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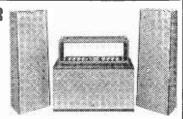
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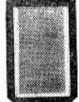
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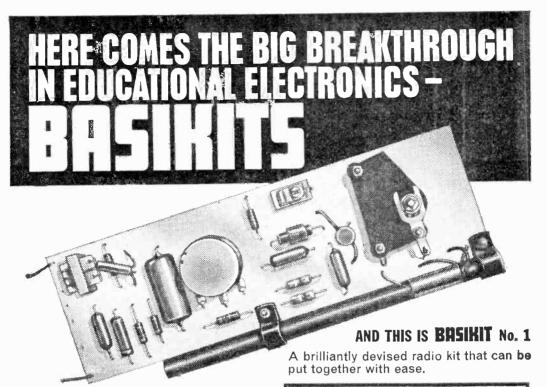


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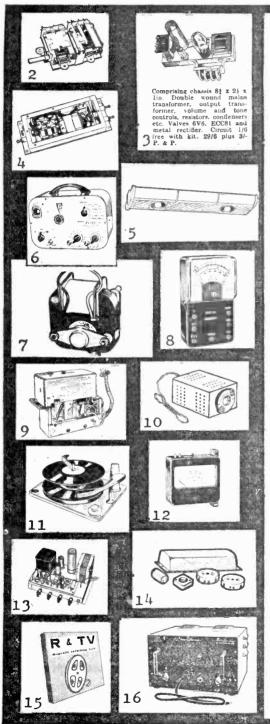
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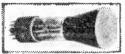


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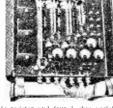
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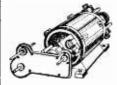
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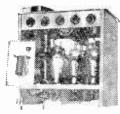
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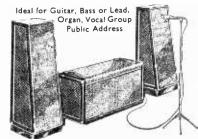
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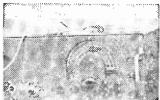
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SELF-SUFFICIENCY

RECENT letters from readers tread on the thorny subject of the competence, or otherwise, of the radio enthusiast. There are so many opinions, that it is virtually impossible to generalise. Nevertheless, we are tempted to make a few observations which may bring more tolerance—or add fuel to the flames!

Competence is a somewhat intangible element; a variable definition. What is considered to be competent by one person in a given context, may be considered highly incompetent by another. The dictionary tells us that competence means "suitableness", "adequateness", "sufficiency".

Who can, therefore, say exactly what is competence? A piece of equipment built by A could be looked upon with awe by B (who is a novice) but sneered at by C (who is a professional). The horizon shifts according to ones own ability or personal criterion. If a man builds a set which works perfectly but looks untidy, is he competent? Is a highly experienced amateur considered incompetent if he cannot build a computor yet competent if he can construct a simple crystal set? Where does competence begin and end?

We have a sneaking feeling that there might be an element of inflated self-importance in those who go out of their way to make too much of a noise about how good they are and how bad others may be. There is a certain regular reader who cheerfully admits that nothing he builds ever works well, if at all, and more often than not produces bizarre results which would drive the designer grey with despair. This does not deter him; on the contrary, it seems to feed his appetite for more.

To the purist, this reader is hopelessly incompetent but, for him, his erratic constructional efforts have an "adequateness" and a "sufficiency". He may be no genius, but he probably gets more fun out of radio than many self-styled perfectionist!

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Ground Communication

I was interested in C. R. Bradley's article on ground communication (P.W. Feb., 1965) and after reading N. W. Roberts' letter in the April issue. I had some new ideas on the subject.

A power cathode follower could be used as an output stage, being driven hard so that the output stage only conducts for a fraction of the time, as in "Class

C" output stages.

A line output valve could be used to give quite a lot of power, thus greatly increasing the range. If the carrier frequency was high enough, certain communications receivers could tune to it, thereby greatly increasing the sensitivity of the receiving end. I would suggest that a CR100 (B28) communications receiver is used, as it will tune down to just under 60kc/s.

Huw Lewis.
Swansea,
Glamorgan.

