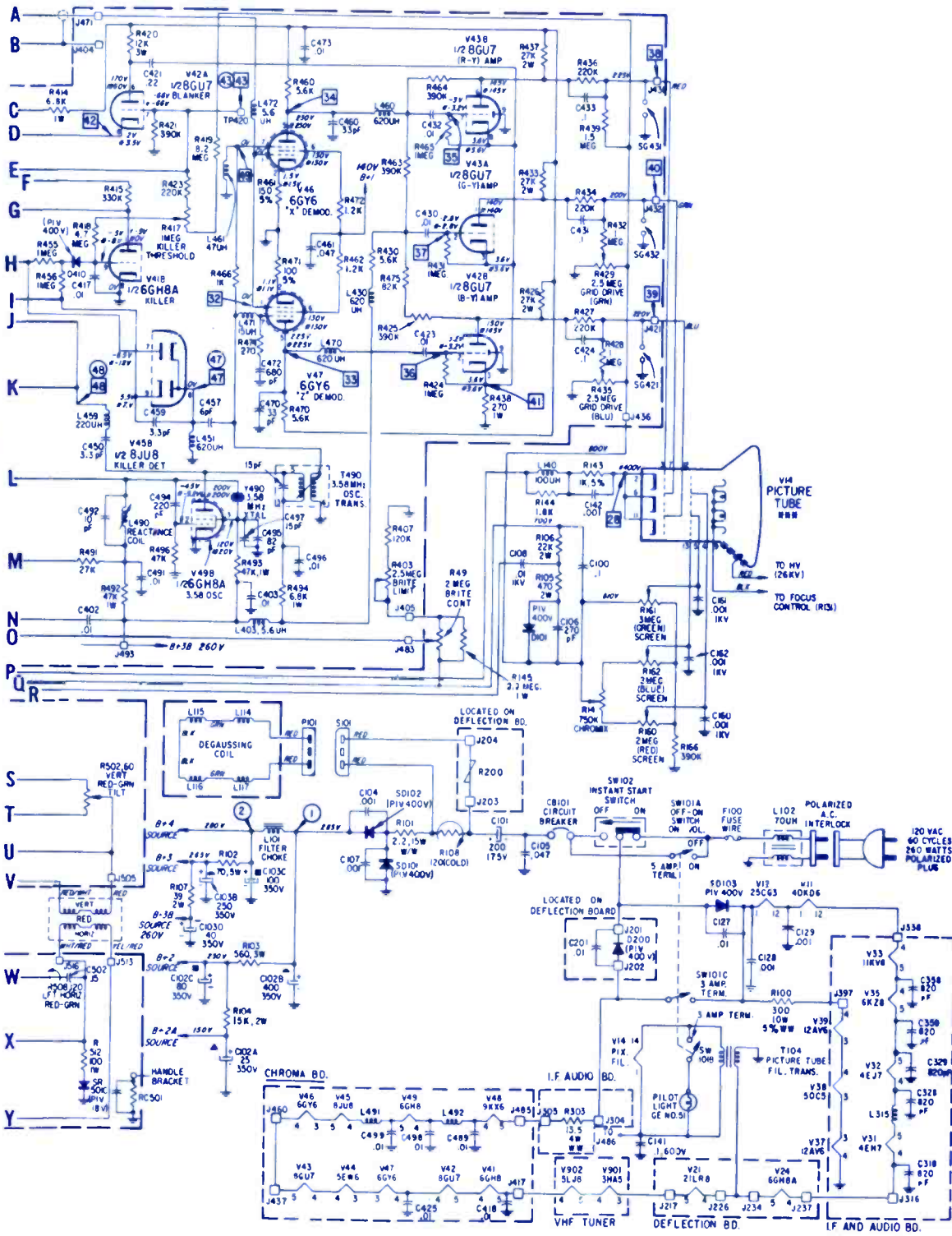
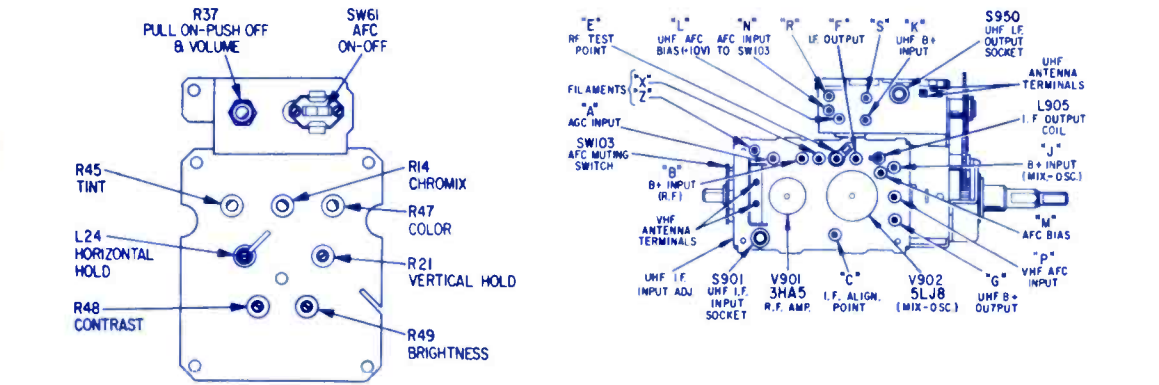
L101---choke line radiation	10-362-1
CB101---cir brkr	43-33-2
TD331---delay line	23-22-2
Yoke def (L14)	80-77-4
R200---varistor	61-91-1
R228---varistor	61-95-1
T331---coil, chroma take-off	10-109-3
T352---coil, sound ratio det	10-328-1
L321---coil, video det	10-100-3
L331---coil, peaking (60μh)	10-341-1
L355---coil, peaking (330μh)	10-253-1
Q31---noise gate	86-291-2
R480---3.9K, 7w, dep oxide	68-39271
T410---xformer, chroma band pass	10-288-1
T440---coil, burst phase	10-250-1
T490---coil, 3.8MHz osc	10-258-1
T101---coil, blu horiz	10-101-5
L501---coil, horiz conv	10-126-5
L502---coil, right horiz	10-102-5
Q62---transistor, AFC amp	86-308-2



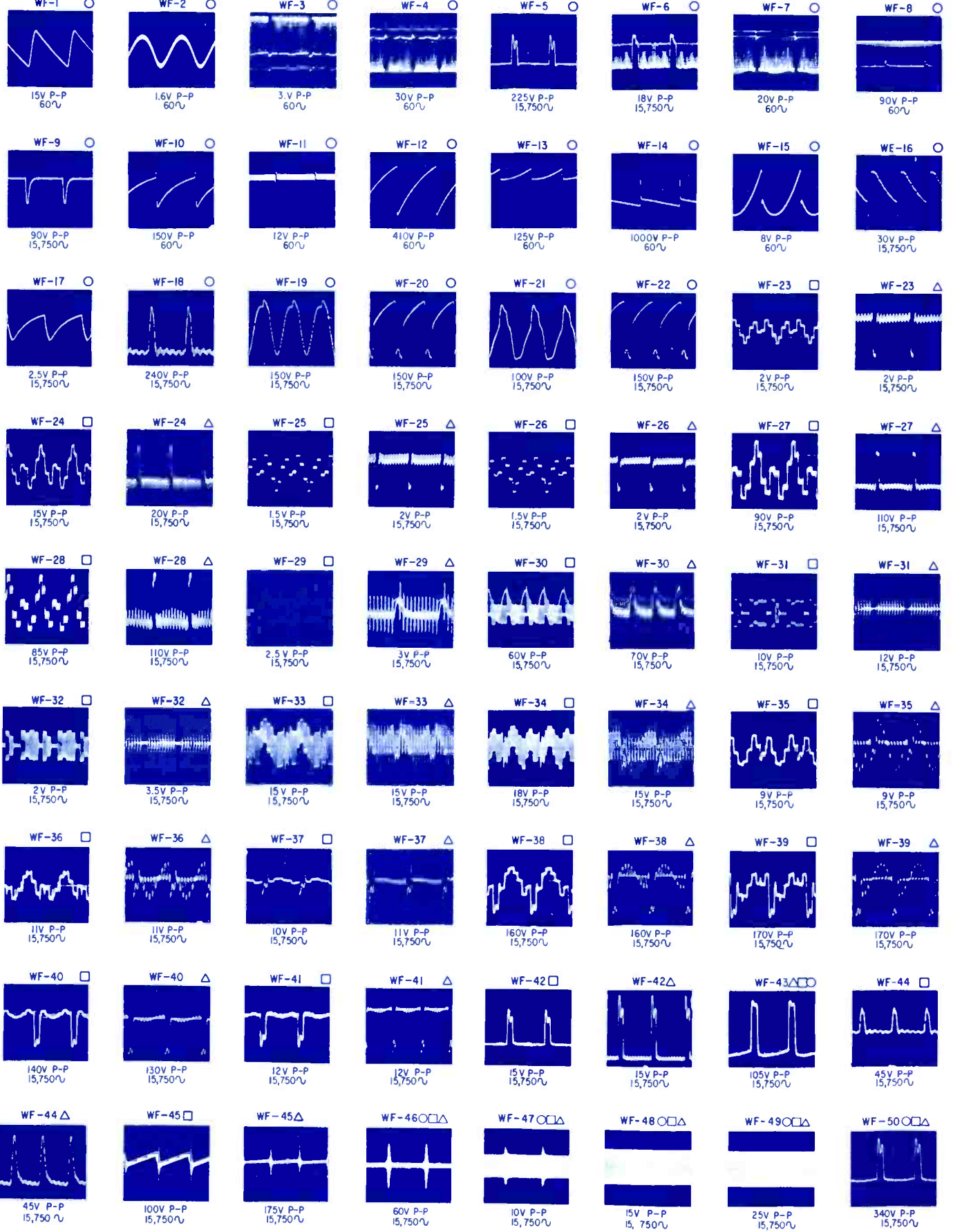
- NOTES:
- ALL RESISTORS ARE 1/2 WATT, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. RESISTANCE SHOWN IN OHMS K=1,000 MEG=1,000,000
 - CAPACITANCE VALUES ARE MFD UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 - VOLTAGES ARE READ WITH ELECTRONIC VOLTMETER FROM POINT SHOWN TO CHASSIS GROUND. LINE VOLTAGE IS 120 VOLTS CONTRAST MAX. COLOR MID RANGE.
 - CHROMA VOLTAGES WERE TAKEN WITH AIR SIGNAL.
 - VOLTAGES WITH * ARE MEASURED DURING COLOR RECEPTION.
 - VOLTAGES WITH † MAY VARY DEPENDING ON COLOR KILLER CONTROL SETTING.
 - AFC VOLTAGES ARE MEASURED WITH THE AFC SWITCH IN OFF POSITION, NO SIGNAL APPLIED.
 - THESE SYMBOLS REFER TO WAVE FORM NUMBERS.
 - AIR SIGNAL
 - MICROK 661 COLOR BAR GENERATOR SIGNAL
 - RCA WR644 COLOR BAR GENERATOR SIGNAL



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LEGEND:
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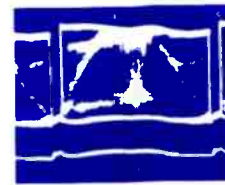


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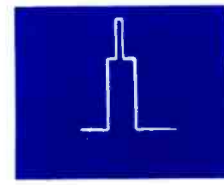
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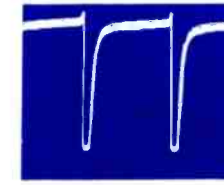
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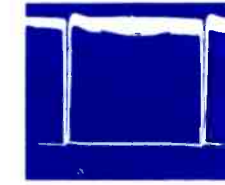
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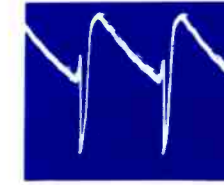
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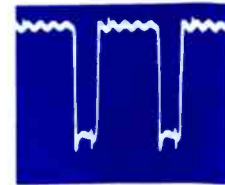
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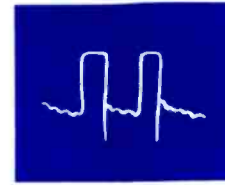
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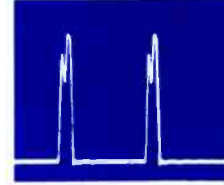
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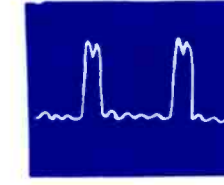
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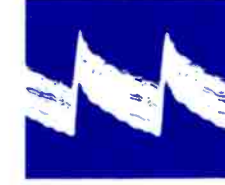
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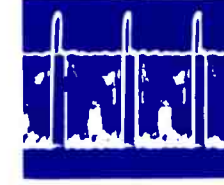
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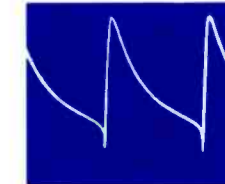
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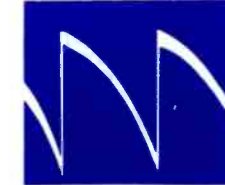
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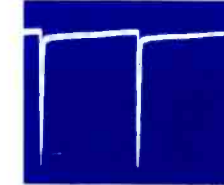
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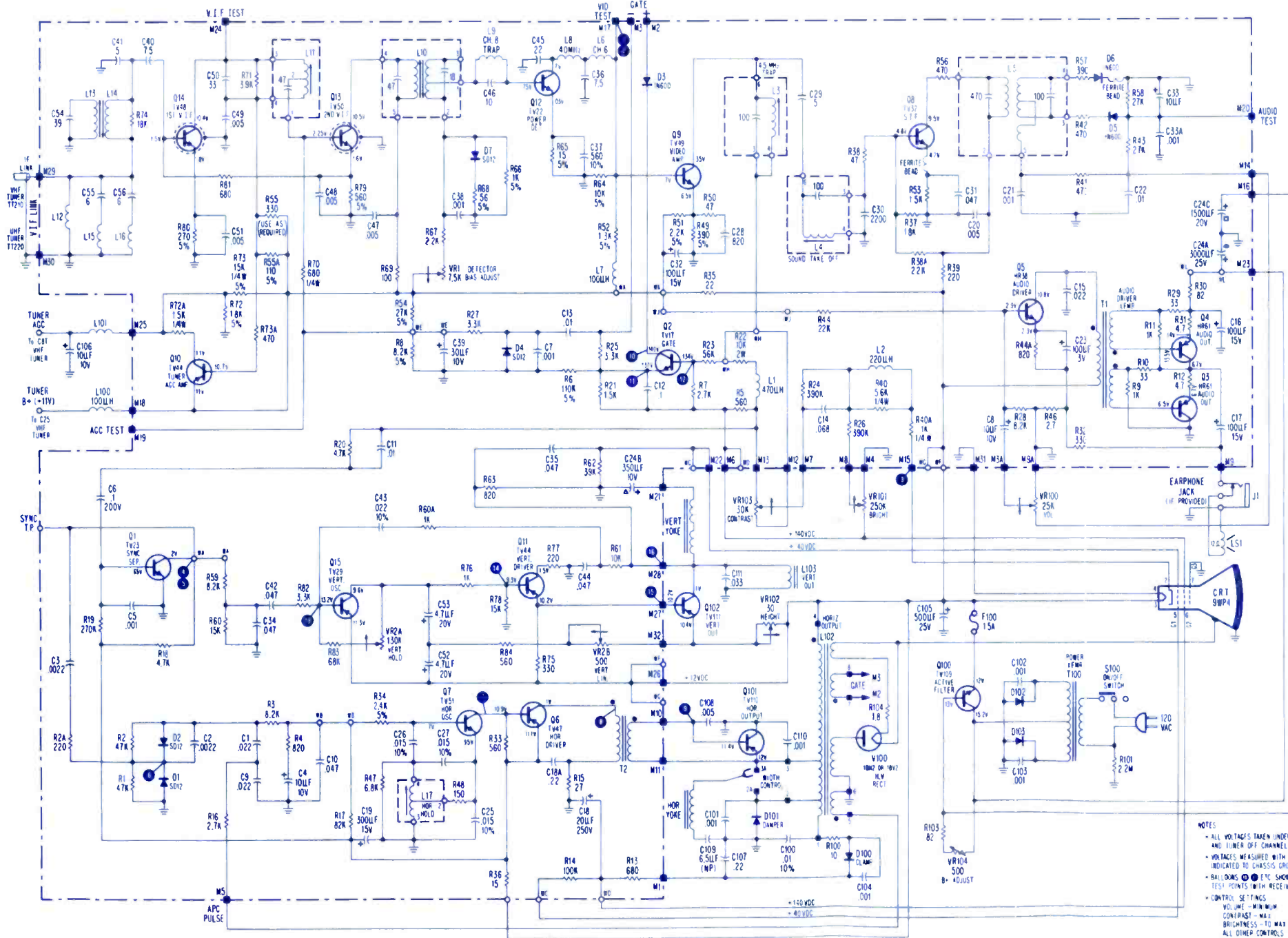
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60 Hz



15 3.6 Volts p/p
60 Hz



16 112 Volts p/p
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SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	PHILCO-FORD PART NO.
C24A, B, C	3000 μ d/25v, 1500 μ d/20v, 350 μ d/10v active filter	30-2585-34
D1	SD12, horiz AFC	34-8057-13
D4	SD12, video det bias	34-8057-13
D101	SD22, video B + damper	34-8057-22
D102	B + rec	34-8054-7
D103	B + rec	34-8054-7
L3	4.5MHz trap	32-4901-1
L4	sound take off	32-4901-1
L5	ratio det	32-4906-1
L11	interstage	32-4893-4
L102	HOT	32-10106-2
Q1	TV23, sync sep	34-8001-80
Q2	TV17, AGC gate	34-8001-63
Q3	HR61, audio output	34-8016-11
Q4	HR61, audio output	34-8016-11
Q5	HR38, audio driver	34-8001-71
Q6	TV47, horiz driver	34-8015-26
Q7	TV51, horiz osc	34-8015-30
Q8	TV32, sound IF	34-8015-12
Q9	TV49, video amp	34-8015-28
Q10	TV44, tuner AGC amp	34-8016-15
Q11	TV44, tuner driver	34-8016-15
Q12	TV22, video det	34-8001-79
Q13	TV50, 2nd VIF	34-8015-27
Q14	TV48, 1st VIF	34-8015-27
Q100	TV109, active filter	34-8002-28
Q101	TV110, horiz output	34-8002-30
Q102	TV111, vert output	34-8002-31
R5	560 Ω contr limit	42-2161-11
S100	ac, on-off (slide)	32-10108-1
T1	audio driver	32-10104-1
T2	horiz drive	32-10104-1
T100	power	32-10107-1
VR1	7.5K det bias	33-5628-10
VR2A, B	130K, vert hold 500 Ω vert lin	33-5627-4
VR100	25K volume	33-5624-16
VR101	250K bright	33-5624-15
VR102	30 Ω height	33-5620-9
VR103	30K contrast	33-5624-14
VR104	500 Ω , B + adi	33-5624-17
	tuner, VHF (TT220)	76-14125-1
	tuner, VHF (TT210)	76-14124-1
	yoke	32-9748-2

SYMBOL DESCRIPTION

UHF tuner ass'y	KRK 150A
VHF tuner ass'y	KRK 157A
C240A---200µ, 175v	128498
C240B---400µ, 175v	128498
C240C---50µ, 175v	128498
C240D---10µ, 175v	128498
IC301---cir - int	126871
L203---horiz hold	125129
Q401---transistor	125144

RCA VICTOR PART NO.

Q402---transistor	125144
Q403---transistor	125144
Q404---video driver	129699
Q405---AGC amp	125140
Q406---IF AGC	129697
Q407---transistor	129698
Q501---AGC	125142
Q502---sync	125141
Q503---sync driver	125139
Q504---video output	116081

R101---control, bright	129696
R105---control, volume	129695
R210---control, vert size/hold/lin	128297
R215---control, contrast	128298
R224---control, video bias	128499
RT201---thermistor-16 cold	129698
S101---switch - on/off	128484
T202---vert output	128494
T203---horiz output	129778
yoke def	128486

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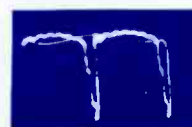
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VIDEO DRIVER EMITTER
1.3V P-P VERT. RATE

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PW500-12
KINESCOPE CATHODE
70V P-P VERT. RATE

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PW500-4
AGC KEYING PULSE
23V P-P HORIZ. RATE

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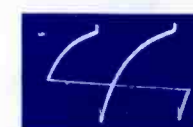
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HORIZ SYNC PULSE
30V P-P HORIZ. RATE

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PW500-8
VERT. SYNC PULSE
18V P-P VERT. RATE

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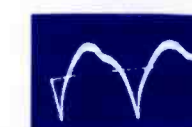
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PW500-11
+130V RIPPLE
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CATHODE JUNCTION
8V P-P HORIZ. RATE

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ANODE
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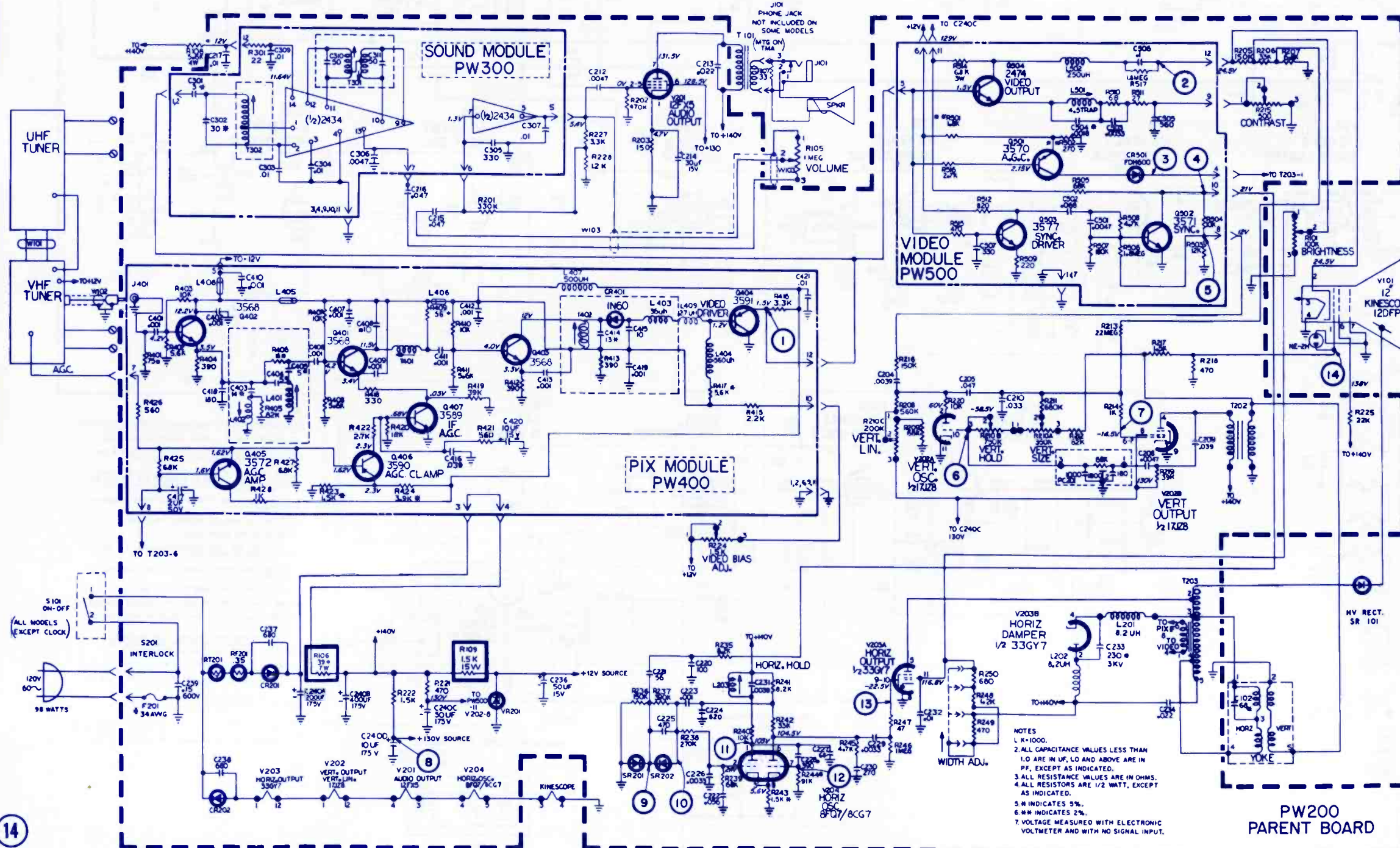
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1. K=1000.
2. ALL CAPACITANCE VALUES LESS THAN 1.0 ARE IN UF, LO AND ABOVE ARE IN PF, EXCEPT AS INDICATED.
3. ALL RESISTANCE VALUES ARE IN OHMS.
4. ALL RESISTORS ARE 1/2 WATT, EXCEPT AS INDICATED.
5. W INDICATES 5%.
6. MW INDICATES 5%.
7. VOLTAGE MEASURED WITH ELECTRONIC VOLTMETER AND WITH NO SIGNAL INPUT.

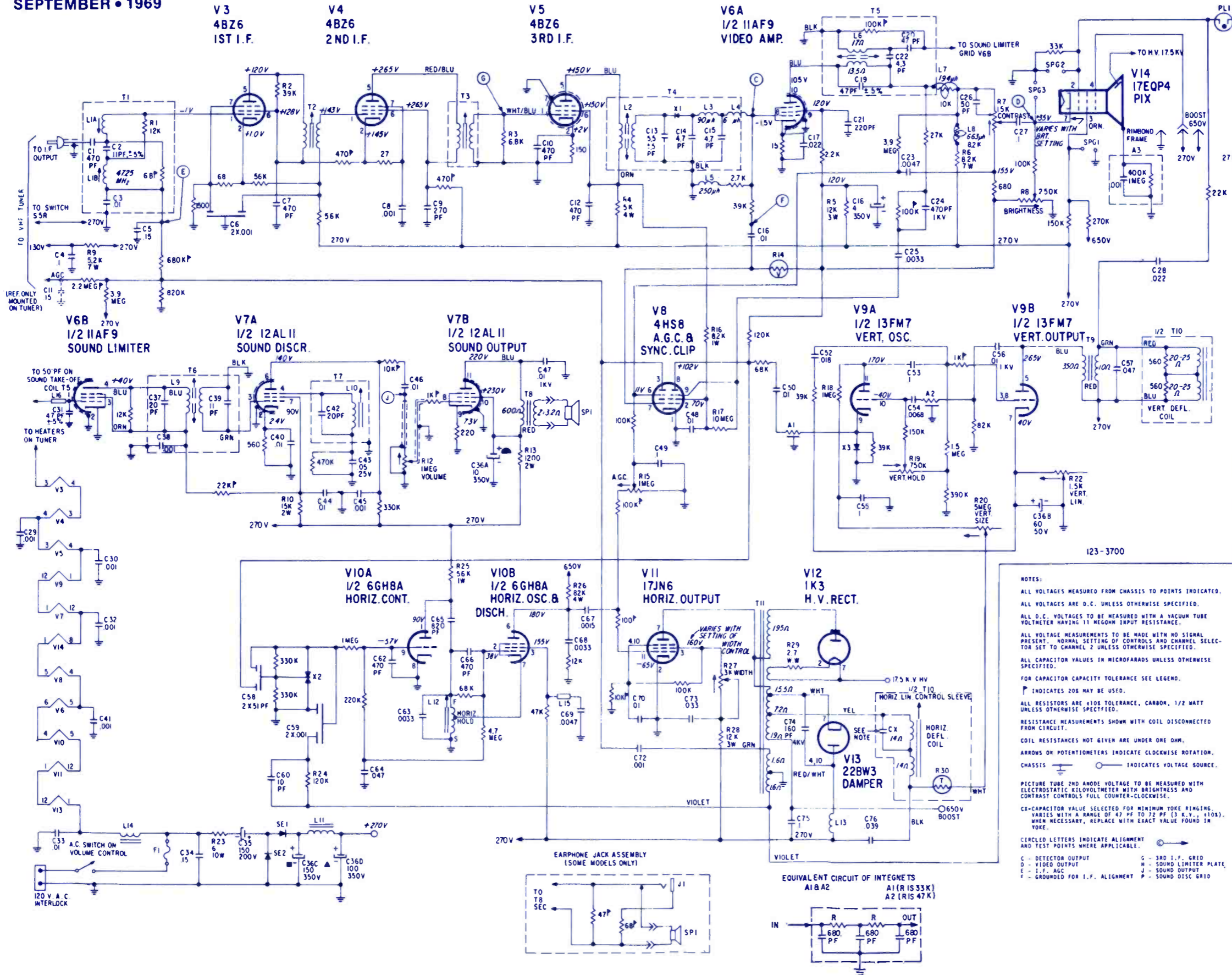
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SYMBOL DESCRIPTION	ZENITH PART NO.
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C36C---150 μ elec, 350v	22-4503
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Silent Death

Practically every time you pick up a newspaper there are articles about auto accidents, cancer from smoking or the misuse of drugs. The point is that people tend to kill each other off in one way or another regardless of wars and disease.

Very few of us work under what we consider "hazardous" conditions. Yet, we could be injured in an auto accident on the way to work or fall in the bathtub at home. Just living in our pace-setting environment can be hazardous. When we jump in the family car for a sightseeing trip, how many of us stop to think of all the little things that could go wrong mechanically to turn our magic carpet into a sudden death trap? If we did, we'd all become nervous wrecks. We trust these man-made machines.

So what about our home appliances? They too, can become lethal if mis-handled or mis-adjusted. But we seldom read about it.

Color television sets are something else. They are great mysterious works of an inventive mind but can, we are told, spew out a silent death to anyone near them. Cynical? Maybe. Naturally, we all want to stay as healthy as possible. That goes for television viewers the same as it does for the technicians who have to work on them.

When properly handled and adjusted, it is no more lethal than the radium dial on your wrist watch.

It's easy to scare the consumer with an article telling him his TV set is radiating dangerous X-rays. Most people are wary of what they don't understand. It's up to us to clue them in on the facts. Consider the recent history-making moonshot. A man who was asked his opinion of this country's space effort remarked that we were fooling with dynamite and if we weren't careful, one of our space buggies would get stuck between us and the sun and shut off all the light. Of such inanities is made much of the current shocktalk about television X-rays.



