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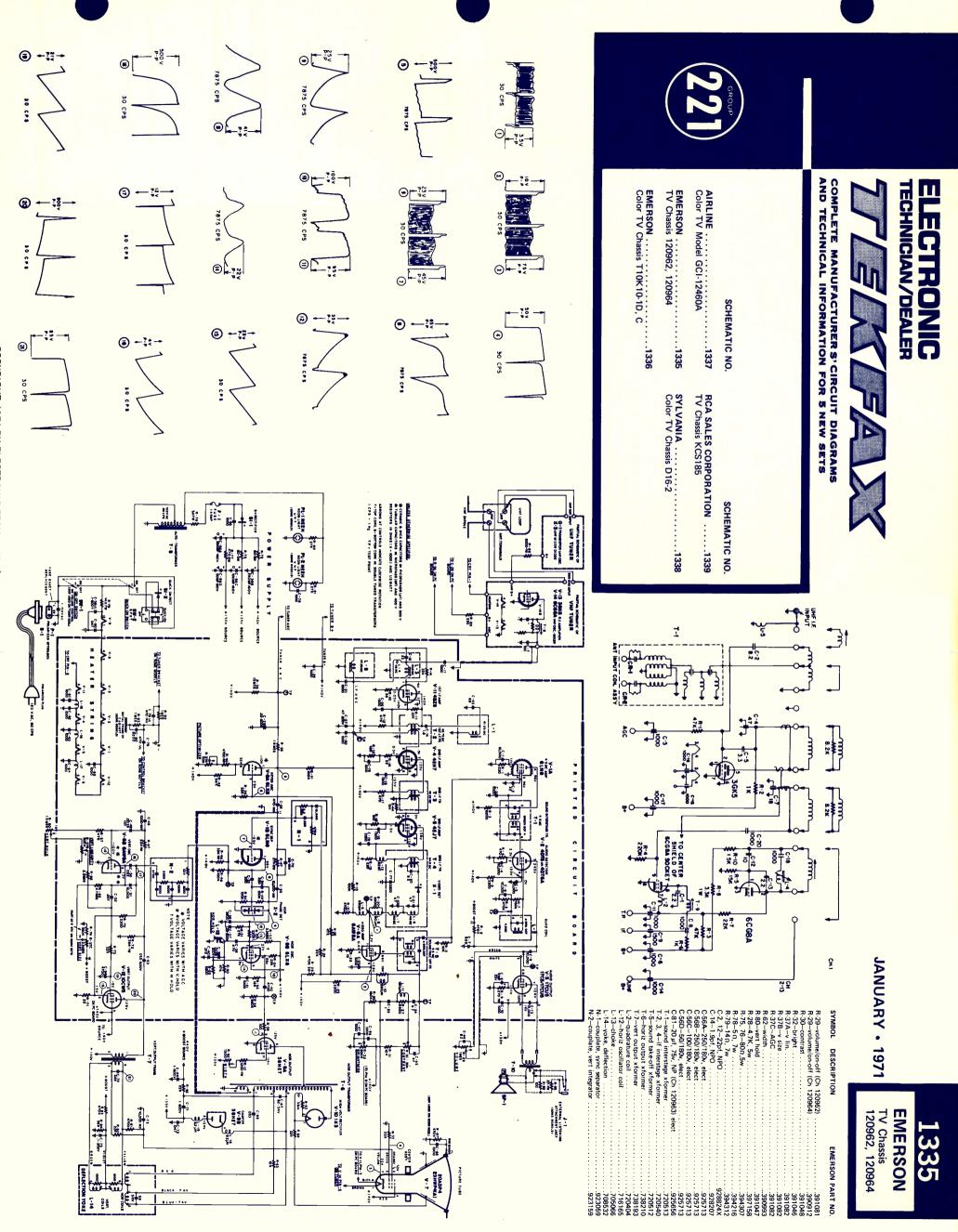


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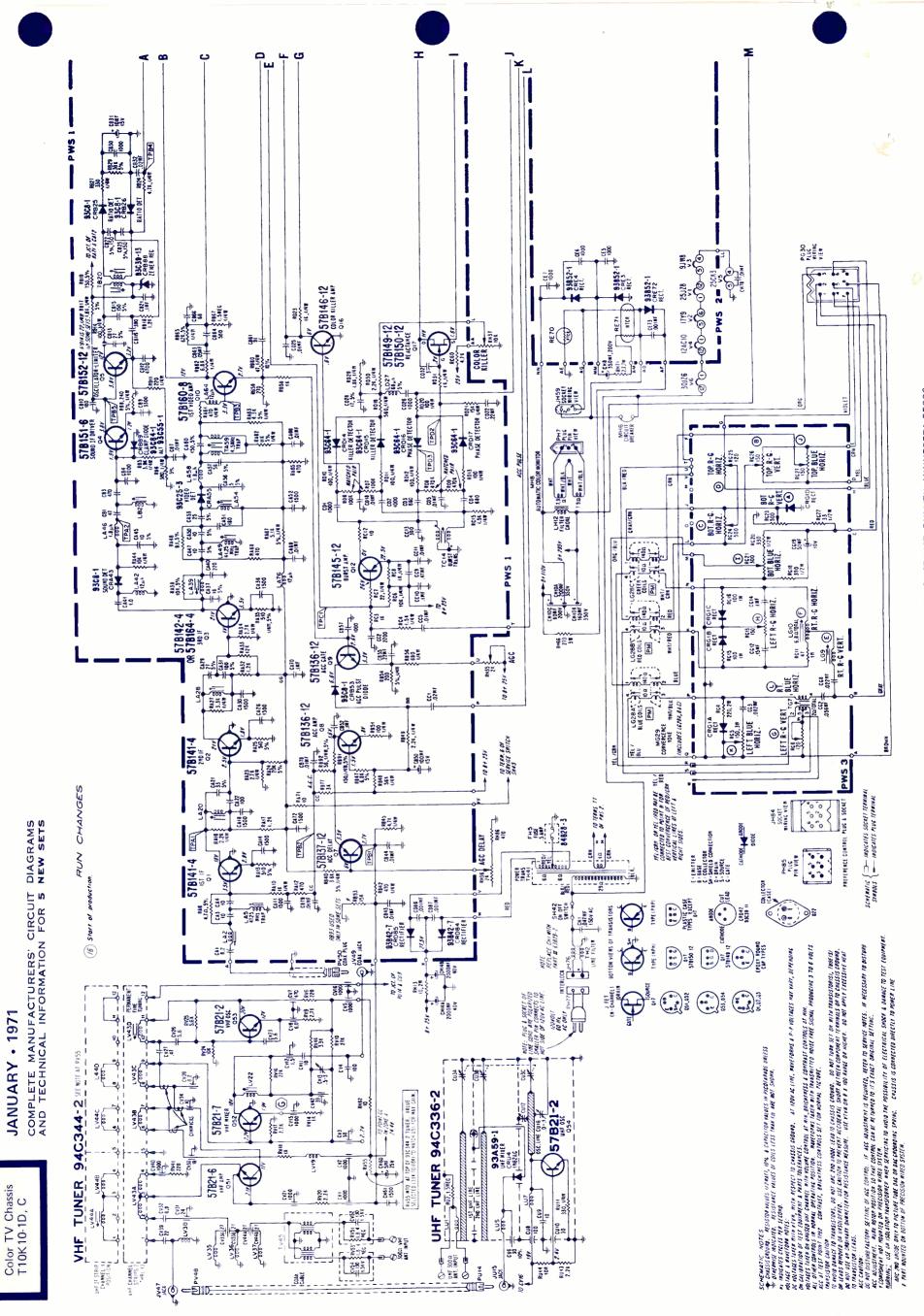
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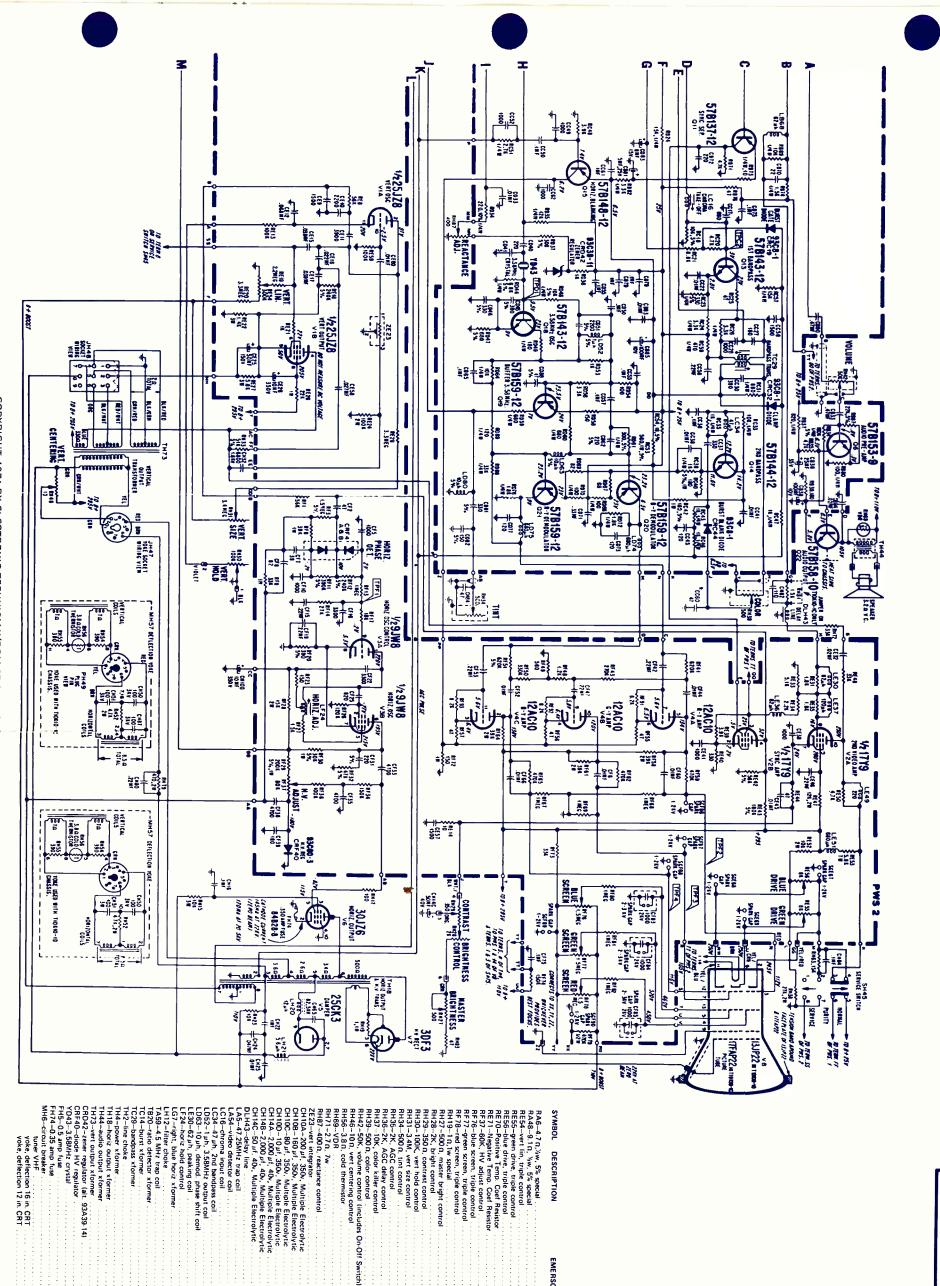


