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• These are excerpts from a few of the hundreds of letters received as a result of the article "Look Up-Move Up," which appeared in the August Issue of ELECTRONIC TECH-NICIAN Magazine. Letters are continuing to arrive at the rate of about 30 a day. They will be processed as quickly as possible.—Ed.

Helf!

As a subscriber to your very fine magazine I wonder if any of your readers could tell me where I can obtain a schematic for a German Radio. It is an EMUD radio, ULM44. I suppose this is the model number. It has 3 bands—

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EICO's complete new color TV lab for the pro



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CLEVELAND GARNER Tupelo, Miss.

Hey Scoot!

In regard to "Vertical Lines" in the July issue. It states that lines from Barkhausen Oscillations are always on the left side of the screen. Well, we have seen them more on the right than on the left. In fact, can't recall seeing them on the left. Have a set on the bench now with Barkhausen on the right. If we change the 12CU6 they disappear. JACK'S TV

JACKS

Milwaukee, Wisconsin This is strictly a semantic problem. The author's reply follows.—Ed. "Barkhausen l in es always appear somewhere between the far left and the center of the picture. These are oscillations that are set up as the plate of the HO tube goes negative with respect to the screen and thereby sets up oscillations. By definition, these are





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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

called Barkhausen when this happens at the end of the flyback pulse. When this happens as the tube is ending its heavy conduction period, it occurs at the right side of the screen and is called "snivets." Although the cause and cure is the same, the names are different. Barkhausen occurs at the end of the cutoff period and snivets just before cutoff. At both of these times a negative going pulse appears at the plate of the HO tube. Since this is an RF frequency, both of these interferences have been showing up more in the UHF band in heavy UHF areas. Actually, there's no better chance that it will occur in the UHF band but the band is larger and therefore more susceptible to it."

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Surveillance System

As a member of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin County Board of Supervisors and a practicing technician in the field of electronics, I wonder if any of your readers could put me in touch with any oganization now using electronic surveillance systems suitable to a juvenile detention facility. We are especially interested in knowing where such systems have been installed and the experience of the people using such systems.

RUDOLPH P. POHL Supervisor, 20th District

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UHF converter and antenna guide

Selection of right converter and antenna critical for UHF



by I. S. Blonder Chairman of the Board, Blonder-Tongue Laboratories, Inc.

There has been a long-standing prejudice against UHF. Since the band opened in 1952, many otherwise knowledgeable technicians have considered UHF reception to be inferior to VHF. Yet the recent New York City tests conducted by the FCC have proved that this is simply not so.

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tubes. If interference occurs, attenuation filters can be used.



Keener .

We've just glanced over an old editorial in the January 1963 issue of ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN. It was titled "Are You Ready for '63?" It said, among other things, "Whatever the future may bring, for TV-radio servicedealers and technicians, one thing is certain: competition will be keener."

And today we heard a loud, haunting echo come back from the not-too-distant hills of tomorrow: "KEENER . . .!" This could become downright disturbing if we didn't know how to face it intelligently . .

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following circuit modifications: V8 (formerly 6K11 or 6Q11 changed to type 4HA7 or 4HC7, R21 changed to 4700 Ω , $\frac{1}{2}$ w and returned to chassis ground, R44, R45, R57, R59 and C30 removed from the circuit.

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Transistor Amplifier T-100, RC4530—Production Changes Shown is a schematic for the driver-output stages of the T-100 amplifier. All circuit components that have been added, deleted, or changed during production are denoted with an asterisk.

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voltage at half of supply voltage with production tolerance, resistor R21 was changed from 120K to 47K. ... To increase I_c of TR5 and provide more current drive for TR7 and TR9, resistor R27 changed from 10K to 3.9K. . . . To facilitate adjustment of Ic of TR11 to 1 ma, diode D5 was removed and bias adjust potentiometer R47 was changed from 200Ω to 500Ω . Resistor R31 is changed from 100Ω to 47Ω and diode D7 is removed and replaced by resistor R35 0.33Ω 2 w. The output is more thermally stable with the resistor in place of the diode. . . To keep the output stage from generating high frequency (1 Mc) when TR11 is switching out of saturation, capacitor C13. .0047 μ f ceramic is added from junction of D1 and TR5 collector to common. . . . To provide the correct amount of high frequency roll-off for the power amplifier stage and prevent transient voltages in output circuits, capacitor C21 was changed to 100 pf.

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A table denoting the proper UHF conversion kit or kits to be used for conversion of a particular model RCA TV receiver for UHF reception is published in the July 10, 1964 issue of "RCA Television Parts and Tips." This publication is distributed by RCA Sales Corp., Product Performance, 600 N. Sherman Dr., Indianapolis, Ind.

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Choosing and Using AUDIO OSCILLATORS

The frequency of LC circuits varies inversely with the square root of C but the RC wien-bridge oscillator varies inversely with C

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• For years, the most commonly used audio oscillators have been dial-setting sine wave generators with a frequency range from less than 20 to more than 20,000 cps. Recently, smaller battery-powered solid-state units have become popular.

Wien-bridge RC Oscillator Circuits

Several circuit configurations have been used for audio oscillators, but the Wien-bridge RC oscillator circuit has largely superseded the others. Below the RF range these oscillators are less cumbersome than the LC types, and they are more stable and simpler to operate than the beat frequency types formerly used.

AUDIO OSCILLATORS

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Fig. 1—Basic RC Wien-bridge oscillator circuit.

The basic RC Wien-bridge oscillator circuit, shown in Fig. 1, is a two-stage amplifier with both positive and negative feedback loops. To sustain oscillation, positive feedback, is applied through the frequency-selective network, R1 C1/R2 C2. The amplitude and phase shift responses of this simple network, with respect to its driving voltage, are shown in Chart I. The amplitude is maximum at the same frequency at which the phase shift Therefore oscillations zero. is are sustained at this frequency. When R1 = R2 and C1 = C2, the frequency of oscillation, fo =1

$2\pi RC$.

One reason why this circuit is preferred is now obvious: unlike LC circuits, where the frequency varies inversely with the square root of C, the frequency of the RC Wien-bridge oscillator simply varies inversely with C. Thus it allows greater frequency variation with the same capacitor. Leaving R constant, variation in frequency of more than 10-to-1 is obtainable with a single sweep of an air-tuned capacitor. Range switching is accomplished by switching resistors.

The negative feedback loop involves the other pair of bridge arms, R_N and R_K . Presence of a negative voltage feedback loop in the circuit has all of the effects usually associated with this type of feedback. Overall gain is reduced; waveform variations—produced by non-linearities in the amplifier—are reduced; and source impedance is lowered. The circuit is a natural generator of low distortion sine waves. If the gain of the two-stage amplifier is high, $R_{\rm K}$ becomes a sensitive control of the oscillator's output voltage level.

Any oscillator's amplitude will increase until some form of limiting occurs. In crystal and LC oscillators, amplifier saturation is the usual limitation, so waveforms are naturally distorted. The amplitude limiting factor in the RC Wienbridge oscillator, by contrast, is R_{K} , the cathode resistor in the negative feedback loop. By making it a varying element-with resistance increasing as the signal increases-it becomes an automatic leveling control. When the output signal tends to rise, R_{K} increases. Since it is the lower arm of the voltage divider which determines negative feedback, the feedback will increase and the output level will decrease. The converse will occur when signal level drops. Level, therefore, will strongly tend to remain constant.

In the practical circuit, the varying resistance element is simply the filament of an appropriately chosen incandescent light bulb. Its resistance, of course, increases as temperature increases. Operating well below the illuminating level, it responds slowly enough to avoid distorting the oscillations, but rapidly enough to stabilize average ac output level over a broad range of frequencies.

Variations in output across the largest part of each frequency range will typically be imperceptible on a conventional ac voltmeter and dropoff at the range extremes will usually be under 1 db. Waveform distortion is typically 1/4 percent. (Conservative manufacturers' specifications are somewhat worse than actual performance.) It is entirely practical to design an oscillator with this circuit so that hum and noise, in the worst case, do not exceed 0.05 percent (66 db below the sine wave output level). Total range depends mainly on the number of ranges provided. Even the simpler examples are designed to deliver from below 20 cps to about 40 kc.

The commonest uses for these more basic instruments are amplifier testing, testing modulator response, modulating other signal generators, synchronizing pulse generators and making loudspeaker resonance tests.

Push-Pull Types

With some refinement, the same basic circuit is used in instruments of lower and higher output frequency, and still lower distortion. A balanced-to-ground or push-pull circuit is used (Fig. 2). The output stage has 100 percent feedback to achieve an output source impedance approaching zero. Series resistors added in each balanced output leg then make the source impedance $600 \ \Omega$ which is optimum for most applications.

Resistive pads also make oscillator distortion and frequency independent of a load range from zero to open circuit. In the balanced push-pull circuit, no dc passes through the lamp—its current is





Fig. 2—Balanced-to-ground (push-pull) oscillator circuit.



Fig. 3—Adding conductances is the same as adding resistances in parallel.

pure ac. Hence, lamp heating occurs at twice the oscillating frequency, allowing the circuit to operate to half the limiting frequency of the single-ended oscillator. Additionally, the capacitor's tuning rotors are near ground potential, which reduces leakage effects and permits longer RC time constants and lower frequencies.

Oscillators using the aforementioned circuit will typically deliver 10 v or more into balanced loads of 600 Ω or higher. Response flatness matches that of the singleended oscillator, and waveform distortion is half or less. Ranges of 1 cps to 100 kc, or 5 cps to 600 kc are available. They serve all the applications of the simpler oscillators. In addition, their lowfrequency capabilities find use in testing vibration systems, making stability measurements and checking electro-cardiograph, electroencephalograph, and geophysical equipment working in the subsonic range. Their extended high frequency output is useful in designing feedback audio amplifiers, and in testing sonar, ultrasonic, carrier telephone and video circuits. Special versions with extended ranges and bandspread are used for interpolation and frequency measurements where frequencies must be known and re-settable with great accuracy.

Battery-powered Oscillators

Telephone or mobile equipment testing is simplified with lightweight, portable, battery-powered oscillators. Wide frequency range, good wave form, reasonable level, reliable output flatness and floating line operation, of course, will still be required.

For this purpose, as one would expect, solid-state circuitry is used. Current normally required for tubes and for the incandescent-bulb feedback stabilizer of traditional RC Wien-bridge circuits are incompatible with long term battery operation. But the same basic circuit is retained. RC frequency-selective networks are used in a bridge configuration to retain the advantages of wide-range tuning and freedom from balance or null control requirements. Negative feedback is used for waveform and level control.

To maintain constant output level, the portable oscillator uses a voltage comparison system which continuously compares the output voltage to a reference. This is fixed by a breakdown (zener) diode, and adjusts the amount of negative feedback accordingly. One unit has been designed in a six-pound package. Its frequency ranges from 5 cps to 560 kc. Output level is constant within \pm 3 percent, waveform distortion is typically under $\frac{1}{2}$ percent, with an output of $2\frac{1}{2}$ v (+ 10 dbm) or more into 600 Ω . Battery life of more than 300 hr should be expected, since solidstate circuitry makes possible a current drain of 7 ma or less. A nickel-cadmium battery supply with built-in ac charging system is often substituted for the usual mercury battery supply. Hum and noise is well below 0.05 percent.

Pushbutton Oscillator

Another variety of battery-powered oscillator, using the solid state version of the basic RC Wien-bridge circuit, is controlled by a pushbutton keyboard. Push buttons provide maximum simplicity and repeatability, in selecting discrete frequencies from 10 cps to 1 Mc. It is especially useful in production testing.

The pushbutton scheme with frequency selection is best seen by analyzing the oscillation equation

$$f_{o} = \frac{1}{2 \pi RC}$$

since $\frac{1}{2 \pi} = \frac{1}{6.28} = 0.159$
you can say $f_{o} = 0.159 \frac{1}{RC}$
Now conductance $= G = \frac{1}{R}$
so you can also say $f_{o} = \frac{0.159}{C} G$


This audio oscillator uses traditional RC Wien-bridge circuit.



