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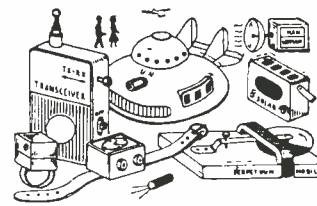
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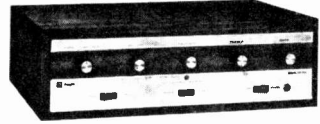
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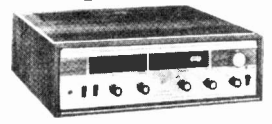
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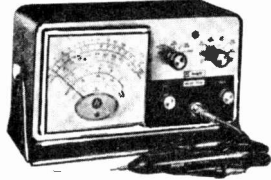


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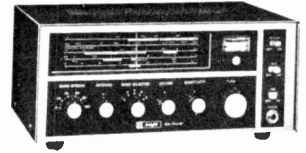
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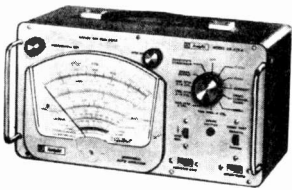


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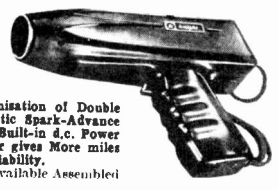
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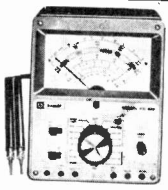
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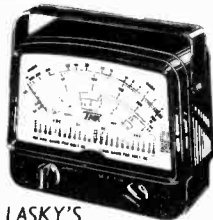
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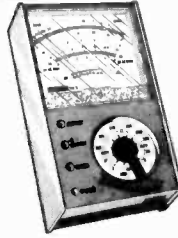
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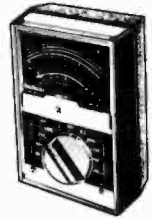
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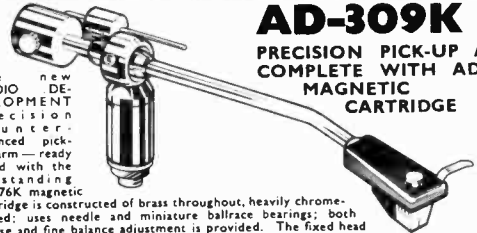
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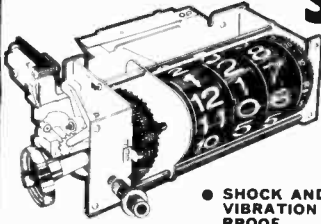
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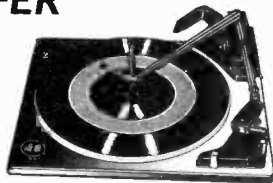
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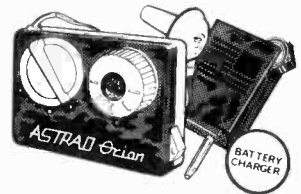
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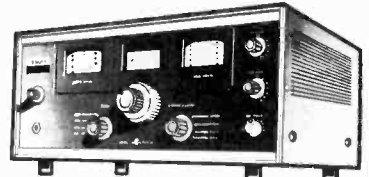
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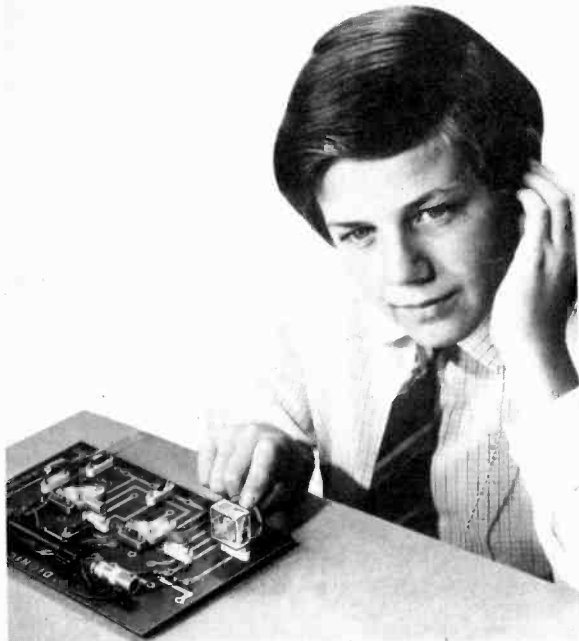
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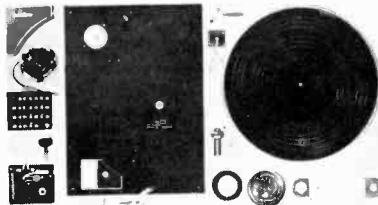
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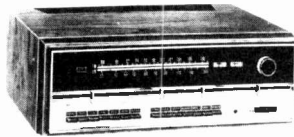
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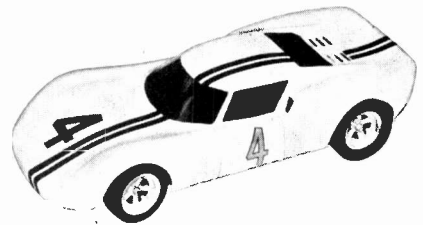
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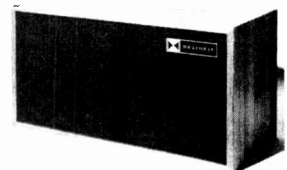
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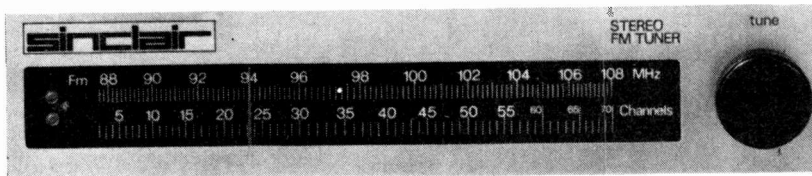
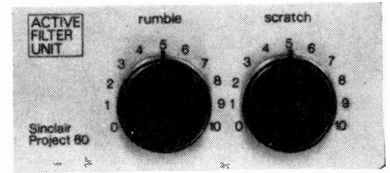
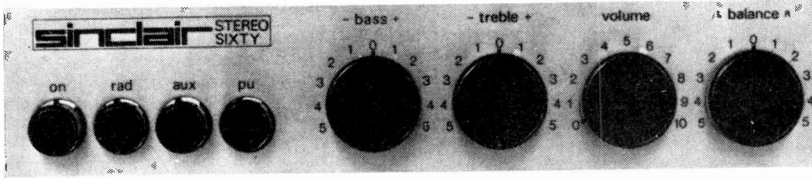
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### Project 60 manuals

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System	The Units to use	In conjunction with	Cost of Units	+ Project 60 tuner
A Car Radio	Z.30	Existing car radio, Sinclair Micromatic	89/6	
B Simple battery powered record player	Z.30	Crystal pick-up, 12V or more battery supply and volume control	89/6	
C Mains powered record player	Z.30 and PZ.5	Crystal or ceramic P.U. Volume control etc.	£9.9.0	£34.9.0
D 20+20 watts R.M.S. stereo amplifier for most needs	Two Z.30s, Stereo 60 and PZ.5	Crystal, ceramic or magnetic P.U., most dynamic speakers, F.M. tuner etc.	£23.18.0	£48.18.0
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G Outdoor public address system	Z.50	Microphone, up to 4 P.A. speakers, 12V car battery with converter, or 45V d.c., controls	£5.9.6	
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## Z.30 & Z.50 power amplifiers

The Z.30 together with the Z.50 are both of advanced design using silicon epitaxial planar transistors to achieve unsurpassed standards of performance. Total harmonic distortion is an incredibly low 0.02% at full output and all lower outputs. Whether you use the Z.30 or Z.50 power amplifiers in your Project 60 system will depend on personal preference, but they are the same physical size and may be used with other units in the Project 60 range equally well. For operating from mains, for the Z.30 use PZ.5 for most domestic requirements, or PZ.6 if you have very low efficiency loudspeakers. For Z.50, use the PZ 8 described below.

### SPECIFICATIONS (Z.50 units are interchangeable with Z.30s in all applications).

#### Power Outputs

**Z.30** 15 watts R.M.S. into 8 ohms, using 35V; 20 watts R.M.S. into 3 ohms using 30 volts.

**Z.50** 40 watts R.M.S. into 3 ohms from 40 volts; 30 watts R.M.S. into 8 ohms, using 50 volts.

**Frequency response** 30 to 300,000 Hz  $\pm$  1dB

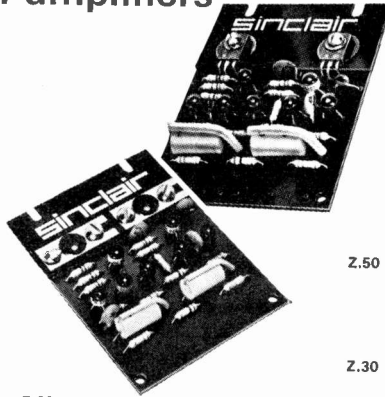
**Distortion** 0.02% into 8 ohms

**Signal to noise ratio** better than 70dB unweighted

**Input sensitivity** 250mV into 100 Kohms.

For speakers from 3 to 15 ohms impedance.

Size  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$  ins.



**Z.30**

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## Stereo 60 pre amp/control unit

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### SPECIFICATIONS

● Input sensitivities – Radio – up to 3mV, Mag. p.u. – 3mV; correct to R.I.A.A. curve  $\pm$  1dB; 20 to 25,000Hz.

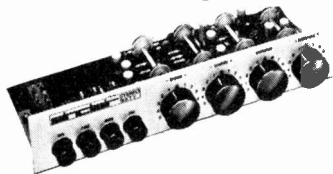
● Ceramic p.u. – up to 3mV; Aux. – up to 3mV.

● Output – 250mV.

● Signal-to-noise ratio – better than 70dB.

● Channel matching – within 1dB.

● Tone controls – TREBLE +15 to –15dB at 10kHz; BASS +15 to –15dB at 100Hz.



- Front panel – brushed aluminium with black knobs and controls.
- Size  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 4$  ins.

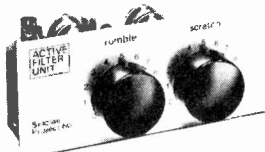
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## Power Supply Units

The units below are designed specially for use with the Project 60 system of your choice.

Illustration shows PZ.5 power supply unit to left and PZ.8 (for use with Z.50s) to the right. Use PZ.5 for normal Z.30 assemblies and PZ.6 where a stabilised supply is essential.

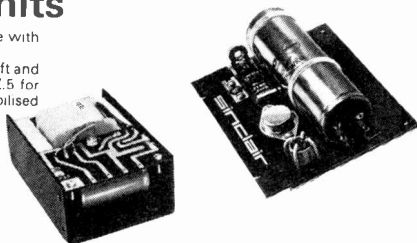
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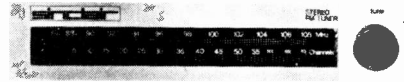
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### Specifications

Number of transistors 16 plus 20 in I.C.

Tuning range 87.5 to 108 MHz

Capture ratio 1.5dB

Sensitivity  $2\mu\text{V}$  for 30dB quieting  
7 $\mu\text{V}$  for full limiting

Squelch level 20 $\mu\text{V}$

A.F.C. range  $\pm$  200 KHz

Signal to noise ratio > 65dB

Audio frequency response 10Hz–15kHz ( $\pm$  1dB)

Total harmonic distortion 0.15% for 30% modulation

Stereo decoder operating level  $2\mu\text{V}$

Pilot tone suppression 30dB

Cross talk 40dB

I.F. frequency 10.7 MHz

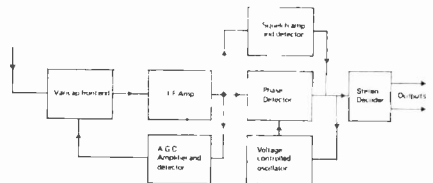
Output voltage 2 x 150mV R.M.S.

Aerial Impedance 75 Ohms

Indicators Mains on ; Stereo on ; tuning indicator

Operating voltage 25-30 VDC

Size 3.6 x 1.6 x 8.15 inches; 91.5 x 40 x 207 mm



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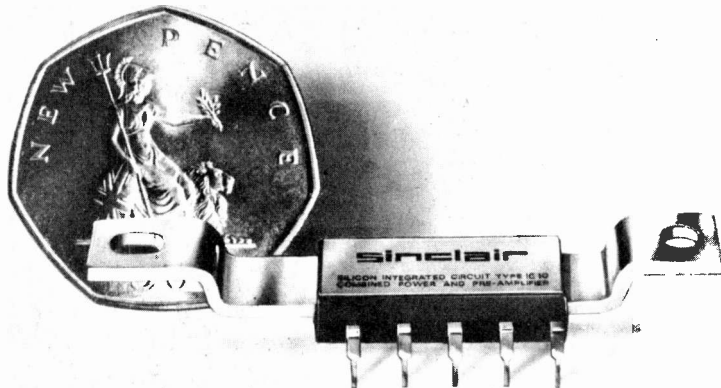
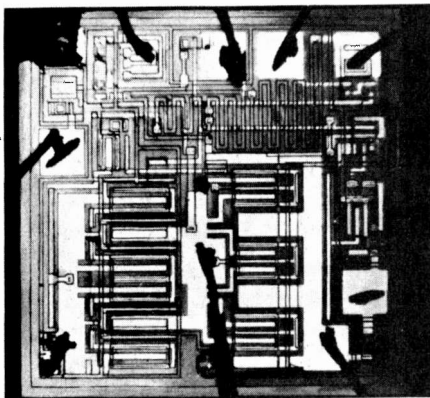
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# Sinclair IC-10



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### Specifications

Output: 10 Watts peak, 5 Watts R.M.S. continuous  
 Frequency response: 5 Hz to 100 KHz  $\pm 1$  dB  
 Total harmonic distortion: Less than 1% at full output.  
 Load impedance: 3 to 15 ohms.  
 Power gain: 110dB (100,000,000,000 times) total.  
 Supply voltage: 8 to 18 volts.  
 Size: 1 x 0.4 x 0.2 inches.  
 Sensitivity: 5mV.  
 Input impedance: Adjustable externally up to 2.5 M ohms.

### Circuit Description

The first three transistors are used in the pre-amp and the remaining 10 in the power amplifier. Class AB output is used with closely controlled quiescent current which is independent of temperature. Generous negative feedback is used round both sections and the amplifier is completely free from crossover distortion at all supply voltages, making battery operation eminently satisfactory.

### Applications

Each IC-10 is sold with a very comprehensive manual giving circuit and wiring diagrams for a large number of applications in addition to high fidelity. These include stabilised power supplies, oscillators, etc. The pre-amp section can be used as an R.F. or I.F. amplifier without any additional transistors.

The Sinclair IC-10 is the world's first monolithic integrated circuit high fidelity power amplifier and pre-amplifier. The circuit itself, a chip of silicon only a twentieth of an inch square by one hundredth of an inch thick, has 5 watts R.M.S. output (10w. peak). It contains 13 transistors (including two power types), 2 diodes, 1 zener diode and 18 resistors, formed simultaneously in the silicon by a series of diffusions. The chip is encapsulated in a solid plastic package which holds the metal heat sink and connecting pins. This exciting device is not only more rugged and reliable than any previous amplifier, it also has considerable performance advantages. The most important are complete freedom from thermal runaway due to the close thermal coupling between the output transistors and the bias diodes and very low level of distortion.

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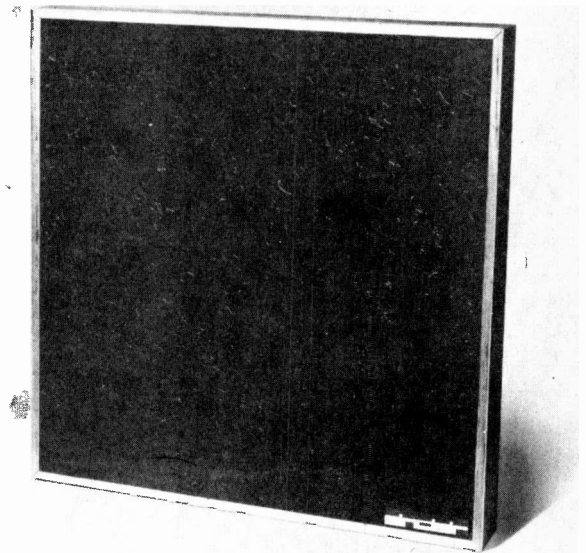
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Frequency response:	From 60 to 16,000Hz, as confirmed by independently plotted B & K curve.
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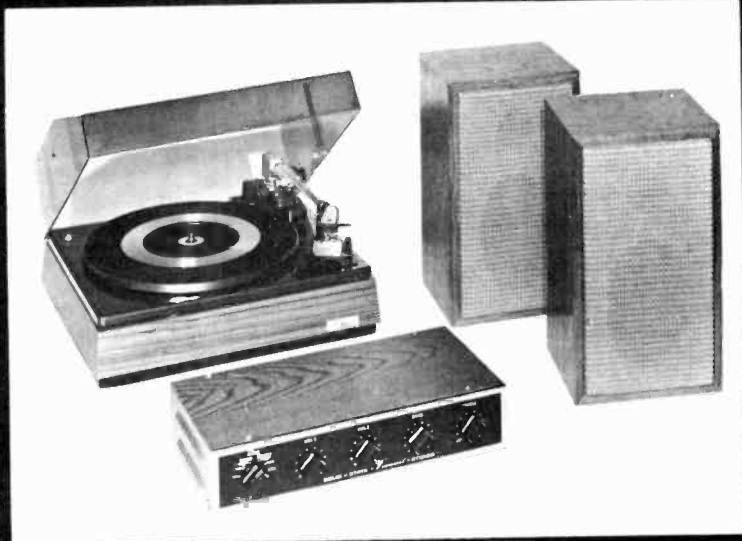
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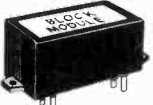



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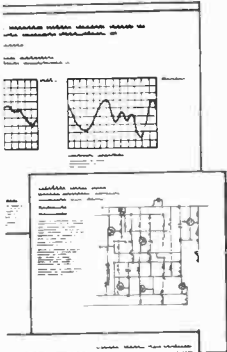
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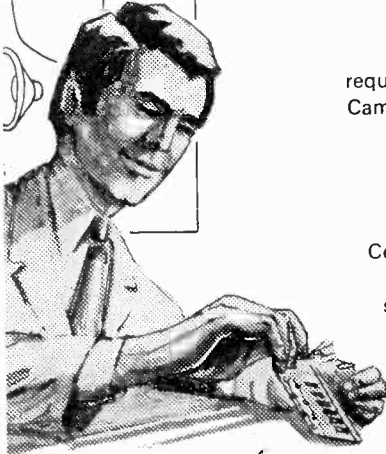
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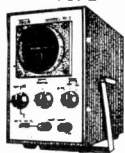
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## NEW "SEW" DESIGNS! CLEAR PLASTIC METERS BAKELITE PANEL METERS

TYPE SW. 100		TYPE S-80	
100 x 80 mm		80 mm square fronts	
1mA	59/6	50μA	62/6
20V d.c.	59/6	100μA	59/6
50V d.c.	59/6	500μA	52/6
1A d.c.	59/6	1mA	49/6
5A d.c.	59/6	20V d.c.	49/6
300V a.c.	59/6	50V d.c.	49/6
500μA	62/6	VU Meter	78/-

## "SEW" CLEAR PLASTIC METERS

Type MR.85P. 4 1/2in 4 1/2in fronts.		Type MR.38P. 1 21/32in square fronts.	
10mA	52/-	150mA	27/6
50mA	52/-	200mA	27/6
100mA	52/-	300mA	27/6
500μA	52/-	500mA	27/6
1A	52/-	750mA	27/6
5A	52/-	1A	27/6
15A	52/-	2A	27/6
30A	52/-	5A	27/6
20V d.c.	52/-	10A	27/6
50V d.c.	52/-	3V d.c.	27/6
300V d.c.	52/-	10V d.c.	27/6
15V a.c.	52/-	15V d.c.	27/6
15V a.c.	52/-	20V d.c.	27/6
300V a.c.	52/-	100V d.c.	27/6
8 Meter 1mA	57/6	300V d.c.	27/6
VU meter	72/-	500V d.c.	27/6
1A a.c.*	52/-	750V d.c.	27/6
5A a.c.*	52/-	15A a.c.*	27/6
10A a.c.*	52/-	50V a.c.*	27/6
20A a.c.*	52/-	150V a.c.*	27/6
30A a.c.*	52/-	300V a.c.*	27/6

Type MR.52P. 2 1/2in square fronts.		Type MR.45P. 2in square fronts.	
50μA	42/-	5A	30/-
50-0-50μA	52/-	10V d.c.	30/-
100μA	42/-	20V d.c.	30/-
100-0-100μA	47/6	50V d.c.	30/-
500μA	45/-	300V d.c.	30/-
1mA	40/-	15V a.c.	30/-
5mA	40/-	300V a.c.	30/-
10mA	40/-	8 meter 1mA	37/6
50mA	40/-	VU meter	45/-
100mA	40/-	1A a.c.*	30/-
500μA	40/-	5A a.c.*	30/-
1mA	40/-	10A a.c.*	30/-
5A	40/-	20A a.c.*	30/-
		30A a.c.*	30/-

## "SEW" BAKELITE PANEL METERS

Type MR.65P. 3 1/2in square fronts.		Type MR.65. 3 1/2in square fronts.	
50μA	67/6	500mA	35/-
50-0-50μA	55/-	1A	35/-
100μA	55/-	5A	35/-
100-0-100μA	47/6	15A	35/-
500μA	42/-	30A	35/-
500-0-500μA	42/-	50A	35/-
1mA	42/-	5V d.c.	35/-
5mA	42/-	10V d.c.	35/-
10mA	42/-	20V d.c.	35/-
50mA	42/-	50V d.c.	35/-
100mA	42/-	150V d.c.	35/-
500μA	42/-	300V d.c.	35/-
1A	42/-	50V a.c.*	35/-
5A	42/-	150V a.c.*	35/-
10A	42/-	300V a.c.*	35/-
50A	42/-	500mA a.c.*	35/-
20A	42/-	1A a.c.*	35/-
30A	42/-	5A a.c.*	35/-
60A	47/6	20A a.c.*	35/-
10V d.c.	42/-	30A a.c.*	35/-
		VU meter	62/-

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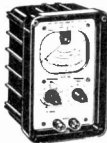
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LN5004	4/8 ACY21	5/8	BYZ10	1/8	OL4	2/8	30FL12	18/8	EY87	8/8
2G301	4/8 ACY28	4/8	BYZ11	6/8	OD21	4/8	30FL14	18/8	EZ40	7/8
2G302	4/8 ACY28	4/8	BYZ12	6/8	Q4	8/8	30L15	17/8	EZ41	9/8
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LN4148	1/8 ACY20	5/8	BY127	4/8	OZ4	1/8	30FL1	16/8	EY86	8/8
LN5004	4/8 ACY21	5/8	BYZ10	1/8	OL4	2/8	30FL12	18/8	EY87	8/8
2G301	4/8 ACY28	4/8	BYZ11	6/8	OD21	4/8	30FL14	18/8	EZ40	7/8
2G302	4/8 ACY28	4/8	BYZ12	6/8	Q4	8/8	30L15	17/8	EZ41	9/8
2G303	4/8 ACY40	4/8	BYZ13	5/8	3R4	7/8	30L17	17/8	EZ80	5/8
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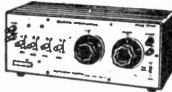


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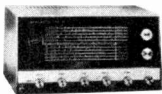


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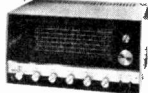
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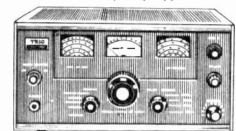
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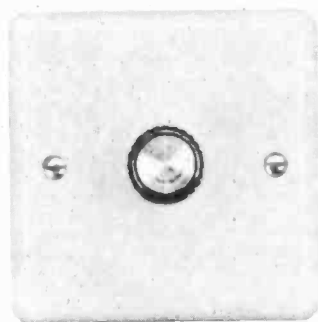
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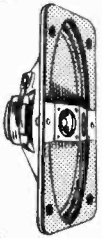
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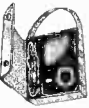
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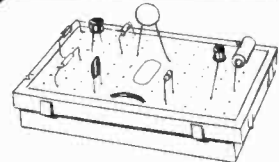


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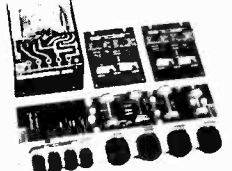


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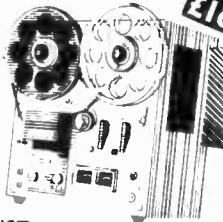
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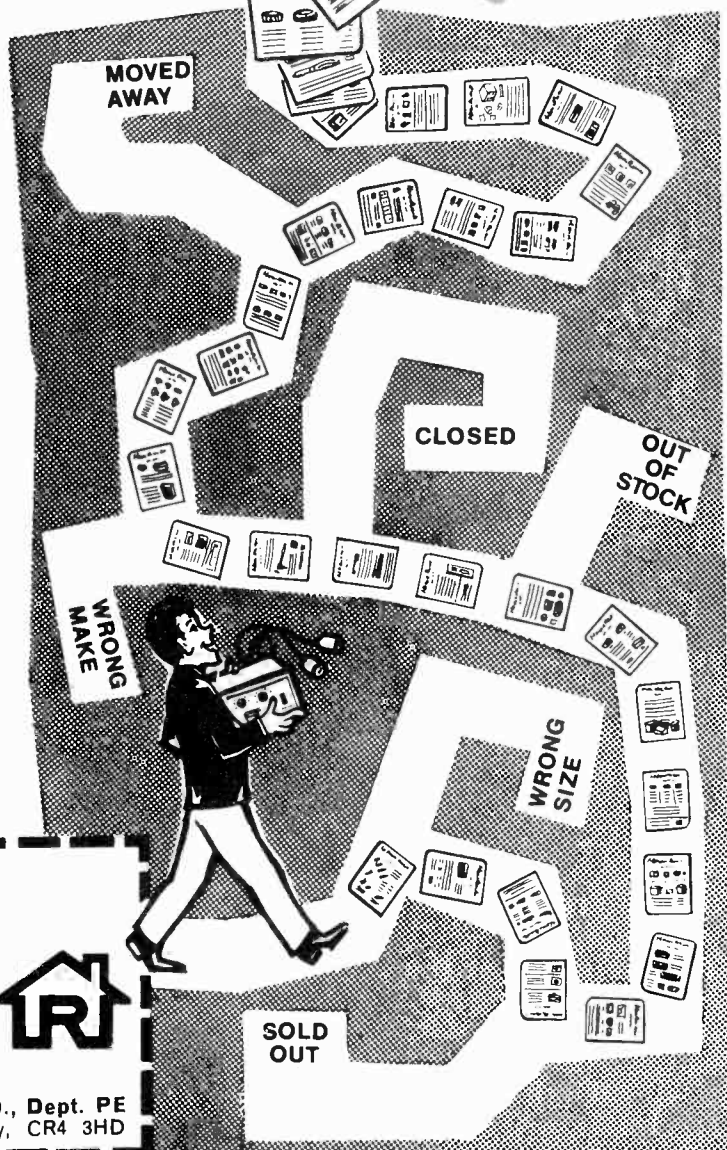
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## VIDEO UNLIMITED

**A**FTER years of behind the scenes activity, two different commercial systems for playback of video recordings on standard television receivers have recently been unveiled. The EVR Partnership have launched their video and sound on film system. Rival contenders for this new and important market are Sony of Japan and Phillips of Holland, who are collaborating to produce a video tape system to suit European television standards.

