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## Help!

I am trying to locate Shell Electronic Mfg. Corp., Westbury, N.Y. I have a model 18 tube tester made by them and I need a tube chart. Can any reader help me?
W. H. Rothenbaum Vineland, N. J.

## Take Note

In reference to the first part of my article in the October 1964 issue, I would like to point out one minor error on page 58. The caption which goes with the picture of the pushbutton oscillator model 241A is not quite accurate. The model 241A oscillator is power line operated, it's not battery powered.

Arthur M. Walters Palo Alto, Calif.

What Does He Offer?
In answer to J. F. White's request, I have extra copies (in mint condition) of 101 and 103 Circuit Digests (Tekfax). What does he offer?
R. A. Buss

Burbank, Calif.

Needs Schematic
Where can I get a schematic for a Daco model 303 tube tester? It's made by Dayton Acme Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, apparently out of business.
J. Chanin Beulah, Mich.

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"Bargains" in home electronic service are as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth! Here's why-

The expert service technician, just like other professional people, must undergo years of study and apprenticeship to learn the fundamentals of his skill. And a minimum investment of from $\$ 3000$ to $\$ 6000$ per shop technician is required for the necessary equipment to test today's highly complex sets. Finally, through manufacturer's training courses and his own technical journals, he must keep up with
changes that are developing as fast as they ever did in medicine, law, or dentistry. Those best equipped to apply modern scientific methods are almost certain to be most economical for you and definitely more satisfactory in the long run.

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H EDITORS' MEMO

## Now's the Time

Most of us wait until January to make plans for the new year. And some of us never have the time to plan at all. Or rather, we never make time. But here's something you can't afford not to plan for: spring TV-radio and Hi Fi tune ups!

According to reliable information, the gas and oil stations in this country pick up a half-billion dollars every year by promoting spring auto tune ups. And TVradio service-dealers can do even better.

After March winds have added finishing touches to deteriorated antennas and feed lines, after long winter nights have pushed TV sets a little closer to the failure-brink, after radios and Hi Fis have taken their annual winter beating, you can begin a highly profitable fiscal year by planning your tune-up campaign right now.

First, clean up your shop window soon and put in some new sales aids that you can get from your distributor. Then sit down and work out a "Tune-Up" advertising plan that fits the size of your business and purse. It may mean direct mail - with a brief but definite mouth-watering offer to check and adjust the entire TV installation, Hi Fi and radios; or a series of local radio or TV station spots with an unusual offer to prospects and old customers alike; or just an inexpensive telephone campaign. Some salesmen in the $\$ 25,000-\mathrm{a}-$ year class, you know, do it by phone.

And before we forget, if you go in for direct mail, make the package distinctively you. It shouldn't look like anything else that comes in the mail. You can do this with color or distinctive-textured paper or envelopes.

And make sure you have plenty of antennas, masts, feedline, tape, tubes, replacement parts and some other things in stock before you start the campaign.

Now's the time to draft your plan. And if you do it well, you'll end up 1965 far ahead of where you left off 1964 - just a few days ago.


## JACKSON MODEL 648S DYNAMIC TUBE TESTER

Developed over 16 years ago to give the servicemen a tube tester that could be kept up to date without fear of it becoming obsolete in a few short months. A tube tester that was fast and easy to use, while being able to check all radio and TV type tubes. The results are a tube tester that is more profitable. There are over 30,000 servicemen to prove this.

## DON'T BE FOOLED BY INADEQUATE PICTURE TUBE TESTERS



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See These Testers At Your Franchised Distributor and Ask Him About a Trade-In Deal

## 'Service Engineered Electronic Test Equipment’

The Jackson Electrical Instrument Company Dayton, Ohio


Sales taxes on TV service in New York is a possibility. Mayor Robert Wagner's finance committee made the suggestion. It would have to be approved by the city council.

Portable microwave equipment is now being used to expand TV program coverage. Solid-state transmitters and receivers made by Microwave Associates were used by ABC/TV, with excellent results, during the Buick Open Golf Tournament. The solid-state transmitter was mounted in a mobile golf cart and covered the event over rough, hilly terrain with full television broadcast quality at all times, a report said.

The sho ' n tell phono-viewer, unveiled by General Electric, shows full color pictures in time to words and music. The unit combines a transistorized, fourspeed phonograph and a slidefilm viewer with 11 in .
screen. G-E will also produce and market programs, each consisting of an unbreakable vinyl, 7 -in., $331 / 3$ rpm record and a mounted show film strip. Played together on the phono viewer, they show and tell a complete story with full color pictures changing automatically in time to the sound.

Microprobes for production testing microcircuitry foreshadows the day when technicians will be troubleshooting TVs, radios and Hi Fi equipment composed of a series of miniature or microminiature integrated

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## - SYNC ON BUSINESS

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An all-wheel drive, Red carpet Series Scout, has been introduced by the International Harvester Company, marking the production of the 100,000 th such vehicle. The red carpet series Scout features an all red custom interior with red carpeting, padded door panels and dash. International dealers and branches will make the commemorative vehicle available in their local areas for special community events, parades and festivals.

The value engineering training program of Sylvania Electronic Systems has graduated its 1500th trainee.

Value engineering is an organized government-industry effort directed at analyzing the function of material to achieve its required function at the lowest cost.

CB and other mobile and base station antennas and accessories are listed in specification sheets available from Master Mobile Mounts, 4125 West Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90016.

Service literature covering all Sylvania radio, TV and Hi Fi sets is published by Sylvania. The information is bound in five volumes for 1949 to 1960 sets. Service literature for sets from 1961 to date are punched for binding in three-ring notebooks. The cost for the complete set including a current subscription is only $\$ 23.50$. A current subscription covering all releases including preliminary schematics and code changes for radio, TV and Hi Fi is available separately for $\$ 3$ a year.

A new school of technology, the Capitol Institute of Technology, has opened in Washington, D. C. It is a nonprofit, three-year school of technology. Students who graduate from CIT will receive the degree of the Associate in Applied Science.



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## - - SYNC ON BUSINESS

Color TV set sales will exceed 2 million units in 1965, says Jack Williams, RCA Sales Corp. He also believes that 15 million color receivers will be in use in the U.S. by the end of 1969.

A mobile communications catalog-completely re-vised-is now available from Antenna Specialists Co. Its 33 pages is filled with information about more than 40 new mobile antennas. The address is 12435 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

A programed course on transistor circuit troubleshooting, including application and testing, is being distributed by G-E. This is another step in the direction of keeping professional TV-radio and $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ technicians abreast of the rapidly changing technology in our industry. See your jobber.

A box of "Band-Aid" sheer strips is being given free by Permacel with each purchase of four rolls of their \#29 plastic electrical tape or \#295 all weather tape. The box of sheer strips is attached to a free reusable plastic parts box holding the four rolls of tape. At your distributor.

A CB contest for consumers, offering three different models, has been conducted by United Scientific Labs, a division of Vernitron Corp. Some of the 4,500

entries received in the contest are shown between the two U.S.L. executives. The three units offered as prizes are also shown.

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Does a manual rotator require a fifth wire?

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A fifth wire? Like we said: who needs it? You?


Compass, Model 9520


Automatic, Model 9524. The only rotator that can aim an an tenna within 1 degree of trans mitter location. Only 3 wires Foolproof Control console. No irritating gear click.


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## GENERAL ELECTRIC

TV Chassis TA, Video IF Strip-Circuit Description
The tuner IF output signal is coupled to the base of Q4, the 1st video IF amplifier, through L108, C111 and R110. L106, C107 and C108 form a series parallel 41.25 Mc tunable trap. L107, along with C109, forms a series tunable 47.25 Mc adjacent channel sound carrier trap. Any 47.25 Mc signal that might appear across L108 will have a lagging 90 deg shift and it will be cancelled at this point by a similar 47.25 Mc signal which is leading by 90 deg and coupled from the top end of L107 by R107. L108 and C111 along with the input capacity of Q4 form a series resonant circuit which is tuned to 45 Mc .


The signal that was fed into the base of Q4 is amplified by the transistor and appears across the primary winding of T105. Q4 is a silicon NPN transistor. The dc ground path for the emitter of Q4 is through R113 while the ac ground path is furnished by C116. The primary of T105 is tuned to 44.15 Mc and is loaded by R111, a $2700 \Omega$ resistor. The collector voltage is supplied from the +12 v supply through R122, R114 and through the tapped primary winding of T105. The neutralizing capacitor C113 couples a small amount of the output voltage that appears across the primary of T105, back to the base of Q4. The feedback voltage is of the opposite polarity in respect to the voltage at the collector of Q4.

The AGC voltage which is developed in the AGC circuitry controls the gain of the video amplifier by increasing the amount of forward bias voltage applied to the emitter-base junction of Q4 through R108.

The IF signal which is present across the primary winding of T105 is inductively coupled to the secondary of T105 and then through C121 and R118 to the base of Q5, the 2nd video IF amplifier. The signal is amplified by Q5 and appears across the primary winding of T106. The AGC voltage which controls the gain of Q5 is supplied to the base through R116.

The signal that appears across the primary of T106 is inductively coupled to the secondary of T106, then through C128 to the base of Q6, the 3rd video IF amplifier. The signal is amplified by the transistor and appears in the collector circuit across the primary of T107.

Q6, an NPN silicon transistor, has its emitter-base junction forward biased. The proper value of base voltage is developed through the voltage dividing action of R124 and R125. It should be noted that there is no

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Color Chassis 15M91, Run 6-Production Change
Sound panel capacitor C14 changed from 750 to 820 pf -part number 30-1293-35. Panel is identified by a red dot and is known as a run 2 panel. Reason: To improve sound IF performance and prevent IF oscillation.

## MAGNAVOX

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Some models using the 45 series chassis have an objectionable 60 cps hum in the sound. It has been found that this hum can be caused by a ground loop resulting from grounding the shields of the audio leads at the loudness control to the tuner and control mounting plate. This hum can be removed by cutting the jumper wire which connects from the low end of the loudness control to the ground lug on the mounting plate.

Production changes have been incorporated to improve the audio high frequency response in 45 series color chassis which utilize the AP92-01-00 external audio amplifier. Earlier production chassis may be modified in the field as follows: parallel R315-100K resistor with a 1500 pf capacitor, replace C26, 1000 pf, with a 3300 pf capacitor. On 45 series chassis with internal audio systems, replace C126, 1000 pf, with a 3300 pf capacitor.

In self-contained audio versions of the 45 series chassis, an occasional unit may have higher than normal minimum volume hum because of component stacking tolerances to the low side. To correct this condition, add a $100 \mu \mathrm{f} \mathrm{200v}$ electrolytic across C130B. This change has been made in production.

A small quantity of the initial production of the 3RT540K may have a noticeable audio buzz when the remote control audio step relay is in No. 3 or No. 4 position. To eliminate the buzz, install a $.01 \mu \mathrm{f} 1000 \mathrm{v}$ capacitor to ground from the ac connection on the terminal strip, located on the remote receiver. A blue ac lead from the TV chassis is connected to this terminal.