Battery powered, solid-state circuitry audio oscillator.

If you want to select a frequency to three significant digits, you can break the conductance term G down into

 $(N_uG_o + 0.1N_{10} G_o +$

 $0.01 N_{100} G_0 \dots$

where $G_o = a$ basic conductance to obtain the digit "1"

and $N_u = digit$ number in units column

 $N_{10} = digit$ number in tens column

 $N_{100} = digit$ number in hundreds column

$$f_o = \frac{0.159}{C} (N_u G_o + 0.1 N_{10} G_o +$$

 $0.01N_{100}G_{o}$

To get any number then, you *add* conductances to a basic conductance. Adding conductances is the same as adding resistances in parallel (Fig. 3). Thus you use push buttons to parallel resistors which have conductances that are multiples of a basic conductance to get the whole numbers 2-3-4-5-etc. and of $\frac{1}{10}$ and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a basic

conductance to get the second and third digits. A vernier variable resistor is included in the circuit to provide continuous tuning between switched steps.

To change ranges, fixed capacitors having a decade relationship of 10-100-1000, etc., are switched.

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Low Distortion Oscillators

Many modern sound-transmission systems are designed to deliver very high fidelity. These include studio amplifying and mixing systems, recording amplifiers, FM broadcast facilities and high quality reproducing or playback equipment. Measurements of high precision are necessary. For these, more exotic test oscillators are made.

Where very low distortion levels are generated by the apparatus under test, even lower test signal distortion levels are required. It is possible to reduce the harmonic content of any waveform by passing it through a filter which attenuates all components above the fundamental. A typical basic single ended RC oscillator uses a tuned amplifier which automatically tracks with the oscillator. High selectivity of the tuned amplifier reduces harmonic voltage present in its input signal. Typical total harmonic content is much less than 0.1 percent.

Total harmonic distortion analvsis is commonly made with an instrument which efficiently rejects the fundamental wave, then measures the relative total of the remaining components. Such a measurement will thus include any superimposed hum and noise. It is therefore necessary that these, too, be very low in the test signal, in relation to the fundamental signal. 100 db suppression of these components is achieved in the more elaborate instruments. This is equivalent to 1/1000 of 1 percent hum and noise content.

An instrument of this accuracy usually has a precision output attenuator to facilitate equipment measurements over a broad range of levels.

If the control is in front of an amplifier in the instrument, the unattenuated hum and noise generated by that amplifier will remain constant, no matter what signal level is selected. If level is lowered, *relative* hum and noise would increase. With the attenuator at the output, signal and noise change together at the same high ratio. COLOR CONVERGENCE in 15 Minutes

• TV service fundamentals are like those of any other profession and once you become a master of these fundamentals the job becomes easier and more profitable. Overlook this fact and you're a dead duck.

All you need to service color, in addition to the tools you already own for servicing black and white TV, is a degaussing coil having a heavy duty ON/OFF switch, a good quality mirror and a color bar/dot generator. The generator must be dependable, preferably portable, sharp in line and dot size.

Preliminary Procedure

While the generator and TV set are warming up, make necessary adjustments or measurments in high voltage, degauss the CRT and set up the purity. Do not make purity adjustments a complicated procedure. Make sure the room is darkened; if this is not possible use a piece of dark muslin cloth as a hood (like a photographer uses) to block out the light. These preliminary steps, if overlooked, will make the difference between fast, welldone convergence and failure.

Check center dots for static convergence, if too far off, converge them with magnets on the CRT neck, then proceed with purity

by Al Nanni

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Some service technicians are confused regarding the simple steps involved in converging color TV sets. Many try to remember verbatum each step prescribed by all the different set manufacturers. If we stop and analyze these steps, we will find each manufacturer is actually saying the same thing in slightly varying terms.



Fig. 1—Learn to concentrate only on the particular areas you are converging.

COLOR CONVERGENCE Continued

check. Move the yoke fully forward or back, whichever you prefer. Adjust the purity rings on the CRT neck for best red center, move the yoke back or forward for good all around red color and check the blue and green raster. Next, set up black and white tracking and gray scale, most manufacturers set up procedure is the same but some may vary.

I have found that setting up background controls to give a gray appearance, with a very slight tint of green, produces a better black and white picture and much better skin tones. This also allows for better tint control. I have used this procedure for two years and it has proven most successful. This will not track properly, but it will not create any ill effects.

Final Steps

The next steps are final and are quite important as to sequence. Before we go into these steps, an important word of advice: learn to concentrate only on the particular areas you are converging. (Fig. 1) If you take your eyes away, you will see things that you will subconsciously try to correct. This is the quickest way to lose time and get into trouble. Using the different patterns will have a tendency to help you concentrate and also keep your eyes rested.

Set up your TV by adjusting the fine tuning. Some generators have a 4.5 Mc sound signal to help find the best setting. Cut contrast completely off then turn the control up about 10 percent. Cut brightness to minimum. If you have to use more brightness and contrast, it will overdrive the phosphor and create large dots and wide lines and display a tendency to hide distortions of lines and dots. Some generators do this on purpose to hide double lines that exist in generators because of the frequencies used to develop the different patterns. These double lines don't create problems. In fact, I've found them most helpful, especially in focusing. They also allow for more critical convergence, resulting in nearer perfect convergence over 85 to 90 percent of the CRT.

How To Do It

Step one: Set center convergence first with dots as accurately as possible with all three guns. When this is completed, cut off blue gun and leave it off for the following steps.

Step two: Adjust vertical convergence at top and bottom with vertical line pattern. After completion of this step, check center convergence again with dots (maintaining center convergence is extremely important).

Step three: Do horizontal convergence at top and bottom with horizontal line pattern, then again check center convergence.

Step four: Switch to crosshatch and do left side, horizontal and vertical convergence, then right side for same.

Caution: Do not linger on any one particular sequence too long. It is better to do it quickly, then go over the steps again if necessary.

Now turn on blue gun if red and green are satisfactorily converged. Use dots and converge center. Then adjust top and bottom, left and right sides.

Practice this sequence, become thoroughly familiar with it. Memorize the convergence board as a particular group of twelve controls. Work with them in pairs, you will find this will become second nature to you and will be as easy as driving your automobile.

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And when your ET reading is interrupted, don't just lay it down. LOCK IT IN THE SAFE!

Why You Need a TRANSISTOR TESTER

Understand the basic principles of semiconductor testing

by Gene Pudil and Chet Stephens Simpson Electric Co. Project Engineers

• TV-radio technicians today are faced with the task of repairing electronic equipment employing transistors instead of electron tubes. To the untrained and ill-equipped technician this circuitry, at times, presents insurmountable problems. But the problem is greatly simplified for those who have studied basic transistor circuitry and acquired necessary equipment for testing semiconductor devices.

The transistor, under normal conditions, has an operating lifetime that can be measured in tens of years whereas the electron tube is frequently the first circuit element to be suspected in event of circuit failure. Transistor usage will continue to grow as semiconductor manufacturing techniques improve and circuit designers utilize these improvements.

It is extremely important, then, for service technicians to know as much about semiconductor devices as they do about electron tubes. Technicians are primarily concerned with the performance of semiconductor devices in specific circuits.

To determine the quality of a semiconductor, some knowledge of what tests to perform is necessary. Transistors must meet certain specifications established by the manufacturer. A number of test circuits are used to evaluate these basic requirements. And transistor testers embodying these principles are marketed by a number of test equipment manufacturers.

Beta Measurement

Since the transistor is a current control device, the value of the common-emitter current gain (represented by h_{FE} or sometimes called dc Beta) is one of the most important of the transistor parameters. It is defined as the dc collector current, I_c , divided by the dc base current, I_B , or $h_{FE} = I_C/I_B$, and is usually specified at a particular value of collector current and collector to emitter voltage, V_{CE} .

The test circuit shown in Fig. 1 can be used to make a qualitative measurement of $h_{\rm FE}$. As an example, let us test a transistor that has a minimum value for $h_{\rm FE}$ of 20 at $I_{\rm C} = 10$ ma and $V_{\rm CE} = 1$ v; adjust $I_{\rm B}$ for $I_{\rm B} = I_{\rm C}/h_{\rm FE} = 10$ ma/20 or 500 microamps, adjust $I_{\rm C}$ to its specified value or 10 ma. If $V_{\rm CE}$ as read on the voltmeter is less than 1 v, then $h_{\rm FE}$ is greater than 1 v, $h_{\rm FE}$ is less than 20 and the transistor will not perform adequately.

Collector-to-Emitter Voltage Measurement

Another test that may be performed easily is the measurement of collector-to-emitter voltage while biased in the collector saturation region. It is represented as V_{CE} (sat) and is specified at a given







Fig. 1—Measuring h_{FE} of NPN transistor. For PNP transistors, reverse polarity of power sources and meters.

base current and collector current. The same test circuit used to measure h_{FE} (Fig. 1) can also be used to measure V_{CE} (sat). Adjust I_{B} and $I_{\rm c}$ to their specified values. If V_{CE} as read on the voltmeter is greater than the specified value of V_{CE} (sat), it indicates a deteriorating transistor and the device should be replaced.

Leakage Currents

Leakage currents are unwanted features inherent in all semiconductor devices and plague the circuit designer. These currents are both temperature and voltage dependent and if not compensated for can cause serious instability problems. Circuits to test for those leakage currents most often included in transistor specification sheets can be easily utilized.

The circuit necessary to measure collector to base current (I_{CBO}) with the emitter circuit open, is shown in Fig. 2A. Since this current is temperature and voltage dependent, it is specified for a certain ambient temperature (usually room temperature) and a certain collector to base voltage, V_{CB} . The voltage is applied so that the collector-base junction is reverse biased-collector negative with respect to the base for a PNP transistor and collector positive with respect to the base

for a NPN transistor-and then adjusted until V_{CB} is the specified voltage. $I_{\mbox{\tiny CBO}}$ is read directly from the meter; it should be equal to or less than the value specified on the specification sheet.

Emitter to Base Current

The test circuit necessary to measure the emitter to base current (I_{EBO}) with the collector circuit open, is shown in Fig. 2B. This current is also temperature and voltage dependent so the emitter to base voltage, V_{EB} , and ambient temperature must be certain values. The voltage is applied so that the emitter - base junction is reverse biased-emitter negative with respect to the base for a PNP transistor and vice-versa for a NPN transistor-and then adjusted until V_{EB} is the specified voltage. Again, the test current is read directly on the meter and should be equal to or less than the specification sheet value.

Semiconductor devices with excessive leakage currents should be replaced; this is an indication of deterioration and depending on the application various circuit malfunctions could result.

Ohmmeter Tests

Another simple test used as a qualitative measure to determine

the worth of a transistor can be performed with an ohmmeter whose output power is limited. An individual measurement of the front and back resistances of the emitterbase and collector-base junctions will reveal shorted or open junctions. For this test it is necessary to know the polarity of the ohmmeter being used. How to connect the ohmmeter to measure the forward resistance of the emitter-base junction on a NPN transistor is shown in Fig. 3A. The connection for measuring the back resistance of the emitter-base junction on the same transistor is shown in Fig. 3B. Connections for measuring the forward and back resistances of the collector-base junction are shown in Fig. 3C and 3D.

For a PNP transistor the polarity of the test leads from the ohmmeter would be reversed in each casethat is, to measure the forward resistance of the emitter-base junction on a PNP transistor, the positive lead will be connected to the emitter and the negative lead to the base. When measuring the forward resistances the ohmmeter should be set to the low ohms range and a relatively small resistance measured. When measuring the back resistances the ohmmeter should be set to the high ohms range and a relatively high resistance measured.



Fig. 2 (A)—Measuring I_{CBO} for NPN transistor. (B)—Measuring I_{EBO} for NPN transistor.

No rule of thumb can be made concerning the resistance values one should expect when making these tests since the values will vary greatly between germanium and silicon transistors. They also vary somewhat between different types of germanium or silicon transistors. However, it is a good test to determine shorted junctions (both forward and back resistance measurements low or zero), or open junctions (both forward and back resistance high or infinite). With a little practice some feeling for the resistance to be expected can be gained.