D.F. Aerial

WITH reference to the article "A Ferrite Rod D.F. Aerial for 1.5-3Mc/s" (P.W. January, 1965). The reference to "d.f. below 3Mc/s" should have read "d.f. above 3Mc/s", since we are dealing with frequency and not wavelength. Also, the reference to "adding 10° to compass bearing" on page 838, should have read "subtract 10°" although the present magnetic variation is about 6-8°.

South Woodford, London, E.18.

Can Anyone Help?

I am thinking of building the "Ten Five" described in P.W. October, 1964, hut I am having great difficulty in obtaining some of the parts in my country. I would be extremely grateful, therefore, to any reader who would send me the variable capacitors, coils and transformers employed in this circuit. In return, I will send anything of the same value from my country. Rudolph Lobo.

236 Godavari Hostel, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras—36, India.

NEWS AND..

GOONHILLY PREPARED FOR "EARLY BIRD" . . .

Now that the world's first commercial communications satellite 'Early Bird' is in a stationary orbit somewhere over the Atlantic and intercontinental telephone calls via satellite are destined to become everyday occurrences, the GPO's tracking station at Goonhilly has been completely modified to cope with the expected volume of traffic.

Modifications have included a new, shallower reflector surface for the aerial dish, which has brought its performance up to, if not ahead of the American and French horn type aerials. The control system too, which steers the aerial, has been modified, for although the satellite is practically stationary in relation to the Earth, there will be some movement. Weak signals received at the aerial will be amplified by travelling wave masers newly designed by Mullard Limited.

Satellite 'Éarly Bird' in conjunction with Goonhilly or either the French or German ground stations, will eventually provide up to 240 telephone circuits between the North American continent and a net-

work of European countries.

...AND G6AG CONTACTS "OSCAR III"



Mr. C. J. McClelland (G6AG) of Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks., seen here in his shack, has the distinction of being the first amateur operator to receive reports from the U.S. of trans-Atlantic v.h.f. reception of transmissions he made via the communications satellite Oscar III. Other reception reports arrived from Czechoslovakia, France, Belgium and many English stations, while actual contacts were made with amateurs in Germany, Switzerland and Sweden.

Mr. McClelland, who is a Chief Engineer at Ültra Electronics Ltd., used a home-made transmitter operating at IkW on $I44 \cdot IMc/s$ for these contacts, the satellite equipment converting and re-transmitting the signals on $I45 \cdot 9Mc/s \pm 25kc/s$.

TRANSISTOR TESTER KIT

Just £24 18s. will buy one of Heathkit's latest test equipment kits, the IM-30U transistor tester. Available also in assembled form at £35 10s., this new instrument from Daystrom Ltd., Gloucester, will provide complete d.c. analysis of p-n-p and n-p-n transistors and permit direct read-off of d.c. gain (alpha, beta). Facilities for many other tests including diode or collector-to-emitter and collector-to-base leakage, collector current and voltage, etc., make the model IM-30U a really comprehensive piece of equipment.

.. COMMENT

SMALLER AND SMALLER

The Japanese radio manufacturers Standard have recently added three new pocket-sized receivers to their range. The most inexpensive of the three, the G433, is also the tiniest, measuring less than $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. x 2in. x $\frac{7}{8}$ in inside this minute case Standard have packed a 7-transistor circuit, a $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. speaker, a ferrite rod aerial and two mercury cells. Denham and Morley Ltd., are the UK agents for this radio which costs £9 19s. 6d., and all other Standard receivers.

THE "PIRATE" DANGER TO SHIPPING

During February this year an urgent radio report from a lightship to a shore base was held up for 30 minutes because both frequencies normally available were blocked, one by a pirate broadcasting station. This was only one instance of shipping communications bands being blocked by pirate operations, but it clearly illustrates the very real danger they present.

in a written answer to a parliamentary question recently, the Postmaster-General, listed 19 specific instances when transmissions from pirate radio stations had caused interference to ship to shore communications, seven of these instances singling out

'Radio Caroline' as the offender.

A NEW WAY TO VARY RESISTANCE

A new device which permits completely noise-free resistance control, has been introduced by Mullard. In appearance it is a plastic block measuring 17mm x 17·5mm x 22mm, with just four lead-out pins. Enclosed in this block are a cadmium sulphide cell and a 12V filament lamp. Varying the brightness of the lamp causes changes in the resistance of the cell and control over at least three decades (typically $100\ to\ 10,000\ \Omega$) can be achieved with complete lack of noise.