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## This ROARING CB Business

## by Jack Catterall

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- The Citizens Radio Service has mushroomed to the point where it has become a major activity of the Federal Communications Commission. Conservative estimates indicate that $2,000,000$ or more CB units are now in use. And this does not include the hundreds of thousands of low power, 100 milliwatt walkie-talkies that do not require licenses.

Taking a rough figure of $\$ 100$ per unit, with base station installation materials at $\$ 25$ and mobile antennas and accessories at $\$ 15$, it can be readily seen that more than $\$ 250,000,000$ has been invested in CB equipment. And this figure does not include cost of installation and repair.

The aforementioned figures are impressive. But they are extremely conservative. Industry leaders feel that the surface has only been scratched. CB license applications currently being filed with the FCC point to the inescapable conclusion that some 25,000 to 30,000 units are being sold monthly.

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## Who's Buying CB?

Who is buying CB equipment? Why are they investing money in equipment which has a limited range of some 10 to 15 miles under average, normal conditions? How are they using CB? To obtain answers to these questions I have traveled thousands of miles, talked to people in many walks of life, in countless types of businesses, and I have looked over hundreds of CB installations.

Before citizens radio, the average person had to study electronic theory, learn to send and receive Morse code, and pass an FCC examination before having the right to own and operate a two-way radio station.

Today, any U.S. citizen, eighteen years of age or older, may obtain a citizens radio license. No examinations or code tests are required. An individual can use CB equipment to keep in touch with his home while driving his car; a business man can maintain contact with his office or employees. A hunter or fisherman can maintain contact with others in his party and the age-old problem of being lost in the wilderness is becoming a thing of the past.

A random sampling of warranty cards returned by purchasers of CB equipment shows who is buying it. A list of one hundred classifications


Hand-held CB units are widely used in construction, municipal and public safefy areas.


Transistorized CB set is only about half the size of comparable tube types.


Hand-held units are also popular with hunters in deep woods.
of users is shown in Table I. Although the list is not complete, it illustrates diversified usage for this popular communications medium.

Citizens band equipment has been installed in fire look-outs in the Pacific Northwest forests for instant communications between fire wardens. Others are being used by law enforcement officers, veterinarians, etc. It is being used by hundreds of fishermen whose scope of activities do not economically justify installation of commercialtype marine radiotelephones.

CB was recently responsible for saving the lives of three persons off the New England coast. Their small craft struck a submerged object and immediately began to sink. The fact that they were able to contact a CB'er on shore who instantly notified the Coast Guard will never be erased from their memories.

The prompt reporting of a grass fire in tinder-dry woodlands by a CB'er this past summer saved precious time, which in the opinion of the local fire chief, saved hundreds of acres of vital woodlands.

## Growth Potential

Will the CB radio industry continue to grow? Nothing on the horizon today indicates that this truly remarkable new industry will not continue to grow at an unprecedented rate. But the growth to date cannot be attributed to a demand created by a concerted national ad-
vertising campaign directed at the American public.

As an experiment, complete strangers have been asked if they knew that they could now own and operate two-way radio stations. Less than one in twenty had ever heard of CB !

In another experiment, a day was spent in a Midwest farm supply store. The same questions were put to 14 customers who came into the store. Not one had heard of CB. Two customers purchased CB units on the spot. A third expressed great interest, felt he could use the equipment profitably on his farm, but wanted to "look around" before deciding on a particular brand.

Travelers are just beginning to learn that they can call ahead for hotel or motel reservations while still miles away from overnight stops, and be guided directly to their destination through unfamiliar territory.

Farmers and ranchers, miles from the nearest telephone are learning that they are no longer isolated. In any emergency, and for routine communications purposes, CB is proving to be invaluable. CB is even being used by undertakers for contact between vehicles in heavy urban traffic.

The benefits and peace of mind which CB affords the motorist cannot be over-emphasized. Its contribution to highway safety is inestimable. A stranded driver with an
immobilized car on a turnpike or lonely country lane in any kind of weather can invariably contact a CB'er who will get help dispatched in a hurry. Growth prospects in this area alone are fantastic.

## Some Industry Problems

Like other areas that suffer from growing pains, the CB industry has some problems. Customer satisfaction is one problem. And this must be corrected if the CB industry is to continue its fantastic momentum. An analysis of complaints produced some interesting facts.

First, citizens band equipment is being sold in many instances by people completely unfamiliar with the equipment or its capabilities to customers who know even less about CB. And, of course, some "fast buck" operators have sold equipment to hobbyists who believed they could use the equipment like "ham" radio equipment. This is not a blanket indictment of normal distribution channels for $C B$ equipment. Many of these channels are conducting exceptionally fine merchandising programs.

Second, a great many CB units are over-sold. Promises of performance and impossible-to-achieve range are being made, sometimes intentionally, often not.

Third, and possibly most important of all, altogether too many well-designed and manufactured CB units now in use are being


Low-cost CB communications unit used in office for local fleet dispatching.


This state-financed CB station at Laconia, New Hampshire, won a national boat safefy award.
operated at levels far below capabilities. This is not characteristic of any one name brand or model, but is fairly general in scope. During one recent field trip, the transmitter power output was checked on 64 operating CB units. Twenty-seven were operating at less than normal efficiency. Measured power outputs on all units varied from a high of 3.8 w to a low of less than 1 w . With the exception of three units
that had internal electrical problems, all were adjusted easily to provide normal 3 to 3.5 w output. Inefficient mobile and base station antenna installations contribute largely to customer dissatisfaction. This problem exists primarily because a large number of antenna installations are made by the CB'er, without benefit of prior experience with electronic equipment - particularly two-way radio.

TABLE 1

## WHO BUYS CB EQUIPMENT?

Aerial Photographers
Aerial Spraying Service
Ambulance Services
Appliance Servicemen
Asphalt Paving Companies
Asphalt Refiners
Automobile Dealers
Auto Parts Dealers
Auxiliary Policemen
Boat Pilots
Boat Yards
Body Shops
Boy Scout Camps
Building Contractors
Bulldozer Operators
Cafe Owners
Cemetery Sextons
Civil Defense Workers
Civil Engineers
Coal and Oil Dealers
Concrete Delivery Trucks
Construction Companies
Crop Dusfers
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Dry Cleners
Electricians
Farm Equipment Dealers
Farmers
Feed Mill Operators
Fishermen
Forest Firefighters

| Fuel and Gas Deliverymen | Refrigeration Repairmen <br> Game Protectors |
| :--- | :--- |
| Refuse Disposal Operators |  |

Some base station installations had the antenna instead of the mast grounded for lightning protection. Others had guy wires connected to the antenna elements. Some installations used ordinary insulated wire instead of coax cable between the radio and the antenna. Mobile installations varied from broadcast whips to "plumber's delights." In a great many instances, lack of engine noise suppression limited the range of the equipment.

Too many "good" mobile installations failed to operate well even though correct antennas and cables were used. Reasons for poor performance varied from 1.) shorted or open coax cables and 2.) poor or improper grounding of the antenna base because of insulation, sound deadening material, paint or rust between the antenna mounting base and the vehicle's fender or roof. Frayed, chafed and pinched coax cables were responsible for some poor performance complaints.

One very vocal complainant ininsisted his CB radio was "too strong." A competitor ten miles away (also in the automobile towing business), was beating him in some instances to the scene of an accident after hearing him dispatch the wrecker. Installation of a beam antenna and a reduction of transmitter power made the customer very happy.

These examples are not intended to present a gloomy, pessimistic view of $C B$ as it now exists. It should be pointed out that the majority of CB users were perfectly happy with their equipment and its performance. In cases where the equipment was made to perform better, they were even more happy.

The market for CB is expanding. Satisfied users will still be largely instrumental in the adoption of $\mathbf{C B}$ by their friends. But the largest single contribution that can be made to the solution of present day CB problems can come from thoroughly experienced and interested groups of CB service-dealers who are ready, willing and able to assist their customers when they call for help. And CB offers you another golden sales and service opportunity

Silicon transistor circuitry and module structures open way for new and more profitable repair techniques


# Trends in CB Servicing 

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The normally difficult problems of servicing transistor circuitry become even more complicated in transistorized citizens band equipment. This is true primarily because of higher frequencies involved. And millivolt RF voltmeters and high frequency low level scopes, for example, are expensive and difficult to justify except by the largest service organizations.
But the trend toward silicon transistor circuitry in citizens band equipment - plus the transistor module approach - has opened the way for better equipment performance, greater reliability and simplified servicing techniques.
To provide reliable infield local servicing, the only reasonable approach is to give CB service dealers a method of quickly and reliably servicing equipment at a reasonable cost to the user. "Instant service" procedures, with a module exchange program, is proving to be very well accepted by the user and very profitable for CB service dealers across the country.

## Switch to Silicon Transistors

To understand the trend toward more rapid and profitable servicing techniques in CB equipment, it is necessary to understand why a swing is now taking place away from germanium and toward silicon transistors.
Silicon devices are rapidly replacing germanium for a number
of reasons. For instance, silicon transistors overcome the most serious problem of germanium: temperature instability. Although some germanium devices can operate with a junction temperature up to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, silicon can easily operate up to double that.

An even more important advantage is that circuit stabilization techniques are highly simplified because silicon devices have such low collector leakage current (Ico), or more correctly, Icbo, the collector cutoff current. This measurement is made between collector and base - with the emitter open. How this measurement is made for an NPN transistor is shown in Fig. 1. The collector supply voltage Vc is about one-half the breakdown voltage of the unit under test. And the value of Iсbo may increase from $0.5 \mu \mathrm{a}$ at room temperatures to $15 \mu \mathrm{a}$ at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}(212 \mathrm{~F})$ for a typical small-signal silicon transistor. Under similar conditions, the best germanium device will increase from $6 \mu \mathrm{a}$ to 200 or $300 \mu \mathrm{a}$. This would obviously upset the operation of an amplifier runing at $500 \mu$ a or even 1 ma of collector current.

This situation is even more aggravated in audio power applications. The maximum Ісво for a typical silicon power unit would be 5 ma at $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, while at only $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the same size device in germanium, would have an Icbo value of about 30 ma . At high ambient
temperatures and "no-signal" conditions, the Icbo is converted to heat which in turn increases the Icbo until the transistor goes into a "run-away" condition. This problem is taken care of in germanium by using thermistors and massive heat sinks. The problem does not develop with silicon devices.

It becomes obvious that the increase in Icbo with temperature is so small with silicon, that the normal operating current, being much greater, is completely unaffected by temperature. Most epitaxial silicon transistors have room temperature leakage measured in micromicroamps (pa).

Servicing techniques with silicon are similar to those used with germanium semiconductors. But silicon devices are much more rugged and forgiving of hot soldering irons. Although usual precautionary servicing measures are recommended, an occasional careless move will not generally result in the destruction of a silicon transistor.