A note of caution must be injected here. As mentioned previously the output power of the ohmmeter must be limited so as not to exceed the parameters of the device under test. A conventional VOM is a dangerous instrument to use for checking transistors. When used on the low ohms range, some instruments are capable of supplying upwards of 75 milliwatts of power and 200 ma of current. This power applied to the base of most small signal transistors is enough of an overload to permanently damage the transistor.

Happily though, test instrument manufacturers have acceded to the needs of those who must test semiconductor circuits and there are available VOM's with low power ohmmeter circuits. Usually the lowest or lower two ohmmeter ranges are low power circuits while the higher ranges use conventional ohmmeter circuits.

A wide range of transistor testers is available in all price ranges, from low priced testers whose functions are limited, to testers selling for several hundred dollars or more. Technicians normally choose one of the medium priced testers, preferably an in-circuit type. An incircuit tester enables the technician to test the transistor while it is still connected in the circuit. Because most transistors used today are soldered in the circuit, a tester of this type will save valuable time.

Transistors are used today in all types of consumer electronic products such as Hi Fi, TV, auto ignition systems and many others.

Technicians should consider the transistor tester as important as the electron tube tester. They should learn the fundamental operation of the tester, which will help them better understand transistors and transistor circuitry.

Fig. 3—Forward and back resistance measurements of individual P-N junctions. (A)— Circuit to measure e-b forward resistance. (B)—Circuit to measure e-b back resistance. (C)—Circuit to measure c-b forward resistance. (D)—Circuit to measure c-b back resistance.





Selecting the proper instrument to use is a valuable key to solving every service problem

by Don Multerer

• "Rural Radio and TV, Tom speaking. Oh! Hello, Mrs. Jonas. What's the problem? Not again! Did you try the adjustment we showed you last time? OK, I'll send someone out right away, Mrs. Jonas. That's right. OK, bye.

"Hey, Phil, shoot out to Mrs. Jonas's and pick up her color set." "What's the trouble this time, Tom?"

"I don't know. She says it's the same thing as last time. Anyway, when you pick it up, tell her we'll bring it back soon, probably this evening. She was rather peeved. And while you're gone, I'll get the gear set up on the bench so we can start as soon as you get back."

"Good idea, Tom. And this time I'll stick around. I want to see that new analyzer in action that you keep raving about."

"You bet, Phil. See you later."

"Well, that takes care of the bench and tools," Tom said to himself. "Now for that color analyzer. This little baby could save the day."

"Say, Tom," Phil's shout interrupted Tom's thoughts, "can you give me a hand with this set?"

"Sure thing, Phil. Let's put her on the bench here. I've got everything set up." "Is this the new analyzer, Tom?" "That's right, Phil. Sure is a honey, isn't it?"

"Yes, It's not as complicated as I pictured it. Everything is pretty simple. Tuning, IF frequencies, audio, video, even sync frequencies. Say, this pattern switch thing is pretty cute, too."

"OK, Phil, slow down and let's put her to work if we are to keep Mrs. Jonas a happy customer. Let's see, the last time we were out there, the trouble was transmission and not the receiver."

"That's right, Tom. The color picture had stripes in it as if the 3.58 Mc oscillator was not set properly. Then, when I connected our little generator to the set, the color bars came in as nice as you please."

"Yes, but it sure took some talking to get Mrs. Jonas to understand that the fault was caused by a bad head on the station's video tape recorder and not by her receiver."

"Yes, but this time she claims the colors fade after a while, and even change; mostly to blue, according to her. But, of course, when I showed up, the set was working fine."

"Well, we'll just have to give it a thorough check-up this time. Let's connect the generator and feed a color bar signal in and see how she looks . . . Not bad. Even the purity is good."

"Just the way it was at Mrs. Jonas'. Move it to this side a bit, Tom. I can't see over your shoulder too well. Hey! the red and green bars jumped out and in for a second. Mrs. Jonas was right."

"Yes, I guess we're going to have to dig in. You get the schematic while I pull the chassis from the cabinet," Tom directed.

"Apparently, the trouble is in or about the demodulators. At least that's the way I figure it," Phil said.

"That's my basic assumption too, Phil. We're going to need the wideband scope on this one. I think we can save time by injecting a composite signal before the demodulators and take some wave form measurements as we move in. The schematic calls for 2-v P-P at the input of the first chroma bandpass amplifier. Let's see, that's right after the video detector. I'll connect it right here."

"Oops! You've lost the sync, Tom."

"Oh, I forgot. This is a Zenith chassis. They take the sync off before the video detector. That's OK, we'll just take a sync signal right

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off this jack on the generator and adjust for proper polarity. How's that, Phil?"

"It's OK now."

"Good. Let's check a few of the waveforms. With the 2-v P-P input into the first chroma bandpass amplifier, we should get 1-v P-P on the grid after the 4.5 Mc trap."

"On the nose, Tom."

"OK, what do we have on the grid of the second chroma bandpass amplifier?"

"The scope reads 4-v P-P."

"And at the output of the second amp?"

[•]8-v P-P, Tom."

"Seems OK. Try tapping the second amp, Phil. I'll watch the scope."

"Anything?" Phil asked.

"No. I thought a possible intermittent in the tube or tube socket might show up since we're scoping off the feed to the B-Y demodulator."

"Try the R-Y demodulator feed, Tom."

"Hmmmm. We're about half a volt low," Tom said.

"What about the blanking input?" "Checks out, Phil. Are you think-

ing what I'm thinking?" "Right with you, fella. Wiggle

it. That's it, Tom. The L4 coil is intermittent at the top or near enough to it to limit R-Y signal?

"Sure, Phil, and even if it is making contact, the contact still offers resistance that affects the reactance of the coil, so that a weak color signal will tend to affect the phase and change the color of the picture. Then a stronger signal is fed from a strong local station or our generator, and the small change in L4 reactance isn't as effective as with the weaker signal and she snaps back to the proper or near proper phase."

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"I guess we'll have to run a demodulator phasing check now that the coil is replaced."

"We had better, Phil. Mrs. Jonas is a good customer. I want to be sure she stays that way."

"I have never done this before, Tom. What's the general procedure?"

"Well, we'll have to interrupt the guns and check the signal at the grids for correct phase. All we need is this adaptor socket which fits right on the base of the CRT. The switches on the front panel of the analyzer indicate which gun is being interrupted. There are pins on the adapter which make it easy to measure grid bias and cathode voltage without having to look for the connections because they are conveniently labeled."

"That's great, Tom. This analyzer is sure saving us time."

"First we'll interrupt the red and green guns and take a look at the signal on the red grid," Tom said. "It appears to be a sine wave

with notches in it, Tom."

"That's what we want, Phil. Now the sixth notch from the left should be crossing the O axis for improper phasing of the R-Y demodulator." "It's a little off, Tom."

"All we have to do is adjust the burst amplifier slugs so it's right on."

"OK. Now, next step."

"We return the blue gun to normal and switch the red and green gun to interrupt. Now we connect the scope to the blue grid and see if the third and ninth bars pass through the O axis for the B-Y demodulator check." "Looks OK, Tom."

"Last step is to check the green grid so that the first and seventh bars of the color bar pattern pass through the O axis of the notched sine wave for proper phasing of the G-Y demodulator."

"Well, does that take care of the phasing adjustments, Tom?"

"Yes, if the G-Y pattern hadn't come in we would have to go back through the procedure again until it did come in. With the composite signal feeding the chroma circuits the color bars come in nice and sharp. Let's check and see how the bars look with the RF lead back on and the composite signal return to zero on the generator."

"The signal is weak, Tom; faded like Mrs. Jonas mentioned."

"That's right, Phil, but the signal was stronger when we started. Did you check the tubes in the tuner and IF strip?"

"They all checked out."

"We'll let the generator find the trouble then. We'll bypass the tuner and inject the same modulated signal on the first IF grid and switch the calibrated IF switch to first IF."

"No difference on the first IF grid. Let's try the second IF. Oops! Have to bring in the sync pulse again. The sync is tapped off at the first IF."

"Just for curiosity, Phil, check this tube again."

"Emission checks OK."

"The Grid Leakage test is what I'm interested in."

"You're right, Tom. The tube checks up in the bad area. But it didn't before when I checked these tubes. They were all good."

"Sure, Phil. But remember you checked the tubes cold. The tube *Continued on page 79* Know the fundamental requirements of an effective oscilloscope for industrial maintenance and repair

SELECTING A SCOPE for

by John Potter Shields

• Oscilloscopes, long respected for the important role played in research and production, now serve electronics technicians throughout industry.

Before you can intelligently evaluate a particular scope as an industrial maintenance and troubleshooting tool, it is necessary to know just what is expected of the instrument. A scope intended for radio and TV servicing is generally inadequate for most industrial electronics jobs. On the other hand, a very sophisticated scope intended primarily for R&D work will be impractical because of its complexity and consequent high cost. What then, is the best choice? Let's examine some of the features that an industrial electronics type scope should have.

Vertical Amplifier

You should pay particular attention to the vertical deflection amplifier.

Vertical amplifier response of most TV - radio "service type" scopes, and some R&D scopes for that matter, have a low frequency limit of approximately 10 cps. For maximum usefulness, your industrial scope should have excellent frequency response down to 1 or 2 cps—preferably to dc. This is understandable because the signals developed by a large number of industrial electronic devices are extremely low frequency and slowly varying dc.

Consider for example, the output

signals from vibration pickups, flow detectors, low frequency choppers, etc. Also, while the signal frequency being observed is fairly high, it may be superimposed on another very slowly varying signal (perhaps a reference), which must also be observed for proper interpretation.

The high frequency response limit of the industrial scope's vertical amplifier should be at least 500 kc, preferably extending to several Mc if fairly sophisticated industrial equipment is to be maintained. With a few specialized exceptions, just about all quality scopes contain vertical amplifiers with adequate frequency response.

Vertical amplifier sensitivity is another major consideration. Signal levels of many types of industrial electronic equipment are extremely low---down in the low mv region. To do an adequate job here, the vertical amplifier must be capable of providing sufficient amplification so that input signals will provide adequate trace size.

It is wise to select a scope equipped with a full push-pull vertical amplifier. This permits the application of balanced (with respect to ground) input signals with considerable reduction in stray field interference from the leads connecting the test unit to the scope. You can see how this reduction in stray field pickup is possible by referring to Fig. 1. A simplified vertical amplifier input stage with a balanced signal applied to its input, is shown in Fig. 1A. Notice that the signal appearing at the grid of V1 is 180 deg out of phase with the signal appearing at V2's grid. This is typical of any balanced, (push-pull) signal. V1 and V2 amplify their respective signals, resulting in an amplified replica of the input signal appearing (inverted) in their respective plate circuits.

The same simplified vertical amplifier with an unbalanced input signal applied to the grids (this signal could be induced in the connecting leads by stray fields), is shown in Fig. 1B. These unwanted signals cancel out in the plate circuits of V1 and V2 because as the plate current of V1 varies in accordance with the input signal, so does V2's—at the same rate. There is no difference in potential between the plates of V1 and V2 as shown in Fig. 1B but in Fig. 1A a voltage difference does exist.

This "common mode rejection" operation, as it is sometimes called, is useful in amplifying low level signals originating in areas of troublesome magnetic or electrostatic fields.

The Horizontal Amplifier

The main role of the oscilloscope's horizontal amplifier is to boost the signal from the sweep generator to adequately deflect the cathode ray tube's electron beam. The frequency response of the horizontal amplifier is determined primarily by the range of sweep frequencies produced by the sweep generator. If the sweep generator

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Heathkit Model 10-10 dc oscilloscope.

has a frequency range from 20 cps to 50 kc, then the horizontal amplifier must have a corresponding frequency response.

Almost all scopes have provisions for feeding an external signal into the horizontal amplifier. This is useful when it is desired to feed an external sweep signal, such as a sine wave, into the scope. As a general "rule of thumb," the horizontal amplifier's frequency response must extend at least five times beyond the fundamental frequency of the scope's sawtooth sweep frequency on both ends of the spectrum. This bandwidth is necessary for minimum distortion of the sawtooth sweep signal.