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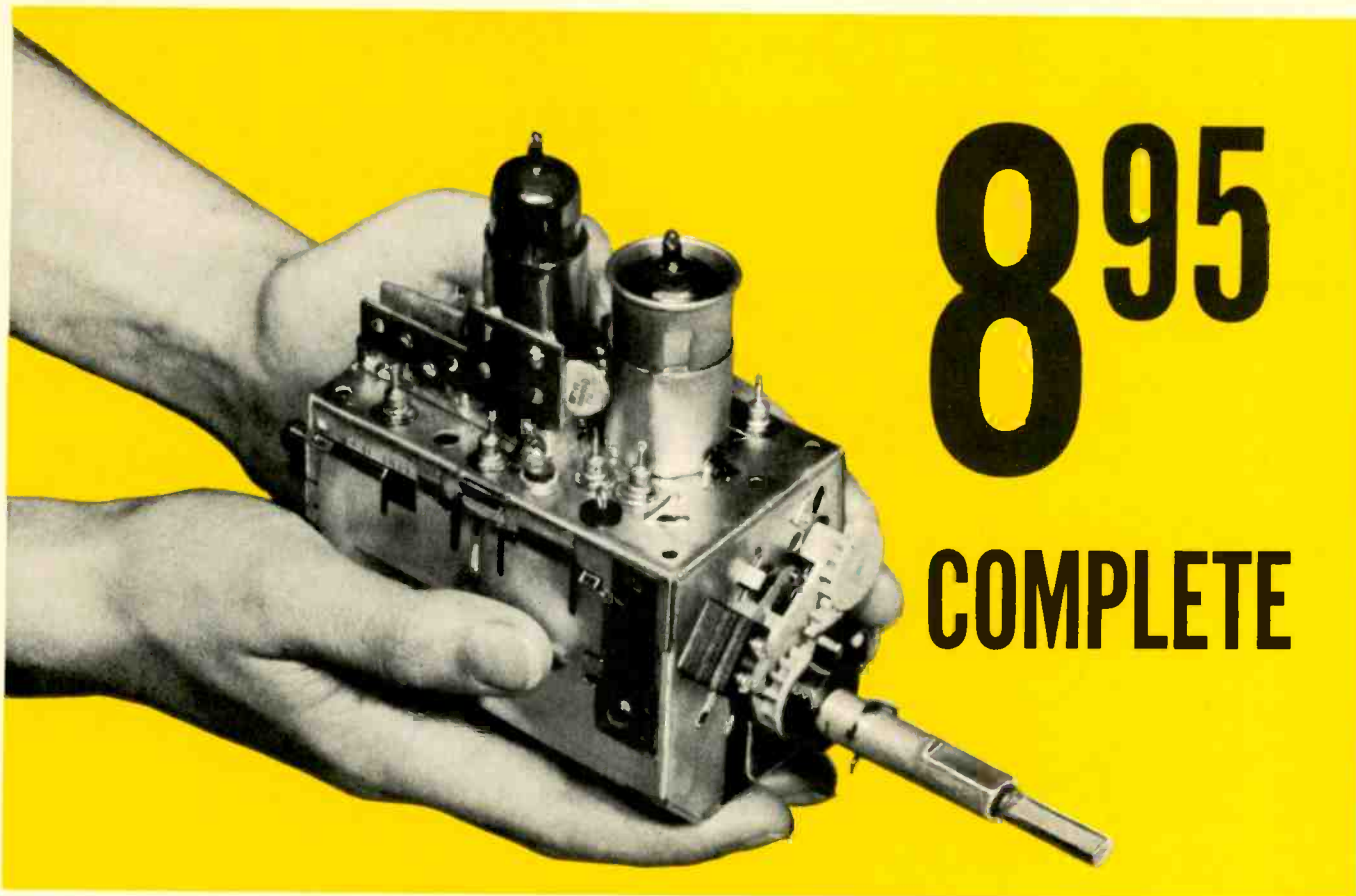
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CR7XL	Series 600mA	2½"	12"	41.25	45.75	11.00
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**CB Radio** **701**

Percent of modulation monitored on a large 2½ in. meter

Announced is the Messenger 124, the newest addition to its line of two-way radios. The radio is all solid-state with 26 transistors, 18 diodes, 1 FET and 3 thermistors and has both a built-in 117vac and 12vdc power supply for base or mobile use. Its dual conversion receiver has a 4.3MHz crystal filter for selectivity to eliminate adjacent channel interference. Delta tune allows ±3MHz receiver fine tuning to pull in those other stations that are slightly off frequency. The CBER can adjust audio response to his own taste with the built-in tone control. The adjustable microphone gain control allows the operator to place the microphone at a comfortable speaking distance and adjust modulation for 100 percent. Modulation can actually be monitored on the large illuminated, 2 1/2in. meter built into the unit. In addition to percent of modulation, the meter also checks standing wave ratio (SWR), relative power output, and received signal in "S" units. The radio employs a high level Class B modulator with speech compression. Receiver sensitivity is 0.5mv for 10db signal-to-noise ratio. Receiver audio power output is 3w and it has a 3 1/2in. speaker. Controls on the units include: channel selector; noise limiter on/off; multimeter control; squelch control with PA position; volume with power off switch; microphone gain; delta tune; tone; percent modulation meter adjust; and power output meter adjust. The dimensions are 5 9/16in. high x 11in. x 9 1/16in. deep; weight is 14lb. Price \$289.95. E. F. Johnson.

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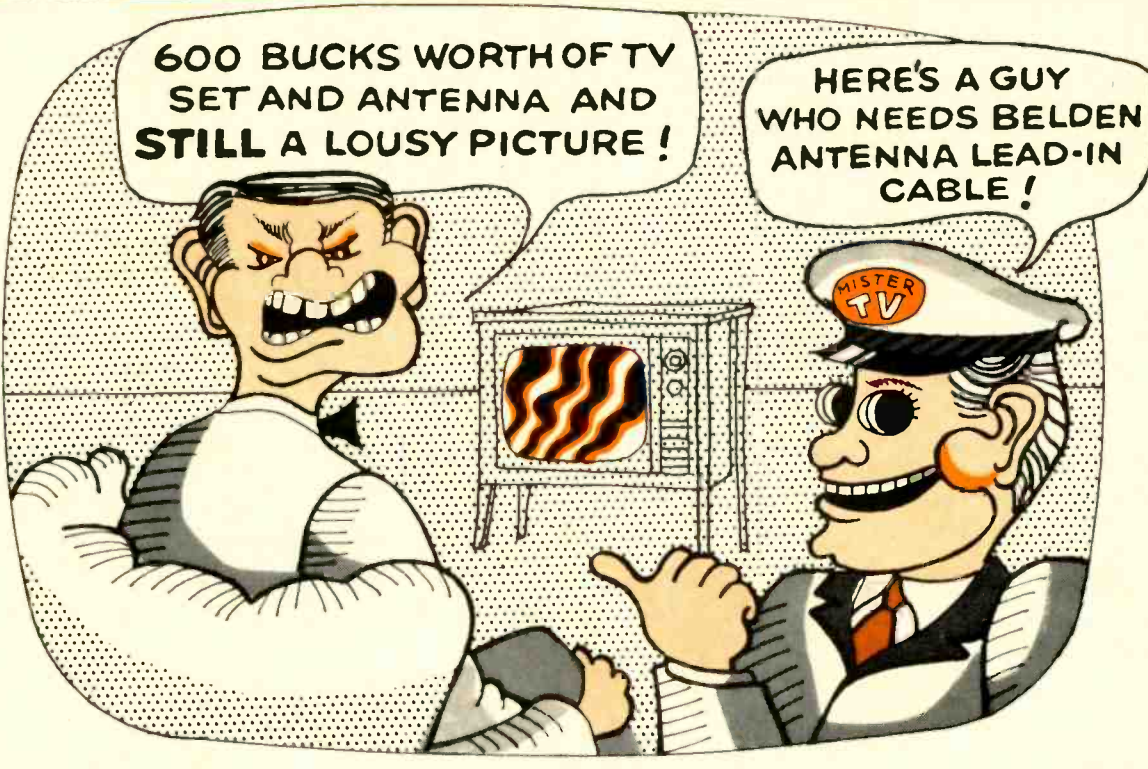
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22 (7 x 30)	Brown	.305 x .515	69.8%	7.8	57	1.7	50', 75', 100' coils have terminals attached. Available in counter dispenser. 250', 500' spool.
					85	2.1	
					177	3.2	
					213	3.5	
					473	5.4	
					671	6.6	
					887	7.7	

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					300	2.8	
					500	3.8	
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					200	1.64	
					300	2.12	
					400	2.5	
					500	2.98	
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					mc	db	
18 Solid, Bare	Black	.242	78%	17.3	50	1.5	100', 500', 1000' spools.
					100	2.1	
					200	3.1	
					300	3.8	
					400	4.5	
					500	5.0	
					600	5.5	
					700	6.0	
					800	6.5	
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Your magazine has a high reputation and many interested readers as proven by the number of replies I received to a recent request which you published. I would like to reciprocate by offering **ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER** readers a personalized service. I am a sound engineer specializing in audio design and installation. Many audiophiles are faced with the problem of putting in the best possible audio system for the money. I am willing to answer letters from your readers who want help in this area. To save time, they should send me the approximate size of their budget, dimensions of the room or rooms including the number of doors, windows and carpeting, and they must indicate they are **ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER** subscribers. I offer this service free of charge. I am not a miracle man, but I am sure I can help some of your readers save money and time.

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c/o American Embassy-USIS
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Thanks for Curve Tracer

Thank you for the curve tracer article in the May issue of **ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER**. I made one up with a few modifications of my own and it is a very useful addition to my test equipment. It has cut my transistor and diode testing time in half. I built the curve tracer into an old model GCT-8 Seco Grid Circuit Tester. This way I have the advantage of range sweep voltage from 2 to 12 volts. Incidentally, this little sweeper is fine for checking noisy pots, trimmers and even capacitors. Thanks again for a fine magazine.

CHARLEY HOSACK

Phoenix, Ariz.

Notes on B & K Model 415

Your excellent article on "Post Marker Color TV Service Alignment" in the June 1969 issue brought out some very valid precautions which we carefully considered in the development of our B&K model 415 Sweep Marker Generator (illustrated in your article).

1) To automatically eliminate the "hash" or "grass" caused by the hori-

zontal output sweep, we incorporated a special filter in our circuit. This eliminates the need to remove the output tube or use a dummy power load resistor, as suggested in your article. This filter is especially valuable when aligning transistor sets, since disabling the horizontal output circuits might be troublesome.

2) As was indicated, "Ground loops" and other feedback problems do cause varying patterns depending upon the way the connecting cables are "draped" around the equipment. Your article did not point out that the B&K model 415 eliminates this problem through the use of a low impedance matched system. Alignment patterns are completely independent of the cables. This makes them very stable and the alignment results repeatable.

3) As your article pointed out, a scope with poor low frequency response will cause a "tilt" in waveforms. We believe it is very difficult for the technician to "memorize" the amount of this tilt and "take into consideration" when aligning the TV receiver, especially when he doesn't have to. The 415 enables the user to match the output to the scope providing a normal or flat pattern. This compensation is thus easily made when using scopes with low frequency response.

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CARL KORN, President
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Readers' Aid

I need the latest chart for a Superior Instrument Co. Rapid Tube Tester, Model 22-A. I will gladly defray the cost if one of your readers can supply me with a copy. I also need the information on using this unit to test picture tubes.

C. J. NOWAK

238 Amherst St.
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I recently took in a Saba/Meersburg Automatic 125-Stereo for repair. I would appreciate any information your readers can give me on this unit.

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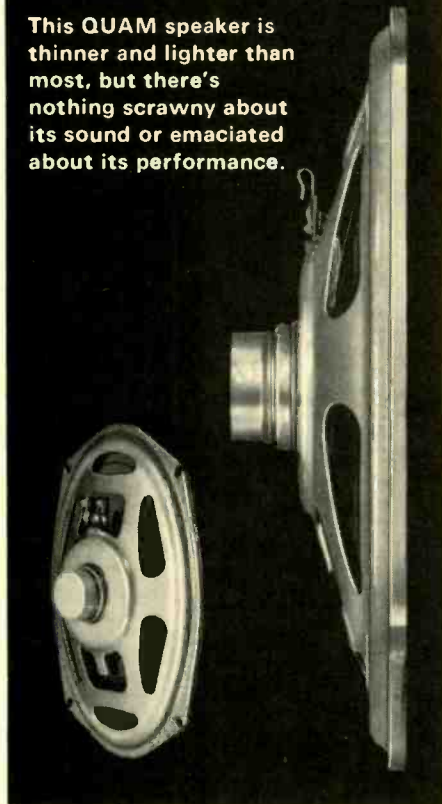


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We need a schematic and instruction book for a Triplet Model 3434 TV-FM marker generator. Any help you or your readers can provide will be appreciated.

NEIL KRISCH

181 Morningside Ave.
Union Beach, N.J. 07735

I had written before in search of a schematic for a Japanese made Philco. Now I need schematics for two other units—a Crosley Model P60-GY, chassis 5060P and a Sony Model M-1851. I have been unable to obtain either one here. Any help will be appreciated.

GERALD L. HILD

1356 Lake Rd., Rt. 1
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Would you please list in your "Letters" column my request for service information (frequency and voltage charts) for a Jerrold transistorized field strength meter, Model TMT, serial no. 6759.

AL HAWKES

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I have seen many requests from your readers for schematics and would like to add mine. I need a schematic for a Fender instrument amplifier, Model 6G13. I wrote to the Fender Co. in Fullerton, Calif., but received no answer. Any help will be appreciated.

CHARLES LESSNER

Mercury Maintenance Service
2014 W. Division St.
Chicago, Ill.

I was overwhelmed by your fast research and reply to my inquiry. I wrote to Teletest but received no reply. As you recall, I purchased a used tube tester which uses a perforated card system. I need these cards to bring the unit up to date. I have number one to 58 and need cards from 58 to the present. Perhaps one of your readers can help me. The instrument is

a Dynamic Automatic Tube Tester, Model DM-456 made by the Teletest Instrument Corp.

RICHARD V. GIANGROSSI
18 Highview Circle
Middletown, N.J. 07748

I would appreciate it if one of your readers could supply me with manuals for a couple of "oldies." I need instructions for a Radio City Flybacker, Model 123 and a Superior Instruments, Model 1280, which is a combination tube tester, VOM and capacitance checker.

A. L. SHOEMAKER

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Tucson, Ariz. 85719

Tuner Servicing

Enjoyed your article in June ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER about tuner servicing. Many service technicians need to give more thought to whether their trouble is in the tuner before they send it in for repair. In addition, we would suggest that they check sound alignment on a set when the sound and picture do not come in together at the correct point on the fine tuning. Often a slight touch-up of the discriminator will correct this problem.

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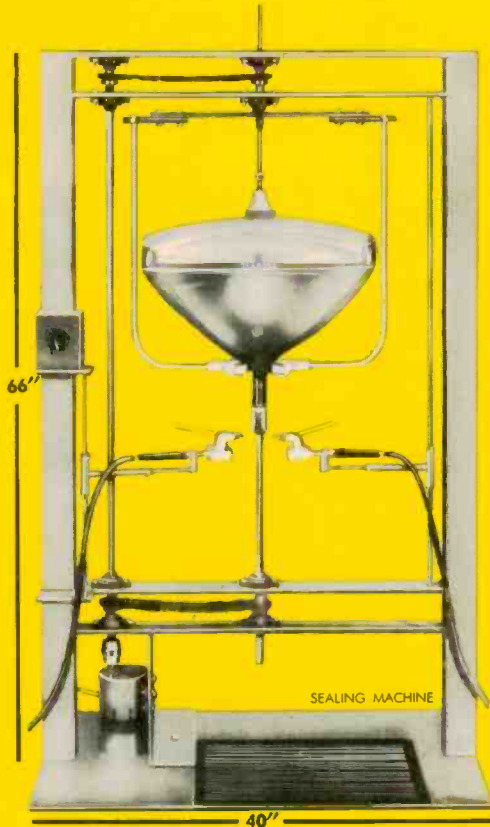
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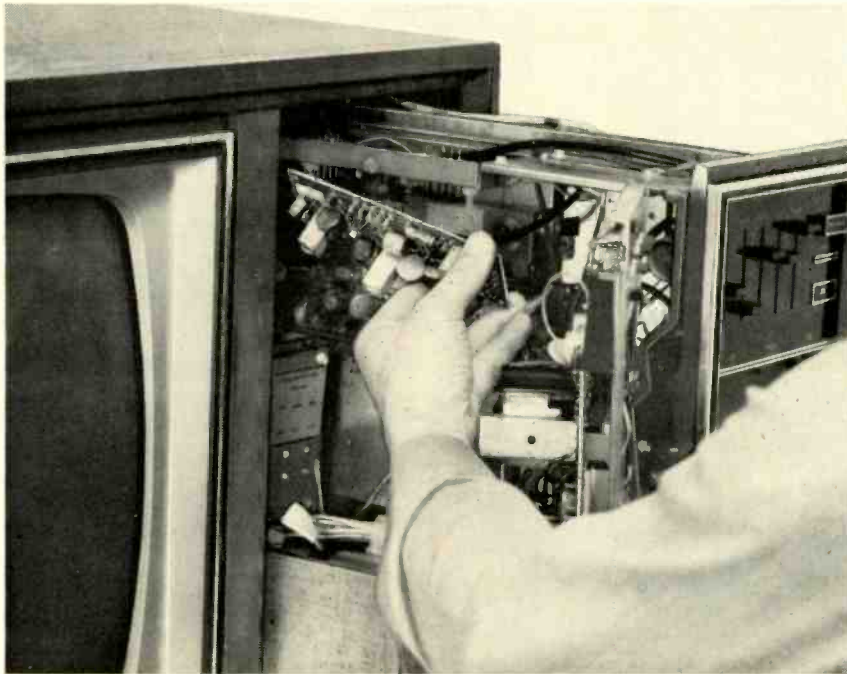
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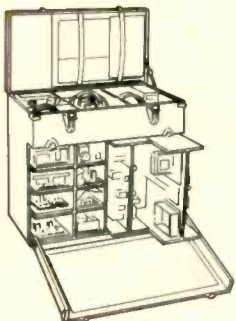
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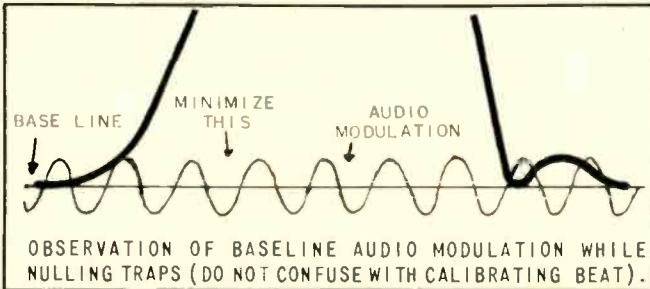
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The material used in this section is selected from information supplied through the cooperation of the respective manufacturers' or their agencies

ADMIRAL TV Trap Alignment

Admiral has included a more accurate method of TV IF trap alignment in its recent television alignment procedures. It amounts to using the alignment generator set at



the trap frequency in the usual way and then adding a small amount of audio modulation, usually available from the generator. In theory, we are using the generator set at the trap frequency for carrier, while the modulation forms sidebands

which appear on the baseline as sine waves.

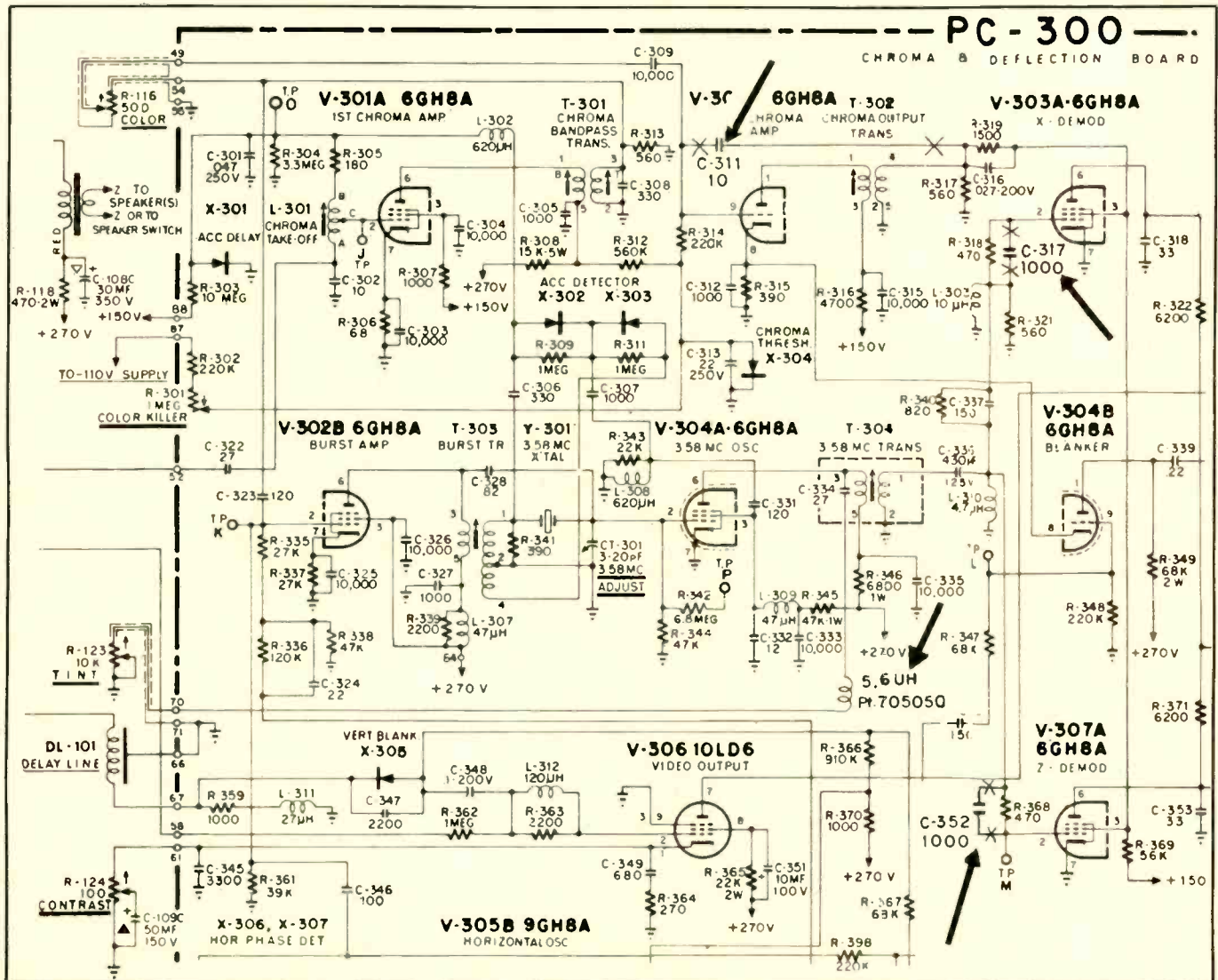
To adjust the trap, observe the trace on the scope and vary the trap adjustments to minimize (null) the audio on the base line, giving more usable indication.

Be sure to keep the audio modulation at a low level as shown in the drawing.

EMERSON

Color TV Chassis-Channel Four Interference

It is possible for a harmonic of the 3.58MHz oscillator to radiate and be picked up by the tuner, resulting in picture interference on channel four. In the majority of cases of this type, the antenna system from which the set is operated from a properly balanced 300 Ω antenna system, the interference disappears. An antenna pad will improve the balanced input to the receiver's antenna systems. It again should be realized that there will be approximately a 6db loss of signal and as a result the pad cannot be used effec-



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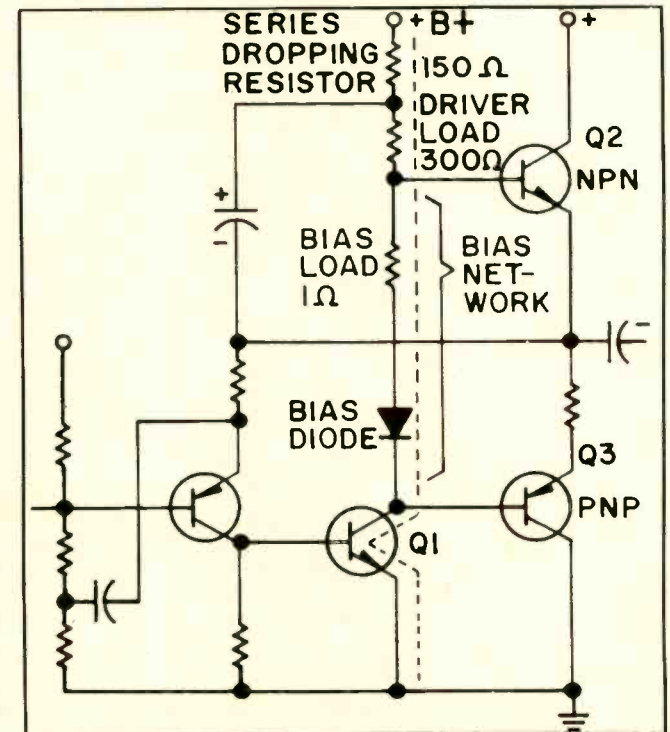
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tively in weak signal areas. In a few cases involving the color chassis with series filaments, the removal of the components C317, C352 and C311 shown in the partial schematic will effectively reduce picture interference on channel four which stems from a harmonic radiation of the 3.58MHz oscillator circuit. In some cases, disconnecting the ground lead between the shielded 300 Ω input antenna lead and the tuner is effective.

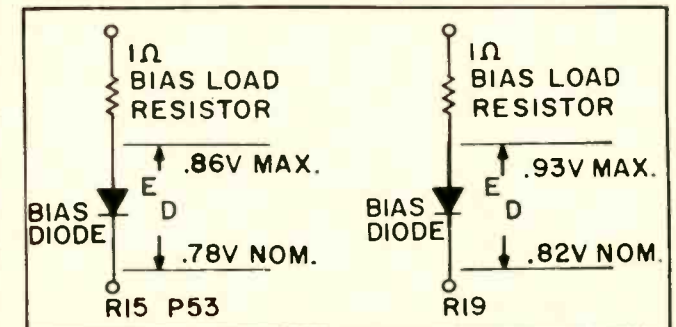
If interference is still present, disconnect the center conductor of the shielded lead from the tint control at the bottom of the chroma board. Connect choke coil (5.6μh), part number 705050 in series with this lead connecting the tint control at the chroma board end.

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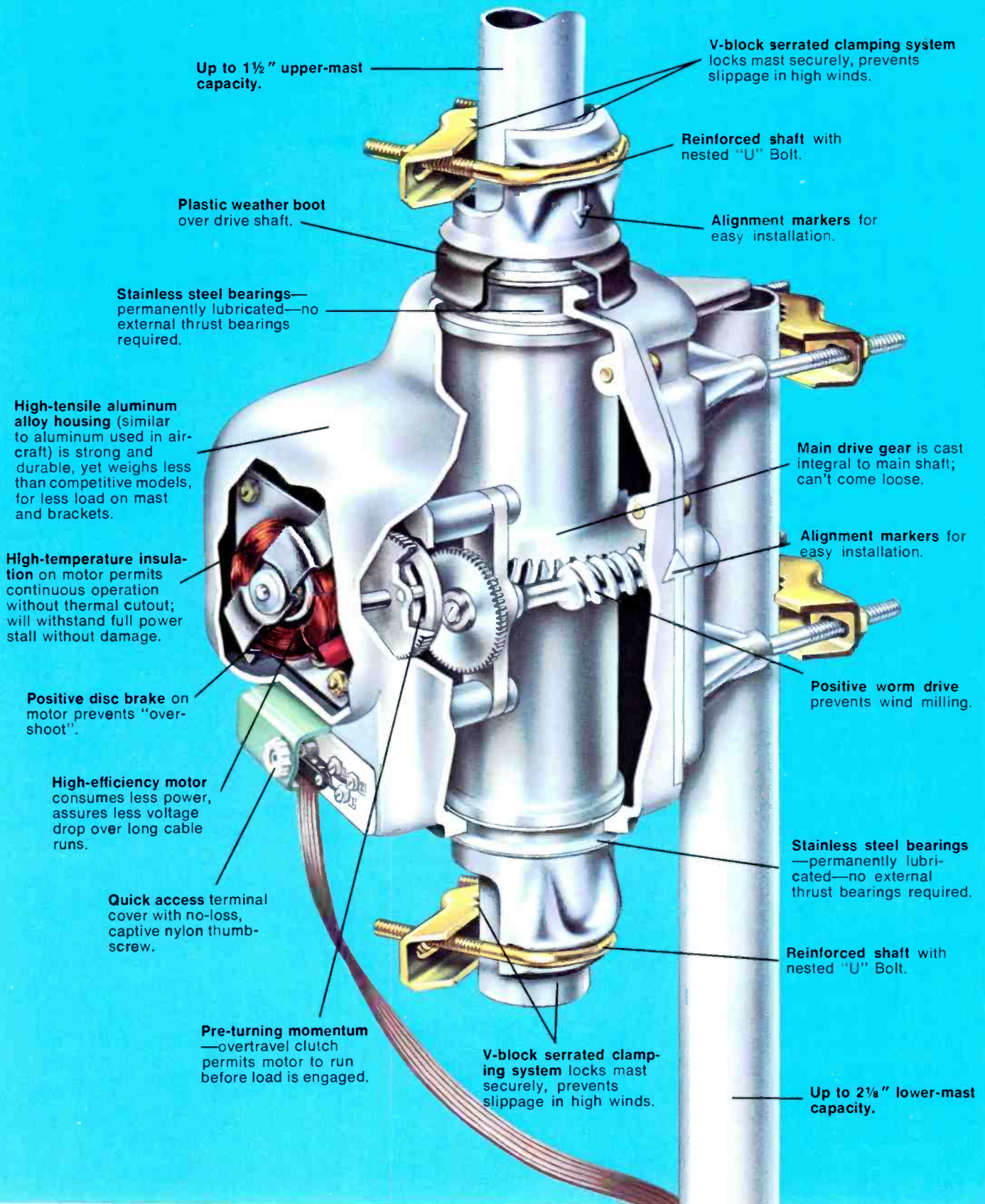
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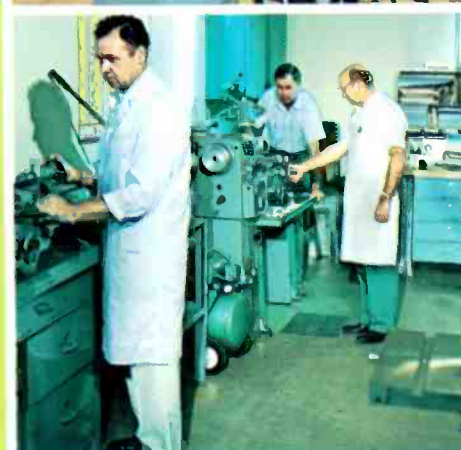
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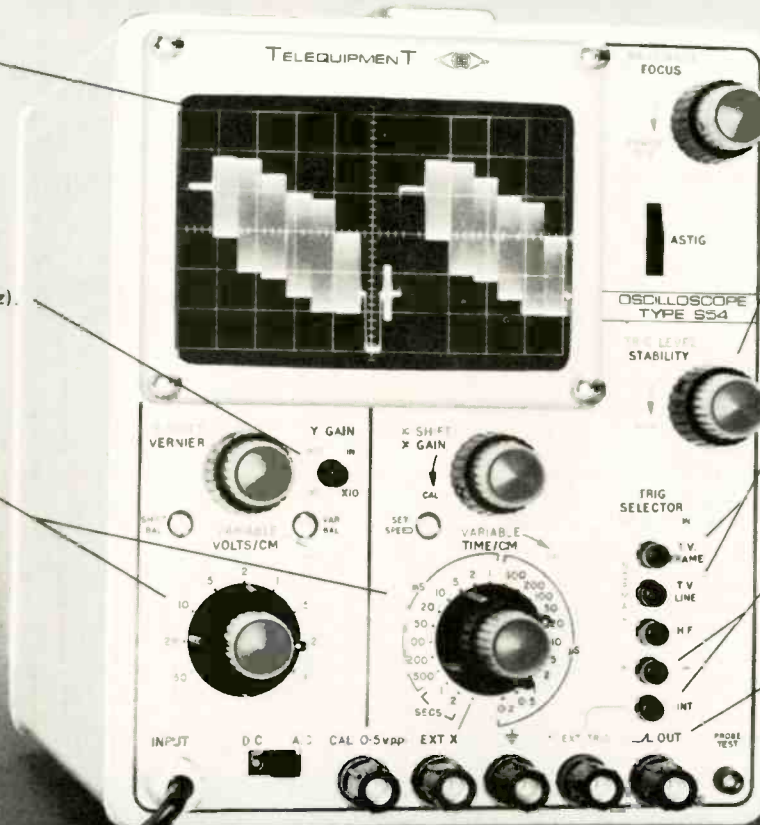
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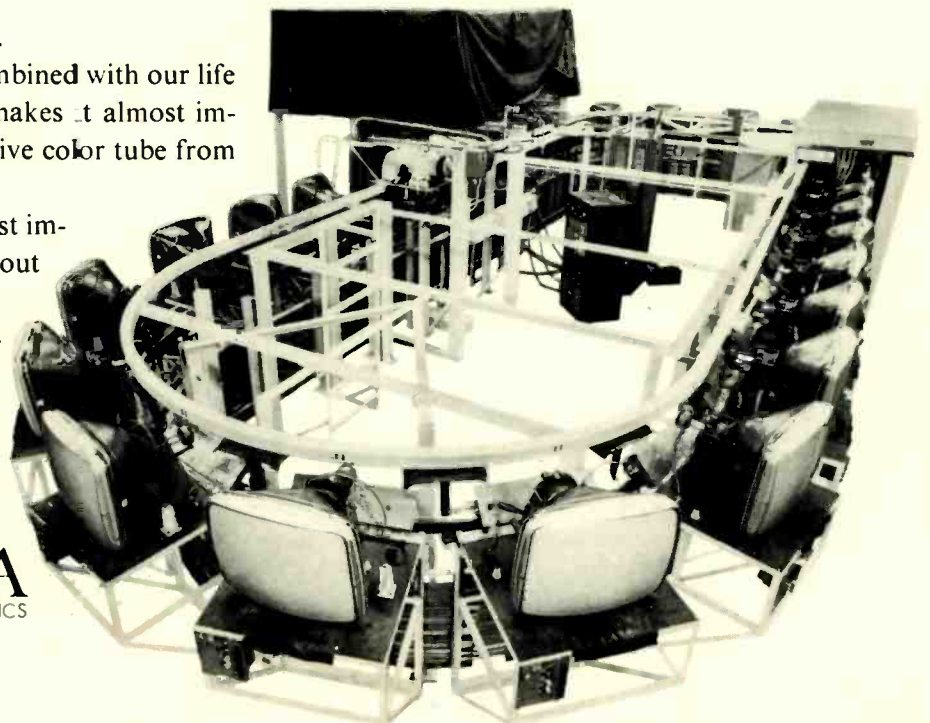
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ET/D TEKLAB REPORT

Study the AFC circuit; It is not found on most portable color sets

Sears Silvertone Model 4168 Portable TV

■ Last month we reviewed the circuits employed in the low voltage power supply, horizontal output, color oscillator, chroma bandpass amplifier and the color sync section of this portable color TV.