## General Considerations

When making circuit measurements with a high impedance voltmeter, the first difference between silicon and germanium is that baseemitter "difference voltage" will be between 0.5 and 0.6 v . It is usual for this voltage to be 0.1 to 0.2 v with germanium devices. The polarity of the usual silicon NPN device will be the reverse of the nor-
mal PNP germanium - the collector will be positive. Of course, PNP silicon (collector negative) are made, but they are not so widely used.

After some experience, technicians will soon realize that few problems arise because of defective silicon transistors. Loss of receiver RF caused by static and transients will be nonexistent with silicons. When a transistor is suspected, and no suitable transistor tester is available, a fairly reliable check can be made by using an ohmmeter. These steps are shown in Fig. 2. The negative lead of most VOMs will bear a positive potential in the $\Omega$ position but if doubt arises, connect the leads to another voltmeter or ohmmeter. The ohmic values will be high for small signal devices and lower for power devices.

A high impedance voltmeter may be necessary to obtain live-circuit measurement accuracy since bias circuits may be less "stiff" than those commonly used in germanium circuitry. The simple constant current or "series" bias shown in Fig. 3 may be encountered quite often with silicon devices. This bias scheme is rarely used with germanium because of disastrous temperature effects. Usually, Rb will be large as shown in a typical stage (Fig. 3). To accurately measure the 2.6 v at the base, a meter with an input impedance of 1 M $\Omega / v$ or greater should be used.

To perform a complete check on a high performance CB two-way radio would require equipment comparable to that shown in Fig. 4. The de coupled scope shown is fitted with a linear detector to measure recovered audio and modulation percentage. A microvolt signal generator is used in conjunction with a voltmeter/distortion
analyzer to measure receiver sensitivity. To accurately check frequency, a counter or frequency meter is necessary. A 10 Mc counter with a 100 Mc converter is shown here. With only a signal generator and some form of output indication, a thorough service job becomes difficult.

Signal tracing is rather impractical in the RF circuits. A simple and practical technique is to inject a signal beginning at the output


Fig. 5-Modular-constructed silicon transistor CB radio in froubleshooting position with service meter connected to set and microphone plugged into meter.
stage and working toward the front end. Many service charts list the signal levels that should be injected to produce a given output. But many times a unit will perform at levels far below those shown or an amplifier stage may have marginal gain resulting in the technician devoting much effort to increasing it only to find performance is still unsatisfactory. And though output may be proper for a given signal condition on the bench, a customer complaint may still result. This can be caused by distortion, cross modu-
lation, or sometimes, a momentary oscillation can occur when noise pulses pass through an IF strip. A faulty component in the dc input circuit may result in excessive noise in a mobile installation but will never show up on the bench. Hidden defects of this nature can result in annoying call backs, and the only recourse is an exchange of the entire equipment.

## The Logical Approach

To minimize troubleshooting difficulties, most industrial/business two-way radios are manufactured with test points utilizing a $50 \mu \mathrm{a}$ meter movement. This provides technicians with a method of quickly localizing troubles by using standard troubleshooting charts prepared by the manufacturer. By bringing the test points to a socket in the radio, it is only a matter of minutes to perform service checks since the set does not have to be opened up.

Because of competitive cost, however, most $C B$ radio manufacturers have eliminated this service convenience. But the trend toward more rapid and profitable servicing persists.

A typical inoperative silicon transistor $C B$ transceiver, for example, can be placed back in operation easily by using a service meter that plugs into the front of the radio for testing, as shown in Fig. 5. The radio remains completely functional when the service meter is connected. It can be checked in its own installation by unplugging the microphone and inserting the service meter plug. The microphone is then plugged into the service meter.

Individual circuit modules in the radio can be given a functional test while in actual operation. And only

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## Volume

## Limiting

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## You can troubleshoot and repair clipper

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## Part I

Two-way radio communications systems use volume limiting and speech processing for maximum intelligibility, efficiency of equipment and spectrum space, and minimum interference. Since speech only communications are desired, the main criterion is that the listener understand the talker. Anything else is superfluous. Even distortion is permitted, if it doesn't affect intelligibility (and doesn't cause RF interference).

## Intelligible Speech

In speech, most of the consonants - especially lip sounds ( $p$, $b, v, f$, etc.) - are from 20 to 30 db weaker in intensity than vowel sounds. A graph of speech power content, shows this (Fig. 1). Consonants, however, are the major contributors toward connectedspeech intelligibility. When a signal is barely above the noise level and individually - articulated, strong vowel sounds can just be recognized, connected - speech or discrete - sentence intelligibility is poor, because the weaker lip sounds - the really important sounds - are lost in background noise. The simple remedy is to turn up the transmitter audio gain until consonant sounds cause heavy modulation. Then, however, loud vowel sounds will overmodulate and cause severe distortion.

Although vowel sounds contain much power, they contribute little to articulation. Therefore, it's possible to change or distort the waveshape of vowel sounds (voice peaks) without decreasing intelligibility. But there is no need to do this by overmodulation and incidental clipping, which generates distortion and sideband splatter (in standard AM). The system to use clips the peaks in the audio system so that high-order harmonics so generated can be filtered out before they reach the modulator. Actually, such a system obtains more talk-power than would be possible by simple overmodulation and consequent clipping.

## Clipping

The speech clipper is an instantaneous device. It is inoperative until the audio reaches a predetermined level; it then chops off everything above that level. As soon as the signal drops below this limit the clipper ceases to operate. Although it introduces a considerable amount of distortion, this distortion is introduced at a point ahead of modulation, where the objectionable harmonics can be controlled and not allowed to appear in the RF output.

This action is shown in Fig. 2 - an instantaneous voltage-amplitude limiter. As V1's cathode
swings positive, the tube conducts until cathode and plate potentials are equal. Current flow through the combined load resistor, R4, couples the signal into V2, where it appears across R2 and the output. During the input signal's positive peak,


Fig. 1-Graph of speech power content.


Fig. 2-Basic speech clipper.
when V1's cathode is positive with respect to its plate, no current flows through V1, and no signal is coupled to V2 or to the output. During the negative half-cycle, increased current flow through R4 causes a voltage drop equaling the applied plate voltage; since V2's plate is no longer positive with respect to its caihode, conduction through V2 ceases and the negative peak does not appear in the output. Hence positive and negative peaks are clipped at a level established by R3.

In standard AM, with average modulation of 30 percent, the sideband power is down about 10 db from the 100 percent level. If voice peaks are clipped 10 db and an 'io gain increased the same, lower-level voice components are better utilized and average modulation nears 100 percent.

Tests have been made to determine how much clipping destroys intelligibility. Peak clipping of 6 db is barely notice. ${ }^{\text {ble, }} 12 \mathrm{db}$ is not objectionable, and clipping of 24 db can be tolerated. Around 20 db the speech sounds unnatural, but it can be understood. Phrase and
sentence context aids understanding, too. Hence, speech clipping has the following advantages: Power in consonant sounds (low-level components) is increased; intelligibility is increased in the presence of noise; and the carrier is utilized to the maximum.

## Filtering

When speech energy is compared to frequency two things are found: The lower-frequency vowels contain more energy than higher-frequency consonant sounds, yet contribute very little to intelligibility; sounds whose frequencies are above the intelligibility range improve fidelity but at the expense of broad sidebands. Thus, neither lows nor highs are required for the transmission of speech intelligence.

And there's another point to be considered; since peak clipping introduces harmonic distortion, these harmonics must be removed or *hey will cause interference when adiated. Since audio above about 3000 cps isn't required for articulate speech, a simple low-pass filter will do the trick. Although distortion in speech-band frequencies



Fig. 3-Typical dipper-filter circuit. Courtesy: E. F. Johnson
isn't removed, the harmonics are, thus preventing sideband splatter. What incidental distortion remains doesn't affect intelligibilty.

Much modulated power is still wasted on the low frequencies, however, which can be eliminated by a low-pass filter. With frequencies below 300 cps removed, the remaining middle range can be caused to modulate the transmitter more heavily, giving an increase in the talk-to-noise ratio at the receiver. In practice, the lows are removed by using small values of coupling capacitors in the speech amplifier, while the highs are usually taken out by a pi-section audio filter.

## Typical Clipper-Filter

The clipper-filter circuit shown in Fig. 3 is typical and has become a standard circuit. The microphone preamp feeds R 28 , the audio control, which sets the gain of the speech amplifier and hence the degree of modulation. Following V12B, audio passes through V13, the clipper tube, where peaks are set by R34, the clipping control. Note that R34, when properly adjusted, limits modulati 1 peaks regardless of the signal ievel in the preceding stage. Clipped audio is fed through a filter consisting of L45, C94, and C95, which, in combination with the interstage coupling capacitors, limits bandpass to $250-3000 \mathrm{cps}$. Clitped and filtered audio is then fed to V14 and s! sequently to the modulators. 1 ie "st" ? produces up to 20 db of . .ipp.ug.

Although this precise circuit is used in a popular amateur AM transmitter, a similar clipper-filter is used in a well-known VHF/AM transceiver in aeronautical service, which permits average modulation of at least 70 percent but not exceeding 100 percent. Audio bandpass is $300-3000 \mathrm{cps}$. In this class of service such clipping is required by FCC for all transmitters with output of 10 w or higher.

The system is also used on a few well-designed Class D Citizens Band transceivers. Up to 23 db of clipping is available and audio bandpass is $300-3000 \mathrm{cps}$ - a welcome improvement over some CB circuits.


- Most two-way radios in certain services use narrow-band FM (NBFM) almost exclusively. And shops that maintain NBFM equipment frequently do no other type maintenance. Richard L. Plessinger, for example, operates Mobile Communications Service, with shops in Hamilton, Ohio and Lexington, Kentucky, and his experiences are typical. All of his work is on nar-row-band, two-way gear, mostly from police and taxicab users. Approximately 50 percent of this work is on a contract basis, where the customer uses his equipment constantly, needs it badly, and wants regular preventive maintenance performed to minimize down time. The other 50 percent is spot work - where the customer simply operates the gear until it breaks down and then calls the shop for repairs. Plessinger says he schedules routine maintenance on the contract fleets and is able to keep his technical staff busy every day - thus available for spot work as it comes in.


## What's NBFM?

As we know, an FM broadcast station deviates $\pm 75 \mathrm{kc}$ under 100 percent modulation; for TV sound the deviation is $\pm 25 \mathrm{kc}$. In two-way radio communications, the old deviation standards were $\pm 15 \mathrm{kc}$. Although signal-to-noise ratio and dynamic range were less than in broadcasting, it was quite possible to transmit intelligible speech, which was the only desired quality.

Recently, however, standards were made even more strict, with the advent of NBFM, in which the deviation is only $\pm 5 \mathrm{kc}$. NBFM makes it possible for more stations to operate in a given frequency band and with a minimum of mutual interference. It also means that transmitter and receiver alignment is more critical. There's no room for sloppy maintenance.

## FCC Regulations

Volume V of the FCC Rules \& Regulations (available from the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.) contains rules applicable to most NBFM service and maintenance. As you must observe these rules in transmitter service, it's recommended that the shop have a current copy of Volume V on hand, and that each technician become familiar with it.