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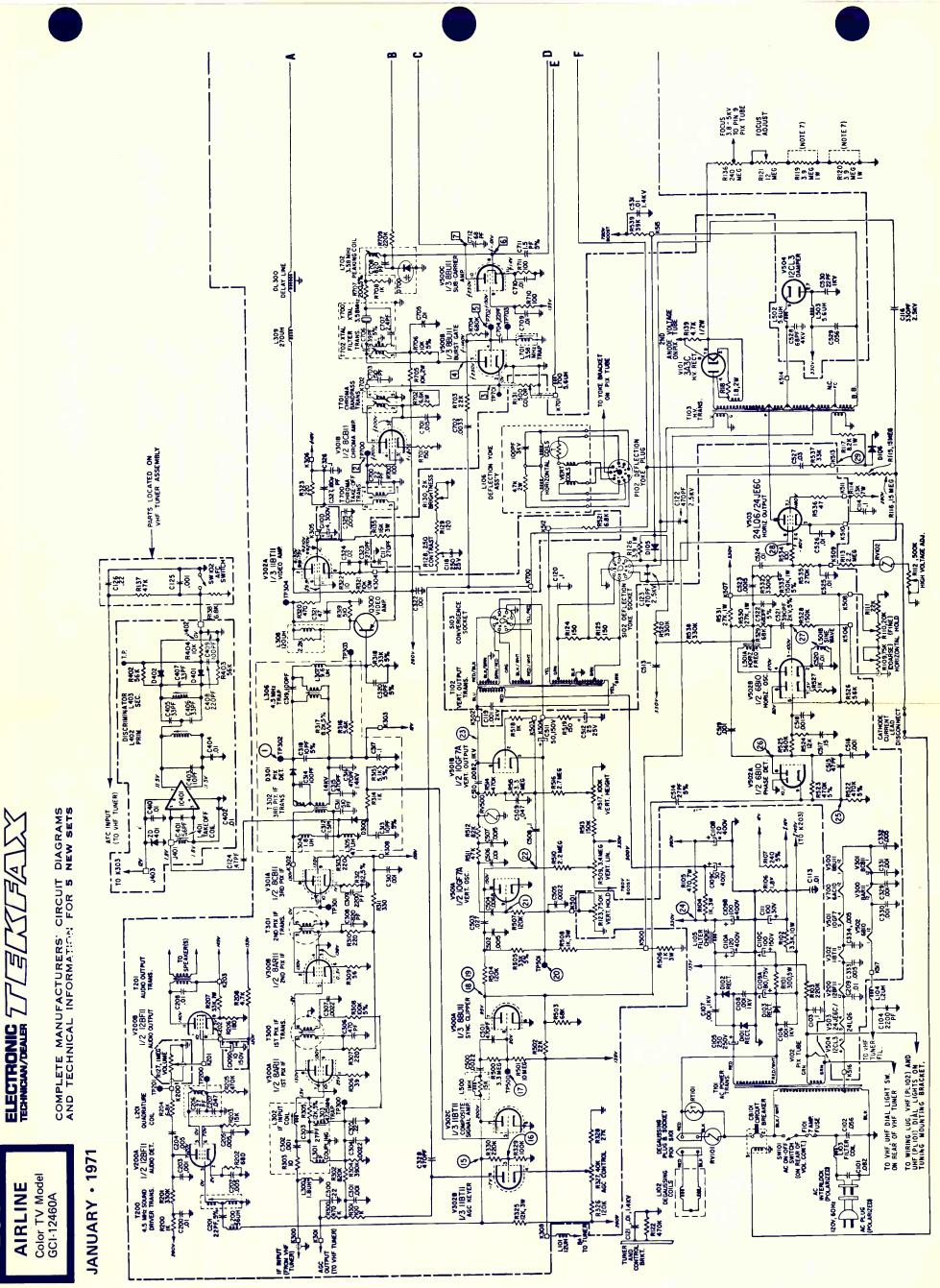
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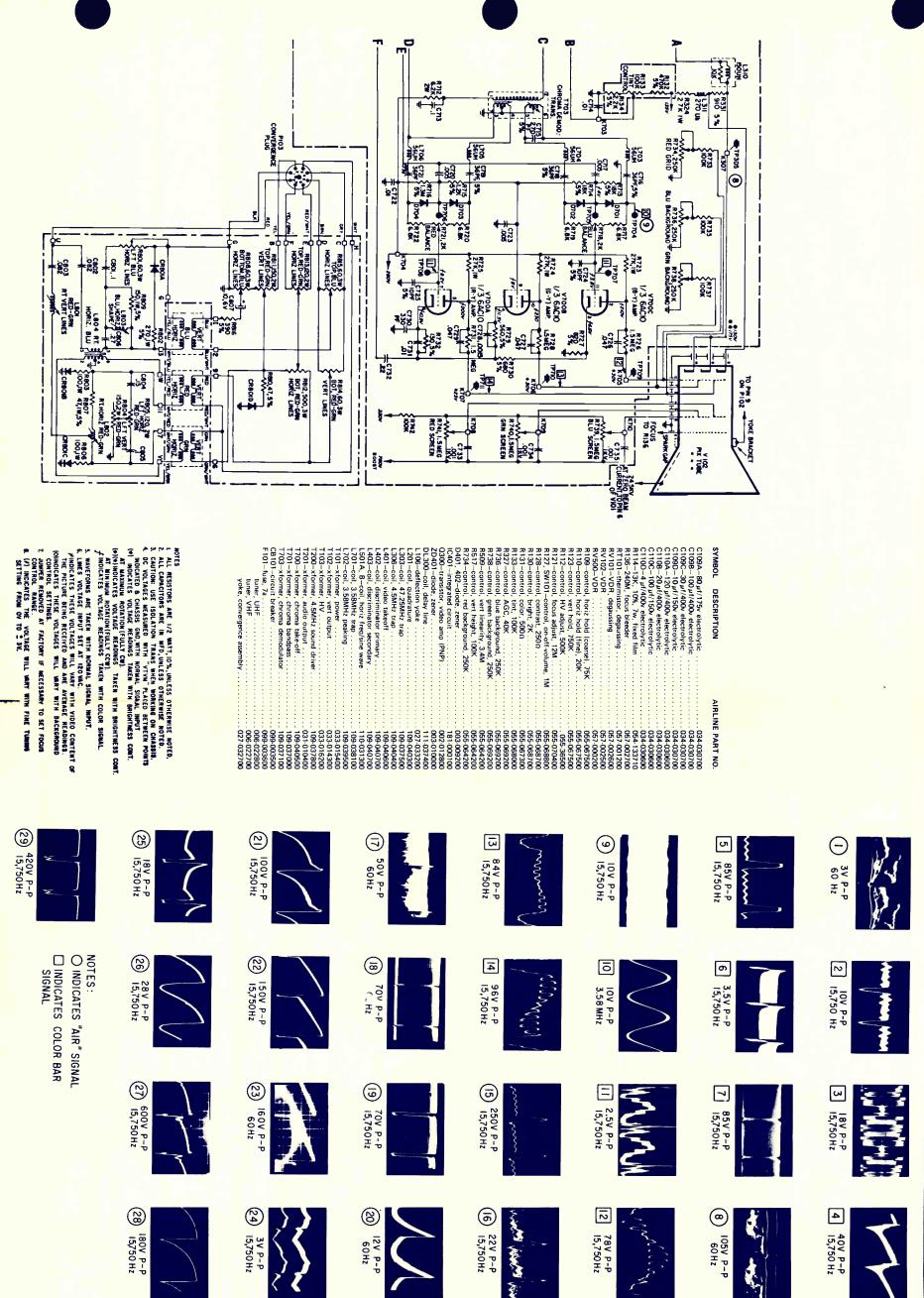
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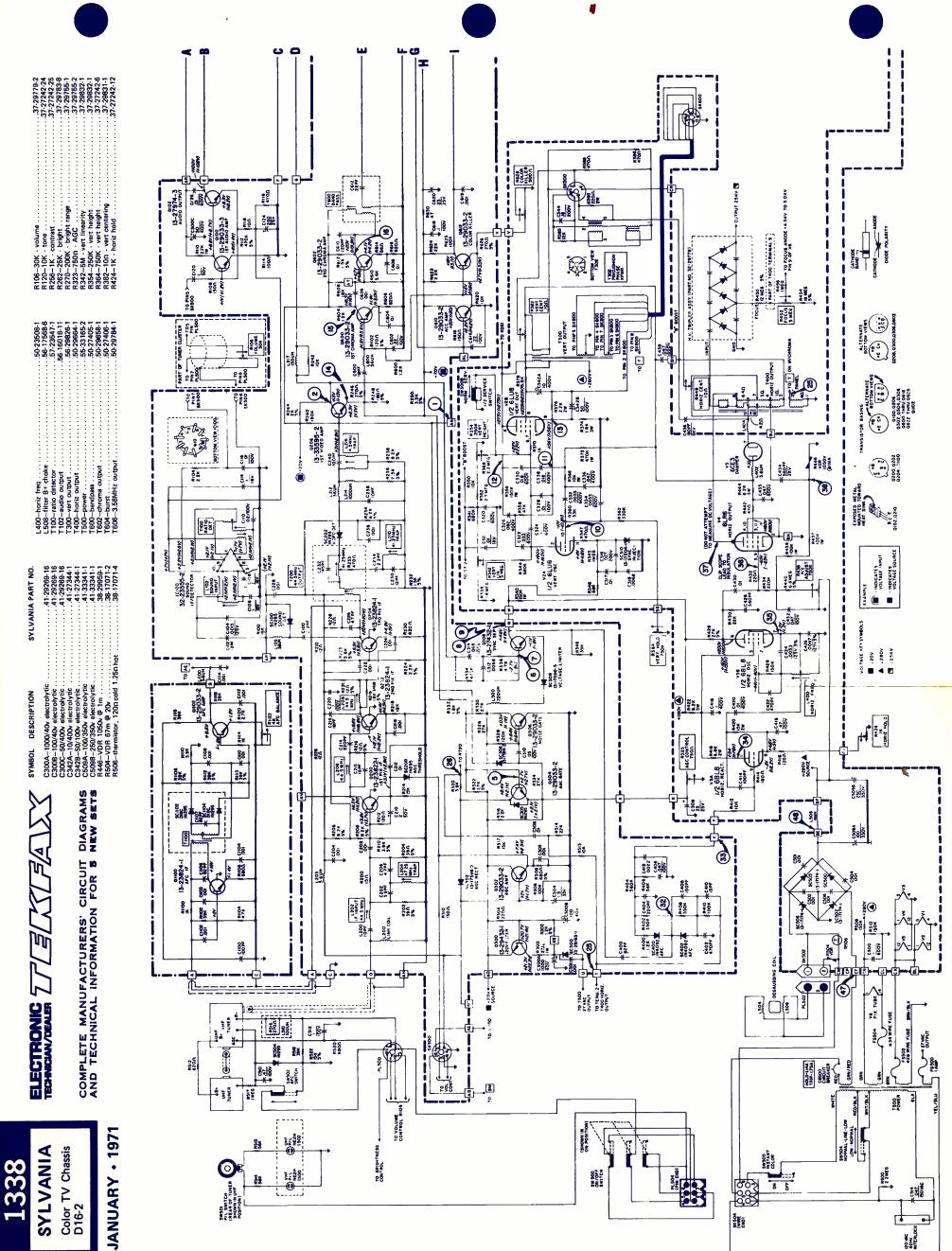
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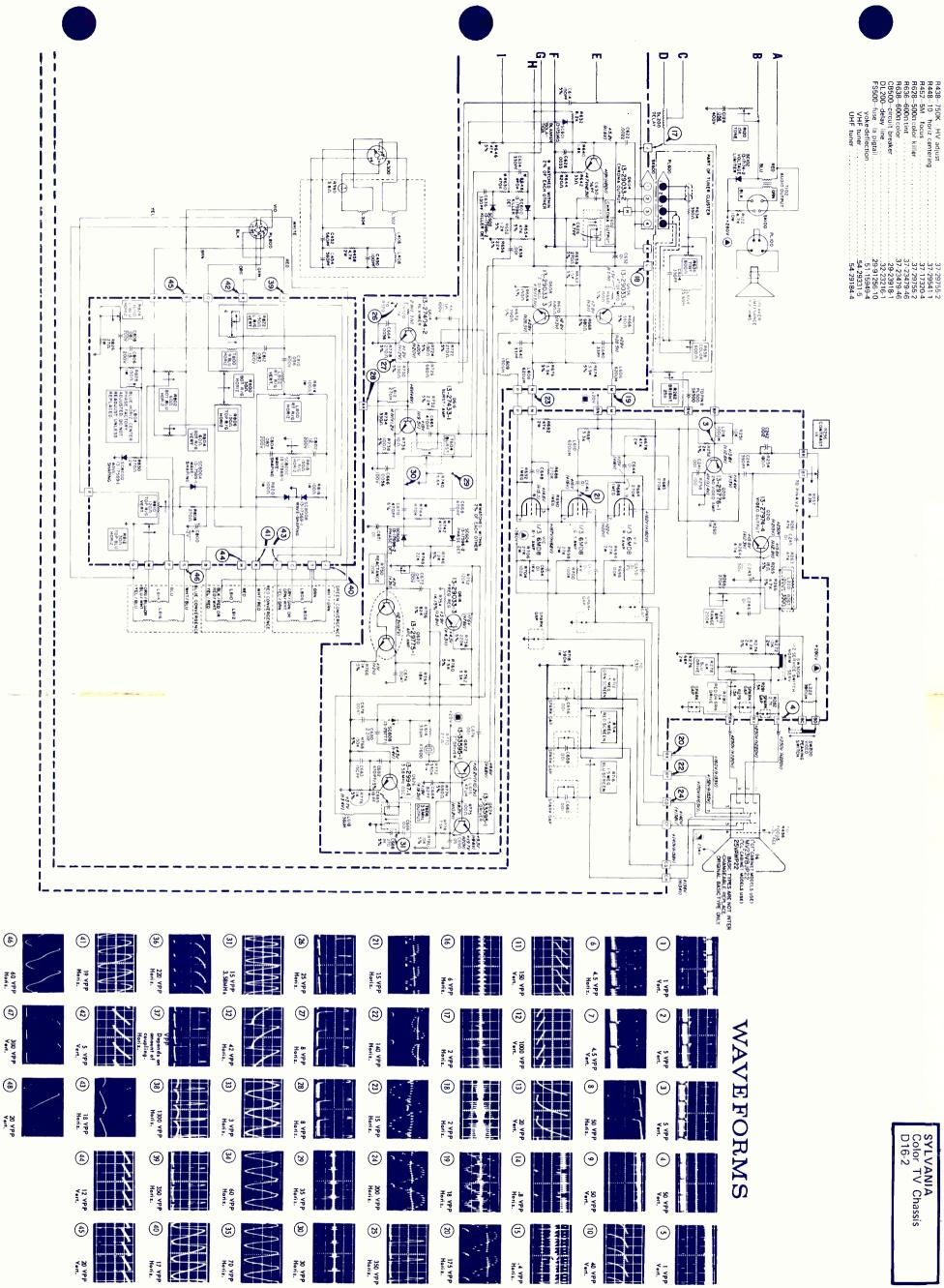


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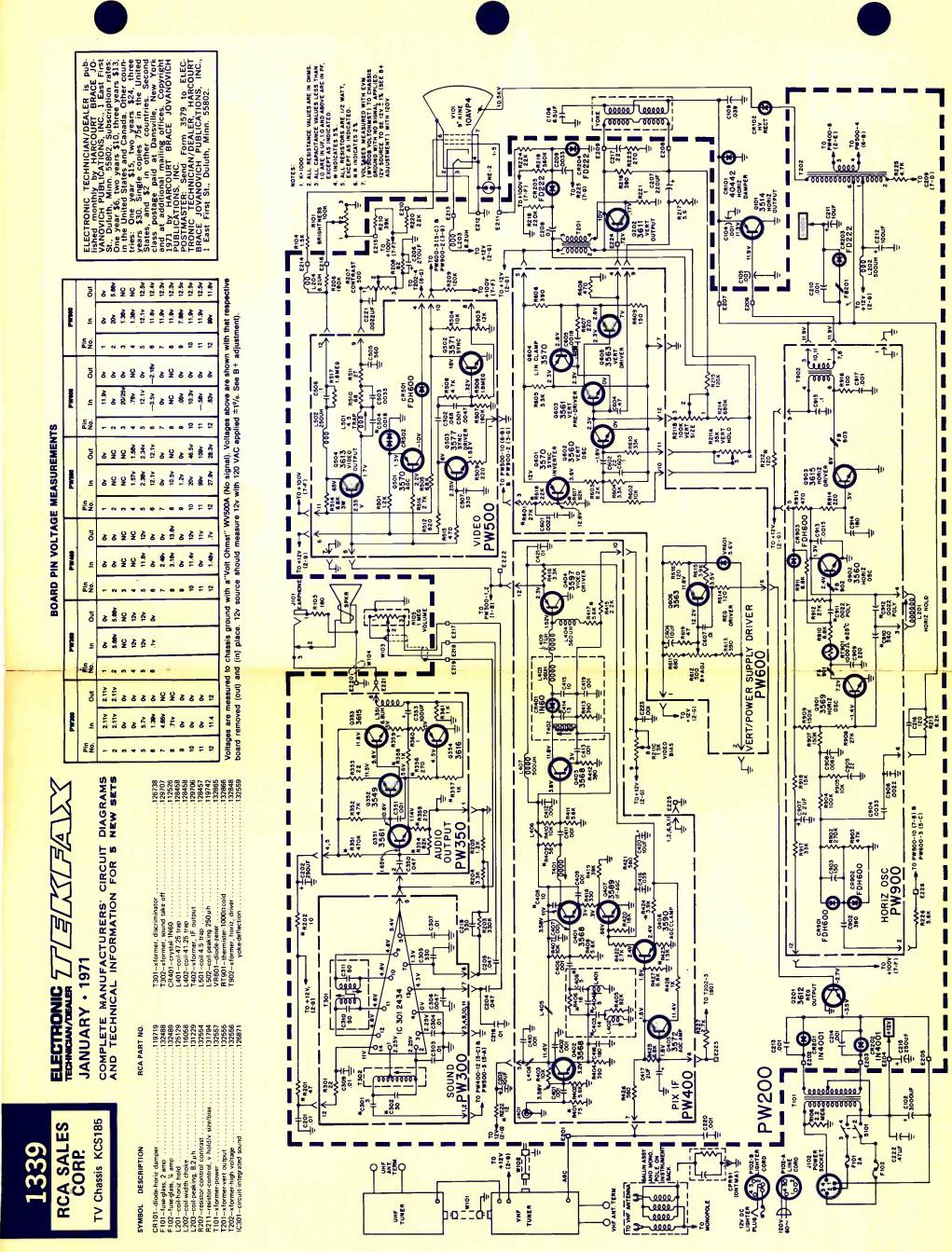


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Wired Television Communications

During the past year the National Cable Television Assn. has been conducting informative meetings across the country so that those interested might learn more concerning the current and future status of community antenna (CATV) systems.