A JUKE-BOX FOR YOUR HOME

Now for the first time, for anyone who wents it, KB (Footscray, Kent) offer four hours of continuous 7 in. record playing (or $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours on e.p's) with their new Discomatic portable juke-box.

The Discomatic houses forty 45 r.p.m. records and will automatically select and play any of the 80 sides in order selected by push buttons. The output from its transistorised amplifier is $2\frac{1}{2}W$ and additional speakers and amplifier may be connected.

The price you pay for having a juke-box in your home is 69 guineas, but then, unlike commercial machines, you don't have to put any money into it once you've bought it.



more News and Comment

Overseas Ham

I AM happy to inform you that I recently passed the R.A.E. and obtained my ticket (9M2FF).

I have just built the Beginner's 10W Transmitter (P.W. Dec. '63), which I will use as a top band

and standby transmitter.

Over the years I have built many constructional projects from Practical Wireless designs, and they all work very well. Thank you for a most interesting magazine.

Mohd. Yusoff Bin Mohamed. Mersing, Johore. Malaya.

Considering the difficulties overseas readers often face in obtaining components, it is always gratifying to hear of the perseverance with which they pursue their hobby.—Editor.

Bottling Acid

In the May, 1965, issue you printed an article by F. L. Thurston, a continuation of "Cabinet and Chassis Techniques". Mr. Thurston describes processes involving certain chemicals and towards the end of the process advocates that "all chemicals involved should be well stoppered up in glass containers".

I would point out, however, that one of the chemicals is hydrofluoric acid, which attacks glass and should thus be kept in bottles made of wax or gutta-

Ian Gregory. Boreham Wood.
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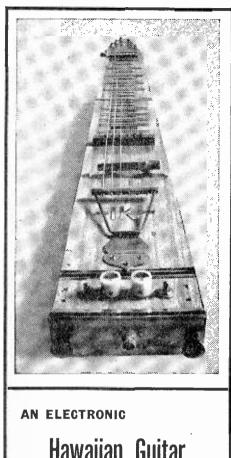
Excellent Design

My thanks to P.W. and Mr. Groome for the excellent pulse-counter f.m. tuner design in the April issue. I made up the simpler, single limiter version and quality has proved at least equal to that from a very well known tuner selling at more than £25. By the way, I found the greater gain of an EF183 frame grid pentode, instead of the EF80 specified for the first stage, helpful in this fairly weak reception area.

H. E. Owens.

Hornsey, London, N.8.

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Hawaiian Guitar

by I. J. Kampel

THE conventional electric guitar today enjoys an immense popularity, but not so much is heard of the Hawaiian guitar, an instrument capable, in the right hands, of producing most enjoyable music, its very construction making the need for an electronic tremolo non-existent.

The body of the guitar is made from a solid plank of soft wood which, when completed, will be completely covered with Formica, A gloss

grained Formica is used to give the benefits in appearance of polished wood. Although a channel and a hollow pocket must be cut out of the wood, no difficult shaping is required.

The article will describe two designs for pick-up heads which may be constructed quite cheaply as compared with manufactured heads, the cheapest of which is little under £2. This is where the chief part of the metalwork comes, hence if the constructor has neither the tools, facilities nor abilities to tackle it, a head might be purchased.

The pre-amp and control circuit must be very carefully constructed, as only absolute minimum volume has been allowed for these-little over six cubic inches!

Principle

Just as a tape-head responds to varying strength magnetic fields, as produced by the magnetic tape passing the head, so the pick-up head of the electric guitar responds to varying magnetic fields.