To add yet further complication to the present scene, there is a third system in production, Teldec. This is significantly different from the other two in that it employs a plastic foil disc revolving at 1,500 r.p.m. The promoters are Decca and Telefunken of West Germany.

The outcome of the ensuing battle is anyone's guess at the moment. But it seems unlikely that, in the long run, more than two systems can co-exist on any worthwhile scale. Probably, in the end, a single system will be adopted for world-wide use. The need for interchangeability of video recordings makes this almost imperative.

Major problems in visual recording (as indeed in sound recording), concern scanning and tracking. These problems are mainly of a mechanical nature, and the three companies mentioned above have tackled them in quite different ways. Successfully too, it appears. But the reproducing equipments have yet to be subjected to prolonged use under domestic conditions. Turntables or magnetic heads revolving at the very high speeds demanded suggest some hazards arising.

If one tries to envisage the ultimate in perfection, one is drawn inevitably towards an all electronic concept where complicated high speed mechanisms are unnecessary. And in this connection there is encouraging news from RCA. The Selectavision system under development by this company may prove to be the answer to most—but not all—needs in visual recording and playback in the home. It has the virtue of being almost entirely electronic; and, incidentally, will assuredly gain fame as the first consumer product to employ a laser. But the inability to make home recordings is a handicap of Selectavision, as indeed it is of the other systems mentioned, with the exception of the video-tape system.

The making of visual recordings by private individuals, both "off the air" and with a video camera, is going to be a commonplace and popular activity in due course. Therefore, we may have to become reconciled to two separate approaches, according to the functional requirements. There is a parallel in the audio field, i.e. the record reproducer, and the tape recorder/player.

It looks as though the fate of the home cine projector may be in the balance; but the television receiver will remain even more firmly ensconced in the corner when it has its new associate, the video player.

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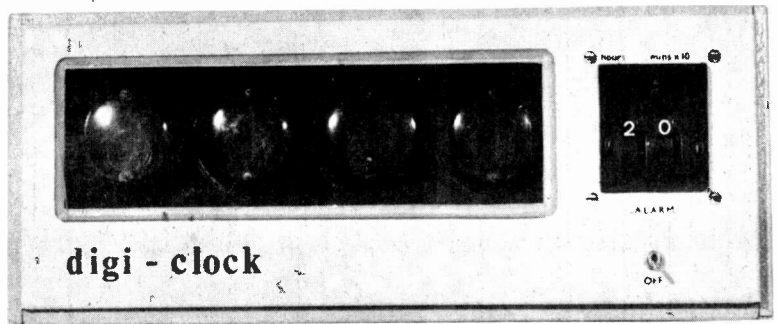
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- ★ Medium scale integration
- ★ TTL logic i.c.s
- ★ Synchronous alarm
- ★ Reset facility
- ★ Nixie number tubes



THE prices of all integrated circuits have fallen considerably in the last year, and the most dramatic drop of all has been in the price of digital devices. The new low prices have brought even the complex "medium scale integration" TTL circuits into the ever widening sphere of amateur projects. The digital clock described here makes full use of this newly available technology.

The use of both discrete component logic circuitry and RTL i.c.s in attempts to realise a practical clock design proved to have their attendant disadvantages in such a complex system. TTL provides the noise immunity necessary to give reliable time keeping and opens up the possibility of simplifying wiring further by using it in the medium scale integration (MSI) form. (Detailed articles on the functioning of TTL and MSI appear in the current Logic ICs series.)

## DESIGN FEATURES

As can be seen from the photographs in these pages, the clock forms an attractive and useful item of equipment for the home or office.

A Contil MOD-2 case is used to house the design, and the display is provided by four gas-filled number indicating "Nixie" tubes.

An alarm circuit is incorporated, the alarm time being entered by means of thumb-wheel switches which conveniently give an output directly in binary coded decimal form.

The 50Hz from the mains supply is used to drive the clock as this proves to be surprisingly constant in practice, and quite capable of providing the accuracy required. A crystal oscillator could be employed, but it would require extra divider stages, and probably temperature control to gain a significant increase in accuracy.

The circuit employs a total of twenty dual-in-line i.c. packages, fourteen MSI/TTL types, four SSI/TTL types, and two integrated transistor arrays used in the analogue circuitry. Only three discrete transistors and a few diodes are used apart from the i.c.s in the counting and timing circuits.

The logic circuitry is built entirely on two "Dualine" i.c. cards, providing a neat layout and a considerable simplification of the wiring up compared with the perforated s.r.b.p. boards commonly used for such projects. These i.c. cards have provision for either nine or fifteen d.i.l. 14/16 pin packages with ground and

$V_{CC}$  rails provided to each package position. Each i.c. pin is provided with a two hole copper pad for wiring up, and blank holes are available for the use of terminal pins.

Either a single sided 0.1in 22-way edge connector or a 44-way double-sided edge connector is provided on each board, although in this design, to save the considerable expense of sockets, solder terminations are made to these edge contacts.

The circuit boards are mounted flat against the chassis, spaced from it by about  $\frac{1}{4}$ in. The chassis is earthed to act as a ground plane and also to provide screening from the power supply components mounted above.

The power requirements are +5V at up to 1 amp, well regulated and filtered for the i.c.s, and 180V to power the "Nixie" tubes.

A novel voltage regulator circuit, employing fold-back current limiting, and built with an integrated transistor array is used to supply the 5V required by the logic circuitry. A simple Zener diode/emitter follower combination provides the 180V supply for the "Nixies" and decimal point indicator neon. A switch is provided to allow the clock to be run at two fast speeds for initial time setting.

## SYSTEM OPERATION

A block diagram of the clock circuit is given in Fig. 1. The low voltage power supply provides 10V to the low voltage regulator which also uses the 200V supply for biasing. The 5V output from this regulator is used to power all the logic i.c.s, and is decoupled on each board by both tantalum electrolytics and small r.f. capacitors.

The transformer which provides the 200V supply to the "Nixie" regulator also gives a 6.3V 50Hz output which is squared and used as the timing waveform for the clock. This 50Hz is frequency divided by a factor of 3,000 by a series string of four MSI counter i.c.s to provide the one pulse per minute rate required by the clock counters.

These minute pulses are further divided by ten in a decade counter package, the four outputs of which being decoded to ten line decimal and used to drive the 0 to 9 minutes "Nixie". The pulses from the  $\div 10$  package occur once every ten minutes and are used to drive the  $\div 6$  tens-of-minutes counter. The outputs from this are also decoded (three lines to six lines) to drive the tens-of-minutes display.



# FOR AN ALL-ELECTRONIC DIGITAL CLOCK

# DIGI-CLOCK

By R. W. Coles

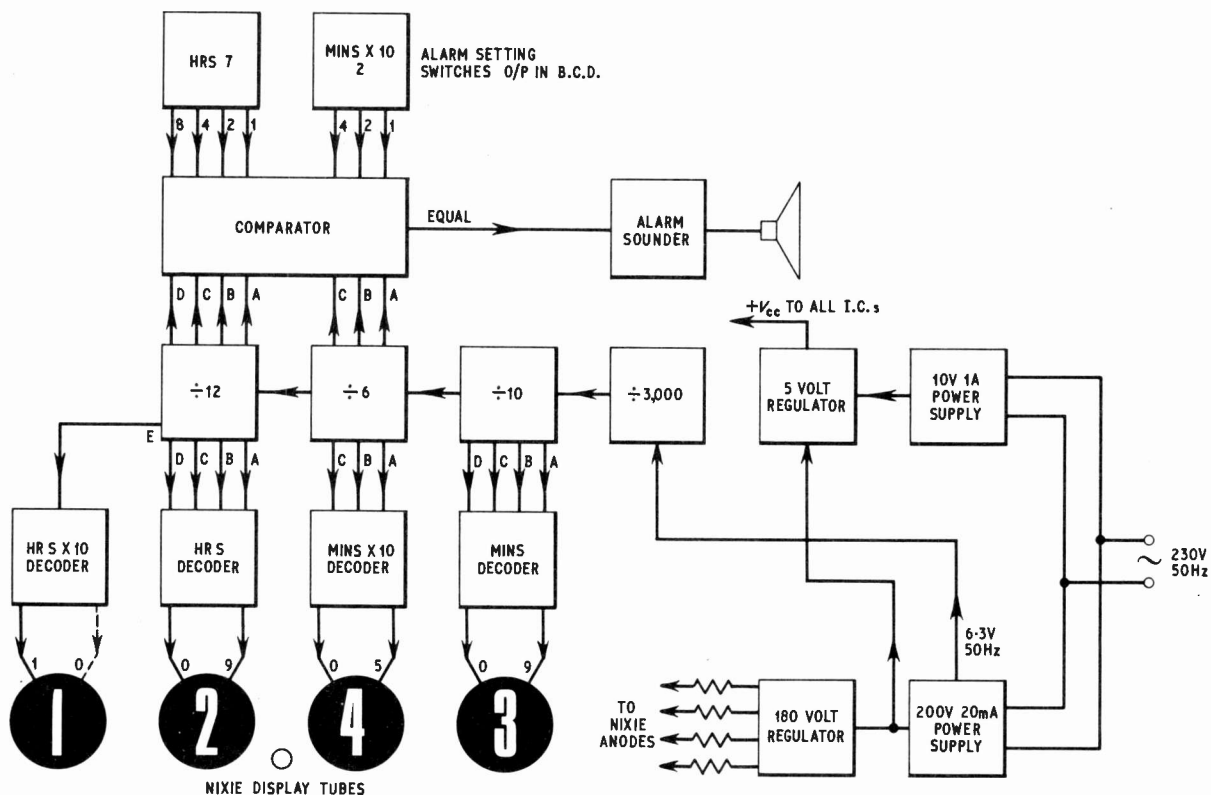
The pulses from the  $\div 6$  package occur once every hour and are used to drive a  $\div 12$  counter which provides the binary coded decimal inputs to the hours and tens-of-hours display decoder/drivers. Note here that the twelve hour clock system was used for this design to make the clock acceptable for domestic use.

The binary coded decimal outputs of the tens-of-minutes and hours counters are also fed to the alarm circuit, where the digital code is constantly compared with a similar (but negated) binary pattern from the

alarm-time switches. When the alarm time and the display time are exactly equal, the comparator registers this equality, and sets a bistable latch which in turn initiates the alarm sounder.

The oscillator for the alarm sounder can best be described as a "tristable, astable multivibrator" which oscillates alternately at two different audio frequencies producing a rapidly varying bleep tone. When the alarm circuit is active this tone is gated to a speaker to provide an output which is difficult to ignore.

The alarm circuit may be reset by means of a



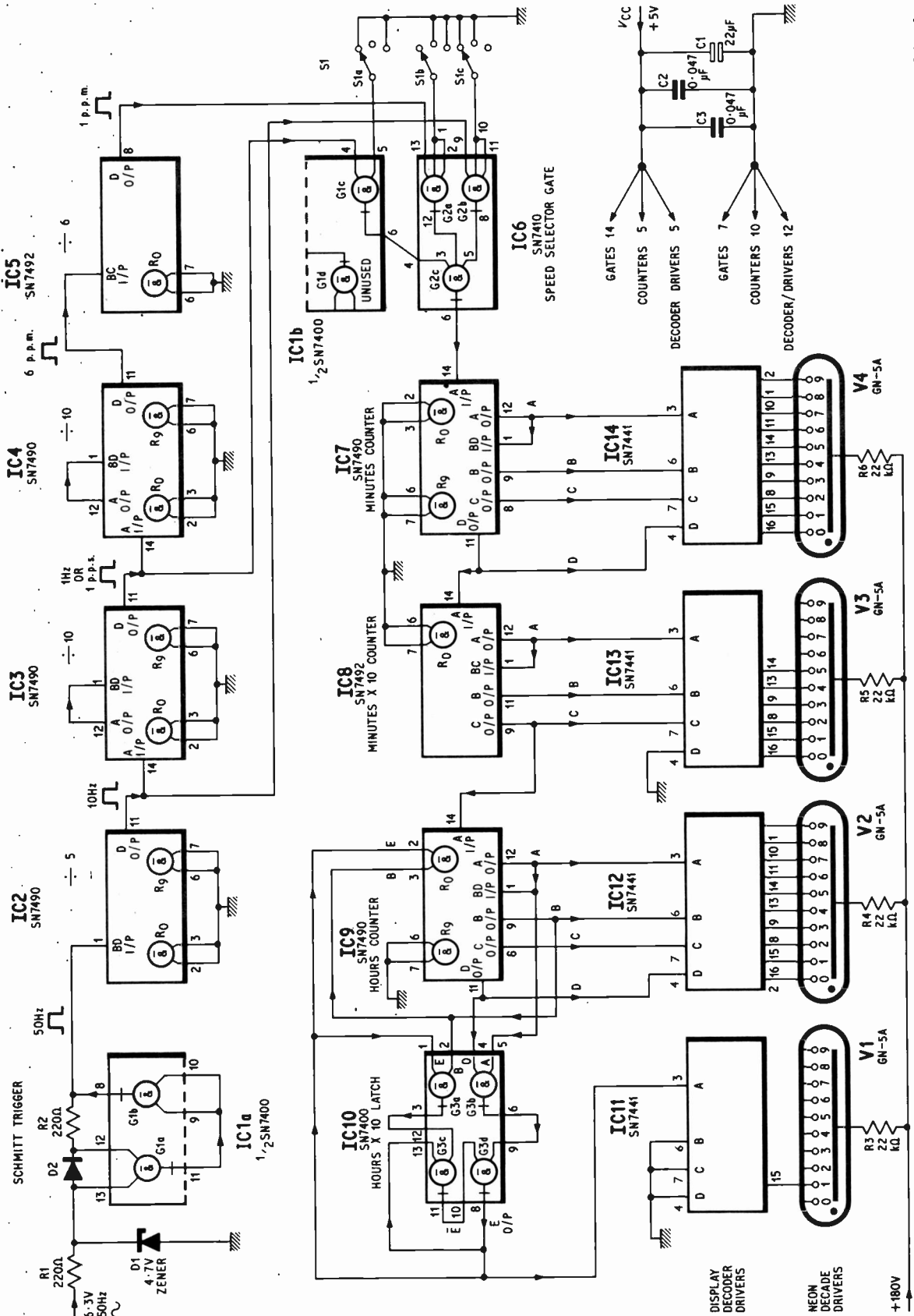


Fig. 2. Circuit diagram of the main clock board only incorporating the dividers, counters and decoder/drivers. All pin connections of the i.c.s which are used in the clock circuit are labelled and numbered. The decoupling capacitors and power supply connections and power supply connections are shown on the right

miniature toggle switch on the front panel, which will also deactivate this circuit altogether when required.

Now that we have a general grasp of the clock operation we can pass on to considering each section in detail, beginning this month with the main clock board. The other sections will follow later together with the appropriate diagrams and components lists.

### MAIN CLOCK CIRCUIT BOARD

All the logic i.c.s for the main clock counting section are mounted on a Dualin-line i.c. printed circuit card type DL110/44. This particular board has positions for fifteen digital integrated logic (DIL) i.c.s; only fourteen are used in this application.

The board also has copper strips for connecting wires and +V<sub>cc</sub> and "ground" runs. At one end is a double-sided 44-way edge connection which is used to carry all the inputs and outputs required.

From the simplified circuit diagram in Fig. 2, it can be seen that the gates are shown individually; the MSI circuits incorporating several flip-flops are given

in block form, to emphasise the treatment of these devices as complete building blocks. The internal logic and pin connections of these devices are given separately in Fig. 3, along with the gate package diagrams.

The SN7490N counter contains four flip-flops grouped to form a divide-by-five counter (BCD), and a separate divide-by-two stage (A). These counters may be used separately or in series to form a decade counter, only one external link wire being required in this mode.

This device also contains two gated reset lines, one of which sets all the flip-flops to the zero state (R<sub>0</sub>), and the other setting the flip-flops to the 1001 condition (R<sub>9</sub>). The reset facility is only used in the hours counter of this clock, so all other reset inputs are grounded to de-activate them.

The SN7492N counter also contains four flip-flops, but in this device they are grouped to form a divide-by-six and divide-by-two stage, which may be used independently or in series to form a divide-by-twelve counter.

One important reservation should be noted here: the BCD stage may be used as a divide-by-six stage in the divider, but its outputs do not follow the binary code in this mode. Where this is necessary, as in the "tens-of-minutes" counter, a divide-by-six stage is formed by cascading the two internal counters, and using the C flip-flop as an output. The binary outputs to be decoded are taken from the ABC outputs in this case.

The SN7441AN decoder/driver package is used, as the name implies, to decode the binary outputs from the clock counters and convert to decimal outputs suitable for driving a high voltage "Nixie" tube. These outputs are taken from the "free" collectors of ten transistors with high collector-breakdown voltage characteristics, provided in the device. The decoding is carried out by an internal gating array, and to provide the same logic and drive capability using small scale integrated (SSI) circuits it would be necessary to use at least five DIL gate packages, and ten discrete transistors, so the advantages offered by the 7441 are obvious.

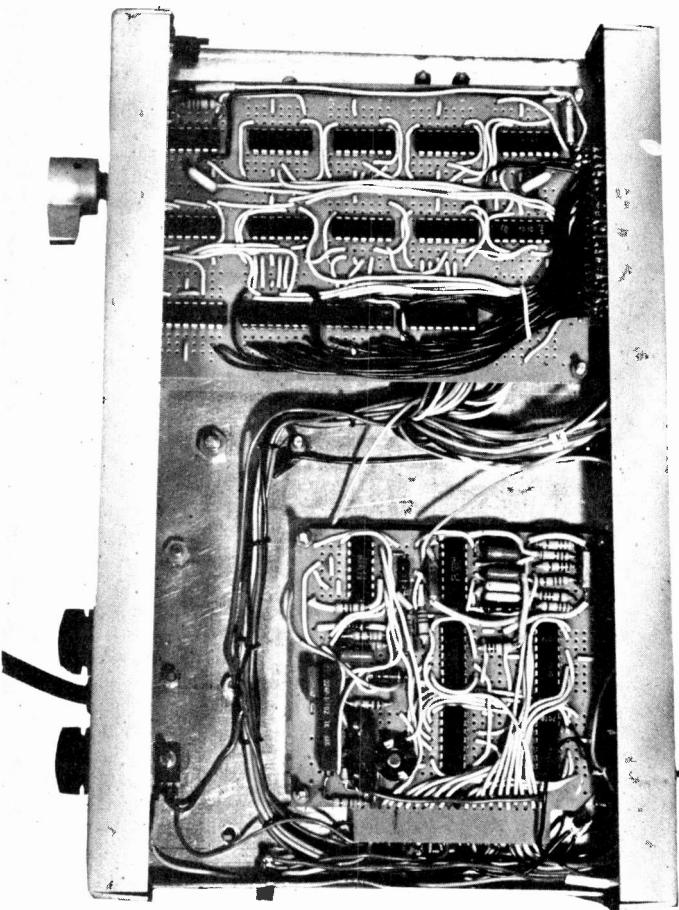
### DETAILED CIRCUIT OPERATION

The 6.3V r.m.s. 50Hz sine wave input from the power supply, needs to be converted into a square d.c. pulse train before it can be used to drive the divider chain IC2 to IC5.

Zener diode D1 is used to achieve this. D1 is reverse biased until the sine wave input reaches 4.7V positive with respect to ground. At this point it breaks down and limits the positive excursion to this voltage level, in effect giving a square top to the waveform. As the sine wave input swings negative, the same diode conducts in the forward direction, limiting the negative excursion to -600mV.

The d.c. pulses formed in this manner are square topped, but their rise and fall times are much too slow to be used to drive TTL gates directly, as there is a danger of parasitic oscillations during the transition through the gate's active, or threshold, region.

This oscillation, which would cause false triggering in the following counters, is avoided by using a Schmitt trigger with positive feedback to speed up the transition. In this circuit two gates from a 7400 package are used to form the Schmitt with d.c. positive feedback via a resistor R2.



Underside view of the clock chassis showing the main Clock Board 'A' at the top and the Alarm Board 'B' at the bottom

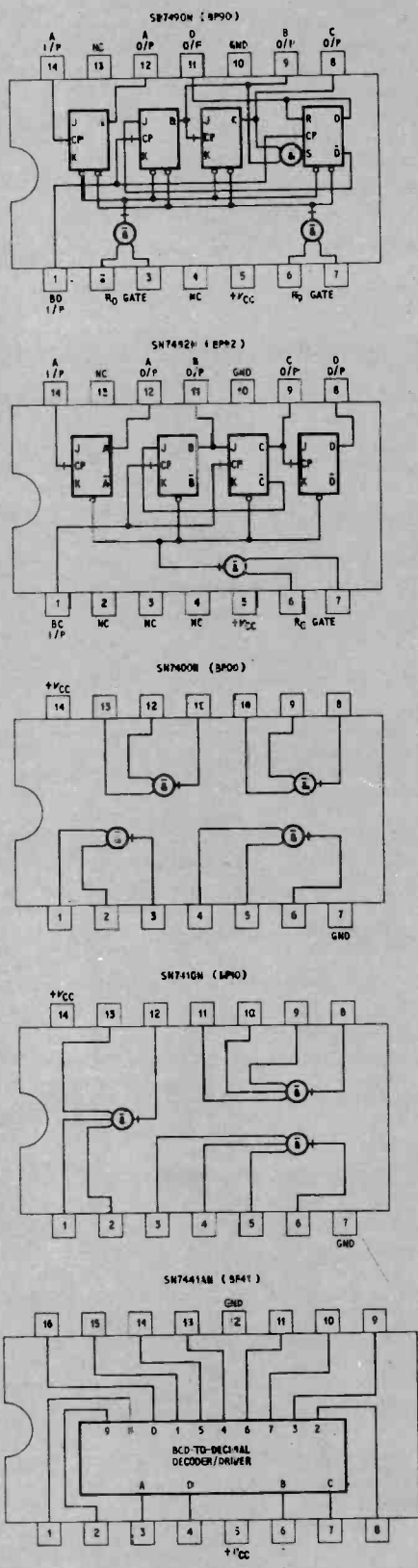


Fig. 3. Arrangement of logic in each i.c. package type with pin connections

The silicon diode D2 is necessary when triggering this kind of circuit from low impedance sources, as in this case. The output produced is a d.c. square wave with very fast positive and negative edges, ideally suited to form the input to the divider flip-flops.

### DIVIDERS

The first divider stage, IC2 is a 7490 used in the divide-by-five mode, giving an output pulse train at 10Hz. The wiring of this stage is very simple, the BD input and the D output being the only connections necessary apart from grounding the resets and wiring up the power lines.

The second divider stage, IC3, is also a 7490, being used this time in the divide-by-ten mode, and giving an output of 1Hz. In this case the A input and the D output are used, and an external link from the A output to the BD input is necessary.

The next two stages divide by sixty to produce minute pulses to drive the clock counter proper. These are arranged so that if necessary they could be decoded in the same fashion as the hours and minutes counters to provide a two-digit "seconds" display.

This type of display was not considered necessary in the prototype, but if the clock is to be used to time, for example, sports events, some constructors may consider the extra expense worthwhile. Of course, if this course is followed, an extra pair of 7441 packages will be required, and there is only room for one of these on the board as it stands.

### TIME CORRECTION

The pulses supplied by IC5 are ready to operate the counting circuits for each display tube. IC6 is a triple 3-input gate package used with one of the spare gates in IC1 to form a speed selector gate. It is used when setting the clock to the correct time initially, and is controlled by S1.

The three gates G1c, G2a and G2b each have one of their inputs connected to one of three timebase speeds, 10Hz, 1Hz, and the normal speed 1 pulse per minute. A three-pole, three-way switch is used to control the other input or inputs in such a way that only one gate is enabled with a "1" input, the others having "0" connected, so that their particular input pulses are not allowed through.

The three gates have active level low outputs (due to the inversion inherent in the NAND gate), and may therefore be fed to a fourth gate, G2c, which is used as a NOR, giving a single output to drive the counters. The control switch is connected as in the diagram; an open circuit represents a 1 input, and a ground connection for a "0".

In retrospect it may be a very good idea to wire the three "1" tags to  $V_{CC}$  through a 1 kilohm resistor, rather than use an open circuit which could lead to noise pick-up. No trouble has been experienced in the prototype from this source, but the fastidious will no doubt wish to incorporate this simple modification, to be absolutely sure.

Some readers may have realised that a one-pole three-way switch could be used to replace the gate/switch system used here. Although this simplification seems worthwhile on a circuit diagram, in practice it would necessitate taking the signal path off the board in a long loop to the switch and back, a distance of well over the maximum of ten inches recommended for single wire driving with TTL circuits.

When the switch is set to the fast position, a complete 12 hour cycle is completed in 72 seconds, making it



easy to set the clock to the correct hour, and when set to the slow position a minute is clocked up every second, facilitating the final setting. In the normal position of course, the clock operates at the speed of real time.

### MINUTES COUNTERS

The 7490 and 7492 packages which form the "minutes" and "tens-of-minutes" counters operate in exactly the same fashion as they did in the divider stages considered previously, except that here the outputs are fed to the 7441 decoder/drivers, to operate the display.

The 7492 is wired in a slightly different way from its division counterpart to facilitate decoding as explained earlier. Only three inputs to the "tens-of-minutes" decoder are needed to provide the necessary six decimal outputs, and the D input from each 7441 is taken to ground to simulate a "0" level.

### HOURS COUNTER

A consideration of the display sequence for the "hours" Nixies reveals that in the 12 hour clock system, no simple count/decode system is possible. Of the several solutions considered, the one used here satisfies the conditions best, and gives a count sequence sufficiently close to the binary coded decimal inputs required by the alarm comparator, that it could be easily altered merely by adding a "1" in an adder circuit.

The "truth-table" for the hours counter and display is given in Fig. 4. A quick glance at the "Hours" column shows that zero hours never occurs (unlike in the 24 hour system) and the start of the sequence can best be taken as 1 o'clock.

Considering the hours Nixie first, it is seen that it starts with a 1, counts normally to 9, then goes to 0 and counts up to 2 before being reset to the start condition.