The volume is subdivided into four parts, three of which are of interest here: Part 89 covers Public Safety Radio Services (Police and Fire Departments, etc.); Part 91, Industrial Radio Services (Business, Manufacturer, and similar users); Part 93, Land Transportation Radio Services (Taxi, Motor Carrier, and other transportation services). Although NBFM is used by others, most shops deal exclusively with those listed here. Standards of interest are:

The FCC defines a NBFM transmitter as one that deviates no more than $\pm 5000 \mathrm{cps}$ for 100 per-
cent modulation by a 1000 cps tone. This is also referred to as type 16 F 3 emission, and the channel bandwidth is known as 20F3 - in other words a carrier that is frequency-modulated with speech, occupying a channel 20 kc wide. In two-way work, all present FM operation in the $25-50 \mathrm{Mc}$ and $150-$ 450 Mc regions is restricted to narrow-band or 20F3 emission.

Frequency tolerance for transmitters of more than 3 w power is as follows: From 25 to 50 Mc - 0.002 percent; above 50 Mc 0.0005 percent. If the dc plate input to the final RF stage doesn't exceed 3 w , the tolerance is only 0.005 percent. Most units serviced by the typical NBFM shop, however, exceed 3 w power and the frequency tolerance around 150 Mc is approximately $\pm 750 \mathrm{cps}$.

One hundred percent modulation is defined as $\pm 5 \mathrm{kc}$ deviation, and this must not be exceeded by the transmitter, or clipping and distortion occurs at the receiver, and the message doesn't get through. To prevent this, the rules require an ADL (automatic deviation limiting) circuit, which clips audio that would cause overmodulation. In addition, a speech filter is required to limit frequency response to 3000 cps . As higher frequencies don't contribute to intelligible speech, their transmission is both wasteful and inter-ference-producing.

Since no home-built equipment can be licensed in these services,


Inside view of a truck equipped to test and repair two-way radios.


LEFT:
Waters Model 343 frequency meter is transistorizad and portable.
RIGHT:
Motorola digital frequency meter measures two-way radio frequencies, selective calling tones, audio frequencies, crystal oscillator frequencies and other measuring functions involving frequency checks and adjustments.
and usable gear must be type-accepted by the FCC, the manufacturer's ratings as to power output are specified in the station license. This rated power input to the final RF stage cannot be exceeded by more than 10 percent.

All service and maintenance work on this gear must be performed by the holder of an FCC first- or second-class commercial license, either telephone or telegraph. Furthermore, each time such service is performed, a descriptive entry must be made in the station records, along with the technician's name and address, class of license, its serial number, and date of expiration. These records are retained by the client.
The rules require that a prop-erly-licensed technician measure the transmitter center frequency, deviation under 100 percent modulation, and the plate power input - whenever a transmitter is initially installed, or any change is made which may affect any of the preceding constants, and at intervals not to exceed one year. Almost all equipment used today is crystalcontrolled. Should non-crystal-controlled gear be used, it must be frequency-checked each month. Incidentally, none of the preceding applies to transmitters with less than 3 -w plate input.

There are no general rules governing receivers. It's obvious, however, a receiver must match associated transmitters in alignment, and
for this reason most shops service them at the same time, and with the same instruments.

## Instruments Required

A frequency meter is needed to measure transmitter center frequency. Since the transmitter's frequency tolerance is $\pm 0.0005$ percent, the frequency meter must have an accuracy equal to at least half that figure - 0.00025 percent.

To insure proper calibration of your frequency-measuring devices, the usual practice is to zero beat them against WWV with the aid of a crystal calibrator and a communications receiver. The crystal calibrator can also be useful in receiver alignment when using signal generators.

Transmitter deviation under modulation must be checked with an FM deviation meter which measures the actual carrier excursions. As with the frequency meter, only a quality instrument will do the job properly. Typical accuracy of deviation meters is 3 percent.

A stable, variable-frequency VHF signal generator is very useful. This instrument should have provisions for several crystal-controlled frequencies needed in the 10.7 Mc range. Remember, you cannot do receiver IF alignment with the transmitter signal, although final touch-up of the local oscillator is always done using the transmitter as a signal source.

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Instrument bench in NBFM twc-way shop:

Technician prepares to check out NBFM ecuipment.


# Maintain equipment at a high performance level through preventive maintenance checks 

## Give Your 2-Way Customers A Break!

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Motorola Two-Way Training

## Part 1

- If your customer gets the most from his two-way radio network, the equipment must be maintained at a high performance level. Even the highest quality radio will gradually lose operating efficiency when neglected over a long period of time. Losses in receiver sensitivity and changes in transmitter frequency caused by normal tube aging, can add up to a noticeable drop in range and intelligibility. Periodic, preventive maintenance will keep the equipment operating at a high performance level and will insure optimum communications efficiency from the user's investment in two-way radio.

The important factors in maintaining peak operation are "netting" and deviation checks. Other important factors will be covered in later articles.

## Netting

Netting involves tuning the stations of a network to the exact frequency (or frequencies) assigned to the network. For efficient communications between two stations, the receiver of each station must be tuned exactly to the transmitter frequency of the other - off-frequency operation degrades communications efficiency. Off-frequency operation at a net-control base station, for example, is particularly undesirable, since it affects communication with all mobiles in a system. Detuning at a given mobile is less critical since it affects only that mobile. In any case, the recent changeover from $\pm 15 \mathrm{kc}$ deviation to $\pm 5 \mathrm{kc}$ deviation in many systems heightens the effect of offfrequency operation and adds emphasis to the importance of careful netting.

In systems where the base sta-
tion and all mobiles are readily accessible to the technician, the ideal method for netting the system is to put the base station exactly on transmit and receive frequencies and then use it as the standard for tuning all the mobiles. In systems where many of the mobiles are not readily accessible, it will usually be necessary to tune each mobile as it becomes available.

To put the base station transmitter on frequency, use an approved frequency standard according to the instructions supplied with it.

To put the base station receiver on frequency, use one of the following methods:

1. Keep the base station receiver on the air while the transmitter goes on and tune the receiver oscillator to discriminator zero. (To be used only in single frequency systems.)
2. Tune another fixed or mobile transmitter exactly the same as the base station transmitter, then tune the base station receiver for zero discriminator reading with the other transmitter on the air.
3. Tune a high quality, stable signal generator to the transmitter's frequency with the frequency meter as a standard, then tune the base station receiver to discriminator zero reading with the signal from the signal generator.

Once the base station transmitter and receiver are properly tuned, the transmitter is put on the air for tuning each of the mobile receivers. With a portable test set connected to the receiver metering socket, each mobile receiver oscillator is tuned to discriminator zero. This assures that each mobile receiver is "zeroed" to its transmitter frequency.

Similarly, with the base station receiver tuned as described, each


Field technician using portable test sef 10 net receiver of a vehicle mounted radio.
mobile transmitter is turned on in order and tuned to produce exactly zero discriminator reading at the base station receiver. Again, the portable test set is the ideal instrument for reading the discriminator voltage. Thus, all mobile transmitters are tuned to the assigned frequency. Mobile transmitters, of course, should be checked periodically against a frequency standard to assure compliance with FCC regulations.

In systems where it is impractical to verify that the mobile transmitters are all exactly on the base station receiver frequency, a highly stable frequency meter should be used. Once a system is carefully netted, the close tolerance of transmitter and receiver circuits hold the netting adjustments exceptionally well.

## Deviation Check

The exact setting of transmitter deviation is a very important factor in getting the most out of a two-

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Responding to a call from the base station, your customer has bucked heavy cross-town traffic to drive out to . . . a wrong address! He'd swear his office said "Fortysecond at Windsor," but could it have been "Forty-seventh at Windsor?" Or did he say "Forty-second at Winthrop?"

The cost of one fuzzy phrase may range from a few blocks of unnecessary driving to a human life or thousands of dollars worth of property. In other situations, one garbled sentence could result in an unsafe airplane landing, a lost order, an irate customer. The price can easily be several times the difference between the poorest and the best communications equipment made.

Recognizing this, many two-way equipment owners and public safety organizations willingly spend thousands of dollars each year for servicing, testing, and updating vital equipment components. Oddly, one component which often gets little attention - the microphone - is one of the most important.

## Communications Types

Behind this seeming indifference to microphones lurks an assumption that all are pretty much alike - differing chiefly in style and color, the kind of switch (if any) and, of course, the cost!
Well after all, aren't microphones pretty much alike?

The answer is a resounding "no!" Important differences in type and quality exist. A presentation of the various types, along with a list of the inherent advantages and disadvantages of each reveals basic differences of vital concern to those who must rely on two-way communications equipment.
One way to classify microphones is by their generating elements. (One of the few things they do have in common is that all types transform sound into electrical energy, though the ways they do this are many and varied.)

Easily the most common communications microphone is the type having a carbon element, often called a "button." This unit contains finely-ground carbon granules and a thin diaphragm which vibrates


What you don't know about this important component can hurt your 2-way business

# Communications Microphones 

Directional cardioid crystal.

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when sound strikes it, causing the granules to compress and decompress at the same frequency as the sound. When electric current flows through this element, the current varies proportionately with changes in sound pressure.

The general simplicity of a carbon microphone results in a fair degree of reliability, since little can go wrong with it. But some things do occasionally go wrong with carbon microphones. Physical or electrical shock, for example, may pack the granules, causing a loss of effectiveness.

Other carbon microphone disadvantages include a tendency toward internal noise - a result of shifting granules - and a relatively narrow and ragged frequency response. But the advantages of carbon microphones should not be overlooked. These include relatively high output (a strong sound signal), consistent performance under unfavorable conditions - high humidity and temperature extremes and relatively low cost. One important recent carbon microphone refinement - incorporation of noise-cancellation - provides additional advantages of good articulation and low interference from extraneous noise.
A second generating element type is a crystal which produces a sound-modulated electrical output
when it is subjected to pressure. Rapidly varying pressure applied by the vibrating diaphragm changes the electrical output accordingly.

One overriding disadvantage of crystal microphones has all but eliminated its use, except in very inexpensive microphones. Heat and humidity rapidly break down the element, rendering the microphone useless. Attempts to overcome this objection (encapsulating the element in humidity-proof cartridges), have partly solved the problem but it has not been eliminated.

A third element is the ceramic type. Its operating principle is much the same as the crystal but without heat and humidity disadvantages. This type uses a thin slab of ceramic material which, like a crystal, emits electrical current when subjected to physical stress. Unike the crystal, however, it is unaffected by humidity and temperature extremes.
The relatively low cost of the ceramic microphone makes it a wise choice where reliability and economy are prime requisites and where output and flat frequency response are not highly critical. Citizens band and economy ham installations can often make good use of this instrument; commercial twoway users, however, should choose a comparable dynamic type.
A fourth microphone element used in communications is the con-


Fig. 1-Typical cardioid polar pattern.