While attending one of these meetings I was interested in learning that according to a 1969 Neilson survey CATV served 23.3 percent of TV homes in rural areas, 34.5 percent in small towns and 1.6 percent of the TV homes in major metropolitan areas. The average size of a CATV system was estimated to be about 1900 subscribers while some of the larger systems served nearly 40,999 subscribers and some of the smaller systems served fewer than 100 subscribers. One of the speakers predicted that by the end of this decade CATV systems would serve 80 percent of the TV homes in this country.

During the luncheon an official of one CATV system told me about a very interesting advertising research program that they were hired to take part in. During certain network programs substitute advertisements were dubbed in to replace the network advertisements. Those homes that received the network program with their own antenna saw one advertisement while those watching the same program through the CATV system saw a substitute advertisement by the same sponsor. A telephone survey group, knowing which houses were on the CATV system and which houses were not, then called various homes to see which version of the commercial had the greatest viewer response.

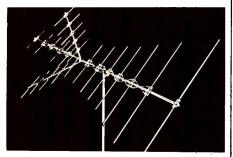
One problem was discussed which complicates both the transmission and retransmission of TV programs. Under certain new FCC rulings, CATV systems must obtain retransmission consent to carry the signals obtained from a distant TV station. In reality such consent is equivalent to copyright clearance. It was indicated that even TV stations that would like their programs carried over CATV systems do not feel free to give such authorization since they do not feel that they have the authority to give copyright clearance. Even for an educational TV station copyright clearance can become quite a problem. One educational TV station representative attending the meeting told me that they would even be unable to provide such clearance for some of the original TV programs that they broadcast. This is due to the fact that although the college professors preparing lectures for these programs write original notes, they frequently use resource material—charts, illustrations, etc.—that are copyrighted. These professors would rather not even be bothered with the program than attempt the difficult task of obtaining clearance to broadcast or redistribute every piece of copyrighted reference material that they use.

Although it was stressed by officials at the meeting that CATV systems should not be considered utilities as new regulations are formulated, since these systems merely offer the option of providing TV signals by wire which might otherwise be received directly with an antenna, they went on to list some of the future developments that would be possible for CATV systems. These included: the facsimile reproduction of newspapers, magazines and documents. Purchasing merchandise from stores through CATV. Educational programs that would offer skills training, health information and college degrees. They referred to one city which was considering downtown surveillance with the aid of a CATV system. Upon completing the list of possible future applications a guest at a neighboring table spoke up saying, "That sounds like a utility to me!"

This does pose a serious question concerning the future development of visual communications. Will future video communications systems evolve from current telephone systems (some phone companies are currently in the process of successfully developing video telephone systems) or from CATV systems (they are considering the construction of two-way communications systems that use your TV set)? This question will probably have to be answered by government legislation or through the courts, rather than through competitive development.

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The manufacturer may still be in business but I have not been able to locate them.

HOWARD A. POTVIN 2527 Los Padres Dr. Rowland Heights, Calif. 91745

l have an RCA TV calibrator, Model WR39A. It has excellent frequency stability and calibration. I would like to use it as a frequency meter, but cannot find a diagram, nor can the RCA distributor supply one. I am wondering if your readers can help. CHARLES A. WILLIAMS

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We noticed several issues ago that someone requested information on Pentron Stereo Tape Recorder. We, too, need information, schematic, parts list, etc., on Pentron Stereo Recording System, Emperor II, Model NL-4.

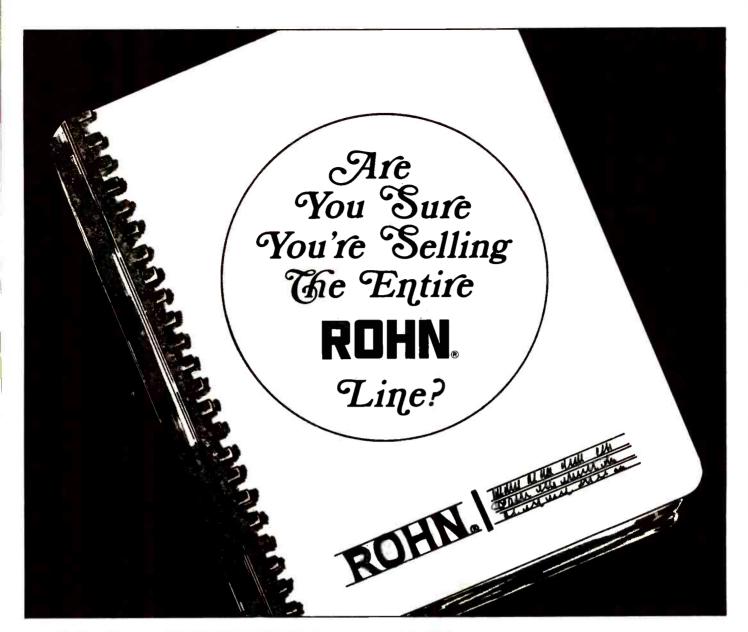
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Unfortunately, your editorial page is reflecting a goal not successfully reached in your subsequent pages. The "Quick-Testing Transistors" article text appears not to tally with Figure 2C. The "Transistor Ups and Downs" does not appear to tally properly with its illustration, and ends up to add confusion instead of clarity.

It is only because your publication is usually meticulously accurate and clear, showing close adherence to your stated goal, that I felt the urge to write about the exceptional condition on pages 51 and 52.

> BJORN HEYNING Sr. Design Engineer

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You are quite correct concerning the error that appears in Fig. 2C. The author correctly showed the circuit containing an NPN transistor in his original sketch but I failed to note that our draftsman reversed the direction of the arrow and added a ground to the transistor emitter lead in addition to showing the correct bias supply. Thank you for bringing this error to my attention. Ed.

That was an interesting article Mr. Sickels wrote about his portable home service lab. I was happy to see that he included B & K equipment in his lab.

Then, we go to page 57 and read about this tremendous probe that Chuck Dotson writes up. What would it have hurt if Mr. Dotson gave the name **B** & K instead of just saying one manufacturer makes this without identifying it? I wasn't aware that your organization hesitates to mention manufacturer's names in articles.

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Just a word of thanks for the nice feature article on our Mighty Mover in last month's issue [November issue]. It was well done and we received several long distance calls from dealers who were interested. We at Griffiths appreciate that kind of cooperation from media people.

MICHAEL JAY DONZIGER Griffiths Electronics Inc. 2875 Westside Blvd. Jacksonville, Florida 32209

I read with interest your editorial in the October issue of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN/DEALER and having done so I felt that I just had to write you with the hopes that perhaps you would be kind enough to delegate enough space in your magazine to comment and set down some facts.

I cannot help but feel that there is some sort of misunderstanding between the TV station and the dealership. It is a tendency for each to blame the other for problems of which there are a great many. Certainly the FCC sets standards for TV station transmitters. The standards, of course, are adhered to but this is not entirely the problem. I noticed that you stated in your editorial that you do not feel, as has been indicated, that TV sets are to fault for this problem. At the current time the SMPTE has an Ad Hoc committee that is currently investigating the manufacturers of various sets. They are trying to bring these sets into some sort of standardization wherein the problems that you mention would be less likely to occur.

You commented on the fact that you toured a station and was shocked to see only one color monitor. Mr. Dahlen, there is a reason for this. For many, many years there has been a color monitor problem. This problem is still existing today although great strides have been taken to correct the problem areas.

I have found that utilizing one color monitor gives us far greater reliability on color transmission than trying to put a color monitor on each piece of color gear. Until just very recently, monitors with matched phosphors were not available. I should think that you should be able to visualize what would happen with three or four or five color monitors with different matched phosphors on each color transmission system.

I also notice in your editorial where you state that you can watch a color late night movie for two hours, then if you come out of that movie into a live newscast as such, your flesh tones change. We have seen this happen many, many times. In fact, it is still happening. If a television print is not processed for TV use, it does not appear good on your screen. You have the problem of desaturation of the film for color chroma content. If you crank up your local receiver to make that film look acceptable to you and then hit live direct pickup, certainly you are going to be over-saturated.

Until such time as the various committees at work can get all the film houses in accord and all film processed to this new standard, these inadequacies will exist. We know that in the studio with the color cameras, and I am sure you have observed this, you will see a blond-headed girl with green hair. This is caused by polarization of light. Just a few weeks ago there was a new type of cube developed for the color cameras that will prevent polarization of light. There has been a development of new dichroics and new trim filters for less color error. So you see, Mr. Dahlen, continuing work is going on all the time to get a better picture to the TV viewer

The networks are now sending down a vertical interval color reference signal. The FCC has waned its requirement that the guard band be adhered to since this signal violates the standards. The purpose of this is to eventually be able to digital control a device to make corrections of the color signal and prevent hue and saturation changes.

New encoders are being developed to use input clamping at the matrix to prevent APL changes and ground loops from causing color errors.

I do not think, as your editorial indicates, that a finger can be pointed in only one direction. I would venture to say that if every TV station in the country had the new automatic color camera that your condition would still exist-until such time as all these perimeters can be tied into one common goal, and this includes film processing companies, it includes TV set manufacturers, it includes just about every facet of the industry that you want to enter. Until such time as this happens there will always be color differences. I would hope that you can take some of this information and perhaps delegate a few pages in the next issue so that your TV dealers and the technicians are aware that the problems do not lie solely with the TV stations.

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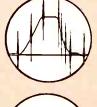
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Sylvania Electronic Systems Establishes Electronics School

An electronics school has been established in Waltham, Mass., by Sylvania Electronic Systems, an operating group of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., to train men and women for technical and professional positions in business, industry and government. Sylvania is a subsidiary of General Telephone & Electronics Corp.

Licensed by the Massachusetts Dept. of Education, the Sylvania Technical School offers vocational training in radio and TV, communications, and computer electronics. The school, with day and evening sessions, will also conduct professional and technical seminars in such areas as printed and integrated circuit technology, total digital system and modern logic design, data communications, communications concepts and technology, and industrial pollution control.

The vocational courses, which will provide from 600 to 750 hours of laboratory and lecture instruction, are designed to qualify students for positions ranging from engineering aide to technician in the home entertainment, communications, electronics, and data processing industries. Students in the radio, TV and communications programs will be prepared for state and federal licensing examinations, according to Robert M. Olsson, Manager of Sylvania's Training Services.

Day students can earn a vocational diploma in 25 to 30 weeks. Evening division programs, offered in either two or three sessions weekly, cover 60 to 94 weeks. The 32- and 48-hour professional and technical seminars will be presented evenings over three to six week periods.

Located in a modern facility at 63 Second Ave., Waltham, Mass., the school includes classroom-laboratories, lecture rooms, administrative offices, library and student lounge. It is equipped with audio-visual aids, including a closed circuit TV system, and electronic assembly, test and monitoring equipment.

The school, which will begin classes in January, also will offer placement and counseling services to students.

Jersey Specialty Company Has Moved to Larger Offices

Jersey Specialty Company, Inc., manufacturer of TV transmission wires and cables, has moved to new, larger offices. The enlarged facilities are located in an adjoining building on the same street as the J.S.C. plant. The new location is for management and office personnel while the former offices are being converted to additional manufacturing and storage facilities.

Mailing address for Jersey Specialty Company remains unchanged at P.O. Box 248, Wayne, N.J. 07470.

RCA to Build \$4.7 Million Addition to Scranton Plant

Construction of a \$4.7 million addition to the RCA color TV picture tube manufacturing plant in Scranton, Pa., was announced by John B. Farese, executive vice-president of RCA Electronic Components.

"The 31,700 ft. addition to the company's newest and most modern color TV picture tube manufacturing facility will increase the plant's present production capability to the level originally planned for the facility," Mr. Farese said. "Building construction has started and is expected to be completed early in 1971."

In addition to the expansion of the Scranton plant, the company also signed a lease agreement with the Key Market Distribution Center for 120,000 sq ft of warehouse space in buildings now under construction adjacent to the RCA property. This leased space will allow greater utilization of production areas in the main plant that are now being used for warehouse purposes.

The 350,000 sq ft Scranton plant, originally built in 1966 with an investment of \$26 million, is situated on a 91-acre tract of land in the Keystone Industrial Park in Dunmore, Pa. The building was designed to accommodate an expansion of this nature while production continues at efficient levels.

The RCA Scranton plant presently has 875 employees and manufactures several sizes of color TV picture tubes for the domestic and international markets. The ultimate work force will be built up to about 1000.

TV Set Sales Up in October Over Year Ago

EIA Marketing Services Dept. figures show that monochrome and color TV set distributor sales in October to dealers registered increases over sales in the same month last year according to Jack Wayman, EIA Consumer Electronics Group staff vice-president. Portable and table model phonographs also showed an increase over sales in October 1969.

Total TV set sales—972,230 sets—were up 2.5 percent from the 948,519 sets sold in October 1969. This was the first month this year where both monochrome and color TV set sales increased over a comparable month last year. Color TV set sales of 527,741 sets were up 4.2 percent over the 506,358 sets sold in October a year ago. Monochrome TV set sales for the month were up 0.5 percent over the same month last year.

Portable and table model phonograph sales were up 1.8 percent over sales a year ago. Total phonograph sales were 3.8 percent down, down to 452,379 from 470,005 a year ago.

Total home radio sales, 794,438 sets, were 11.9 percent down from sales a year ago. Auto radio sales were off 44.3 percent.

Precision Tuner Expands Springfield, Mass. Branch

The management of Precision Tuner Service announced that after only four months of operation, the Springfield, Massachusetts branch has outgrown the original location, and has had to secure a larger facility. The new plant covers over 2,000 ft, and is conveniently located in the distribution center of the city.

Initially, five repair positions have been prepared; each well lighted and with generous work space for each technician. More positions can be added, as the need arises. At the present time, about half of the floor space is allotted for spare parts and tuner storage.

Starting with a small one-man shop, Precision Tuner Service now boasts five locations strategically located throughout the United States, with more to come in the future.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

For additional information on products described in this section, circle the numbers on Reader Service Card. Requests will be handled promptly.

CB TRANSCEIVER TESTER 700

Checks transceiver performance ten ways

A multi-function tester is designed to check a CB transceiver's performance 10 ways. It reportedly reads true RF power output directly in watts, modulation



directly in percentage, and standing wave ratios (SWR). Specifications indicate that an audio jack permits headphone monitoring of the transmitted signal, while the tester can also be

installed to read received "S" units with transceivers that do not have S-meters. Also reportedly featured is instant switching from the antenna to a built-in dummy load. This permits the operator to make tests and adjustments off-the-air and, without changing cables, switch to the antenna to transmit. In this manner transmitter's output can always be kept fully loaded. For making a wide variety of tests, there are said to be built in audio and RF generators, a crystal activity checker, and other functions. A step-by-step illustrated guide is included with the tester. Price \$49.95. E. F. Johnson.