An immediate snag occurs here because the binary count equivalent to 1 o'clock is 0000, which, when

decoded, drives the 0 output of the 7441. Similarly, at 10 o'clock the equivalent binary count is 1001, which will activate the 9 output of the 7441. Fortunately this problem is easily overcome by wiring the 1 cathode of the Nixie to the 0 output of the 7441, and so on, so that the 0 Nixie cathode ends up wired to the 9 decoder output.

After 10 o'clock the 7490 recycles normally to 0000, and again displays a 1, just as we require. Two counts later it is necessary for the 7490 to be reset forcibly back to one again, as the 12 hour sequence has been completed. This is performed by detecting the "13 o'clock" state with the  $R_0$  reset gate, and immediately resetting. The 7490 thus carries out one full count and one partial count in each 12 hour period.

### TENS OF HOURS COUNTER

Having grasped the principles of the hours sequence, the tens of hours display should follow quite easily, as another glance at the table shows that this Nixie must go to a 1 at 10 o'clock and be reset to 0 at 1 o'clock.

The tens-of-hours count is registered on a simple set/reset bistable formed from two cross-coupled gates in the usual fashion. This latch is set by a further gate at 10 o'clock, when it is opened by the hours count of 1001. The latch is reset by the fourth gate at "13 o'clock", and of course this reset is coincidental with the 7490 reset, and is detected in the same way.

The truth table shows that the logic required to set the latch is  $\bar{A}$  AND  $\bar{D}$ ; the logic to reset both it and the 7490 is  $\bar{B}$  AND  $\bar{E}$ . It follows that 2-input NAND gates are ideal for the job, and in the case of the reset condition the  $\bar{B}$  AND  $\bar{E}$  state is detected simultaneously by gate G3a and the  $R_0$  gate of the 7490.

Decoding of the tens-of-hours latch is not required to drive the Nixie, because when the E output is up a 1 is displayed, and when the E output is up, a 0 is displayed. For the sake of simplicity however, a 7441 is still used to drive this display, using only the A input.

HOUR	TEN HOURS NIXIE	HOURS NIXIE	HOURS COUNT O/P'S				TENS HOURS LATCH O/P
			A	B	C	D	E
1 O'CLOCK	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2 "	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
3 "	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
4 "	0	4	1	1	0	0	0
5 "	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
6 "	0	6	1	0	1	0	0
7 "	0	7	0	1	1	0	0
8 "	0	8	1	1	1	0	0
9 "	0	9	0	0	1	0	0
10 "	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
11 "	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
12 "	1	2	1	0	0	0	1
			0	1	0	0	1

THIS TRANSIENT STATE DETECTED & COUNTER & LATCH RESET  
7490 RECYCLES  
TENS HOURS LATCH SET

Fig. 4. Truth table for the hours counter and display

## COMPONENTS . . .

### MAIN CLOCK BOARD

#### Resistors

R1, R2 220  $\Omega$  2%  $\frac{1}{2}$ W metal oxide (2 off)

#### Capacitors

C1 22 $\mu$ F 15V tantalum bead type or elect.  
C2, C3 0.047 $\mu$ F 250V met. foil.

#### Diodes

D1 4.7V 400mW Zener (e.g. 1S2047 Texas)  
D2 1N914 silicon diode for switching

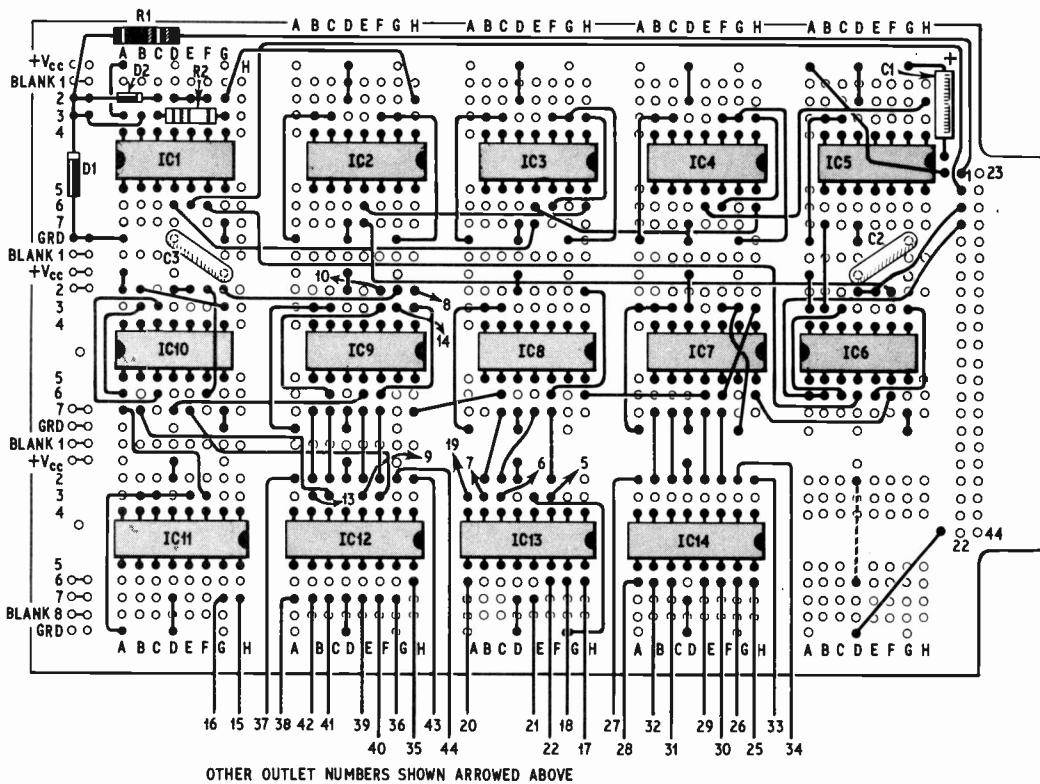
#### Integrated Circuits

IC1, 10 SN7400N (BP00)  
quad 2-input gates (2 off)  
IC2, 3, 4, 7, 9 SN7490N (BP90)  
decade counters (5 off)  
IC5, 8 SN7492N (BP91)  
÷ 12 counters (2 off)  
IC6 SN7410N (BP10)  
triple 3-input gate  
IC11, 12, 13, 14 SN7441AN (BP41)  
BCD to decimal decoder/  
drivers (4 off)

Further notes on purchasing i.c.s given in the article "Making the Most of Logic ICs"

#### Miscellaneous

Dual in line type DLI10/44 printed circuit card  
(Shirehall Electronics Ltd., Station Yard,  
Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.)



OTHER OUTLET NUMBERS SHOWN ARROWED ABOVE

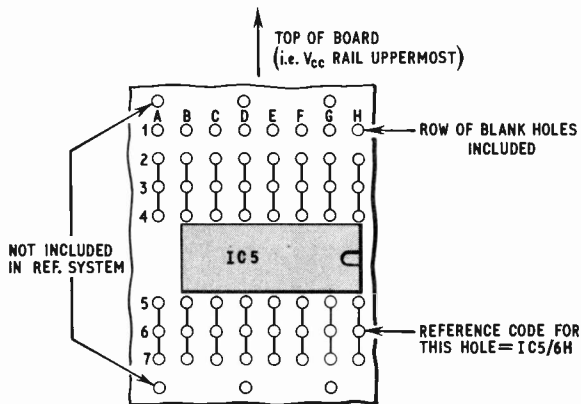


Fig. 6. Interconnection coding of the main clock board outlets for each i.c. position matrix

If desired a couple of discrete transistors could be used instead, driven directly from the complementary E outputs.

This completes the description of the main clock board circuit, except perhaps to mention that the  $+V_{cc}$  rail is decoupled near its edge contact with a  $22\mu\text{F}$  tantalum electrolytic capacitor. Two  $0.047\mu\text{F}$  capacitors, spaced out on the board, effectively remove h.f. noise on this supply line generated by the logic itself. This is normal practice and should be adopted in any i.c. logic application.

### WIRING UP

The board wiring is shown in Fig. 5, and should be carried out with thin flexible p.v.c. covered connecting wire. Interconnections must be kept as short as

Fig. 5. Wiring of the main clock Dualline printed circuit Board 'A' with edge connector outlet coding on lead-out wires. Plain side terminations on top to outlets 1 to 22, copper side terminations to outlets 23 to 44. The ground rail is connected to outlet 11, the  $+V_{cc}$  rail to outlet 12

possible commensurate with a neat layout. Where adjacent printed copper pads are connected (such as on IC6) this may be simply carried out on the underside of the board with a solder run, to save the tedium of producing tiny wire links. Discrete components C1, C2, C3, D1, D2, R1 and R2 are best added after the rest of the wiring.

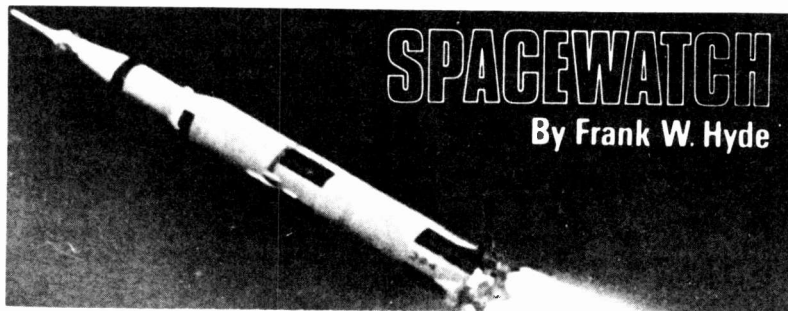
Wiring to the edge connector is facilitated by using the coding adopted in Figs. 5 and 6.

The wiring is carried out on the top of the board, even that which connects to the upper edge connector pads. The outputs are numbered with their respective circuit references for interconnection at a later stage.

It is recommended that at each stage of wiring up, a circuit is drawn up from the wiring actually carried out so that this may be checked against the circuit given. A mistake could be very difficult to rectify when the faulty link is buried under several other layers of wire.

It is also a good idea to connect the board to a 5V supply and, using a 6.3V heater transformer as a timing input source, check the counter operation before adding the edge connector wiring. Nixie outputs can be checked by connecting a voltmeter across them to ground, and using a 4.7 kilohm resistor to  $V_{cc}$  to simulate a load.

To be continued



## ITALY TO LAUNCH U.S. SATELLITE

Later this month or early December Italy will have the distinction of being the first foreign country to launch a U.S. satellite. It is part of an agreement signed by the two powers in which the United States will be able to use the Italian built San Marco launch platform.

The use of this facility on the equator will enable smaller launch vehicles to be used. For example, the four stage *Scout* rocket can be used instead of the larger vehicles which would be required at Cape Kennedy to attain equatorial orbit.

The San Marco platform is situated in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Kenya and it is expected that under the present programme NASA will require three launches by the Aerospace Research Centre of the Daglia Studi di Roma (Rome University). These will consist of two astronomy satellites and one scientific satellite.

The Italian launch team have been trained by NASA at the Wallops station in Virginia. They have already made a successful launch from Wallops in 1964, and in 1967 they made an equally successful launch from the San Marco platform.

The actual contract provides for the supply of the satellites and the launch vehicles by NASA. The Italian team will assemble, check out, and launch the satellite. They will also provide some tracking and data acquisition facilities.

The first satellite will be an astronomy unit designated *SAS-A*. The *SAS* spacecraft are unique in their construction and the first one will weigh approximately 320lb. Each group of instruments is in a separate section and connected to a common section containing the power supply, communications, attitude control and any other equipment required to support the mission.

Facilities are available for the mission to take a quick look at the entire sky over a period of six weeks, and then a detailed study of the sky will be made during the remainder of the expected life of the satellite which is about six months.

The *SAS-A* will have about 140lb of the available instrument space for instrumentation dealing

with X-ray sources and the resulting catalogue will be used as a basis for detailed observations from another craft in 1971.

The *SAS-B* spacecraft scheduled for launch in late 1971 will carry a sky mapping system. It will also look for gamma ray sources, an important mission in view of the discovery of high energy gamma rays in the "milky-way".

## SPACE PHENOMENA STUDY

The scientific satellite (*SSS*), which will be called *SSS-A* will undertake the investigation of space phenomena. This will include the study of aurora magnetic storms, the acceleration of charged particles in the inner magnetosphere and electrical currents circulating in the magnetosphere. It will have an apogee of 16,000 miles, an ideal orbit for such investigations.

The *SSS* satellite has had a difficult beginning because it was partly damaged by fire in December 1969. This was due to an outbreak of fire at the Goddard Space Flight Centre, Green Belt. This damage was rectified and the satellite brought back to operational condition and will be ready for launch in the Spring of 1971.

## MOON WATER DIVINING

When the *Apollo 14* is launched on January 31, 1971, the astronauts on landing on the moon will carry out a unique experiment to discover if water does in fact exist on the moon. Some scientists believe that concentrations of ice may be buried near the lunar surface.

Astronaut Edgar Mitchell will be responsible for the equipment and will use a technique similar to that used for oil prospecting. Small explosions are set off on the surface and the shock waves from these explosions penetrate deep into the ground and are bounced back to be detected on the surface. The character, or signature of the trace that is recorded provides a clue to the presence of oil or water bearing layers.

The experiment will be carried out in one of the five hour excursions on the surface in the Fra Mauro region. The astronaut will lay out some 310 feet of cable which will be connected

to three vibration detecting geophones. He will then walk beside the cable and at intervals of fifteen feet fire a device called a "thumper". The "thumper" consists of a short tube with a firing mechanism at the upper end and hollow cylinder at the lower end. In the cylinder there is a plate which will be pressed down on the surface of the moon.

During his walk Mitchell will fire 21 cartridges in this manner, each with the force of a pistol shot and the resulting seismic waves and reverberations will be picked up by the geophones.

This experiment is a bonus arising from the need to get information on the shape of the moon and the structure and thickness of the moon's outer crust.

In addition to the shot firing Mitchell will set up and arm a mortar containing four grenades. The grenades will be set off by radio, from the earth, after the spacecraft has left the moon on its return journey. The grenades will be fired away from the area in which the astronauts have collected samples and will be timed to explode at 500, 1,000, 3,000 and 5,000 feet from their launch point. The vibrations will be detected by the geophones and automatically radioed back to earth for analysis.

The characteristics of these signals which will come from as deep as 1,500 feet will be examined to see whether the moon is layered like the earth or whether it is homogeneous. The results of this analysis will give some idea of the early history of the moon.

The questions that may be answered are whether the moon had a hot molten core like the earth from the beginning of its existence, or whether it cooled off quickly after its formation.

## NEW COLOUR FILM

To study the solar eclipse of March 1970 a new colour film called XRC (Extended Response Colour) was tried out. It has a near human eye response and has a brightness range greater than 10,000 to 1.

The film has a very marked fidelity of colour response and was developed for the use of astronauts on the moon landings where the extreme range of response is very necessary.

The results obtained from the last eclipse by astronomers confirmed a prediction made by Professor C. W. Allen of the London University Observatories. In the Monthly Notices of 1946 he suggested that the corona would become redder as the distance from the photosphere increased. This effect could be quite clearly seen in the recorded photographs using this new film.

Amateur astronomers who have an interest in astrophotography might well try this film for the need for monochromatic filters does not arise.

# THE PROFESSIONAL FINISH

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**T**HE second and final part of this article describing technique and working methods used in obtaining a professional finish on home constructed equipment

**W**HEN plastics coated materials are being formed, the plastics should be protected by cardboard stuck on with sticky tape and all markings should be on the internal face. When working in wood the important considerations, especially where furniture finishes are required, are that the edges be perfectly square and straight and the measurements precise, such that square joints and thin, mating gaps result. Work is enhanced by using the saw attachment to an electric drill, since with this attachment a square edge can be achieved and a perfectly straight edge can be formed.

It is important that tools be of the correct type and particularly that saws and chisels be sharp. A material suitable for furniture finishes is Contiboard which is chipboard, veneered on both sides by the same wood sheet; this is particularly important for such things as lids of stereo cabinets. Contiboard has a disadvantage in that some edges are not veneered, but veneering is very simple using Contistrip, which is affixed, using a hot iron, directly onto the sawn edges and results in a very professional and robust finish.

## POLISHING

When working with wood it should also be remembered that apart from good joints and edges, the final polish is of utmost importance. After the wood has been sanded, it must be filled with a grain filler and stained prior to the application of the final polish. A simple and very effective final polish which gives a professional finish in a gloss or matt, can be obtained by the use of polyurethane varnish, which can be applied by French polishing or more easily by direct brush application. When polyurethane varnish is used, the surface should be smoothed with fine glass paper prior to the next coat and the final coat should be burnished with a burnishing powder to give the best results.

## WORKING PERSPEX

Working with Perspex is difficult, especially to maintain a non-scratched finish, but Perspex is usually supplied with a stiff paper covering on both sides and this should be retained, and all the marking carried out on the stiff paper. Care must be taken in cutting Perspex since it is very brittle and sawing should not be carried out unless the sheet is adequately supported very close to the cutting point; this results in continual movement of the sheet in the vice in order to maintain the supported edges near to the cutting point. After cutting to the desired contours, a file can be used to smooth the edges, but again it should be remembered

that the edges must be adequately supported during this operation. Once cut to shape the sheet can be polished using Perspex polish to remove any file marks from the edges or scratches from the surface.

## SURFACE FINISH

The overall surface finish is important since this enhances the artistic impression. Although p.v.c. and fabric covers are sometimes employed, paint is widely used, with grey hammer or black crackle being the past standard for non-commercial units. Manufacturers, however, are drifting increasingly away from this uniformity of colour and using such striking finishes as dark green with red panels or blue hammer with white. Suffice it to say that instrument casing manufacturers never illustrate their catalogues with grey hammer but use bright contrasting colours.

Good paint finishes are not always easy to obtain and care should be taken particularly when plain colours with gloss finish have been chosen. Aerosols should be used as far as possible and the surface cleaned and scratches removed before application of the undercoat. All painting should be carried out in a dust free atmosphere and left undisturbed until completely dry. Hammer and crackle paints should be used for cases with poor surface qualities since they disguise surface irregularities.

## FRONT PANELS

Front panel finishes are usually the weak point of home constructed equipment. Often they are poorly labelled or not labelled at all, whilst the control knobs and indicators are ill matched and of ancient design.

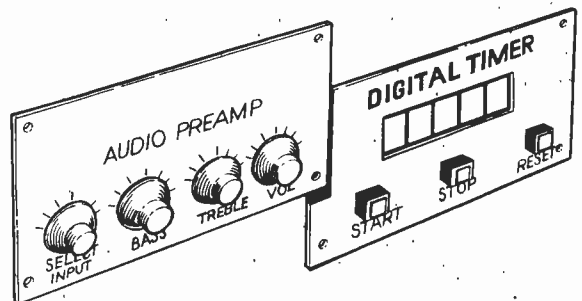


Fig. 5. Typical front panel layouts

Whilst it is true that such units function adequately, the overall impression is poor and such equipment is often difficult to use.

Now contrary to popular opinion, a professional finish can be achieved with little additional effort or cost with the use of modern techniques. The essential feature of the panel layout is that the information should be clear and the controls accessible. Knobs should match each other and either contrast or match the panel colour, whilst their size should enable simple operation and allow room for labelling. Lettering should be clear and in proportion, whilst the general layout should be symmetrical to aid clarity and please the eye. Fig. 5 illustrates some typical layouts that can be utilised to achieve a neat professional appearance.

### FRONT PANEL FINISH

An audio pre-amplifier is shown in Fig. 5; the knobs can be chosen to contrast the panel, whilst lettering is black on white. Adhesive lettering has been used to designate the functions of the controls and sprayed with clear lacquer to reduce wear. The panel finish can be either spray paint or matt finish aluminium—achieved by rubbing the surface with emery until a satin appearance is obtained. This finish is cheap and very effective, but suffers from the disadvantage that constant use of the controls inevitably wears away the lacquer and adhesive lettering. Therefore it is best employed on equipment where the controls are not used excessively.

Where equipment is required for constant use as in the case of test instruments, receivers and transmitters, then the front panel can be covered by a sheet of clear Perspex. This enables constant use without wear and gives an added depth to the gloss finish.

A second style of finish is illustrated by the digital timer shown in Fig. 5. Here the front panel proper is completely covered by a Perspex escutcheon on which the colouring and lettering is on the reverse face. Apart from freedom from wear this system has the considerable advantage that it conceals the metal front panel which can thus be used as a chassis with components mounted directly, using countersunk screws. Other advantages are that illuminated legends can be used and mechanical pointers, level indicators, numerical indicator tubes, etc. are protected by the Perspex. The reverse marking system is used extensively by manufacturers, particularly since it can be mass produced at low cost when the markings are produced by a photographic dye-etching system.

### REVERSE LETTERING

Since the home constructor cannot utilise the photographic-dye system, let us examine alternative methods of producing the same basic finish. Fig. 6 illustrates the steps by which the amateur can fabricate a Perspex escutcheon of this type. First, the basic metal front panel is measured and a sketch produced of the required holes and markings; such a panel is shown in Fig. 6a. The Perspex escutcheon is then cut to size and the holes and cut-outs drilled and formed, as illustrated in Fig. 6b. Fig. 6c shows the marking of the Perspex sheet with legends and designs on the reverse face. Since the lettering is reversed, normal adhesive letters cannot be used, but special purpose reverse lettering is available.

For the photographic enthusiast the reverse lettering can be achieved by photographing white lettering on a black background and glueing the resultant negative to the reverse side of the Perspex sheet. However, since the outline of the negative is always visible, this method is not entirely satisfactory.

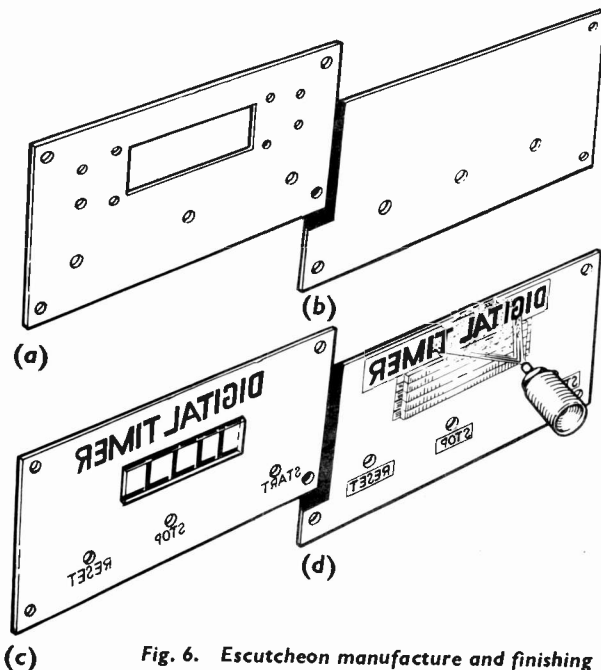
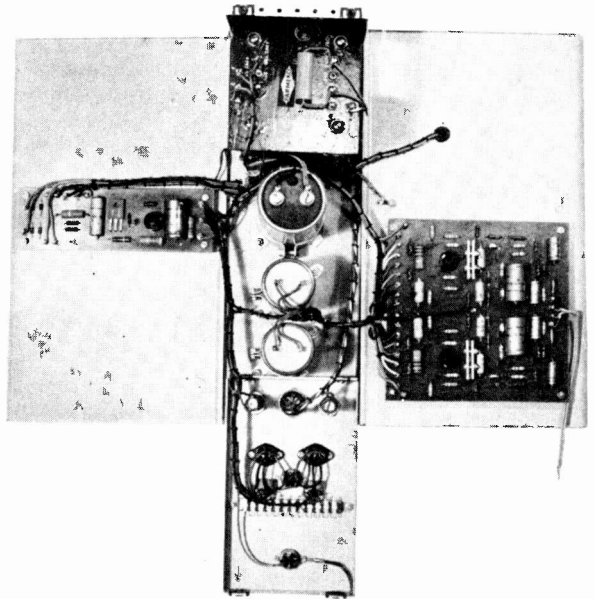


Fig. 6. Escutcheon manufacture and finishing



The professional touch to internal layout and finish of the P.E. Gemini stereo amplifier



Generally, the reverse lettering can be achieved with the use of stencils and quick drying paint. This has the advantage of choice of colour but requires the purchase of a set of stencils. Some practise is advisable to achieve spacing and uniformity when reverse stencilling.

When the marking is complete the clear areas for legends and windows are masked and the reverse face sprayed with aerosol paint of the desired colour, as illustrated in Fig. 6d. The result is an escutcheon of professional appearance which will wear well and give a smart and finished appearance to the equipment.

### INTERNAL FINISH

Whilst the internal layout and finish contribute nothing to the artistic effect of an equipment, it is worth mentioning that neat layouts with proper cableforms are also a feature of professional equipment. A neat layout contributes to the ease of servicing and reliability, in addition to the more obvious mass production requirements. Layout naturally is governed by technical considerations and it is preferable that the layout follows the circuit diagram as far as is practicable. Thus the input should be physically removed from the output to aid servicing and eliminate unwanted feedback.

Printed circuits should always be adequately supported to prevent damage and never used to support heavy components. After soldering, the boards should be cleaned and defluxed using carbon tetrachloride and a stiff brush, which results in a better appearance and often highlights bad joints, thus contributing to reliability.

Cableforming aids servicing and repair and allows a neater component density to be achieved. Three methods of cableforming are illustrated in Fig. 7. The most common method, using binding cord, is illustrated in Fig. 7a. This system is time-consuming and presents difficulties should subsequent cable modifications be required, but is very cheap. Fig. 7b illustrates the use of rubber sleeves and, like the binding cord system, gives a neat finish. However, a special tool is used to expand the sleeving and consequently it is not practical for the home constructor.

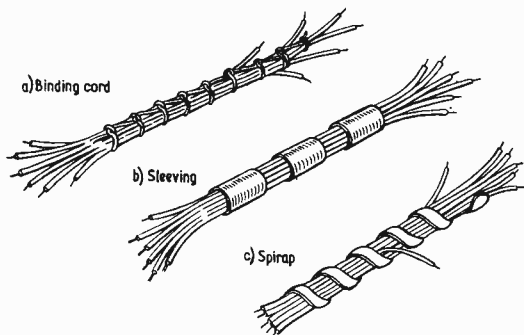


Fig. 7. Methods of cableforming

The third system shown in Fig. 7c illustrates the use of a spirally cut plastics tube available for cableforming. This product, known as Spirap, is easy to use and can be removed and re-used if subsequent modifications are necessary. The disadvantage is that it is more expensive than binding cord and is not always easy to procure.