Fig. 10a (on the Blueprint) indicates three bar magnets placed side by side. Every magnet has two poles-which are known as north (N) and south (S) poles. It is a well known fact that unlike poles attract and like poles repel. Hence, a N and S pole attract each other where a N and N or a S and S tend to repel each other. Fig. 10a indicates unlike poles placed side by side, and the dotted lines, representing the magnetic fields, indicate that they are attracted to each other where, alongside, Fig. 10b, where we have three like poles, they are seen to repel. North poles are indicated, but the effect would be exactly similar if they were south poles (as of course they are at the other end of the magnets),

Now consider Fig. 10c. This corresponds to Fig. 10a, but now we have above the first two an oscillating steel string which effects the magnetic fields. As the poles attract, the left-hand magnet's field is effected by the string directly above it, but as its field strays across towards the other magnet, not only does it affect the neighbour's magnetic field by its own changes due to the first oscillating wire, but also it is effected by the neighbouring oscillating wire.

It will be seen in Fig. 10d, with like poles, that the influence of one pole upon its neighbour is not nearly so great and that each magnet is more free to 'consider' the frequency of the oscillating wire above it.

Gain, tone and a rhythm switch are provided as well as the necessary on/off switch. It is, however, a simple matter to eliminate the rhythm switch if desired, but more of this later. The output may be fed to a guitar amplifier or any high-gain ampli-

Construction of Guitar Body

The minimum dimensions of the piece of timber required for the body (planed) are 3ft. 6in. x 5in. x $1\frac{3}{8}$ in., though 6in. is perhaps an easier width. Firstly square one end and draw clearly a central line up the timber, taking measurements from either side of this except where stated. Mark 2½in. off at either side and then 15 in, on either side 35½ in, from the base. This gives the taper where symmetrical. Then mark the taper-of, one side

(see Fig. 6) to a point \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. from the central line, \(6\)in. further along. Extend the original taper on the other side for a further \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. before taking it to its top point \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. from central line. The basic outline may then be cut.

A step is then cut out of the upper portion of the wood, leaving only ½in, width, to take the two treble key units. These should be purchased from a music shop, and the type with the winding knob set at right-angles to the metal pin, three per plate, should be used. These must be staggered to allow room for the two on opposite sides. Position these with care before drilling the holes through which pass the pins. Screws in the plate on the reverse side secure the two base plates of these keys. The pins usually have a small point on their top, just enough to mark clearly central indentations if a piece of card is pressed on top of them, or more practically if they are pressed on to a piece of card. Thus a template can easily be constructed. It is important that these holes are positioned accurately or the plates will not push home or may cause the pins to bend. If large, it might be necessary to cut the corner off one of the base plates to fit in the space provided. See that the pins line up with the slope of the taper.

Now we may move on to the further end of the instrument, the business end. As Fig. 6 shows, a 3½in, x 2in, rectangle is cut from the base to make room for the electronics, leaving two wooden side-pieces tapering from ¼in. A number of saw cuts in the portion of wood to be removed will ease the chiselling operation. When the rectangle has been removed and the edges tidied up, from the top and the bottom of the wooden sidepieces, saw or chisel enough to just allow a sheet of aluminium to sit across the sidepieces flush to the other wood.

When this has been completed a 3in, channel about 1in, deep must be cut down the central line to the point 101in, along where a channel across the grain is cut to take the underside of the pick-up head. Bevel the channel down where it enters the end pockets.

Other than the pre-amp a battery has to be contained within the instrument to power it. The battery, housed in a hollow near to the pre-amp, accessible from the underside. A compartment is cut out just large enough for the battery and is covered by either a plywood lid (it will not be seen) or a block of the same wood as that of the instrument, fain, thick. The compartment is cut in from the side of the wood as the Formica covering will hide the gaping hole thus made, at right angles to the tapering side, for if it is cut in relation to the central line we have an unsuitable shape. The battery itself, leaving room for contacts, requires a volume of 3in, $x = 2\frac{1}{2}in$. x %in. helow the underside of its covering which screws into place with two countersunk screws, one in either side of the \frac{1}{2}in. wide supporting ledge, just deep enough to make lid flush with base of instrument. This compartment will just break through at the back to the central channel. If you use a metal plate as a battery cover, or some very thin material, and do not break through to the channel, it will be necessary to drill a hole through to the channel, as the power supply wires run along this channel to the рге-атр.