We now review the color difference amplifiers and the demodulator circuits with outputs ac coupled to the difference amplifier inputs.

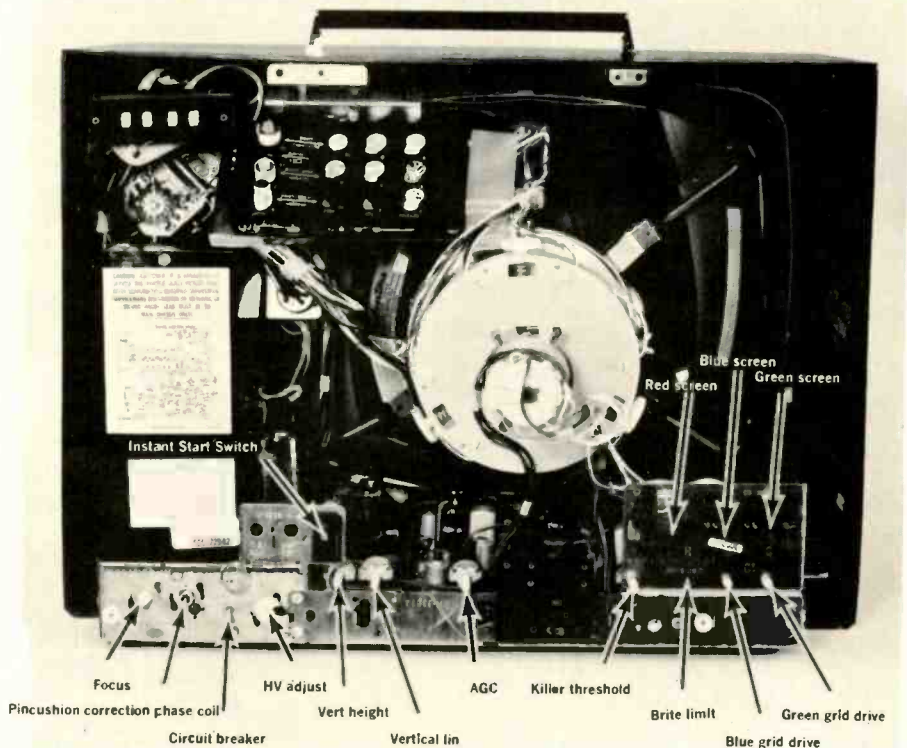
The color killer and detector combine to furnish a voltage

which biases the bandpass amplifier beyond cutoff.

COLOR KILLER AND DETECTOR

The AFC circuit monitors the video IF and when the frequency is not correct, it provides a correct voltage for the VHF or UHF tuner.

The color killer and detector shown in Fig. 1, combine to furnish a voltage which biases the bandpass amplifier beyond cut-



Rear view of the set showing adjustments and controls.

off whenever color burst is not received. Whenever burst is present, the killer is inoperative and permits normal chroma amplification in the bandpass amplifier.

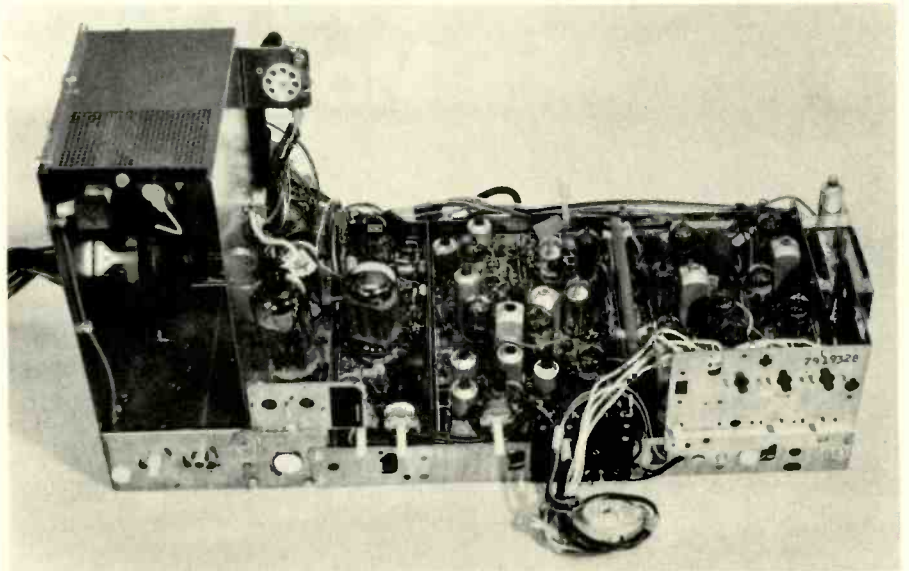
During monochrome reception, the only signal to the killer detector is from the 3.58MHz oscillator plate transformer secondary. Both diodes conduct equally on alternate half cycles with zero voltages resulting at the junction of resistors R455 and R456. Under these conditions the killer threshold can be adjusted to provide bias necessary to cause killer tube conduction. The tube conducts only during retrace time when a positive pulse from the high voltage transformer is coupled to the plate. During tube conduction C415 is charged. During trace time C415 discharges through R415 and R411, producing a negative voltage potential. Filtering is accomplished by C411. The threshold control is normally adjusted until sufficient negative voltage is created to provide cutoff bias for the bandpass amplifier. This is determined by the absence of color snow on a B/W picture or a snowy raster, with the chroma control at normal setting.

Whenever color is received, 3.58MHz burst signals 180deg out of phase are coupled to the separate killer diodes. At one diode the 3.58MHz oscillator and burst signals are in phase, at the other they are 180deg out of phase. Conduction is unequal with maximum diode current through R456. This creates a negative voltage potential on the killer control grid, cutting off tube conduction and eliminating the negative

voltage at the bandpass amplifier grid. Normal chroma amplification can now be accomplished.

COLOR DIFFERENCE AMPLIFIERS

The two demodulated chroma signals are amplified to provide the red and blue difference color signals for the CRT. The green difference color signal is obtained by mixing the R-Y and B-Y amplifier tube signals across their



Top view of the 528.72940 low B chassis with all components arranged for easy access.

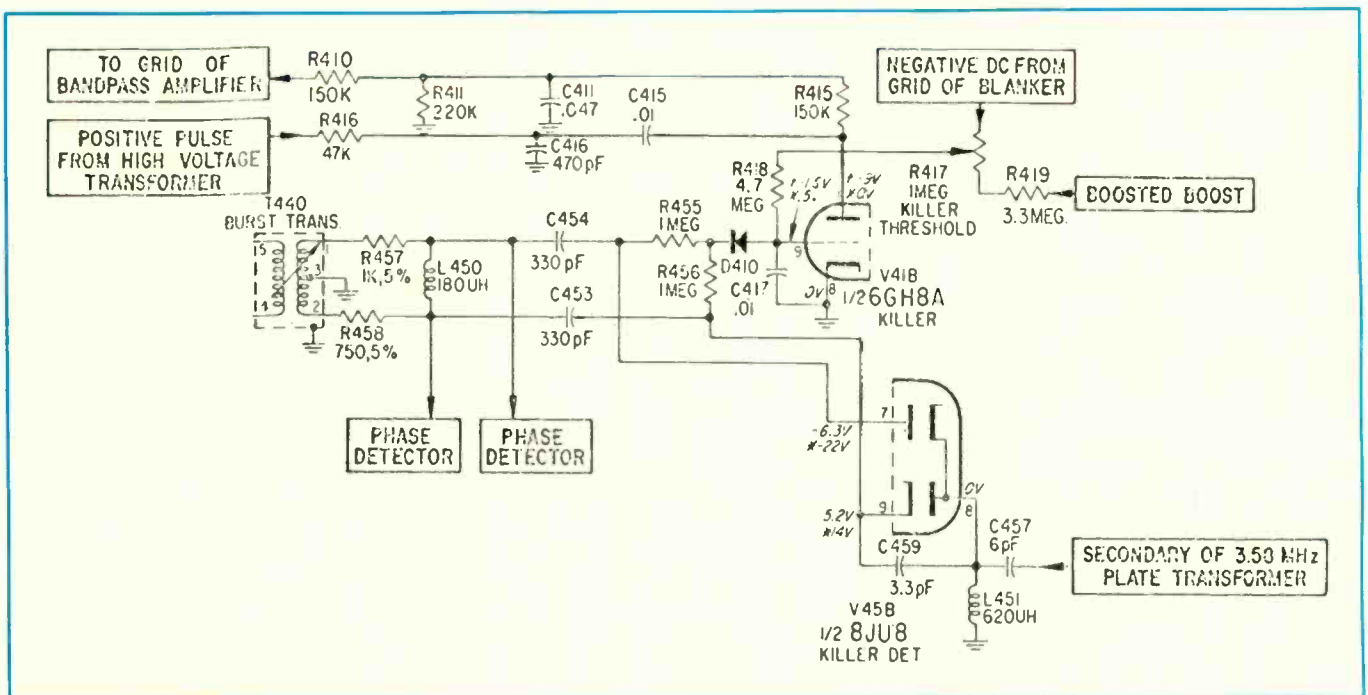


Fig. 1—Diagram of the color killer and detector which combine to furnish a voltage which biases the bandpass amplifier beyond cutoff whenever color burst is not received.

common cathode resistor, also shared by the G-Y amplifier. The output of the G-Y amplifier furnishes the green difference color signals for the CRT.

The demodulator outputs, shown in Fig. 2, are ac coupled to the difference amplifier inputs--the "X" demodulator output going to the (R-Y) amplifier and the "Z" demodulator output going to the (B-Y) amplifier. The red and blue difference color signals are amplified, inverted and dc coupled to the respective CRT control grids.

Cathode resistor R438 is common to all the difference amplifiers. Any signal voltage across this resistor will be the result of (R-Y) and/or (B-Y) signal at the control grids of these amplifiers. The vectoral sum of these two signal voltages when they produce a positive going voltage across R438 results in a new signal voltage. The new developed signal is equivalent to the (G-Y) signal seen at the station.

The (G-Y) amplifier control grid is at ac ground potential through C430, R430 and L706 and functions as a grounded grid amplifier. Signal voltages across the cathode resistor are amplified by the (G-Y) amplifier and appear in the plate circuit unchanged in polarity. The green difference color signals are dc coupled to the green CRT control grid.

The dc potential at the green and blue CRT control grids are adjustable. Controls located in the corresponding difference amplifier plate circuits provide the adjustable dc potentials needed for tracking adjustment. Spark gaps at each CRT control grid protect these controls and associated circuitry from damage if internal CRT arcing should occur.

AFC CIRCUIT

The AFC circuit shown in Fig. 3 monitors the video IF and, when the frequency is not correct, provides a correction voltage to a control device in the VHF and UHF tuner. The control device changes the tuner oscillator back to the correct frequency.

In the VHF tuner oscillator

circuit, the control device is a transistor (Q901) connected as a diode. In the UHF tuner, the oscillator control device is a varactor diode (D952). Both control devices are reverse biased. It is the difference in the amount of reverse bias which determines the effect that the control device has on the oscillator.

When the AFC circuit is OFF, the correct oscillator frequency is determined with a station tuned

in and fine tuning adjusted. Fixed voltages are applied to the tuner oscillator control device. When the AFC is operating, the proper correction voltages are applied to the control device. The AFC circuit operating voltages and the fixed voltages applied to the oscillator control devices are provided by a zener diode regulated 10v source.

In the VHF tuner oscillator
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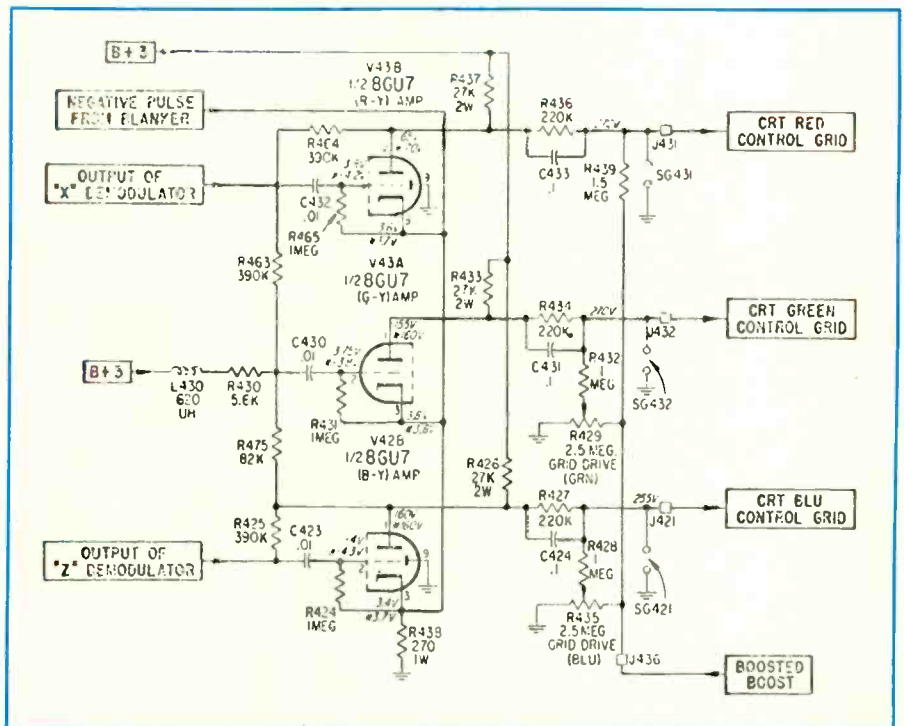


Fig. 2--Schematic of the color difference amplifier. The demodulator outputs are ac coupled to the difference amplifier inputs.

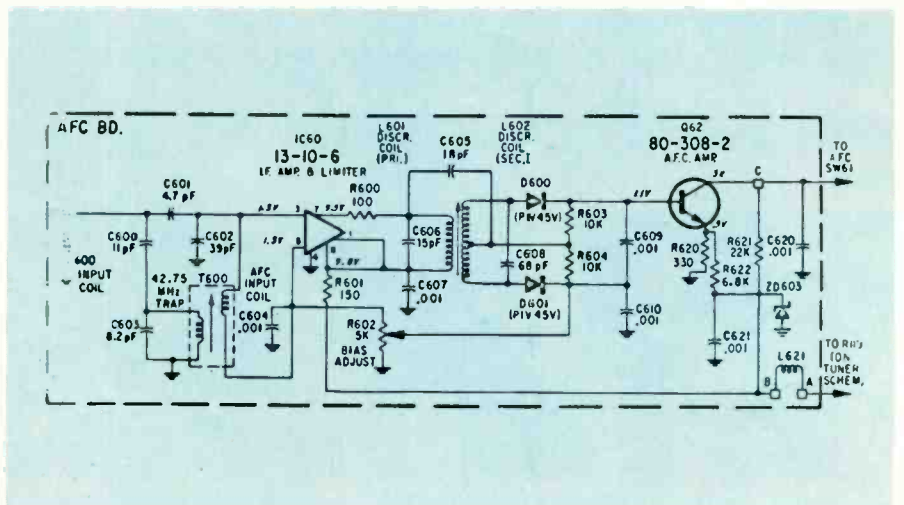
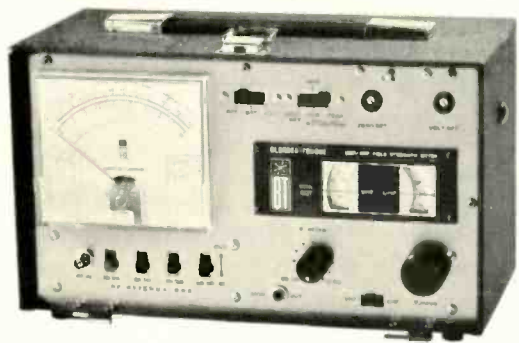


Fig. 3--This AFC circuit monitors the video IF and when the frequency is not correct, it provides a correction voltage for VHF or UHF tuner.

Blonder-Tongue
Laboratories, Inc., field
strength meter,
Model FSM-2.



Signal Strength Meters

Part Two

The application of signal strength meters for testing receiver sensitivity, response and other circuit parameters further proves the versatility of this instrument with practical guidelines for efficient shop use



Jerrold antenna installers meter, Model AIM 718.

■ Part one of this series (ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER, May 1969) explained the basics of SSM (signal strength meters) and their applications. This article will show you how to apply the SSM to practical circuit tests of VHF, UHF, TV and FM equipment including many of the VHF-UHF components used in MATV systems.

TV RECEIVER SENSITIVITY

Testing receiver sensitivity is essentially a check for over-all receiver gain through the video detector. We will be using the SSM as a tunable microvoltmeter. To do this, connect your wide-band oscilloscope to the video detector output. There is usually a test point between the 4.5MHz trap and lowpass input circuit of the video amplifier grid that serves well for this purpose. Set your scope for ac coupling with a 60 cycle sweep rate and calibrate it for 5v P-P deflection. Next, set the TV tuner and sweep generator for a given channel. Connect the sweep generator to the SSM through a 75 to 300 Ω matching transformer and set its output to give a reading of 100 μ v on the meter. Disconnect the SSM and attach the 300 Ω leads of the matching transformer to the TV set input terminals. Oscilloscope deflection should be in the order of 3v. This value may differ in various receiver models but after using the technique you'll be able to determine what to expect. The sensitivity check will quickly tell whether the IF strip or tuner needs some "touching-up" after tube replacement. It is also a good test of over-all receiver RF performance prior to releasing a completed repair job.

FREQUENCY RESPONSE AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION --UHF, FM, VHF, AMPS AND PREAMPS

Many preamplifiers and amplifiers feature individual high and low band amplification transistors which subsequently feed into a combining circuit. Since these units generally have 75

or 300Ω outputs, the SSM will provide a means of quick, reliable performance evaluations. To check the unit in the field, disconnect the antenna downlead from the amp or preamp. Connect this downlead to your SSM and ascertain whether the antenna is feeding an adequate signal on one of the high band channels (minimum input for a given output will depend on the amplifier specs). Make a note of this signal reading. Do the same for a low-band channel and an FM station. Reconnect the antenna downlead to the amplifier input. Now check the amplified signal levels by taking the readings on the same channels and FM station used to obtain the previous unamplified readings. (If you don't have built-in attenuators on your SSM, it's a good idea to use a resistive pad of known attenuation to cut down the signal.) Compare the unamplified and amplified signal readings with the manufacturer's specifications. If the system you are checking was designed with very close tolerances, a 5 or 10dbmV deficiency in amplifier output could cause significant picture quality degradation at some or all of the TV tap-offs.

A similar, more precise test can be made in your shop by using a sweep generator as the signal source. The constant output level available from the sweep generator can be used to make a graphic plot of the amplifier or preamplifier response if desired. In this way, a problem such as a dip in the amplifier response curve at a desired channel may be easily discovered and the appropriate corrective measures taken. This same technique will enable you to check amplifiers before you install them in a MATV system and you can be more certain that they will perform the way you intend them to.

DETERMINING NOISE FIGURE OF AMPLIFIERS AND PRE-AMPLIFIERS

The noise figure (increase in noise output due to the generation of internal noise) of an am-

plifier or preamplifier is determined by obtaining the ratio of the total noise power at an amplifier's output to the noise power due to the input termination at a noise temperature of 290°K (approximately room temperature). The noise introduced by the 75Ω input of a TV distribution amplifier is determined as follows:

$$e_n = \sqrt{4RBc}$$

where e_n is the RMS noise voltage,

R is the resistance of the termination resistor in ohms

B is the approximate TV channel bandwidth in MHz
c is derived from Boltzmann's constant and equal to approximately 40×10^{16} at room temperature (68°F)

Solving for e_n generated by a 75Ω termination resistor will yield 2.2μv. Since the 75Ω resistor may be considered as a noise generator matched to its load (also 75Ω), only half of e_n , or 1.1μv (-59dbmv) will be introduced at the amplifier input. The other half will be dropped across the 75Ω termination resistor itself. See Fig. 1.

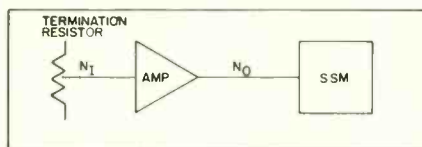


Fig. 1--Test setup for determining noise figure.

Given this -59dbmv (1.1μv rms) noise input and the gain of the amplifier under test, the noise figure may be easily computed.

$$F = N_I - (N_O) + \text{Rated Amplifier Gain}$$

Where F is the Noise Figure of the amplifier

N_I is the input noise

(-59dbmv in this case)

N_O is the noise measured at the output with input terminated + 3db.

(This value is an average correction factor added to compensate for the .5MHz SSM bandpass and detector efficiency. Some manufacturers



Hickok field strength meter, Model 235A.



Sencore field strength meter, Model FS134.

provide a correction curve giving precise values for the particular SSM.)

N_O is fairly constant across the band for most distribution amplifiers. Consequently, an SSM reading taken at any frequency setting within the amplifier's bandwidth should provide a reliable value for N_O .

In a typical case, we first determined the gain of a VHF amplifier under test (with the SSM and sweep generator method). This came to an even 36db across the band. The termination resistor was then connected to the amplifier input. After tuning the SSM to approximately mid-band (ch. 7), it was connected to the amplifier output for the N_O reading. The SSM indicated -18.5dbmv. Applying the noise figure formula:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= N - (N_O) + \text{Amplifier output for a 0dbmv input} \\ &= -59\text{dbmv} - (-18.5\text{dbmv} + 3\text{dbmv}^{**}) + 36\text{dbmv} \\ &= 7.5 \text{ noise figure.} \end{aligned}$$

continued

SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO OF AMPLIFIERS AND PREAMPLIFIERS

The signal to noise ratio is a useful means of describing the relative noise component of a desired signal. The maximum possible signal-to-noise ratio for a 75Ω TV distribution amplifier is defined as:

$$S/N_{\max} = \frac{E_s^2}{e_n^2}$$

Where S/N_{\max} is the ideal signal-to-noise ratio

E_s is the signal voltage, μv
 E_n is the noise voltage, μv

This formula does not take into account the internally generated noise of the amplifier. To do this, and at the same time change your variables into the dbmv form compatible with MATV system calculations, the actual signal-to-noise ratio may be expressed as:

$$S/N = S_0 - (N_0)$$

Where

S/N is the actual signal-to-noise ratio expressed in db

S_0 is the signal output, dbmv

N_0 is the combined noise output and correction factor in dbmv.

Using the same amplifier as that utilized in the determination of noise figure, we obtained the following results with an off-the-air TV signal:

$S_0 = 35\text{dbmv}$ (video carrier signal strength measured at the amplifier output with SSM)

$N_0 = -15.5\text{dbmv}$ (obtained as described in noise figure section)

Therefore, by the formula

$$\begin{aligned} S/N &= S_0 - (N_0) \\ &= 35\text{dbmv} - (-15.5\text{dbmv}) \\ &= 50.5\text{db} \end{aligned}$$

(S_0 will, of course, vary from channel to channel.)

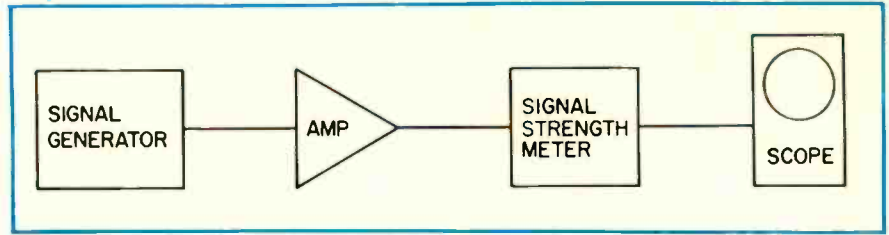


Fig. 2--Equipment setup for measuring percent of hum modulation.

Since signal and noise will be equally attenuated in the distribution system following an MATV head-end amplifier, the initial S/N ratio will remain relatively constant provided no additional amplifiers or other high noise sources are inserted.

The following values will serve as approximate guidelines in relating S/N ratios to picture quality.

Typical Picture Rating S/N Ratio

1. Excellent (no snow)	49db
2. Good (very little snow)	39db
3. Acceptable (snow present but not objectionable)	33db
4. Borderline (snow very apparent)	29db

MEASUREMENT OF HUM MODULATION

Leaky power supply filter capacitors in TV preamplifiers and amplifiers can cause 60 or 120Hz hum modulation of the RF signal being amplified. If the percentage of modulation of the RF by the half or full-wave power supply ripple exceeds approximately 5 percent, undesirable effects on the TV picture become noticeable. The percentage of modulation may be determined by connecting the SSM, your ac-dc coupled oscilloscope and a signal generator as shown in Fig. 2.

The procedure consists of measuring the peak amplitude of the detected modulated RF signal (mid-VHF or UHF, whichever appropriate) and the peak amplitude of the "hum" signal modulating it and then solving by the formula:

$$\% \text{ Mod} = \frac{\text{Peak Ripple}}{\text{Peak Modulated RF} - \text{Peak Ripple}} \times 100$$

The scope gain may have to be increased by a known factor (X 10 is usually sufficient) to make the ripple amplitude easier to measurement against the CRT reticule increments. This will usually involve recentering and division of the measured peak ripple value by the increase in gain used. Fig. 3 illustrates typical scope traces obtained with the method described.

In this example, Fig. 3A shows the modulated RF peak value to be 10 increments in amplitude (the oscilloscope is switched to dc coupling). The hum modulation is slight, so in order to measure it the scope must be switched to ac coupling and the gain increased by a factor of 10 (depending on your scope) by turning the calibrated vertical attenuator switch to the next most sensitive position. After recentering for the peak ripple measurement, the indicated amplitude as shown in Fig. 3B is 1 increment. Dividing by the gain factor, 10, the peak ripple is converted to the same scale as was used in determining peak modulated RF. In this case, relative peak ripple is equal to 1/10 or .1 increment in amplitude. Solving according to formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Mod} &= \frac{\text{Peak Ripple}}{\text{Peak Modulated RF} - \text{Peak Ripple}} \times 100 \\ \text{or,} \\ &= \frac{0.1}{10 - 0.1} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{0.1}{9.9} \times 100 \\ &= .0101 \times 100 \\ &= 1.01 \text{ percent hum modulation} \\ &\text{Excessive values of hum modu-} \end{aligned}$$

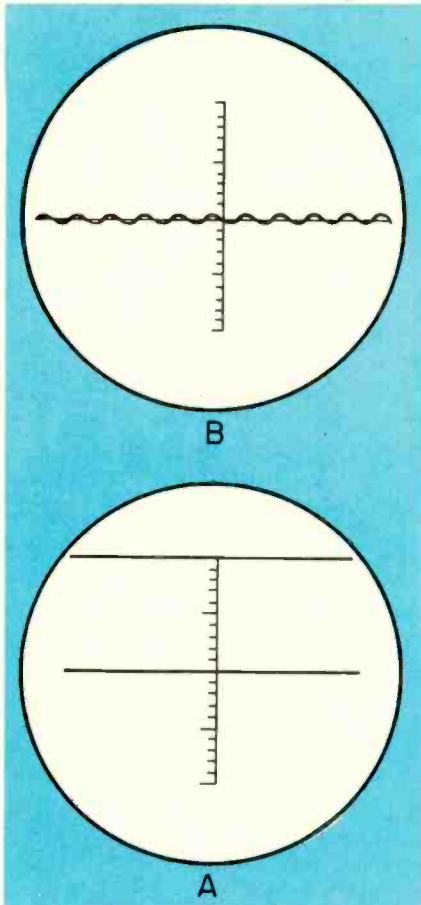


Fig. 3--Scope traces showing percent of modulation.

lation in a given amplifier may be an indication of increasing power supply filter capacitor leakage. A knowledge of the percentage of hum modulation normal for the amplifiers used in a particular system can be helpful in judging the results obtained with individual models. By using this technique as part of your final quality control check on repaired preamplifiers and distribution amplifiers, you can detect problems before returning equipment to the system.

ANTENNA INSTALLATIONS (INCLUDING MATV)

The competitive bidding aspects of MATV system installations require that you have a detailed knowledge of precise VHF, FM and UHF signal levels. These readings should be taken with the proposed antenna models in, or as close as possible to, the anticipated actual mounting location. The basic signal

SIGNAL SURVEY CARD						Location _____		
					By _____			
CHANNEL	3	7	9	17	28			
BEARING	220	225	225	190	230			
HEIGHT (Ft.)	dBmV	dBmV	dBmV	dBmV	dBmV	dBmV	dBmV	dBmV
20	+5	+3	+2	-5	+2			
25	+5	+3	+3	-3	+3			
30	+5	+4	+3	-2	+3			
35	+5	+4	+3	+2	+3			

Bearings: relative to magnetic North
Height: relative to ground level

Fig. 4--Typical signal strength readings plotting station channel, direction and antenna height (Courtesy Jerrold Electronics).

survey should be made more than once and at different times of the day and evening. This is particularly true if over-the-horizon of fringe area transmissions are to be received.

The best setup for surveys is provided by equipping a standard service-truck with a crank-up tower arrangement. You should design the "survey-rig" to give you full control over antenna direction and height from your position at the base.

The hoped-for ideal is that a single broadband antenna will bring in each desired TV and FM station with sufficient strength to drive your proposed distribution system. (Information on bid specifications and distribution systems for MATV may be obtained from most system component manufacturers, distributors and dealers. Detailed engineering manuals are also available at nominal cost.) Most systems designers aim for a minimum TV channel signal strength of $1000\mu\text{v}$ or 0dBmV --measured by the SSM at the end of whatever length of 75Ω coaxial cable will be necessary to cover the distance from the antenna to the amplifier input.

It is best to take complete signal strength readings in 5ft increments starting at about 5ft

above the roof level of the building where the system is to be installed. Relative station direction or bearing for maximum signal strength should be taken for each desired channel. Each channel should be checked at whatever height seems necessary. Typical readings are indicated in Fig. 4.

In this case, channel 17 comes in acceptably only at a height of 35ft. The other signal levels indicate that a bearing compromise might work between channel 17 at 190° and the others at around 225° . Since the 225° station signals are comparatively strong, the compromise should favor the weaker channel 17. Turning the antenna to 205° at 35ft will give you a better idea of what the compromise means in terms of signal and this educated juggling may put you in business with one antenna.