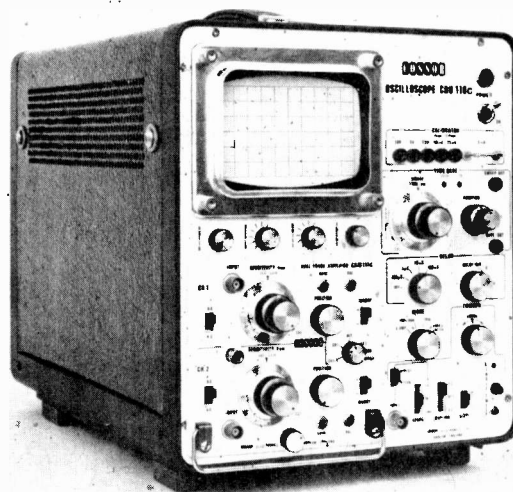


The professional finish illustrated by the Decca Compact 3

### CONCLUSION

A neat attractive finish is not vital to the performance of electronic equipment and consequently should never deter the home constructor from attempting to build any unit. However, for self satisfaction a good finish is desirable and using the techniques discussed, even a tobacco tin and secondhand components can be fabricated in such a way as to give an acceptable finish.

The first essential is that a professional finish becomes a prime objective of the constructor. Subsequently, using the principles of symmetry, colour and labelling a professional artistic finish will result. ★



Front panel finish of a professional oscilloscope

# THYRISTOR RELAY UNIT

By A.G. Wood

**T**HIS article describes a sensitive electronic relay, the action of which is governed by a sensor or transducer. The applications are dependent on the type of input control devices used; these can include tape recorder auto-stops, burglar or fire alarms, moisture detectors and pump controls.

External control switching is done by means of a relay which is controlled by a thyristor. The circuit is simple and makes use of an electronic method of latching, a facility which is of special use where the unit is to be used as a burglar alarm.

## CIRCUIT ACTION

The circuit of the relay unit is given in Fig. 1. With S1 closed an alternating voltage is induced in the secondary winding of the filament transformer T1. This is rectified by D1 and C1 to provide d.c. for the other circuit elements.

With no conducting path provided between SK1 and SK2 no bias current will pass to TR1 so that this transistor is off. For the thyristor SCR1 to turn on a gate current must be provided and since this current would be the collector output from TR1 the relay is not energised.

With the circuit completed between SK1 and SK2 bias current flows by way of VR1 and R2 to switch on TR1 which in turn makes the thyristor conduct and the relay to operate.

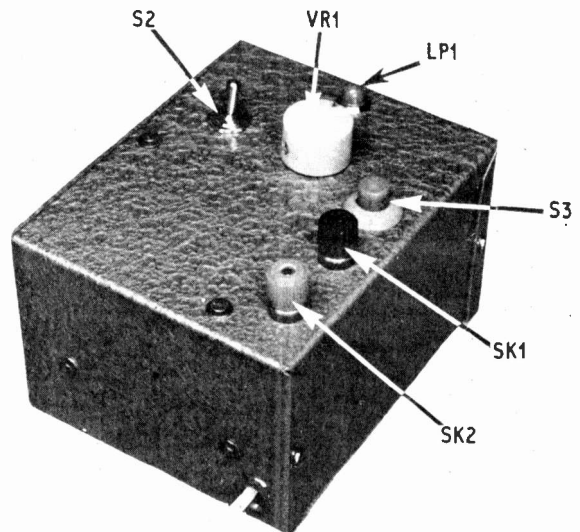
## SENSITIVITY CONTROL

Since the devices that can be connected across the sensor input socket are manifold and will vary in impedance in individual cases, a potentiometer, VR1, is included to provide variable voltage inputs. It therefore acts as a sensitivity control.

Typical devices that can be used with success here are cadmium sulphide photocells, high resistance thermistors, reed switches or Veroboard if this is intended as a moisture sensor.

## LATCH FACILITY

With S2 in the "latch" position, the thyristor SCR1 will maintain its conducting state if the sensor input circuit is broken as with the gate current reduced to



Layout of control items on prototype unit

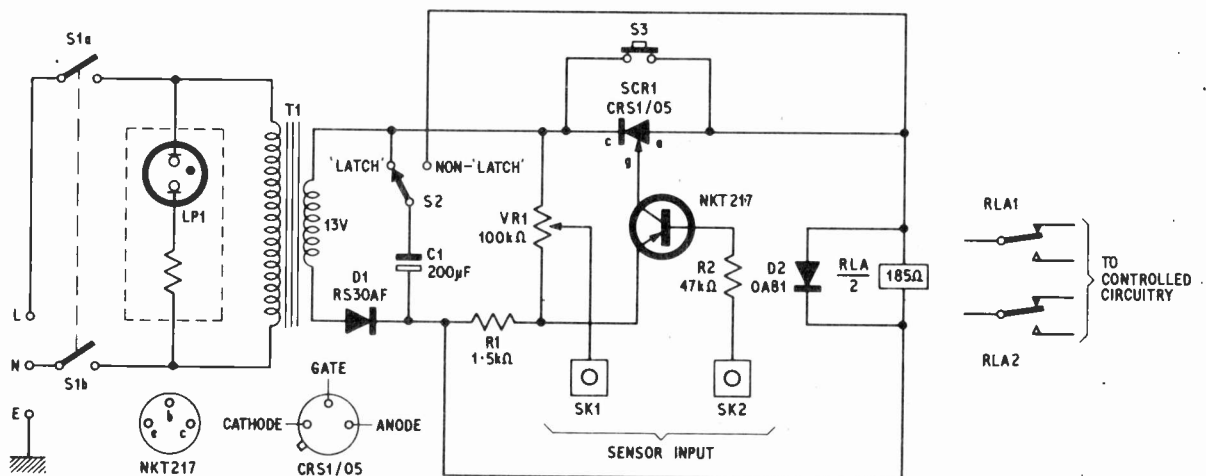


Fig. 1. Circuit diagram of thyristor relay unit

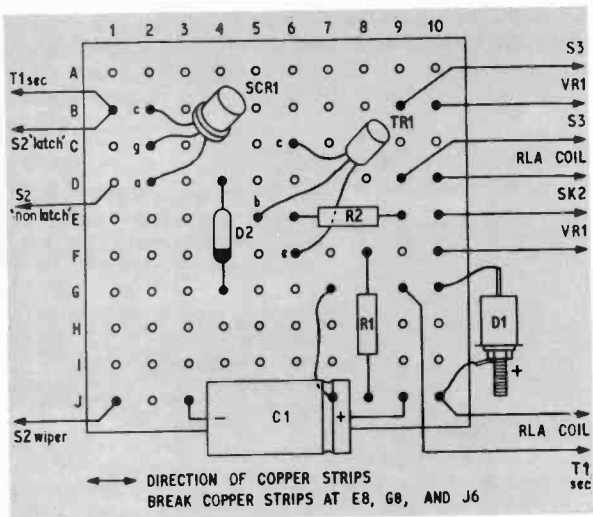


Fig. 2. Component and wiring layout of Veroboard sub-assembly

zero, a thyristor will still remain switched on until the anode current is reduced below its minimum holding value.

In order to release the relay, S3 must be depressed; this short circuits the thyristor so that the relay is completely de-energised when the switch is released.

When S2 is in the "non-latch" position, C1 is removed from the power supply and the voltage applied

## COMPONENTS . . .

### Resistors

- R1 1.5k $\Omega$
- R2 47k $\Omega$
- $\frac{1}{2}$ W 10% carbon

### Capacitors

- C1 200 $\mu$ F elect. 25V

### Transistors

- TRI NKT217

### Thyristor

- SCR1 CRS1/05

### Diodes

- D1 RS30AF
- D2 OA81

### Switches

- S1 Double-pole mains on/off
- S2 Single-pole changeover
- S3 Single-pole push-to-make

### Potentiometer

- VR1 100k $\Omega$  carbon linear

### Relay

- RLA 9V 185 $\Omega$  2-pole changeover  
Contact rating 2A, Omron Type MH2

### Transformer

- T1 Primary 0-230/240V  
secondary 13V, 0.5A

### Miscellaneous

- LPI—Mains neon, diecast box 3in  $\times$  4in  $\times$  5in
- SK1-SK2 Insulated terminals (2 off)

to the circuit consists of halfwave pulses at the mains frequency.

In this case, the thyristor cannot remain in the conducting state; it must be turned on again when the next pulse arrives if the relay is to remain closed. This means that the sensor input circuit conducting the relay will operate and will de-energise when this circuit is open.

In the "non-latch" position, C1 is connected across the relay to prevent chatter.

## CONSTRUCTION

The majority of the circuit components can be mounted on a piece of Veroboard 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in  $\times$  1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. A layout for the board assembly is given in Fig. 2.

As component placement and wiring is not critical the smaller items could equally well be soldered to tag strips.

The prototype housing was a 3in  $\times$  4in  $\times$  5in aluminium box. This easily accommodated the filament transformer T1.

Since the Veroboard sub-assembly occupies such a small volume of the box, it is a simple matter to arrange the other components around this, so that interwiring is most conveniently managed. Some idea of this can be gained from the photograph.

Make sure to check the wiring thoroughly before plugging in the mains, as a short circuit could destroy the rectifier diode or thyristor. ★

# POINTS ARISING

## TRIAC LAMP REGULATOR (October 1970)

The meter in the components list should read 0 to 1mA f.s.d.

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Page 890, under side heading D.C. AMPLIFIER fifth line should read "... by means of range switch S2b and S2c with VR1."

Fig. 1, Numbering on switch S2b and S2c should be reversed to comply with numbering on S2a, i.e. for S2b, R5 to position 4, R6 to position 3, R7 to position 2, R8 to position 1. For S2c, R9 to position 4, R10 to position 3, R11 to position 2, R12 to position 1.

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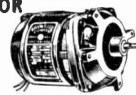
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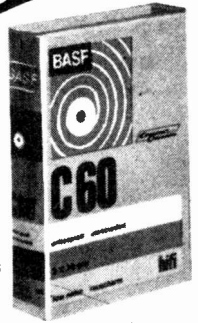
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## DOUBLE-BEAM OSCILLOSCOPE

Over the last few years a very tight rein on any grants to schools and colleges for purchasing laboratory equipment has been closely scrutinised by educational boards and committees before any purchasing has been given the all clear.

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A brief technical specification of the C1-16 oscilloscope is: repetition rates of investigated waveforms 50Hz to 10MHz; range of pulse length is 0.35µs to 1sec; range of amplitudes 0.04 to 100V, increasing to 400V with external attenuator.

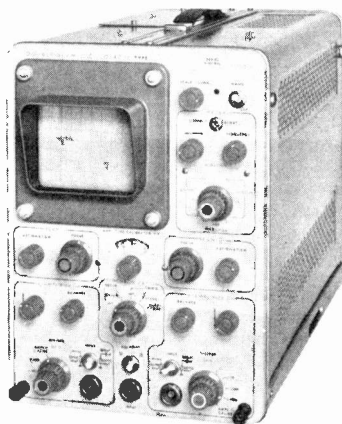
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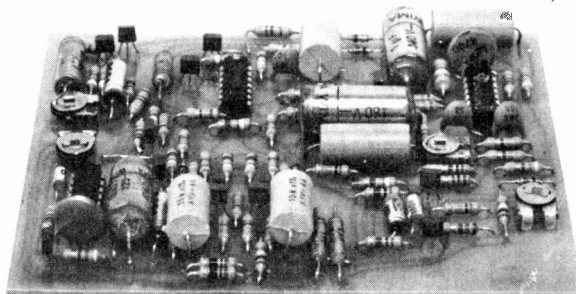
20, 50 and 100 milliseconds per centimetre. The free running time-base frequency range is 50Hz to 1MHz. Sweep sync voltage and trigger voltage is 0.5V and maximum trigger pulse repetition is 10kHz.

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C1-16 Oscilloscope from Z. & I. Aero



Phase-locked Stereo Decoder Circuit Board Manufactured by Integrex

## STEREO DECODER UNIT

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Typical performance figures are: separation 45dB at 1kHz, 40dB at 10kHz; distortion is 0.3 per cent at full modulation. The decoder will accept signals within the range of 130mV r.m.s. to 1.3V r.m.s. A simple change of a resistor will extend the sensitivity to 70mV if required.

In order to match the majority of f.m. tuners a variable gain pre-amplifier is incorporated in the circuit. The decoder requires ±6V at 50mA, or a voltage not less than ±15V (using Zener diodes).

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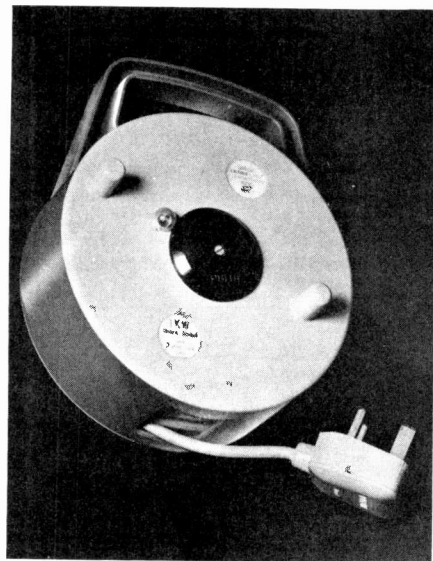
The decoder kit costs £8 19s 6d plus 2s 6d postage and packing. Included with the kit is full constructional details. A power supply kit is available at £2 19s plus 3s 6d postage and packing.

## EXTENSION CABLE

A useful product suitable for the workshop is a cable reel, complete with neon indicator, 13A plug and socket with fuse, and spare, available with either 5A or 13A cable, from West Hyde Developments Ltd.

There are two types of reel available: the 5 amp reel with 50ft of cable and a 13 amp reel with 30ft of cable. The price of the extension unit is 99s 6d and is finished in two-tone moulded plastics with a carrying handle and a rewind handle.

Further details are available from West Hyde Developments Ltd., Ryefield Crescent, Northwood Hill, Northwood, Middlesex.



Extension Cable from West Hyde Developments

## LIGHT OPERATED SWITCH

The Transelectric light operated switch has many applications which, it is claimed, are only limited by individuals' own ingenuity.

Triggered by an ordinary light bulb, street lamp, reflected light from bright surfaces or mirrors, infra-red or ultra violet light, it is also claimed to be different from similar devices on the market because it uses a principle they term "wide beam" technique.

Some of the features of the detector unit are: two separate circuit response controls and one light beam sensitivity control; digital counter; and a built-in claxon horn. The unit is powered by batteries, making it portable, or from a special mains unit. The output socket enables a range of accessories to be plugged in, extending the range of applications even further.

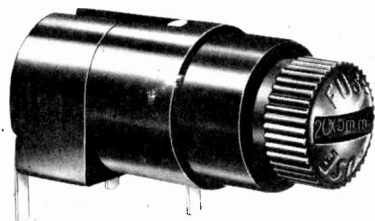
In the home the unit can be used as an automatic light switch, porch light switch, intruder and fire alarm, automatic tape control or to switch on the radio, etc.

For shops and offices it can be used as an automatic window advertising display lights switch, counter anti-theft device, customer entrance and exit counter, etc.

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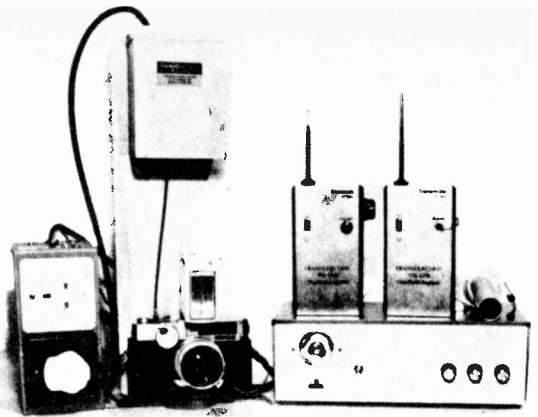


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## Transelectric Light Operated Switch and Accessories



Another useful accessory is a camera trigger unit. Full details and price of the Transelectric detector and accessories can be obtained from Transelectric Co. Ltd., 46, Townend Street, Sheffield, S10 1NN.

A more simple and cheap alarm, although less versatile, is the Prowl Alarm from Computer Devices Ltd. This device looks very similar to an ordinary hand torch and is triggered when knocked on its side.

The device is placed on a flat surface, behind doors or windows, inside drawers and cupboards, or a trip cord can be attached to the device and any likely place of entry. Being top heavy it is easily toppled by any intruder and sounds the built-in audible siren. Only a predetermined sequence of switching will silence the alarm.

No price was given but details can be obtained from Computer Devices Ltd., 8, North Street, Guildford, Surrey.

## CIRCUIT BOARD FUSEHOLDERS

The widespread use of printed circuits and more compact units has necessitated the re-design of many components to allow them to be mounted directly on the circuit board. Until recently fuseholders were either mounted on cabinet panels, in a convenient position, or held on circuit boards by wire loops. Now Bulgin's have introduced a new range of fuseholders, type No. F330, designed specially for printed circuit boards.

These holders are moulded from black phenolic with a "D" shaped rear section, the flat part rests on the circuit board to give stability. There are three mounting pins, two common to the rear fuse contact and one for the front contact, arranged in a triangular formation to give a secure fixing against the torque from fuse replacement and renewal. The front of the fuseholder is circular and will protrude through a pre-drilled or punched hole in equipment. The screw-in cap grips the fuse which is withdrawn when the cap is removed.

Addresses of local stockists can be obtained from A. F. Bulgin and Co. Ltd., Bye-Pass Road, Barking, Essex.

## I.C.'s FOR ORGANS

Of particular interest to organ constructors are two MOS Arrays being distributed by WEL Components Ltd.

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## NEMATIC CRYSTALS

The mention of nematic crystals and their possible future applications in technology aroused considerable interest when the article on *Conductive Glass* was published in November 1969. The Aldrich Chemical Co. Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin now advise us that a special Liquid Crystal Edition of their journal *Aldrichimica Data* has been issued. It includes an article on the applications of liquid crystals to science.

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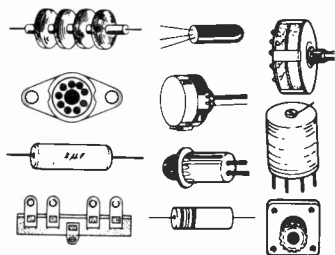
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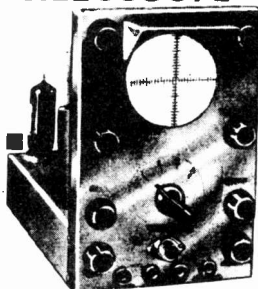
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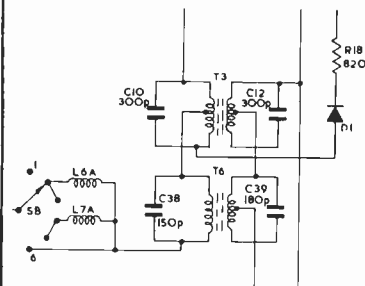
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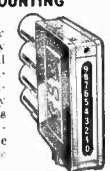
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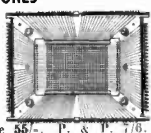
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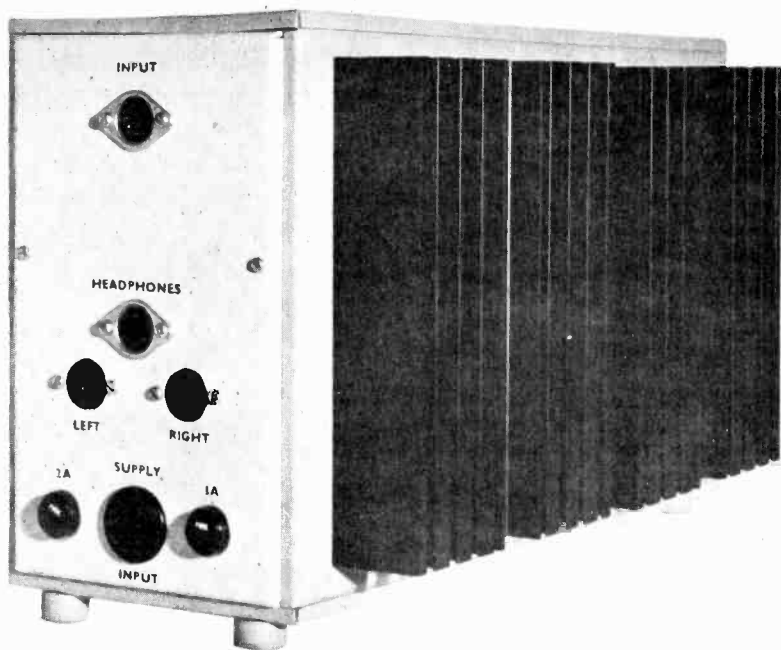
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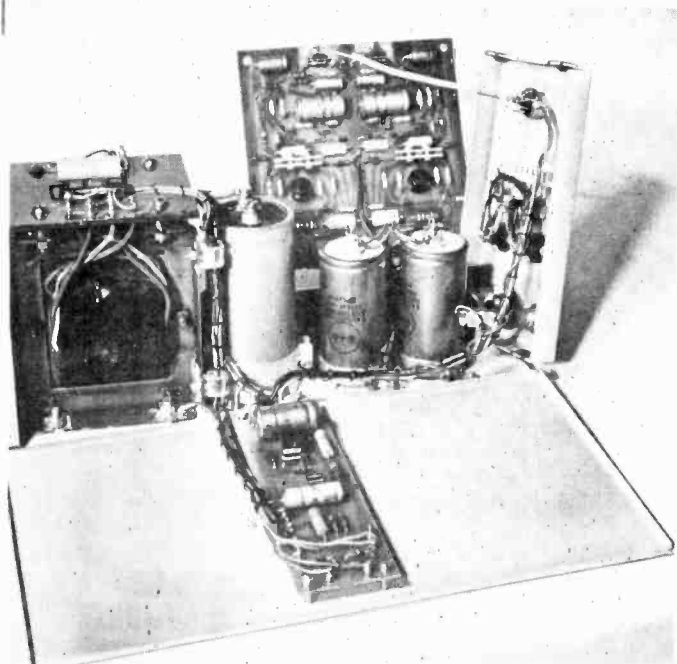
**T**HIS month we complete construction details of the main amplifier unit. Setting up instructions are also given; components lists appeared last month.

## CONSTRUCTION—CIRCUIT BOARDS

Most of the small components for the main amplifier and the power supply are mounted on two fibreglass printed circuit boards. Scale drawings of these boards are given in Figs. 13 and 14. Turret tags are inserted at all the points where wire connections are made to the board. Whilst not essential it does lead to a neater finished article, but as a second best the connecting wires can be inserted through the turret tag holes and soldered onto the copper directly. The following instructions apply to the turret tag version only.

Twenty-three tags are needed for the main amplifiers and 12 for the power supply. The component layouts are given in Figs. 13 and 14 and no explanations are necessary for this stage of the operation. Flying leads should be soldered to all the turret tags using p.v.c. insulated wire of a suitable size such as 14/0076 except those to the output transistors TR12, TR13, TR112, TR113 and transistor TR3, which should be left unconnected. The input turret tags to the main amplifier should also be left unconnected.

It will be seen from the photograph of the main amplifier board that transistors TR7, TR10 and TR11 are thermally connected. Drawings of these clips are given in Fig. 17, of which two are required per channel. They are connected together by 6B.A. bolts and care must be taken to see that when in situ they do not touch any of the other components or transistor wires. Transistor lead connections are given in Fig. 16.