FOR MORE NEW PRODUCTS SEE PAGE 56



VHF MONITOR RECEIVER 701

Covers the low 30MHz to 50MHz and high 152MHz to 174MHz VHF bands

A solid-state VHF Monitor Receiver Model "Cobra PF-1" is designed to cover the police, fire, business and government channels-AM or FM. The monitor reportedly has separate front ends and separate tuning knobs on the front panel, for the low (30MHz to 50MHz) and high (152MHz to 174MHz) VHF bands and tunes manually across these bands. Provision is said to have also been made for crystal controlled operation at a specific frequency in each band. With each band pre-tuned to the crystalcontrolled operating frequency, either frequency can be monitored instantly by selecting the desired band. Rated AM sensitivity is typically 1µv for 10dB (S+N)/N ratio, while rated FM sensitivity is typically $1\mu v$ for 10dB noise quieting. The monitor reportedly operates on ac or dc; 117vac. 60Hz, for base station use; 12 vdc for mobile use (negative ground.) The unit is housed in a gray case, with brushed aluminum panel and matching knobs, and measures 12 in, by 31/4 in, by 91/4 in, It weighs 11 lb, Price \$119.95. Dynascan.



STEREO CAR CASSETTE TAPE RECORDER 702

Dictate, make notes or listen to pre-recorded tapes while driving

A car stereo cassette tape recorder has been developed that lets the driver make the most of the time spent while in his automobile. With this unit it is possible to dictate, make notes, issue memoranda or just listen to pre-recorded stereo cassettes while driving. The Model 1116 tape player reportedly features solid-state circuitry for minimal battery drainage: separate thumbwheel controls for tone volume and balance: easy front insertion loading of the cassette; power indicator light; automatic shut off and eject; and fast forward and rewind. The unit is housed in a low profile metal cabinet that measures 834 in. by 2 7/16 in. by 8 3/16 in. It is said to come complete with microphone, cassette and mounting accessories. Webcor.

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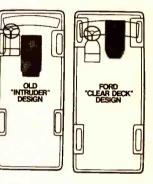


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TEKLAB REPORT

The familiar "link circuit" has now been replaced and the color-difference and luminance signals are matrixed before they are fed to the CRT

Introducing RCA's Argosy Portable Color-TV Set

by Joseph Zauhar

■ The Argosy portable color-TV set, with its CTC49 chassis, takes a large step into the future with a number of radical changes. Two of these important changes include modular construction and extensive use of integrated circuits. The television receiver reportedly employs the first domestic use of the new, slimmer 110° CRT and has 11 separate Accu Circuit modules, including 5 integrated circuits. Other advances

RCA Corp.'s Argosy Portable Model EP506W employing the CTC49XA chassis. The compact receiver is 4 in. slimmer than previous 18-in. models.



include active side-pincushion correction, transformerless vertical output, matrixing of the color-difference and luminance signals before they are fed to the kinescope and changes in the convergence circuits.

Specifications indicate that the tuner may be exchanged without the need for realignment of the coupling circuit to the IF amplifier, while a solid-state high-voltage quadrupler, which essentially is another module, and the use of plug-in transistors makes it possible to correct most failures with very little servicing effort.

After the back cover is removed the complete chassis is exposed for servicing, the modules can be removed from their edge contacts by lifting two retaining clips. The main chassis mounts the power transformer, power-supply filters, audio-output transistor, two vertical-output transistors, high-voltage quadrupler, focus bleeder, and the SCR's and diodes of the horizontal-deflection system.

Some of the circuitry has a close resemblance to earlier RCA chassis —such as the tuner, AFT and horizontal deflection system, which are similar to their counterparts in either the CTC40 or CTC47 chassis; and the sound module which is almost identical to the one used in the CTC41, CTC42 and CTC43 chassis. The integrated circuits used in the IF and chroma circuits are packaged in a single unit and a stage-by-stage review would have very little value to the technician.

Because of space limitations this article reviews only some of the new circuits that should be understood if circuit troubleshooting is required.

RF and IF System

The KRK165VHF tuner used in the CTC49 chassis is the same as the KRK142 tuner of the CTC40 chassis except for a minor change in the biasing of the RF amplifier and revamping of the mixer output to lower its impedance. Both tuners are four-tuned-circuit, wafer-switch tuners using a MOSFET RF amplifier, a cascode-type mixer and an AFT controlled local oscillator.

The familiar "link circuit," which has been used with minor modifications for several years, has been replaced by a terminated coaxial line, which interconnects the tuner and IF amplifier. This coupling method makes the tuning of the mixer and the IF-amplifier input independent of each other; also, the length of the interconnecting cable is no longer critical.

AGC and Noise Control

The AGC and noise control circuit is shown in Fig. 1. There resistor R10 is the collector load resistor of the AGC-amplifier transistor, located inside the IC and connected at terminal four. Depending on the level of the receiver input signal, the voltage at terminal four will vary slightly, above and below +2.7v. As it becomes more positive, the IF gain is increased. This voltage is also applied to the bottom of coil L4, and then to terminal six of the IC along with the IF signal.

When the service switch is in the Normal position, one end of resistor R9 is grounded. In either the Raster or Service position the ground is removed and resistor R9 is connected through resistor R302 to the anode of diode CR301, which has a potential of about —100v. The portion of this voltage that is applied to terminals four and six of the IC cuts OFF the IF amplifier for servicing.

In the CTC49 chassis, the AGC voltage from terminal seven to IC1 is more positive than +6.7v under

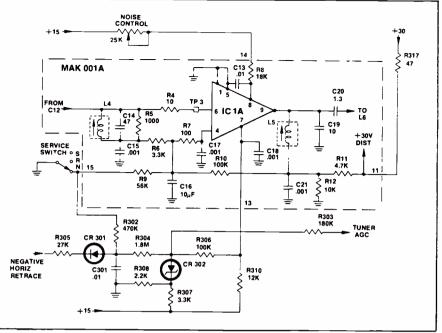


Fig. 1—The First and Second IF Amplifiers and AGC Circuits.

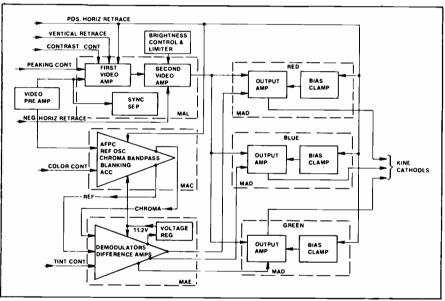


Fig. 2-Functional block diagram of the video system used in the RCA CTC49 color chassis.

no-signal conditions, but the diode action of the zener diode, CR302, clamps the tuner AGC voltage to +6.7v. As signal strength is increased to $1000\mu v$, the terminal seven output voltage drops, falling below 6.7v. However, until this point is reached, the RF tuner is operating at maximum gain and receiver gain is controlled by the IF AGC.

Further increasing the signal beyond $1000\mu v$ (nominal) causes the tuner AGC voltage to swing downwards from +6.7v toward a negative maximum. When it reaches -5v, zener diode CR302 conducts in the zener mode, preventing a further negative swing. This is the minimum-gain operating point of the RF amplifier. Beyond the point where the tuner begins operating at minimum gain, the gain-controlled IF amplifier controls overall gain.

The AGC action has three distinct modes of operation, depending on signal strength:

• No signal to about $1000\mu v$ — RF gain is maximum to provide the best possible signal-to-noise ratio of the receiver. IF AGC maintains constant video output from the detector. • About $1000\mu v$ to perhaps 100 mv—RF gain is decreased by the AGC voltage to maintain a constant output from the video detector. IF gain is substantially constant.

• Above about 100mv—RF gain is held at a minimum to prevent mixer overload, and IF gain is decreased by the AGC to maintain a constant video-detector output.

The function of the noise control is to allow the service technician to predetermine the amount of signal strength at which the AGC operation shifts from the first to the second mode and from the second mode to the third.

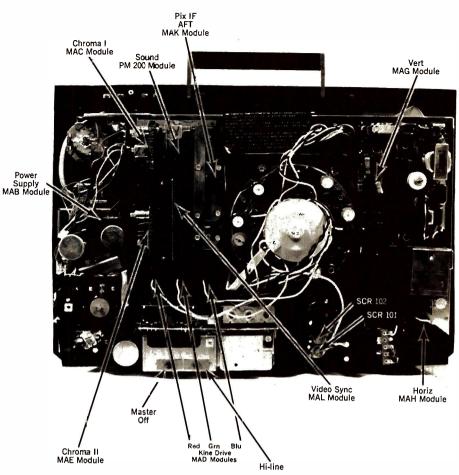
The Video System

From the video preamplifier situated in Module MAK, video is fed to the video/sync module MAL, as shown in the functional diagram in Fig. 2. This diagram shows the first and second video amplifiers as well as the sync separator. The positive sync pulses from the sync separator have a peak amplitude of 30v and are routed from the module without processing.

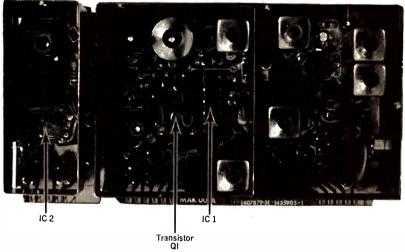
The functions of luminance delay, vertical and horizontal retrace blanking, control of contrast, and control of video peaking are performed in the first video amplifier. Depending on the setting of the contrast control, the stage gain varies from about 0.3 to unity or slightly more. Since the video output is taken from the collector, video polarity is inverted in the stage and the output is positive-going toward the black level. A shunt filter between the first and second video amplifiers attenuates the 3.58MHz video signal.

The second video amplifier is an emitter-follower stage which provides an impedance match between the first video amplifier and the three parallel-driven kine-drive modules, MAD. Bias for the base of the second video amplifier is controlled by the brightness control and the brightness limiter. A negative-going horizontal retrace pulse is fed to the emitter to enhance operation in the vicinity of the black level. Since this is an emitter-follower stage, the polarity of the output is the same as that of the input.

A peaking coil in the video preamplifier restricts the bandpass of



Rear view of the CTC49-color chassis exposing the 11 AccuCircuit modules. With extensive use of modules, the chassis is compact and yet easy to service.



All of the IF amplification and the generation of AGC voltage is accomplished in a single integrated circuit IC1 mounted in the IF Module, MAK.

the signal fed to the first chroma module, MAC, to frequencies nominally between 3.08MHz and 4.08 MHz. All active devices in this module are contained in a single IC, which serves as a chroma-bandpass amplifier, burst amplifier and reference oscillator. AFPC, ACC, colorlevel control and burst blanking are also accomplished in this module. The 3.58MHz reference signal and the chroma signal are conducted from the first chroma module to the second chroma module, MAE. From there the chroma demodulator and color-difference signals, R-Y, B-Y and G-Y, are conducted to the three kine-driver modules. An 11.2v regulator, which provides voltage for modules MAE and MAC, is located in the MAE module as is the tint-control input circuit.

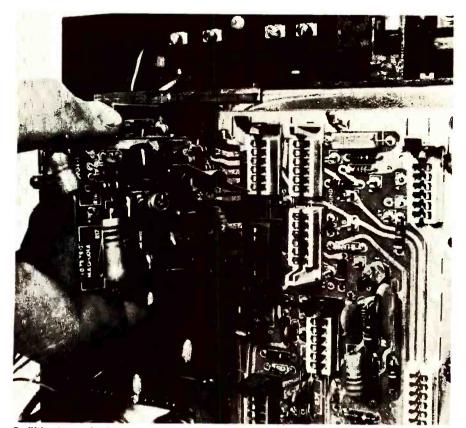
The video system described is similar to the ones found in many earlier chassis—the matrixing of luminance and chrominance video outside the kinescope having not been done in an RCA color receiver since the CTC 2 chassis was discontinued. Although several advantages are realized, the most significant is that the load offered by the three kinescope cathodes may be divided equally among three moderately rated drivers instead of one relatively high-power device, and, of course, the three kine-control-grid drivers are eliminated.

Kine Driver Module, Mad

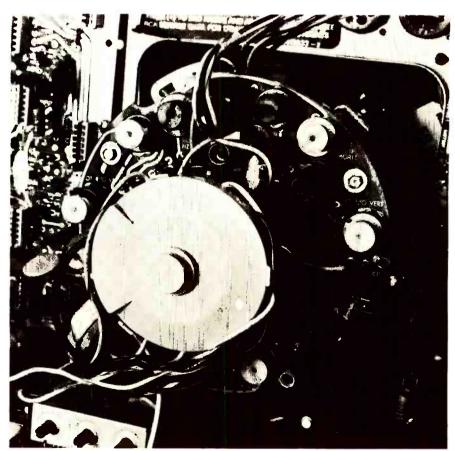
Three identical kine-drive modules, MAD, are used—one for each color of video. In each module the luminance video is combined with one color of the chrominance video (color difference signal); the two bits of information are then amplified and finally fed to the appropriate kine cathode as shown in Fig. 3.

We will first consider the signal paths: Luminance video passes from the service switch to the emitter of transistor Q1 through three parallel paths. These are resistor R7, called the primary path of convenience; resistor R6 and capacitor C2, which provide high-end video peaking; and resistors R335 and R336, which allow control of amplifier gain for gray-scale setup. The color fference video, R-Y for example, ives the base of transistor Q1, and then R-Y is added to Y to produce R, or red. The color-video output is conducted directly from the module to the kine socket without passing through the edge connector; the spark gap and the 3.3K resistor are in the kine socket.

The dc stability of the kine cathodes is provided by the positive horizontal retrace pulse injected at capacitor C309 and conducted to the bias transistor, Q2. Considering only the circuitry within the module, observe that a feedback scop exists from the collector of transfor Q1, through resistor R2, dio e CR1, resistor R9, transistor Q2. Esistor R5 back to the emitter trusistor Q1. Assuming that there input signals, it functions as for 🔨 🖄 rise



By lifting two spring locks the modules can be easily removed from their edge connectors.



The convergence board is placed around the neck of the CRT with spark gaps and resistors placed in the CRT socket.

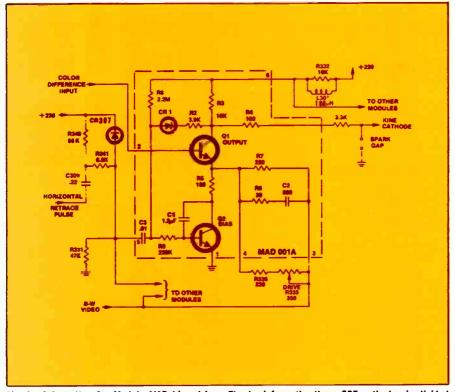


Fig. 3---Schematic of a Module MAD kine driver. The load from the three CRT cathodes is divided equally among three moderately rated drivers instead of one high power device.



Approximately 75 percent of the Argosy's circuitry is contained in these 11 plug-in modules.

in the 2000 se at the collector of transistor (2) increases the emitterto-base current in transistor Q2; this increases the collector current of transistor Q2, which passes through transistor Q1. The increase in transistor Q1 collector current increases the voltage drop across resistor R3 and drives the collector voltage of transistor Q1 back to its former value. Conversely, a drop in collector voltage at transistor Q1 decreases the base forward bias of transistor Q2, reducing the drop across resistor R3 and returning the collector of transistor Q1 to its former potential. Since the loop gain is fairly high (greater than 20) the collector voltage of transistor Q1 is held within very close limits.