If the signal strengths are too low for the size of the distribution system you are bidding on, you will have to revise the tactics a bit. Mast-mounted preamplification, cut-to-channel yagis, stacking or separate VHF and UHF antennas may be in order. Whatever the trial combination, an SSM will help to keep you informed of signal progress and you should be able to quickly

arrive at a reasonable solution.

As a general cautionary note, it is advisable to consult both a portable TV receiver *and* the SSM when making surveys or installing antennas in *metropolitan* and *suburban* areas. If you consult a TV receiver only, the antenna might be aimed in the direction of a strong reflected signal and still present a good picture. In addition, the receiver picture will not provide the quantified signal strength information necessary for an MA-TV distribution system design. On the other hand, if the SSM alone is consulted, it will indicate the correct antenna orientation for maximum signal strength—but the antenna may be receiving both reflected and direct TV signals. This could result in multiple TV picture images on any set later connected to the antenna.

The logical solution to this dilemma is to consult both the SSM *and* the portable TV receiver before deciding on the final antenna height and direction. These units can be used simultaneously by connecting

them to the 75Ω TV downlead via a 2-way splitter. Splitting and insertion losses (usually in the order of 3.5db) must be taken into account when making SSM readings. But aside from this slight inconvenience, the "double-check" technique insures fast error-proof signal surveys and antenna installation in areas plagued by multipath reception problems.

The procedures outlined in this article are equally useful in home antenna installations. Where purely local reception in a private home is involved, a quick height check for adequate signal strength is usually sufficient and a rotor can be used to take care of the rest.

CURING INTERFERENCE PROBLEMS WITH AN SSM

The second harmonics of a strong channel 6 (82-88MHz) signal would fall within a range of from 164 to 176MHz. Since the video carrier of channel 7 falls at 175.25MHz, (Fig. 5), the possibility of interference from channel 6 harmonics exists. Like-

wise, the RF spectrum from 88 to 174MHz (the region between channels 6 and 7) is occupied by potential sources of harmonic interference capable of affecting channels 7 through 13.

If your SSM is of the continuous-tuning type covering the range *between* channels 6 and 7, then interference affecting high-band channel reception can frequently be isolated and "trapped." When the well-known symptoms of video interference occur (horizontal bar comprised of wavy lines, crosshatch pattern, etc.), the procedure is:

- (a) Determine channel frequency range (see Fig. 5)
- (b) Divide this range by 2 and search the resultant spectrum by tuning the SSM

A strong signal in the "search area" should be held suspect. A quarter-wave or half-wave trap can then be made to confirm or refute this assumption.

To prepare a quarter-wave open-end stub trap, cut a length of 300Ω polyethylene dielectric twin-lead according to the formula:

$$\text{Length (in feet)} = \frac{208}{\text{Interfering frequency (MHz)}}$$

Interfering frequency (MHz)

Thus, if the interfering frequency is 120MHz, the length of the quarter wave stub will be $\frac{208}{120}$ or approximately 1.75ft. Connect one end of this trap across the 300Ω input to the TV set (leaving the antenna lead-in attached, as illustrated in Fig. 6).

If the interference pattern is noticeably reduced, the stub/lead-in combination can be connected to the SSM for optimal "tuning." To accomplish this, merely cut off small sections from the free end of the stub until the SSM indicates maximum attenuation (lowest reading) of the interfering frequency.

Half-wave shorted stub traps can be similarly fashioned and are somewhat more efficient due to decreased radiation loss from the free end. The length of a half-wave stub trap made

CH	FREQ. RANGE IN MHz	CARRIERS IN MHz		
		VIDEO	COLOR	SOUND
LO-VHF	54-88	—	—	—
2	54-60	55.25	58.83	59.75
3	60-66	61.25	64.83	65.75
4	66-72	67.25	70.83	71.75
5	76-82	77.25	80.83	81.75
6	82-88	83.25	86.83	87.75
FM	88-108	—	—	—
HI-VHF	174-216	—	—	—
7	174-180	175.25	178.83	179.75
8	180-186	181.25	184.83	185.75
9	186-192	187.25	190.83	191.75
10	192-198	193.25	196.83	197.75
11	198-204	199.25	202.83	203.75
12	204-210	205.25	208.83	209.75
13	210-216	211.25	214.83	215.75
UHF	470-890	—	—	—
14	470-476	471.25	474.83	475.75
20	506-512	507.25	510.83	511.75
27	548-554	549.25	552.83	553.75
35	596-602	597.25	600.83	601.75
42	638-644	639.25	642.83	643.75
50	686-692	687.25	690.83	691.75
60	746-752	747.25	750.83	751.75
70	806-812	807.25	810.83	811.75
76	842-848	843.25	846.83	847.75
83	884-890	885.25	888.83	889.75

Fig. 5--Chart showing VHF-UHF TV channels and their respective carrier frequencies.

from 300 Ω twin-lead is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Length (in feet)} = \frac{416}{\text{Interfering frequency (MHz)}}$$

The half-wave stub is attached to the TV receiver (and tuned) in the same manner as the quarter-wave trap. Its free end, however, must be shorted.

Information on multi-stub and quarter-wave tapped stub traps possessing somewhat greater selectivity is available in many TV-

servicing text. Where *maximum selectivity* is sought (minimal attenuation of desired signals) it is recommended that commercially available FM band reduction filters and interference traps be used.

IMAGE BOOSTER AND SILENT SALESMAN

The SSM is particularly useful in the home when returning a repaired TV set and on routine service calls. In the customer's presence you can check each channel for adequate signal level. If inadequate reception occurs on a given channel, an SSM will help convince the set-owner that his antenna or distribution system is to blame in instances where the poor-reception problem is not the fault of the receiver. In addition, the extra care shown in taking actual instrument readings of signal strength will help support any recommendations you make concerning the need for a new (or better) antenna. If all expected channels are received satisfactorily, a history card attached to the rear of the

customer's set (Fig. 7) will remind him of his source for *professional* TV repair and reception advice.

Of course, an SSM is also invaluable in quickly determining whether a distribution amplifier, mast-mounted preamplifier, or signal distribution system is causing loss of reception (rather than the TV receiver itself).

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN AN SSM

An accurate SSM that provides good readability together with minimal necessary control manipulation and easy setup is mandatory. Readability is a function of both meter face design and circuitry. Color coding of separate dbmv and μ v scales is also helpful. Changed scale values with the various attenuator combinations should be clearly indicated in discrete sets that correspond to all possible fixed attenuation values. This eliminates the need for mental calculation on each reading. A logarithmic (compressed at the upper end) scale provides for direct reading of dbmv values

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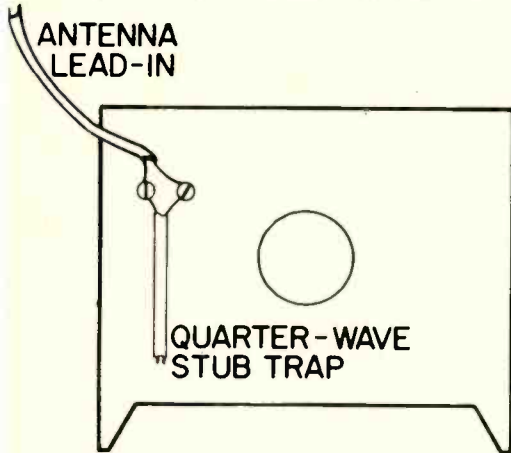


Fig. 6--Diagram showing quarter wave stub trap connected to TV set.

SIGNAL STRENGTH HISTORY CARD		Your TV Service center is: Tom's TV Tel. LO3-7411							
DATE	CHANNEL NUMBER								
7/21	S	2	3	8	11	17	29		
	I	2000	3200	4000	2500	1000	800		
	G								
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NOTE: Keep this card attached to the rear of your TV set. All readings are in Microvolts. Minimum recommended signal strength on any channel is 1000 microvolts.

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Fig. 7--History card on customer's TV set indicates various signal levels for several channels is reminder of professional service. (Courtesy Jerrold Electronics).

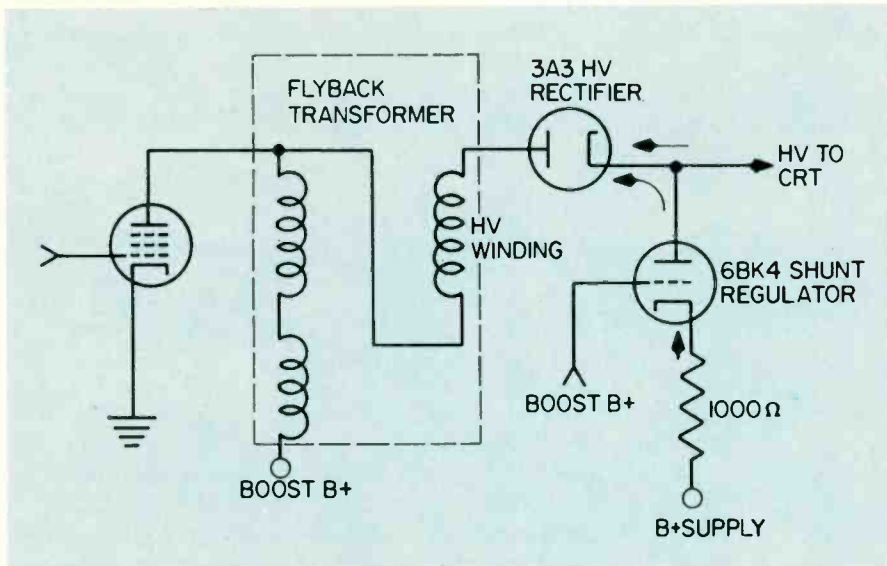


Fig. 1--Simplified diagram of the shunt regulator circuit.

Servicing Color High Voltage Systems

Develop an organized approach to color high voltage circuit troubleshooting

■ More service calls are made on color TV receivers for troubles traceable to the high voltage section than any other part of the receiver. In this section we have the greatest power dissipation; parts are under greatest stresses and the failure of one part can cause numerous secondary failures.

Symptoms of trouble in this section most commonly include: loss of raster, narrow raster, blooming, loss of focus, no brightness, misconvergence, recurrent high voltage rectifier, horizontal output and regulator tube failure.

The voltage required places great strain on the components of this section, and it is the basic reason for the failures. A high voltage near 25kv is common

in most sets as well as its regulation to \pm Kv. Extra Power is also needed to drive convergence circuits; provide up to 6kv focus voltage and triggering pulses for AGC, sync separation, blanking and burst detection.

When no HV exists in a receiver, the technician should check the high voltage rectifier, regulator, horizontal oscillator and horizontal output tube. All fuses or circuit breakers should be checked. If these protective circuits are all found satisfactory, then open the HV cage and inspect the flyback transformer for burns, signs of arcing, cracked insulation or overheated related parts. Melted insulation, rubber coating, or in some cases dripping wax indicates the transformer has been carrying excessive current. One

important check point is the drive bias developed at the grid of the horizontal output tube which is usually from -25 to -45 vdc. If this voltage is low or out, nothing will function and the horizontal oscillator circuit should be serviced before going any further.

By measuring the drive voltage, you will detect if the horizontal oscillator is performing correctly. If the drive voltage is very low, you know the trouble is in the horizontal oscillator circuit. Of course this drive voltage may be low because of heavy currents in the horizontal output tube caused from a short or high leakage in the flyback circuits. Remove the plate cap from the horizontal output tube and observe if the drive voltage returns to near normal. If this is the case, the trouble exists with the tube or its output circuit. If the drive voltage still remains low, then troubleshoot the horizontal oscillator circuit.

SERVICE PRECAUTIONS

Do not have the horizontal output tube plate cap "off" for a long period of time as this generally causes excessive screen current which may cause the screen dropping resistor to overload and change value.

The 25kv voltage is dangerous; when working on this HV circuit, exercise extreme caution. Turn off the set and discharge CRT high voltage anode before making adjustments or connections.

A HV probe must be used for measuring the 25kv at the CRT anode. Accurate measurement requires the probe be calibrated against a known standard periodically. Connections should be made with TV set OFF. After all leads are dressed away from chassis and connections made, turn on set and note the reading. Any signs of erratic readings should be noted, and if arcing takes place, de-energize the set and improve the connections.

Some HV measuring probes now on the market have a hand held probe, built-in meter and

ground connections. These may be used with the set "on" with proper precautions. If there is no raster on the color CRT screen and the fuse and circuit breaker checks good, check and substitute all tubes. If you still don't have HV, go directly to the high voltage, checking it with the HV probe. Be certain that the meter is set to the proper scale for the probe used. Most color chassis high voltages will be between 22 and 27kv. This value is often given on a sticker on the chassis. If the reading is low, the drive voltage on the horizontal output tube should be checked.

HINTS ON SERVICING THE HORIZONTAL HV CIRCUITS

The component parts of the HV and horizontal scanning circuits of a color set are under high stresses. Abnormal operation can cause excessive stress, permanently damaging parts including the CRT. Here are precautions to observe and servicing notes:

- (1) Shut off set when no brightness is obtained under normal conditions.
- (2) Avoid operating set with a blooming raster.
- (3) Verify drive to the horizontal output tube at all times; monitor cathode current with a 500ma meter.
- (4) When replacing the horizontal output tube, readjust the horizontal efficiency coil to a minimum (210 to 240ma. See manufacturers data) cathode current. If a dip in plate current cannot be obtained, there is a fault in the flyback circuit. A quick way to adjust the horizontal efficiency coil in the field is to place a 1/4a pilot lamp in series with the horizontal output tube plate cap. Use two alligator clips with short leads and solder them to the lamp. Adjust the coil for minimum lamp brightness.
- (5) Do not draw an arc from the HV supply with a screw driver to check presence of high voltage. (Listen for static and corona to verify its presence when turned on.)
- (6) Any changes in parts or tubes can cause detuning of the horizontal

efficiency and the setting should be rechecked. (7) Allow the horizontal oscillator tube to warm up to normal before checking the drive voltage on the horizontal output tube. (8) Obtain and use a HV probe to measure up to 30kv.

HV REGULATOR CIRCUIT

The HV regulator tube in many receivers is a 6BK4, high voltage triode. This voltage regulator tube and its corresponding circuits are connected between the HV source and boost B+. The purpose of the voltage regulator tube is to keep the voltage within limits at all times. The HV adjustment should be set so that the manufacturers specified HV is applied to the CRT. A simplified diagram of the shunt regulator is shown in Fig. 1.

Nominal current through the 3A3 rectifier is 1.2ma. This should remain substantially constant with electrons supplied from either or both picture tube HV lead or from the shunt regulator.

SERVICING THE HV REGULATOR SECTION (SHUNT TYPE)

When the high voltage regulation circuit appears defective, the picture will bloom, misconverge and usually vary in height and width. The procedure for servicing would be as follows:

- (1) Determine and measure the HV. Adjust to the manufacturers specified value if possible.
- (2) Operate the brightness control up and down while monitoring the HV. The HV should stay within ± 1 kv. Note the effect on picture and HV regulator current. It should not exceed $1200\mu\text{a}$ at zero (0) brightness, or less than $100\mu\text{a}$ at full brightness.
- (3) Check efficiency coil setting and measure cathode current flows in the horizontal output tube.
- (4) If trouble persists, check horizontal output tube drive, damper tube, HV rectifier and shunt regulator.
- (5) If shunt regulator tube is replaced, be sure all checks and adjustments above are made over again.

WIDTH AND HORIZONTAL EFFICIENCY

The width requirement of a color TV set is more critical than the B/W set because the amount of tolerable "over" or "under" scan is less. The width control on some sets will provide some variation for small adjustments. Where a large amount of adjustment is needed, the circuit should be analyzed for possible defects.

Common causes of not enough or incorrect width may be low horizontal drive from the horizontal oscillator, low line voltage, low-high voltage, weak tubes, poor horizontal efficiency and defective HV regulator circuit. The reduced width is often accompanied by low brightness and blooming conditions. A burned resistor (possibly from leaving the plate cap off while servicing) in the horizontal output stage screen grid circuit can cause insufficient width. Check the bypass capacitor off this screen grid resistor for a short or high leakage and make sure the resistor has not changed value.

Also check for high leakage in horizontal efficiency coil circuit capacitors. If the horizontal efficiency coil adjustment cannot change the width of the raster, check the capacitors across it, also checking the internal resistance of this coil. Insufficient width can also be caused by a leaky shunt regulator capacitor.

Using the scope you can check the drive in horizontal circuits. Place the scope probe on the grid of horizontal output tube and compare the waveforms on the horizontal tube with those on the manufacturers' schematic. Check the output waveforms at the plate of the oscillator tube and also the input waveforms. Waveforms at the output of the horizontal phase dual-diode detector should closely match those shown on the schematic.

Pulse type waveforms and complex horizontal waveforms are best measured with a scope. A good horizontal sinewave adjustment is almost impossible to make without observing the waveform. A low-capacitance

probe should be used in this check. A quick scope check of the horizontal output circuit can be made by clipping the scope lead to the insulation of the horizontal output plate lead. A large pulse should be seen on the scope screen if the horizontal output circuit is working properly.

Arcing, hissing and corona discharge in the color set commonly originates in the CRT, flyback transformer, CRT socket or outer aquadag coating and high voltage corona cup. Corona discharge may be most noticeable on a new set before complete burn-in, during periods of high humidity and in an old set. The high voltage anode rubber cap and cable may develop corona burns that cannot be seen but will hiss and arc over to adjacent objects. Replace the cap and cable and clean the HV socket with methanol-chloride.

Arc-over in the flyback transformer causes burning as well as voltage transients and may damage the entire flyback transformer. High voltage protection dope has been successfully used at the critical spots to protect the transformer. Observe the flyback operation in a darkened room to find the extent and points of arcing and corona.

CRT arcing may occur between the screen grids and focus electrodes or inner aquadag coating. If this does occur, a strong pulse of current through the screen control involved may stop the arcing. When arcing of a serious nature does occur, these controls should be checked. At times arcing may occur in the CRT socket between the focus pin and screen pin or other electrodes and result in a burned or open CRT socket contacts.

If the CRT outer aquadag coating is not properly grounded, it will build up static charges that will arc over to adjacent assemblies. Sometimes it will arc to the tuner, back through into the chassis causing considerable damage especially in transistorized sets. Make sure the CRT aquadag coating and adjacent assemblies are grounded.

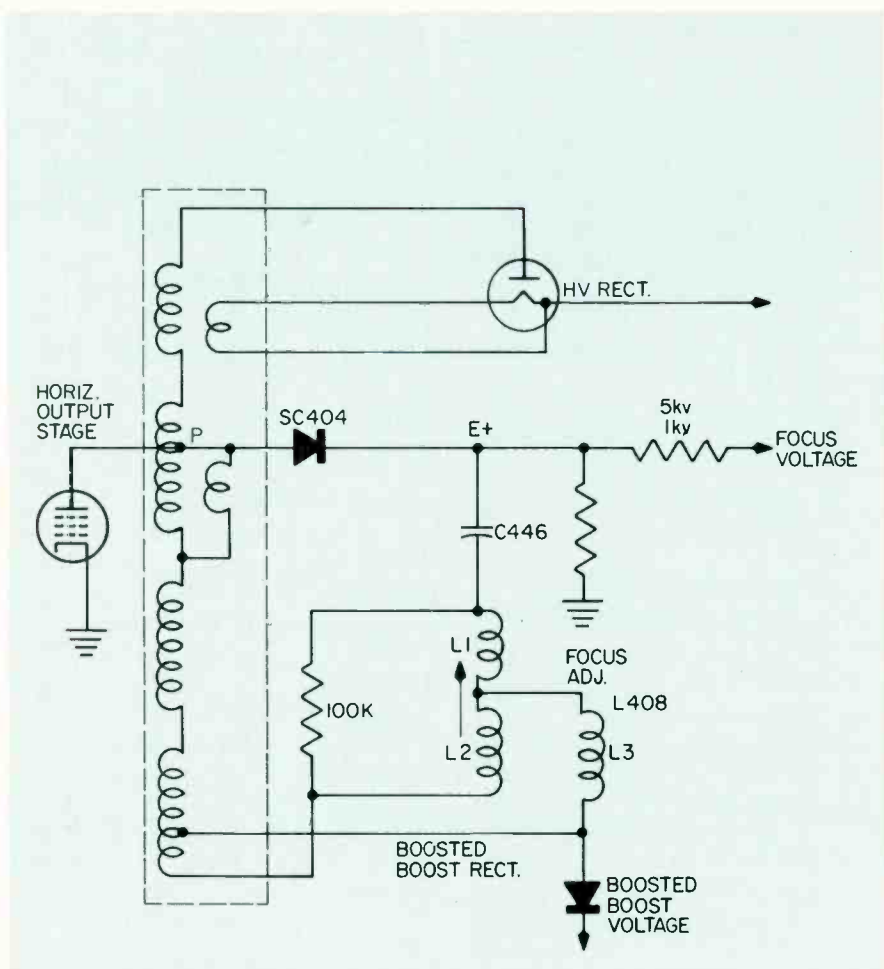


Fig. 2--Simplified focus voltage supply circuit.

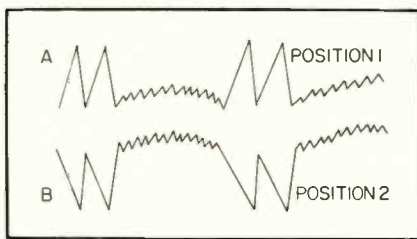


Fig. 3--Waveforms obtained at the cathode of diode SC404.

COLOR RECEIVER FOCUS VOLTAGE SUPPLY

An adjustable intermediate HV of about 5kv is required for the CRT focusing electrode. This voltage is developed using flyback pulses at a suitable tap on the flyback transformer; applying it in series with a rectifier diode to the focus electrode. A capacitor and coil network, shown in Fig. 2, is connected between the diode output and the B-boost terminal.

The complete focus coil net-

work, L408, incorporates three windings, an input winding L1, and a common winding L2. These coils are mounted on a common form with a damping resistor (100K) placed across the L2 and L1 windings. The focus coil output is coupled by C446 to the focus rectifier cathode. This capacitor, in addition to supplying a reference pulse, also serves as the focus supply filter capacitor.

In the coil form there is a powdered iron core slug (FOCUS control) which varies the effective pulse voltage division at the junction of L1 and L2 by differently varying the coupling of L1 to the other two coils.

Coils L2 and L3, operate in mutual opposition so that additional pulse input of adjustable amplitude and polarity may be applied to the rectifier cathode. This control affects the amount

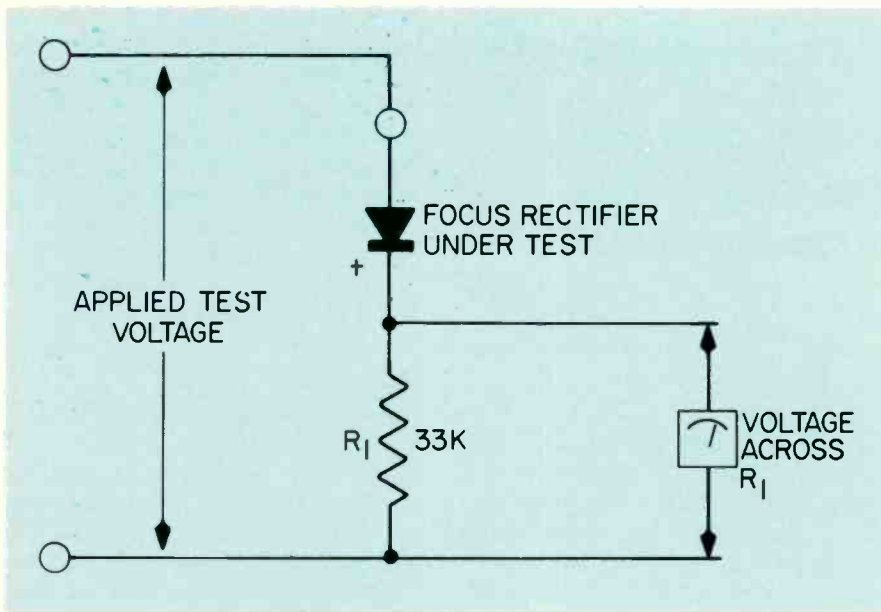


Fig. 4--Focus rectifier (selenium type) test circuit.

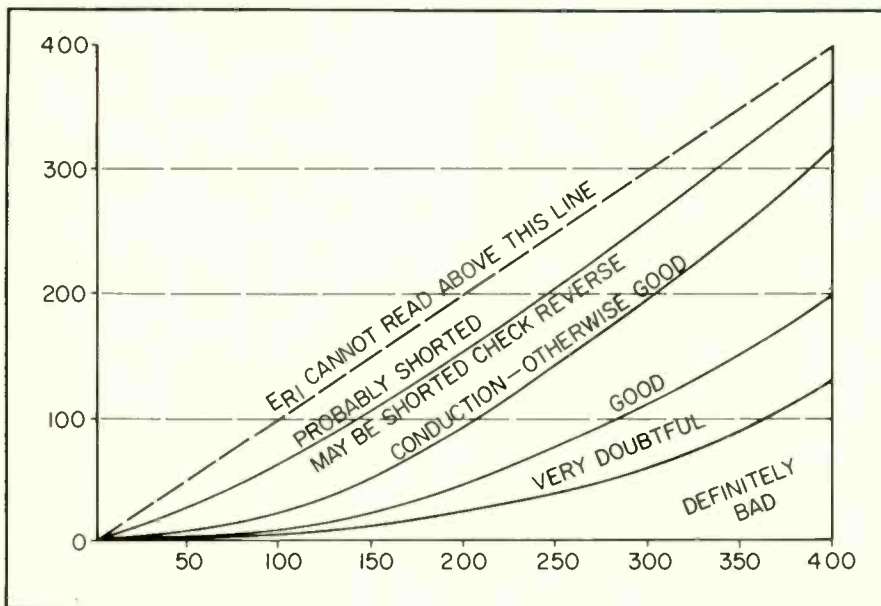


Fig. 5--Chart showing the focus rectifier test curves.

of "turn on" bias of the rectifier; therefore, the focus voltage is developed. The coils are wound and connected so that by adjusting the slug, a waveform similar to Fig. 3A and B may be obtained at the cathode of diode SC404.

If the focus rectifier shorts, the pungent odor of selenium will be noted along with loss of picture focus with possible damage to the 100K damping resistor and focus voltage will drop to a low value. The most common failing mode is too short and when overloading occurs, the unit will

open. If the equipment is operated in this condition, the coil network insulation will break down along with the 100K resistor.

A method of checking a focus rectifier is shown in Fig. 4. The test voltage may be one used in the set power supply.

SOME CAUSES OF VERTICAL RASTER BARS ON COLOR TV

Occasionally a receiver will exhibit vertical raster bars. These are generally caused by (1) slight non-linearity of scan between damper current and horizontal output tube current; (2) horizontal

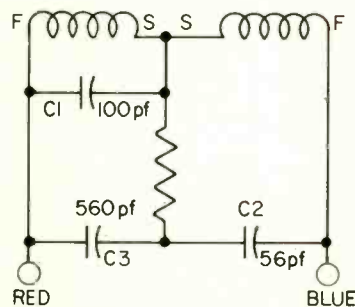
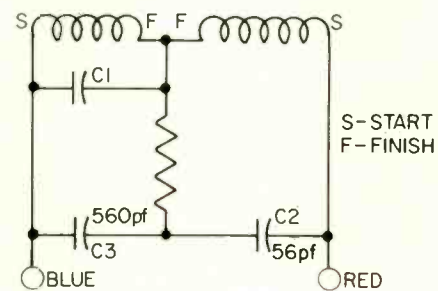


Fig. 6--Diagrams showing the original connections, then changing the wire routings on the yoke coils correcting the mismatch between the flyback and yoke.

sweep system pulses modulating the received video; (3) flyback-yoke mismatch or (4) unusual horizontal output drive characteristics. Of course before going too deeply into a solution of these problems, the tubes involved and lead dress of video and low signal level wires should be properly shielded and routed.

(1) Non-Linearity of Scan: Vertical lines produced by this defect often occur as the scanning current drive transfers from the damper tube to the horizontal output tube. When the damper tube stops conducting, it may oscillate in and out of conduction. This too, may produce vertical lines across the screen.

A possible solution to this problem may be made by slightly detuning from the normal "dip" position--the horizontal efficiency coil. Be sure to keep the horizontal output tube current in a safe range. The purpose of this detuning is to keep the damper tube from changing its conduction state.

(2) Horizontal Sweep System
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Repairing Solid-State AM-FM

Basic troubleshooting techniques used on tube type circuits will not always hold true for transistorized circuits as you will learn by following us through a stereo receiver with some typical problems

■ Solid-state AM-FM receivers are found in table models, stereo-phonographs and stereo-TV combinations. Shown in Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a typical solid-state AM-FM receiver. The most common is the AM-FM stereo combination which employs up to 15 transistors and several diodes. Deluxe AM-FM stereo models sometimes employ up to 40 transistors and 24 diodes.

A typical AM-FM tuner covers the AM broadcast band (540 kHz - 1600kHz) and the FM-band

(88MHz - 108MHz). These circuits are basically the same as most vacuum tube models except that you will find a few chassis contain IC circuits. Most common stereo combinations will employ from four to six speakers while the deluxe models will have eight or more speakers, including horns and additional accessory speaker jacks at the rear of the cabinet.

Special devices such as the field-effect transistor are being used in many of the 1968-

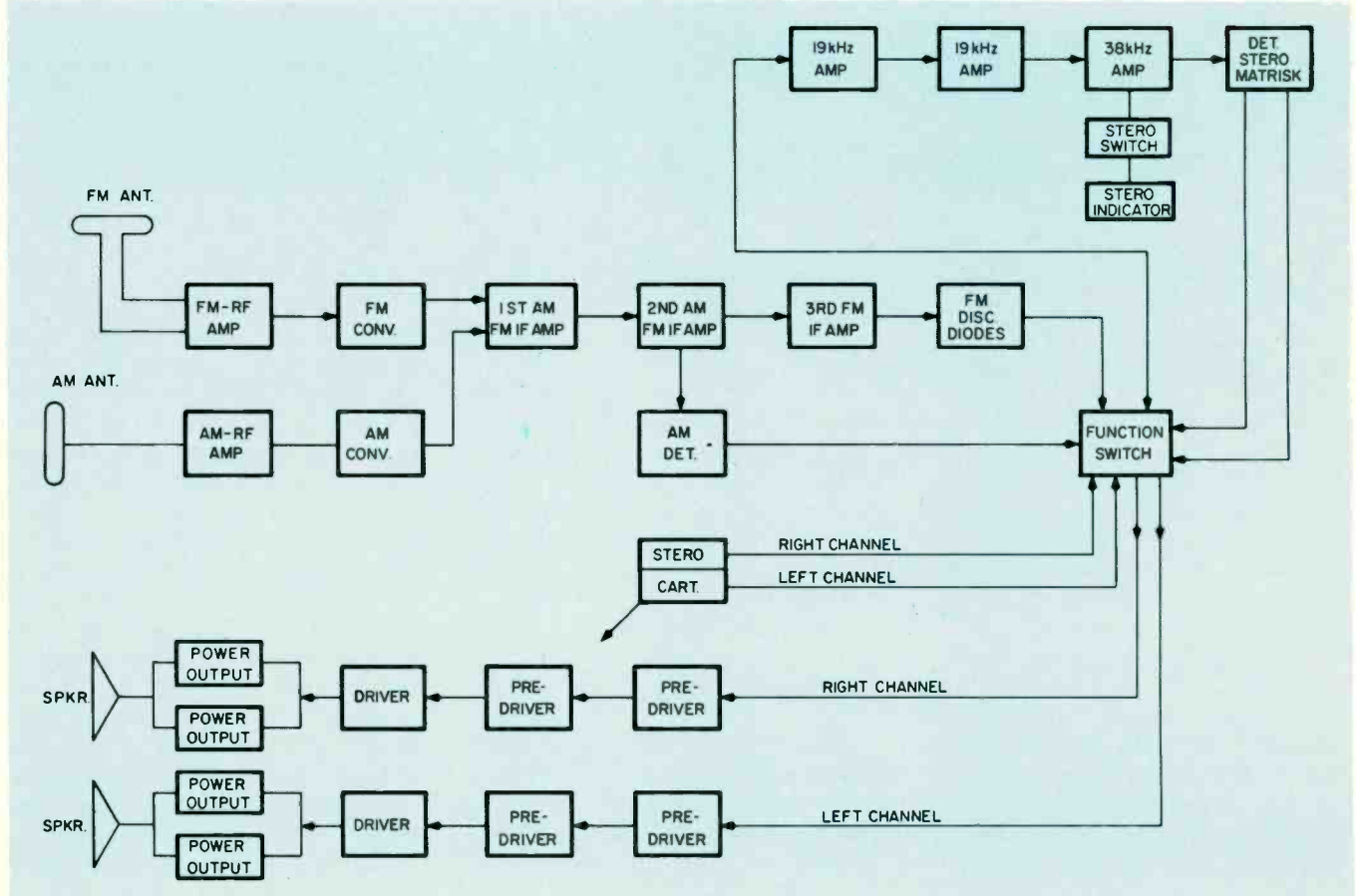
1969 FM receivers as well as integrated IC FM limiter circuits (Fig. 2). Even some phono circuits use an IC chip within the pickup cartridge. Additional features are delayed AM-FM AGC and FM automatic frequency control. In the power supply, a zener diode is used to stabilize the supply voltage to the AM-FM tuner section.