> Hand-held ceramic mike with integral switch is highly popular in mobile applications.
trolled reluctance type. This generator works on the principle that an electrical current is induced in a coil of wire located in a changing magnetic field. A magnetic armature attached to the microphone's diaphragm is suspended inside the coil. The vibrating diaphragm moves the armature and induces an equally varying coil voltage.

High output and fair response are advantages claimed for the reluctance type, but it has typically ragged response, the result of inertia involved in setting the rather cumbersome mechanism in motion. The complexity of the apparatus also tends to make it somewhat more trouble-prone than exacting communications uses permit.

The dynamic microphone is the most important classification to communications equipment users. The element generates an impulse by the movement of a light-weight coil within a strong permanent magnet field. This voice coil is vibrated by the thin diaphragm to which it is attached.

The dynamic microphone is preferred for all classes of communications service - and for numerous reasons. One of its greatest advantages is its high reliability. Extremely rugged and stable, it is virtually immune to the effects of temperature, humidity, and physical shock. Its uniform frequency response assures high articulation. (This is of particular value in modern transmitters which employ automatic level controls and other lim-
iting devices which depend on peakfree signal information.) Its ability to perform dependably under arduous operating conditions is underscored by the fact that all military services have standardized on dynamic microphones.

Today, regardless of the type of microphone supplied with original equipment, a dynamic may be substituted for dramatic improvements. Where a carbon microphone was used originally, a transistorized dynamic is a direct replacement and provides the many advantages inherent in the dynamic. The builtin transistor amplifier uses the same power as the original carbon button and boosts output to the same level. The user thus derives all the benefits - improved articulation, greater dependability, and broader, more natural response - without the disadvantages of other microphone types.

Dynamic microphones may also be used as direct replacements for most other types, including ceramic and controlled reluctance types, without circuit modifications. Regardless of what type of microphone the dynamic may replace - assuming comparable quality - a measurable improvement in "talk power" and reliability will be obtained.

In classifying microphones by their generating elements we have covered only half the usual method of identification. Microphones are usually classified as "ceramic omnidirectional," "crystal omnidirectional," "dynamic cardioid," and so
on. Let's delve now into the second - and equally important half - of this identification, which refers to the microphone's directional characteristic. It is not enough to choose a microphone based on the element it utilizes; the instrument's sensitivity to sound from various directions must also be considered.

The most common classification in this category is the omnidirectional (sometimes erroneously referred to as nondirectional), which receives sound equally well from all angles. This may seem to be a definite advantage, since it implies greater versatility than would a restricted directional sensitivity. In most communications uses, however, an omnidirectional type is heir to noise pickup problems, as we will see in our discussion of the cardioid type. Omnidirectional microphones may often be used quite satisfactorily, however, in situations where little competing noise is present - as in a base station well isolated from unwanted noise.

The other common type of pickup, the one preferred for many communications uses, is the cardioid - a name derived from the Greek word, kardia, or heart. A graph of the microphone's directional characteristics (See Fig. 1) makes clear how this association came about, since it is shaped like a heart. This microphone is sensitive to sounds directly in front, considerably less so at either side, and almost "deaf" to sounds that originate directly from behind.

Noise-cancelling differential dynamic mike.


A moment's reflection reveals why the cardioid is an ideal choice for communications use in all situations ranging from those with moderate noise competition to fairly noisy situations. By its sharp reduction of unwanted sounds from the rear and sides, it assures a more favorable ratio of wanted to unwanted sound. A cardioid microphone will pick up at almost twice the distance and reduce the pickup of unwanted sounds almost twice as well as an omnidirectional type. The cardioid is especially useful with equipment having voice-operated switching (sometimes called VOX), since it excludes extraneous sounds which may otherwise trip the circuit.

In addition to the two directional types previously mentioned, several other types are available. These include the bi-directionals (sensitive to sound from front and back, but not from the sides) and superdirectional (highly sensitive to sounds originating from directly in front of them and insensitive to all others), but neither type is commonly used in communications.

## Noise-Cancelling

No discussion of communications microphones would be complete without prominent mention of the differential noise-cancelling type, though this is not a directional classification, but a design feature which restricts the microphone's pickup only to sounds originating a short distance away, say within
a quarter inch. This type was introduced during World War II for use in tanks. By accepting only sounds of close origin, and rejecting unwanted background noise, this mike permits clear transmission even under extremely noisy conditions. The full output of the transmitting equipment can then be used for intelligible signal information, increasing the effective range dramatically. This noise-cancelling microphone almost doubled the distance from which understandable transmission was received in tanks - an improvement that will be significant to anyone operating from a noisy vehicle or in a noisy industrial environment.

Still another distinguishing characteristic in microphones is their impedance, abbreviated " $Z$ ". Impedance, generally speaking, is the apparent opposition in a circuit to the flow of an alternating current.

Each piece of electronic equipment has an impedance characteristic, and sometimes inputs are provided for more than one impedance rating. Impedance is usually described as "high" or "low," and may be expressed in $\Omega$. Microphones also are available with various impedance ratings and should always be matched to the equipment. A serious mismatch usually results in an uneven frequency response, loss of output, or both.

A final distinguishing factor worth knowing, in choosing a communications microphone, is its output level - the signal strength it provides to the transmitter. When other factors are equal, the microphone providing the highest output level will be the most desirable. One word of caution, however. Output levels are specified in negative numbers of db . The output level is higher as the number becomes smaller. A microphone with an output level of -55 db would thus have a higher output level than one specified as -60 db .

Armed with a knowledge of generating elements, their inherent advantages and disadvantages - directional characteristics, impedances, and output levels - you can easily evaluate communications microphones, for most conventional uses. A few miscellaneous consider-
ations are worth bearing in mind, however. For your convenience, they are grouped here under appropriate headings:
Mechanical Requirements. Most communications microphones are subjected to extremely hard usage and, unlike their studio cousins, must be depended on without standby auxiliary equipment. In field and mobile use they must bear up well under severe temperature extremes and withstand the onslaught of mud, dust, accidental dropping, and a host of punishments.

A sturdy case - one resistant to cracking, chipping, and discoloration - is therefore important. The microphone should also have a reliable switch to assure continued trouble-free operation. Do not recommend a microphone switch without assurance of careful testing by the manufacturer.

For mobile use - and for many base stations - a coiled cord is desirable. Here one must rely on the integrity and reputation of the manufacturer, since cables which appear to be identical often differ widely in quality. Many stiffen in cold temperatures; some soften when subjected to heat. Chafing and breaking are common types of failures, also.
Frequency Response. It is not important for a communications microphone to possess an especially broad response range (not as important, that is, as it would be in a broadcast or recording microphone); it is quite important, however, that the frequency response in the voice spectrum be smooth and peak-free (Fig. 2).

Many communications transmitters (like single side band) automatically adjust their own output so that radiated power is within FCC regulation limits. (Even if not, audio gain must be adjusted manually.) If peaks exist in the microphone's frequency response, they will determine maximum output, with other frequencies held at lower levels. This means that average output will be far below what is possible or permissible. If response is peak-free, your customers will have full talk power across the entire voice spectrum, resulting in more intelligible transmissions.

# Repair That Microphone 

by Bob Fitte

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- Technicians are usually confronted with three primary repair areas in communications microphones: cords, "interior" or generating system components, and switches.


## Cord Maintenance

The microphone cord, or coiled cord, is the object of strenuous use. It probably accounts for the largest number of failures in communications microphones.

Some communications microphones contain switching facilities to turn the transmitter on. When the microphone fails to turn the transmitter on, or to "talk," a careful examination should be made of the cord for obvious damage. Note its condition at the microphone base and at the connector, or at the point where it enters the transmitter - in the event a connector is not used. These stress points are the usual trouble areas.

If no visible damage is observed, the microphone should be laid carefully on the service bench, preferably on a large sheet of clean paper. In the case of a dynamic microphone, care must be used to prevent iron filings from being pulled into the interior. This can result in eventual failure of the dynamic interior. After removing the case screws, care should be used in opening the case, otherwise the interior may be damaged. Note the position of the inner parts so the microphone can be correctly reassembled after the cord repair or component replacement is made. A VOM or VTVM shoud be used to check cord continuity. It is a good idea to use clips on the meter probes so your hands are free to flex the cord at stress points to
show up the intermittent conductor (See Fig. 1).

In addition to checking for continuity, it is a good idea to check for possible shorts between cord conductors. Cord flexing will usually make it easy to pinpoint the trouble area. Check the cable for additional wear as it is economically unsound to waste labor on a poor cord.

If the cord is bad at a flex point, cut it back at least an inch behind the identified break point. Strip the leads back to match the length used in the microphone. Again, check carefully with the meter to be sure the broken conductor area has been removed. Now place the cutback cable through the strain relief grommet or spring. Secure it in the same manner as it was originally. Carefully unsolder the old leads and solder in the redressed cord. Make a wiring diagram, if necessary, to prevent wiring errors. The strain relief is extremely important - no stress should be placed on the leads to the switch or the interior. You are now ready to reassemble the microphone.

In the case of self tapping screws, turn them counter clockwise until the threads mesh, then tighten.

There are several types of coiled cords available for communications microphones. The common outer jacket types are neoprene and PVC (polyvinyl-chloride). The PVC type has become more popular in the last two years. Life expectancy is generally greater on cords with tinsel conductors than on regular stranded conductors. They may have a higher electrical resistance than regular stranded wire, however, and they usually carry a higher
price tag. The tinsel cord may be cut back and reworked but care must be used. Employ the following procedure, as shown in Fig. 2. Carefully remove the tinsel conductor insulation. Now use a fine tinned, bare wire, and wrap it carefully around the tinsel conductor, beginning at the insulation, out to the end. Solder with a clean, low temperature solder. Clip off the ends of the wrapping wire. You will have to provide a strain relief for the tinsel wire so no strain is placed on the conductors.

Carbon microphones do not generally use or require shielded cords. A communications shop should carry both the shielded and nonshield cord types.

## Interior Replacements

The generating system of a microphone (in the case of crystal or ceramic types), includes the steel cup, crystal or ceramic element, mounting for the element, drive pin, and diaphragm. In the case of the dynamic microphone, the interior includes the complete generating system of magnet, pole pieces, voice coil, diaphragm, and damping provisions.

When it becomes necessary to replace interior microphone parts, care must be observed to assure your customer of performance equal to his original microphone.

A high percentage of CB mikes are ceramic type interiors, whereas a high percentage of commercial two-way types are dynamics or transistorized dynamics. Since considerable variation exists in ceramic interior sizes and specifications, you would do well to obtain a direct manufacturers' replacement through your local distributor.

With the advent of transistor transceivers, the typical ceramic element of a few hundred pf capacity has now grown into many different capacities with fifty to sixty thousand pf being common. If in doubt about the element capacity, it may be measured with a bridge, as shown in Fig. 3. Here the interior terminals are connected to the bridge terminals making sure the interior ground lug goes to the low bridge terminal. Failure to replace a high capacity interior with a high capacity unit may result in severe low frequency loss as well as output level differences and customer dissatisfaction.