This explanation is oversimplified, because it ignores two important facts: Signals are present, so the collector voltage of transistor Q1 must vary; and no reference voltage has been provided to establish the voltage at which the collector of transistor Q1 is stabilized. There is, however, a period when no signals are present -the horizontal-retrace blanking period. If the bias current through transistor Q1 is set to produce kine cutoff during blanking time and sufficient integration is provided, this amount of bias can be maintained until the next blanking interval. This integration is provided by capacitor C1.

The characteristics of the CRT dictate that its cathodes, and the collector of all transistor Q1's, be driven to +160v for blanking. A reference voltage, keyed on only during blanking, is conveniently derived from the horizontal retrace pulse. This pulse enters the circuit through capacitor C309 and is limited to a peak value of 220v by diode CR307. This limited pulse is fed through capacitor C3 to the stabilizing loop. In any pulse circuit the dc level is equal to the pulse voltage times the duty cycle. (Duty cycle is defined as the product of the pulse width in seconds and the number of pulses per second; e.g., a horizontalretrace pulse having a width of 5μ s has a duty cycle of 0.0787.) The circuit constants in these modules were selected so that the average dc voltage at the junction of diode continued on page 49

Practical Aspects of the Carterfone Decision

by Leo G. Sands

New opportunities have been opened up for the sound and mobile radio industries by the momentous FCC decision in favor of Thomas F. Carter.

■ Now telephone subscribers can furnish their own telephones and switchboards instead of renting them from the telephone company. Many people are not aware that the basic monthly telephone service charge includes rental of the telephone. Business users, of course, are very well aware that they pay for the rental of PBX and PABX switchboards.

Both domestic and foreign manufacturers of telephones and switchboards see a tremendous market for their products among telephone users. But, most of them have not yet crystallized their marketing plans. They have customarily sold only to telephone companies and the relatively few industries that buy private in-house telephone systems not interconnected with telephone company lines.

Some manufacturers are moving cautiously because they do not want to offend their telephone company customers. A spokesman for Graybar, the giant telephone equipment supplier, said his company would not even consider selling telephone equipment directly to users, except such private telephone system operators as the railroads and pipe lines.

Foreign manufacturers enjoying essentially no U.S. telephone company business are most anxious to sell to users. Most are still trying to decide whether to employ salesmen, appoint reps or sell through distributors and dealers.

Sound system and mobile radio dealers and distributors are now in a position where they could readily sell and install telephones and switchboards to local businesses and industries, as well as phone patches, teletypewriters, facsimile machines, slow-scan TV equipment, telephone answering machines and data terminals. Most of these companies have electronic technicians capable of designing (or quickly learning how) telephone systems. Equipment manufacturers undoubtedly will be happy to train their dealers and distributors.

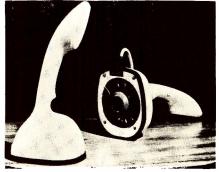
Under the terms of the Carterfone Decision, "foreign" equipment may be connected to telephone company circuits. "Foreign" in this case does not refer to country of origin but to equipment not furnished by the telephone company. Mobile radio system base stations may be connected to the national telephone network through a phone patch or radiotelephone interface terminal. So can public address and intercom systems.

Telephone company technical standards, however, must be met so that the quality of telephone service will not be impaired, and so that cross talk will not be caused. The "foreign" equipment must be compatible with telephone circuits and central offices.

Numerous dealers are selling telephone sets that can be plugged into telephone jacks. They can also be wired directly to a telephone line terminal block. However, some telephone companies insist that customer-furnished equipment must be modified by them to make them



Ordinarily the telephone subscriber pays extra rent for a telephone like this, plus a monthly charge for using the built-in light bulb.



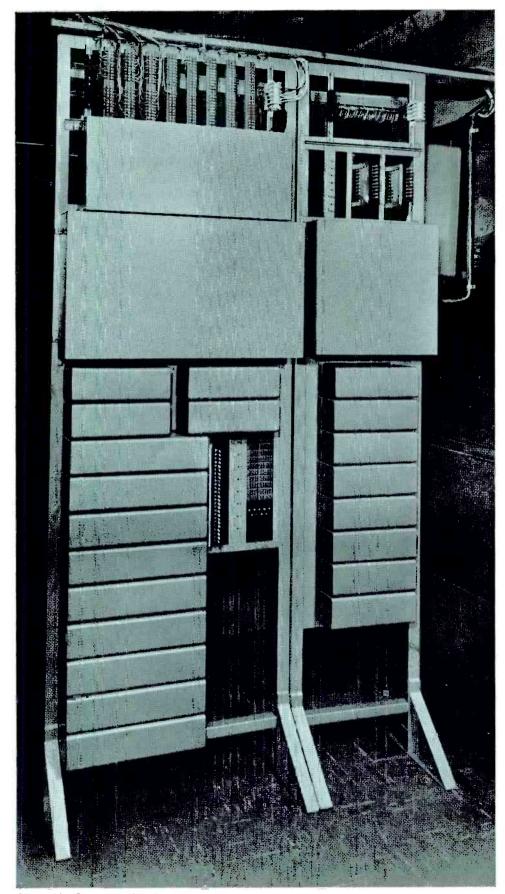
Exotic telephones such as the Ericofon can be bought for resale to customers.

compatible with the telephone system. A one-time charge is made for such a modification, but no monthly charge is made for use of the telephone.

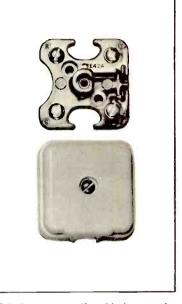
Installation of a "protective block" is required by some telephone companies, for which a monthly rental is charged. Some fear that the decision might be reversed. But, it is doubted that this will happen. Power companies have not been able to force power users to rent their appliances from them, nor have water companies been able to force the public to rent garden hoses from them. Now, telephone subscribers can either rent their equipment from the local telephone company or buy their own.

A survey reveals that most largescale telephone users are not yet aware of this fact. Some, however, are moving fast to buy their own telephone systems.

Installation involves running multi-connector cable and installing telephones, switchboard and anciliary equipment. Telephone technology, except for switching, is no more complex than sound system engineering. Instead of multi-conductor



An example of an automatic switchboard which can be expanded with the installation of plug-in modules.



Telephone connecting blocks can be used for both telephones and sound system speakers.

cable, some consulting engineers are advocating the use of coaxial cable and frequencydivision multiplexing techniques to permit interconnection of telephones and transmission of CCTV and data through a single cable.

Sound and radio communication equipment dealers and distributors can start in this field on a modest basis, expanding as they learn more about the business. A good way to start is to sell, install and service telephone answering machines to local business firms, and phone patches to operators of private mobile radio systems. Also equipment can be sold which will enable access to a public address or paging system from any telephone.

With so many businesses and industries, as well as local government agencies, needing data terminals for feeding data into and out of computers, this is an area worth considering. Also many businesses have need for facsimile and teletypewriter facilities, in-plant and between stores and plants.

Revival in Term Selling Urged for TV-Stereo at Retail

Special research project has revealed that the "Truth-in-Lending" laws have caused many dealers and salesmen to back away from the use of "buy now, pay later" selling.

■ Patrick Cocchiaraley, a regional manager for Teledyne Packard Bell, has developed a new sales technique using time-tested step-up selling combined with term offerings. He claims that this is the key to turning people's desires and wants into immediate purchases.

Cocchiaraley funneled his discoveries and home electronic industry experience into a pre-packaged plan, "Step-Up 'N Sell with Teledyne Packard Bell," a program that literally offers everything a dealer needs to logically talk value and terms to prospects.

Noting that the American economy has thrived for years on people purchasing most of their needs on credit, he stresses that times have not significantly changed: the name of the game is selling benefits and terms. "Terms are as important now as ever. However," Cocchiaraley said, "new Truth-in-Lending laws have changed the method of disclosure, confusing many salesmen to the point they are afraid to use any kind of credit terms."

Merchants who aggressively sell "terms" can get the lion's share of the high-ticket consumer product sales, he emphasizes, especially when terms are combined with an effective set-up feature sales presentation.

"Look at the automobile industry. More new automobiles were sold last year than color TV and stereo consoles combined. They are still selling automobiles in all price ranges loaded with the extras people want, because the sale is made on the appeal of paying just a little bit more a month to have the best.



Bob Edwards, general manager of Teledyne Packard Bell Distributing Co. of Los Angeles, shows showroom hostess Dorothy Mulhaupt stereo features with the firm's new "Step-Up 'N Sell with Teledyne Packard Bell" set-toppers providing additional feature and term pricing information.

"Since the average American consumer wants the best, dealers do not sell many stripped down models. They sell the deluxe models by selling the extra features," Cocchiaraley added.

He paints a graphic description of the prospect who walks into a new car showroom and is placed in the driver's seat for a demonstration. It is there that the prospect begins to subconsciously sell himself on the deluxe features. Until this time, there is no mention of price. He is merely told how he would enjoy the features, he uses them and develops a pride of ownership.

Only then does the prospect ask the price and get the answer: "Only \$75 per month." If the prospect asks for extras, the price is quoted in monthly terms, usually a figure he can afford.

Console TV and stereo models can be sold in the same way, Cocchiaraley preaches to his distributors. "Customers can be sold up from the low-priced models to higher-priced models with all the features they want, when dealers show them that it only costs a few dollars more a week."

Individual step-up kits for color TV and console stereo utilize color coordinated information cards, a sort of "tel-tag" and gaily printed settopper cards. These aid both salesman and customer in pinpointing salient features for any designated set in the store.

Useful for both new and discontinued lines, these feature-benefit, self-prompter cards grab the customer's interest, making the line presentation more believable, with selling points remembered longer.

Packard Bell supplies the unique step-up kits with sample scripts, doit-yourself easy payment numbers to apply on the set-toppers and information on complying with the basic "Truth-in-Lending" laws. Even handy weekly-payment guides are provided as part of a complete program booklet.

Cocchiaraley feels that his fresh, new "Step-Up 'N Sell" plan gives retailers a modern, logical system to sell more prospects and to overcome buying resistance. That is important these days when value is the keystone to a sale. ■

Commercial Two-Way Radio

by Phillip Dahlen

There is a frequency available for virtually every business activity

Considerable attention has been given to the Citizens Band, which permits two-way radio communication by virtually every United States citizen. With the attention given its rapid growth and many useful applications, some of us tend to forget that the FCC has allotted radio frequencies for virtually every ethical business endeavor-if it is not for pleasure, there is an assigned frequency. Whether the prospective two-way radio operator is a prospector, minister or farmer, there are radio frequencies available for his use.

Two-way business radio is not limited to 23 channels (plus a few specific frequency assignments) within a relatively small range of frequencies. There is a much greater range of frequencies available and there are fewer people for each of these frequencies. Therefore, whether he be the butcher, the baker or the candlestick maker, you can sell your customer on the availability of twoway channels that will fill his needs. To give some indication of what this consists of, we have condensed segments of Volume V of the FCC Rules and Regulations. (The complete volume can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.)

The first portion of Volume V deals with Aviation Services. These include Airborn Stations, Aeronautical Advisory Stations, Aeronautical Multicommunication Stations, Aeronautical Enroute Stations, Aeronautical Metropolitan Stations, Flight Test Stations, Aviation Instructional Stations, Airdrome Control Stations, Aeronautical Utility Mobile Stations, Aeronautical Search and Rescue Stations, Aeronautical Fixed Stations, Operational Stations (link or control circuits or other aeronautical operations), Radionavigation Land Stations, Civil Air Patrol Stations, Radionavigation Land Test Stations and National Defense Stations. Due to the nature of these stations we elected not to include the range of frequencies available since this information is already known by those dealing with aeronautical radio communications.

Other radio services that can be marketed include the following:

Local Government Radio Service

This service is authorized for territories, possessions, states or other governmental subdivisions including counties, cities, towns and similar governmental entities, including districts and authorities but not including school districts or park authorities. Transmission is permitted on 165 assigned frequencies between 37.1MHz and 458.975MHz, plus a band of frequencies between 72.0 MHz and 76.0MHz and between 154.4525MHz and 154.460MHz.

Police Radio Service

This service is authorized for states, territories, possessions and other governmental subdivisions including counties, cities, towns and similar governmental entities. Transmission is permitted on 337 frequencies between 1610kHz and 465.500 MHz, plus a band of frequencies between 72.02MHz and 76.00MHz.

Fire Radio Service

This service is authorized to the same government bodies as the Po-

lice Radio Service, plus persons or organizations charged with specific fire protection activities. Applications from persons or organizations, other than governmental subdivisions, must be accompanied by a statement from the governmental subdivision having legal jurisdiction over the area to be served. For this service, transmission is permitted on 32 frequencies between 1630kHz and 465.625MHz, plus a band of frequencies between 72.02MHz and 76.00MHz.

Highway Maintenance Radio Service

This service is authorized to the same governmental bodies as the Police Radio Service, and transmission is authorized on 106 frequencies between 33.02MHz and 458.-950MHz, plus a band of frequencies between 72.00MHz and 76.00 MHz.

Forestry-Conservation Radio Service

Authorization for use of the radio frequencies assigned to this service may be granted to those meeting requirements similar to the ones made for the Fire Radio Service. Transmission for this service is permitted on 131 frequencies between 2212 kHz and 458.950MHz, plus a band of frequencies between 72.00MHz and 76.00MHz.

Special Emergency Radio Service

Hospitals—Institutions or establishments offering service, facilities and beds for beyond 24 hr when rendering medical service.

Ambulance Operators and Rescue Organizations—Persons or organizations operating an emergency ambulance service or rescue squad are eligible.

Physicians and Veterinarians—Physicians and veterinarians are eligible in this service. As used for this category, the term "physician" or "veterinarian" shall be construed to mean individual physicians or veterinarians or schools of medicine, including schools of veterinary medicine.

Disaster Relief Organizations—Organizations established for disaster relief purposes and which have an emergency communications plan involving the use of radio are eligible.

School Buses—Persons or organizations operating school buses having regular routes into rural areas are eligible in this service.

Beach Patrols—Persons or organizations operating beach patrols having responsibility for life-saving activities.

Establishments in Isolated Areas— Persons or organizations maintaining establishments in isolated areas where public communication facilities are not available and where the use of radio is the only feasible means of establishing communications with a center of population, or other point from which emergency assistance might be obtained if needed.

There are 34 radio frequencies assigned for the Special Emergency Radio Service between 2726kHz and 155.400MHz, plus a band of frequencies between 2000kHz and 3000kHz and between 72.00MHz and 76.00MHz.

State Guard Radio Service

Authorization for use of radio frequencies assigned to this service is issued only to the official state guard or comparable organization of a state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia and only where such an organization has been duly created by law and completely subject to the control of the Governor, or the highest official of the creating governmental entity. This service has been assigned 2726kHz as the primary frequency and 2505kHz to 3500kHz as the second frequency when arrangements can be made with other governmental agencies.

Power Radio Service

Radio frequencies assigned to these services may be authorized for persons engaged primarily in the generation, transmission or distribution of electrical energy; the distribution of manufactured or natural gas by means of pipe line; the distribution of water or steam by means of a pipe line, canal or open ditch (for water)—for use by the general public or by members of a cooperative. There are 409 frequencies allotted for this service between 27.235 MHz and 952.4MHz, 36 paired frequencies between 952.8MHz and 959.9MHz, plus 9 frequency bands between 1.85GHz and 40GHz.