ISOLATION

Before attempting to signal trace an AM-FM chassis, try to isolate the defective section. If the AM band is performing and the FM section is dead, the trouble lies in the FM front end. Conversely, if the FM section is working and there is no reception on the AM band, check the AM convertor or RF stage. Most AM-FM receivers share the IF and audio circuits.

Suspect a defective oscillator stage when only background noise is heard as stations are tuned. Also, replace the trans-

Fig. 1--A block diagram of a typical modern stereo AM-FM Receiver and amplifier system.



istor oscillator when only stations on either the high or low end of the band are received. Generally, an oscillator transistor becomes open or leaky. When only local AM-FM stations can be heard, suspect a defective RF transistor. Also, check the IF stages when the problem is weak reception on both AM and FM bands. Microphonic conditions in the FM band are usually isolated to the RF, mixer and transistors. They should be replaced if microphonics are occurring.

In cases where the left audio channel is working and the right channel is dead, check the right channel audio circuit. Check whether the audio stereo channels are working on both FM stereo and stereo phonograph. If the FM stereo section is normal, the trouble is probably a defective crystal cartridge. If the phono stereo section is normal and the FM stereo music is only coming out of one channel, suspect a defective multiplex section.

SIGNAL TRACING

One quick method to locate a defective stage is to inject a signal into the AM-FM circuits. A pencil type noise signal generator is useful to quickly locate the defective stage (Fig. 3). Start at the volume control and see if the audio section is alive. When a high gain amplifier section is performing as it should, just touching the metal cover of an audio transistor with the noise generator tip will indicate whether audio is present. As you proceed toward the volume control from the output stages, you should achieve gain in each stage. If not, start at the output stage and work forward. To locate a weak or distorted audio stage use an audio signal generator and scope.

The noise signal generator can be used in the IF and AF section to locate a dead circuit by simply moving the signal from the collector and then to the base terminal of each stage. Be careful not to short the tip

to both the transistor base and collector terminals as you can quickly ruin a good transistor. To locate a weak front end stage, use an RF signal generator instead of the noise generator. The RF signal generator is more

accurate and its output can be regulated.

VOLTAGE AND RESISTANCE READINGS

Once the defective stage has been located, take voltage mea-

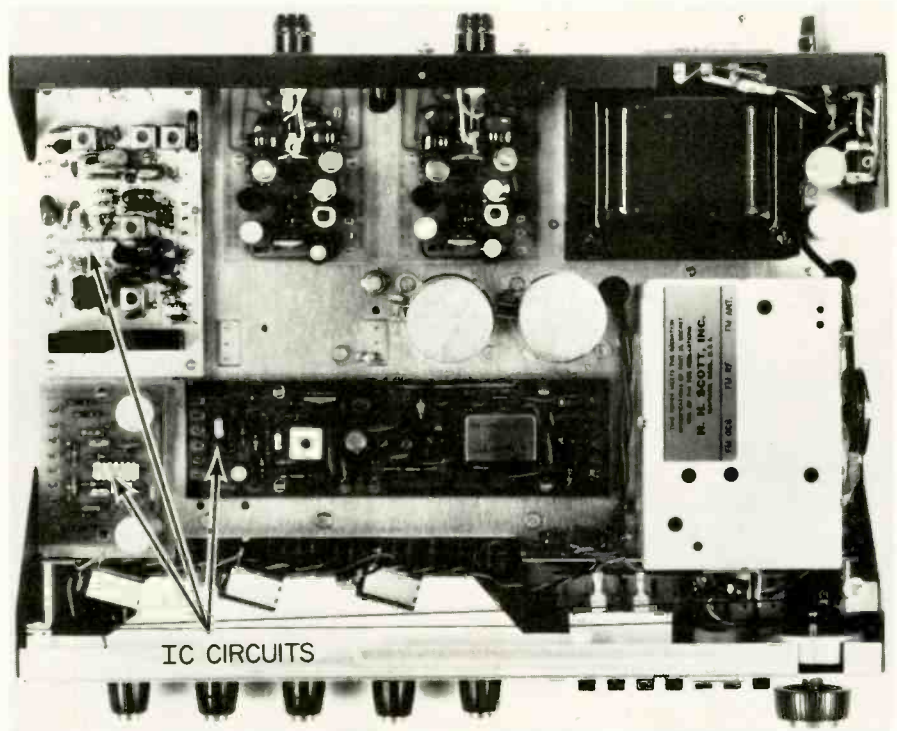
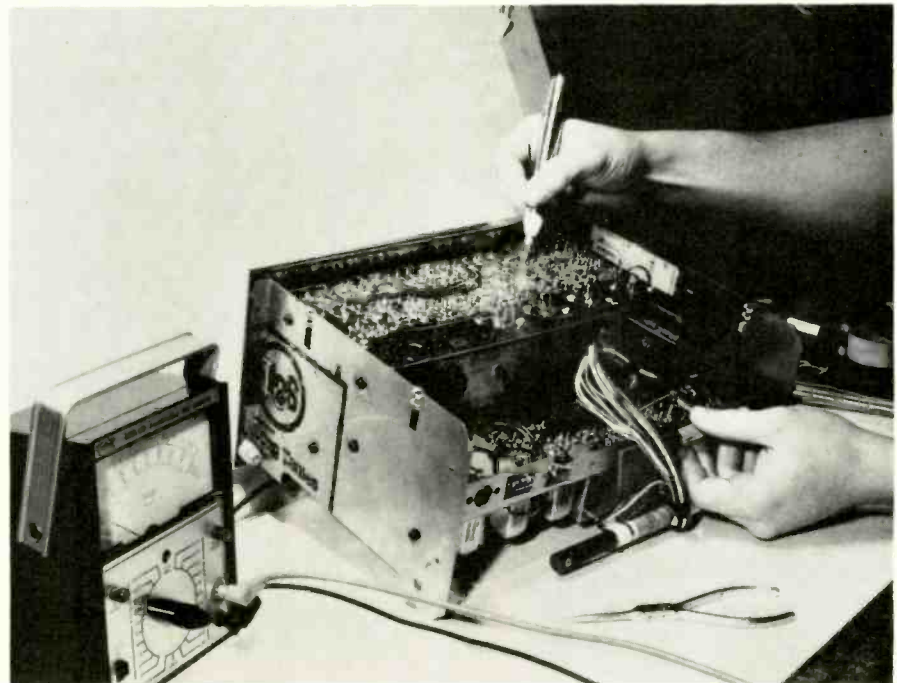


Fig. 2--Integrated circuits (IC) are used extensively in new Scott Model 342C stereo FM-tuner/amplifier.

Fig. 3--Use a pencil type noise signal generator to quickly locate a defective stage in an AM-FM chassis. Check the signal from the collector and base of each transistor starting at the output and moving to the volume control.



measurements of the suspected transistor. Use an FET-VOM or VTVM to measure the low voltages on the transistor elements (Fig. 4). Transistor emitter and base voltages vary from .1 to 8v. Forward bias voltage readings be-

tween emitter and base terminals may read from .01 to 1v. The average values of forward bias in the RF-IF stages are .4 and .6v.

Besides low emitter and base voltages, transistor circuits may

also have low values of resistance. The emitter resistance in an audio output stage may be as low as $.47\Omega$. Always remove one end of a suspected resistor or diode to be sure of a correct reading. Continuity checks on coils and IF transformers can be made on the PC board and will be quite accurate, but resistance measurements on other components may produce erroneous readings. If in doubt, reverse the ohmmeter terminals and use the lowest reading.

TRANSISTOR TESTS

Another method used to quickly check a defective AM-FM chassis is to take in-circuit transistor tests on each transistor. Seventy-five percent of solid-state failures are transistors. By quickly checking the transistors within the circuit, a number of troubles are solved. The in-circuit beta transistor tester will indicate if the transistor is open or shorted, but a transistor with low leakage may not show up. For an accurate leakage test, the suspected transistor should be removed from the circuit board. Many times a diode or directly driven transistor tied in the collector circuit will show up as leaky. Also, RF and IF transistors with coils or transformers tied to the collector and base terminal will show up with a high leakage. An in-circuit transistor test on these can be made with collector terminal removed from the PC board.

When an AM-FM solid-state receiver has an intermittent condition, it can often be found by using a squeeze spray on the suspected transistor after isolating the intermittent stage. Always have the receiver operating when spraying the suspected transistor so you will know when the receiver begins to act up. Spray the transistor at least three times before leaving it.

Sometimes, when an intermittent transistor is checked within the circuit, the in-beta transistor tester may shock the transistor into operation. This

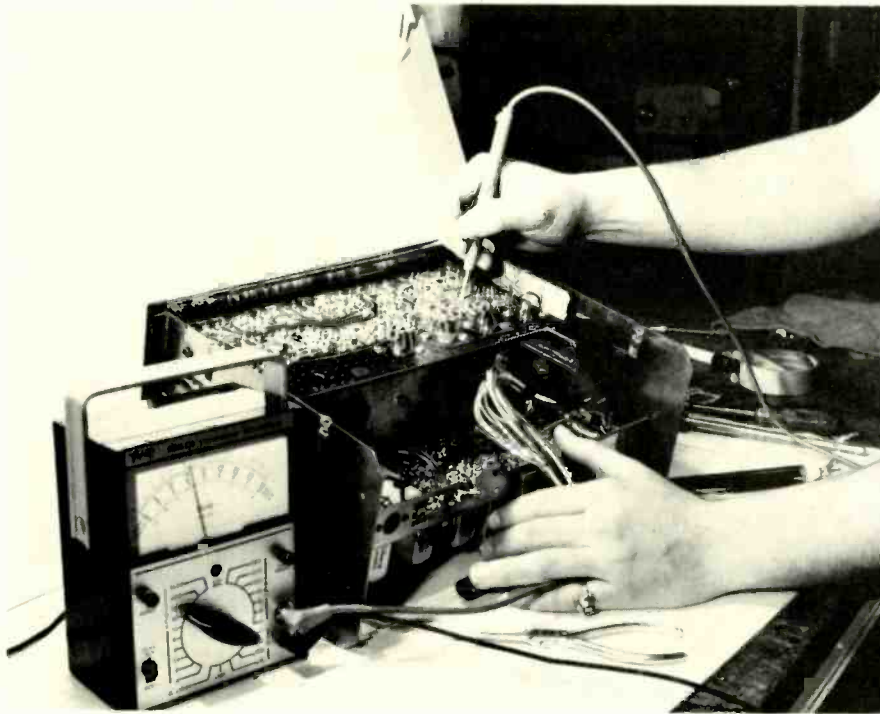
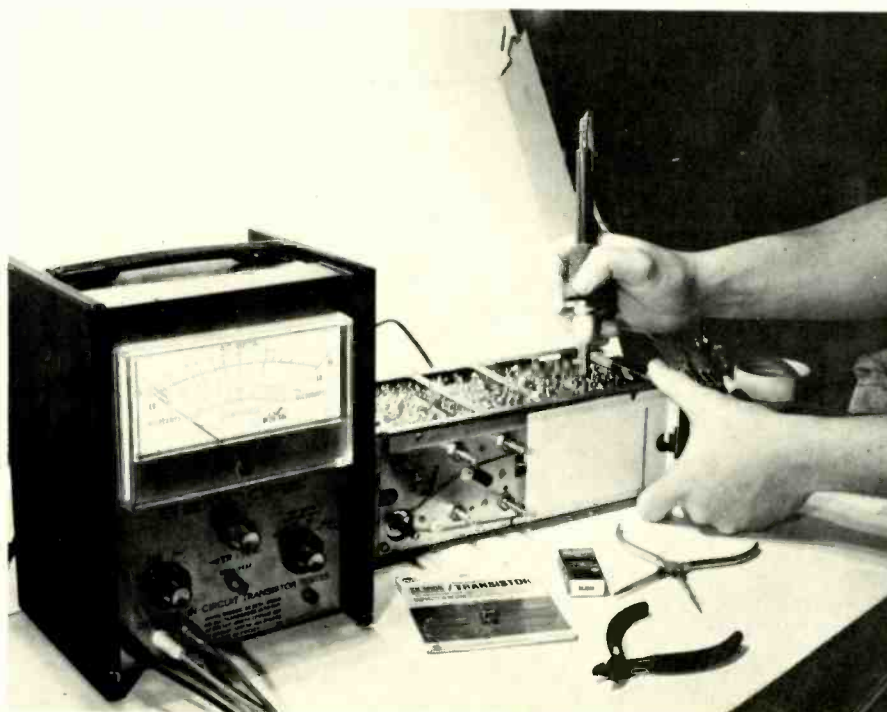


Fig. 4--Use an FET-VOM or VTVM to make low voltage checks. These voltages are sometimes less than .01v.

Fig. 5--Use a small soldering iron when removing and replacing transistors and other components on printed circuit boards.



also applies to injection signal tracing. When the signal injection probe is touched to the base terminal, the suspected transistor returns to normal operation. If this happens, let the receiver become intermittent again, remove the transistor from the circuit board and test it in a good beta transistor tester. With the transistor connected to the tester, spray it with the coolant and see whether the meter hand goes to the open position. Warm the suspected transistor between your fingers and make the test again. Many times an intermittent transistor will act up only once and test good for several days. If in doubt, replace it.

TRANSISTOR INSTALLATION

Always test the replacement transistor before soldering it to the circuit board. In many solid-state receivers, the circuitry is so compact that some transistors are difficult to get at. Be careful when unsoldering and installing the small transistors (Fig. 5). Always use a heat sink such as a long nose pliers when soldering terminal elements to the circuit board. Be careful not to damage small surrounding components with the soldering iron and don't accidentally push them against other components.

All FM transistor terminals should be cut to exact length and installed in the same position as the original. Check and recheck for correct mounting holes before soldering into place. When possible, leave the transistor terminal leads intact during soldering and cut the leads off only after the receiver is functioning properly.

Apply silicon grease on both sides of a plastic insulation or on the power transistor before mounting to the heat sink. Be careful to seat the power transistor properly to insure that both emitter-base terminals are intact (Fig. 6). By removing a couple of screws, power transistors can easily be taken out and tested. Remember, beta readings of power transistors are quite low. Check against a new one for comparison

readings. When replacing transistor in RF, IF and multiplex circuits, Multi Cir alignment may be necessary.

CHECKING THE AUDIO SECTION

As mentioned earlier, a noise

signal generator can be used to find a defective audio stage. Start at the base terminal of the audio output transistor and work toward the volume control. A complete loss or weak signal will indicate a defective stage. Now check the suspected

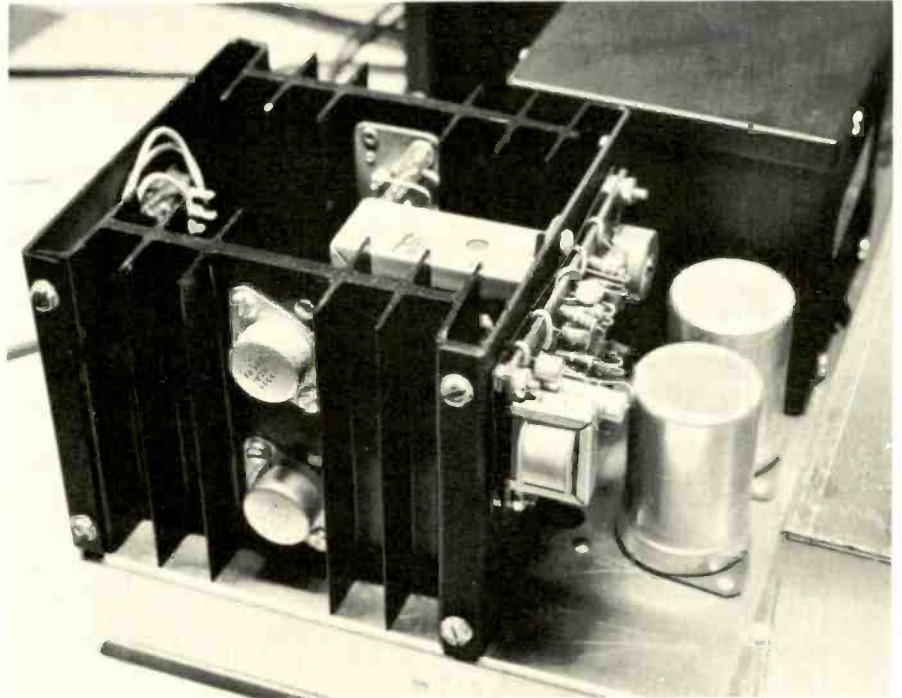
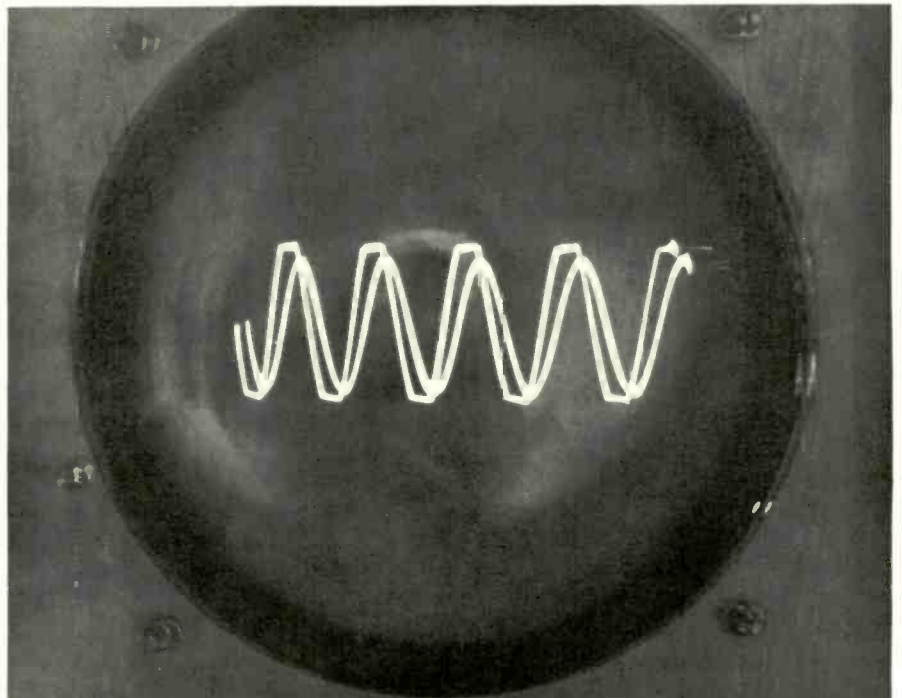


Fig. 6--When replacing power transistors on heat sinks, be sure the transistors are properly seated and apply silicone grease to insure even heat dissipation.

Fig. 7--The scope waveforms shown indicate a normal audio sine wave from one channel with the flat-topped distorted waveform from the opposite channel of a stereo tuner-amplifier.



transistor in the circuit by taking voltage measurements with an FET-VOM or VTVM.

In cases of extreme distortion or a small signal loss, use an audio signal generator and scope. Use either the sine or square wave signal for distortion problems. Fig. 7 shows a normal sine

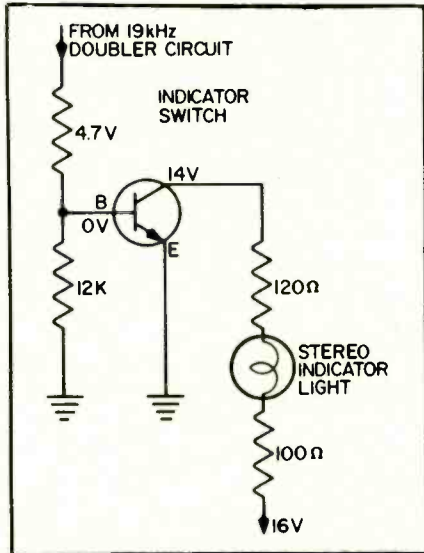


Fig. 8—Typical stereo multiplex indicator circuit.

wave and the same sine wave with 10 percent distortion. Generally, excessive distortion is found in the final audio output stages. If distortion is still present after replacing the power output transistors, check the emitter and base bias resistors.

When the volume of one channel is extremely low and will not balance properly, the audio signal generator will help to locate the trouble. Check each audio stage with an audio signal generator and scope. Then, check the same signal response in the good channel. By comparing readings in both channels, a weak or distorted stage can be quickly located.

MULTIPLEX CIRCUITS

The ratio detector circuit employed in most AM-FM circuits uses two crystal diodes. Only one diode is used for AM detection. In an AM-FM circuit during stereo reception, the signal is fed to a multiplex amp and doubler stages. The multiplex detector circuit employs four diodes. The

stereo indicator lamp is located in the matrix indicator control amp.

The stereo FM indicator lamp will light if only a stereo multiplex signal is being received. Nearly all solid-state FM receivers use a pilot light in the collector circuit of the indicator amplifier or stereo switch (Fig. 8). If the stereo lamp is not working when a stereo FM station is tuned in, check for a defective lamp. Also, check the pilot lamp assembly and wired circuits. In some cases, a touch-up of the multiplex alignment may be needed.

Multiplex tuned circuits seldom change alignment by themselves. Always be sure the multiplex circuitry is functioning before attempting alignment. An FM stereo multiplex signal generator is a "must" test unit for multiplex alignment and the manufacturer's alignment procedure should always be followed.

CHECKING THE POWER SUPPLY

When no sound is heard from the AM-FM chassis, suspect a defective power supply. Go to the silicon rectifiers and take voltage measurements. If no voltage is found on the cathode side, check the negative side for low ac voltage. The stepdown ac voltage will measure between 15 and 30v. In most solid-state power supplies, fullwave or bridge type rectification circuits are found.

To check the condition of the silicon diode, take resistance measurements across it—it is best to remove one end from the circuit board. A good silicon diode will measure a low value such as 10 Ω, and with reversed leads, the resistance measurement will be very high. If the diode shows a low reading in both directions, replace it. A silicon diode will either short or open. When it shorts, the diode will run red hot, blow the power supply line fuse and possibly destroy other diodes or dropping resistors in the

power supply circuit.

Excessive hum in the speakers is often caused by a defective filter capacitor as used in tube units. If hum still exists with the volume control turned down, a filter capacitor is at fault. If hum develops only when the volume is increased, poor ground or base resistors are the cause. Check whether the hum exists on AM, FM or phono position. Pickup hum can sometimes be isolated to one audio channel.

Let's take a look at some actual AM-FM receiver problems and how they are located.

NO FM

A Zenith AM-FM chassis 20YT20 was found to have normal AM reception but no FM. In fact, with full volume only a small rushing noise could be heard. Since the AM convertor signal is fed into the first FM-AM IF amplifier, we suspected a defective FM transistor.

The FM circuit was signal traced with a noise generator and appeared normal on the collector terminal. In this particular circuit, the FM signal from the RF amplifier feeds to the emitter terminal. Signal was still heard with the signal probe applied to the emitter terminal. The in-circuit transistor tester indicated that the FM convertor transistor was open and it was subsequently replaced. To make leakage tests in FM circuits, remove the transistor from the circuit board. This transistor can usually be replaced with a general replacement type. Always cut the transistor leads to exact length and replace in the original position.

MICROPHONIC FM RECEPTION

Another problem brought to our attention was noisy and microphonic reception on a Tru-ton model WEG5955A unit. The AM and phono sections worked perfectly, but experience on other sets made us suspect a microphonic convertor or RF stage.

Most microphonic conditions can be located by simply tapping the suspected transistor with a pencil or small screwdriver. In this case, when either transistor was tapped, the FM band became noisy. The FM mixer transistor was replaced with another transistor but the microphonic condition persisted until the RF-FM A376 transistor was replaced. Microphonic transistors, like tubes, will not show up in a transistor tester and must be replaced to correct the condition.

WEAK AM RECEPTION

An Olympic AM-FM table model AFM33 appeared to be weak on AM reception. The FM band operated normally. A look at the schematic diagram eliminated the AM converter transistor as a suspect because this same transistor is also used as the first FM-IF amplifier.

The weak AM reception was isolated to a broken AM antenna coil. In some cases, the ferrite rod can be replaced by sliding the antenna coil onto a new one. However, the antenna coil alignment should be touched up by tuning in a station at the middle of the tuning range and moving the coil over the ferrite rod with an insulated tool to obtain maximum volume.

DEAD LEFT CHANNEL

A single dead channel in a stereo unit was the problem in a Coronado Model RA1-6214A. Only a low level of hum could be heard in the left channel. A noise signal generator tip was placed on the base terminal of either output transistor but no sound could be heard. Checking closer, we noticed a couple of bias resistors were burned. Both output transistors were removed and tested. One showed a short and the other a high leakage reading.

The two audio transistors were removed from the circuit board and all low value resistors were checked for correct resistance. Both of the 1 Ω emitter resistors and a 470 Ω base bias resistor were replaced (Fig. 9). The output transistors were

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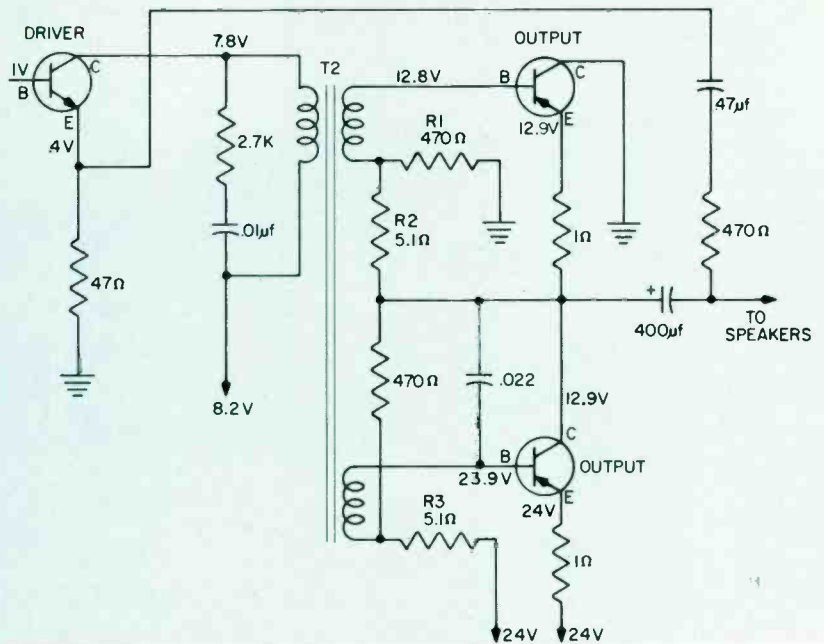


Fig. 9--A dead left channel in this unit was traced to defective output transistors and burned bias resistors R1, R2 and R3.

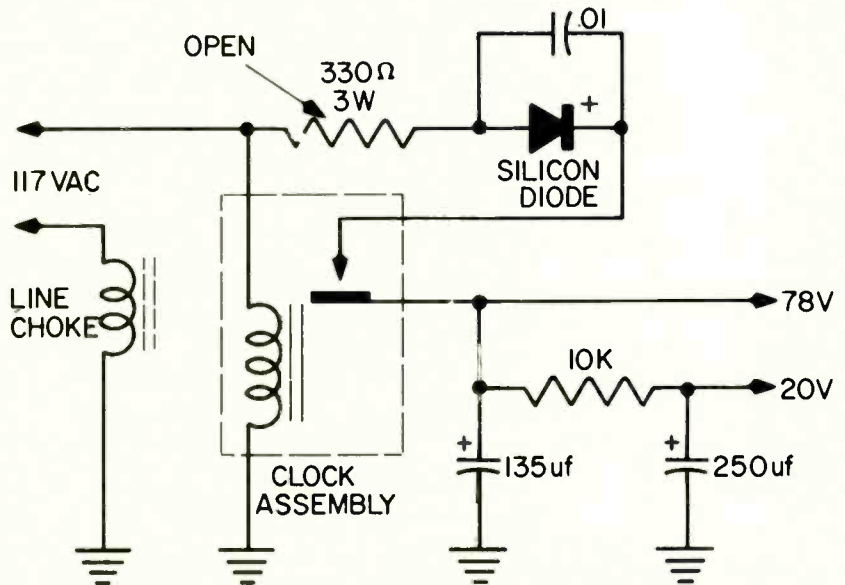
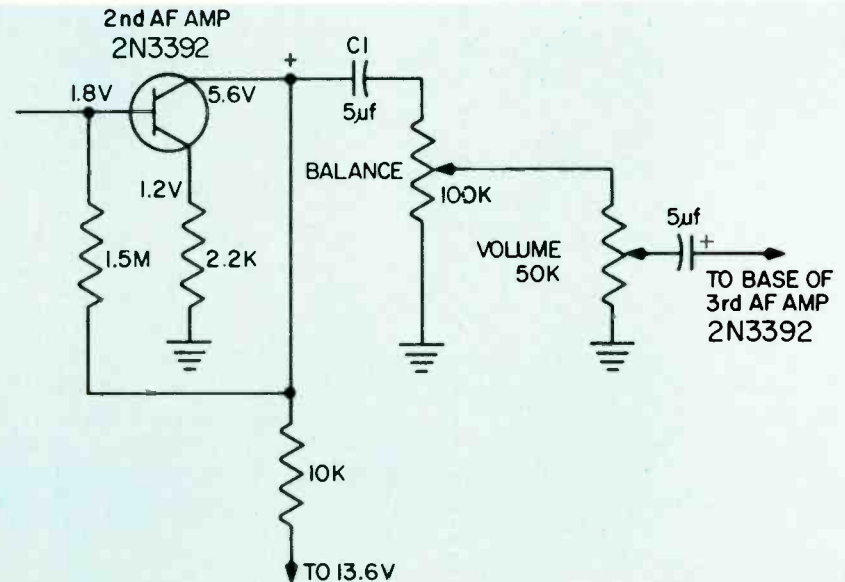


Fig. 10--A dead AM-FM receiver was caused by an open dropping resistor and a shorted diode in this power supply.

Fig. 11--Poor balance and weak output in this circuit was caused by a leaky coupling capacitor C1.