# MAIN AMPLIFIER

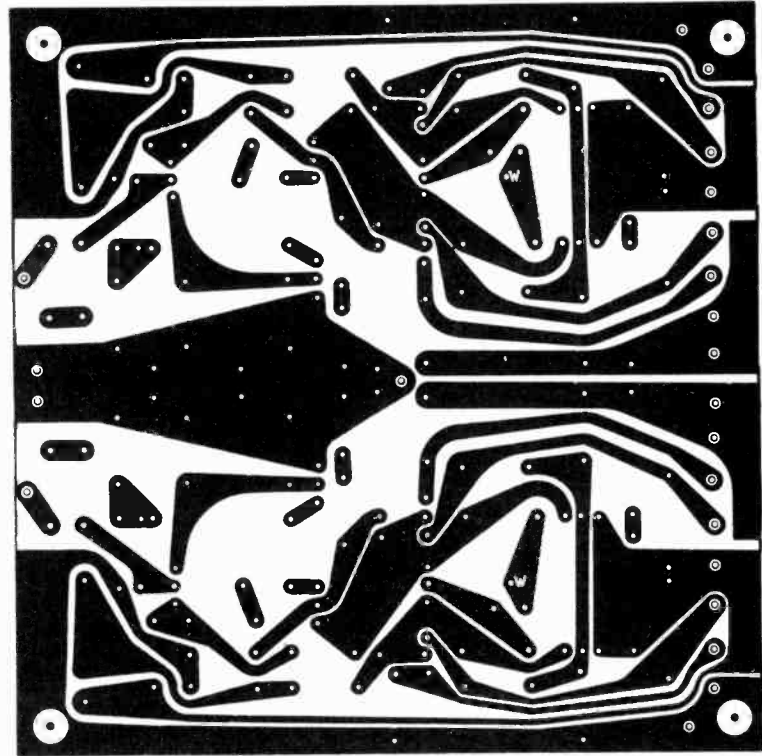
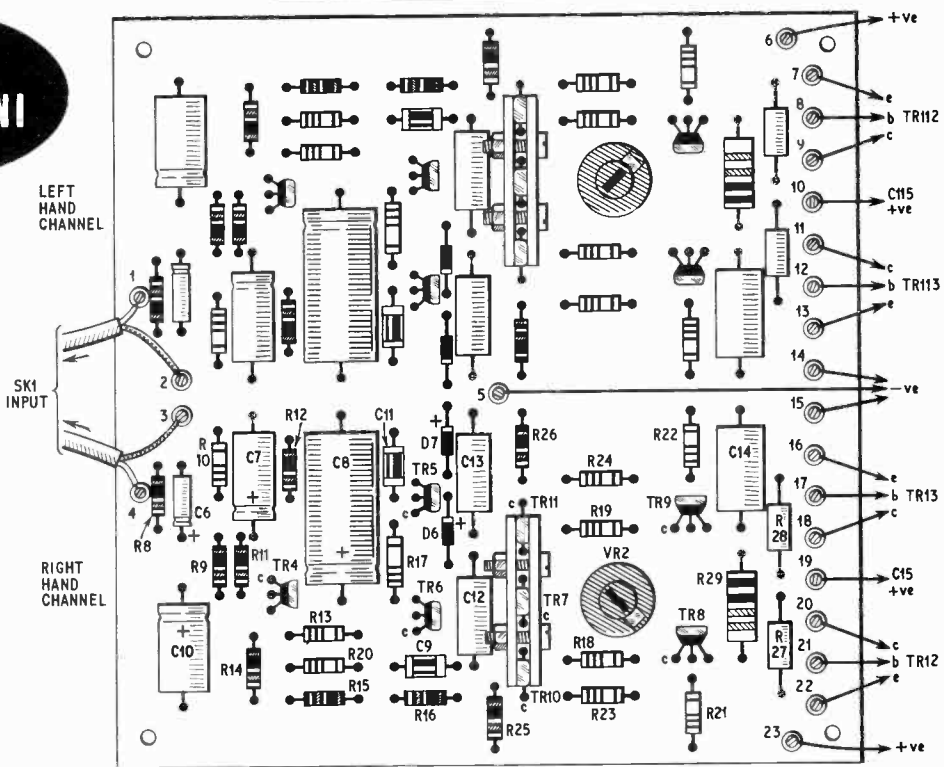


Fig. 13. Layout and wiring diagram of both channels of the main amplifier printed circuit board. Finished size of this board is 5 5/8 in square

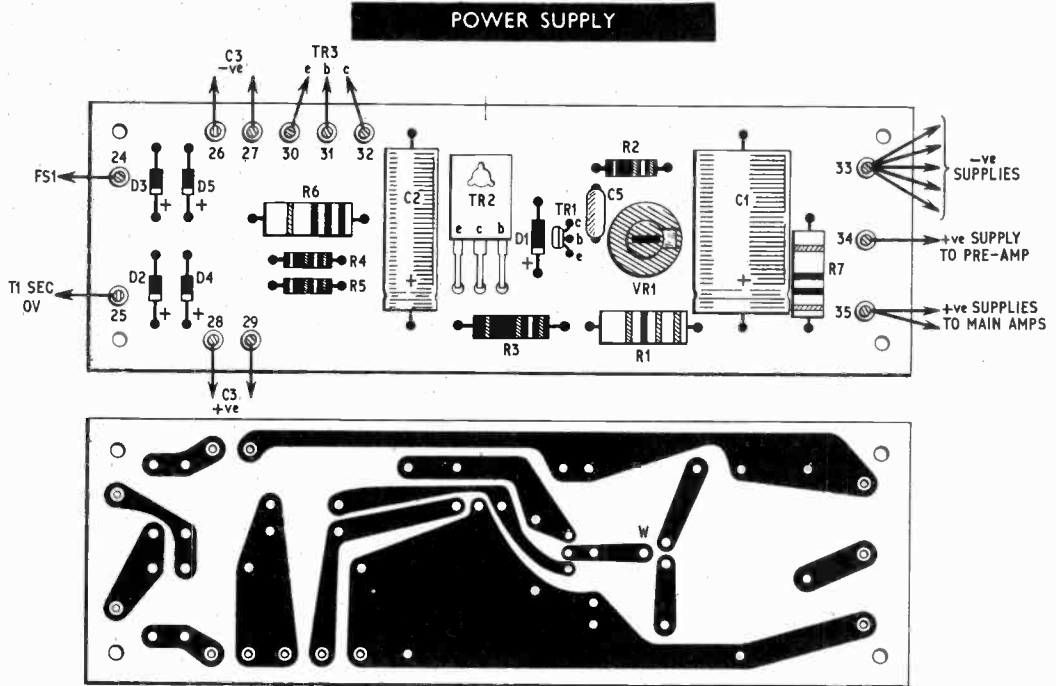
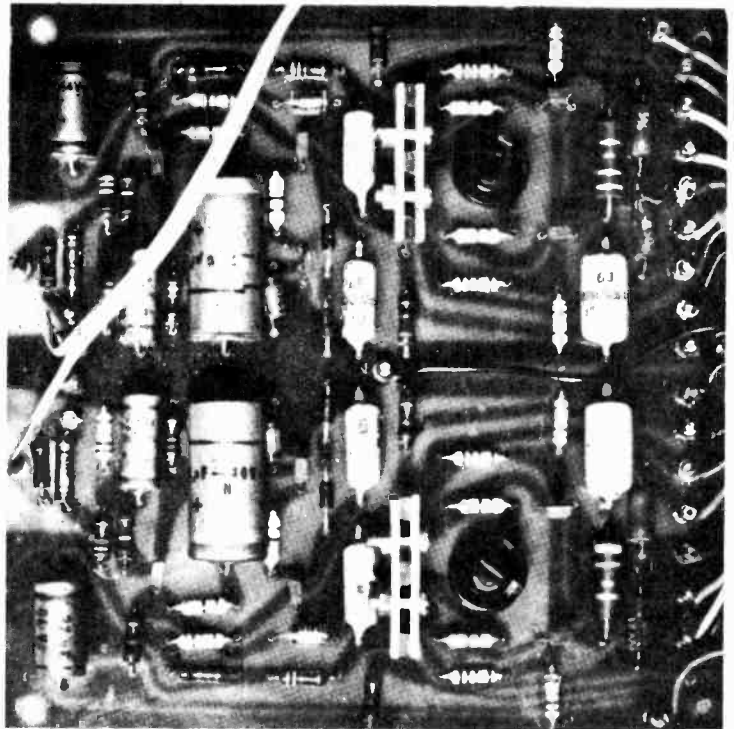
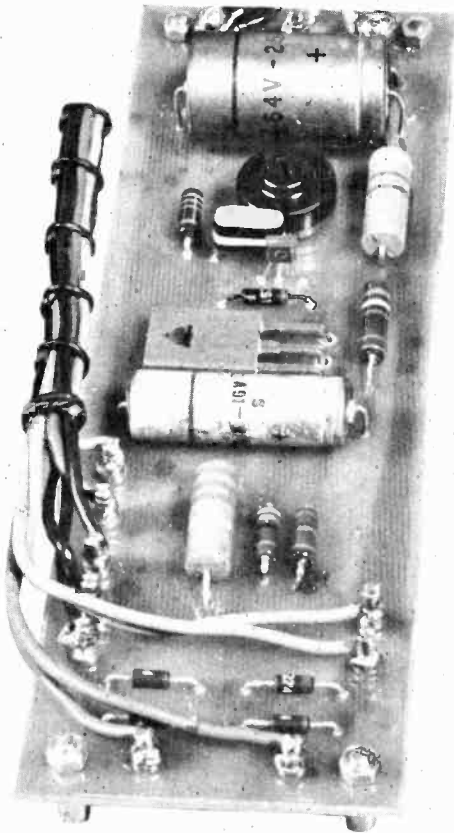


Fig. 14. Layout and wiring diagram of the stabilised power supply printed circuit board. Finished size of this board is  $6\frac{3}{8}$ in by 2in



## DRILLING

Both the main amplifier and pre-amplifier are housed in Contil Mod-2 cases of the types given in the components list. The panels and heatsinks should be drilled as indicated in Figs. 18 to 22, and all burrs removed with a file or large drill. Please note that if different components are used such as a different mains transformer or tagstrip then the hole positions must be modified to suit.

## LABELLING

The main amplifier front panel should be given a light coat of Letracote Gloss and then the sockets and fuses labelled with black Letraset as in the photographs.

Two more coats of Letracote Gloss should then be applied, allowing suitable drying times.

## HEATSINKS

Transistors TR12, TR13, TR112, TR113 are mounted on heatsink A and transistor TR3 on heatsink B. All these devices are supplied with a mica washer and a shakeproof washer, and they should be mounted as shown in Fig. 15, preferably with a smear of silicon grease on each side of the mica washer. When the heatsinks are fastened to the case the transistors will be inaccessible, therefore the wires must be connected at this stage, suitably colour coded. All holes must be deburred and transistors fitted with 4B.A. nylon screws.

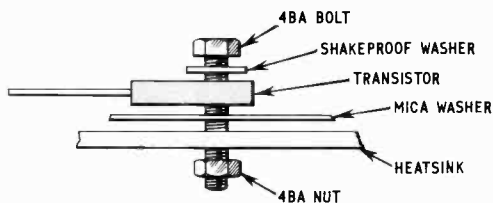


Fig. 15. Mounting details for transistors mounted on heat sinks

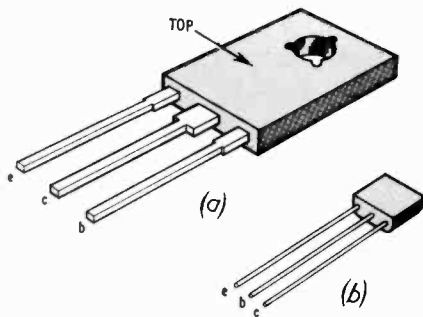


Fig. 16. Transistor connections (a) Motorola transistors as used for TR2, 3, 12, 13, 112 and 113, (b) Ferranti transistors as used for TR1, 4 to 11 and 104 to 111

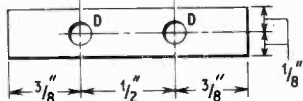


Fig. 17. Thermal clips for the driver transistors; manufacturing details—two required per channel— $\frac{1}{16}$  in Dural

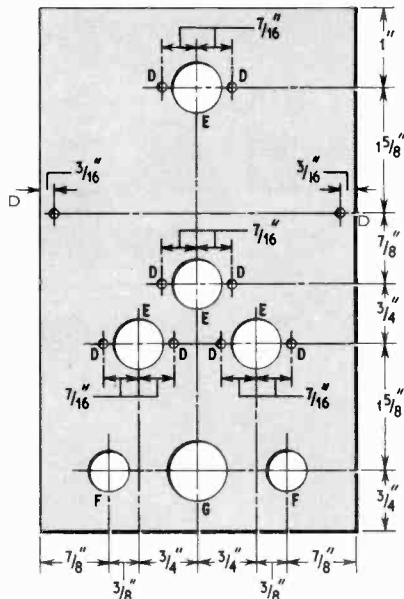


Fig. 18. Drilling details of the main amplifier front panel—no holes are necessary in the back panel or lid of the case

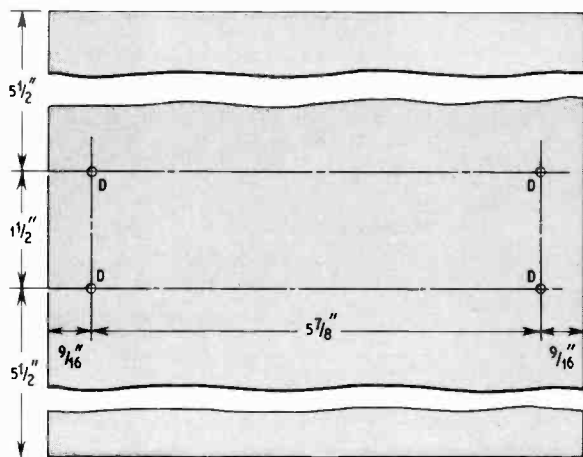
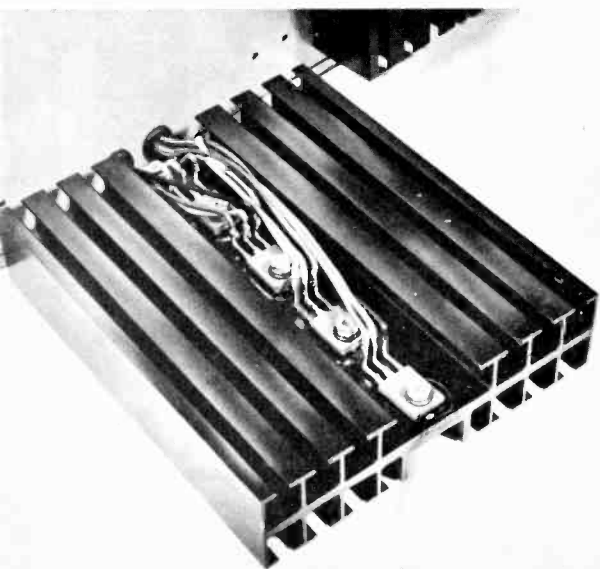


Fig. 19. Drilling details of the power supply board side of the case

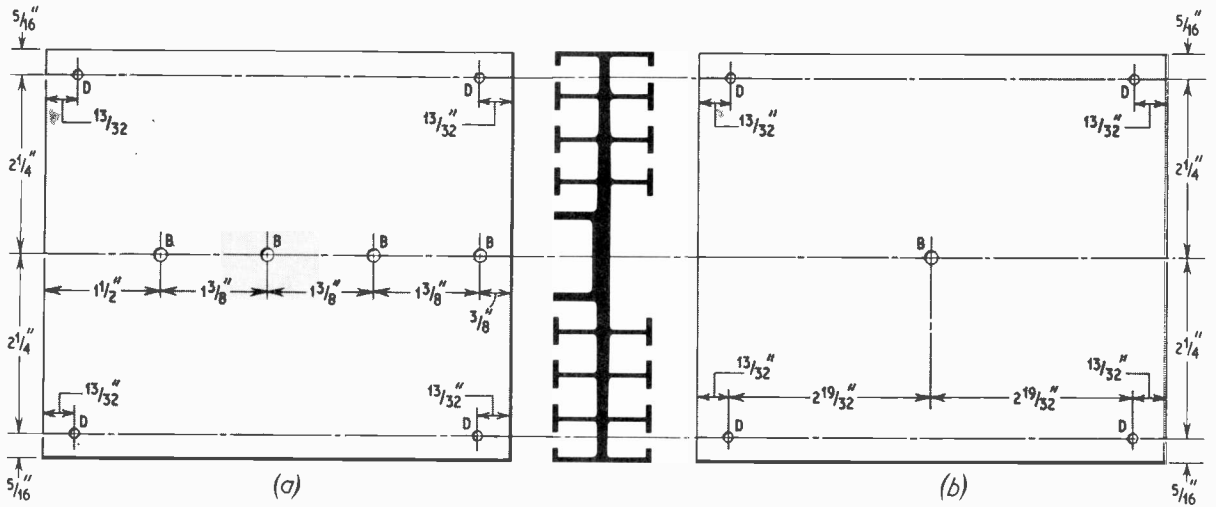


Fig. 20. Heat sink drilling details, (a) heatsink A for transistors TR12, 13, 112 and 113, (b) heat sink B for transistor TR3

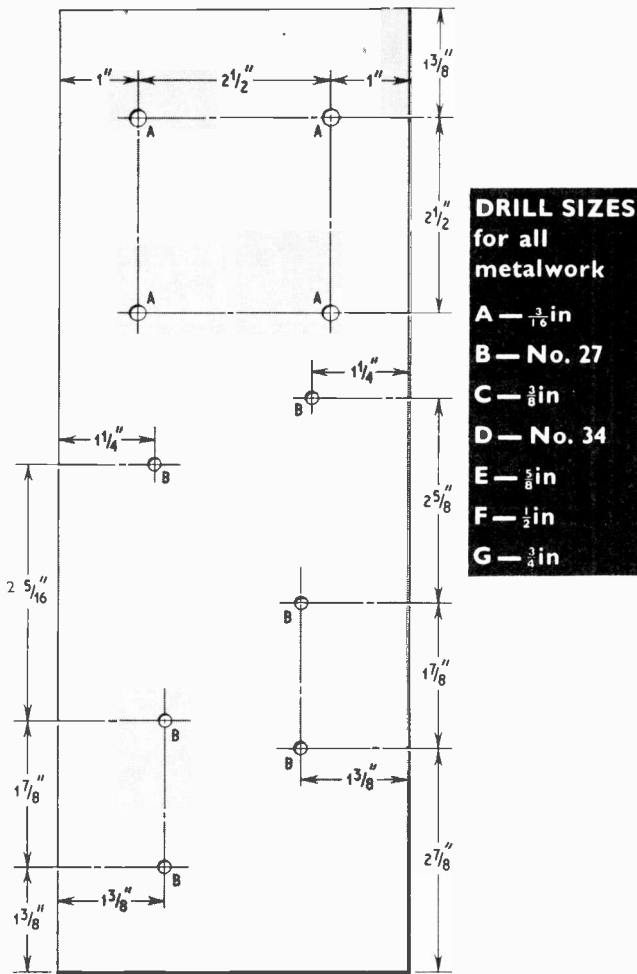


Fig. 21. Drilling details of the base of the main amplifier case

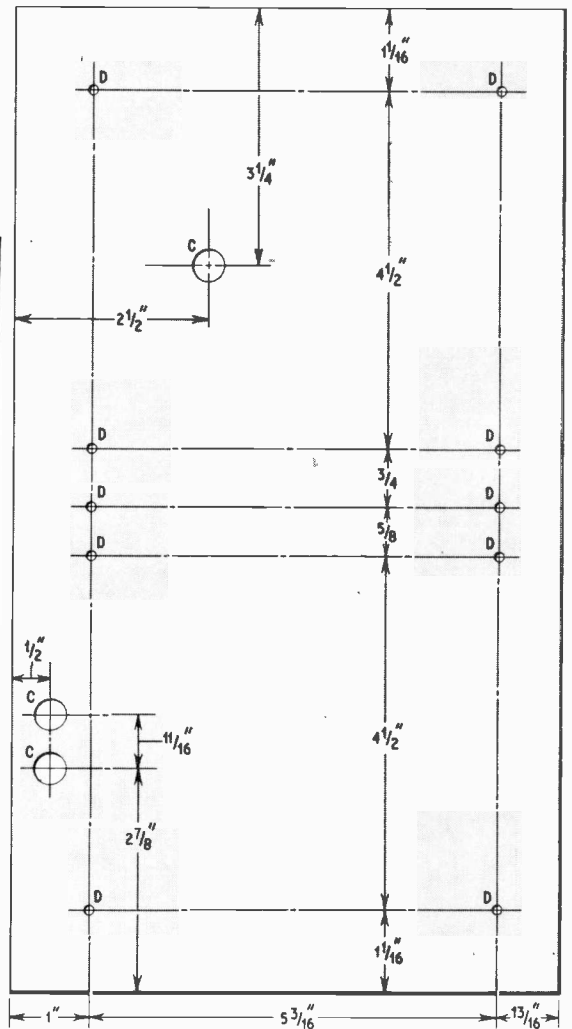


Fig. 22. Drilling details of the heatsink side of the main amplifier case

## ASSEMBLY

The front panel should now be assembled with the tag-strip, sockets and fuses using Fig. 23 as a guide. The main transformer, C3, C15, and C115 are bolted to the base plate. The printed circuit boards must be mounted as indicated in Fig. 23 on 1/2 in spacers noting that the two central screws of heatsink A must be fitted before the main amplifier printed circuit board, since the board will mask the holes for the heatsink when fitted. The other two fixing holes for the heatsink are common to the printed circuit board. The wires from the power transistors pass through the three 1/2 in holes fitted with grommets.

## WIRING

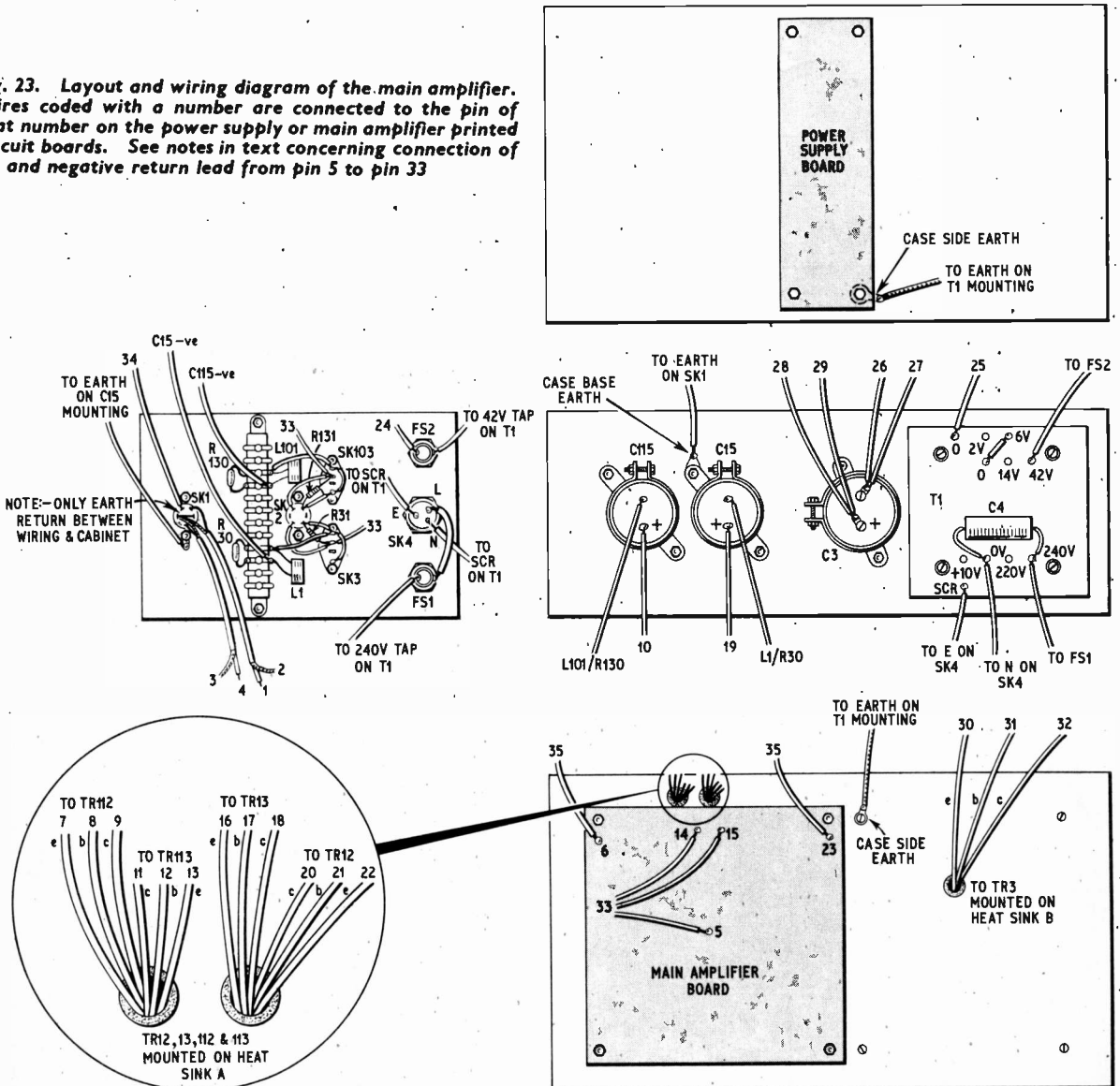
The 12 wires from the transistors on heatsink A are wired to the appropriate tags on the main amplifier board. Components R30, R31 and L1 and their counterparts in the other channel should be connected as in Fig. 23 and all the rest of the interconnections

made between the panels as in Fig. 23. The twin screened lead must still not be connected and the wire from the centre of the main amplifier printed circuit board to the negative output of the power supply printed circuit board, must not be taken along the same route as the two other negative return wires between these boards.

If this warning is not heeded and these cables run parallel, even for a few inches, the increase in distortion due to induction will be quite alarming. Also four leads, two positive and two negative, must be taken from the power supply board to capacitor C3 to reduce the ripple voltage before stabilisation. Two wires, with the appropriate tags linked are not sufficient due to the high ripple currents involved.

The mains connections from the socket are simply wired directly to the appropriate tap on the mains transformer via the mains fuse FS1. The earth wire must be connected only to the electrostatic screen on the mains transformer and not to the case, since this will be earthed via the pre-amplifier.

**Fig. 23. Layout and wiring diagram of the main amplifier.** Wires coded with a number are connected to the pin of that number on the power supply or main amplifier printed circuit boards. See notes in text concerning connection of C3 and negative return lead from pin 5 to pin 33





Capacitor C4 should be connected across the mains winding of the mains transformer with its leads suitably sleeved. It must be ensured that the panels are electrically connected by removing paint at the touching points, if necessary, in order to have a completely screened amplifier and power supply.

The leads to the power supply positive output from the main amplifier board are left disconnected to facilitate the setting up procedure. After all the wiring has been completed it must be thoroughly checked for "expensive" mistakes before switching on.

#### SETTING UP

With a 100V f.s.d. d.c. meter across the main output of the power supply the mains power should be applied. The output voltage should rise to approximately 55V. This should be adjusted to 55V by VR1 and the amplifier allowed to warm up for 5 minutes; the voltage can then be readjusted. Potentiometers VR2 and VR102 are set to maximum resistance, i.e. clockwise and counter clockwise respectively and a 100mA f.s.d. d.c. meter connected between the power supply main positive output and the right-hand channel supply input wire. Potentiometer VR2 should be adjusted to give 42mA, the amplifier allowed to warm up for a few minutes and then readjusted. The left-hand channel amplifier must be similarly adjusted using VR102.

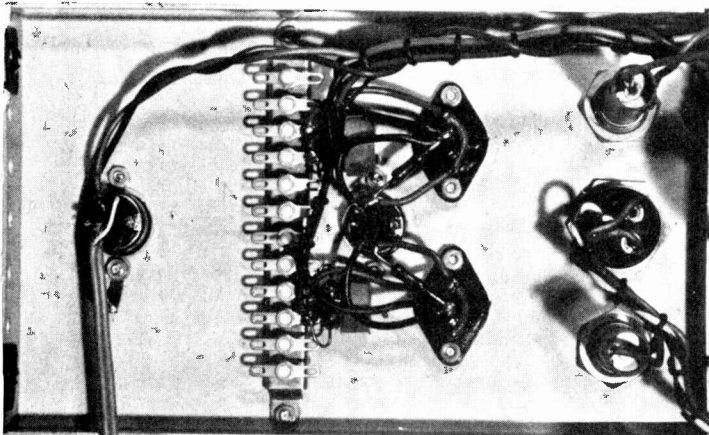
#### ASSEMBLY

The front and rear panels are fastened loosely by the bottom screws and the heatsink side supported in the correct position. The screened cable from the input of the main amplifier can now be connected to the input socket, taking care to distinguish left from right (see Figs. 13 and 23). The other side panel is placed in position and fastened with the top in place.

**Note:** It is regretted that the following errors occurred in the first part of P.E. Gemini:

1. Specification—pre-amplifier signal to noise ratio, weighted figures are referred to the 30-phon curve.
2. Page 862, last paragraph—the word linear should be Lin—the person's name.
3. Page 863, second paragraph of Circuit Description—Transistor TR11 should be included in the first line.
4. Caption to Fig. 4 should read "cascode output" not "cascade".
5. Page 864, second paragraph—TR6 should be TR8.
6. Components, power supply—C5 should be 0.1 $\mu$ F polyester Mullard.
7. Fig. 11a—the oscillogram was taken at 10kHz into 8 ohms.
8. Fig. 11c should be rotated through 180 degrees.

Next month: pre-amplifier details



# YOUR WAY AHEAD

## Sonic Obstacle Locator...

An experimental project utilising audible sound to detect the presence of objects in fog, smoke, or driving snow. The prototype has been utilised on a motor car with astounding results, it could also prove invaluable for the small boat owner, as an intruder alarm, or for educational purposes—food for thought.