Petroleum Radio Service

This service is authorized for persons engaged in prospecting for, producing, collecting, refining or transporting by means of pipeline, petroleum or petroleum products (including natural gas). There are 8 frequencies assigned to this service between 1614kHz and 4637.5kHz, 426 frequencies between 25.02MHz and 952.4MHz and 36 paired frequencies between 952.8MHz and 959.9MHz, plus 16 frequency bands between 1.85GHz and 40GHz.

Forest Products Radio Service

Frequencies in this service are authorized for persons engaged in tree logging, tree farming or related woods operations, including related hauling activities and persons directly engaged in manufacturing lumber, plywood, hardboard, or pulp and paper products from wood fiber. There are 422 frequencies assigned to this service between 27.235MHz and 952.4MHz, plus 1676kHz, 1700kHz, 2398kHz, 36 paired frequencies between 952.8MHz and 959.9MHz, and a frequency band between 1.85GHz and 1.99GHz.

Motion Picture Radio Service

Radio frequencies in this service are authorized for persons engaged in the production or filming of motion pictures. There are 5 frequencies available between 1628kHz and 4637.5kHz, 87 frequencies between 27.234MHz and 952.4MHz, 36 paired frequencies between 952.8 MHz and 959.9MHz, and 16 frequency bands between 1.85GHz and 40GHz.

Relay Press Radio Service

This service is authorized for persons engaged in the publication of a newspaper or in the operation of an established press association. There are 85 frequencies assigned between 27.234MHz and 952.4MHz, 36 paired frequencies between 952.8 MHz and 959.9MHz, plus 16 frequency bands between 1.85GHz and 40GHz.

Special Industrial Radio Service

Radio frequencies assigned to this

service are authorized for persons regularly engaged in the operation of farms or ranches or similar land installations for the quantity production of crops or plants, vines or trees (excluding forestry), or for the keeping, grazing or feeding of livestock for animal products, animal increase or value enhancement; a commercial business regularly engaged in the construction of roads, bridges, sewers, pipelines, airfields, water, oil, gas, or power production. collection or distribution systems; the operation of mines for the recovery of solid fuels, minerals or metals; plowing, soil conditioning, seeding, fertilizing or harvesting for agricultural or forestry activities; spraying or dusting of insecticides, herbicides or fungicides; livestock breeding service; maintaining, patroling and repairing gas or liquid transmission pipelines, tank cars, water or waste disposal wells, industrial storage tanks; acidizing, cementing, logging, perforating or shooting activities; supplying of chemicals, mud, tools, pipe and other materials to the petroleum production industry; delivery of ice or fuel to the consumer in solid, liquid or gaseous form; on delivering and pouring of ready-mixed concrete or hot asphalt mix. This service is assigned 387 frequencies between 27.235MHz and 465.625MHz, 36 paired fre-quencies, between 952.8MHz and 959.9MHz, and 16 frequency bands between 1.85GHz and 40GHz.

Business Radio Service

This service is authorized for any person engaged in a commercial activity; educational or philanthropic institutions; clergymen or ecclesiastical institutions; hospitals, clinics and medical associations. It includes 499 frequencies between 27.235 MHz and 469.975MHz, 36 paired frequencies between 952.8MHz and 959.9MHz, and 9 frequency bands between 2.15GHz and 40GHz.

Industrial Radiolocation Service

This service is designated for persons who have a substantial need, in connection with their various activities, to determine direction, distance or position by means of radiolocation devices, for purposes other than navigation. It includes 6 frequency bands between 70kHz and 3.400 MHz, plus 230MHz, 250MHz, 310 MHz, and 20 frequency bands between 2.45GHz and 36GHz.

Manufacturers' Radio Service

Frequencies assigned to this service are authorized for manufacturing activities directly involved in the mechanical or chemical transformation of organic or inorganic substances into new products within establishments usually described as plants, factories, shipyards or mills and which employ power-driven machines and material-handling equipment. It is also available for establishments engaged in assembling components of manufactured products in plants, factories, shipyards or mills; or they may be eligible even if the produce is neither a new structure nor other fixed improvement. Also eligible are establishments primarily engaged in the wholesale or retail trade, or in service activities, even though they fabricate or assemble any or all of the products or commodities handled. There are 281 frequencies available for this service between 27.234MHz and 467.525MHz, 36 paired frequencies between 952.8MHz and 959.9MHz, and 16 frequency bands between 1.85GHz and 40GHz.

Telephone Maintenance Radio Service

This service is authorized for communications common carriers primarily engaged in rendering a wire-line or wire-line and radiocommunications service to the public for hire. There are 224 frequencies available from 27.235MHz to 467.525MHz, 36 paired frequencies between 952.8MHz and 959.9MHz, and 16 frequency bands between 1.85GHz and 40GHz.

Motor Carrier Radio Service

This service is authorized for persons primarily engaged in providing a common or contract motor carrier passenger transportation service between urban areas or within a single urban area, property transportation service between urban areas, or for the local distribution or collection of property. Depending upon the location and application, this service is assigned 9 frequencies between 43.70MHz and 43.84MHz, 30 frequencies between 43.86MHz and 44.44MHz, 8 frequencies between 44.46MHz and 44.60MHz, 13 shared frequencies between 30.66 MHz and 31.14MHz, 10 paired frequencies between 44.36 and 43.94 MHz, 68 frequencies between 72.02 MHz and 75.98MHz, 48 base and mobile frequencies between 159.495 MHz and 160.200MHz, and 30 frequencies between 452.325MHz and 457.875MHz.

Railroad Radio Service

Authorization for this service can be granted to railroad common carriers, including railroad express companies, wholly owned by railroad common carriers regularly engaged in the transportation of passengers or property, when such passengers or property are transported over all or part of their route by railroad. For this service there are 68 shared frequencies between 72.02MHz and 75.98MHz, 91 base and mobile frequencies between 160.215MHz and 161.565MHz, 28 fixed relay frequencies between 169.425MHz and 412.775MHz, plus 20 base and mobile or mobileonly frequencies between 452.325 MHz and 457.950MHz.

Taxicab Radio Service

This service is authorized for persons regularly engaged in furnishing to the public for hire a nonscheduled passenger land transportation service not operated over a regular route or between established terminals. Such service, where permissible under local laws, may also include the occasional transport of small items of property. The service is also authorized for a nonprofit corporation or association engaged in these same activities. Besides limited use with special rules on 5 frequenbetween 27.235MHz cies and 27.275MHz, there are 14 base and mobile frequencies which range between 152.27MHz and 157.71MHz. and 24 frequencies that are shared between 452.050MHz and 457.500 MHz.

Automobile Emergency Radio Service

Authorization for using this service ranges from associations of private automobile owners who provide a private emergency road service for disabled vehicles, to persons regularly engaged in the business of providing the general public with emergency road service for disabled vehicles, and nonprofit corporations or associations organized for the purpose of furnishing a radio-communications service solely to persons actually engaged in service activities. The radio frequencies for this include 5 frequencies between 27.235MHz and 27.275MHz, 3 frequencies between 150.815MHz and 150.875MHz, 3 frequencies between 150.905MHz and 150.965 MHz, 3 frequencies between 157.-470MHz and 157.500MHz and 4 frequencies between 452.525MHz and 452.600MHz.

Other Radio Services

In addition to the extensive list of radio services authorized under Volume V of the FCC Rules and Regulations; Volume II lists Experimental Radio Services, Radio Frequency Devices, and Industrial, Scientific and Medical Equipment; Volume III lists Radio Broadcast Services, Experimental, Auxiliary and Special Broadcast and Other Program Distribution Services; Volume IV lists Stations on Land in the Maritime Services, Stations on Shipboard in the Maritime Services, plus Public Fixed Stations and Stations of the Maritime Services in Alaska; Volume VI lists Citizens Radio Service, Amateur Radio Service and Disaster Communications Service; Volume VII lists Domestic Public Radio Services (other than Maritime Mobile), International Fixed Public Radiocommunication Services and Satellite Communications; Volume VIII lists Uniform System of Accounts for Class A, Class B and Class C Telephone Companies; and Volume IX lists Uniform System of Accounts for Radiotelegraph Carriers, and Uniform System of Accounts for Wire-Telegraph and Ocean-Cable Carriers.

From this article we feel that it is apparent that a two-way radio system can be sold to meet the specific needs of virtually every legal professional endeavor. This is a huge field. Are you actively promoting it?

Tuned Circuit Signals--Part II

by Phillip Dahlen

Principles governing the generation of intermediate frequencies with tuned RF circuits

Last month's article indicated that technicians seldom observe the RF signals in the tuned circuits that they service. In order that these circuits might be better understood, the article used scope traces to show how tuned circuits function, how harmonic frequencies can be tuned in. and the selective tuning of AM broadcast stations. This month's article continues the general subject by showing how two radio frequency (RF) signals can be mixed to produce an intermediate frequency (IF) signal. For simplification it deals only with the mixing of RF

duce conventional-type scope traces while the other scope obtained the horizontal portion of its trace from one of the signal generators. To simplify our data, one signal generator produced only 1.0MHz signals while the other was varied.

Low IF Beats

When both signal generators are operating at 1.0MHz, the circuit can be tuned so that the combined RF signal is in phase with the signal from one of the signal generators and a circle appears on the Sencore scope (Fig. 2) while no beat fre-

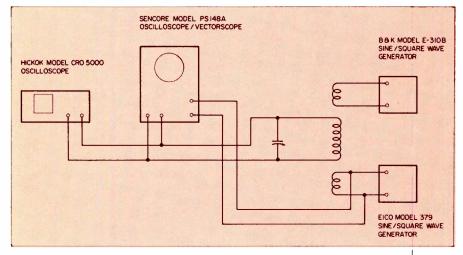


Fig. 1—Schematic of signal resonant circuit used for combining two RF signals.

sine waves from two independently tuned signal generators, but the same basic principles also apply to the mixing of an AM broadcastband station's carrier signal with a tunable oscillator's RF signal to produce a modulated IF signal.

In order to mix the RF signals, a pair of signal generators were connected to coils, which coupled them to a tuned circuit (Fig. 1). The output of this tuned circuit was fed through low-capacitance probes to the vertical inputs of two scopes. One scope was trigger sweeped to pro-

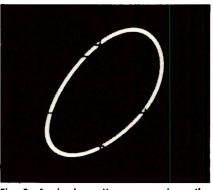


Fig. 2—A circular pattern appeared on the Sencore scope when the two signal generators were both tuned to 1.0MHz.

quencies are apparent on the Hickok scope (Fig. 3).

By leaving the B & K signal generator at 1.0MHz while moving the EICO signal generator to a slightly higher frequency, the first scope no longer showed a circular pattern (Fig. 4) while a beat frequency was

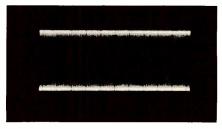


Fig. 3—No beat frequencies were apparent on the Hickok scope when the two signal generators were both tuned to 1.0MHz.



Fig. 4—No phase relationship appeared between the 1.0MHz applied RF signal and the resulting 1.6kHz beat signal.

apparent on the second scope (Fig. 5). The musical tone, corresponding to that beat frequency, could be heard on the EICO signal tracer. By matching this tone with that produced by a third signal generator, we were able to determine that this was a 1600Hz signal. The EICO signal generator was apparently tuned to a frequency 1600Hz higher than the 1.0MHz produced by the B & K signal generator—it was producing a 1,001,600Hz signal.

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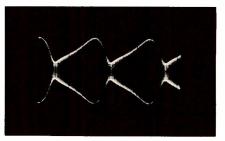
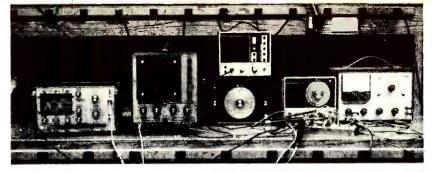


Fig. 5—This beat frequency resulted when a 1.0MHz signal was mixed with another signal having a 1.6kHz higher frequency.



signal generator resulted in a new beat frequency (Fig. 6) which was 1/4 th the wave length of the previous

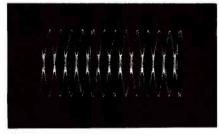


Fig. 6—The higher RF frequency was increased to reduce the resulting IF signal to 1/41h its previous wave length or 8.0kHz.

beat frequency (Fig. 5). Since it was one quarter the previous wave length, it was four times that frequency or 8.0kHz. (We selected a fourth harmonic only as a matter of convenience—virtually every frequency between 1.6kHz and 8.0kHz also appearing on the scope as the second signal generator was tuned.) By increasing the scope's sweep rate we noted that the resulting wave pattern (Fig. 7) was more symmet-

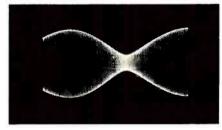


Fig. 7—The 8.0kHz IF signal was more clearly seen by increasing the scope's sweep rate.

rical than before. As before, no phase relationship between the applied RF signal and the output signal could be observed on the other scope (Fig. 8)—there was no relationship to observe.

Making a greater change in the

Fig. 8—There was still no apparent phase relationship between the 8.0kHz beat signal and the applied RF signal.



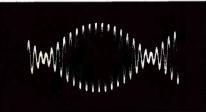


Fig. 9—This IF signal had a wave length 17 times as long as the 1.0MHz applied RF signal, indicating that its frequency was about 63kHz.

output frequency of the second signal generator resulted in a beat frequency (Fig. 9) that was 1/17th that of the RF frequency seen. (The larger waveform contained 17 smaller waves.) For the sake of simplifying the mathematics incorporated in this article, we will instead assume that the beat frequency was 1/16th that of the RF frequency seen. If the higher RF frequency is 1,062,500Hz and the lower RF frequency is 1,000,000Hz, then the beat frequency is 62,500Hz. By dividing 16 into 1,000,000Hz we obtain 62,500Hz -the beat frequency.

High IF Beats

As the frequency of the second signal generator was increased to a point where the beat frequency be-



Fig. 10—As the difference between the two applied RF signals becomes greater, the frequency of the resulting beat signal begins to approach the applied RF signal frequency.

Fig. 11—As the beat signal frequency begins to approach the applied RF signal frequency, phase relationships between the two signals again become apparent.



Overall view of the electronic instruments used to produce the desired waveforms.

gan to approach that of the applied signal (Fig. 10), signal phase relationships began to appear on the Sencore scope (Fig. 11). As clarified in the sketch (Fig. 12), the pat-

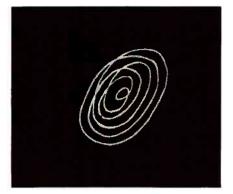


Fig. 12—When the beat frequency is exactly 1/6th the applied RF signal frequency, the phase relationship between the two signals appears as a six-turn spiral.

tern consists of a six-turn spiral—the beat frequency being 1/6th the RF frequency.