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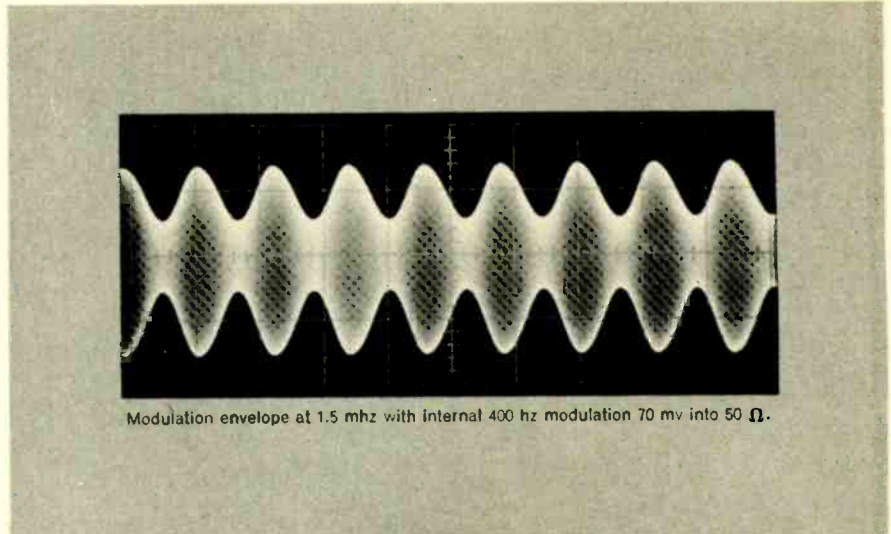
TEST LAB REPORT

Knight KG-686 RF Generator

■ The first thing we look for in any kit is the packing of the components, then we check the components against the parts list. There's nothing worse than sitting down to assemble a unit and half way through discovering a part is missing or broken. Fortunately, the manufacturers have virtually eliminated this problem through careful quality control. The KG-686 comes packed with two chassis: the main chassis and

The KG-686 RF generator provides cw or modulated signals from 100kHz to 54MHz and can be built in an afternoon to add to your test equipment line-up

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Modulation envelope at 1.5MHz with 400Hz modulation 70mv into 50Ω board.

a copper shielded RF sub chassis.

The entire unit is transistorized but uses no printed circuit boards. All components are mounted on the chassis or terminal strips. Parts layout makes assembly relatively easy to follow and it is done in a manner that keeps chassis wiring to a minimum. The generator uses three wafer switches for MOD SELECTOR, RANGE and XTAL CALIBRATOR. None of these is difficult to wire. The RANGE switch does have the various band coils mounted on it and some care must be used when assembling these. But again, the assembly manual diagrams show this clearly enough to make the job easy if you watch what you're doing. A small copper plate which holds the trimmer capacitors for the various bands also mounts on the RANGE switch. The front of the switch is fastened to the generator panel while the rear of the assembly is bolted to the chassis through a ceramic standoff. Be careful when tightening the screw in this ceramic stand-off as it can be easily stripped.

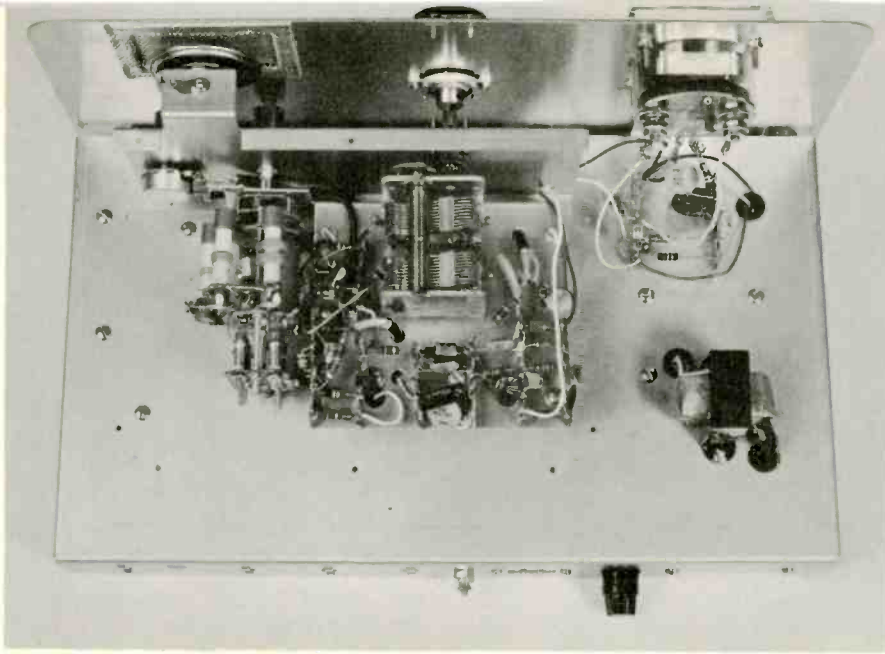
The generator also has a resistive switching attenuator assembly which is made up of five slide switches with small copper shields between each switch for RF shielding. There are two things to watch here. First, the manual notes that the shields and chassis should be sanded to remove a protective coat of lacquer before as-

sembly. This is to insure electrical conductivity and reduce RF leakage. Pay attention to this note. Sand all of the shields where any contact is to be made. Sandpaper is supplied with the kit. Also, use care when installing the coax to the attenuator to be sure the coax inner conductor and shield do not touch each other or other parts of the switch when the cover is installed. Make an ohmmeter check of the assembly as indicated in the manual.

The second note we want to mention on this attenuator network is that the manual and schematic do not agree with the resistor values for R30 and R33. The manual is correct. R30 and R32 are both 100Ω; R33 and R35 are both 150Ω.

The rest of the assembly is as shown in the manual except for a couple of changes which are indicated on supplementary sheets supplied with the unit. The calibration adjustments are not hard to do, but you should have a VTVM, wideband scope and an accurate receiver or two which cover the various generator frequencies. The band coils are preset at the factory and will be close to the correct frequency. Preset the trimmers according to the manual and then adjust them during calibration.

SPECIFICATIONS: Frequency coverage--100kHz to 54 MHz in 5 fundamental bands. Fre-



Top view of KG-686 with shields removed to show RF section.

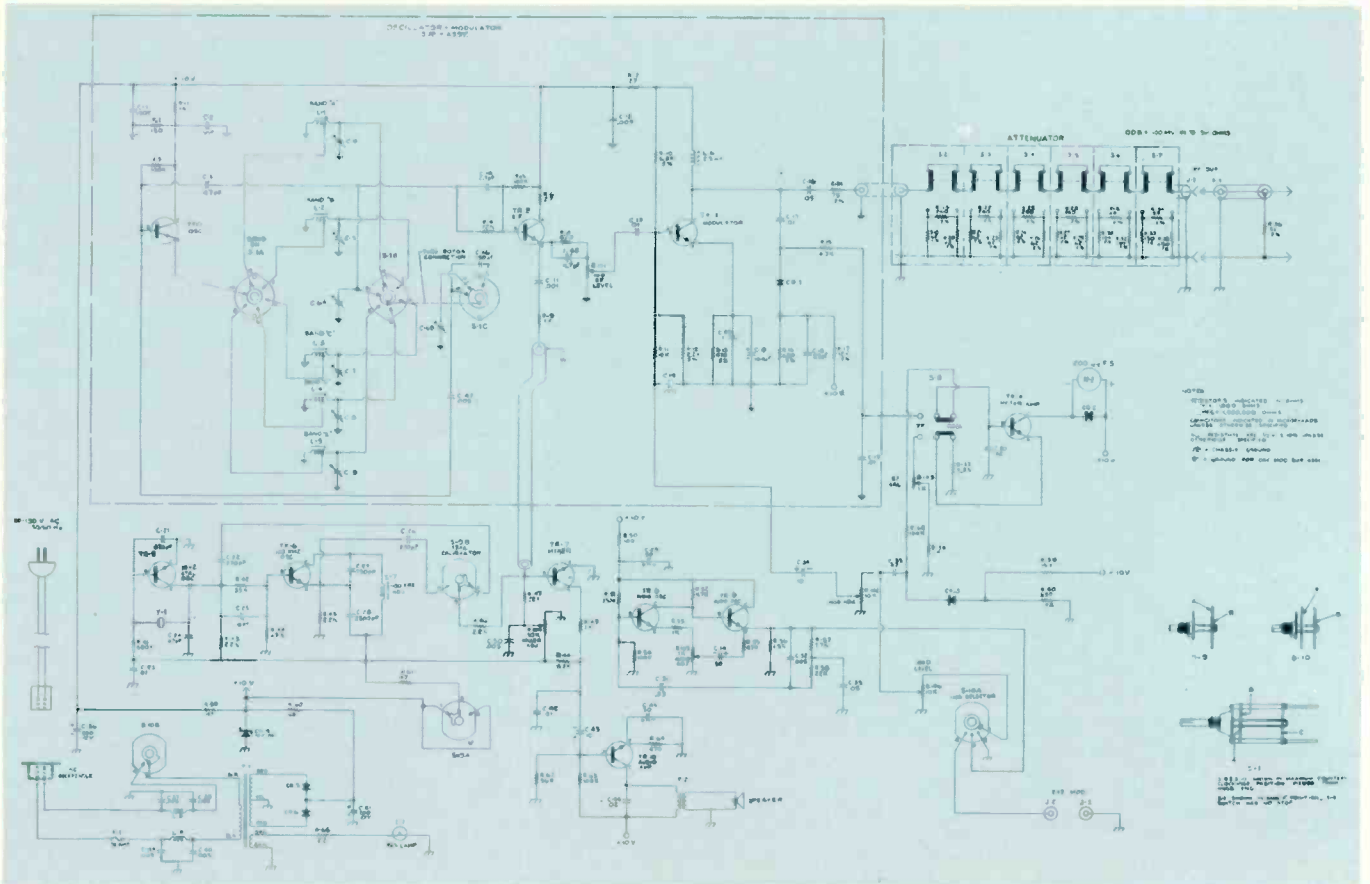
Knight KG-686 RF signal generator.

quency accuracy-- $\pm 1.5\%$ of highest frequency on any given band, usable to $\pm 0.1\%$ with crystal calibrator. Output--calibrated into 50Ω load - $120,000\mu\text{v}$ Open Circuited (Uncalibrated): Band A - 100-370kHz, 3v RMS min.; Band B - 370-1400kHz, 2v RMS min.; Band C - 1.4-5.1MHz, .6v RMS min.; Band D&E - 5.1-54MHz, .3v RMS min.. Calibrated accu-

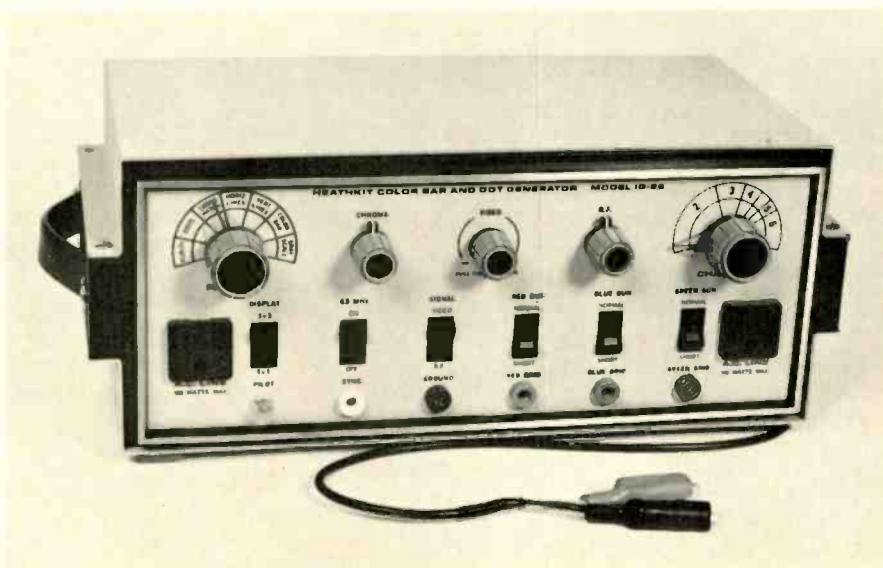
racy-- $\pm 2\text{db}$ ($\pm 20\%$) of nominal to 30MHz. Attenuator system--fine control with meter covers -10 to +2db calibrated on meter (0db = $100,000\mu\text{v}$ into 50Ω). Six step attenuators for total of -96db. Output as low as -106db ($0.5\mu\text{v}$) can be obtained. Modulation--internal frequency 400Hz $\pm 20\%$. Bridged "T" two-stage oscillator metered depth to 50%

± 5 to 30MHz. External Modulation Sensitivity; approximately 1v RMS 50% at 400Hz. Crystal calibration system--frequencies 1MHz and 100kHz (derived). Accuracy $\pm 0.5\%$. Unit incorporates a built-in detector, amplifier and speaker system. Power requirements size--100-130vac, 50/60Hz at 6w. 14 3/4 x 7 3/4 x 10 1/4 in. (WHD). ■

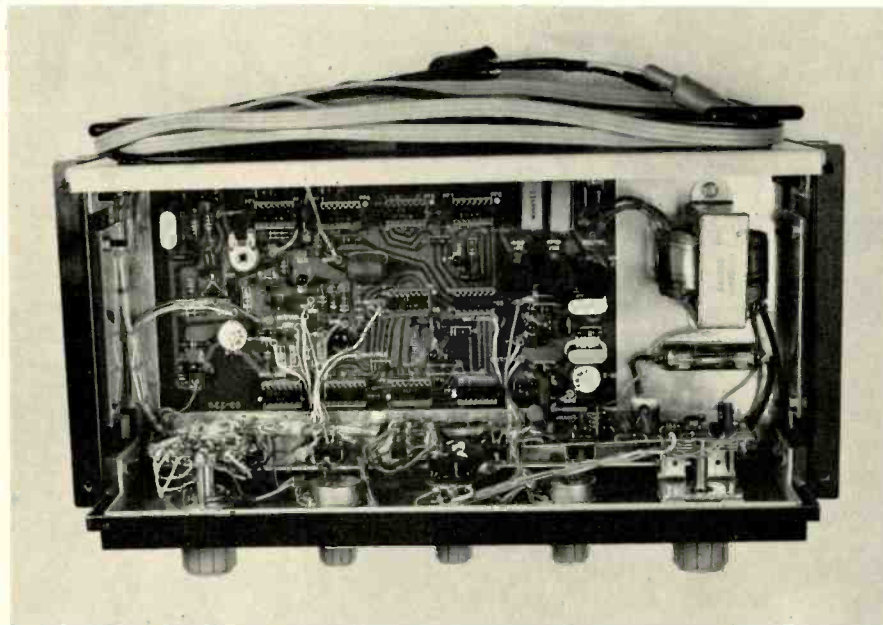
Knight KG-686 schematic diagram.



Heath Model IG-28 Color Bar and Dot Generator



Heath Model IG-28 color bar and dot generator.



Top view of the generator showing the ten integrated circuits and other components in a compact arrangement.

■ We recently assembled the Heath Model IG-28 color bar and dot generator in our ET/D lab for this report.

The generator was assembled in a short time because of a number of time-saving features: The wire leads are formed into a harness, with most of the wires cut to the proper length. Nine integrated circuits are employed reducing the number of components. Circuit boards are used with all component values clearly marked. The number of first adjustments is reduced by employing fixed crystals and integrated circuits. The step-by-step assembly guide is easy to follow and covers various adjustments of the color TV.

When assembling the generator, a very small soldering iron should be used especially when mounting the IC socket. The pins on the IC socket are very close and it is quite easy to have unwanted solder bridges between the foils.

Do not try to remove the IC with your fingers; use the tool supplied, otherwise the IC pins will be bent.

We did make a small production change, the value of resistor R31, 4700 was changed to 10K1/2w. Otherwise some pattern drift was noticed.

The generator is all solid-state and can be used for servicing color or B/W TV receivers. The instrument is compact enough to be carried in the field and offers all the professional features for the shop. It generates stable, crystal-controlled test signals to produce all the color and convergence patterns needed to adjust color circuitry and tri-gun

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convergence systems accurately. Twelve patterns plus purity (a clear raster for purity adjustments) can be produced. Dots, crosshatch, horizontal lines, vertical lines, color bars and gray scale patterns are available in either a 3X3 or 9X9 display.

The patterns produced lock firmly on the screen without jitter or crawl, because of the crystal-controlled horizontal and vertical sync pulses incorporated in this instrument. Also the sync signals are available at the front panel jack.

The RF output available from the generator covers channels two through six, another important feature of this generator. The RF level control varies the RF output to check sensitivity and prevent overloading the RF and IF circuits of the receiver. A crystal-controlled 4.5MHz sound carrier with an ON/OFF switch aids in fine tuning the generator to the receiver frequency.

A video signal is available for troubleshooting video circuits and may be adjusted with the video level control. The chroma signal has also been made adjustable to allow a check of color hue and sync with different signal levels. Front panel switches are provided to turn the individual red, blue and green beam currents on or off.

This generator employs combinations of logic circuits to provide the several output patterns, a stable sinewave signal is generated by a master clock oscillator. The signal is shaped by succeeding stages and proceeds to a divider chain that consists of a series of flip-flop multivibra-

tor circuits. The flip-flops are connected in such a way as to perform frequency division of the master clock signal. At various points in the divider chain, signals of desired frequency are picked off and applied to other logic circuits consisting of OR, NOR, AND or NAND gates. These circuits, in turn, combine the proper signals to produce the desired output patterns.

Silicon diode rectifiers are used in the zener regulated power supply. The 115/230vac 50/60Hz special copper-banded, low flux-leakage power transformer prevents stray magnetic fields from disrupting the receiver under test.

The generator is enclosed in an attractive cabinet to match other instruments in its line. The price of the IG-28 kit is \$79.95. ■

SPECIFICATIONS

PATTERNS: Purity--Produces a snow-free raster for purity adjustments. Dots--9x9 produces a display of 110 small dots. 3x3 produces a display of nine dots, for convergence adjustments. Crosshatch--9x9 produces a display of 11 vertical and 10 horizontal lines. 3x3 produces a display of three vertical and three horizontal lines, for convergence and linearity adjustments. Horizontal Lines--9x9 produces a display of 10 horizontal lines. 3x3 produces a display of three horizontal lines, for vertical linearity and pin-cushion adjustments. Vertical Lines--9x9 produces 11 vertical lines. 3x3 produces a display of three vertical lines, for horizontal linearity and con-

vergence adjustments. Color Bars--9x9 produces a display of ten standard color bars. 3x3 produces a display of three standard color bars, for demodulator phase adjustment and color circuit servicing. Gray Scale--Provides a wide bar crosshatch pattern with six shades of brightness, for color gun level adjustments.

OUTPUT SIGNALS: Video--Variable $\pm 2v$ -P-P composite signal for composite signal injection beyond the video detector. RF--Variable to $50,000\mu v$ output, channels 2 through 6, for composite signal injection into the receiver antenna input terminals. Sync--2v signal for servicing sync circuits without video, or sets having separate video and sync demodulators. Control Grids (3)--Individual red, blue and green control grid signals for viewing chroma signal and demodulator phase adjustments.

POWER SUPPLY: Type--Transformer operated, full-wave, voltage doubler circuit, using two silicon diodes. Input--120 or 240vac, 50/60Hz. Output--3.6vdc, 500ma, zener diode regulated.

GENERAL: Integrated Circuits--7 - MC790P dual J-K flip-flop. 1 - MC723P single J-K flip-flop. 2 - MC724P 4-dual input gate. Diodes and Transistors--10 - 2N3692 NPN transistor. 2 - 2N3638 PNP TRANSISTOR. 6 - 1N295 crystal diode. 1 - Zener diode. 2 - Silicon diode. Crystals--1 - 190.08kHz. 1 - 3563.795 kHz. 1 - 4.5 MHz. Cabinet Dimensions--8 1/2 in. wide x 4 1/4 in. high x 7 1/8 in. deep (including handle). Weight--7 lb.

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TAPE CASSETTE MERCHANDISERS

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Designed to hold four types of tape cassettes

Two blank tape cassette counter merchandisers are available. The 1T1135 is a revolving display designed to hold four types of blank tape cassettes



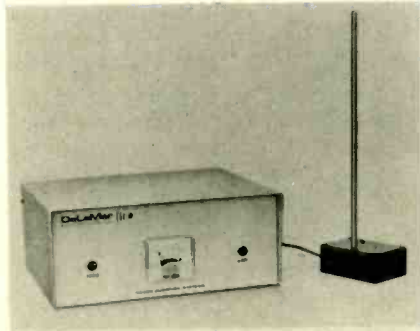
(30-, 60-, 90- and 120-min. lengths). The unit is a compact, spring-action display that can be placed either on a counter or a shelf. Both are available free with purchase of cassettes. RCA.

RADAR ALARM

704

Forms invisible three-dimensional radar shield

A compact electronic protection system is available for use in homes or commercial buildings. The basic



components include a monitor (which plugs into regular house current) and one or more detectors which are mounted in the area to be protected. Alarm devices available include an indoor/outdoor police type siren, a battery-operated bell and a buzzer and light for remote alarm indications in police stations, answering services or guard booths. The system forms an invisible three-dimensional radar shield

which saturates the area. Any human movement reportedly can be detected immediately, and warning is also automatic when wiring is cut or short-circuited. DeLaMar Electronics.

CASSETTE RECORDER

705

Built-in FM/AM radio

Introduced is an ac or battery-operated cassette recorder with a built-in FM/AM radio. A convenient pop-



up feature provides quick and easy cassette changing. A single lever controls the operation for recording, playback, rewinding and fast forward. An "SP" switch enables monitoring of the material when recording. The FM/AM radio features slide-rule tuning, AFC on FM, and slide-touch controls for adjustments of the volume and tone. Suggested retail price of the Model RQ-232S is \$99.95. Panasonic.

ALARM SYSTEM

706

Completely installed by plugging into light socket

A burglar and fire alarm system that can be completely installed by plugging into an ordinary light socket



is introduced. Called Preventor II, the solid-state electronic system operates much as radar or sonar in guarding a given area with sound waves. It emits silent, ultrasonic frequencies that saturate various areas. The ultrasonic saturation reportedly makes it impossible for an intruder to get

under, over or around the surveillance pattern. The ultrasonic pattern will also detect fire or excessive smoke with a built-in thermostat which reacts to dangerous heat levels. When its ultrasonic pattern is interrupted or when it detects fire, the unit will sound a 100db police warning horn. The alarm contains an ac outlet into which floodlights, sirens or other devices can be plugged. It also provides a control panel which can link the system to an automatic dialer for phoning emergency messages. In case of power failure or deliberately severed power lines, the alarm continues to operate by automatically transferring its power requirements to a built-in battery system which will function for a ten-hour period. When power is restored, the batteries are automatically recharged to full capacity. The unit resembles a stereo component housed in a wood and metal cabinet. Measuring 13.5in. long, 7.5in. wide, and 5in. high, it retails for under \$400. Defensive Instruments.

PROJECT KITS

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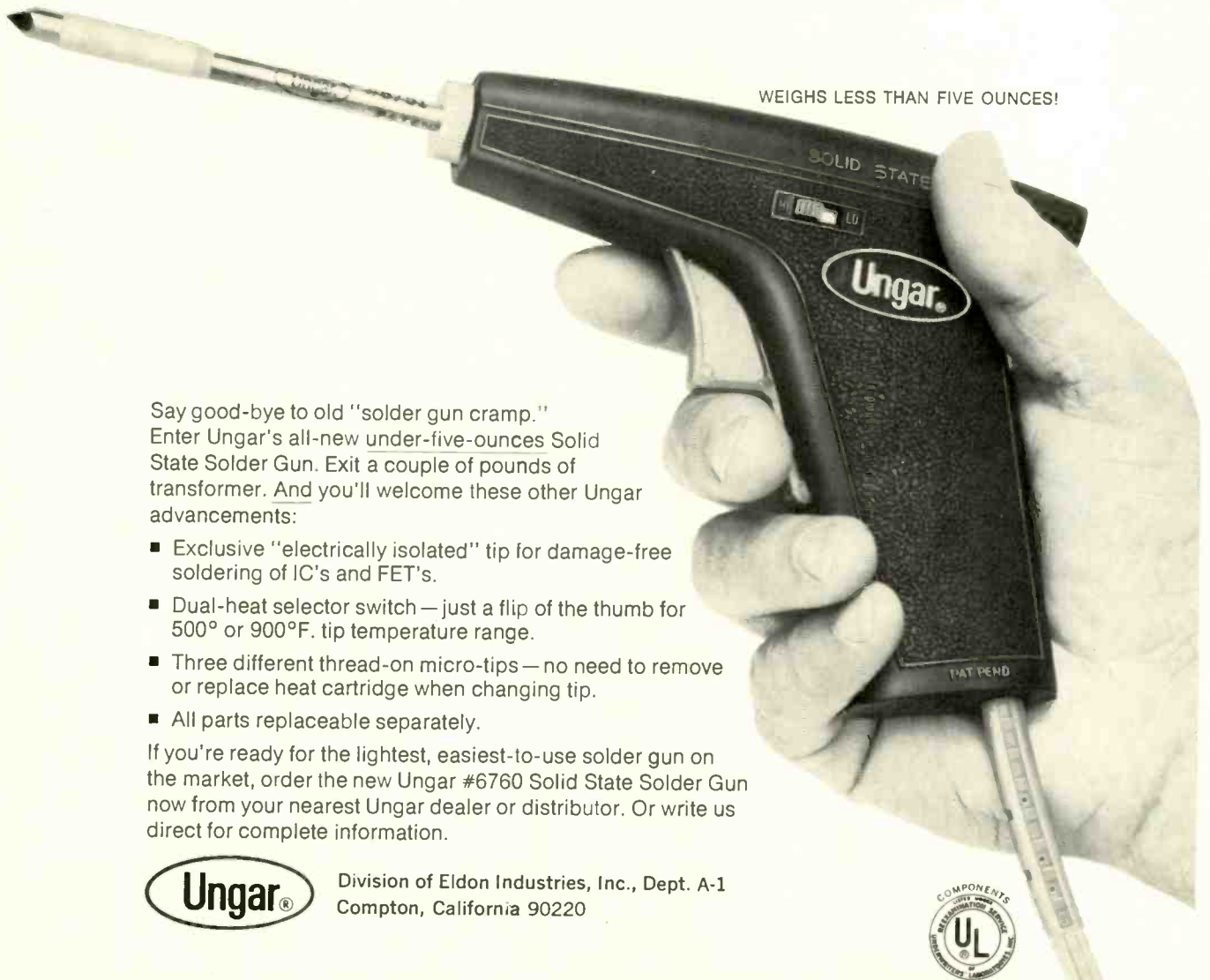
Kits feature ease of assembly and low cost

Announced are six kits, including the "super snoop" private listening device, three converters covering police, fire and aircraft bands, a two-station intercom and a do-it-yourself



printed circuit etching kit. The EC-2600 "super snoop" kit consists of a sensitive crystal microphone feeding a special low-noise input stage of a three-

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transistor audio amplifier, and then to an earphone. Some popular uses include hearing aids, private listening devices and audio stethoscopes. The three new converter kits provide for monitoring police, fire and aircraft bands with a standard AM radio. No connections need be made to the AM radio. The converter is simply placed next to it. The EC-2900 kit covers the high (152-174MHz) police and fire bands. The EC-2700 tunes the low (30-50MHz) police and fire bands. The aircraft converter, EC-2800, will pick up all local aircraft and airport control towers in the 108-136MHz aircraft band. EC-3100 intercom kit is a complete two-station inter-communications system for home or office. The stations come complete with cases. The EC-3200 do-it-yourself printed-circuit etch kit reportedly includes everything needed to make printed circuit boards. Prices on the new kits are as follows: EC-2600 "super snoop" \$8.95; EC-2700, EC-2800, EC-2900 police fire and aircraft converters \$7.95 each; EC-3100 2-station intercom \$10.95; and EC-3200 printed circuit kit \$5.95. EICO.

KNOBS 708

A variety of sizes, shapes and styles are available

The introduction of a standard and custom line of injection molded plastic knobs designed for the home en-



tertainment electronics industry is announced. A variety of different sizes, shapes and styles of knobs are available for use on radios, television sets, tape recorders, high fidelity receivers, tuners, amplifiers and other electronic equipment. Electronic Hardware.

PANEL LAMPS 709

Offered in 15 different sizes and voltages

A self-service pegboard panel lamp display rack is offered, with purchase of a 200 card assortment. The lamps are of special interest to technicians

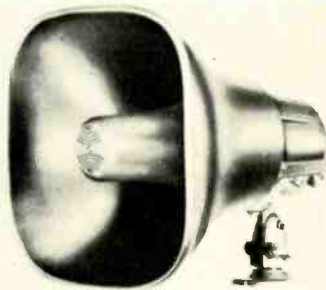


and engineers. They come in 15 different sizes and voltages, and are guaranteed long life. The counter display, 30in. high by 20in. across, is designed to develop self-service sales in the electronic center. Suggested net is 49 cents per card. Mura.

SPEAKERS 710

Self-aligning voice coil and diaphragm

Complete with a strapping bracket feature and reportedly ideal for mounting on I-beams and concrete pillars is the revised series of multipurpose public address speakers. Seven speakers make up the "AP" Series, all with



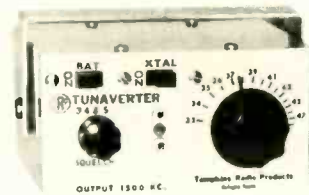
screw terminals for solderless line connection, water-sealed construction, protective terminal cover and strapping bracket. The AP-30 shown is a high efficiency speaker for either high or low power applications. The unit has a self-aligning voice coil/diaphragm assembly with solderless connectors for ease for replacement. Atlas.

CONVERTER 711

No electrical connection; plug-in coax cable

Introduced is a converter that provides reception of police, fire, marine and industrial bands on a standard AM broadcast radio. The new Tunavert S has its own built-in squelch providing noise-free monitoring between calls. Another feature of the unit is that it can be either tunable or crystal-controlled by flipping a switch

and plugging in a crystal. The American-made converter also features zener voltage regulation. Sensitivity is reportedly .5µv minimum usable signal

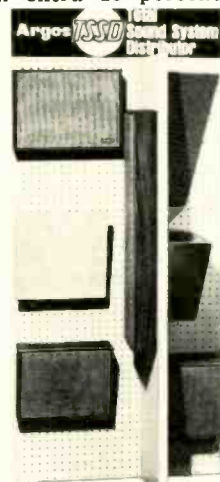


for the low band Model 348S which covers from 33 to 48MHz; .9µv minimum usable signal for the high band Model 1564S covering 150 to 164-MHz. No connections to the auto radio are needed other than plugging in the coax connecting cable. It is 2 1/4 x 3 1/3 x 4 1/4in., light grey and powered by 12vdc from the auto battery. The unit comes complete with a swinging mount, mounting screws, 24in. connecting coax cable and instructions. Price is \$44.95. Tompkins.