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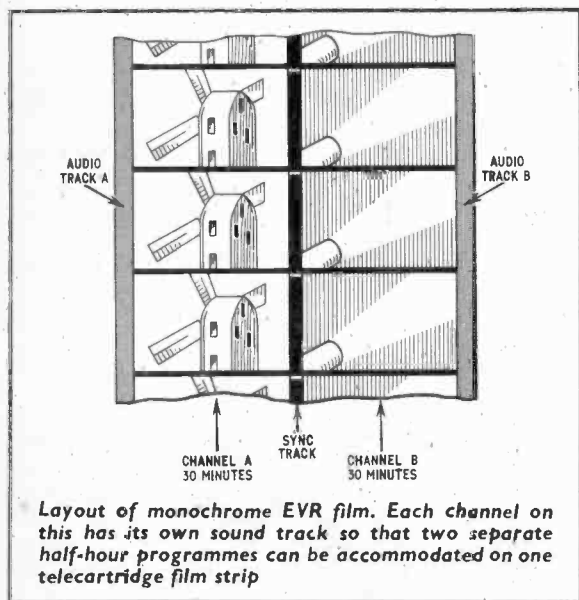
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The EVR teleplayer can be connected directly to a domestic television set to provide pictures and sound from the telecartridge microfilm



General view of the Electron Beam Recorder in use at the EVR processing plant. The special clothing worn by the operators together with the filtered air supplied maintains the high degree of cleanliness required in the manufacturing process



Layout of monochrome EVR film. Each channel on this has its own sound track so that two separate half-hour programmes can be accommodated on one telecartridge film strip

**E**LECTRONIC video recording (EVR) has just been launched in this country by the internationally owned EVR Partnership. This entirely new system of recording sound and vision on microfilm enables reproduction of professionally recorded programmes simply by plugging into the aerial socket of a 625 line television receiver.

A reproducer, or teleplayer, is needed to process the film information. Here an electronic scanner converts the film recording into electrical signals that a television set can use.

Programmes come in the form of cartridge films. With a monochrome cartridge there can be two half hour programmes with appropriate sound and with colour cartridges one half hour programme is accommodated.

# ELECT

The Videocassette player connected to a colour television receiver. The tape can be stopped at any point in the programme, removed without rewinding and replaced with another cassette

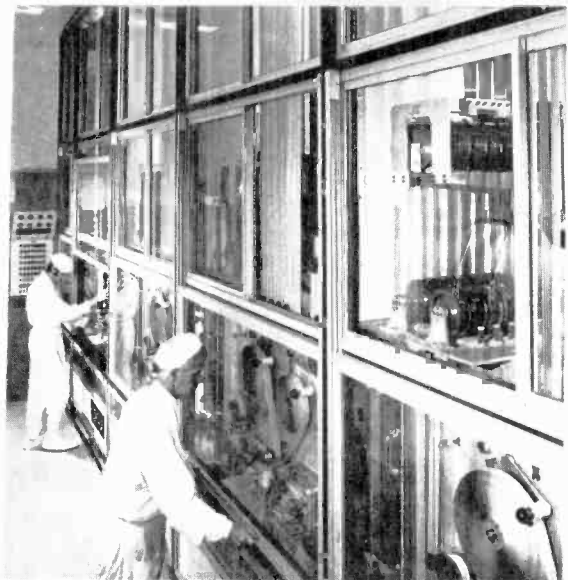


**A**S A STRONG contender in this potential world market the Sony Corporation of Japan unveiled in London recently their colour videocassette system using the magnetic tape method. At present the system is only suitable for use with any NTSC colour (the system adopted by the U.S. and Japan) or black and white television receivers.

The outstanding feature of the Sony system is that it uses a Videocassette not unlike the standard audio tape cassette. The playing time of the videocassette is approximately 10 minutes, is capable of 200 playings and is easily loaded or removed from the playback unit.

The tape takes 2½ minutes to rewind and a taped programme can be erased easily and as frequently as on audio tape. The tape can be returned to the programme's supplier for re-recording another programme. An adaptor for recording direct from the television will also be available.

The tape has two sound tracks and can be used for dual track stereo or monaural sound. In the case of a foreign movie or the teaching of a



*The high speed photographic printer in use. Here the special 35 mm EVR print stock can be seen on the feed and take-up reels in each of the four print sections*



*Incoming visual material supplied by programme owners being monitored by engineers*

At first, production of telecartridges is being confined to the educational and instructional field. Subsequently, EVR will move into the entertainment market.

To provide cartridges for the United Kingdom and overseas markets, a multi-million pound processing plant has been built at Basildon in Essex.

In the manufacturing process conversion to the EVR telecartridge format first requires that the incoming film or videotape programme to be copied, is reproduced as a 40mm master film.

This is made using an Electron Beam Recorder. In this system, an electron beam, modulated by the programme information, is made to bombard the special master film. Two visual tracks are laid on it with a centre synchronising track.

Print copies of the master are made in a high speed

multiple copying machine. Here the two sound tracks are also laid. Finally, the film stock from the printer is developed, spliced into individual 8.75mm strips and then spooled into the EVR cartridges.

The capacity of the plant is several thousand cartridges a day.

Production will concentrate initially on monochrome film cartridges; full scale colour cartridge manufacture is planned for early 1972.

Under license, Rank-Bush Murphy Ltd., will begin production of the Teleplayer next January. Selling will be direct to users at a price of £360.

Telecartridge selling prices, rental charges and distribution will be decided by the programme owners. As an example, prices of telecartridges being produced are in the range £20 to £40 for purchase and 30s. to 50s. for hiring.

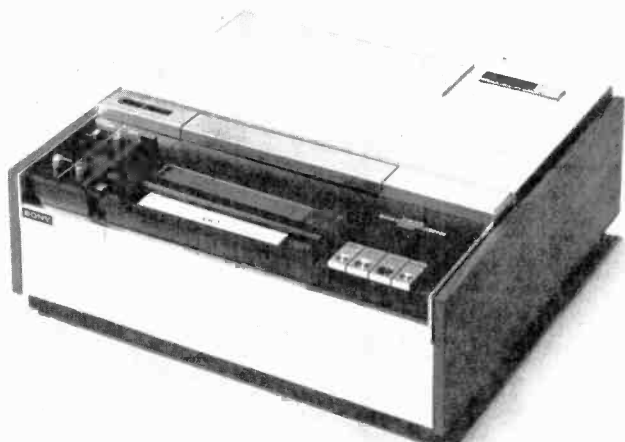
# RONORAMA LOOKS AT VIDEO RECORDING

foreign language, the programme can have narration in two different languages so that it can be heard in either one or both languages simultaneously.

The playback machine (right) operates just like any other tape playback machine but is plugged directly into the television aerial input socket. The television will not require any modification and being fully compatible the set can be colour (NTSC) or black and white.

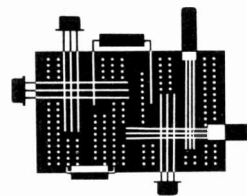
The Sony Colour Videocassette system will be available in the U.K. late 1971 and will cost approximately £260. It is estimated that the player will cost £200, the 10 minute tape £10 and the adaptor for recording direct from the television £50.

In order to create a tape library Sony intends to make its facilities available to the motion picture and television industries, music and record companies, publishers and educational institutions. Sony believes this will create, for these industries, a new medium for educating and selling to the public.—Video taped P.E. each month?



*The tape player features an automatic tape threading system*

# F.E.T. TIME SWITCH



THE circuit to be described consists of an accurate timing circuit, an electronic switch and a lamp driver which provides a visual indication when a set time interval has elapsed. A relay can be substituted for the lamp if other external circuitry needs to be switched.

Intervals of from 5 to 65 seconds can be set and this upper limit can be extended to 10 minutes with suitable resistor substitution.

## FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTOR

If a resistor and a capacitor are connected to a battery of  $E$  volts as shown in Fig. 1a, then the voltage that will appear across the capacitor will take the form given in Fig. 1b. A capacitor and resistor so arranged have a time constant which is the time in seconds for the voltage  $V_c$  to reach approximately two thirds of the applied voltage and is given as  $CR$  seconds.

In the circuit of Fig. 2 the resistance/capacitance timing network combines VR1, R1 and C1. To make use of the voltage that appears across the capacitor a special type of transistor, TR1, is used. This has the full title of an n-channel field effect transistor and its most important quality is that of having a very high input impedance when its gate and source are reverse biased.

A high impedance device is very important in this position as it prevents current leaking from the capacitor and so upsetting extended charging intervals.

## TRIGGER LEVEL

At the moment when S2 is closed the capacitor C1 is discharged and the voltage at the gate of the field effect transistor is 0V. Some current, known as drain current, does flow through the device effectively reverse biasing the gate and source. This voltage is about 1V in practice.

With the switch S2 closed, C1 commences to charge at a rate which depends on the value of resistance in series with it.

In Fig. 3 is given the growth curves of capacitor voltage for three different values of resistance. It can be seen from the graphs that the  $CR$  time constants, or time taken to reach approximately 6 volts varies considerably with each resistance/capacitance combination. Also, the lower part of each curve is essentially linear.

If we can arrange to switch, or trigger the indicator lamp with a low voltage on C1 then any later calibration of VR1 will be found to be linear, that is, the movement of the slider will vary directly with the interval required.

## COMPONENTS . . .

### Resistors

R1 100k $\Omega$	R4 1.5k $\Omega$	R7 4.7k
R2 120 $\Omega$	R5 5.6k $\Omega$	R8 22 $\Omega$
R3 6.8k $\Omega$	R6 1k $\Omega$	

All  $\frac{1}{2}$  watt 10% carbon

### Capacitors

C1 100 $\mu$ F tantalum elect. 12V

### Diodes

D1 Z3.9 3.9V 250mW Zener  
D2\* OA81

### Potentiometer

VR1 1M $\Omega$  carbon linear

### Transistors

TR1 2N3819  
TR2-TR4 ZTX300 (3 off)

### Switches

S1 Single pole, push-to-make  
S2 On/off toggle

### Relay

RLA\* Two pole two way 6 volt operated 185 ohm coil (Omron Type MH2)

### Lamp

LPI 6V 0.06A

### Miscellaneous

T-Dec, connecting wire

\* Diode D2 and Relay RLA are alternatives to R8 add LPI (see Fig. 2).

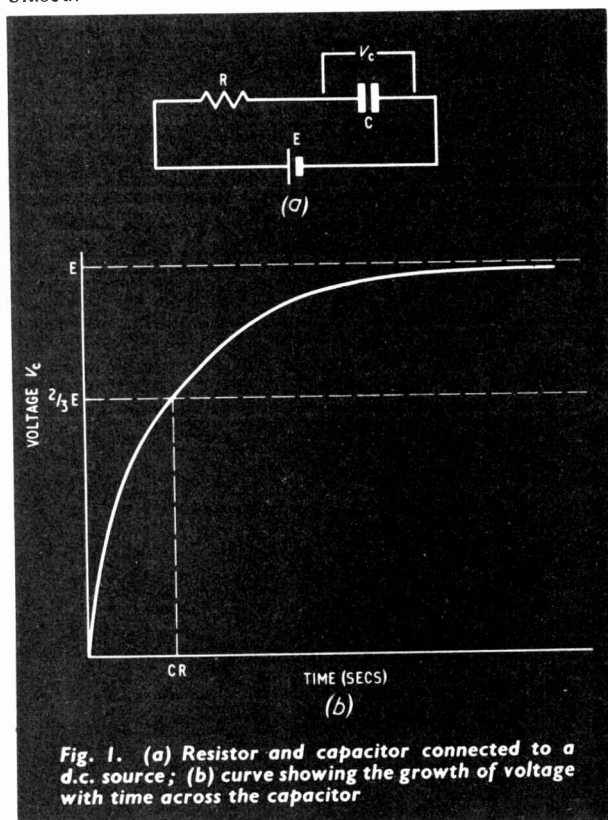
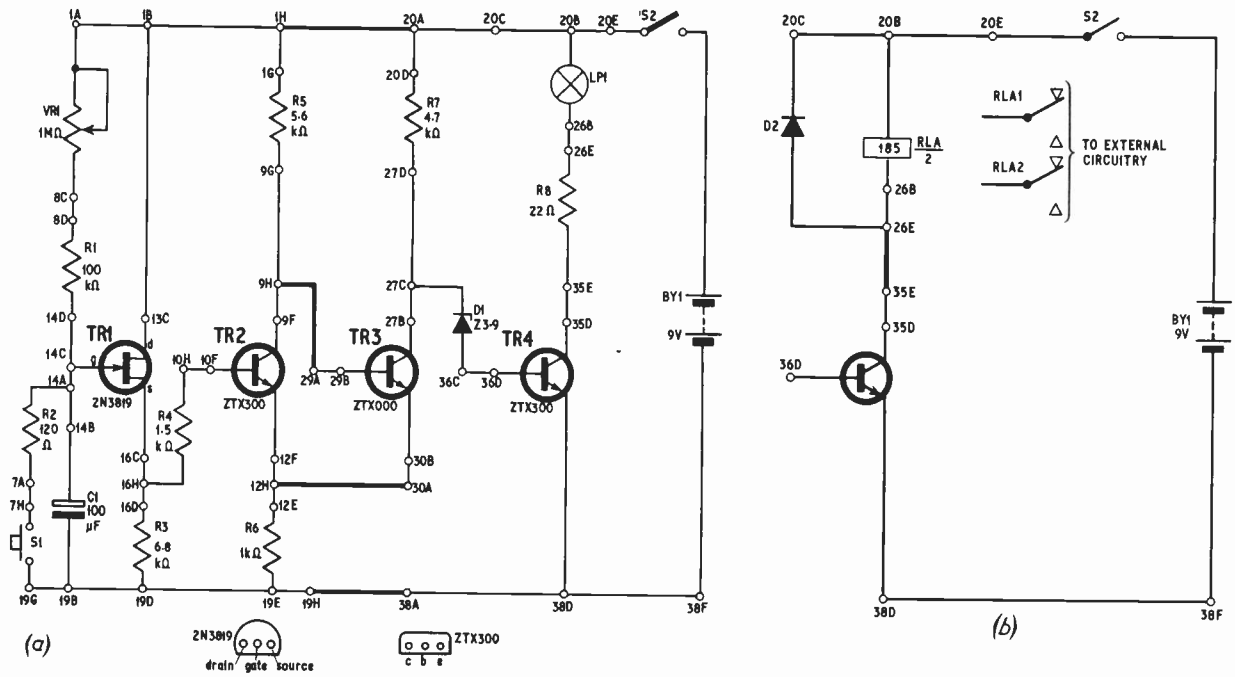


Fig. 1. (a) Resistor and capacitor connected to a d.c. source; (b) curve showing the growth of voltage with time across the capacitor



**Fig. 2. (a) Circuit diagram of time switch. The thick lines indicate link wires on the T-Dec assembly; (b) substitution of a relay at the collector of TR4. Items needed for this modification are marked with an asterisk in the components list**

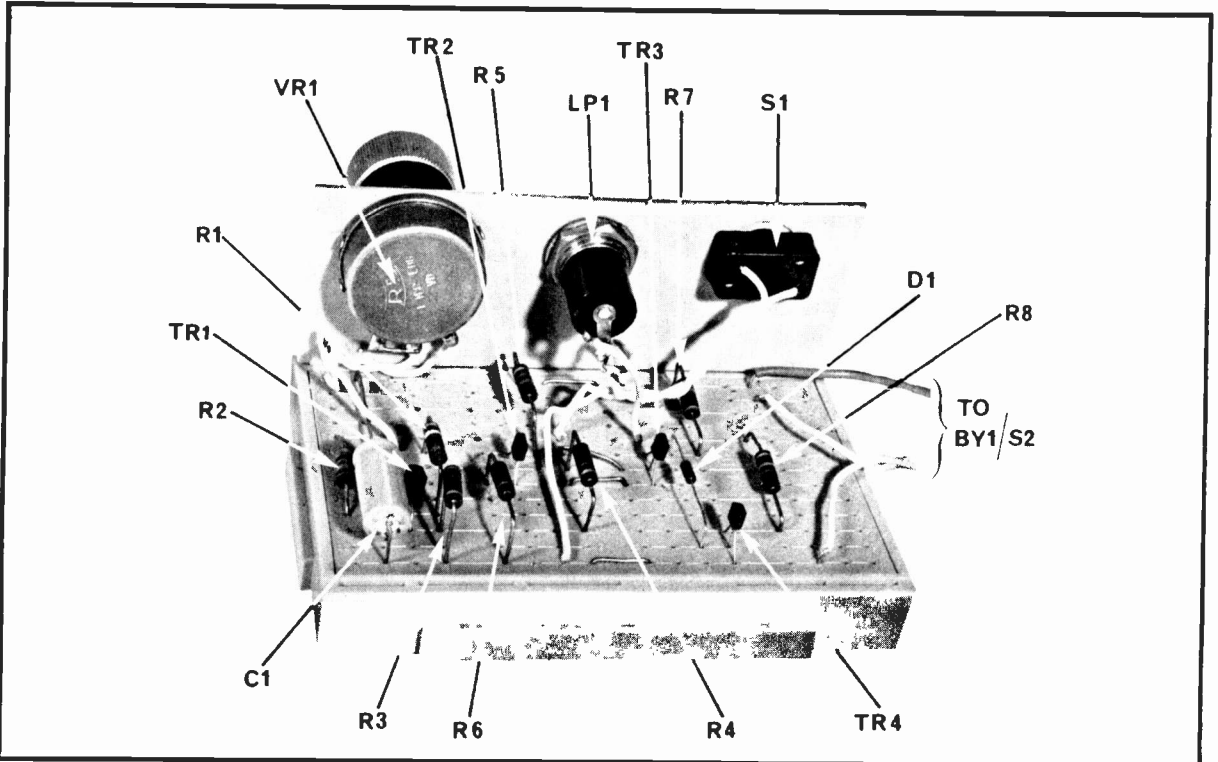
The switching voltage, or trigger level, is arranged for approximately 3V at which point TR2 will turn on.

**SCHMITT TRIGGER**

With the rise of voltage on C1 towards the trigger level, the reverse bias on TR1 falls and the drain current increases so that the source voltage follows the gate.

The transistor pair comprising TR2 and TR3 constitute, in effect, an electronic toggle switch with a very rapid action. In the quiescent state with the lamp switched off, TR2 is off and TR3 on.

The voltage at the collector of TR3 is not sufficient to turn TR4 on, it being less than the 3.9V of the Zener diode D1. As TR3 is conducting, its collector current





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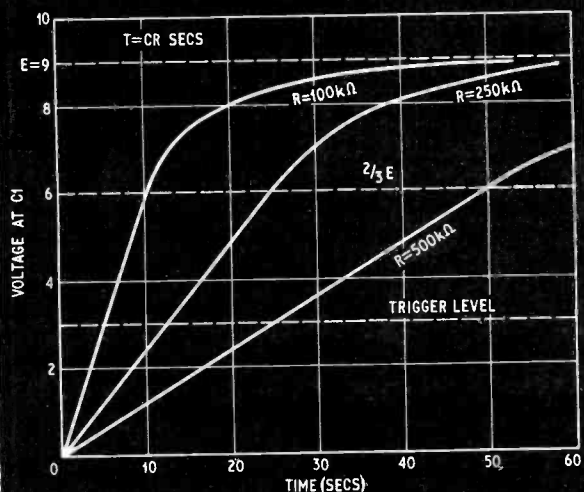


Fig. 3. Three graphs showing how variations of resistance at VRI produce different charging rates at the timing capacitor C1. A trigger level that falls on the linear parts of the curves makes for time calibration linearity

passes through R6 and produces a volt drop which reverse biases the base and emitter of TR2.

The trigger voltage at the base must exceed this voltage to turn on the transistor and when it does the voltage at its collector and emitter so arrange as to turn off TR3.

## LAMP DRIVER

As TR3 switches off, the collector voltage rises. When it exceeds the 3.9V of the Zener diode D1, this conducts and switches on the lamp driver TR4 so that nearly all of the line volts appear across R8 and LP1.

The resistor R8 is included to reduce the cold filament current of the lamp as the initial resistance of this is very low.

If the lamp driver TR4 was in any way directly coupled to the slowly rising voltage at R3 the lamp turn on would be gradual. The inclusion of the Schmitt trigger circuit ensures an instantaneous switching action.

## TURN OFF

To turn off the lamp, the voltage at R3 must be reduced by about a volt below the trigger voltage of the Schmitt circuit.

With S1 depressed C1 discharges through R2 on a short time constant. As the gate of TR1 moves towards 0V the gate-to-source junction becomes reverse biased. This means a reduction in drain current so that the voltage at R3 falls below the trigger voltage and turns off TR2 and consequently the lamp.

## RELAY SUBSTITUTION

If external circuitry, requiring larger power, is to be switched then a 6V relay can be substituted provided that the coil resistance is above 120 ohms. In this application R8 can be deleted.

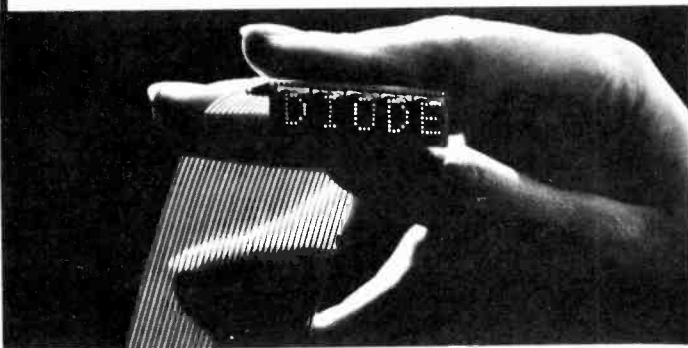
A diode should be connected in parallel with the coil as in Fig. 1b, to suppress transient voltage spikes which could damage TR4.

To extend the timing range from 1-10 minutes a 10MΩ potentiometer should be substituted for VRI. ★

## Diode Display

SIGNIFICANT new work on small size, solid-state data displays is being carried out at the Research Laboratories of The Marconi Company, on behalf of Marconi Radar Systems. Tiny slices of glass ceramic, no larger than a finger tip, each carry a matrix of Gallium Arsenide Phosphide, light-emitting diodes, which can be switched on to provide a pattern of brightly lit red dots, making up high contrast letters, numbers or symbols, as shown below.

The major features of this development are in the production of a display format in which the total area of each character display module is completely utilised as a display, and in the development of a matrix addressing system.



## Printed Circuit Developments

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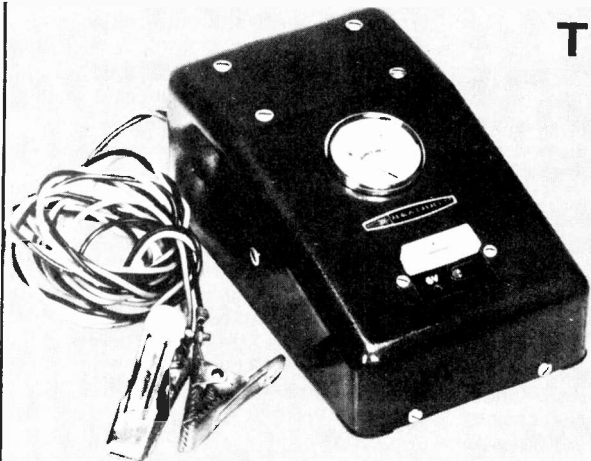
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# Subject: OPERATION 'SEASEARCH'

AN ELECTRONIC WAR GAME BY D. R. DAINES

**T**HE sea is a big place. One of the problems facing the Royal Navy in the last war was that of patrolling extended shipping lanes with depleted forces. This in turn put a premium on the ability of commanders to anticipate where the enemy was likely to strike next. Operation Seasearch does just that.

## DESCRIPTION

The unit houses two games—the present one and another to be described later. Since both games utilise much common wiring, housing the two games within the same case affects a considerable saving. The game to be played is selected by turning a three-pole two-way switch.

Everyone is familiar with the lettered system of co-ordinates to describe the position on a map of any feature (see Fig. 1). Two twelve-way rotary switches are used in this game to denote the position of each ship. One switch determines the North/South position and the other the East/West position. Each player has two ships under his control, hence a total of eight switches and knobs are needed. The knobs are placed in such a position that each player may easily conceal his switch settings yet also be able to manipulate them readily.

Between the players is a map representing the North Atlantic, marked off in squares to correspond with the positions of the switches. There are also three pushbuttons, only two of which are used in this game. Depressing one will cause a lamp number 1 to be projected onto the map if contact has been made with the raider. Depressing the other will cause a number 2 to be projected if contact has been made with the raider's supply ship. The lamps are concealed underneath the map and when lit project an appropriate number onto it.

## METHOD OF PLAY

The "Redland" player has a surface raider and a supply ship. The "Blueland" player has a destroyer and a cruiser. The raider is positioned west of the Azores, position Gh (Fig. 1); the supply ship to Cayenne, position Ca; the Cruiser to Scapa Flow, position L1; and the destroyer to Gibraltar, position Lh; play now begins. The "Red" player "moves" his raider one square in any direction—representing one day's sailing—and for the simplest possible game ignores the supply ship completely. The "Blue" player now moves both of his ships, attempting to catch the raider with either. At the completion of his move he presses the "raider" pushbutton. If he has succeeded in getting either of his ships in the same square as the (unseen) raider the lamp will glow and the game ends.

The raider scores automatically whenever he positions his ships on a shipping lane. This causes a lamp to light, projecting a "3" onto the map. The raider scores one merchant ship sunk for each move that he is on a shipping lane, and the fact that the lamp lights is an indication to the "Blue" player that his opponent is somewhere on one of the lanes, thus helping to narrow the search. Further play details will be given at the end of this article.

## CIRCUIT

In Fig. 2, switches S1a and S2a are each one wafer of two twelve-way two-pole switches. They control the position of the raider. Switches S3 and 4 are also twelve-way (see components list) and control the position of the supply ship. At the other end of the unit, switches 5 and 6 control the destroyer and 7 and 8 the cruiser. All East/West co-ordinate switches are wired in parallel as shown, as are all the North/South co-ordinates. Jumper wires connect the centre of switches 5 and 6 and the centre of switches 7 and 8. The outputs are from the centre tags of S2 and S4, through pushbuttons to their respective lamps.

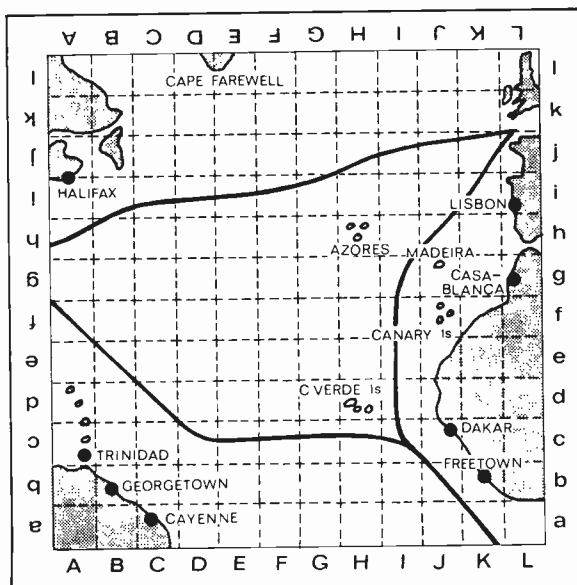
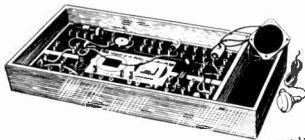


Fig. 1. Map (7in x 7in) of the North Atlantic, showing shipping lanes, used for the basis of Operation Seasearch

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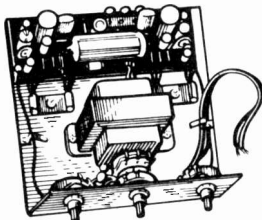
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**SPECIFICATION:**  
Output: 5W total, 2.5W per channel.  
Input sensitivity: 600mV at 2.2Mohms.  
AC 240V operation.