Construction of Preamp Chassis

Firstly a tapering plate of aluminium is cut to fit on the underside of the instrument, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, the width of the guitar (tapering from 5in). Holes are countersunk for four screws, and this may be screwed in place. Take next another piece of aluminium, scribe a line 2½in. in from one side, and then cut a 5in, width of aluminium about $4\frac{1}{2}$ in long, tapering it from the scribe to match the taper of the base of the instrument. Before bending mark out and drill for the two switches and two potentiometers. Provided that small carbon potentiometers are used, when placed side by side with the switches, touching, there will be just enough room, but there is no room for mistakes or spacing between these components. The holes should be drilled on a central line across i.e. 14in. from base. As dimensions of different makes may differ slightly these measurements are not given. There is just, without any breathing space, enough room for two small carbon potentiometers plus two toggle switches.

When the holes for these components have been drilled, fold the aluminium at a right angle to fit round the top and end. Drill next for a chassismount type coax socket, and when this has been done fold over a small lip to just rest on the lower base plate, already affixed to the instrument. Before folding this over, however, two further holes should be drilled if it is wished to store the instrument on end. These are to take either kettle knobs, bolted to the inside of the chassis, or small cupboard doorknobs, passing through a hole in the aluminium to screw into the base of the wooden sidepieces. Holes are also drilled, four in number, on the topside of the metal, to take two securing screws in either sidepiece. N.B.: Doorknobs screwed into base of sidepieces will not be sufficient to hold on chassis. Chromium-plated, round-headed screws, 3in. long, say No. 4's should be used for the top. To give full screening to the pre-amp, the three remaining sides of the pre-amp compartment may be lined with very thin tin-plate or aluminium, making sure that all are electrically linked, but it will be necessary of course to cut out a section in the one across the width to expose the channel. See Fig. 3.

Fitting the Formica

After checking that the sides of the instrument are square lay the shaped timber the correct way up on to the top surface of the Formica to be used, and pencil round the outline.

When the outline has been marked in pencil, and checked, enlarged by a Formica's width all the way round, scribe the line to be cut. Remember that if grained wood, the grain should run down the instrument rather than across.

Position the holes for the pins at the top end carefully, drilling the Formica, from the top surface, holes just large enough for the pins to pass through. Always work Formica from the top surface to prevent chipping. Saw across the Formica at the bottom end slightly less than the 2\frac{1}{2}in, the plate covers. From the shop where the Formica is purchased may also be obtained a selection of edging, though expensive (4d, per ft.), enhances the finished appearance greatly. A in-

width of gold strip with a centra, black line was selected by the author, this edging being quite thin, flat and easily cut with scissors. This was also used to break the monotony of the sides, as well as mark the frets (see Fig. 7). If a piece of edging is fitted on the top of the Formica that is stuck to the top of the chassis, at the base and across the join, overlapping slightly, keeping the controls on the centre line between the edgings, the edging overlaps the Formica join and make it indistinguishable. The chassis section of course is held to the main body of the instrument only by the screws and is thus easily detatchable.

A rectangle $2\frac{3}{8}$ in. $x \frac{3}{8}$ in. must be cut to fit exactly over the cross-ways channel designed to take the pick-up head. This may be chiselled, but if so it is advisable not to use a good chisel. If fret-sawed the side cut will still have to be chiselled unless the blade will turn through 90° .

The next step is to measure 4in. towards the base of the instrument from the centre of the cross-ways channel. This is the position for the bridge. Then, using Fig. 6 and the Table, the positions for the frets may be marked. The distance from the bridge (B) to the 12th fret should be the same distance as that from the 12th to the top bridge (T.B.), in this case 12\forall in. Mark this out initially, and then mark off the key frets—3, 5, 9 etc. When this has been done then drill holes along the central line where these key frets cross, and also at the two bridges, just large enough to take small \(\frac{1}{2}\) in. screws, countersinking them. Screw two or three in to hold the Formica in place.

Cut strips of Formica to go along the sides, ensuring that the grain runs the length of the instrument. The top Formica should overlap the side Formica, and the top Formica may be planed flush. Finally cut and shape pieces of Formica to fit the underside of the top cut out, drilling through where necessary to allow the fixing screws for the key plates to pass through, and also cut a piece for the base of the instrument, drilled as the aluminium for the coaxial socket. It is best to fold the aluminium, stick the Formica to it and to then drill all necessary holes in one operation.