The Sweep Section

The purpose of the sweep generator is to move the electron beam across the face of the scope's cathode ray tube. The frequency range of the sweep generator determines frequencies that can be displayed by the scope. For example, if the sweep generator has a top frequency of 100 kc, then the scope will display one complete cycle of a 100 kc input signal, or 10 complete cycles of a 1 Mc input signal. (The frequency response of the vertical amplifier will have to at least equal the frequency range covered by the sweep generator.)

The scope chosen for industrial servicing should have excellent low frequency response, preferably down to dc. This would indicate that the sweep generator should be







capable of producing correspondingly low frequencies—extending down to one cps, or even less. To accomplish this low frequency sweep rate with a minimum of switching, some scopes are provided with "external capacitor" terminals which permit the connection of an external capacitor into the sweep generator. Addition of the proper capacitor will allow the sweep rate to be slowed down to a fraction of one cps.

Sweep Synchronization

All scopes provide a method for synchronizing the sweep generator with vertical input signals so that a stationary trace appears on the CRT.

Synchronization is generally accomplished by taking a portion of the signal appearing in the vertical amplifier and feeding it to the sweep generator to "lock" it in step with the vertical input signal. Most scopes also provide a method of synchronizing the sweep generator with either the 60 cps power line or an external input other than the vertical input signal.

Another method of synchronization, known as "triggered sweep," is available in more sophisticated scopes. With this type of sync, the beam of electrons remains stationary at the left edge of the screen until a "trigger pulse" is applied to the sawtooth oscillator. The beam travels across the face of the CRT from left to right and returns to its original position. The beam remains at the left side until another pulse is applied.

Triggered sweep is advantageous when "non-recurrent" signals are to be observed. A non-recurrent signal is a signal of random nature, Fig. 1 (A)—Simplified schematic of a push pull vertical amplifier input stage with balanced signal applied. (B)—Same stage with an unbalanced signal applied.

viewed in a scope equipped with "continuous" sweep.

Mechanical Considerations

Mechanical, as well as electrical characteristics, determine the adaptability of a particular scope to industrial electronics. The scope selected should be relatively portable. It should be either light enough to be carried by one man, or in the case of a larger unit, a cart should be provided for easy portability.

Logical grouping of a scope's operating controls can add much to its ease of use. For example, centering, focus, and brightness controls should be located in one specific area, controls associated with the vertical and horizontal amplifiers located in their own respective areas, etc.

Cost

It goes without saying that the cost of the scope is a consideration in its selection. Although the unit must be capable of performing the necessary functions outlined earlier, it is poor economy to purchase an overly sophisticated scope with features which will seldom be used.

Along these lines, it is well to consider the possibility of assembling an oscilloscope kit. A number of kit-type scopes are available from various sources.

INSTALLING AUDIO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

PART II (Conclusion)

Phasing and impedance matching are often overlooked but play an important role

■ When two or more loudspeakers are used in a system, proper phasing becomes a consideration. If the speaker voice coils are connected "out-of-phase" each speaker will tend to cancel the sound of the other and create a dead sound area between them. Phasing is particularly important when loudspeakers face in the same direction or toward one another. To insure proper phasing, connections to all speakers must be identical. That is, voice coils, matching transformers, etc., must all be connected so that all voice coils in the system move in the same direction.

If two driver units are connected to a single horn, for example, and wired out-of-phase it can easily be seen that the sound from one unit would almost completely cancel sound from the other. To phase the units correctly, like terminals must be connected together for parallel speaker operation and unlike terminals must be connected together for series speaker connections.

by Chuck Overstreet University Loudspeakers

When two speakers are located some distance apart, phasing problems may be insignificant. But as speakers are brought nearer each other, or turned so their axis angle is less, it becomes more important. Sometimes speakers are purposely driven out-of-phase in an attempt to kill reverberation effects. In this case, proper phasing can only be determined by experimentation.

Paging Speakers

The SOUND SYSTEM DESIGN CHART found in part one of this series should be the determining factor in selecting an amplifier. But you will remember that it was necessary to make a choice of relative speaker efficiency—either high, medium or low. Actually, the type of speaker you select is determined by the type of system you are striving for or must use because of environmental or economic considerations.

A prime factor in selecting a loudspeaker type is whether the system is to be high or low level. Each speaker in a high level system is required to have a relatively high sound level. High level systems are those that use a few speakers but must blast through very high noise levels.

High level systems might be indicated where no fixed points of reception are foreseen, where mounting facilities are limited or where the speakers must be mounted some distance from the desired reception points. Speakers for high level output systems are generally the trumpet driver types. It should be kept in mind, however, that when high level speakers are implied, people nearest the speakers may experience discomfort. Of course, if the ambient noise level is high, this "brute

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force" method does not create such problems since public address sound is normally just above the noise level.

Low level speaker systems may also be used in high level noise areas by simply increasing the total number of speakers and driving them only at very moderate power levels.

Speakers can be placed in the conventional manner—if noise conditions are not too bad—and the distance from the speaker to the floor, or to the general listening area in front of the speaker, can be used as the determinant. If the area is noisy, speakers may be placed at discrete locations and by supplying a different sound output to each speaker, depending on the requirements for that area. That it does contribute much to the overall ambient noise level is the biggest advantage of the low level speaker system.

Speaker Quantity and Talk-Back

The number of speakers required is a matter of angular coverage



Table I

Acceptable Limits in Seconds Room Volume **Half Audience Full Audience** in Cubic Feet 10,000 0.9 - 1.2 0.6 - 0.8 1.0 - 1.30.8 - 1.125,000 1.2 - 1.5 50,000 0.9 - 1.3 100,000 1.5 - 1.8 1.2 - 1.5 200,000 1.8 - 2.0 1.4 - 1.7 400,000 2.1 - 2.3 1.7 - 2.0 1.8 - 2.2 600,000 2.3 - 2.6 800.000 2.5 - 2.8 1.9 - 2.3 2.1 - 2.5 1,000,000 2.6 - 2.9 Calculation of Reverberation Time:

Time in Sec. = $\frac{0.5 \times \text{volume of room in cu ft}}{1000 \times 1000 \times 1000}$

Total absorption*

*Where total absorption is obtained by adding up all the individual areas, each area multiplied by its own absorption coefficient.

consistent with the dispersion ratings of the speakers selected. The amplifier power selected on the DESIGN CHART is the toal power based on a sound pressure 5 db above the ambient noise level. As the power is divided among the number of speakers required, the speaker power handling capacities may be determined. Make sure you allow for enough reserve speaker and amplifier power handling capacity to handle unforeseen operating conditions.

In many installations where intercom facilities are incorporated, economy can be achieved by employing high efficiency speakers as microphones. The pickup angle of most speakers is about the same as their dispersion angle. Fidelity is not good but voice communications can be easily understood and this does not normally cause concern when used with intercom systems.

Controlling Loudspeaker Volume

Since it is desirable in many installations to have variable volume for individual loudspeakers, a constant impedance attentuator should be used.

As you might assume from their name, constant impedance controls do not change their input impedance as the control is varied. Hence, changing the volume level of any given speaker does not change the level of others in the same system.

Constant impedance controls differ from conventional volume controls: they may have as many as three ganged elements. The most commonly used controls for this purpose are the unbalanced "T" pad and the "L" pad. Both are shown in Fig. 1. Although the "L" pad is not exactly a constant impedance type, the small variations in it make it suitable for most applications. The expense of the "T" pad is rarely justified in regular PA installations.

The power handling capacity of the pots used in these pads is particularly important since the power not used by the speaker must be dissipated by the control. When a control is chosen for a pad its wattage should be equal to the power handling capacity of the speaker or the matching transformer which it drives. The control's impedance must be the same as the speaker and transformer as well.

In an emergency, a simple series potentiometer may be used to control the volume. If this is necessary, you should choose a ten watt unit with a value from 15 to 50 Ω . It is also possible to reduce speaker volume by creating a mismatch between the speaker and the driver transformer by connecting the speaker to the wrong terminals. Experimentation is the only way to find the proper terminals using this method.

Reverberation

The total sound arriving at any one point in an auditorium, ballroom or studio, etc., is composed of the original sound wave directly from the source (the loudspeaker) plus successive sound waves arriving at the same point from the walls, ceilings and other objects capable of such reflections. Reverberation is the term applied to the time these reflections persist after the original source has ceased to emit sound.

A slight amount of reverberation may be desirable at higher frequencies since this often improves intelligibility. If the reverberation is too long, however, the successive sound waves tend to "clash"—resulting in an overall loss of clarity. Where the distance covered by the reflected wave is substantially greater than the direct wave path an echo is heard. Of course, such conditions are highly detrimental to good reproduction. Acceptable limits for reverberation time are shown in Table I.

A common but expensive way to cope with such reflections is to simply absorb the wave by covering the potential reflector with acoustical materials. There is a wide variety of such materials available. Normally they are made from cork, fiberglass, rockwool or asbestos. Each product designed for this purpose is rated in its ability to absorb sound by an "absorption coefficient." The absorption coefficient for common material employed as acoustic absorbers is shown in Table II. Table II

Absorption Co-efficients of Commonly Used Acoustical and Building Materials

| Cushions: | |
|---|------|
| Cotton under canvas, 2 ¾ sq ft, short nap, plush | 2.8 |
| Canvas and plush | 1.7 |
| Vegetable fibre under canvas and damask | 1.6 |
| Hair under canvas, thin leatherette | 1.3 |
| Rock Wool 1 inch | .80 |
| Balsam Wood, soft wood fibre, paper backing, screen facing 1 inch | |
| thick, .254 lb per sq in | .68 |
| Felt, standard 1 inch thick, all hair | .66 |
| Drapery, velour, 18 oz per sq yd, hung 4 inches from wall | .50 |
| Drapery, velour, 18 oz per są yd | .45 |
| Drapery, cotton fabric, 14 oz per są yd | .22 |
| Carpet, 4 inch pile, on concrete | .26 |
| Acousti-Celotex: Type A, perforated fiber board, 13/16 inch thick, 441 holes per | |
| sq ft 3/16 inch dia, 1/2 inch deep, plain side exposed | .19 |
| Type B, same as above but with perforations exposed | .46 |
| Masonite, standard ½ inch board, laid on 1 inch furring, 18 inch o.c. | .32 |
| Sheathing, 8 inch pine | .081 |
| Plaster, Lime on wood lath on wood studs, rough finish | .085 |
| Plaster, same as above but smoothly finished | .037 |
| Brick wall, 18 inch, unpainted | .042 |
| Brick wall, 18 inch, painted | .020 |
| Cork, ¾ inch floor slabs, waxed and polished | .11 |
| Average ceiling, plaster on wire lath | .033 |
| Plain wood seat | .1 |
| Audience, per person | 4.7 |
| | |

Fig. 3—This wide angle horn illustration was inadvertently omitted from page 86 of the July ET issue which carried Part I of this article.





ELECTRONIC ORGAN PRINCIPLES

Rear of Schober organ showing unit which varies reverberation up to six sec to simulate the sound of an organ in large halls.

by Joe Hayes

■ Electronic organs are becoming more popular each year. Music and instrument stores located in almost every city in the country sell thousands of organs annually and many organ kits have been assembled by laymen for churches and homes. It is difficult to get technicians to maintain electronic organs. There are a few specialists in the field but because of excessive travel costs their employment is prohibitive in many cases.

Most TV technicians think electronic organs are beyond their scope and they are reluctant to repair them. These organs are, in fact, audio electronic equipment with some variations from common circuitry but standard troubleshooting procedures can be applied to most of the circuits.

A brief study of musical principles will greatly aid technicians in troubleshooting electronic organs.

The Octave System

The music system presently in use in the western hemisphere is a scale or set of twelve notes. Each note has a particular frequency which is precisely related to every other note. Actually, every twelfth note is twice or half the frequency of the preceding or succeeding twelfth note, respectively. And each succeeding and adjacent note is 6 percent greater in frequency than the preceding note. This twelvenote system is called an *octave* system. Any given instrument may be capable of several octaves of range. The organ is generally considered to have the widest range.