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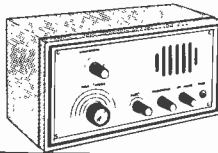
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**SPECIFICATION:**  
Matching impedance: 8-16 ohms.  
Frequency range: 30-15,000Hz.

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This excellent transistorised battery operated kit will not only provide hours of entertainment when made up but also in its construction. It receives the normal broadcast band 550kHz to 1.6MHz and on short wave 1.5-30MHz in three bands.

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## 10 WATT BUDGET STEREO ALL TRANSISTOR AMPLIFIER Model R.136



Ideal as a second stereo system or for the newcomer to Hi-Fi who wishes to upgrade existing equipment the R.136 sounds every bit as good as it looks. As well as inputs for crystal or ceramic cartridge the R.136 has a Stereo Tuner input which accepts the matching R.134 Stereo AM/FM Tuner.

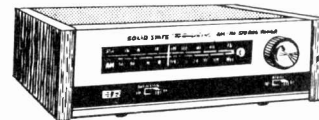
The sixth Finish front panel carries a stereo headphone socket as well as volume, balance, tone, enclosure.

**SPECIFICATION:** Output: 10 watts total, 5 watts per channel. Frequency Range: 35-18,000Hz. Inputs: Phono and Tuner.

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## AM/FM/MPX STEREO TUNER Model R.134



Perfect Matching Unit to the R.136 Amplifier. The R.134 Stereo Tuner is designed to give years of reliable performance. The Tuning Band covers AM & FM with a separate stereo beam to indicate when stereo broadcasts are being received.

**SPECIFICATION:**  
FM: frequency range: 88-108MHz. Stereo Usable sensitivity: 18µV. Stereo separation: 26dB at 1kHz. Image rejection: 55dB. AM: frequency range: 535-1,605kHz. Usable sensitivity: 250µV.

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Housed in a handsome walnut cabinet the classical low line styling of the R.124 will grace any home. **SPECIFICATION:** FM: Frequency Range: 88-108MHz. Usable sensitivity: 20µV. Stereo Separation: 26dB at 1kHz, 20dB minimum. Image Rejection: 55dB. AM: Frequency Range: 535-1605kHz. Usable sensitivity: 300µV. Audio Section: Total Output Power: 4W. Phono Input: 200mV at 1MΩ. Tape Input: 100mV at 100KΩ.

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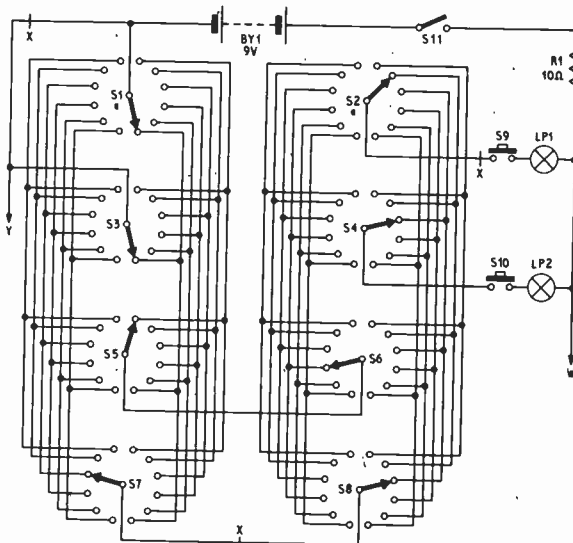
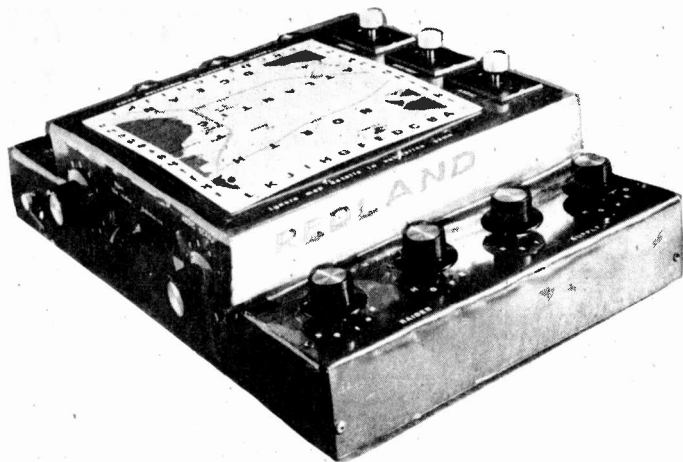


Fig. 2. Wiring diagram of the switches controlling the positions of the four ships, also showing contact indicator circuits

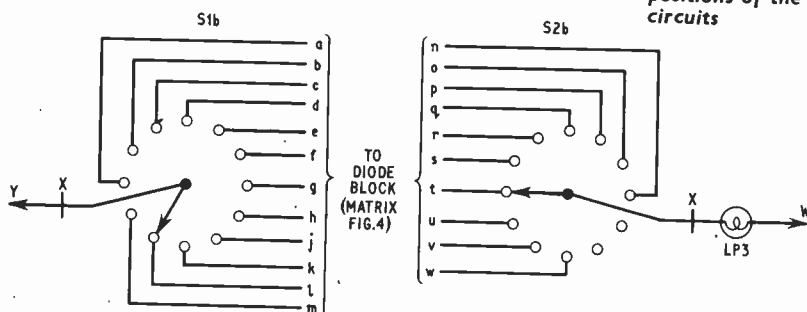


Fig. 3. Wiring of raider automatic score switching

## COMPONENTS . . .

Switches	For Operation Seasearch	If both games to be built (Where different)
S1	2p 12w	
S2	2p 12w	
S3	1p 12w	2p 12w
S4	1p 12w	
S5	1p 12w	
S6	1p 12w	
S7	1p 12w	2p 12w
S8	1p 12w	
S9	1p make, push button	2p make (or two separate 1p)
S10	1p make, push button	2p change over (or DPDT)
S11	S.P.S.T. toggle	

(All rotary Maka switches except where stated)

**Miscellaneous**

LPI—3 6.3V 0.06A (MES bulbs clip-on holders—3 off)  
 8 skirted knobs with pointers  
 Veroboard 3in x 3in (2 off)  
 DI—29 small glass point-contact diodes (29 off)  
 R1 10 ohm ½ watt resistor  
 BY1 9V battery, type PP 6  
 Aluminium, pop rivets, 4B.A. nuts, screws and washers.  
 Letraset card, cellophane, etc.

It will be seen that when S5 coincides with the position of either S1a or S3, current will pass to S6. Then if S2a or S4 coincide with S6, one of the lamps will glow; this illustrates a serious snag. If together the positions of the four ships form a rectangle, both lamps will glow but neither ship will have been detected! Hence the use of the pushbuttons. Pressing the detection pushbuttons S9 and S10 one at a time prevents the malfunction when the ships are at opposite corners of a rectangle.

There is another important reason for the use of push buttons. If a searching ship wishes to move one square diagonally—say from Af to Bg (Fig. 1)—he would have to turn both of his control switches. Since he is unlikely to turn them together, he would in fact search an extra square—say from Af to Ag and then to Bg. With pushbuttons he must complete his move before determining whether or not he is successful.

## DIODE MATRIX

The raider's automatic score indication is illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4. The second pole of switch S1a is used to feed current to a diode matrix which will pass on to switch S2a only when S1a coincides with the North/South of a shipping lane. Similarly, the second pole of S2a will pick off current from the matrix only when it coincides with the East-West of the shipping lane. Together, the diodes and the switches will therefore only conduct current when switches S1a and S2a exactly coincide with a particular shipping lane square.





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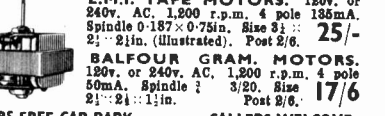
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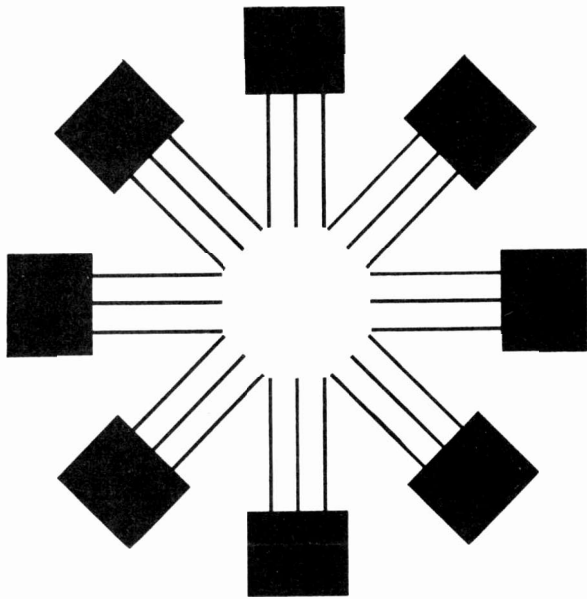
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Construction of the matrix is given in Fig. 4. Two pieces of Veroboard are mounted back to back with the strips running in opposite directions. Suitable  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch bolts provide rigidity and correct spacing. The diodes are then mounted between the boards with their positive ends all the same way up. Twelve wires are taken off to switch S1a and ten to switch S2b. If the circuit does not work correctly, simply reverse the wires to the wipers. Points Y and W in Figs. 2 and 3 are connected to their respective letter. Points X in Figs. 2 and 3 are points at which it is necessary to affect a change when changing over from this game to the later addition. They are best left as they are for the time being, but reference will be made to them later.

## CONSTRUCTION

In the prototype, aluminium sheet was cut and bent-up as per Fig. 5 to form the chassis but as nothing is critical in this layout, the constructor may adopt any layout or method of construction that he fancies.

Holes for controls and lamp apertures were cut with a chassis punch before the chassis was bent and pop rivetted. Details of the lamp mountings are given in Fig. 6, which also shows how the numbers—black Letraset on cellophane—were projected up onto the map. Fig. 7 gives details of a simple battery holder bent up out of aluminium and screwed to the chassis.

When complete, the aluminium was given a coat of navy-blue paint and the Letraset co-ordinates added to match the knob positions on all eight knobs.

## THE MAP

Map details are given in Fig. 1; a square of good quality card  $7\text{in} \times 7\text{in}$  is the base. Three holes were cut with the chassis punch to match the lamp holes in the aluminium, and then the map marked out on paper, was stuck on leaving a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch margin all round. In the prototype a pleasing effect was gained by using sticky coloured paper—blue for the sea and green for the land—but it might just as well be drawn on cartridge paper. The squares are hatched in with a mapping pen. Note that the lettering round the edge is designed to be read from both sides.

When the map is complete it can be covered over with clear Fablon an inch oversize all round, the excess being carefully wrapped underneath. A strip of cellophane is stuck over the holes in the aluminium, and large Letraset numerals applied to it in the centre of each hole—number 1 for LP1, 2 for LP2 and 3 for LP3. Finally the map was mounted on top, using small self-tapping screws. It will thus be seen that over each lamp is a hole in the aluminium and card, a strip of cellophane with a black numeral, and the thin map protected by clear Fablon. When the lamp glows, a circle of light appears through the map with a number in it.

## WIRING UP

When the case is complete and the controls mounted, wiring may begin. Complete the wiring in Fig. 2 first. Provided that care is taken correctly to identify the wiper and the first tag of each switch, no trouble should be encountered, but the work is greatly facilitated by the use of colour-coded twelve-core cable, if any is available.

Test the wiring before proceeding to Figs. 3 and 4. When the diode matrix is first assembled, four holes may be made under the map. Short bolts through

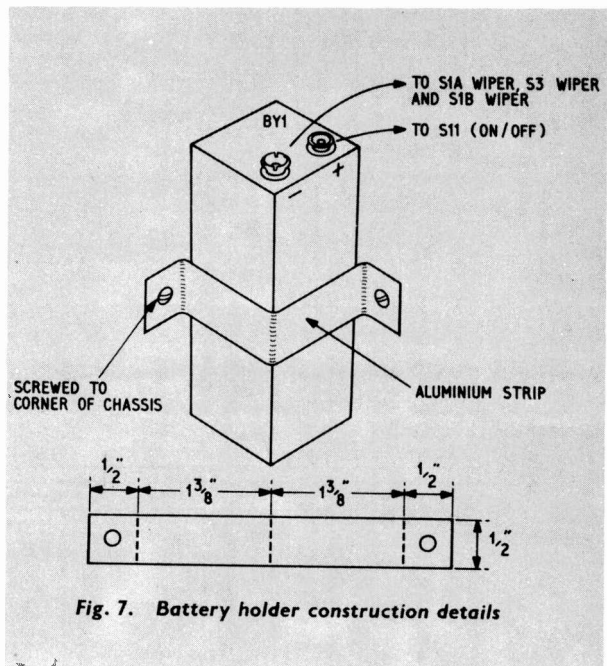


Fig. 7. Battery holder construction details

these, with stand-off spacers will securely hold the matrix block in position. An on/off switch S11 may be placed at one side of the game.

## VARIATIONS

When the above-described very simple (and infuriating!) game has been mastered, any or all of the following variations may be tried.

1. Each player is "Red" in turn. He keeps a score for the opponent to beat.

2. For every move that the raider scores, he rolls a dice. The result indicates the number or tonnage of shipping sunk that day.

3. If a 5 or 6 is rolled, one of the stricken merchant ships manages to radio her position before she goes down. The raider must reveal his whereabouts.

4. The raider must make contact with the supply ship every ten moves or less. Failure to do so means that she runs out of supplies and scuttles herself.

5. Between contacts, the supply ship must call at any neutral port, where her presence is revealed by "Blue" agents.

6. Any ship entering a square which is crossed by a section of coast is spotted by enemy agents and must announce her position.

7. When contact between enemy ships is made, a dice is rolled. The result indicates the number of daylight hours left and also the number of attempts the "Blue" player has of rolling a six. If he fails, the "Red" may slip away in the gathering dusk.

8. An arbitrary points value is awarded to each ship, say 5 to the supply ship, 10 to the raider, 15 to the destroyer and 25 to the cruiser. This is the accumulative score to be made against it before it is sunk. When contact is made, a dice is rolled for hours of daylight. Each player rolls that number of dice to score against the other. If the "Red" is still afloat he may slip away to continue his deprivations elsewhere.



Another game entitled "Submarine Chaser" which can be added to the above unit, will be described in a future issue.

# MAKING THE MOST OF LOGIC IC's

PART SIX—By R. W. GOLES

## TTL BINARY ADDER

FROM the details given in Part 5 on TTL gates it should be possible to use them to practical advantage. This article describes a simple binary adder as a forerunner to their use in other designs.

As an example, let us investigate the logic required to produce a circuit which will add together two binary numbers, and any carry figure which may have been generated in previous addition, with the result that a sum and a carry output is produced.

### BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

In has been the policy in this series to assume that the reader has a knowledge of the binary number system, but not necessarily a wide knowledge of logic simplification, or Boolean algebra.

Boolean algebra is not the same as ordinary algebra, but it is easy to understand if denary counting is temporarily ignored. It is based on the processing of information in two-digit code, 0 and 1. In the counting sequence of denary calculation the next figure after 9 is 0. So in binary code, the next figure after 1 is 0 with a carry 1 passed to the next column on the left. Bearing in mind that the solution to be presented could be reduced in its complexity by the proper application of Boolean Algebra, let us see just how simple it is to work out gate arrangements for any desired result.

The first thing to do is draw up a table of all the possible combinations of inputs which will be presented to the adder. As the inputs consist of three separate digits, A, B, and the "carry" from a previous addition, C, there can be a total of eight combinations. Following the simple rules for binary addition we can then add to the table the outputs which each of these combinations will be required to produce.

Remembering that 0 plus 0 gives a sum output of 0, 0 plus 1 gives a sum output of 1, and 1 plus 1 gives a 0 output and a carry 1 output, the table so derived will be as shown in Fig. 6.1. To produce a logic 1 output when a particular input combination exists, it is simply

necessary to connect the true inputs to a 3-input gate, in this case a TTL NAND gate which will then produce an output only for this combination.

Notice that the gate produces a logic 1 output when its input conditions are satisfied, but this is a negative logic 1, because of the inverting action of a NAND gate. Several of these combinations give a sum output, several give a carry output, and one of them gives both.

It is not necessary however, for all of the sum or carry combinations to be present at the same time (this is impossible anyway) so we can write that for a sum output, combinations 2 or 3 or 5 or 8 must be present, otherwise there will be no sum output. The same principle applies to the carry output, and the conditions are 4 or 6 or 7 or 8.

### NEGATIVE LOGIC NAND

To give this result, we need two 4-input OR gates, one for sum and one for carry. Now a TTL NAND gate fed with negative logic inputs behaves as a NOR gate (this principle was explained in the article on RTL). If the shift register used provides complementary outputs, these gates will not be necessary.

The operation in this configuration is quite simple. Before the first clock pulse arrives, the first set of digits are already present at the inputs of the adder, which will therefore have produced sum and carry outputs. These will be waiting to be clocked into their respective stores.

Assume that the sum output is connected to a third shift register, which will store the answer to the sum of the two words, and is consequently connected to the common clock line.

At this stage the carry store will be empty (i.e. it will contain a logic 0) as there have been no previous additions. When the clock pulse arrives, several things will happen at once:

1. The sum output will be stored in the third register.

	INPUTS			OUTPUTS	
	A	B	CARRY IN C	SUM	CARRY OUT
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	1	0
3	0	1	0	1	0
4	1	1	0	0	1
5	0	0	1	1	0
6	1	0	1	0	1
7	0	1	1	0	1
8	1	1	1	1	1

Fig. 6.1. Truth table requirement for a binary full adder. Sum output should be produced when inputs are (A, B, C) or (A, B, C) or (A, B, C) or (A, B, C). Carry output should be produced when inputs are (A, B, C) or (A, B, C) or (A, B, C) or (A, B, C)

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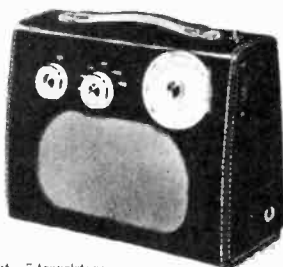
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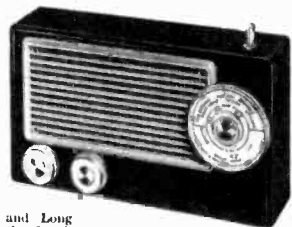


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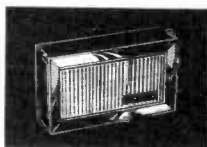


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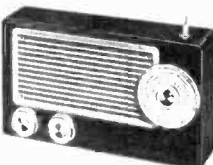


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- The carry output will be stored in the carry store.
- The word in both register A and B will be shifted one place to the right, therefore a new pair of digits will be supplied to the adder.
- As a consequence of operation 2, a new carry input will also be presented to the adder inputs.

The word "new" used in the previous list does not imply that the digits supplied to the adder after the clock pulse are necessarily different from those preceding them; this depends on the contents of the shift registers of course.

The above operations will be repeated for every clock pulse; the total number of clock pulses depending on the word length stored in the shift registers. At the end of the series of clock pulses the sum of the two words will be stored in the third register, and registers A and B will be empty. As the outputs from the gates which detect the eight possible combinations are in the negative logic convention, we can use a NAND gate to provide the required NOR functions.

If the use of the dual polarity logic system is a little confusing, just try the logic diagram shown in Fig. 6.2 with voltage levels, imagining the gate circuitry inserted instead of the logic symbols. Positive levels will represent a 1 at the inputs to the three input gates, zero levels will represent a 1 at their outputs. Zero voltages represent 1 at the inputs of the 4-input gates, and positive voltages will represent 1 at their outputs.

## SERIAL ADDITION

The dual polarity logic system is just a way of describing the action, the electrical circuit action is always the same.

The logic diagram shows the full adder connected to perform "serial addition". The digits to be summed are fed to the adder one pair at a time from two shift registers, A and B, which could contain any number of separate digits, the total number in each register being described as the "word-length".

The carry input is fed into the adder from a carry store, which is simply a clocked bistable used to provide a delay of one clock period. The input to the carry store is provided by the carry output of the adder, and as the bistable used in this position may be any one of the various TTL flip-flops, the precise input terminal has not been named.

The adder requires seven 3-input gates which are available three in a package. Two spare gates are left in the three packages necessary, but these can be put to good use as inverters of the shift register outputs as shown. Remember that both true and inverted inputs to the adder are needed, so these spare gates serve the purpose admirably.

There are a number of disadvantages in the method of serial addition, when used in a high speed computer, because it is quite a slow process, requiring  $N$  shift pulse periods to complete the process.

Using the adder we have designed, it is possible to build a system which will add two words together in only one clock period, but to achieve this it is necessary to use a separate adder circuit for each bit of the word. The basic principle of this sort of addition is shown in Fig. 6.3.

The four adders each have an exclusive pair of digits supplied to them, one from each register, the carry output from the first adder is connected directly to the carry input of the next and so on, no carry store being necessary. Remember that a TTL gate has a specified propagation delay, so it will take a finite time for the final sum outputs to become established.

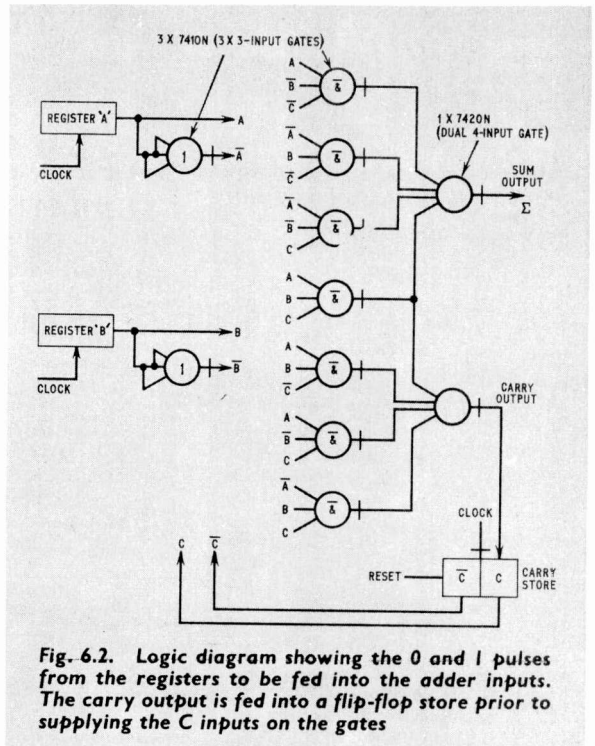


Fig. 6.2. Logic diagram showing the 0 and 1 pulses from the registers to be fed into the adder inputs. The carry output is fed into a flip-flop store prior to supplying the C inputs on the gates

The limiting factor here is the fact that the carry output from the first adder can affect the sum output of the final adder. The time taken for the carry to propagate through the four adders can be many times (eight to be exact) the delay of a single gate. With a longer word length the delay will of course be correspondingly longer.

It is obvious that this method is much faster than serial addition. Not surprisingly, the name used for this system is "parallel addition".

Having now gained some confidence in the use of TTL gates, it is now time to proceed to the perhaps more interesting subject of flip-flops, and all their diverse uses.

## DEVICE IDENTIFICATION

Logic integrated circuits are coded differently by the various manufacturers, even though many of them are electrically identical. The TTL family is probably the worst in this respect, because so many manufacturers,

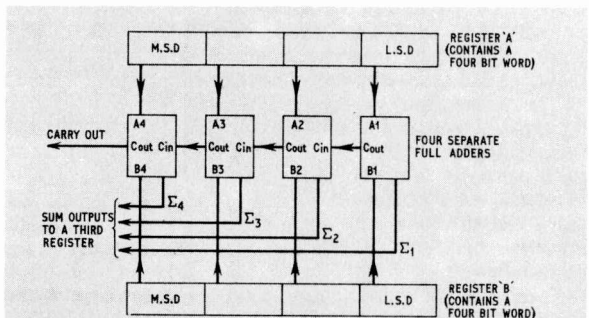


Fig. 6.3. System for adding two words together, each supplied from a 4-bit (binary digit) register. A full adder is used for each bit. L.S.D. is the least significant digit and M.S.D. is the most significant digit

Table 6.1. TTL PACKAGES

Texas Instruments	Mullard	A.E.I.
7400	FJH131	880
7401	FJH231	
7402	FJH221	
7410	FJH121	870
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7430	FJH101	808
7440	FJH141	855
7441	FJL101	
7450	FJH151	
7451	FJH161	840
7453	FJH171	
7454	FJH181	
7460	FJY101	806
7470	FJJ101	
7472	FJJ111	825
7473	FJJ121	
7474	FJJ131	These A.E.I. devices are shown as nearest equivalents, there may be some pin differences between the Texas 74 and Mullard FJ ranges.
7475	FJJ181	
7476	FJJ191	
7490	FJJ141	
7492	FJJ251	
7493	FJJ211	

Table 6.2. LOGIC IC AVAILABILITY

SUPPLIER	RTL	DTL	TTL
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Logic ICs are available from other sources and readers are recommended to study the advertisements for more details.

both in Europe and the U.S.A., have their own range of these devices, in some cases using an individual coding system, even though their circuits are produced under licensing agreements with the two or three design originating companies who hold the patents.

Fortunately, however, even in the most complex type number, there is generally a central group of two or three figures which tells us all we need to know to identify a particular logic circuit, all the other letter and figure prefixes and suffixes giving ancillary information about operating temperature range, package outline, and package material. It is usually only this ancillary coding which varies depending on the manufacturer.

To take a notorious example, the DTL flip-flop, used in the slide projector timer described in the October issue, could have been specified as either U6A994559X (Fairchild), or MC845P (Motorola), or 9945 (S.G.S.), or MIC 945 (S.T.C.). These devices are electrically identical, the only difference being in the type of package material used, for example, ceramic or plastic.

The important figure group in this example is 845/945, which not only tells us that the devices are interchangeable, but also that they are in different package materials, the other information being irrelevant for our purposes. Even TTL devices can be identified in this simple way, though in this case there are three or four basic systems to which the search can be narrowed, after which a reference table is necessary.

Such a cross reference guide is given in Table 6.1; although by no means complete, it does list the TTL devices currently advertised.

### REJECT DEVICES

Identifying reject i.c.s which are not marked in any way is well nigh impossible and without identification

the devices are useless. All is not lost, however, because manufacturers usually stamp the underside of the package with the basic code group referred to above before they test them, making the task quite simple.