A combined bridge and tailpiece may be used for the instrument if you find it possible to obtain one, but this may be difficult. If one is obtainable, however, the instrument may be made shorter. The tailpiece used in the prototype was designed to fit over the end of an instrument, being bent at a right-angle. This was straightened out to fit flat on the surface. Some length could be taken off if the furthest end of the tailpiece was cut off and new screw holes drilled. This was not done as the tailpiece shaping looked better as it was.

Position the tailpiece on the central line between the bridge position and the edging put across above the controls. Its position is not critical. Mark the positions of the screw holes and then drill them. Any central ones will unfortunately fall in the central channel and hence only a false screw through into a small block of wood may be put or a bolt if one is found to match the screws. At least two screws should go through to solid wood. To prevent this the channel could be offset. There is, however, a reason why at least one screw in the channel could be of use (explained later).

The stage has now been reached when the Formica may be stuck down. The most suitable adhesive is Evo-Stik. When the two sides have been stuck—leave after impact for ten minutes—plane off the edge of top piece of Formica if this has not already been done and unscrew. This is then stuck on before placing screws all the way down. If these screws are not put through the surface Formica there is a danger that the tension of the strings—pulling at one end on the pins, which in turn pull on the Formica, and at the other end the tailpiece, which through its screw has a similar effect—might cause the whole length to buckle upwards.

You may now mark out the additional frets, sticking edging across the marks as the final marking. Where on an ordinary guitar the frets project upwards and the fingers press the strings down on to these frets, on the Hawaiian guitar the strings never touch the frets and the fingers themselves do not play such an important role. A metal bar is used on the strings, sliding it up and down, quick oscillating movements about a point

causing a tremolo effect.

The key frets, those marked initially, must be distinguishable from the other frets and this can be done in two ways. In ordinary guitars a spot is commonly placed by the fret to indicate it, for in the ordinary guitar the finger presses the wire in the spaces between frets rather than hovering above the frets as does the bar with a Hawaiian The second method, and seemingly more guitar. suitable for this type of guitar, is to make the key frets different to the other frets. The author did this with the black and gold edging, using the full width for key frets, so covering the countersunk screw heads and only the cut-out central black line of the edging for the other frets. All frets except the most important fret, the 12th, were made the same length, the 12th much longer as Fig. 7 indicates.

With the two plates of keys screwed in place at the top and the tailpiece near the bottom, the Formica on and edging where desired and indicating the frets, it only remains to complete the electronics and make a pick-up head.

N.B.—It would be most unwise to construct the body of the guitar as a light plywood frame as the extreme tension of the strings combined with the warping quality of plywood would make it a most unsound proposition.

Preamplifier and Control Unit

The circuit is as indicated in Fig. 1, the pick-up head is in series with the first transistor's emitter in the grounded-base low-impedance configuration. The output is taken from Tr3 collector via a coupling capacitor. The output is coupled via VR1, the gain or volume control, and is then fed through the filter or tone control, using screened leads, and finally through the rhythm switch to the output socket.

It will be seen that when S1 is closed R7 is shorted out and gain is determined solely by VR1. If, however, the switch is open R1 is included in the output circuitry, so reducing the volume slightly. This means that it is not necessary to adjust the gain control to drop volume briefly and

when dropped it is a simple matter to flick back to original volume. It will also be seen that with this method the reduced volume introduced by the rhythm switch being open drops the volume to a lower level, proportional to that of the original gain setting and not simply to a lower pre-selected level determined by a resistor, regardless of original setting, as many do.

If the level obtained with this rhythm switch is not quite what is required it is varied by simply changing the value of R7. Increase this resistor to about $3.3 \text{k}\Omega$ and the rhythm level will be even lower. Obviously if the resistor is decreased, say to just above $1\text{k}\Omega$, then the level will not drop as

much.

As will be seen, the circuit incorporates a facility for shorting the output socket and hence the amplifier input when connected. This is only to be used where the instrument is plugged into a socket that has a shorting-jack, i.e. shorts out input at amplifier when no plug is inserted. This is to prevent pick-up when instrument is connected to amplifier but not switched on. Before adding this facility be sure that the input you intend to use should be shorted before doing this, and if more than one amplifier may be used do not add this

facility. If in doubt leave it out.