As the beat frequency began to approach the RF signal more closely, it became more difficult to observe and was sketched on the photograph for clarification. Fig. 13 shows a beat frequency that is 1/5th the applied RF signal frequency. It takes a little imagination to make

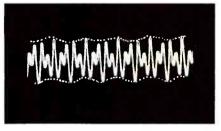


Fig. 13—The wave form that results when the beat frequency is 1/5th the applied RF signal frequency.

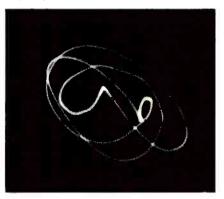


Fig. 14—With a little imagination, the phase relationship between the 1.0MHz applied RF signal and the 200kHz IF signal resembles a five-turn spiral.

out the corresponding five-turn spiral (Fig. 14).

In Fig. 15 we see a beat frequency that is $\frac{1}{3}$ rd the applied RF signal frequency. And with a little imagination we can see a three-turn spi-

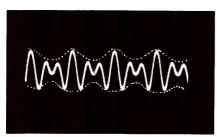


Fig. 15—This beat signal has a frequency 1/3rd that of the applied RF signal.

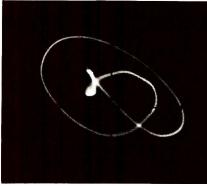


Fig. 16—A little imagination is also required to see the three-turn spiral representing the phase relationship between the applied RF signal and the resulting IF signal.

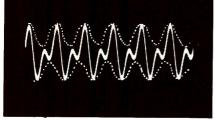


Fig. 17—When one signal generator was operating at 1.5MHz while the other was operating at 1.0MHz, there was a 500kHz resulting beat frequency.

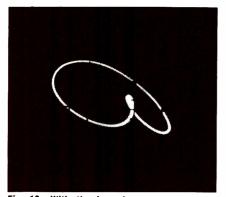


Fig. 18—With the beat frequency being half the applied RF signal frequency, a two-turn spiral was observed.

ral reproduced in Fig. 16.

By tuning the EICO signal generator to 1.5MHz, while the B & K signal generator is operating at 1.0 MHz, we see a beat frequency that is only half the applied RF frequency (Fig. 17) and a corresponding two-turn spiral (Fig. 18).

Secondary IF Beats

As we approached the higher intermediate frequencies the spiral

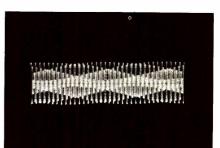


Fig. 20—By reducing the scope sweep rate a secondary IF signal could be observed in addition to the primary IF signal.

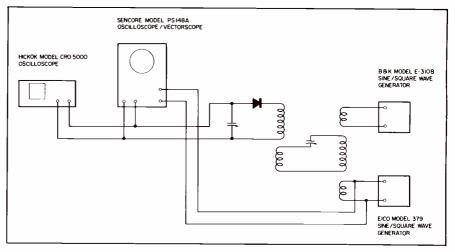


Fig. 21—A second tuned circuit was incorporated in the breadboarded circuit in order that the intermediate frequencies might be more readily observed.

patterns were apparent only when the beat frequencies were a simple fractional part of the lower radio frequency—i.e., 1/16, 1/15, 1/14, ..., $\frac{1}{2}$. Fig. 19 shows a waveform

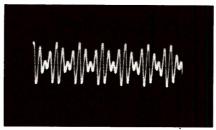


Fig. 19—A waveform that appears when the beat frequency is somewhere between $\frac{1}{4}$ th and $\frac{1}{3}$ rd the applied radio frequency.

that appeared when the beat frequency was somewhere between $\frac{1}{4}$ th and $\frac{1}{3}$ rd the applied radio frequency. At first glance only one beat frequency was apparent, but another lower IF signal can be readily seen as the scope's sweep rate is reduced (Fig. 20).

These secondary IF signals can be more clearly observed with the aid of a second resonant circuit (Fig. 21). Since the positive and negative segments of each beat frequency (note that for the IF signal shown in Fig. 9 there is a positive beat wave pattern that is virtually identical to the negative beat wave pattern) tend to cancel each other out, a diode was incorporated in the circuit to allow only the positive portions to pass through the second tuned circuit.

Beginning with the two scopes still attached to the first resonant circuit, as in Fig. 1, the EICO sig-

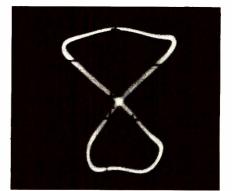


Fig. 22—A figure-eight pattern could be seen on the Sencore scope when the EICO signal generator was tuned to 2.0MHz while the B & K signal generator remained at 1.0MHz.

nal generator was tuned to 2.0MHz while the B & K signal generator remained at 1.0MHz. With one RF signal exactly double the frequency of the other, a figure-eight pattern was formed on the Sencore scope (Fig. 22). This pattern was lost (Fig. 23) as the EICO signal gen-

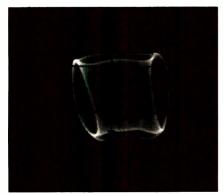


Fig. 23—This phase relationship disappeared when the signal generator was re-tuned to a frequency slightly higher than 2.0MHz.

erator was tuned to a slightly higher frequency and the two applied RF signals no longer remained at exactly a two-to-one ratio (Fig. 24). Al-

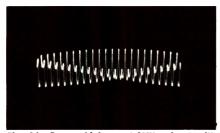


Fig. 24—By combining a 1.0MHz signal with one slightly greater than 2.0MHz, the resulting waveform contained a 1.0MHz beat signal plus some indication of a secondary beat signal.

though a primary IF beat signal could still be observed, a slight kink in the waveform indicated the presence of a secondary IF signal. This signal could be more clearly seen as the scope sweep-rate was reduced

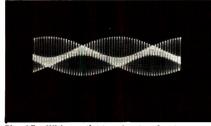


Fig. 25—With a slight reduction in the scope sweep rate it became possible to see that the secondary beat frequency had a wavelength that was 56 times as long as the applied RF signal—indicating that it was a 17.9kHz secondary IF signal.

(Fig. 25). From this photograph we could observe that the secondary IF signal was 1/56th the RF frequency or about 17.9kHz. A further reduction in the scope sweep rate resulted in even a clearer image of this secondary IF signal (Fig. 26).

Keeping the scope at the same sweep rate as was used to produce

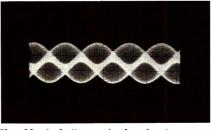


Fig. 26—A further reduction in the scope sweep rate made the secondary beat signal even more apparent.

the waveform shown in Fig. 26, but increasing its vertical gain, the scope leads were switched to the second resonant circuit, as shown in Fig. 21. This resulted in the waveform shown in Fig. 27—a clear image of

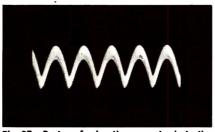


Fig. 27—By transferring the scope leads to the second tuned circuit and increasing the scope's vertical gain, the secondary beat signal became even more apparent.

the secondary IF signal that had been produced when combining two RF signals of extremely different frequencies. By resetting the scope to a higher sweep rate, a trace of the original RF signal could still be seen along with the primary IF signal (Fig. 28). From the Sencore scope (Fig. 29), we noted that there was



Fig. 28—By increasing the scope sweep rate, it was still possible to see a remanent of the applied RF signals and the primary IF signal riding on the secondary IF signal.



Fig. 29—No phase relationship was apparent between the applied RF signal and the resulting secondary IF signal.

no apparent phase relationship between the secondary IF signal and the RF signal.

Conclusion

After taking the photographs shown in the article, we connected a signal tracer in parallel with the Hickok scope in the circuit shown in Fig. 21. The EICO signal generator was then turned over a range of frequencies between 100kHz and 2.0MHz while the B & K signal generator remained at 1.0MHz. As the frequency of the EICO signal generator was increased, it passed frequencies corresponding to the various mathematical ratios previously mentioned. As each of these frequencies was approached, the resulting secondary IF signal fell within the audio spectrum and could be heard to decrease in pitch until the RF subharmonic was reached and then it increased in pitch as that frequency was passed. A much louder audio signal was heard, resulting from the primary IF signal, as the EICO signal generator approached 1.0MHz-the pitch dropping until 1.0MHz was reached and then increasing after it was passed.

From these observations we can conclude that if a radio station's RF carrier signal is to be mixed with an oscillator signal to produce an IF signal—as in a conventional heterodyne radio—the difference between the two RF signals must be great enough to produce a primary IF signal that is well above the audio spectrum (or frequency range of the information being transmitted), but not such that secondary IF signals are produced that fall into this lower frequency range. ■

GUEST AUTHOR

Citizens' Two-Way Radio --Big Sound of the 70's

by Henry Kreer

Any individual concerned with CB radio marketing who does not believe that there will be a gigantic, explosive growth of CB radio in the next decade is either a natural born cynic ... has a weak heart ... or is a field engineer for the FCC.

■ By 1980 at least 50 percent of America's projected 128 million passenger cars will be equipped with CB two-way radio. I believe that one out of 10 homes in America anticipated to be 74 million families —will contain CB radios as an integral part of its communication system. And thus, the industry will have sold over 71 million radios in the next decade—24 times as many radios as were sold in the 1960's.

In my business I am counting on and planning for these things to happen. I believe everyone in the industry should count on them and plan for them. Here is why:

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ing the past decade nearly 1.5 million CB licenses were granted and over 3.5 million radios were sold, including estimates of unlicensed equipment. Even during the last five years, following the first surge of activity, CB licensing has increased 143 percent.

There are estimated to be 990,000 CB radios in nonautomotive situations today—that's nearly 1½ percent of American households—and 1.5 million CB radios in vehicles or one car out of 60. Furthermore, new installations (at 2.5 radios per license) currently are being projected at more than 40,000 per month.

Although what *has* happened has been exciting and profitable to everyone in the industry, what is *currently* happening is an exciting harbinger of big things to come. Important major influences are at work that will have a tremendous effect on tuture sales, particularly in the field of highway safety.

Public and police officials are increasingly aware of the fact that large numbers of personal vehicles are already equipped with CB and that millions of emergencies effecting highway safety and security are

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being served by organized CB groups. For example, REACT alone has over 40,000 members monitoring CB Channel 9 24 hours a day. An estimated 1000 independent groups and many more thousands of individual CB operators also offer motorist assistance. And over 500 police and fire departments are known to be now monitoring 27MHz for emergencies.

One project that has received national attention is the Detroit, Mich. CB Driver Aid Network, originally sponsored by General Motors Research Laboratories and now an ongoing regular program administered by the Bureau of Roads and Streets.

In this system a central monitor, linked to strategically placed transceivers by land-line, receives calls on CB Channel 9 and responds with the appropriate service required.

Incoming calls are automatically displayed on an illuminated map above the console, and the location is automatically pinpointed. Reports are tabulated and computerized. Since January 1969, over 1200 emergency calls per month have been logged, 74 percent of which involved either accidents, stalled vehicles, road construction or faulty traffic devices.

In March 1969, General Motors Research Laboratories turned the Detroit program over to the city and undertook an even more significant continuing research program when it assumed national sponsorship of the REACT organization. In addition to supporting and strengthening this national program, it authorized a massive research program in the state of Ohio.

Among other reasons, Ohio was selected since 23 of the state's 57 highway patrol posts were already monitoring CB Channel 9 in cooperation with REACT teams.

In the Ohio Test, a State Director was appointed to work directly with state agencies, including the Highway Patrol which is officially sponsoring and participating in the twoyear test program. Under the joint control of the state agencies and state REACT director, REACT teams function within rigid guidelines on monitoring and communication for emergencies. The REACT emergency system is designed to cover more than 50 percent of Ohio's land area and 75 percent of its primary roads. As in the Detroit test, all emergency communications are logged on IBM cards and tabulated by computer for future study and publication.

All of these factors . . . the very healthy growth of CB radio in the 60's . . . the widespread and growing interest by responsible authorities in CB for emergencies . . . the increasing interest of major retailers with the tremendous merchandising power available to them . . . all are indicators to me that we truly are on the threshold of an explosion. To bring into focus the character of this explosion . . . the what it is and why it is going to occur . . . let me explore some of the basic marketing factors involved.

We know that at present, despite a lot of emphasis on the business and professional applications for CB, the fact remains that nearly 73 percent of all licensees are using their equipment *primarily* for personal and safety applications.

Looking at this segment of the market today, it is obvious—to anyone with ears—that a fair percentage of these personal users are concerned with hobby applications. I am convinced—and this is a view shared by many responsible people —that the adverse impact of hobby activity will rapidly decline in the 70's, through increased monitoring, through the sheer weight of growth by other types of users and through the rapid decline of sunspot activity anticipated from mid-1971 through the 70's.

There will be a substantial increase in the importance and effectiveness of organized citizens radio groups such as REACT monitors, due to much greater participation by public agencies (as in Ohio) and the designation of Channel 9 strictly for emergencies.

But the real market—marginal today, but the *name of the game* in the future—is the American public, using CB radio the way it was intended by the FCC—for necessary personal communication. It is this market that we are counting upon for numbers like 64 million auto installations . . . and 7 million home installations.

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CR1, resistor R8 and capacitor C3 is 160v less positive than the peak voltage at that point.

Under ideal conditions, the voltage at the collector of transistor Q1 would always return to +160v during retrace blanking. The 220v retrace pulse at the anode of diode CR307, coupled through capacitor C3, would be clamped at the transistor Q1 collector voltage by diode CR1, and a constant dc bias voltage at the base of transistor Q2 would be developed.

In practice the blanking-level voltage at the collector of transistor Q1 may tend either to increase or decrease. If it should tend to increase, the retrace pulse is clamped to a higher potential, the bias at the base of transistor O2 increases conduction of this semiconductor and the collector voltage of transistor Q1 is driven back to 160v. Conversely, a tendency toward a drop in transistor Q1 collector voltage decreases the bias current of transistor Q2, boosting the transistor Q1 collector voltage back to 160v.

The process just described fulfills the requirements for voltage stabilization. Sampling of kine cathode voltage occurs during blanking time when no signal voltage is present, and the bias current established is maintained constant throughout the scanning interval by virtue of the integration in the base-collector circuit of transistor Q2.

Next month we will cover other important circuits of this TV set, including the low voltage power supply, the active side-pincushion correction circuit and the transformerless vertical output circuit.