An SN7474N fallout from the Bi-Pak range, for instance, is marked "74", and an SN7490N from the same range is marked "90", thus conveying all the information necessary, and enabling the experimenter to re-test them to discover their usefulness.

It is surprising, in fact, just how many of these reject circuits appear to be fully serviceable when tested. Of course, even those which have faults often contain other logic functions which are still useable, and are ideal for experimenters on a low budget, if he can identify the useful part of the package. One example is where one gate of a four gate package may be faulty, the other three may still be useable.

Many advertisers in this magazine now supply logic i.c.s originating from a variety of manufacturers, in either fully tested or fall-out form, and Table 6.2 will enable prospective constructors to decide just which devices, of those available, will suit their needs best.

One last word of advice, learn to recognise by the number codes which types are manufacturer's fall-outs. Remember also that these packages do not quite come up to the rigid industrial specifications laid down, although they may be put to some use by the experimenter, and may be fair value for money.

Next month's article will look into TTL flip-flops in more detail and describe their use in counting circuits and as shift registers and stores. This part will be particularly useful to readers interested in the Digital Clock, as will the following article on medium scale integration.

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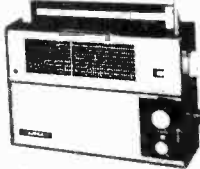
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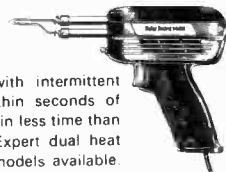


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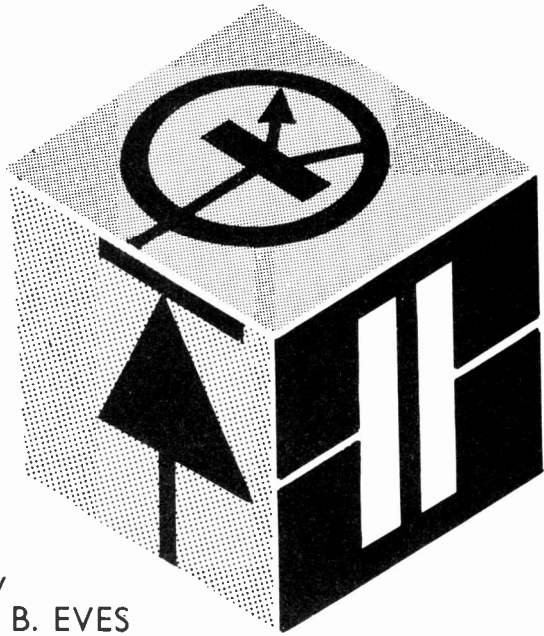
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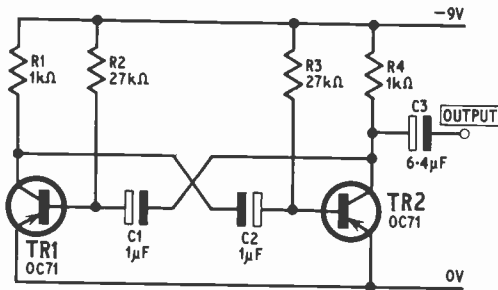
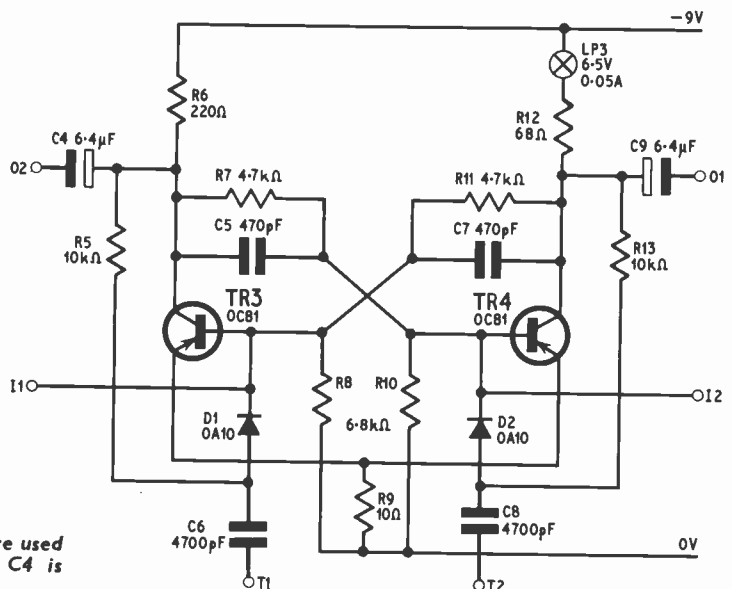


Fig. 1a. Multivibrator pulse generator for the electronic dice

Fig. 1b. Basic bistable circuit, three such circuits are used to form the divide-by-six ring circuit. Capacitor C4 is not required in bistables 1 and 2



## CIRCUIT

By using a multivibrator (Fig. 1a) running at about 150–200 Hz to drive a “divide-by-six” ring circuit (Fig. 1b)—that is one which returns to its original state after six pulses have been applied to its input—bias towards one result is eliminated. If the multivibrator is connected to the ring circuit by means of a push button (S1) being depressed, the ring circuit cycles until the button is released. The state of the ring circuit will, therefore, depend on the length of time the button is depressed.

If the cycle time of the multivibrator was slow enough it would be possible to “guess” the state of the ring circuit and, therefore, bias the result. Because the switching from one state to the next occurs 150 to 200 times a second this form of bias is eliminated. As the ring circuit switches once every full cycle of the multivibrator and the period of this is constant, over short times, the time spent in each state is constant, thus eliminating electronic bias.

## CONSTRUCTION

The design of the layout may be done on printed circuit board or on copper clad Veroboard. The suggested layout for components and copper connections are shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

Board 1 is the driving multivibrator, board 2 is the basic module of the ring counter, three such boards being required. Capacitor C4 is not required on bistables 1 and 2.

## DICE BOX

The design of the dice box may be varied to suit individual requirements, and materials available. The box in the suggested design (see Fig. 5) is made from opal perspex. The “3” face has the lamps mounted behind the “spots” which are holes drilled through with inserts of clear Perspex rod with Letraset numbers on them. The “one” face has a small on/off switch mounted at its spot. The other faces have the spots drilled part way through and painted black.



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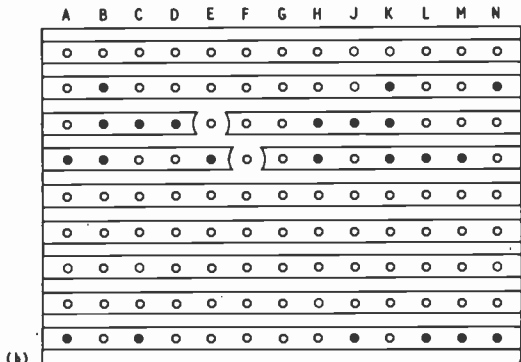
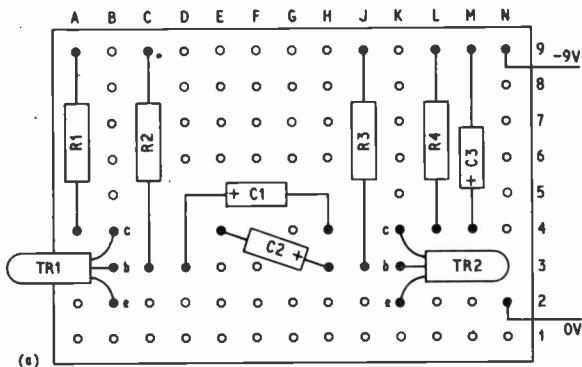
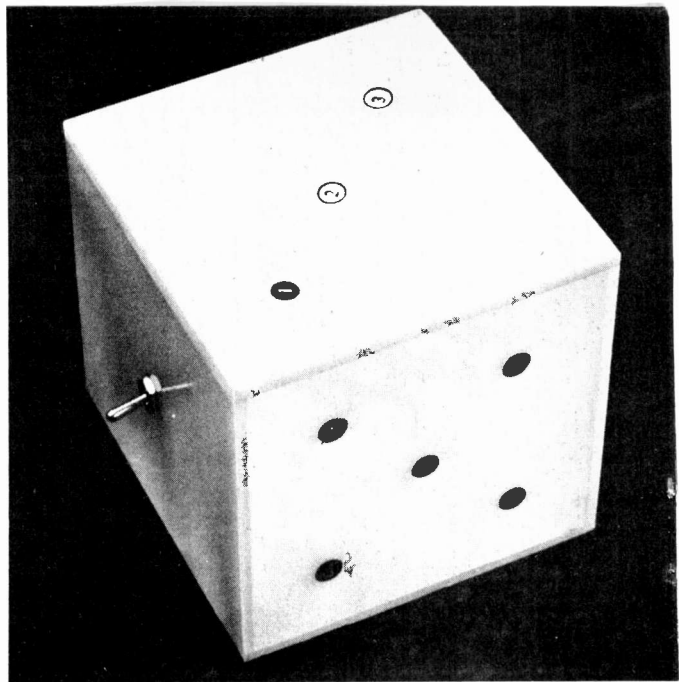


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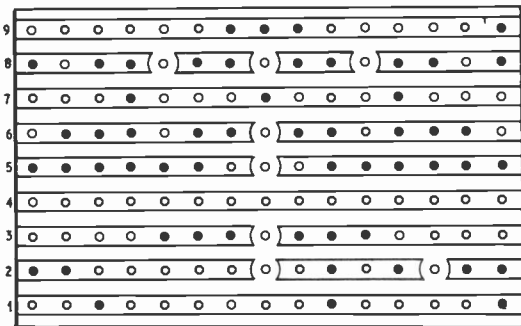
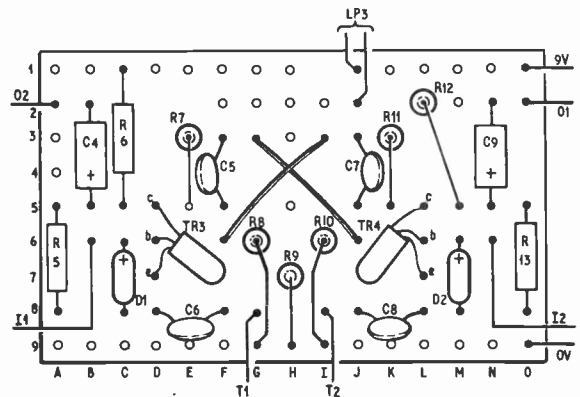
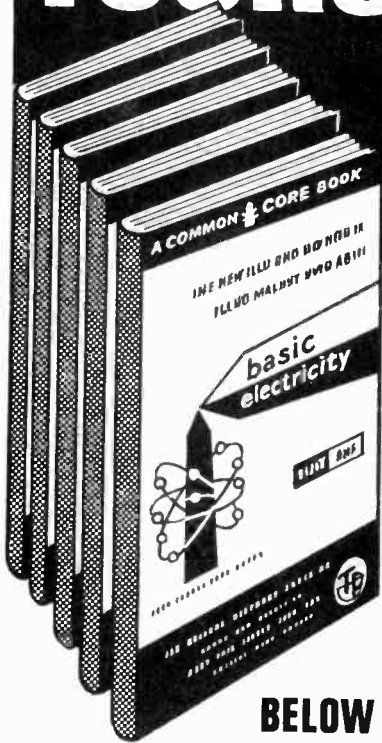


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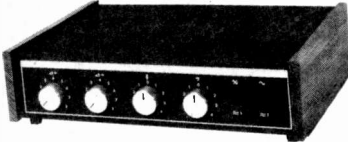
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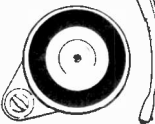
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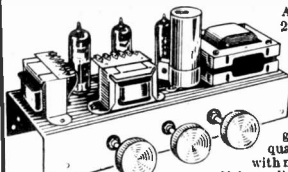
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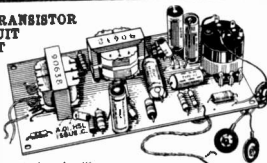
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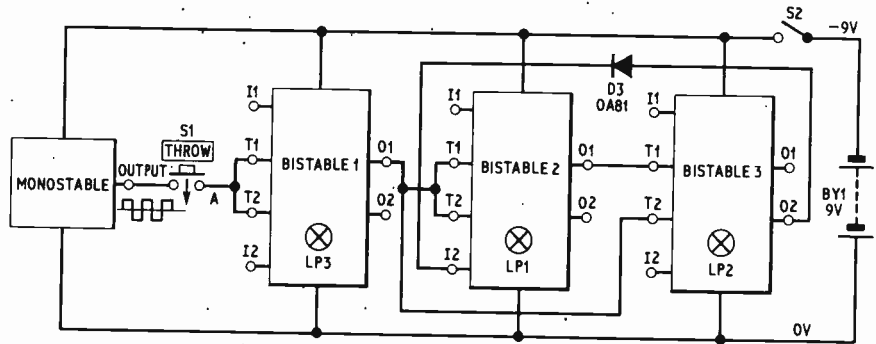
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Fig. 4. Interboard wiring diagram switch S1 is a micro-switch



The face opposite to the "3" has no spots but has a microswitch button mounted through a hole in it. This is adjusted so that when the dice is lifted the switch is activated and is depressed when the box is put down. The sides and top of the box may be glued together, the base being fixed by means of four countersunk screws. If two 4.5 volt batteries are used they may be fixed to the base by means of Terry clips and electrical contact made to brass strips, mounted on the "one" spot side of the box, by the spring contacts on the battery.

The circuit boards are mounted on four lengths of studding, suitably spaced apart and screwed into the top surface of the box. The lamps are mounted above these boards on a plain piece of laminate and positioned so that they coincide with the Perspex rods. They should be shielded with aluminium foil to prevent light leaking to the wrong rod. The microswitch is mounted on a fifth board below the circuit boards which is adjustable on the studding by means of nuts and springs. The studding may be used as the power supply rails to the boards if required.

### TESTING THE CIRCUIT

Before wiring the boards together they should be checked individually. Check the multivibrator board connections then apply the battery, observing correct polarity. The output should be fed to an oscilloscope, if possible, or via a suitable attenuator to an audio amplifier; A note should be heard in the second case.

The inputs T1 and T2 should be coupled together on the bistable boards for the test and the lamps wired in.

When the voltage is applied and a pulse of about 6V put onto the trigger inputs T1 and T2 the lamp should switch.

If all boards are working they should now be wired together as shown in Fig. 4. Note that diode D7 is part of the interboard wiring and not included on any board.

When the three "ring" boards have been connected and checked, the power rail should be connected. One, two or all three lamps should light. A 6 to 9V pulse may now be fed into the input at A (Fig. 4); the lamps should change state. Apply a total of six pulses and note the state of the lamps. Apply six more pulses and the lamps should be in the same state again without having repeated any combination, if this is not the case the interboard wiring should be checked. If working properly the multivibrator may be brought into use to supply the pulses. When contact is made at A by the microswitch all the lamps should glow until the switch is released when one, two or all should

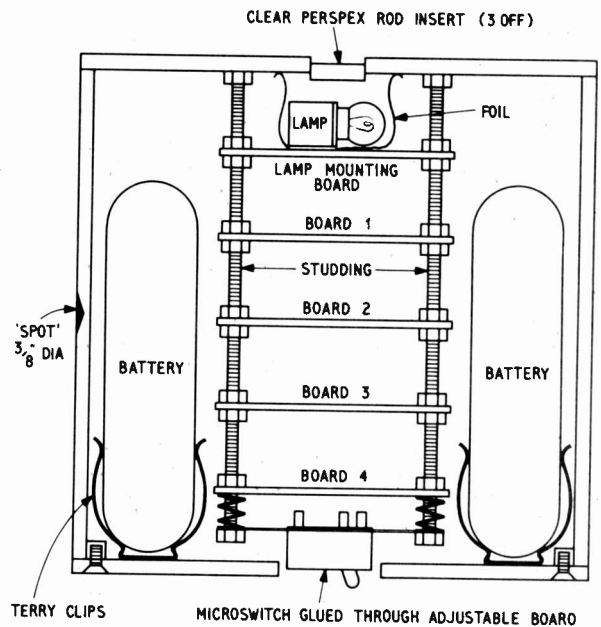


Fig. 5. Suggested design and construction of the electronic dice

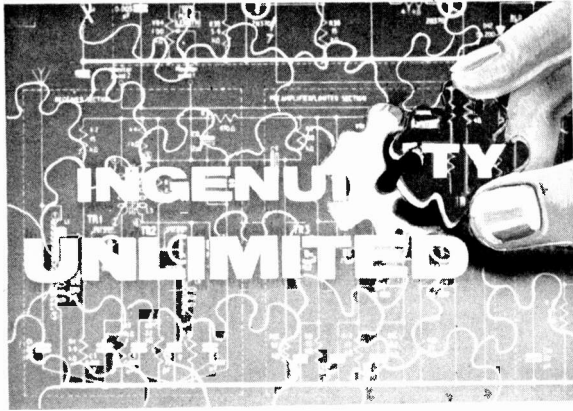
turn fully on and the remaining lamps, if any, should switch off. Pressing and releasing the microswitch should give a random selection of lights.

The circuit may now be inserted into the box. The numbers applied to the Perspex "spots" should be carefully placed over the correct lamp, i.e., 1 over LP1, 2 over LP2, and 3 over LP3.

When installed, the microswitch should make and break as the box is lifted and put down.

### TO PLAY

Switch on the power switch. The first player lifts the "die" and puts it down. The sum of the illuminated numbers on the top face is the score for that throw. The next player then lifts and replaces the box again scoring the total shown. ★



A selection of readers' suggested circuits. It should be emphasized that these designs have not been proven by us. They will at any rate stimulate further thought. This is YOUR page and any idea published will be awarded payment according to its merit.

## FUZZ CIRCUIT

THE CIRCUIT diagram in Fig. 1 is my design for a simple "Fuzz Box", which readers may be interested to experiment with.

The circuit is basically a two transistor pre-amplifier followed by a Schmitt trigger. The pre-amplifier section was designed with variable gain, so that background noise and internal feedback would not operate the trigger.

Since the signal from a guitar contains many harmonics, it is likely that "double-triggering" could occur if certain precautions were not taken. To cure double triggering the values of R5, R7 and C3 were determined by experiment. Capacitor C3 also determines the tone of the fuzz effect. If triggering still occurs then a 10 kilohm resistor inserted between TR2 collector and TR3 base may cure it.

The square-wave output signal is fed via C4 to the attenuating network made up of C5 and VR2. The values of the latter components set the maximum gain of the circuit at slightly more than unity.

Some readers may consider this to be a "waste" of the amplifying powers of TR1 and TR2 and might choose to use the pre-amplifier section for other purposes. A treble booster could be made by switching in the primary windings of an inter-valve transformer across the input.

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## METAL LOCATOR

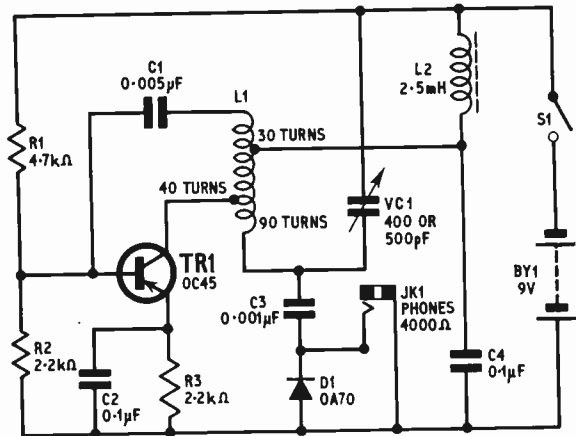


Fig. 1. Single transistor metal locator

ONE of my more unusual circuits is a simple transistor metal detector shown in Fig. 1. It has a current drain of only 1.5mA from the battery.

The OC45 transistor oscillates in the common emitter configuration at a frequency of about 200Hz, using a Hartley type circuit. The frequency of oscillation can be altered by means of the timing capacitor VC1. The output from the oscillator has a low frequency component, which, after detection by the diode D1, is heard in the headphones.

All the components may be mounted on Veroboard and housed in a plastics case, except the search coil. The coil was wound on a table tennis bat, but any 5in diameter former will suffice. The coil is made by pile winding 160 turns of 28 s.w.g. enamelled wire on the former and tapping off at 30 and 70 turns.

Transistors other than OC45 will work, but they must have an alpha cut-off frequency of at least 6MHz. Headphones of 2 kilohm or 4 kilohm impedance can be used.

The detector may be used to a depth of 1 ft. When the search coil is brought near a non-ferrous metal object, the inductance is reduced which increases the frequency of oscillation. Ferrous objects cause a rise in inductance and a fall in frequency of oscillation. With certain settings of the tuning capacitor, the note in the headphones stops completely, giving a very positive indication.

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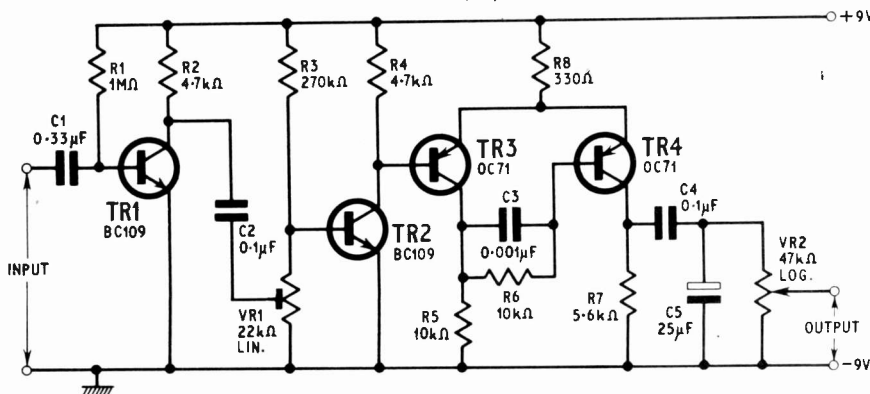


Fig. 1. A simple four transistor "fuzz" circuit for use with all types of electronic and electric musical instruments

### ELECTRIC CLOCK WITH 25 AMP SWITCH

Made by Smith's, these units are as fitted to many top quality cookers to control the oven. The clock is mains driven and frequency controlled so it is extremely accurate. The two small dials enable switch on and off times to be accurately set. Ideal for switching on tape recorders. Offered at only a fraction of the regular price - new and unused only **39/6**, less than the value of the clock alone plus and insurance 2/9.



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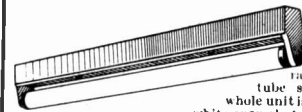
(A 15 amp switch). Just the thing if you want to come home to a warm house without it costing you a fortune. You can delay the switch-on time of your electric fires, etc., up to 14 hours from setting time or you can use the switch to give a boost period of up to 3 hours. Equally suitable to control processing. Regular price probably around 25. Special snip price 20/6, p. & ins. 4/6.

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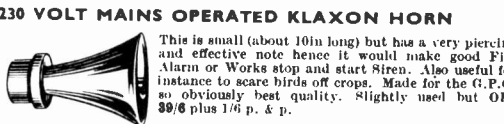
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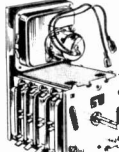
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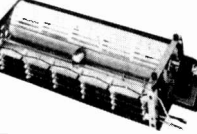
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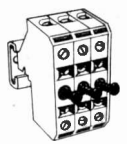
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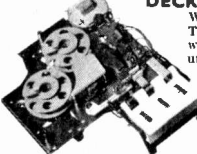
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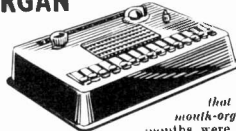
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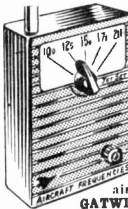


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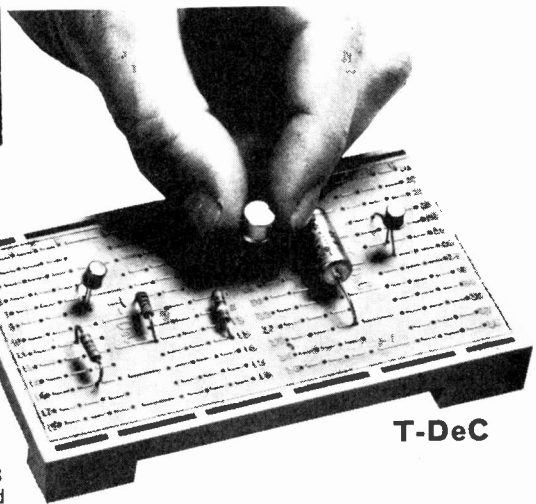
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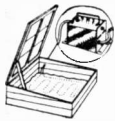
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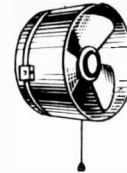
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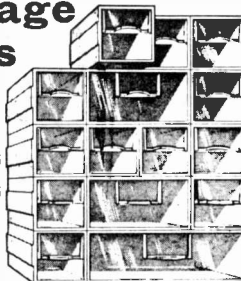
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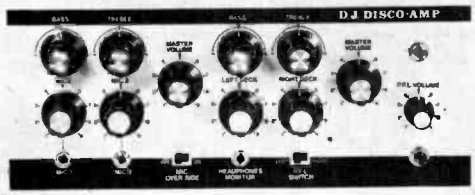
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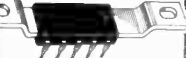
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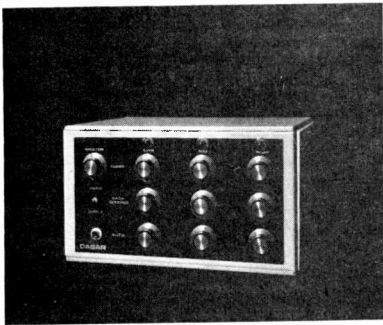
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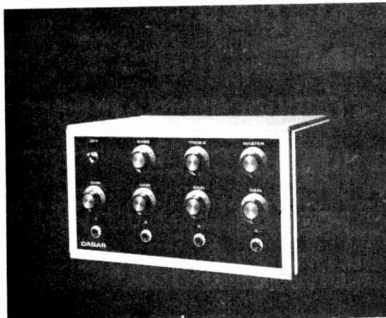
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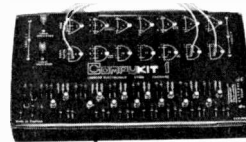
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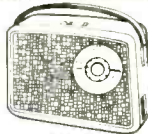
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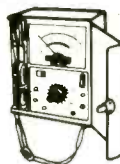
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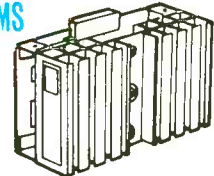
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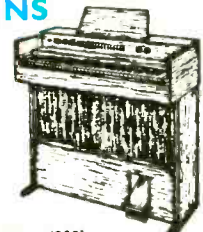
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