DISTRIBUTOR DISPLAY 712

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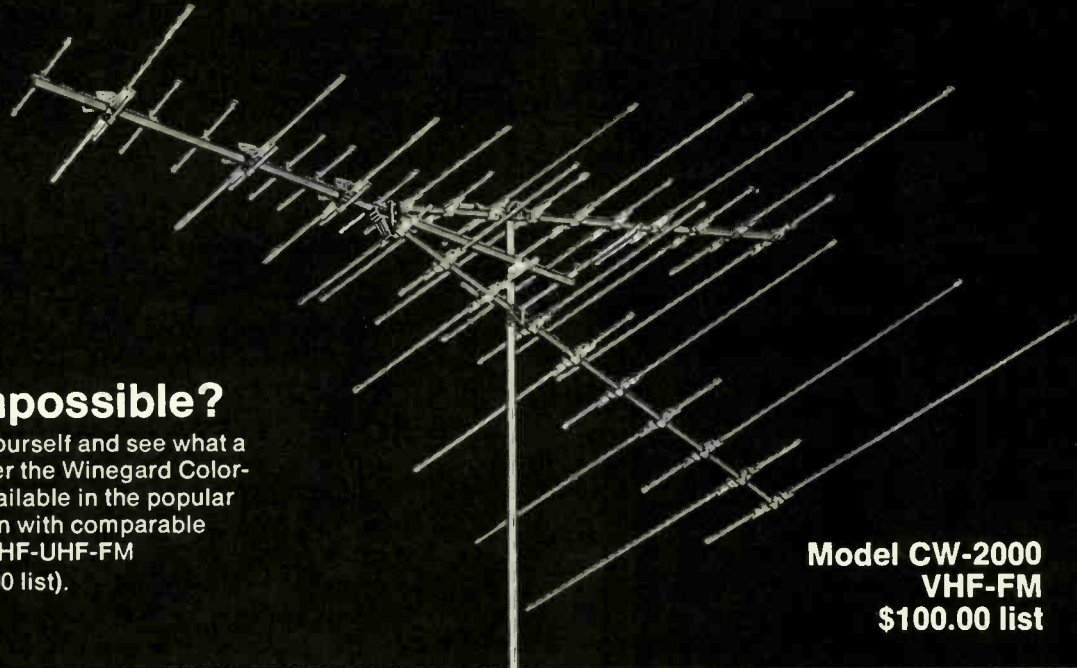


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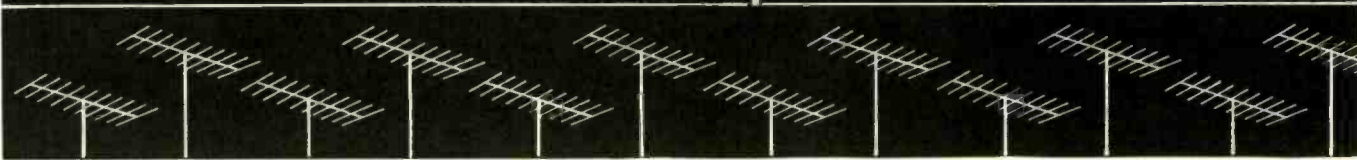
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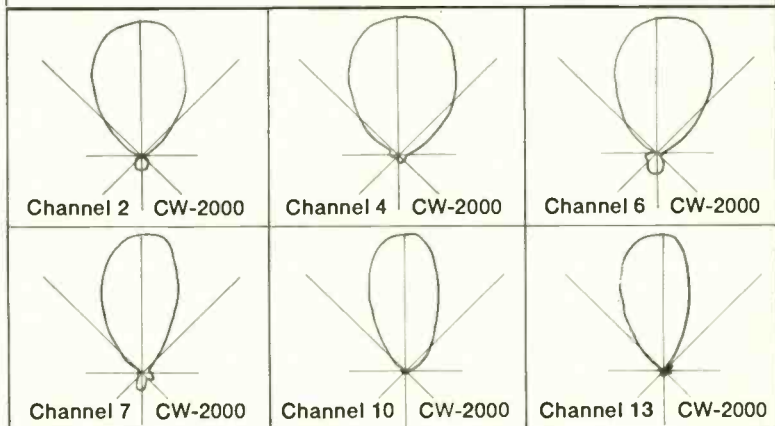
example A:

CHECK DB GAIN

Channel	CW-2000	10-Elem. Yagi
2	7.2	7.8
4	7.2	7.6
6	7.4	8.0
7	12.2	10.8
10	11.4	11.0
13	12.0	11.5

example B:

CHECK DIRECTIVITY



example C:

CHECK FRONT-TO-BACK RATIO

CW-2000	CH. 2	CH. 4	CH. 6	CH. 7	CH. 10	CH. 13
DB	22	26	17	20	35	30

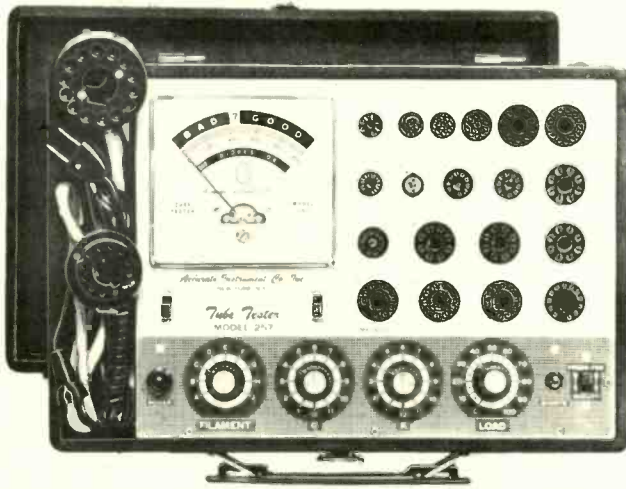


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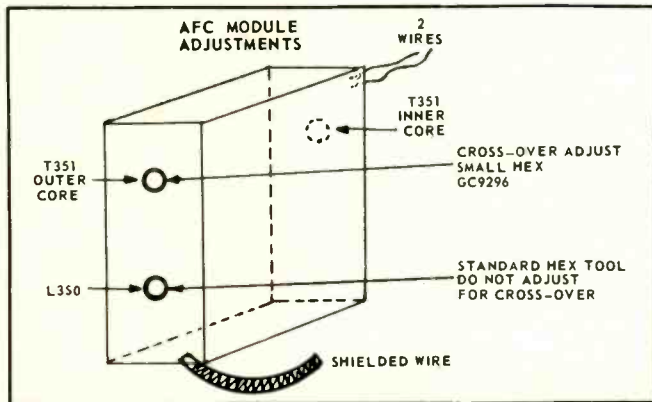
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GENERAL ELECTRIC

Color Chassis KE--Field Alignment of the AFC Module

A number of AFC modules have been received from the field in which coil L350 was misaligned, possibly because of mistaking this coil for the T351 cross-over adjustment.

We would like to re-emphasize that the T351 cross-over



tuning core requires the use of a special small hex alignment tool (General Cement Co. GC9296 or equivalent). In contrast, L350 requires the standard hex alignment tool which is carried by all technicians.

Since the standard hex tool fits only L350, it is our feeling that this may account for the misalignment.

Color TV Chassis KE--HV Arcing to CRT Shield or Neck

When encountering a complaint of HV arcing from the CRT aquadag coating to the tube shield or through the neck to the guns, the CRT should not be replaced, unless it is defective for other reasons.

Correction of problem: (1) Inspect the grounding springs at points where they contact the aquadag coating. Aquadag will probably be burned enough to destroy contact. (2) Bend or reform ground springs to contact a fresh spot on the aquadag coating and be sure a good contact is made. (3) Replace the 6LJ6 regulator tube since arcing in this tube is usually responsible for the burned spots on the aquadag.

Failures of B + power supply rectifiers may also cause the arcing problems, since heavy transients always result from HV arcing.

RCA VICTOR

Automatic Gain Control

Automatic gain control of a television receiver differs fundamentally from the AGC of an AM broadcast receiver because of the difference between video modulation and audio modulation. In an AM broadcast signal, tones lower than about 30Hz are not transmitted; consequently, any .3-second sample of RF carrier amplitude will be the same as any other .3-second sample. The AGC detector needs a time constant no greater than about 0.3 second to average the received signal and adjust the gain accordingly. The video which modulates a TV transmitter has much lower frequency components. For example, if an all-white pic-

ture is transmitted for 5 seconds, the frequency of the video is 0.1Hz. Simply increasing the time constant of the AGC (to perhaps 30 seconds) is not a solution, because unwanted variations in signal level may have shorter periods than the modulation video.

There is one part of the video signal which always produces the same level of transmitter output, namely the horizontal sync pulse. For this reason, the AGC system is made to be sensitive only to sync pulses, and completely insensitive to video information. If the amplitude of sync pulses from the second detector is made to be always the same, all the shades of gray which comprise a scene can be displayed correctly. This type of AGC system is called "keyed AGC," and is used almost universally in modern TV receivers.

Fig. 1 shows the basic keyed-AGC system. Under no-signal conditions, the control grid voltage is zero and the cath-

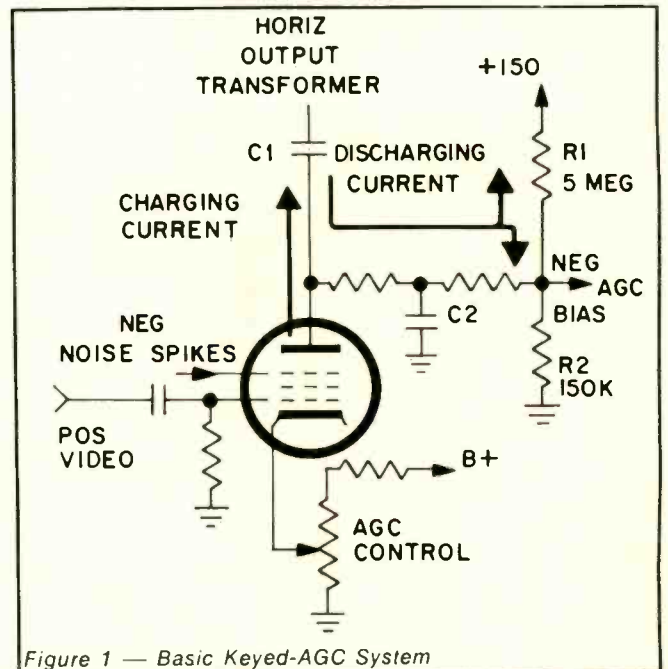


Figure 1 — Basic Keyed-AGC System

ode is biased positive enough to hold the tube near cutoff. The signal at the plate consists of a series of positive pulses from the horizontal-output transformer, but these have no particular effect, since the tube cannot conduct. The bias voltage under these conditions is determined by the voltage division between R1 and R2, and is about + 4.3v. This positive bias to the grids of the RF and IF amplifiers causes them to have maximum gain when no signal is present.

When the receiver is switched to an active channel, video from the receiving section appears at the AGC keyer. As the horizontal oscillator syncs to the incoming signal, each positive retrace pulse from the horizontal-output transformer appears at the plate of the AGC keyer at the same instant a horizontal- sync pulse appears at the control grid.

With both control grid and plate driven positive, the keyer tube conducts, charging capacitor C1. Between pulses, the charge on C1 leaks off through resistors R1 and R2, causing their junction to become negative with respect to ground. This voltage is filtered by capacitor C2 and fed to

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Why You'll Earn Top Pay

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This means that the available licensed expert can "write his own ticket" when it comes to earnings. Some work by the hour and usually charge at least \$5.00 per hour, \$7.50 on evenings and Sundays, plus travel expenses. Others charge each customer a monthly retainer fee, such as \$20 a month for a base station and \$7.50 for each mobile station. A survey showed that one man can easily

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How to Get Started

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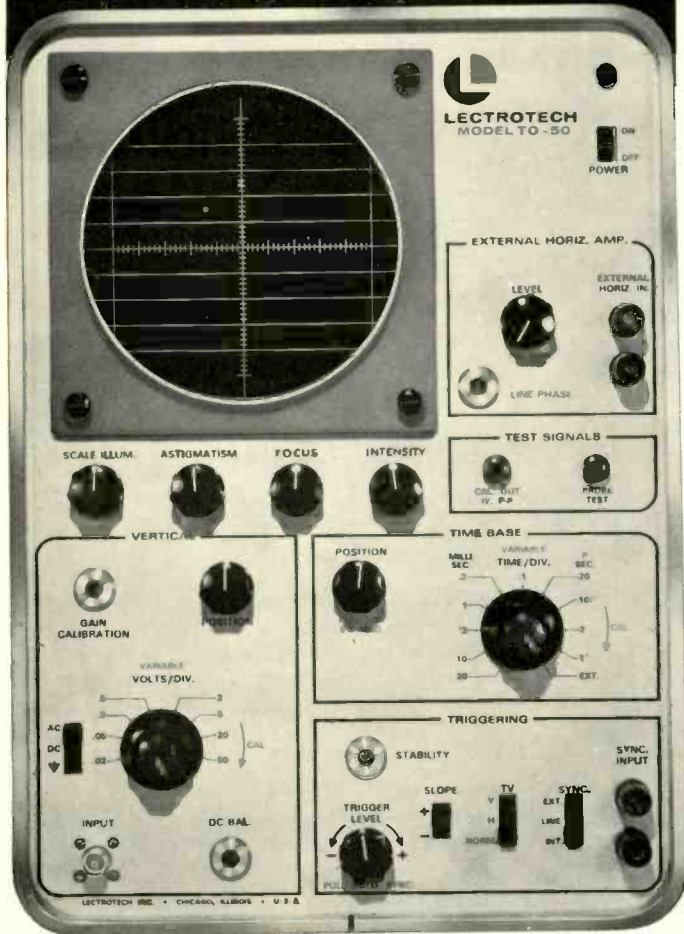


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the grids of the RF and IF amplifiers.

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If there were no noise-immunity provisions, a positive noise transient (spike) occurring simultaneously with a sync pulse would effectively increase the amplitude of pulse

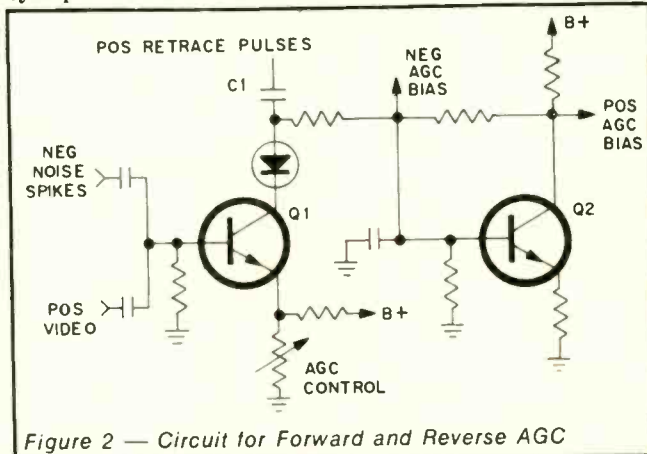


Figure 2 — Circuit for Forward and Reverse AGC

at the grid of the keyer and cause the AGC voltage to swing too far negative. To prevent this, the video signal is inverted and passed through a differentiator, a short-time-constant circuit which removes the sync pulses but passes noise spikes. These negative pulses are fed to the suppressor grid of the keyer tube, thereby reducing conduction. In

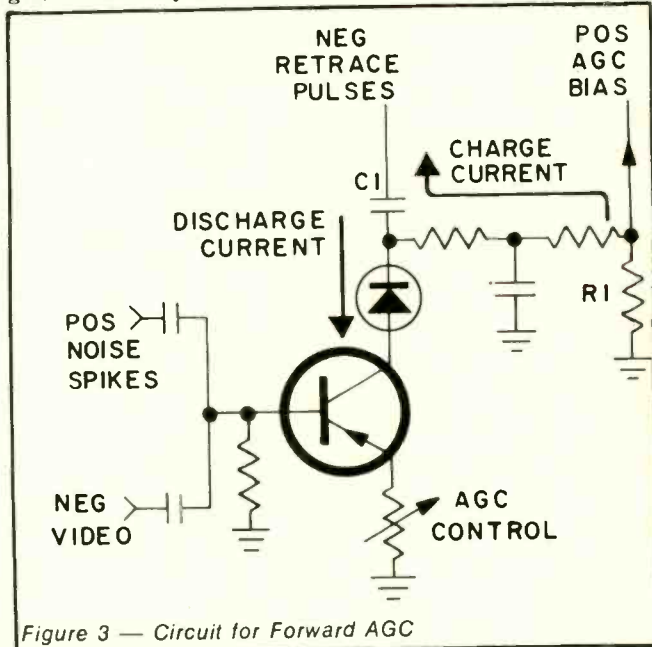


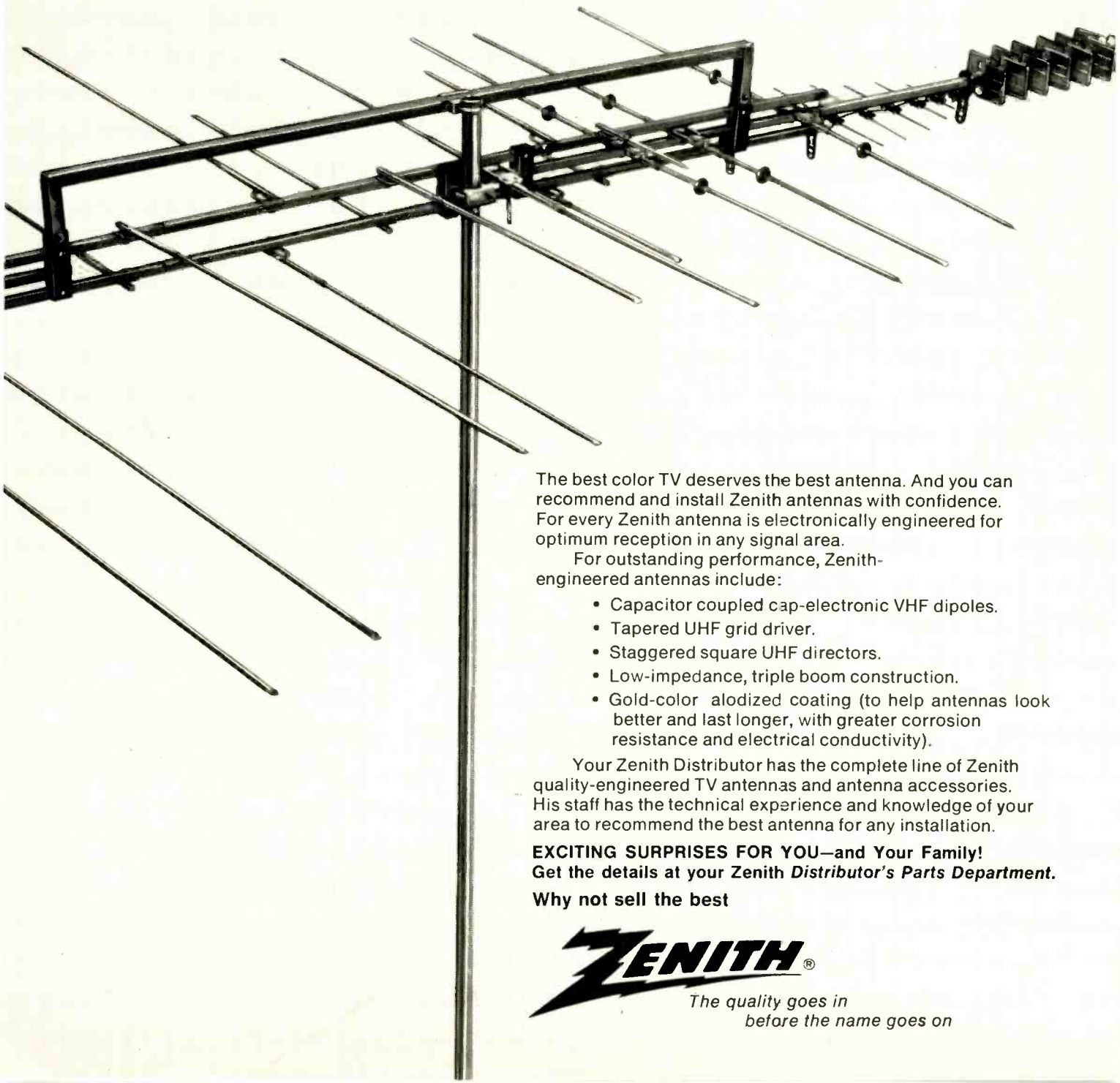
Figure 3 — Circuit for Forward AGC

effect, any unwanted noise pulse is fed to both the control grid and suppressor grid, but the polarities are opposite and they are canceled.

Another method of separating noise spikes from sync pulses is to apply the composite video to a circuit which is biased so that it requires a signal more positive than the sync pulse to bring it out of cutoff. Its action is similar to a sync separator, except that noise spikes, instead of sync

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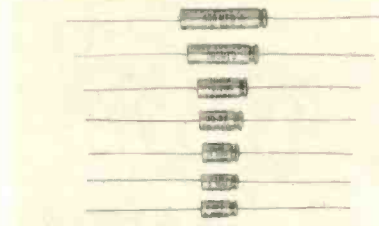
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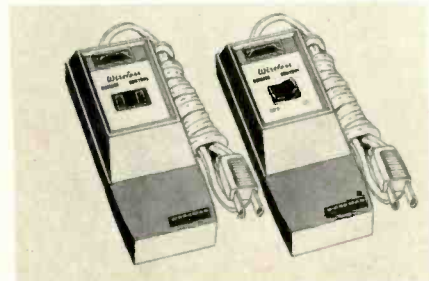
of capacitors is now added to other high temperature lines recently developed. The type HNLH capacitor reportedly offers temperature stability over its broad temperature range of 190C. These all-welded, polarized, etched foil constructed capacitors are stocked in voltage ratings from 3 to 150vdcw and reportedly operate between -80C and 110C without derating of the rated voltage. The all-aluminum construction provides minimum capacitor weight for airborne applications. It is recommended where requirements include compactness, light weight, moderate cost, a high order of electrical-mechanical dependability and high capacitance per unit volume. The seven-case sizes available provide higher voltages and more microfarads per cubic inch, according to the maker. Cornell-Dubilier.

REMOTE CONTROL

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Transistorized system consisting of transmitter and receiver

A wireless control switching system is introduced. Called "REMO," the transistorized system consists of



a transmitter and a receiver. It will operate the ON-OFF control of a television, stereo, tape recorder or any

other electrical appliance with a demand of up to 300w. Operation of the equipment is dependent on the transmission of an inaudible high frequency signal which, when sensed by the receiver unit, closes the circuit of the ac receptacle and provides current to the device being used. No installation is required. The TV or other appliance is plugged into the receiver and receiver is plugged into the ac outlet. The transmitter is then plugged into a convenient ac outlet as long as it is on the same transmission line. By just switching the transmitter control, the appliance can be operated on or off. Net price is \$14.95. Workman.

SERVICE AIDS

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Available for inspecting and determining cause of picture tube failure

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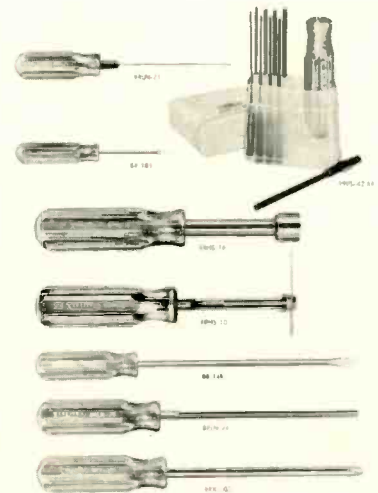
ator, the tester generates about 50kv at a frequency of 3MHz to 4MHz and the voltage is adjustable. The tester is available to dealers at \$10.95 and to distributors at a special rate. GE.

HAND TOOLS

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Rust and corrosion resistant

A variety of hand tools with tough, nonmagnetic, nonsparking, rust- and corrosion-resistant beryllium-copper blades and shafts is introduced. These



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to the DOWN 10 position. Here it will continuously drop line voltage by 10v, correcting over-voltage faults. It can also be set in an UP 10 position or an OFF position. The unit can then be used to correct low line voltage in color TV and also in many industrial

applications. The Model D-111 carries a manufacturer's suggested list price of \$12.40. It is a companion model to Perma-Power's other voltage regulators, the Model D-101 (similar, but rated at 300 watts only), the Model D-210 and D-200(400 and 300 watt automatic voltage regulators).

TRANSFORMER-BALUN 718

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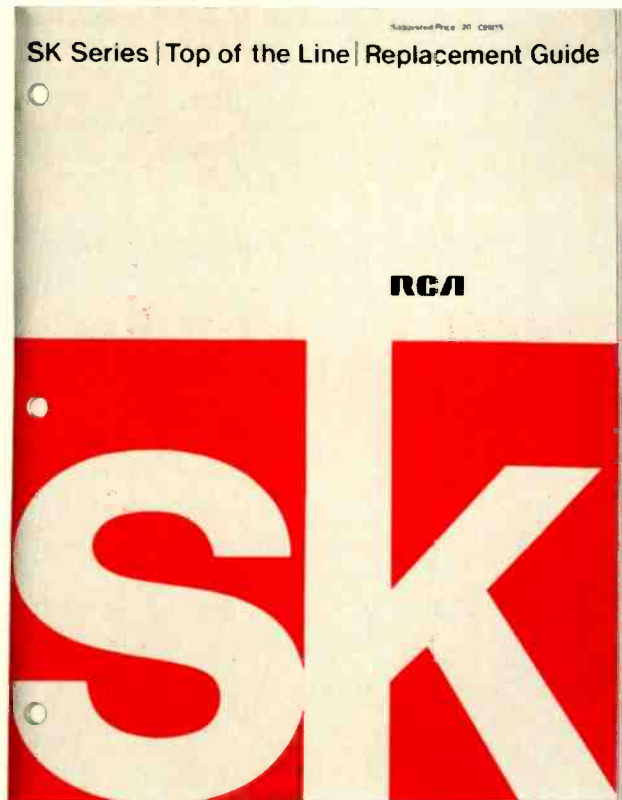
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Three tunable antennas featuring base loaded and rugged construction are announced for vehicular applications. Model SS-27, 27 to 33MHz; SS-34, 34-40MHz; SS-45, 40 to 50MHz. All three have taper ground stainless steel whips and reportedly can be tuned to exact frequency. The loading coil is finned to aid heat dissipation and is potted in epoxy for waterproofing and to prevent detuning in damp weather. The antennas come with their own integral mounts, 20 ft of RG58U cable and PL259 connec-



tors and are guaranteed for 1 year. The mounting components are heavy chromeplated brass with high impact ABS shell and are compatible with the "no-hole trunk lip" base. Specifications: VSWR--1.3:1; Nominal Impedance--50 Ω ; Power Handling--100 +. Price \$21.25. Avanti.

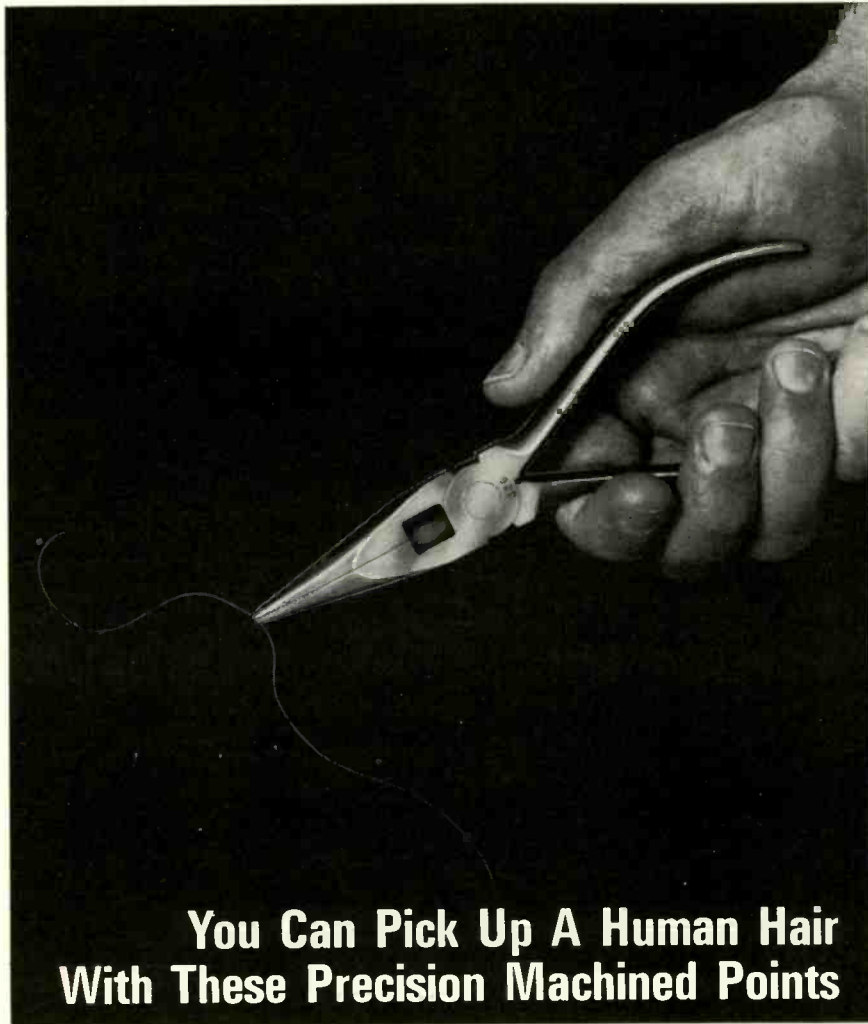
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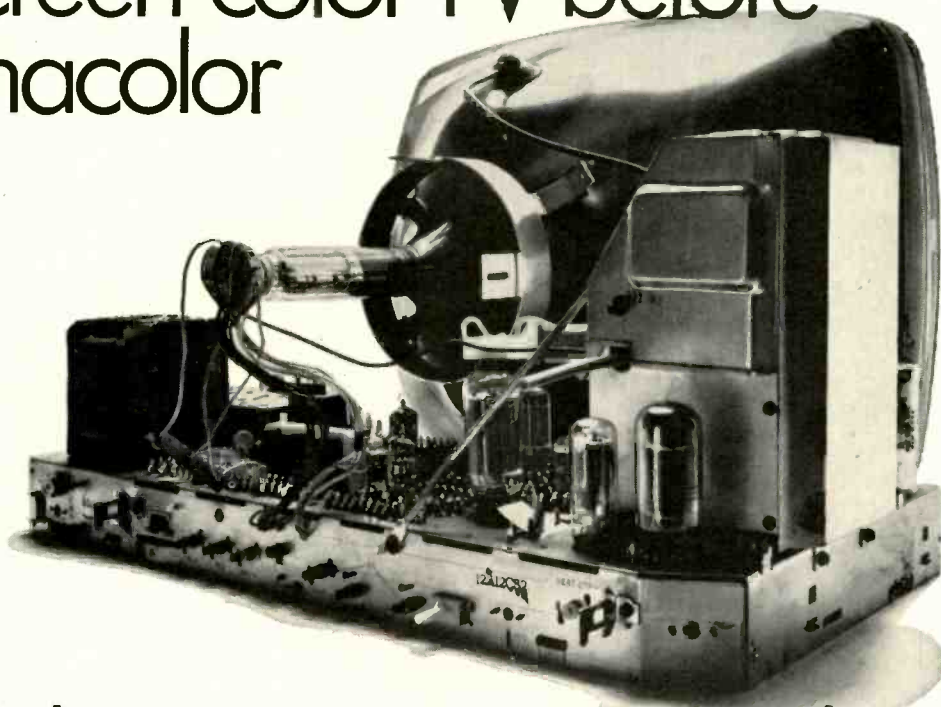
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Output voltage of the WP-703 is continuously adjustable from 0 to 20v at current levels up to 500ma. The output voltage of the WP-704 is adjustable up to 40v at current levels up to 250ma.

Compact, lightweight units have three convenient five-way output terminals (plus dc, minus dc and gnd). Attractively designed functional panels with easy-to-read meters, convenient panel switches and overload indicator lamps add to serviceability of the new power supply units.

Both models have an optional user price of \$58.50 in quantities of one to four.

EIA Projects Over-All 1969 Electronics Sales Rise at 3.1 Percent

With 1969 half over, U. S. factory sales of electronic products appear headed for a 3.1 percent rise over sales during 1968. The increase would bring total industry sales to \$24.9 billion, as compared to the \$24.2 billion posted in 1968.

This is the prediction made by Mark Shepherd, Jr., president of the Electronic Industries Assn.

Based on figures compiled by the EIA Marketing Services Dept., Shepherd said he expects federal government purchases of electronics and related services to stay at about the 1968 level of slightly more than \$12 billion; industrial electronic sales to rise about 6.8 percent to reach nearly \$7.2 billion; consumer electronics sales to increase 4.4 percent to more than \$4.8 billion; replacement component sales to increase 2.2 percent to about \$690 million; and total sales of electronic components to advance about 2 percent to about \$5.3 billion.

The anticipated "conservative sales gains," Shepherd said, "reflects a somewhat slower growth for the over-all U.S. economy."

Looking at the various categories, the electronics executive said spending for military electronic systems will level out during the year but that government spending can be expected to rise in such areas as education, health, transportation, safety and antipollution.