In the organ, each note is associated with a key on the organ's keyboard or manual and each of the twelve notes in an octave is named by the letters A through G. An octave is a succession of twelve notes beginning with any given note and ending with the first harmonic of the same note. A sample octave, as shown in Fig. 1, would be from middle C at 261.7 cps (key No. 40) to C^2 twelve notes higher at 523.3 cps (key No. 52). The notes forming this octave are designated by the letters C, C#, D, D#, E, F, F#, G, G#, A, A#, and B. The five notes containing the sharp (#) suffix are represented by black keys and the other seven notes by white keys. The frequency relationship of all notes is illustrated by Fig. 1.

Chords

When more than one note is played simultaneously it is called a *chord*. Chords that are pleasing to the ear are said to be *harmonious* while those that offend the ear are said to be in *dischord*. When a chord is played on the organ (or any instrument) one note stands out. This note is called the *master* note. Most popular music written today is written so that the right hand plays the *melody* or tune, while the left hand plays a chord which is pleasing when they are played together. It is very important for each note to be in proper relationship to the others.

On instruments such as the piano it is necessary to play each note in a chord by striking the proper notes simultaneously. This is also true of some organs. Many organs sold today contain a set of chord keys. Usually, these are mounted at the extreme left of the keyboard and may look like the buttons on an accordion or may look like a separate keyboard.

By depressing one chord key or button all the notes in that particular chord are played simultaneously. This enables many people with little musical background to play the organ quite well. It is as simple as playing the melody one note at a time with the right hand while playing the chords one button at a time with the left hand.

Organ Construction

Most organs have more than one keyboard or manual. These are usually offset slightly and situated one above the other. Although some organs have more than two keyboards this is uncommon in electronic types. The upper manual is called the *Swell*. This set of keys is generally played one note at a time. Some organs will not play more than one note at a time on the Swell manual. The number of keys found on a manual varies widely. A standard manual normally has 61 keys on it.

The lower manual is called the *Great* and will usually play any combination of notes. In effect, this is the "chord keyboard." Often organs with two manuals have chord buttons or keys.

At the foot of the organ there are up to 32 pedals. These are called the *Pedals* and are used to produce the very low bass accompaniment also usually one note at a time. When the pedals are depressed between the chord notes and are associated with the master note it is called *contra bass*.

Another pedal, usually controlled by the right foot is used for volume control of the organ. This is often called the *expression* control.

In combination, the Swell, Great and Pedals are called *claviers*. Each clavier is associated with a particular range or pitch. The highest pitch being the Swell and the lowest being the Pedals. All pitches from the highest to the lowest are included. By proper filtering, the sounds of every instrument can be imitated by an organ.

Organ Types

Several types of electronic organs have been commercially marketed. The goal set for some of these instruments has been to imitate the sound of a pipe organ while others have been designed to have a distinct sound of their own. Most types have been widely accepted though it is generally agreed that an electronic instrument capable of imitating the pipe organ is most acceptable.

An organ which exactly duplicates the sounds of a pipe organ has not been perfected yet. With continuing research this goal will probably be reached in the future. The electronic organ which most closely duplicates the pipe organ uses actual organ tone recordings in its tone generator. This is accomplished by recording the sound of a pipe organ on a circular tone disc. The method is very similar to the one used in motion picture sound systems, where a varying light beam is converted to varying electrical energy by a photo electric cell. In an organ the light beam is modulated by the rotating circular disc. The sound disc is rotated at a constant rate and the signal from the photo cell is amplified when the key associated with that pitch is pressed on the manual.

Other popular organs use electronic tone oscillators. These may be sine wave oscillators, square wave oscillators, sawtooth oscillators or all three. Each type has a particular advantage and each type requires different circuitry to produce the proper tones.

A third type which still has some popularity is the mechanical tone generator. This type uses a revolving metal disc which has edge irregularities. The edge of the disc is rotated near a pickup coil which causes an ac voltage to be generated at the coil's output. With proper filtering this signal can be amplified and fed to loud speakers.

Tone Generator

The most common tone generators use master oscillators and frequency dividers to derive other frequencies. Since in the octave system each note an octave below any given note is half the frequency one oscillator can be employed to obtain several notes each one octave apart. In other words, if we use a master oscillator for high A to generate 3520 cps, by dividing this frequency in half, we can get 1760 (A an octave lower) and by dividing this one in half, the A in the next lower octave and so on.

Using this system, twelve oscillators may be used to generate all the notes for any number of octaves for one manual. In some cases the same oscillators are employed to generate notes on more than one manual. In most instances the frequency divider system is used on the Great manual and separate oscillators are employed for the Swell and Pedal claviers.



Fig. 1—Frequency chart for organ and piano keys.



Fig. 2-Neon lamp tone generator.

A typical tone generator schematic using neon lamps is shown in Fig. 2. Several methods are used to obtain frequency division. The multivibrator system is popular and, of course, the output is a square wave. Both the Eccles-Jordon or flip-flop and the free running types are used. The first must be turned on by a signal from the oscillator ahead of it while the free running type has a normal period which is slightly longer than the desired frequency so it is tripped by every second alternation of the preceding oscillator.

Since the square wave possesses only odd harmonics, all notes produced in this manner sound like a pipe organ which employs only "stopped" pipes. That is, pipes with one end closed. Pipe organs generally use both open and closed pipes and purists often frown on the square wave tone generator.

The sawtooth wave form contains all harmonics, both odd and even, as does the open pipe. And as a bonus, when two sawtooth waveforms are added and one is twice the frequency of the other, a square wave results. Thus, it is possible to simulate both open and closed pipe sounds with a sawtooth tone generator.

Blocking oscillators are also employed as master oscillators and frequency dividers as well. These are most common, however, in electronic instruments other than organs.

Tone Development

Amplifying a waveform directly from a multivibrator, sawtooth generator or even a blocking oscillator produces a rather irritating, raspy sound. This is because the signal is very rich in harmonics. Since these harmonics are necessary to create certain other sounds, they are desirable. Formant circuits are sometimes used to remove unnecessary harmonics. Actually, the formant method of tone generation is a subtractive process whereby the signal rich in harmonics is passed through filters.

Where pure signals are generated by sine wave generators an-





Fig. 3—System employing formant principle.

other process called tone synthesis is employed. In this method, the proper amount of other pure tones are added to the main signal until the desired result is obtained. This system most accurately imitates pipe organs and other instruments.

Both the aforementioned systems are in wide use and the merits of either is academic. A system which uses the formant principle is shown in Fig. 3.

When square wave signals are added to form a sawtooth and then filtered, a combination of synthesis and formant methods are actually being used.

Voicing or formant filter circuits (Fig. 4) are actually very simple circuits that are switched in or out by the tabs or stops. The circuits are generally simple resistancecapacitance networks but may employ inductors as well. When a tab is switched in or out of the circuit the result is that the waveshape of the signal is changed.

Since the removal of the unwanted portion of a signal often involves the resonance of components in a filter circuit, a separate formant circuit is usually employed for each range of keys for any given instrument.

Special Effects

The special effects most commonly found on the electronic organ include *tremelo*, *vibrato*, *percussion and sustain*. Vibrato and tremelo are quite similar and in some instruments are treated in the same manner. Actually, vibrato is a slow variation in pitch while tremelo is a variation in volume at about the same rate—usually five to ten cps.

Several manufacturers achieve the effect of both by rotating the speakers or by installing a rotating vane in the path of the sound. When the speakers are rotated, a pair of slip rings feed the signal to the speakers.

Electronic methods of creating this effect are more popular now, however, and a phase shift oscillator is frequently connected to the master oscillator tube or to a modulator tube in the signal path.

Percussion and sustain are frequently confused. Percussion is the effect achieved when two bodies are struck together such as the drum or xylophone. The wave-*Continued on page 79*



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This is another "simple" case where the symptoms pointed in one direction but the fault lurked elsewhere. The set was a Motorola TS 449 Series. It worked fine in the owner's home for about 10 minutes. then suddenly cut out-no sound, no picture, no hash-only the raster remained. Assuming a defect prior to the video amplifier, I proceeded to change tuner and IF tubes, including the AGC tube. No favorable results. I decided it had to go to the shop. On the bench I checked the tuner and IF strip B+ and found both in good order.

I scoped the waveform on pin 6 of the AGC tube and found the flyback pulse present at the AGC grid but the video signal was missing.

-.4 OPEN

the voltage on the video output tube plate (15HB6). The plate read +140 instead of +35 v. This didn't make sense until I decided something must be wrong with the 15HB6 tube. It had an intermittently open cathode!

Naturally, this open cathode caused the video output plate voltage to rise considerably, killing the composite video signal fed to the AGC tube grid. Also, this abnormal B + on the AGC tube grid, in turn, permitted the negative AGC voltage to rise sky high, cutting off picture and sound.

Needless to say, a new 15HB6 solved the problem.—John Yenneti, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Spurious Oscillations

A 21 in. Sylvania TV on our bench had a no picture, no sound, raster OK condition. There was no snow on the screen, indicating IF or video trouble. The IF and video tubes were checked and all found to be normal. Voltage and resistance readings of the IF and video stages were within prescribed limits. A composite video IF signal was injected at the grid of the 3rd IF

> An intermittently open cathode on the video output tube made this a 'foxy' dog.



Poorly riveted connection at 2nd IF tube socket caused spurious oscillations.

with my analyzer. A fine pattern appeared on the screen. The signal was now injected at the grid of the 2nd video IF. With signal injection at this point the screen was blank. This isolated the fault to the 2nd IF stage. Voltages were rechecked and all components were checked or substituted and everything appeared to be OK. While replacing the 2nd video IF tube the third time the tube shield was moved slightly. I noticed when this shield was touched, picture flashed on the screen. The tube shield is riveted to the chassis (see drawing) and after close inspection it was found that the rivet was loose, causing a poor ground connection. This bad ground apparently caused spurious oscillations which blocked the signal on all channels. I soldered the connection -the oscillation ceased and the set operated normally.-- Clarence A. Bell, Lewiston, Pa.

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TIPS FOR HOME AND BENCH SERVICE

Safety First!

The safety conscious service technician handles all voltages with the utmost respect; even a so-called minor electrical shock can result in a reflex action which can cause a painful cut or bruise when one becomes careless in servicing.

When servicing electronic equipment on the bench, make sure that sufficient lighting is available make use of the isolation transformer when recommended in the service data—be sure a solid ground connection is provided for on the bench and make use of an insulated floor mat in the interest of safety.

A well equipped service shop should include a fire extinguisher suitable for electrical fires. It is good policy to have a poster outlining the procedure for artificial respiration, as well as the phone number of a nearby doctor and the phone number of the fire department.

Inspect your shop facilities periodically with a view toward eliminating any hazardous conditions remember that the manufacturer has gone to great lengths to qualify his product for the UL seal which attests to a well designed, safe instrument—team this up with safety consciousness on your part and you will eliminate accidents before they can happen.—RCA Victor, Home Instruments Operation.

Vertical Convergence

When performing convergence adjustments on some FY, CY and CX chassis TV receivers, you may have had some difficulty in attaining vertical dynamic convergence. Specifically, a red-green crossover occurs which cannot be corrected by the normal adjustment of either R811 or R814. Sometimes R814 even reaches its extreme clockwise position. These two controls converge the red and green vertical lines located at the center of the crosshatch display. Inability to converge is caused by improper phase of the vertical correction voltage. This may be improved by making the following minor changes to connections from the vertical output transformer T104.