When replacing the ceramic interior, examine it and note if it has a hole or holes in the diaphragm, or cutouts in the back or side of the cup. The cutout in the cup back or side is usually covered by nylon cloth. Examples of special response interiors for microphones may be seen in Fig. 4.

Most transceivers have sufficient AF gain to produce full modulation over a reasonable latitude of microphone sensitivities. In some cases, however, an unusually "hot" mike will overload the transceiver, producing distortion and poor intelligibility.

Your main concern will usually be with low sensitivity from a failing element. AB type comparisons are useful at this point. Use a sensitive ac VTVM or high gain oscilloscope. If neither is available, use an audio amplifier to drive a VTVM or a less sensitive scope.

A sensitivity check may be made by talking into the known good microphone and then speaking at the same distance and level into the defective microphone noting the differences in output.

A more refined method is to feed your bench speaker with an audio oscillator at a fixed level, placing the two mikes at equal distance from it. Best results will be had by keeping speaker level low and the test microphones against the speaker grille. This helps prevent differences in distance between the source and the microphone under test which could give erroneous readings.

As an example, by changing the


Fig. T-Use clips on meter probes so your hands are free to flex the cord at stress points.


Fig. 2-Remove tinsel conductor insulation and wrap conductor carefully with fine tinned, bare wire.


Fig. 3-If in doubt about the ceramic element capacify, measure it on a bridge.


Fig. 4-Special response microphone interiors.


Fig. 5-Voice-coil drag can be detected by holding the interior as shown here and push. ing the diaphragm in gently and then releasing it slowly.


Fig. 6-Iron particles on the front of the diaphragm should be carefully removed with a piece of masking tape.


Fig. 7-The center rubber foot shown in base plate is a 'lift' switch.
spacing between the source and the test microphone from one-half in. to 1 in., a 6 db drop in voltage output would occur. When using the oscillator method, make the tests at several frequencies. If your sensitivity tests indicate the need for a new ceramic interior, proceed as previously outlined to assure correct element capacity, correct response shaping, and correct sensitivity. It is good practice to check the modulation percentage on the transceiver following microphone replacement, or microphone interior replacement. This will allow you to correct for any minor differences in microphone output and to correct for any previous adjustments which were made on the basis of the failing microphone.
Care and maintenance of the dynamic type microphone is quite similar to the ceramic. It, too, has been affected by transistorized equipment. Dynamic microphones are now supplied with voice coils wound in a variety of impedances to match directly into the input circuitry of a transceiver. Common voice coil values are $150,200,500$, and $600 \Omega$.

The primary reason for higher impedance voice coils is to eliminate the bulky expensive impedance matching transformer. This allows a lighter weight, less bulky and more competitive priced microphone. In repairing dynamic communications microphones, you will be confronted by types with and without matching transformers. Those with a matching transformer will probably have a voice coil impedance beween 5 and $50 \Omega$. When the dynamic microphone is opened and no transformer is used, it is imperative that you determine the voice coil impedance before replacing this interior.

Failures most common to dynamic interiors are (1) voice coil drag, (2) iron particles in the magnetic gap, (3) open voice coil, and (4 punctured diaphragm. Some precaution should be exercised when repairing dynamic microphones. Never open the case in the presence of iron filings as these particles will usually find their way into the magnetic gap. Clear an area on the bench and then place the
microphone on a large sheet of clean paper. It is a good idea to use tools that have been demagnetized, otherwise the tools may carry iron particles to the microphone.

Voice coil drag causes severe dips or holes in the microphone response and reduces sensitivity as well as creating audible distortion. Voice coil drag is the voice coil rubbing against the magnet or part of the magnetic structure and may be caused by severe shock, a slipping diaphragm or distortion of the dia-phragm/voice-coil assembly. It can often be detected with a light touch. Holding the interior as shown in Fig. 5, gently push the diaphragm in and release it slowly. Normally the diaphragm will move in and out uniformly. When one side resists moving it usually indicates a drag on that side and quite often can be felt as it rubs. The drag may also be identified by connecting the interior to the output of an audio oscillator and driving it as a speaker from 200 to 2000 cps . A severe buzzing or raspy sound at one or two frequencies in this range indicates a drag. Be careful to keep the output of the oscillator low to prevent damage to the interior. If the tests indicate a drag, the interior must be replaced with a new one.

Replacement interiors should be obtained from the original microphone manufacturer through your local distributor. Make sure it has the correct voice coil impedance for the microphone being repaired. The voice coil impedance may be measured with a bridge or a good ohmmeter, since it is primarily resistive. Be sure to disconnect the interior from other parts of the circuit before making the measurement.

Iron particles in the magnetic gap can create drag as previously outlined, though the drag may be intermittent. It will eventually result in complete failure, thus a contaminated interior should be replaced immediately. When iron particles are noted on the front of the diaphragm, they should be carefully removed with a piece of masking tape. Grasp the masking tape, as shown in Fig. 6, about one-half inch from the tip and carefully
touch the tip to the particle. Do not press the tape against a large area of the diaphragm at any time, because its removal might then cause permanent damage to the diaphragm. A dynamic interior with an open voice coil is usually beyond repair. It may be worthwhile, however, for you to reheat the voice coil connections with a 40 w soldering iron in the event of a cold solder joint or a broken voice coil lead at the terminal. If this fails to restore continuity, a new interior is required.

The dynamic microphone is built with a controlled air mass behind the diaphragm. The stiffness of this air mass is one of the major controlling factors of the diaphragm. It dampens the natural resonance of the diaphragm/voice-coil system which would otherwise appear as a sharp resonant peak in the audible band. This controlled air volume behind the diaphragm further vents into the case of the microphone through a controlled or dampened path, usually made up of a felt ring under adjustable pressure. If a hole appears in the diaphragm it will reduce the dampening effect and the mid-range sensitivity will probably increase and a hump or resonant point will appear in the 250 to 500 cps range with a roll-off below this resonant hump. The interior with a hole in it should be replaced.

## Switch Maintenance

Switches in communications microphones have been greatly improved in the last few years. The switch may fail or give intermittent operation, however, after long usage or when used in a corrosive environment. Contacts on the leaf type switch may be burnished with a relay or contact burnishing tool. If a tool is not available, use kraft paper to clean the contacts. Care must be taken to avoid bending the leaves. One of the good liquid contact cleaners may be sparingly used on the slider type switch. If this type switch does not respond readily to treatment, it should be replaced. In replacing a switch always note the wiring on the old switch and make a sketch, since

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# The Selective Radio-Paging Boom 

## Units become 'pocket-companions' for men on the move

- From small-plant industrial or business operations to sprawling steel, chemical and other plants, department stores and institutions, a new market has opened for shirtand jacket-pocket radio receivers. And one system is designed to tie any plant or business phone directly into PBX switchboards, making it possible to selectively call and transmit phone messages direct to anyone
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Service-dealers in many areas are now selling, installing and servicing this equipment and the field hasn't been scratched yet.


Multitone Electronics' paging equipment showing 5 oz receiver in use.


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# Transistor noise gate, improved color CRT Phosphor and VDRs highlight some 1965 TV sets 

## What You'll Find in 1965 TV

■ This is the third and final installment covering 1965 TV circuit innovations.

## Setchell-Carlson

The 1965 color chassis has seven plug-in units on an aluminum chassis. The chroma circuitry is arranged so the chroma unit can be removed without disturbing monochrome reception.

An 8.3 v power transformer secondary winding furnishes heater power for the 6BK4 and the CRT. This circuit is held at about 260 v above ground to minimize cathode leakage in associated tubes. The 8.3 v supply is dropped to the normal 6.3 v for the 6 BK 4 by an 11 $\Omega$ resistor in series with the filaments. A $1 \Omega$ dropping resistor for the CRT heaters is mounted under the main chassis at the rear. This resistor not only protects the CRT heaters from warm-up surge, but can be shunted to act as a builtin booster for a weak CRT. A wire can easily be soldered across the resistor.

The heater supply of all tubes - excepting the CRT and 6BK4 - is divided so a portion of the load is carried by each side of a grounded center-tapped 12.6 v winding. Loads for each side are almost completely balanced to eliminate ac current loops through the chassis, thus eliminating ripple. The color chassis is shown in Fig. 1.

## Sylvania

Horizontal blanking and retrace clamping is a continuing feature in Sylvania "power bonus" chassis.

The overshoot spike shown in Fig. 2 is a result of high frequency emphasis in the video amplifier. The high resolution picture is desirable but the resultant overshoot spike produces an intense ragged vertical line in the center of raster during retrace time. The negative polarity blanking pulse is derived from the horizontal output transformer during the flyback period. The diode in the circuit suppresses the positive half of any damped oscillations.

A transistor noise gate is incorporated in all current sets for better noise suppression. Noise picked up from the detector output opens the sync separator circuit. This prevents sweep circuit triggering (Fig. 3).

A toroid yoke is used on all models. This allows a new design in the vertical output stage which greatly reduces the tube's power dissipation.

The color TV line contains a major CRT improvement. The 21 in. round color CRT employs a new red phosphor which increases brightness by over 40 percent, according to the manufacturer.

## Westinghouse

Two basic chassis are used in all 19 and 23 in . CRT models for 1965. The basic layout for the two chassis - V-2474 and V-2475 is the same with only minor variations for control panels. Chassis V2474 has a two stage IF with a single rectifier low voltage power supply while chassis V-2475 (Fig. 4) has a 3 stage IF with a double rectifier. A different flyback transformer and yoke is required when
a given chassis uses a 19 in. tube.
A circuit design in the V-2475 chassis minimizes variations in raster width (Fig. 5). The key to this improvement is a voltage dependent resistor (VDR). As we know, the resistance of a VDR drops as the voltage across it increases. The VDR in this circuit shows a greater change in resistance above 600 v than it does below this point.

Pulses from the flyback transformer are reduced in amplitude by capacitive voltage divider Z401 and applied to R417, the VDR. A steady positive voltage is also applied to the VDR through width control R418 and resistor R419.

Pulses applied to the VDR assume a negative value but reach large positive values during each pulse (approximately 1000 v ). Each high voltage pulse is short compared to the time between pulses. The positive pulses occupy only 15 percent of each pulse cycle. When a pulse is applied to the VDR its resistance drops very sharply, reducing the pulse amplitude.

Two different time constants are obtained: a short time constant during each high voltage pulse, and a long time constant during the time between pulses. During each positive pulse, the VDR side of the top capacitor in Z401 is charged. Because its charge time is shorter than its discharge time, this side of the capacitor is maintained at a negative average voltage. This negative voltage, together with the positive voltage supplied through the width control, establishes grid bias on the horizontal output tube.

Fig. 1-Setchell-Carlson model U800 unitized color TV chassis.

## Sets

No current is drawn by the output tube grid, minimizing Barkhausen oscillations. The width control setting determines output tube conduction time during each input waveform from the horizontal multivibrator. If the flyback pulse amplitude drops because of low line voltage or low $\mathrm{B}+$, the VDR response to the pulse will be less, and the more positive bias on the grid will maintain the sweep width.