"The ghettos and other problems of our cities demand priority attention," Shepherd said, "and the electronics industry will plan an increasingly important role in the efforts to solve these problems not only by working with federal agencies but also with state and local governments."

In the industrial area, indications are that computing and data processing equipment sales will continue strong in 1969. Shepherd noted that electronic instrument makers are developing improved techniques, reliability and precision in a wide range of sensing, measuring and ana-

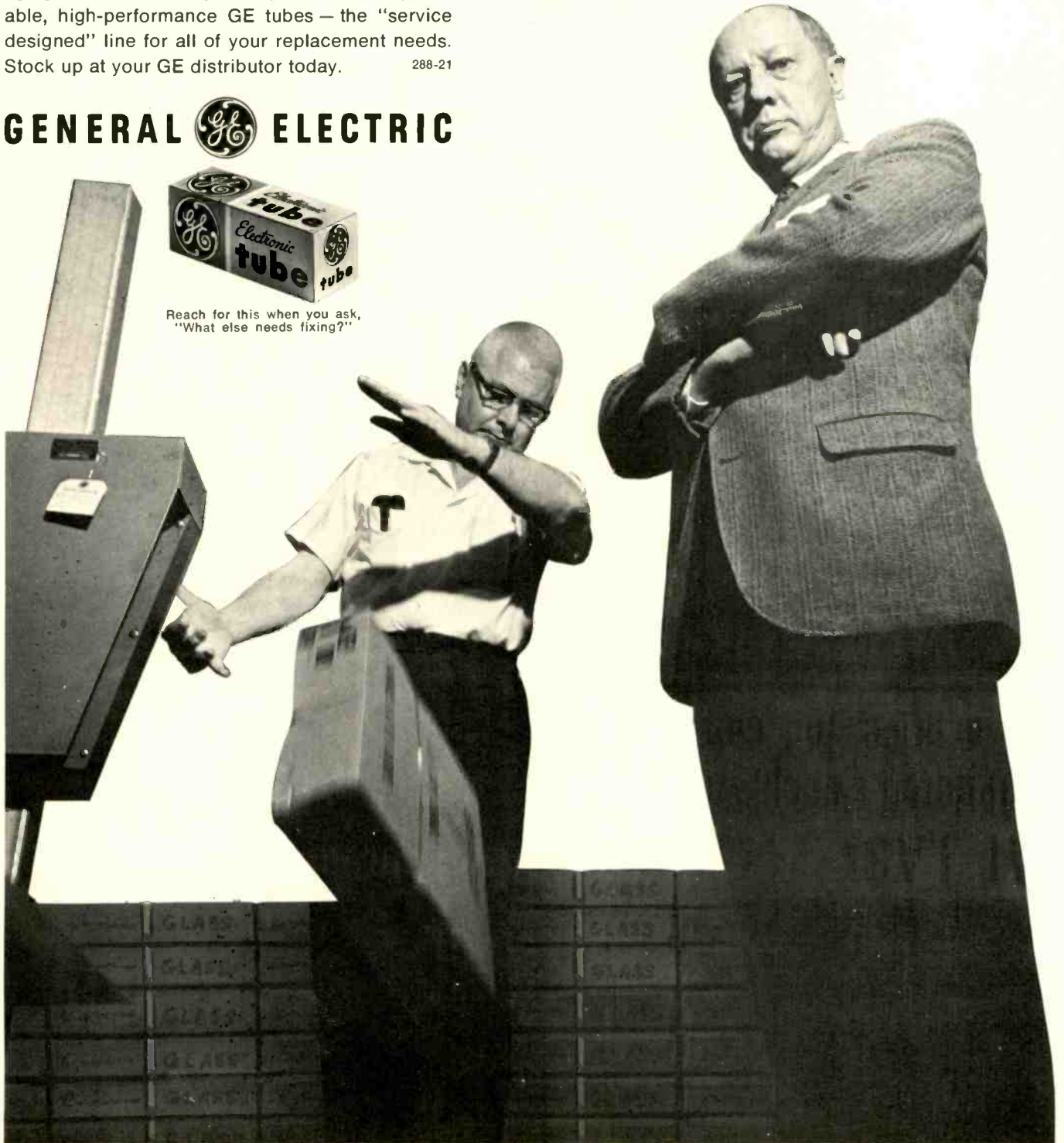
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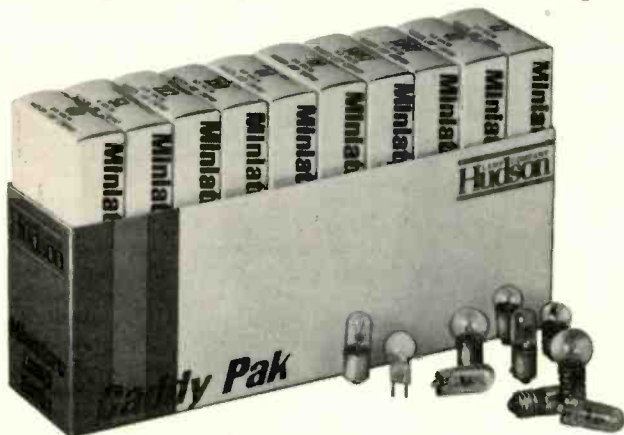


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lyzing activities. "Increased use of integrated circuits in many industrial products has enhanced their portability and permitted wider applications to the benefit of users," Shepherd said.

The total market for consumer electronics is expected to expand by more than 5 percent during 1969 when foreign-labeled imports sold in this country are added to U.S. factory sales, he pointed out. The most significant growth in this area, he indicated, will be in color television receivers and tape equipment.

While gains in component sales are expected to be relatively slight, Shepherd said some products in this category will show good growth. He included TV picture, power and special purpose tubes, integrated circuits, field effect silicon transistors, thyristors, rectifiers, zener and microwave diodes, diode assemblies and semiconductor chips.

On the subject of U.S. balance of trade, Shepherd noted that electronics still maintains a favorable balance with U.S. 1969 electronic exports expected to be about \$2.3 billion—a 10 percent increase over 1968—while imports of electronic products will be about \$1.7 billion—a 25 percent increase over 1968.

He projected the 1969 electronics trade balance at \$660 million—approximately 16 percent below the 1968 favorable balance of \$790 million.

NAB Urges FCC Adoption Of New AM Monitoring Rules

The National Assn. of Broadcasters has urged the Federal Communications Commission to adopt rules which would relax present requirements governing the inspection of directional antenna facilities.

In a recent filing, Douglas A. Anello, NAB general counsel, supported a commission proposal to amend its rules to provide for utilization of remote phase monitors and a relaxation of the two-hour directional antenna inspection rule.

Anello stated that: "The utilization of remotely read phase monitors will undoubtedly enhance the licensee's ability to monitor the operation of the directional antenna system and also provide a more comprehensive record of its performance than has previously been available."

Marquette Agrees To Sell Setchell Carlson TV Div.

Marquette Corp. reported it had agreed to the cash sale of its Setchell Carlson television manufacturing operation to Audiotronics Corp. of North Hollywood, Calif.

The announcement, made jointly by Richard I. Lange, president of Marquette, and Don E. Warner, president of Audiotronics, said the transaction has been approved by the directors of both firms.

The purchase price was not disclosed.

Audiotronics, a leading manufacturer of audio-teaching equipment for schools, had sales of about \$5.1 million in the year ended June 30, 1969. Setchell Carlson, manufacturer of closed-circuit television sets and systems and home TV sets, reported sales of \$5,363,000 in 1968 of which approximately \$2 million were of educational and closed-circuit TV equipment.

Henry B. Christian, Jr., present general manager of Setchell Carlson, will continue in the same position under the new ownership, Warner said.

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A catalog contains the complete test equipment line of vectorscopes, color-bar generators, oscilloscopes, picture tube analyzer, in-circuit transistor analyzer, transistor TV sweep circuit analyzer, CB analyzer and frequency meter, power supplies, lectrocell, metergard. Lectrotech.

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Semiconductors 402

A 67-page guide cross references 60 ECG solid-state devices to some 28,000 semiconductor devices currently used in entertainment equipment. The guide, ECG212B, has been updated to include devices added to the line, such as zener diodes, a high voltage video output transistor, plastic power transistors, and an NPN germanium power transistor in a T0-66 package. The semiconductors reduce the number of devices required for stock. Price 75 cents. Sylvania.

Recording Booklet 403

A 24-page booklet, designed to help improve sound quality of home tape recordings, is available. The illustrated booklet offers tips on properly selecting magnetic tapes, recording techniques and recording procedures in non-technical terms. It also defines various types of tape recorders and illustrates the proper techniques for editing and splicing magnetic tapes as well as maintenance tips for recorders. 3M.

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Descriptions of speed and gate performance are also given. Texas Instrument.

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A 24-page catalog of hand tools is available for industry, production and assembly line, maintenance, service or home workshop use. The catalog is reproduced in two colors with all product illustrations shown in "wood-cut-line" technique. Contents includes

sizes and styles of screwdrivers, nut-drivers, ratchet tools, pliers, wrenches, electrical testers, steel tapes, as well as snap rings, snap ring pliers and Pow'Rivets—the blind rivet that reportedly clamps up tight, even in over-size holes. Vaco.

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An eight-page catalog listing a line of machine aluminum anodized knobs is available. Types of knobs cataloged are: standard series, concentric, spinner, skirted and knurled models. Sizes available are 1/2, 3/4, 1 and 1 1/4in. These aluminum knobs are anodized in either natural, black or gold. Alco.

Consumer Electronics Annual 407

The Consumer Electronics Annual is available. It contains a year-by-year statistical review of products through 1968, including television, radios, phonographs and tape equipment. It also contains a profile and history of the industry, a chronology of events and a glossary of terms. Copies are available in quantity: 25 or more copies at 25 cents each, postpaid; 24 copies or less at 50 cents each, postpaid. EIA.

Switches 408

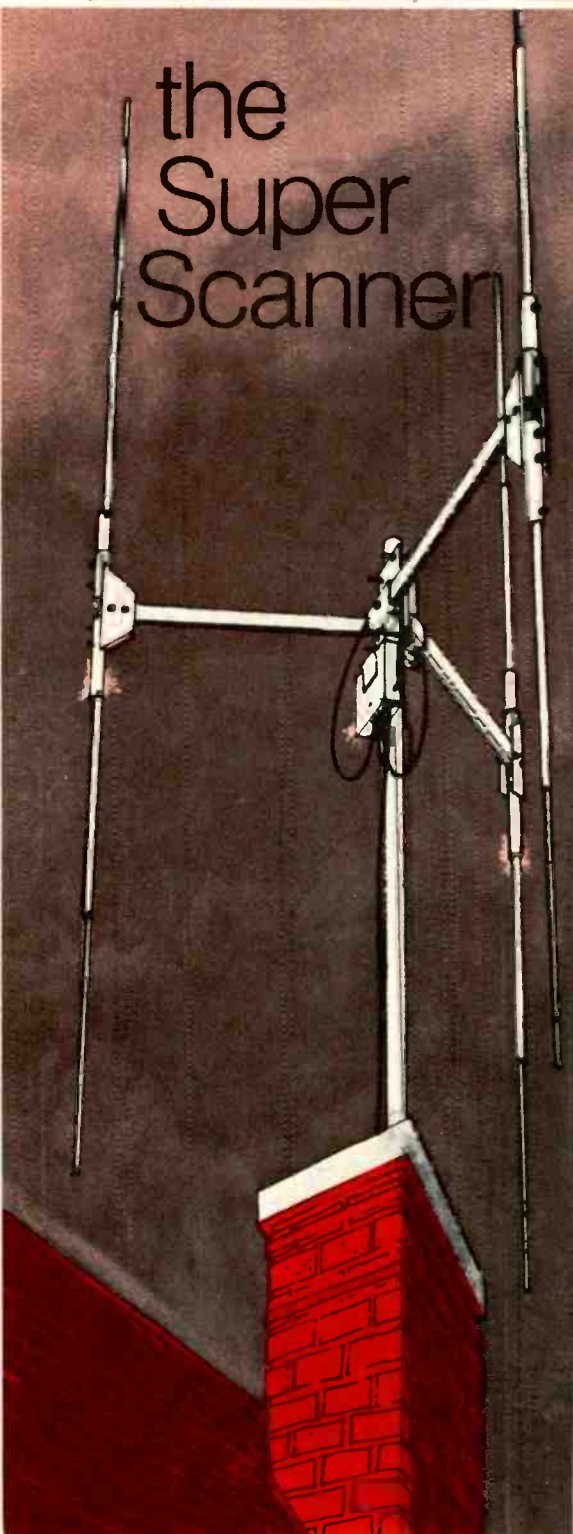
A 20-page Bulletin S-305 illustrates and describes the latest switch innovations. Included are: miniature rotary switches featuring printed circuit applications, tamperproof key lock versions, isolated positions and spring return styles; miniature push-button switches for printed circuit mounting, lighted push-button switches and bi-pin lamp sockets. Complete technical data and specifications are given on each item. Grayhill.

Wire and Cable 409

A 36-page catalog lists nine major wire product groups and related products. The company features aluminum-backed mylar tape wrap on a number of its products. The special shielding is needed by many high-gain electronic systems including data processing systems, telemetering equipment, TV cameras and receivers, microphones and other communications equipment. Garrett.

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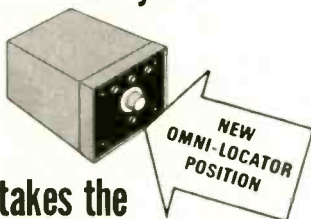
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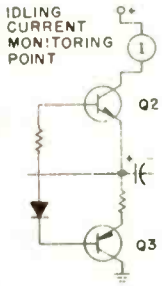
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ue. See the idling current chart for chassis numbers and their permissible values.

When idling current is too high, it is directly related to the bias network's diode voltage. A high voltage drop across the bias diode causes a high idling current. The diagram shows acceptable diode voltage drops for the R15, P53 and R19 chassis.

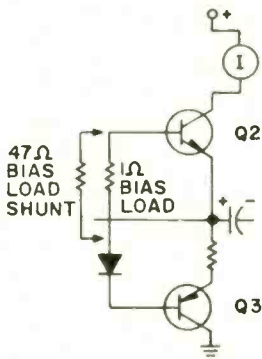
To monitor the idling current of the power output stages requires a current meter (Simpson 260 or equivalent) and a monitoring point that will not upset circuit parameters. The best place to check the idle current is in the Q2 collector to collector voltage supply circuit.

Carefully open the foil track from the collector to B+ and connect the current meter leads across the open foil. Switch on the power and monitor the current. Should the chassis current be greater than those listed on the idling current chart, correction in the bias network is needed.



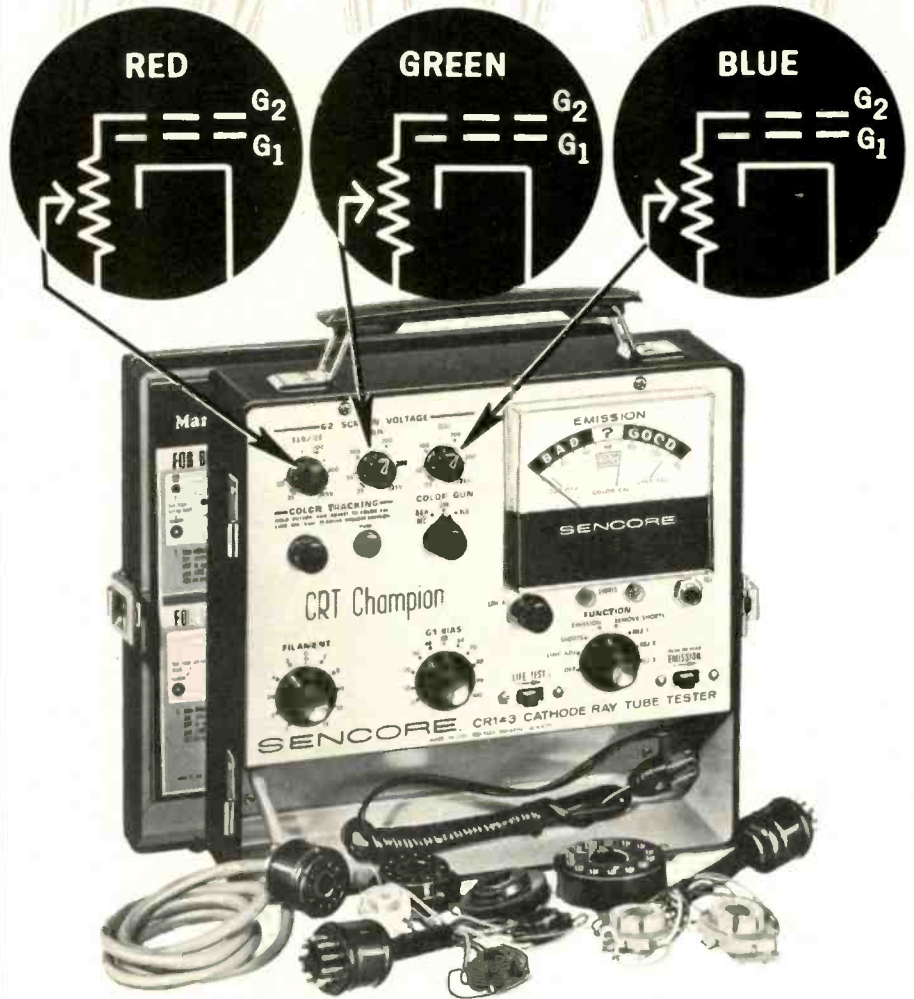
To correct for high idle current in the silicon quasi chassis, replace the original bias diode with a regular silicon power diode. Check the idle current again, should the current remain higher than normal, shunt the bias load resistor with a 47Ω resistor to bring the idle current into the min-nom-max parameter.

Reviewing the monitoring procedure by the numbers: (1) Open the foil track of Q2 from the collector to B+ . (2)



Place the Simpson 260 Current Meter across the open track. (3) Compare meter reading to idling current chart values. If high, replace bias diode with regular silicon power diode. (4) Recheck idle current. If further correction is needed, shunt the bias load resistor with 47Ω. The bias load resis-

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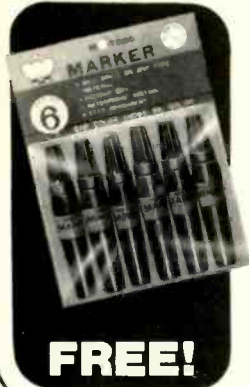
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tance change will normally bring the idling current into the min-nom-max parameter.

NOTE: Use number 1 and 2 of the monitoring procedure when checking out the idling current of germanium quasi amplifiers.

Germanium quasi amplifiers use a bias resistor and no diode in their bias network. Should idling current run in excess of the values in the idling current chart, a 47Ω shunt across the bias resistor will bring the idle current within the min-nom-max parameters as it did on the silicon quasi amplifier.

Germanium Quasi Chassis	MA Min	Idling Nom	Current Max.
R11	2	4	15
R16	2	4	15
R17	2	4	15
S36	2	4	15
U06	2	4	15
U07	2	4	15
P53	4	6	10
R15	4	6	10
R19	4	6	10

Silicon Quasi Chassis

P53	5	10	15
R15	5	10	15
R19	5	10	15

All measurements made at 120vac line.

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pulses, are the output. These spikes are fed to the AGC keyer.

In solid-state receivers, it is normal for the AGC bias to be made more positive as the signal tends to increase (forward bias). Fig. 2 and 3 show two methods of modifying the AGC keyer to accomplish this. In Fig. 2, an NPN transistor (Q1) is used as a keyer. The circuit works much like the tube circuit, except that noise pulses are canceled at the base of the transistor instead of being fed to separate elements of the amplifying device. Transistor Q2 is simply an inverter which changes a negative-going input into a positive-going output; gain is very low and may be less than unity. This circuit is useful if both forward and reverse AGC are used in the same receiver.

In Fig. 3, positive-going AGC is obtained by using a PNP transistor and reversing the polarities of all the inputs. In this circuit, capacitor C1 is discharged through the transistor during retrace time, and then it must charge through R1 during trace time. As in Fig. 2, the function of the diode is to prevent the AGC voltage from "leaking off" through the transistor.

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circuit, approximately 6v is applied to the collector of the control transistor. This 6v is provided by the zener regulated 10v source through a 36K resistor and a 56K voltage divider. In the UHF tuner oscillator circuit, approximately 6v is applied to the cathode of the varactor diode. This 6v is provided by the zener regulated 10v source through a 27K and a 68K voltage divider.

With the AFC switch in the OFF position, a fixed voltage of approximately 5v is applied to the base of the control transistor in the VHF tuner and to the anode of the varactor diode in the UHF tuner. This 5v is provided by the zener regulated 10v source through two 10K resistors in a voltage divider network.

With the AFC switch in the ON position, the AFC circuit should provide an equivalent 5v to the control devices as was provided with the AFC switch OFF. To provide this equivalent 5v, the AFC bias adjustment is set to develop 5v at the collector of the AFC amplifier transistor. This 5v is determined by the conduction of the AFC amplifier transistor. Conduction of the transistor is in turn determined by the voltage applied to its base. The voltage (1.3v) at the AFC bias adjustment is provided by the voltage divider between pins 8 and 5 of the IF amplifier and limiter integrated circuit.

The output of IC60 is coupled to a discriminator circuit. Any change in tuner oscillator frequency, causing a change in IF frequency, is detected as a dc voltage on the base of Q62, the AFC amplifier transistor. These base voltage variations affect the conduction of Q62, causing a change in the collector voltage. The collector voltage change is then applied to the control devices (Q901 or D952) in the tuner oscillator circuit to bring the circuit back on frequency.

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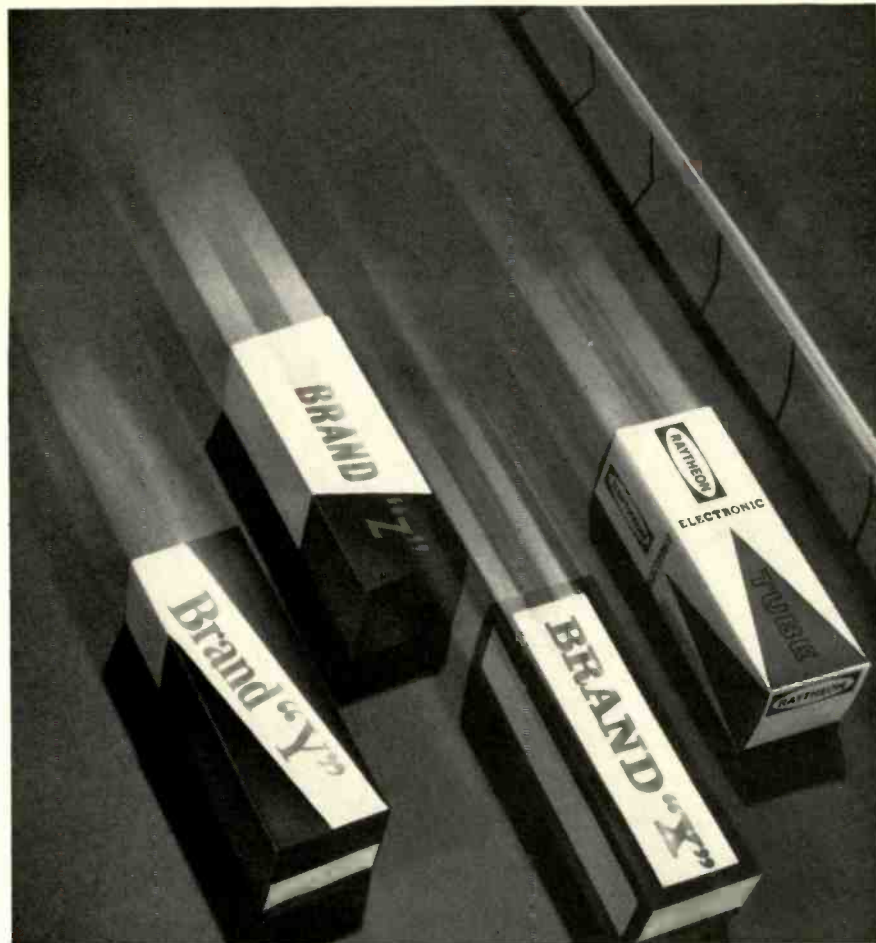
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without the need for conversion. In addition, the log scale gives an expanded range capability much greater than that achievable with a linear scale of comparable arc. A useful convenience item (available on some SSM models) is an automatic shutoff switch actuated by closing the meter cover.

In the circuitry area, adequate shielding of the IF and separate tuner sections is a must. Lack of shielding will tend to make the unit susceptible to internal signal interaction and pickup of external RF; either of these problems could result in a false set of signal readings.

VHF tuning should be accurate with sound and video carriers falling within their respective marks. The UHF tuning control should have indicated channel designations together with the accuracy required in this crowded 70 channel segment of the spectrum. A separate 360° UHF tuning control is helpful in this respect. Some units possess separate VHF and UHF 300 Ω inputs with shorter jacks provided in the critical UHF section to reduce the effects of stray capacitance. Properly compensated attenuators are also a must. Since different compensation is necessary to ensure the accuracy of VHF and UHF attenuators, most manufacturers of SSM units provide independent attenuation switches for each of the respective tuners.

Taking maximum advantage of your SSM requires that it be portable, light weight and include a shoulder strap to make life easier—particularly if you intend to do any ladder climbing for rooftop signal surveys. Many of the mentioned "desirables" can be checked at the time of purchase. A length of 300Ω twin-lead wire enables you to make some on-the-spot determinations of such things as channel accuracy, ease of reading and control simplicity. With cautious selection, and a familiarity with capabilities of your SSM, it can become one of your most useful, profitable and versatile TV test instruments. ■

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Pulse Modulating the Received Video: This type interference is often caused by spurious high frequencies generated by the flyback system entering the RF and IF stages of the receiver. Since the horizontal circuit does the generating interference, it will easily lock in a vertical black, white or wavy line on the TV raster. If the interference enters in the video circuit, no station is needed to see the lines. If entry is made in the IF or RF sections, a carrier of some sort is needed to carry the signal through to the video detector. ■

Repairing . . .

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also replaced and operation restored to normal.

DEAD RECEIVER POOR BALANCING

A dead receiver was checked for output voltage which proved to be zero. A resistance measurement of the silicon diode revealed a shorted condition and the diode was replaced—still no reception.

Checking the circuit a step further we found an open 330Ω 5W dropping resistor (Fig. 10). After replacing the dropping resistor the supply voltage returned to normal at 78v.

In another AM-FM chassis, the radio and phono section appeared dead. The same check showed no dc output voltage. A resistance reading was taken on each of the silicon diodes. One diode was open and the other a dead short (Fig. 11). Replacing both diodes restored operation.

The right channel in a Silver-tone chassis appeared weak.

The audio signal generator was used to check each AF stage for a loss of signal by feeding a low level output from the audio signal generator to the base and collector of each stage. This particular problem was traced to a defective $5\mu\text{f}$ electrolytic coupling capacitor (Fig. 12). ■



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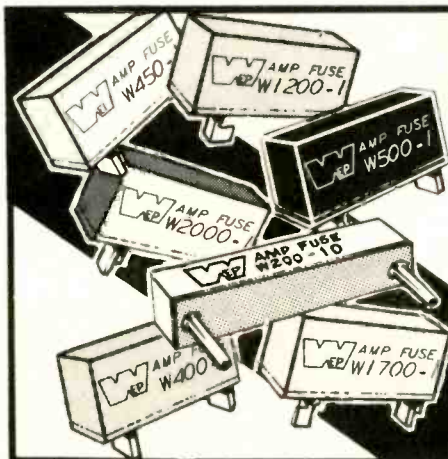
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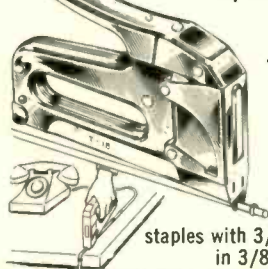
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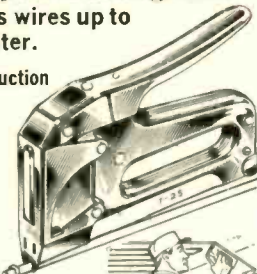
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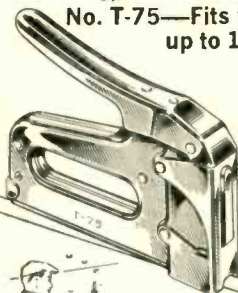
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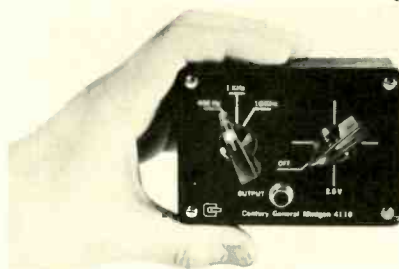
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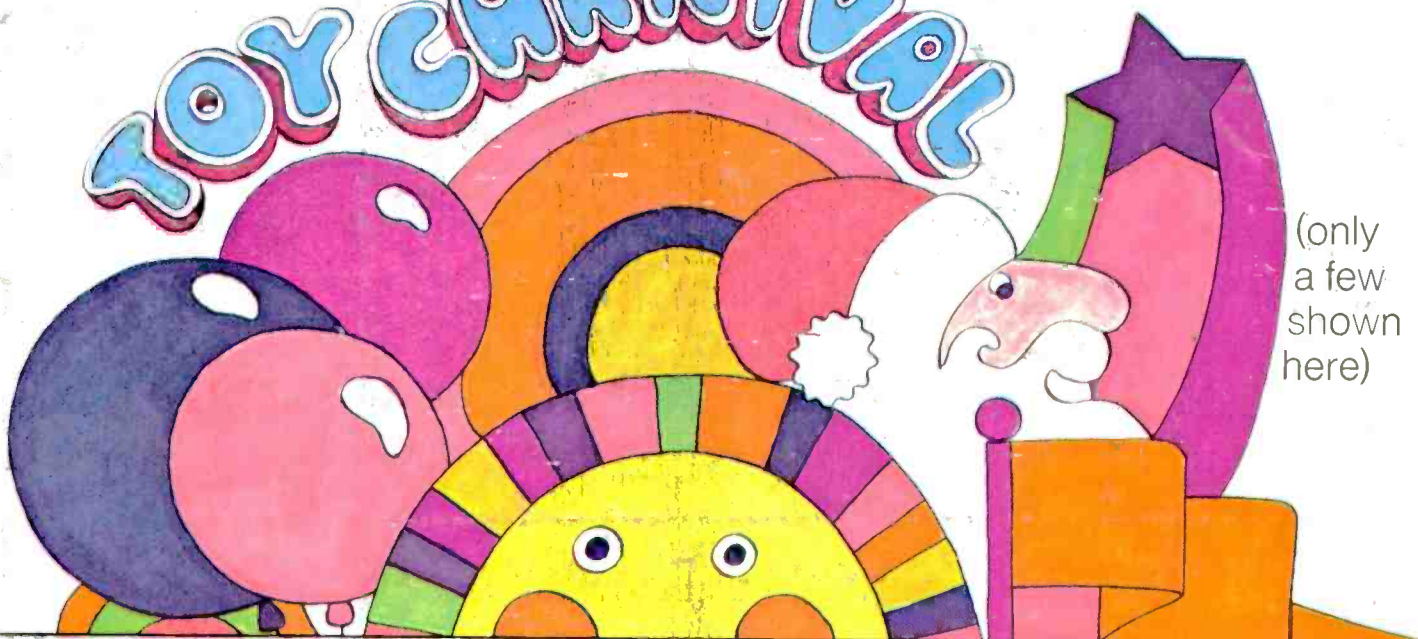
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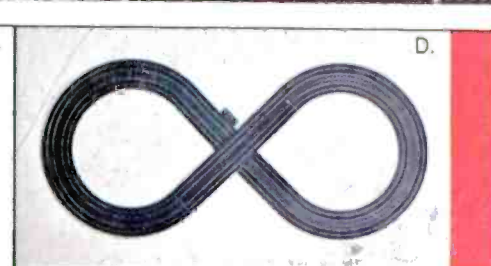
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