1. Disconnect the center tap lead (black/green) from ground and tape the uninsulated end.

2. Ground the outside winding lead (black/red) and leave it connected to Terminal 4 of J101.

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Cleaning Record Changers

I have found the following method ideal for cleaning record changer mechanisms: Fill an old ice cube tray with a cleaning agent and dunk the individual parts in the tray and let them soak. Remove after soaking and wipe remaining grease off. I have found this to be the best and fastest way to do a proper cleaning job. This method also saves the cleaning agent which would normally be wasted on the bench. The cleaner can be poured back into the container for the next job. The bench is also kept cleaner.-Dave Edwards, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Functional Tool Holder

A busy technician sometimes has a difficult time finding a nutdriver or screwdriver as most shops do not have a handy rack holding these tools. A series of ordinary finishing nails driven into the wall above the bench form an easily accessible rack. A $\frac{1}{4}$ in. hole is drilled through the handle of the nutdriver or screwdriver and the tool is hung on a nail. The hole can also be an aid when using the tool, a judicious amount of torque can be applied with another screwdriver inserted in the hole.—*F. M. Burton, Grand View, Idaho.*

Clip Lead Holder

I use an inexpensive towel bar bolted to the end of my work bench



to keep test leads and cables neat and handy.—E. P. Skretka, Sioux Lookout, Ontario, Canada.

Collaring 'Dogs'

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RECTANGULAR COLOR TUBE 206

Measuring 25 in. on the diagonal a new developmental rectangular color TV picture tube is announced.



All U. S. color set manufacturers are being given complete technical details about the tube. Limited production of the rectangular tube will begin during the latter part of 1964, it was said. RCA.

PORTABLE STEREO RECORDER 207

The model 1640 tape recorder is encased in satin-finished Burmese gold and speaker ports are trimmed



with hand-rubbed walnut. A luggage-grained case eliminates the "engineers-only" appearance. Price \$259.95. Roberts Electronics.

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TRIGGERED OSCILLOSCOPE209An oscilloscope with a Miller

time base which allows automatic triggering on repetitive signals up to



1 Mc, is introduced. The instrument features Schmidt trigger level control and dc coupled unblanking. The unit's dc to 3 Mc vertical amplifier is critically damped and is preceded by a fully compensated attenuator for better squarewave characteristics, the report said. Most of the circuit components are on a single high-grade printed board. Other features listed by the manufacturer include: input attenuator, 9 compensated steps, 100 mv/cm-50 cm, accuracy \pm 5 percent; trig-gering, automatic to 1 Mc plus trigger level control; phosphor, P31 standard, (P-7 available). Dimensions: 7 x $15\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 in. Weight: 16 lb. Price \$235. Data Instruments.

TRANSISTOR TESTER

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A transistor analyzer which reads leakage current down to 100 amp on a 6 μ amp full scale meter is announced. The device analyzes both power and signal type transistors at specified voltages and currents, the announcement said.



The tester features continuously adjustable current—up to 30 amp collector. It tests dc Beta, ac Beta, Iceo leakage, Ico leakage, Ieo leakage, zener diodes, punch through, saturation, floating potential, alpha, diodes and rectifiers and SCRs. Weight approx 30 lb. Price \$399.-50. Triplett.

STEREO TAPE RECORDER 211

Designated Criterion 1000, this unit is a self-contained 4-track stereo tape recorder incorporating transistorized stereo preamplifiers and push pull power amplifiers. It is reported that three speed operation gives frequency responses





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of 50-15,000 cps @ $7\frac{1}{2}$ ips, 50-10,000 cps @ $3\frac{3}{4}$ ips, and 55-5,000 cps @ 17% all ± 3 db. Wow and Flutter is kept at a minimum by using a heavy duty 4-pole capacitor-start motor it was said. Two 6 x 4 in. speakers with adjustable wing panels deflect sound for proper/stereo separation. The unit comes with two dynamic microphones, cables, 7 in. take up reel and is housed in a teakwood cabinet. Price \$199.50. Lafayette.

CONDUCTIVE TAPE212Reported is an electrically con-
ductive, pressure sensitive tape,
suitable for RF shielding. It em-



ploys an aluminum foil backing with a conductive, pressure sensitive adhesive liner. It is available in 18-yd rolls. Known as No. X-1170, it has a surface resistivity of 0.2-0.4 Ω /sq. maximum, measured with an ohmmeter, the report said. 3M Co.

TRACKING MARKER

A tracking marker subsystem that permits checking local oscillator alignment across the entire UHF frequency band, is introduced. The unit is used by TV tuner and receiver manufacturers for aligning UHF tuners. The subsystem generates two markers that appear at the top of the bandpass waveform

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REVERBERATION KIT

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An all-transistor reverberation kit for use with 12-v negative ground car radios is announced. This unit has an electromechanical device to reverberate the incoming sound which then amplifies and plays through a separate speaker so that the listener feels that he is surrounded by music. Its power supply



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MINIATURE TAPE RECORDER 215

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quick loading is announced. It is called the Lodestar, model 6546. It measures $6-\frac{1}{2} \times 3-\frac{1}{2} \times 1-\frac{3}{8}$ in. Price \$69.95. Channel Master.

PACKAGE STEREO

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ANTENNA PREAMPS



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Three twin transistor antenna preamplifiers are announced to complete a preamplifier series. The announcement said the units have the same gain on every channel, 2 through 13. It was also said that the average noise figure measurement is lower than 3-1/2 db on

every channel. Units come in weatherproof plastic housing. Transistors: 2N2495, 2N2966. Gain: +18 db. Bandpass: 54 Mc-108 Mc, 174 Mc-216 Mc, Response: $\pm \frac{1}{4}$ db per 6 Mc channel. VSWR: input 1.5:1 max., output 1.75:1 max. Noise figure: 3.5 db. Signal Input: 5 to 80,000 µv. Max. Signal Output: 660,000 mv. Input and output Impedance: 300 Ω 117 v, ac, 50-60 cps, 1.8 w, according to specifications. Winegard.

FM/STEREO KIT

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An all-transistor FM - stereo/multiplex tuner/ amplifier kit is announced. Known as the model 3566, the tuner/amplifier may be used independently with a pair of loudspeakers for FM stereo and mono radio reception. Tape recorder jacks allow recording of

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EXTENSION CORD

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operation, is announced. It makes it possible to take the phone to any room in the house, upstairs, in the basement or out-of-doors for convenience. Telephone Equipment Co.

COLOR GENERATOR 221

A portable color generator for in-home, as well as shop, color TV set-up and servicing is announced.



The model 1240 color generator is designed for quick and accurate convergence and color adjustment of TV sets, the announcement said. It provides crystal-controlled keyed rainbow color display on TV screen to test color sync circuits, range of hue control, and align color demodulators, the maker said, B & K.

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SOLVING TV TOUGH-DOGS. By Robert G. Middleton, published by Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc. 128 pages, soft cover. \$2.50.

A thoroughly knowledgeable author begins this book by explaining what makes a tough-dog, how to analyze them and reveals some "tricks" of the TV trade. Chapters cover No-Picture Troubles, Poor-Picture Troubles, Framing and Display Troubles, Video-Sound Problems and Raster Problems. The leading sentence in the first paragraph of Chapter 1 is a classic: "The dividing line between servicing jobs that are pushovers and those that are dogs is not sharply defined-instead there is a twilight region which is entered when the time spent on the problem can no longer be charged to the customer." This is frequently an unhappy fact which few technicians discovered until after years of practical experience in TV servicing. Photos, drawings and schematics enhance the text material which is very well written.

ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION MADE EASY. By John D. Lenk. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc. 167 pages, soft cover. \$3.95.

Although the preface of this book makes it clear that it was written for the boat owner, and the entire text material is oriented to boat owners, the information can prove helpful to those technicians who are thinking of expanding into pleasure boat electronics sales, installation and servicing. It will serve as an introduction to practical operation of radio direction finders, consolan, depth sounders, radar, loran and automatic pilots, and at the same time it will increase technicians' knowledgeability of things navigational-which cannot but expand the technician's image in the eyes of his small boat electronic equipment customers. The text is well illustrated with photos and drawings. Appendices include answers to navigation practice questions, standard piloting symbols, a sample compass deviation card, and a glossary of terms. A fold-in sample navigation chart is also included.

FUNDAMENTALS OF COLOR TELEVISION. A Color TV Training Course Published By Technical Services Dept., National Service Dept., Motorola Consumer Products, Inc. 81 pages, soft cover. \$3.50.

Here's a book that has the essentials of color TV stripped down

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to the bare, red meat. The nature of light is explained in eight pages. The compatible color TV system takes only a few more pages. Color receiver circuits — demodulators, synchronizing circuits et al—are covered adequately. Chapter 4 digs into the color CRT and Chapters 5 and 6 concentrate on convergence and adjustment of convergence circuits. Many color illustrations are used to enhance the text material. The book is worth having on your color-service bench even if you've "graduated" from color school.



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Free Albums

Roberts Electronics, a Division of Rheem Mfg. Co., has announced the production of Hi Fi Stereo LP pre-recorded tape. LP tape recording capability is currently being demonstrated with a Collectors Album of Hi Fi stereo music recorded by famous artists, the equivalent of 10 LP record albums contained on one 7-in. tape reel. Playing time of the demonstration reel is over 5 hrs at 1% ips. Roberts has authorized its dealers throughout the U. S. to include a copy of the Collectors Album demonstration reel as a free gift with every purchase of the Roberts 770 Crossfield tape recorder.

Olympic Radio & TV

Olympic Radio & TV announces an "all-at-once," three-way radio-television-phonograph combination with solid state automatic frequency control to head the list of ten July "Models of the Month" introduced at the Chicago Music Show.

Career Committee

The Associated Radio Television Service Dealers of Columbus, Ohio reports establishment of a used equip-

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Weston Sales Training

The sales training program for field personnel has been re-established by Weston Instruments and Electronics. The announcement was made by Harold L. Russell, director of marketing. Salesmen from 20 Weston district offices and 15 field offices of representative firms were invited to participate in the program being held at Weston home offices in Newark, N. J.

B & K and Jerrold At Fair

Jerrold Electronics Corp. has supplied a comprehensive Video, Audio and RF distribution system in the Communications Demonstration Center and Hall of Education Pavilion at New York's World's Fair. At the Audiovisual Learning Center Exhibit, six B&K Model 1076 Analysts were provided by Dynascan Corp., parent company of the B&K Manufacturing Co. Division.

Admiral Solid State Hi Fi

Admiral Corp. has entered the modular Hi Fi com-





Bendix-Dage Deal

Bendix Corp. announces that a purchase contract to acquire the business and assets of Dage Electric Co. of Franklin, Ind. was signed recently. It said the purchase will be made through an exchange of stock for assets.

TV Radio Sales Increase

Monochrome TV and radio distributor sales showed a marked increase in June, according to figures released by the EIA Marketing Services Dept. There were 613,124 monochrome sets sold in June, compared to 396,528 in May, and 868,247 radios were distributed in June, against 571,989 the month before. During the first six months of this year, 3,443,073 monochrome sets were distributed, against 2,956,808 during the comparable period last year. In June 1963, 541,810 sets were sold. Color TV sets produced in June totaled 123,725, against 97,075 the month before. A total of 599,345 color sets were produced during the first six months of this year. Distributor sales for radio (excluding auto) totaled 4,019,448 in the January-June period, compared to 3,935,670 in 1963. There were 811,923 radios sold in June 1963. Total TV set production for June (including both color and black and white) was 835,510. Year-to-date total was 4,492,801. Of the production total, 711,785 sets were monochrome, compared to 487,148 the month before. The January-June total was 3,893,456, against 3,459,921 during the same period last year. There

New Developments in Electrical Protection

ment pool. The used but workable radios, TV sets and test apparatus, donated by members of the Association, are loaned out for indefinite periods to parents or legal guardians of youngsters who can show a real need and a definite interest in TV servicing as a career. A Careers Committee, coordinating the project, has been created as a special and permanent part of the ARTSD. This project is jointly sponsored with WTVN-TV.

Business Management School

The fourth annual school of business management, jointly hosted by the Indiana Electronic Service Association and the Television Service Association of Ohio, was conducted recently in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It was reported that dealers in attendance heard interesting talks on how to improve their business practices.

Emery Opens Terminal

Emery Air Freight announces opening of a new midtown Manhattan terminal at 548 West 29 St., between 10th and 11th Ave. Expediting pickup and delivery for midtown and downtown shippers of electrical and electronics equipment and parts was a major reason for selecting this site, according to Emery management. The new facility is called the Emery Air Freight City Terminal and Receiving Station.