## Zenith

A continuing feature in the 1965 color chassis is the Zenith-developed high level color demodulator. A beam deflection type 6 JH 8 tube is used in this circuit (See TEKFAX 886 in November 1964 Electronic Technician.)

A signal from the local 3.58 Mc oscillator drives the deflection plates of each individual demodulator, push pull through the quadrature transformer. The color information is fed to V12 and V13 grids. Each demodulator tube has two outputs which are 180 deg out of phase. Pin 9 output of V12 is the detected B-Y color difference signal and the R-Y signal appears at pin 9 of V13. These color difference signals are applied, through filters, to the proper CRT grids. The G-Y signal is obtained by combining the -(R-Y) and -(B-Y) signal outputs of pin 8 plates of the respective demodulator tubes. Resistors R16, R37, R38 and R39 form the mixing network to produce the proper G-Y signal.

Output of the high level demoduContinued on page 79
 Sylvania "power bonus" chassis.


Fig. 4-Westinghouse V-2475 TV chassis.


Fig. 3-Transistor noise gate circuit used in Sylvania 1965 TV line.


Fig. 5-Horizontal oulput circuit employed in V-2475 Westinghouse TV chassis.


## Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers

## Faulty Tuning Capacitor

A customer brought a Model 3TMF Motorola auto radio into the shop. The owner said that it went dead after about 15 minutes of normal operation. With the radio in a non-operating condition, I was able to hear the output of a noise generator at the speaker with the signal inserted at the antenna. This indicated that the local oscillator was not working. The oscillatormixer transistor checked out OK with an in-circuit transistor tester. To be doubly sure I substituted a new transistor in the oscillatormixer stage. The radio remained dead. The RF and oscillator-mixer voltages were all normal. I noticed while probing, if I applied pressure to the printed board in the vicinity of the mixer stage, the radio would start playing. This led me to believe that the printed board was probably broken. The board was checked and rechecked for breaks but there were none to be found. Most of the components in the mixer stage were replaced - but still no positive results. The tuning capacitor, C3, appeared to be normal and it checked out fine on a capacitor tester. Appreciating the fact that the capacity tester could have given the wrong indication, the tuning capacitor was replaced and the radio started operating normally. The radio continued to
perform satisfactorily for two days so it was retuned to the customer. Frank D. McCreery, Providence Forge, Va.

## AGC Malfunction

A KCS-136Y RCA chassis was brought into our shop. The set exhibited what appeared to be AGC overload. The 6GY6 AGC tube was replaced with no improvement noticed in the picture. A negative voltage from a bias box was applied to the AGC buss and the picture appeared somewhat washed out but


Shorted sound take-off capacitor, C202, caused loss of AGC voltage in KCS-136Y RCA chassis.
was viewable. This indicated probable AGC trouble so I checked the voltages in the AGC circuit. The voltage on pin 5, the plate of the 6GY6 AGC tube, was positive 5 v . It should have been -1.3 v . All the other voltages on this tube were normal. A normal horizontal pulse was present at the plate of the AGC


Capacitor C3B caused intermittent operation of local oscillator in Model 3TMF Motorola auto radio.
tube. All components in the AGC plate circuit were checked and found to be OK The 6HF8 video amplifier tube was replaced but the trouble still persisted. The voltage on the video output tube screen was 160 v and the plate read 45 v . Normal voltages are 95 v on the screen and 110 v on the plate. The composite video signal is fed to the grid of the AGC tube so any defect in the video stage can affect the AGC action. A resistance check in the plate circuit of the video amplifier revealed that the sound take-off capacitor had a 4500 v reading across its terminals. A new capacitor was installed and set started operating normally. Jack Ray, Springfield, Illinois.

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## HANDS FREE COMMUNICATOR

205
"Shoulder-Talk" permits hands-free two-way radio communications for walking personnel. Unit combines
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FM TUNER AMPLIFIER


Announcement is made of a tuner / amplifier containing an engineering refinement which, according to the manufacturer, facilitates installation in areas where reception is an exceptional problem due to multipath interference. The S-77001II FM Stereo Tuner/Amplifier incorporates circuitry and built-in test points for directly connecting a scope for on-the-spot visual display of incoming signal characteristics. A
high fidelity installer can quickly identify the presence, degree, and direction of multipath interference so corrective action can be taken, the report states. Sherwood.


The manufacturer reports that vertic within $+1 \mathrm{db},-3 \mathrm{db}$, from dc to 4.5 Mc and sensitivity is 18 mv per cm rms and 50 mv per cm P-P. Input impedance is one $\mathrm{M} \Omega$ shunted by 35 pf . Horizontal response is flat within $+1 \mathrm{db},-3 \mathrm{db}$, from 1 cps to 500 kc and sensitivity is 0.7 per cm rms . Input impedance is four M $\Omega$ shunted by 40 pf . Intensity modulation input sensitivity is 3 v rms for blanking and input impedance is $2.2 \mathrm{M} \Omega$. Sawtooth output signal level is $10 \mathrm{v} \mathbf{P}-\mathrm{P}$ from 10 cps to 100 kc . Output impedance is $300 \Omega$. The scope weighs 15 lb and measures $81 / 2 \times 53 / 4 \times 125 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. EICO.

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$\Omega$ antennas, the specifications indicated. Power Supply is for 117 vac and transistorized 12 vdc mobile supply. 9 tubes, 3 silicon diodes and 2 crystal diodes. Size: $12 \times 5 \times$ $81 / 2$ in. Shpg. wt., 15 lb . Lafayette.

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channels. The "Contact!" has a public address system, earphone jack, illuminated meter, press - to - talk hand mike, channel spotting switch and a built-in 110 and 12 v power supply. United Scientific Laboratories.

## OSCILLATOR PACKAGE

217
A solid state, temperature-controlled, precision crystal oscillator package covering the entire 1.5 - to

$31-\mathrm{Mc}$ range is announced. The EROS-450 provides a linear . $1-\mathrm{v}$ rms output into a $200-\Omega$ load


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across the entire band, by changing crystals operating on the fundamental mode, the announcement said. The unit consists of a Zenerregulated crystal oscillator, an amplifier which stabilizes the output voltage level, and a decoupling buffer stage to minimize the effect of loading. A variable capacitor is provided for trimming the crystal
to the exact frequency desired. Outside case dimensions are $23 / 4 \mathrm{x}$ 13/4 in. Electronic Research Co.

## CITIZENS BAND TRANSCEIVER 218

A citizens band transceiver having six crystal controlled transmit channels and tunable to receive all 23 channels, has been introduced. In the transmit mode, the unit operates on any six of the 23 available CB channels. Plug-in crystals, mounted on the chassis, can be changed to give any desired fre-

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## ROTARY CONVERTER

A rotary converter that changes 24 vdc to $110 \mathrm{v}, 60 \mathrm{cps}$ ac is introduced. This machine has a ca-

pacity of $350 \mathrm{w}, 115 \mathrm{v}$, single phase. The unit has solid silver collector rings and silver commutator bars. Converters are available from 100 w to $10,000 \mathrm{w}$. The approximate weight is 24 lb . Size: $133 / 8 \times 71 / 4 \times$ 7 in. Kato Engineering.

## CUTTER-STRIPPER-PULLER

220
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SCREEN REFLECTOR YAGIS 221
A series of high gain broadbanded screen yagi type antennas are designed for communications
and special purpose applications. Each model consists of a quad yagitype array of horizontally polarized elements mounted above a single mesh surface ground plane. Models are available for the frequency bands of $390-425 \mathrm{Mc}$; 450 470 Mc ; and $470-512 \mathrm{Mc}$. The ground screen measures $48 \times 36$ in. and is fabricated of $11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. sq 0.062 wall tubing, welded into a framework and covered with a reflective surface. Taco.

COMPRESSOR AMPLIFIER
222
A new CB accessory, the Model HA-115 audio compressor is announced. This device automatically

increases the average modulation of a CB transmitter without overmodulating the carrier, the maker said. An illuminated meter reads modulation percentage directly. The HA115 works with all 6 or 12 vdc or 117 vac CB transceivers. Lafayette.

## MULTI-DRIVEN YAGI

223
A ten-element triple-driven yagi antenna designed for communications or special purpose applica-

tions is announced. Elements are welded to the $11 / 4$ in. diameter crossarm. Electrical characteristics are: 11.2 db nominal gain with a maximum VSWR of 1.5:1 over the 120-140 Mc band. Nominal

HPBW in the E plane is 50 deg and 65 deg in the H plane, the announcement said. Taco.

## CB 2-WAY RADIO

224
A 23 channel Citizens Band two way radio is announced. Closetolerance crystals are used resulting

in a transmitted frequency tolerance of $\pm .003$, the announcement said. Front panel contains an illuminated S meter, illuminated channel selector and modulation indicator. The GUARDIAN 23 utilizes a transistorized universal power supply ( 12 v de or 117 v ac) and a dual conversion superhet receiver. The plate tuning and antenna loading controls are easily accessible on the rear panel. The unit has an external speaker jack, plate meter jack and P1 network with a two stage TVI filter. The built-in solid state power supply provides $5-\mathrm{w}$

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CITIZENS BAND CRYSTALS
225 A line of citizens band crystals has been introduced. Available in

most CB equipment, the line includes both receiver and transmitter type crystals hermetically sealed in standard MIL HC-6/U and subminiature HC-18/U. Tolerance on nominal frequency is $\pm .002 \%$ at room temperature with tolerance $\pm .005 \%$ over temperature range of $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the manufacturer says. Crystals are available with various diameter pins or wire leads. Guardian Crystals.

## TWO-WAY RADIO

226
Two crystal-controlled channels are offered in a tubeless two-way radio that employs 13 transistors,

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227
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nounced. The circuitry is entirely solid state with no reeds or other moving parts. This unit is designed for .2 vdc operation. However, it can be operated from equipment $\mathrm{B}+$ by using a resistor divider. Satisfactory operating range is 10.5 v to 18 vdc since the unit is internally zener controlled. There are 60 separate one-tone codes. Tone frequences are from 500 to 3800 cps . Spacing between channels is $31 / 3 \%$. Actuation is manual. Reach.

## RADIO PAGING SYSTEM

228
A tone-plus-voice radio paging system has been introduced. The equipment is a complete system con-

sisting of a compact transmitter, microphone, antenna, control unit, and any number of receivers which are transistorized. Round Hill.

## PORTABLE LAMP

229
A lamp with a telescoping arm which extends from 5 to 16 in.
and a shade-reflector which swivels a full 360 deg is introduced. It has a 3 -position switch: ON-DIMofF. When not in use the lamp can be folded for carrying or storage into a package that measures $31 / 2 \times 6$ in. Normal bulb life is 350 hr in on, 1000 hr in DIM positions. Power requirements are $110-120 \mathrm{vac}, 50 / 60 \mathrm{cps}$ (primary); drawing 31 w ( 6.2 v secondary) in on and 26 w ( 5.7 secondary) in DIM. The base of the lamp has a built-in bracket for balance of extreme horizontal reaches of the

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NARROW BAND RECEIVER 231
Announcement is made of an FM, narrow band monitor receiver for Fire, Police Dept., Rescue


Squads, etc., receiving both mobiles and base. This receiver is available in any frequency from 25-50 Mc , or $150-170 \mathrm{Mc}$. The monitor receiver is housed in a walnut wood cabinet $15 \times 6 \times 8$ in. Signalab.