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TEST INSTRUMENT REPORT

EICO 685 Transistor Analyzer

by Phillip Dahlen

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Additional manufacturer specifications are as follows: Bipolar Transistor Test: AC Beta (in and out of circuit) 2 to 100 (readings to 1000) at Ie == 0.2ma for RF semiconductors, 2 to 100 and 2 to 1000 (readings to 1000 and 10,000 respectively) at Ie == 2ma for small signal semiconductors, 2 to 100 and 2 to 1000 (readings to 1000 and 10,000 respectively) at $I_c = 20 \text{ma}$ for power devices; ICBO 0 to 5ma (30µa center scale); ICBO 0 to 5ma ($30\mu a$ center scale); Iees 0 to 5ma ($30\mu a$ center scale). FET Test: AC Transconductance (in and out of circuit) 0 to 5000µmho and 0 to 50,000µmho at $V_{108} = 5v$ and $V_{68} = 0$; $I_{1088} 0$ to 50ma, linear scale; less 0 to 5ma; $V_{\rm P}$ 0 to 20v at $V_{\rm DS} = 5v$. Unijunction Transistor Test: Determine condition of semiconductor. Silicon Control Rectifier and Triode Test: Turn-on voltage (can measure turn-on current using external resistor and meter); determine condition of semiconductor. Signal Diode and Rectifier Test: Determine condition of semiconductor from forward and reverse current tests. Zener Diode: 0 to 20v. Voltmeter 0 to 500v (30v center scale), IM resistance. Ohmmeter: 400Ω to 10M(140K center scale). Semiconductors incorporated in instrument: two 2N5172, one IN3600 (selected), one 1N34, five 100 PIV 500ma rectifiers, one 6.8v zener diode, one 9.1v zener diode and one 24v zener diode. Meter movement: 50µa, 2% Taut Band. Power Requirements: domestic 120vac, 50/60Hz, 10w. Size: 12¹/₂ in. H by 8¹/₂ in. W by 6 in. D. Weight: 10 lb. ■

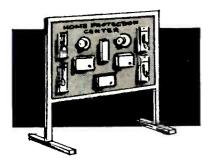
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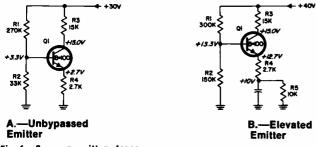
RCA SALES CORP. Darlington Transistors

Unlike vacuum tubes, which are voltage operated devices showing extremely high input resistance at the grid, transistors are current operated devices. Hence they require a definite base current. The ratio between collector current and base current is known as "beta," and it is expressed as follows:

 $\frac{\text{Collector Current (Ic)}}{\text{Base Current (IB)}} = (\beta) \text{ beta}$

Transistors of the type used in radio and TV receivers display betas ranging from somewhere around 30 to perhaps as high as 400. The base current of the highest beta transistor described will be about 1/400th of the collector current or more. The base voltage of a transistor is determined by the base-to-emitter junction barrier voltage. In the case of silicon transistors the junction voltage will be about 0.6v to 0.7v unless external circuitry is used to raise the base voltage above ground. Ohm's law reveals that the low base voltage equated with a typical value of base current yields a rather low input resistance, making it necessary in many cases for the circuit designer to provide some external means of matching the low input resistance of the transistor to the signal source. In the early days of transistor technology this was often done with interstage or coupling transformers. These transformers contributed to the size, weight and expense of transistor circuits of that day.

One way to raise the input resistance of the transistor circuit is to use an unbypassed emitter resistor, which is often done at the expense of stage gain. When an unbypassed emitter resistor is used, the base resistance of the transistor is approximately beta times the value of the emitter resistor. Unfortunately the increased input resistance afforded by the unbypassed emitter resistor is not realized because the actual input resistance of the stage is mainly determined by the parallel combination of the base bias resistors (for example, R1 and R2 in Fig. 1A) which must be substan-





tially lower than the base resistance of the transistor in order to satisfy stability requirements. In other words, the input resistance is somewhat less than the 33K value of R2, rather than 270K calculated by multiplying R4 (2.7K) times β (100). Obviously a higher beta transistor would be of little advantage in raising the input resistance of this circuit.

Where higher supply voltages are available, the circuit shown in Fig. 1B may be used to furnish increased input resistance. This stage incorporates the same value of unbypassed emitter resistance; but an additional bypassed emitter resistor is used to elevate the dc voltage of the base higher above ground, increasing the value of resistors R1 and R2 so that their paralleling effect is reduced.

Another way of achieving higher input resistance is to drive the transistor stage with an emitter follower, as illustrated in Fig. 2. The circuitry of transistor Q2 is identical to that used in the simple circuit shown in Fig. 1A insofar as the collector and emitter resistances, and supply voltages are concerned. The stage furnishes the same collector output signal characteristics as that of the simple circuit. The emitter follower, containing transistor Q1, only provides signal and dc bias to the base of transistor Q2. Consequently it operates at a relatively low collector current and so requires a lower base bias current. This permits base bias

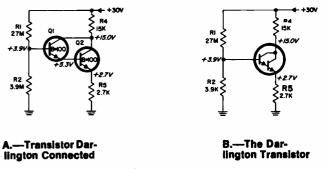
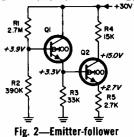


Fig. 3-Darlington common-emitter stages.

resistors R1 and R2 to be correspondingly larger. Analyzing the circuit of transistors Q1 and Q2, it is evident that transistor Q2 requires the same base voltage and current drive as it did in the simple circuit; however, this is now provided by emitter follower transistor Q1. The dc operating point of transistor Q1 is determined by the emitter current necessary to develop the required base bias for transistor Q2 across resistor R3. The value of resistor R3 has been determined to establish an emitter current equal to approximately 10 times the base current required by transistor Q2-in this example resistor R3 is 33K. This value is chosen, as it was in the previous examples, to provide sufficient bias stability when the stage is subjected to extremes of operating conditions. The value of resistor R3 will prevent an excessive change in collector current when transistors of different betas, or when higher temperatures, are encountered. With these factors in mind, the designer develops the required circuitry for transistor Q1 to satisfy the voltage/current conditions of resistor R3. Once the base bias requirements for transistor Q2 are known, the operating point (collector current of transistor Q1) is chosen to establish the correct biasing voltage drop across resistor R3. This is done by setting the base voltage of transistor O2 with voltage divider resistors R1 and R2.

As illustrated in Fig. 2, the value of resistor R3 is substantially higher than the emitter resistor of the simple circuit, and the resistance values of R1 and R2 are also considerably higher. It is evident that the two stages combined act as one with the added advantage of a much higher input resistance.



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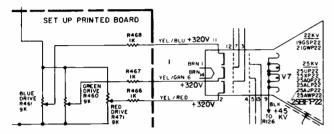
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GENERAL ELECTRIC

Color TV Chassis KE-Red Drive Control on Set-up Board

Beginning with KE Chassis Serial Number OTIG, a 9K Red Drive Control, R471, was added to the set-up board. At the same time, Green Drive Control, R460, and Blue Drive Control, R461, were changed to 9K.

Potentiometer, R471, was added to provide a drive control for the red gun of the new picture tube, Type



25BFP22. Each control has a value of 9K so that the three controls in parallel provide a 3K load on the video output tube.

To make gray scale drive control adjustments in KE chassis models using picture tube types other than 25BFP22, rotate the Red Drive Control, R471, fully clockwise and leave it in this position. Now make the usual

gray scale adjustments using the Green and Blue Drive Controls just as if the Red Drive Control were not present.

In chassis using picture tube type 25BFP22, rotate the Green Drive Control, R460, fully clockwise. Advance the Red Drive Control, R471, to produce a yellow background. If yellow cannot be attained with the Red Drive Control at its maximum clockwise position, then leave the Red Drive Control at maximum clockwise and retard the Green Drive Control (counterclockwise) to produce yellow. Adjust the Blue Drive Control, R461, to produce gray. At the end of the gray scale adjustment procedure, either the green drive control or red drive control must be at its maximum clockwise position.

MAGNAVOX

Chassis T-936—Elimination of Vertical Jitter

Vertical jitter in instruments utilizing this chassis can be corrected by removing capacitor C54 (4 μ f, 25 ν), located on the horizontal circuit board, and reinstalling it on the VHF tuner directly between the RF AGC terminal and ground. Install a 4 μ f, 24 ν capacitor on the VHF tuner directly between the +18 ν dc terminal and ground. Install a 1000 μ h choke, Magnavox Part No. 361324-102, in series with the +18 ν dc terminal of the VHF tuner.

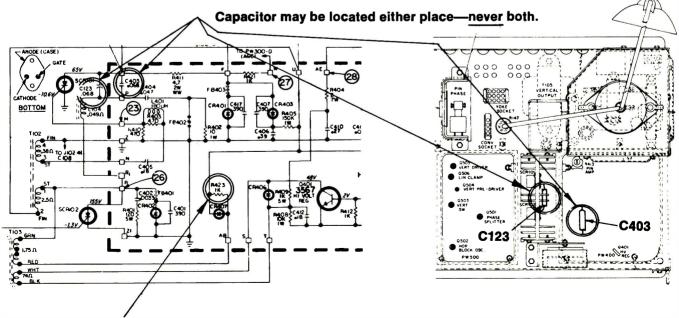
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Color TV Chassis CTC40, 47-Servicing SCR Sweep System

The $0.068\mu f$ commutator capacitor used in the horizontal deflection circuit of this chassis is located either on the PW300 board or on a terminal board under the SCR heat sink. Two capacitors in parallel are never used. If the capacitor is on PW400, it is C403; off the board, it

is C123. In either case, the capacitor is the same type and the replacement stock number is 165437.

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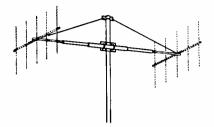


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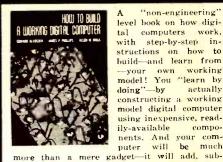
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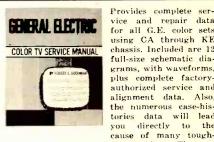
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displaying the results on the oscilloscope monitor as a family of curves. An open transistor appears as a single horizontal line while a shorted transistor appears as a single vertical line. This technique for testing transistors in circuit is reportedly performed without endangering the transistor under test. Inadvertent lead reversal is said to merely result in a false reading without damage to either the transistor or its circuitry. When used for out of circuit testing the curve tracer displays a conventional family of characteristic curves on a monitor oscilloscope. The horizontal axis of the scope measures the collector-to-emitter voltage while the vertical axis of the scope measures the collector current of the transistor under test. The display of characteristic curves indicates the polarity, gain, leakage and cut off voltage of a transistor. By switching between the two sockets, transistors may be compared. Jud Williams.

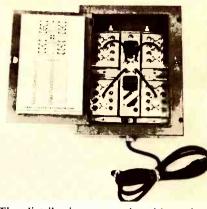
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sets from a single drop. The plug-in amplifier has its gain adjusted to compensate for the splitter insertion losses.



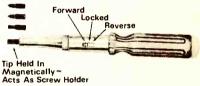
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MAGNETIC DRIVER

Features three-way ratchet

A magnetic screwdriver, Model 70081, features a ratchet design which allows the operator to continue driving without releasing the hand grip and keeps the bit squarely placed in screw slot. This feature reportedly allows faster and more accurate driving of all regular and cross slot screws.



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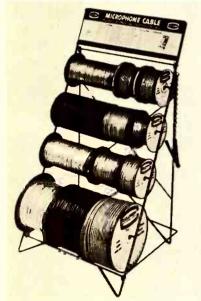
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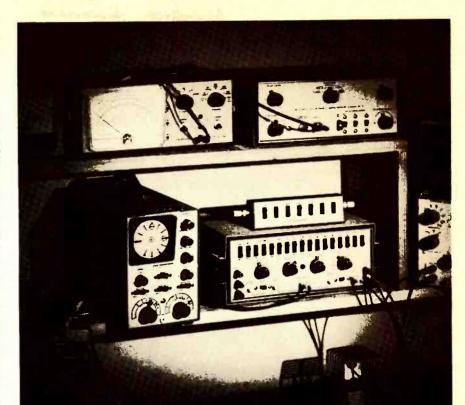
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leakage currents than germanium transistors, even higher input resistances may be realized by using a configuration known as a Darlington circuit. When comparing Fig. 2 and 3 we see that resistor R3 has been eliminated from the Darlington circuit so that transistor Q1 need only supply the base current for transistor Q2. Also, the collector of transistor Q2 is connected to the collector of transistor Q1 to furnish a negative feedback path, which provides the required bias stability at higher temperatures. Considering that transistor Q1 needs only supply base bias for transistor Q2, the conditions are such that the actual input resistance is determined by the compounded beta of the two transistors. For example, beta times resistance R5 yields a base input resistance of 270K. Using 270K as the emitter resistance for transistor Q1 and multiplying this figure by the beta of transistor O1 results in a 27M base input resistance for transistor Q1. This high resistance is still subject to the shunting effects of paralleled resistors R1 and R2. These resistances can, in practice, be quite high because of the inherent stability of the silicon devices and the extremely low base bias current of transistor Q1. Thus, the input resistance of this Darlington circuit is about 3.1M.

With the advent of integrated-circuit technology it became practical to put two transistors on a single silicon wafer, making fabrication of the Darlington circuit rather simple. This single package Darlington, Fig. 3B, is thought of as a single transistor having a beta equal to the product of the individual betas of the compounded transistors. The beta of a typical Darlington transistor may range upwards to the neighborhood of 16,000.

Darlington transistors are being used today in many circuits. One use of the Darlington transistor is the integrated circuit impedance matching device that is part of the cartridge in some RCA RP 228 record changers. In this application, the Darlington matches the output of a high-compliance, lowcapacitance, ceramic pickup to the relatively low input impedance of a solid-state stereophonic amplifier. More recently Darlington transistors have been used for function keyer circuits in RCA color-TV remote control systems. It is evident from these two applications that the Darlington transistor is a versatile component. For this reason, Darlington transistors will find increasing use in the products of the future.





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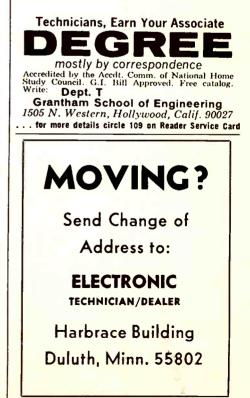
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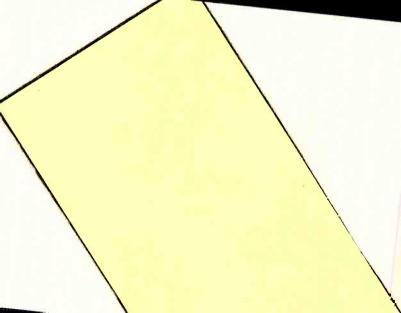
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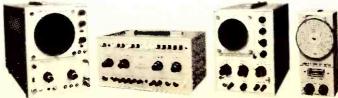
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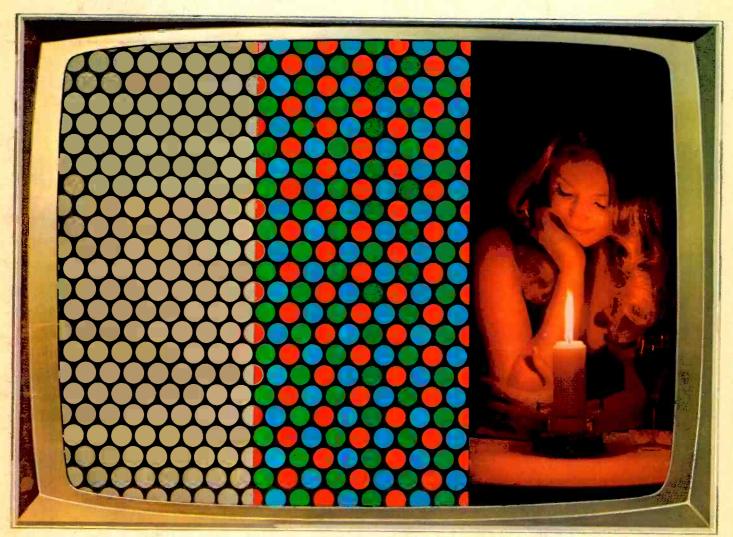
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