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were 665,004 monochrome sets sold in June 1963. Total radio production for June was 1,770,884, compared to 1,410,660 in May. Year-to-date totals were 8,939,238 this year and 8,585,238 in 1963. There were 1,653,866 radios produced in June 1963.

Dunes Gets TVs

The commercial products division of Admiral Corp. has installed 406 19-in. remote control TV receivers and 38 color TV sets in the newest addition to the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. The current installation brings to more than 900 the number of TV receivers and related equipment in the Dunes vacation resort.

Ten New Tubes

Tung-Sol Electric Inc. announces the addition of ten new entertainment type tubes to its line. The new tubes are: 3CA3 6 Pin, T-9 High Voltage Rectifier; 6HB7 9 Pin, T-6¹/₂ Min. Triode-Pentode; 6J10 T-12 Compactron Dual Pentode; 6KE8 9 Pin, T-6¹/₂ Min. Triode-Pentode for Color TV; 6LF8 9 Pin, T-61/2

Triode-Pentode for Color TV; 6U10 T-9 Compactron Triple Triode; 8LC8 9 Pin, T-61/2 Min. High Mu Triode Sharp Cutoff Pentode; 12GT5 T-12, 9 Pin Novar Beam Power Pentode; 15BD11 T-9, Compactron T-9. Compactron Dissimilar-Double-Triode Pentode; 17BF11 T-9 Compactron Dual Control Pentode and Power Pentode.

RCA Color CRT

RCA has recently given complete technical details on its new 25-in., 90-deg rectangular color CRT. RCA is providing manufacturers with technical details, pertinent application and circuit information as well as its marketing plans regarding the new color tube.

Jensen Rep

Appointment of Richard A. Albrecht & Co. as manufacturer's representative in the state of Michigan for Jensen needles, cartridges and phonograph drives was announced by Karl Jensen, president of Jensen Industries of Addison, Ill.

On-The-Job Training

In a move to aid the U.S. Department of Labor in its efforts to reduce unemployment, ITT General Controls Inc. has launched a program to train 250 persons on the job as Assemblers, Class I at the company's plant in Des Plaines, Ill.





Transistor circuit design was pushed another step forward recently by a wellknown audio engineer, Norman Crowhurst. Details of the contribution to transistor amplifier technology were not announced. It was said that a patent on the circuit is now being processed.



A telephone 'Call Diverter' attaches to the phone and electronically switches incoming calls from one telephone to another, regardless of location. The user



sets the number of the second telephone in a series of thumb wheels and switches the 'diverter' on. It then automatically dials the pre-set number—whether it is in the same building, another part of town, or in a distant State.

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The personal portable transistor television market will grow considerably during the next year, an executive of the Sony Corporation stated at the Chicago Music Show at the end of June. He said that the reported introduction of 9-in. transistor TV sets by G-E and Philco will help "considerably to popularize the small TV sets and broaden the market."

T T T

'See-in-the-dark' TV cameras were used by the American Broadcasting Company to penetrate the smoke-filled rooms of the GOP convention and provide intimate closeups of the political personalities. According to Bendix, who developed the cameras, they are capable of clearly showing the features of a person in a room illuminated only by the glow of a cigar or cigarette.

A semiconductor type spark plug with circumferential firing instead of the conventional spark gap has passed a 'no fouling' test at the Breeze Corp. plant. The plug, made by Champion, is a vital part of a new



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The National Home Study Council accrediting commission recently accredited two additional schools, Humboldt Institute of Minneapolis, Minn., and Philco Technological Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

V V V

A new authorized repair station for Wen Products is at Camp Electric Company, 647 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. The station will aid in the fast repair service and delivery of products, accessories or replacement parts in the state of Tennessee.

TV-radio technicians in the Seattle, Washington area cost an employer \$3.95 an hour, \$30.66 for an 8-hour day, and \$8216 for a 52-week year, according to TSA Service News, the King County TV Service Association journal. This includes basic hourly wage, health and welfare, payroll taxes, fringe benefits, two weeks vacation, seven paid holidays, industrial insurance, unemployment insurance, old age benefits, etc.

Allergy sufferers can obtain a new 16-page booklet, "Helpful Hints for Sufferers of Airborne Irritants." by writing to Radex Corp., Preventive Medicine Dept., 2076 Elston Ave., Chicago, III. 60614.

Budget your time and get more done every day is the subject of a folder, "How to Get More Done Every Day." It concerns "Magic Minute Saver" timing devices. Write Value Village, Box 501-MT, Buffalo, N. Y. 14205.

An adapter to interrupt the guns of the new rectangular Motorola color tube is being made by Sencore for the CA122 color analyzer. It enables



technicians to use the present interruptor switches on the front panel of the analyzer.

The 'Swimmie-Talkie' developed by Jetronics' works this way: You speak into the microphone which converts the sound into electrical energy. The electrical energy is then raised to a higher frequency band, amplified to a higher power, then changed to acoustical energy, and radiated to the water via the transducer atop the helmet. The unit also enables the acoustical energy received to be presented to the ears via the earphones, using the reverse process. It is said the unit is now being used extensively in tests by the Navy under actual operating conditions in the Virgin Islands. Communication's range is from 0.5 to 1 mile, depending on conditions.

Radio dispatched travel service is offered by Greyhound at the 1964 World's Fair in New York. Included in the company's fleet of more than 300 specially designed vehicles will be "Glide-a-Rides," each consisting of a motorized unit and three trailers carrying 60 persons, and four-passenger lounge cars. Movement of the vehicles is



coordinated by an extensive Motorola two-way radio system. Included are dispatching facilities at Greyhound's exhibit building at the Fair, and 20 lightweight portable radios which will be assigned to roving supervisors.

A tube characteristics reference file, Fast-Fax, by Raytheon, is designed to help you speed up your servicing. Conceived as an industry service, Fast-Fax includes all tube types registered with EIA during 1962, 1963, and the first quarter of 1964 irrespective of who may make them. A supplement service brings you up to date when the new TV sets with new tube types appear on the market. Ask your distributors for this new and up-to-theminute servicing aid with 18 months supplement service.

Time and Frequency standards, schedules and content changes are announced by the National Bureau of Standards. Stations WWVB (60 kHz) and WWVL (20 kHz) at Fort Collins, Colo., resume continuous service, around-the-clock seven days a week, except for the biweekly silent periods previously announced. WWVL began suspension of operations on alternate weeks for 12 hours from 1300 UT Tuesday, until 0100 UT Wednesday, on July 7, 1964. Station WWVB began suspension of operations during the same hours on Tuesday, July 14, 1964, and on alternate Tuesdays thereafter. Transmissions of station WWVH (on 5, 10 and 15 MHz) from Maui, Hawaii now include voice announcements of the station identification and time (in 150° West, or Hawaiian Standard, time) every five minutes. Also added in International Morse Code are radio propagation forecasts every five minutes (in place of the previous 30-minute period), and the currently used frequency offset from atomic standards is given every hour, following the "on-the-hour" announcement. The continuous 60kHz carrier of station WWVB is advanced abruptly in phase 45 deg for five minutes at the start of the 11th minute and returned at the start of the 16th minute of each hour.





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THINKING SMALLER

Complete radios made from a few semiconductor crystals, a digital computer in a shoe box—these are typical of the many electronic devices, created through the miracle of microelectronics, that technicians will eventually be called on to maintain.

Although research engineers and scientists have been working with microelectronics for more than 20 years, only recently has the concept been translated into actual hardware. Even now its primary use is in military and space applications where cost is secondary to small size, high reliability and low weight.

It won't be long, though, until microelectronics begins to find its way into industrial equipment, and it's to your advantage to be ready for it when it comes. But what is "microelectronics," anyway?

The "Small" Concept

There are several types of microelectric circuitry. One type consists simply of extremely small components referred to as "discrete components" (Fig. 1) to indicate that they are separately produced items that must be individually connected in a circuit, perhaps by wires, Microelectronics is just over the horizon. Will you be prepared for it?



Fig. 1—NOR gate resistor network. Resistive paths are metal oxide, conductor paths and lands are copper metallizing and substrate is Corning-made glazed alumina.



Fig. 2—Basic dc operational amplifier fabricated by "semiconductor" techniques. Each network contains six resistors and seven transistors. Not all the transistor sections are used in this circuit, but the diode shown is actually one of the transistors. just as the "ordinary" size components are. Some microminiature discrete components are so small that 100,000 of them can be crammed into one cubic foot!

Another type of microelectronics is that in which the active circuit (diodes, transistors, etc.), passive elements (components such as resistors, capacitors, etc.) and interconnections are all made on the same piece of substrate (usually a piece of nonconducting material that serves as the "chassis"). There are several ways of making such units. In one, called "thin film" technology, alternating layers of conducting and nonconducting materials are deposited on the substrate to form the components and circuitry.

In the second method, the socalled "semiconductor" approach, the components are created by modifying the impurity content of sites inside tiny pieces, or "chips," of semiconductor material. Aside from the different methods of fabrication, a significant difference between the two types of circuitry is that ordinary transistors and diodes must be mounted on "thin film" type units separately, while such active elements can be made integral parts of the "semiconductor" type circuitry.

Circuit Types

There are two basic types of microelectronic circuits: linear and digital.

A typical linear "semiconductor" type microelectronic circuit (a basic dc operational amplifier) is shown in Fig. 2. Each network shown contains six resistors as well as two PNP and five NPN transistors, all diffused from a single block of silicon. The packaged circuits (Fig. 3) measure $0.25 \times 0.125 \times 0.03125$ in. and weigh less than 0.1 gram.

Another application of linear microelectronic amplifiers is shown in Fig. 4, a schematic of the front end of an experimental citizen's band receiver. The microelectronic units (enclosed by the dashed lines) are fabricated on single chips of silicon by planar epitaxial techniques. Each of the equivalent circuits shown consist of two stages of direct-coupled amplification with degenerative feedback loops for stability over the operating temperature range.

Production

"Thin film" type microelectronic circuits are made through multiple evaporation, sputtering or decomposition of appropriate materials. Chrome, "Nicrome" and tantalum are among the materials used in making thin film resistors, although almost any material that can be evaporated or sputtered can be used.

The ultimate configuration of the circuit is determined by an overlay or mask, through which the sputtered or evaporated materials must pass before they are deposited on the substrate.

"Semiconductor" type microcircuits, on the other hand, start out as lapped and polished wafers of silicon (either N or P type). A silicon dioxide layer is formed over their surfaces and the wafers are coated with a photo resist and exposed to ultra-violet light through a mask, which outlines the areas for transistors or capacitors after which development and etching define the corresponding areas on the top of the wafer.

P-type impurity is then diffused into the wafer through the bottom and through the channels opened in the top silicon dioxide layer, which is then regrown over the areas previously opened.

These operations form a sandwich consisting of two layers of silicon dioxide enclosing what is now essentially a P-type silicon substrate containing discrete "islands" of N-type silicon. These "islands," within which the circuit elements are to be formed, are actually large-area diodes.

Next, another photo etching sequence produces a new set of windows over the "islands" of N-type material, the mask used defining the shapes of diode structures, resistors, and transistor bases. Again, the wafer is subjected to a P-type diffusion and the silicon dioxide coating is regrown.

Another photo-etch sequence opens windows over the P-type material of the transistor bases, the window defining the emitter structures, and this is followed by an N + diffusion and silicon dioxide regrowth.

Fabrication is now complete except for connections between the circuit elements. To make the connections, the wafer is subjected to still another photo-etch cycle which opens the oxide over the appropriate connection points on each circuit element. A thin film of aluminum is then deposited over the top of the wafer, and this film, in turn, is selectively photo-etched to form the required conductive pattern.

Fig. 3—Packaging configuration of microelectronic circuit shown in Fig. 2. The unit measures about $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{32}$ in, and weighs less than 1 gram.



Fig. 4—Front end of experimental fixed-frequenncy communications receiver. The values given for resonators are appropriate for the 27 Mc citizens band.