## TAPE RECORDER

232
A cordless, transistor tape recorder using tape cartridges that can be inserted into the machine in a single motion is announced. A single master control starts, stops, winds and rewinds the tape. The units weighs 3 lb with batteries and can be worn over the shoulder like a small camera. The recorder comes as a complete outfit which includes the tape recorder, microphone, carrying case with microphone pouch, four cartridges (in-

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## MINIATURE TRANSFORMER

233
A transformer developed for application in equipment using microcircuitry modules is announced. The dimensions of the pico-miniature transformer are $0.37 \times 0.250 \mathrm{x}$

0.406 in . and the unit weighs 0.05 oz. This transformer is vacuum resin impreganted and is built to meet MIL-T-27B, Grade 6, Class R, Life $X$. The unit is available in 7 impedance ranges from 3.2 to 25 ,000 ת. Microtran.

## . . . 2-WAY CUSTOMERS

Continued from page 48 way radio network, especially with the reduction in deviation from $\pm 15$ to $\pm 5 \mathrm{kc}$.

Audio recovery at the receiver is directly proportional to transmitter deviation, up to the limits established for the system. For best operation, deviation should be accurately adjusted to the prescribed value.

Transmitting deviation can best be adjusted by using a frequency monitor and a good scope. The
scope is an ideal instantaneous deviation indicator and needs only accurate calibration before being used to adjust the transmitter IDC control. The frequency monitor is used to calibrate the scope, preferably using a 1000 cps sinewave input. The height can be adjusted for any convenient scale of readings, for example, one square for each kc. This makes it very easy to read any other deviation value directly from the scope screen.

With the scope screen calibrated against the monitor, the transmitter IDC control can be set using any convenient input to the transmitter. This can be done rather quickly and conveniently in a well-equipped shop once the equipment is set up and calibrated.

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a scope, wattmeter and signal generator are needed in addition to the service meter to check out the entire radio. But the scope can be eliminated because a light bulb load contained in this service meter will give a satisfactory modulation percentage indication.

By using spare individual circuit modules, technicians can perform rapid equipment maintenance. When trouble is pinpointed by the service meter, an entire module is simply unplugged by using needlenosed pliers. A new module is then substituted. Since no soldering iron is required, this operation is easily performed in the field. Defective modules are returned to the factory for repair and tuning - on an exchange basis.
Before making a circuit module exchange, however, a preliminary examination is made to determine that no minor problems - disconnected wire or loose connections are causing the faulty reading. The

of both transmitter and receiver, and is usually the unit removed for servicing. As it's inconvenient to remove the dashboard unit, a spare control head is kept on the bench. When the trunk unit is brought in for service, the bench control head mates with the defective unit, which can then be worked on. With proper instruments, service of NBFM becomes easy.

## . . . 1965 TV SETS

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lators is great enough to drive the CRT grids without requiring additional amplification.

## ERRATUM

A diagram (Fig. 10) on page 48 in the November issue of Electronic Technician was inadvertently specified as a DuMont horizontal oscillator circuit. The proper circuit with detailed functional description follows herewith.

## DuMont

The 1965 DuMont TV chassis employs a modified form of elec-tron-coupled Hartley sine-wave oscillator in the horizontal circuit. The resonant circuit varies somewhat from that commonly found in


Fig. 6-DuMont line uses modified electroncoupled Hartley oscillator circuit.
a Hartley-type oscillator, since it uses both a tapped coil and a split capacitance, assuring a more stabilized ratio of feedback signal for the tube's input grid.

Major frequency-determining components in this circuit (Fig. 6) are composed of the horizontal hold coil (L11) and capacitors C54 and C55, which are connected across it. Proper frequency is maintained by the shunting effect of C52 (in series with the dynamic plate resistance of the triode section of the tube) across the coil. Since the dy-
namic plate resistance of the triode section varies with changes in the bias voltage applied to its grid, a corresponding change in the shunting effect of capacitor C52 across the horizontal hold coil will result, maintaining the oscillator at the required frequency.

In actual operation, the grid voltage is made to vary horizontal phasing diodes, where it is developed by comparing a sample pulse of the oscillator frequency
(obtained from the horizontal output transformer) and the horizontal pulse from the sync separator. Improper oscillator performance can result not only from failure of one of the major frequency-determining components C54, C55 and L11, but from the failure of the shunting capacitor (C52) or its associated triode circuitry. Defective components in the horizontal phase diode circuit could also cause an unstable oscillator stage.

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## African Transistors

The first known production run of transistors on the African continent was announced by Internatioal Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

ITT said that its South African subsidiary, Standard Telephones and Cables (SA) (Pty) Ltd., has finished a production sample run of 15,000 of the latest type of silicon epitaxial transistors in a newly established manufacturing unit.

ITT estimated that its 1966 transistor output in South Africa may reach 175,000 units, and said that plans are also being considered for the production of silicon diodes.

## Engineer Salaries

Average starting salaries for Illinois Institute of Technology engineering graduates, which reached a record high this year, has increased more than 60 percent in the last 10 years and more than 600 percent in the last 25 , according to Earl C. Kubicek, IIT director of placement and alumni relations. Kubicek indicated that IIT mechanical engineers top the 1964 salary scale with an average starting salary of $\$ 660$ per month. In other engineering areas, 1964 starting salaries average $\$ 624$ for civil engineers, $\$ 609$ for electrical engineers, $\$ 605$ for both industrial and metal-

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## Trade Mission to Yugoslavia

Harold Harris, vice president in charge of sales and engineering of Channel Master Corp., Ellenville, N.Y., was in Yugoslavia as a member of a special U.S. Trade Mission to Yugoslavia, it was announced by Harry Resnick, Channel Master president.

The Trade Mission was sent by the Department of Commerce for the purpose of exploring the Yugoslav market for American goods. The seven-man team of business leaders and Department of Commerce officials took with them more than 360 specific proposals from U.S. firms interested in doing business in Yugoslavia, to discuss them with foreign trade representatives in the five major Yugoslav cities.

Before leaving the United States, Mr. Harris attended a four-day briefing session in Washington conducted by Secretary of Commerce, Luther Hodges.

## Philco Airlift

More than 4000 Philco dealers and distributors, as well as members of their families, will fly to Puerto Rico next June to witness the official introduction of Philco's 1966 electronics lines. This will be the second time in a year that Philco has engaged in

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of existing broadcasting television stations in this country. The 16 -page statement asserted that the history of the past 12 years has established "a complete lack of impact" by community antenna systems on the existence and growth of broadcast television in the U.S. Of the 107 UHF stations that have gone off the air, only 10 were in CATV communities. And two of these ten wrote letters commending CATV for helping them to stay on the air as long as they did, the statement said.

## Webster Appoints Distributors

Howard C. Stacey, vice president and general manager of Webster Electric Company Communications Division, announced the appointment of 13 new distributorships.

## Blonder-Tongue Files Suit

Blonder-Tongue Labs, Inc., has filed suit against Viking Cable Co., Hoboken, N.J., for patent infringement on an electrical outlet attachment used in television master antenna systems.

Viking Cable Co. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rego Industries, Inc., also of Hoboken.

The complaint charges Viking Cable with employing a Blonder-Tongue invention, without license, in the manufacture and sales of electrical outlet attachments. Blonder-Tongue claims exclusive rights for the invention under U.S. Patent No. 3,131,985.

## New Developments in Electrical Protection

lurigical engineers, and $\$ 597$ for chemical engineers. It was noted that in 1938 the typical IIT engineer started at $\$ 100$ per month. He earned $\$ 368$ per month in 1954.

## Raytheon Sales Manager

David C. Thompson has joined Raytheon Company as sales manager for the firm's Ray-Tel communications products. He will direct sales of Ray-Tel citizens band two-way radios, selective calling devices, antennas, microphones, noise suppression kits, and related accessories. For the past two years, he served as marketing manager for Machtronics, Inc. of Mountain View, Calif. From 1957 until 1962 he held various manufacturing management and marketing posts with Ampex Corp., Redwood City, Calif. Thompson graduated from Lehigh University in 1951. After a four-year tour of duty as a Naval officer in Korea and the Far East, he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration from which he received a master's degree in 1957.

## CATV and Existing Television Stations

Comments submitted by Jerrold Electronics to the FCC urged that body to adopt a "case-by-case approach" in deciding whether existing stations need protection from a CATV system. Jerrold said the nation's community antenna television systems have had no adverse economic impact on the operations


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## Sylvania Color Tube

It is reported that Sylvania color TV sets, equipped with picture tubes containing a rare earth phosphor, were picked overwhelmingly by shoppers in six major markets for outstanding picture qualities.

The survey, conducted by John J. Henderson Associates of New York City, covered nearly 10,000 consumers at popular shopping centers in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles and Boston. Four 1965 color TV sets were placed in operation side by side, with the cabinets masked to conceal the identity of the manufacturer, the report concluded.

## 'Quality' Slogan Contest

"Quality through Craftsmanship," a new Hallicrafters slogan, was announced by Bob Halligan at a presentation to the winners of the slogan contest. It was said there were over 1100 entries in the contest, which ran from June 24 to July 31, among the Chicago hourly employees. The winners in the contest were Mrs. Cecilia Tomaxin, who received a Lowry organ; John Kopczak was second and received a WR2000 receiver. Paul Rivera, who placed third, was awarded an S-120 receiver.

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## MICROPHONES

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many different configurations are used.

Athough the majority of communications microphones fall in the mobile category, the base station mike is an important factor in communications today. A typical base station microphone and the same microphone with the switch base removed is shown in Fig. 7. You will note the complexity of the switching in this microphone as compared to a typical mobile microphone. An almost unlimited variety of base station microphones exist. Most transceiver manufacturers insist on a custom arrangement and a number use a built-in transistor amplifier.

The microphone will often have two methods of switch activation. One may be a finger tip bar for use when the microphone is at rest on the desk top and the second will be a "grip to talk" for use when the microphone is picked up or the microphone may have a "lift" switch which is activated when the microphone is picked up. The center rubber foot shown in the base plate in Fig. 7 is a "lift" switch.

The microphone with the "lift" switch may also contain a third switch which acts to override the "lift" switch. Also, many base station microphones have a locking device to lock it on for longer transmissions or to free the operator's hands. The "finger tab" switch with a locking device, often contains a center position for "monitor only" operation. A number of base station microphones show the switch diagram on the bottom of the microphone base.

Maintenance of the cord and interior of base station microphones is essentially the same as mobile microphones. Their disassembly may take slightly longer but no additional precautions are required other than to replace all parts in proper sequence.

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