RELAYS



Fig. 1—RC Contact Protection Circuit.

Proper care and maintenance can extend relay life, lower overall costs and increase reliability

Maintenance can be a big job or it can be relatively easy, depending on the environment in which relays are required to function and the jobs they are required to do. Long, trouble-free operation cannot be expected when the relay is subjected to severe environments such as dirty, oily, or contaminated atmosphere. Contact life will be greatly shortened if they are required to make and break their loads while being subjected to corrosive fumes or contaminants, which cause additional burning or heating at the contact surface.

For example, recently a manufacturer building small packaged units which included a reversible motor and two relays had considerable field trouble with the motors failing to shut off.

The trouble was found to be caused by a sticky combination of oil residue and dust particles which under continued pounding between the armature and core, holding the relay armature energized (and the motor on) even after this voltage was removed from the coil.

In this case the relay was mounted just below the motor and directly in its exhaust airstream when the motor was running in the reverse direction. The sticky material was formed by the combination of oil fumes from the motor bearings, wear particles from its brushes and normal dust in the air which settled on the relay parts.

Some types of relays and many contactors can be given preventive maintenance in the field, but the readjustment or maintenance of most relays should not be attempted by other than qualified adjusters with considerable experience with the type of relay concerned.

Special tools are often required for properly adjusting different relay types. Special pliers with ends ground down to give a thin, smooth surface with which to give a stroking action to a contact arm are often used. A small stroking or bending tool can be used to advantage especially when the arm to be adjusted is hard to get at. ConPart III by William B. Lamb

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tact pressures must be checked with gram gages capable of measuring from as little as 5 to as much as 150 or more. Thickness gages from 0.001 to 0.125 in. are also used to check contact gap or for measuring overtravel.

These are just a few of the reasons why it is often best for most people to limit relay maintenance to merely keeping a good environment. The following check points will help assure reliability, long life and minimum maintenance:

• Keep areas around relays as clean as possible.

• Protect relays from airflows containing contaminants harmful to contacts, moving parts, etc.

• Keep unsealed relays out of corrosive fumes.

• Provide adequate ventilation to keep the ambient temperature within the relay design limits.

• Make sure the voltage supply is within relay tolerance (nominal voltage ± 10 percent is preferable).

•Keep contact loads within the manufacturer's rating.

• When mounting relays, try to position them to allow contact erosion particles to fall through the relay without becoming lodged in the magnetic structure.

• Use good soldering techniques when replacing relays, and protect the contacts from flux deposits.

• Do not allow untrained personnel to tamper with relay adjustments. • Be sure that leadwires are not placing undue strain on the terminals.

If proper adjustment equipment and personnel are not available for servicing, it is usually best to replace defective or worn relays with new ones and return the old ones to the manufacturer for rework. Obviously, there are some drawbacks to this, especially where low-cost relays are concerned — it may be more economical to just throw away the old relays and order new ones to replenish the parts stock.

When trained personnel and adjusting tools are available for preventive maintenance, effective relay life can often be extended by carefully checking relay adjustments and wear and then making necessary corrections.

Trouble Shooting Guide

| Trouble | Possible Causes | Remarks | |
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| Relay fails to operate or pulls in slowly when coil is energized | Low voltage at coil or poor supply regulation. Check for dirt between armature and core and other moving parts. Hook-up wires may be impeding armature movement. Normally closed contacts welded. Check coil resistance to determine if open or shorted. Combination of too low coil voltage and too high ambient temperature. Energizing pulse too short. | Voltage at coll terminals should be at least 80 % of coll nominal at 25°C. Check for overloading. Ventilate area where relay is mounted and correct line voltage. | |
| Pulis in properly but arma- ture chatters loudly, | Dirt between armature and core. Armature may be hitting unshaded pertion of core due to wear. Dc relay substituted instead of ac. Check dc voltage supply for too much ripple. | Clean with a place of plain course paper. ¹ Sand unshaded portion with fine grade of emory paper. ² Some dc relays will not operate on unfiltered half wave rectified 60C. | |
| Relay energized but con- tacts will not conduct, | Dirty contacts. Tarnished contacts. No contact pressure. | Clean contacts with alcohol.s Clean with burnishing teel. Relay worn out or damagod. | |
| Will not drop-out when coll energy is removed or re- duced to drop-out specifica- tion. | Sticky substance on core surface. Magnetic structure has developed residual magnetism. Switching device allowing enough leakage current to hold in armature. Normally open contacts welded. Core may have worn into armature causing low drop- out point. Check for hook-up wire or other armature obstruction. | Use cleaning solvents to remove, Replace entire relay, Check for overleading, Relay worm out and should be replaced. | |
| hort contact life, Combination of heavy contact load and high ambient temperature. Contacts becoming contaminated from airborne dust particles. Corrosive atmosphere. Relay being switched by bimetal thermostat. Armature chattering. | | Ventilate relay area and check for contact overload, Dirt on contacts will burn causing increased contact temperature. Use positive acting thermostats.4 | |
| Premature coll fallure, | High voltage transcients breaking down insulation. Continuous overvoltage or high ambient temperature. Coil polarized at 50 vdc or more above relay frame in humid atmosphere. Rough treatment of coil terminals. | Nearby equipment may produce transients. Electrolysis action on coll wire, Causes breakage of fine magnet wire. | |
| Too much contact bounce | Dirty contacts, Chattering armature, Coil voltage too high. Relay worn, Contact pressure low, Device switching relay has excessive bounce. | Armature hits core harder and adds to contact bounce, | |

NOTES:

1 Hold armature closed while pulling paper between armature and core.

Be careful to keep particles off contacts and clean with air hose to remove all particles from moving parts. Air should be well filtered and dry.

8 Hold armature so that contacts are closed and pull a strip of clean white paper slightly saturated with alcohol between contact surfaces.

4 The contacts on some slow moving bimetal switches will chatter considerably when coming together and will cause the relay to amplify the chatter thus burning relay contacts.

RELAYS Part III Continued

A telephone relay operating at full rated load (with a life expectancy of 100,000 operations) that has its contacts burnished, cleaned and readjusted every 50,000 operations will have a much longerthan-rated life — with a very light load and a dc coil, it could survive as many as 10 million operations before servicing would be required.

General purpose relays are most likely to be in the lower cost bracket where field servicing or returning to the manufacturer is uneconomical. However, if mounted in an easily accessible location, a qualified adjuster can sometimes per-



Fig. 2—Nomogram illustrating method of obtaining values of ${\bf R}$ and ${\bf C}$ for effective arc suppression.

form maintenance on these relays without removing them from the equipment.

It is usually difficult to set up a timetable for service on general purpose relays because of the variations of designs which tend to cause some to wear much more rapidly than others. Normally, an acceptable schedule would be to thoroughly check each relay when it has received 50 percent of the manufacturer's rating for expected electrical life while operating at full rated load. For very light loads, a periodic check with necessary corrections will add to over-all life. Servicing intervals for these loads cannot be definitely determined, but every 10 percent of rated mechanical life would be a fair estimate. Naturally, many factors play important roles in relay life, so these figures vary widely.

Field servicing relays, even by experienced personnel, should be limited to readjusting only. This would include setting contact gaps, pressures and overtravels and checking pull-in, drop-out and possibly timing characteristics if equipment is available. Normally, for replacement of parts, most manufacturers recommend the relays be returned to the factory, where proper jigs and building fixtures are available. Unless the relay is specifically designed for field replacement of parts, this job can become difficult and expensively time-consuming. There are, however, relays especially designed for parts replacement in the field. The Government Service Administration (GSA), for instance, requires that all the relays used in elevator controls installed in government buildings be designed with removable coils and contacts which can be replaced by average control panel maintenance crews. This necessitates a design whereby very little adjustment is necessary.

Detecting relays ready to fail but not yet failing could save valuable downtime and keep equipment in good running order, but this is not easy to do. Usually, only personnel with considerable experience with relays can know when a relay is approaching failure. Someone who has used a particular type of relay in large quantities and for a long time can develop a backlog of knowledge which will help. If he has available the minimum adjustment specifications of the particular relay in question he can check its settings and observe for values decreasing to the point where trouble will occur.

Contact Arcing

Contact life can be extended by reducing arcing. A very effective arc-preventive measure, especially on dc loads and one which will achieve the ultimate in longevity, is the use of an RC contact-protection circuit consisting of a resistor and capacitor in series, as shown in Fig. 1. Installation as close as possible to the relay terminals is required. The peak voltages in inductive circuits can be reduced to safe levels by increasing the value of C in the protective circuit. Nominal values can be calculated by using the equations in the nomogram of Fig. 2.

The RC network will also be somewhat effective on ac contact loads, but remember to use peak voltage and current values in your calculations. Also, keep in mind that this series circuit is a conductive path for ac. A low value of R and a high value of C may cause excessive leakage current.

For effective suppression, R should not be less than 0.5 Ω and C should not be below 0.001 μ f. It should also be remembered that the equations and nomogram of Fig. 2 do not always produce the best results — they merely give a good starting point. Contact loads vary in nature and, thus, for proper suppression, so will R and C.

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For values of E less than 70 v, R may need to be as high as three times its calculated value. R may vary ± 50 percent of its computed value if E is between 70 and 100 v or ± 10 percent if E is between 100 and 150 v. When E is greater than 150 v, R may only vary ± 5 percent of its equation value. Since these values vary widely in some instances, it is always best to check the suppression network on the actual load, observe its action with an oscilloscope, and vary R, if necessary, to produce the best results.

Table I lists a few common troubles encountered with the use of relays, the causes and suggested remedies. While not a cure-all, this table should help put equipment back into operation sooner.



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PHOTOCONDUCTIVE CELL KIT 401

A kit containing a special selection of photoconductive cells plus technical data is introduced. Five



different types, in both Cadmium Sulphide and Cadmium Selenide, are included in the kit. The CL505, CL603A, CL704L, CL707 and CL902 comprise the selection, which varies sufficiently in sensitivity, spectral response, speed and size to suit most applications. Price \$10. Clairex.

SHIELDING TAPE 402

A conducting shielding tape, that is also self-bonding, is announced. Applications include shielding high voltage splices and terminations on



5 kv to 35 kv power cables, the announcement said. It may be used as a combination strand shield and bedding tape for primary insulating tapes on HV splices operating up to 90°C conductor temperature, and becomes an integral part of the insulating tape itself through its bonding properties. The manufacturer also recommends it for shielding stress cones on URD terminations, for static shielding on high-voltage splices and for filling indents in compression connectors. Bishop.

TETRODE RF AMPLIFIER 403

Tube type 8516, a coaxial version of the 6076 has been announced. It is a forced air cooled



tetrode of the 3 kw plate dissipation class designed for use as an RF amplifier for frequencies extending throughout the VHF range. Both the control grid and screen grid connections are made to ringtype connectors brought out through the tube envelope. This facilitates operational performance by eliminating discontinuity in the impedance versus frequency characteristics. Amperex.

PORTABLE TEST SETS

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Announced in a series of compact portable test sets for making calibration checks of millivoltmeters and pyrometers. The test sets, Models 2706, 2707 and 2708, are combinations of portable potentiometers and the Model 2747 Run Up Unit mounted in the same case.

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How to break the capacitor replacement habit



Ever hear of "original capacitor-itis?" It's a habit that has been plaguing service technicians for decades. Here's what it means. If you need to install a new capacitor, you automatically get one *exactly* like the one that was in the circuit. The original capacitor, in theory, is the best one for the job.

But...it ain't necessarily so. And breaking the habit can often save you money.

When you need to replace a mica capacitor, for instance...consider ceramics. They'll often do a better job, for less cost (and we mean up to $\frac{1}{2}$ as much) than mica capacitors in most circuits. Ceramic capacitors often give you an extra safety factor in voltage rating, too; except for a few miniature and special types, their standard rating is 1000 volts DC. Some up to 30 KV. You can almost always replace mica with ceramic. But ... you seldom can replace ceramic with mica, because ceramics are often selected by original equipment designers for temperature compensating functions.

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