The circuit is powered by a 4.5V battery. This type has two brass spring clips projecting out of the top, one longer than the other. Note that the shorter one is positive. When the battery seal has been broken it is usual to then remove a thin piece of slitted cardboard to reveal the contacts completely. For this use it is best to leave this cardboard in as it prevents the longer contact shorting against the other if pressed in. There is just room at either end to make contacts and miniature bulldog or crocodile clips may be used for this purpose. Contacts may be soldered on but this, to say the least, is inconvenient. Tinned looped wires will serve if the small contact is bent and the card removed to just slide the loop over the longer clip.

Components are mounted on the paxolin side

of a 2 x 2in. section of Veroboard.

Fig. 4 shows the copper side of the board and Fig. 5 indicates the circuit layout. The other

components are best left flying as this means less wires to and from the circuit board. It will be seen that there are only three breaks (Fig. 4) at the reference points D1, G2 and D8.

Fit all components on to the board by bending the wires on the reverse side, then check the circuit before soldering. When soldering, heat shunt transistor leads on the upper side and remember that it is always advisable to slip sleeving over them to prevent shorting. This applies especially to Tr2 collector and Tr3 emitter, which pass very close to each other, not to mention all leads on Tr1. A7 to A8 is simply a wire linking tracks 7 and 8 (links only section of track 8). Cut off wires after the component has been soldered.

Fig. 2 indicates the wiring of pots and switches

on the chassis.

The circuit board will sit most comfortably beneath the two potentiometers if these are of the

miniature type.

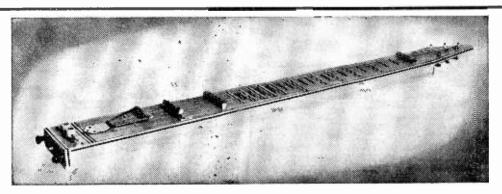
Use microphone coax, from the pick-up head to the circuit board and also from circuit board to VR7 and all along the output line to socket,

earthing all screening to chassis.

Because of the extreme compactness of the unit it will not really be necessary to anchor the Veroboard as there will be just no room for it to move! A very thin insulator—mica, card, tape, paxolin—should be placed on the baseplate and then the board laid upon this. This is to prevent the aluminium shorting to the copper tracks. When wiring see that components are pulled firmly and tightly on to the board and see that the transistors lie down flat also. It is advisable to place another flexible insulating sheet over the components then, sandwiching them, as the contacts of the controls approach very close.

An Alternative Circuit Board

If for reasons of economy or unavailability Veroboard cannot be used, a printed circuit can be made fairly easily, using the copper-clad laminated board more commonly available. Mark out this in strips as in Fig. 4, making small holes where the holes are indicated, then etching away



The prototype instrument is finished in wood-grain Formica and gold-and-black edging material, and is seen here complete and ready for playing.

the copper not required. The square should be just under 2in.

Other Guitar Requirements

A metal bridge will be required and it is better to obtain this from a music shop than attempt to make one. This should be held in position by the tension of the strings alone. It is placed directly over the lowest exposed countersunk screw head if previous directions were followed carefully, as does the upper guide bridge, standing over the upper exposed screw head. The upper one may be pinned or glued in place. It may be found necessary to slightly raise the upper bridge if wires are not taut across it. A small wooden block or even one or more layers of Formica will do this quite easily.

You then require only the bar that is slid up and down the strings or "steel" as it is known, 5s, at a music shop and not worth the effort making (a polished surface must be offered to the strings) and a plectrum. Three of these are used by many players of a type that pushes on to the end of the

thumb or finger.

Lastly but, of course, by no means least the key part of the whole instrument, you require a pick-up head.

Construction of the High-quality Pick-up Head

These, except for the inferior crystal-mike type, tend to be rather expensive. However, an excellent head may be constructed for a few shillings with a little care which gives an extremely good performance. This design is shown on the front cover and on this month's free blueprint. This requires some careful drilling and the facilities to do so. If this presents no problem there should be no difficulty.

The magnets diameter is not critical but should be around $\frac{3}{16}$ in. diameter and length about $\frac{3}{4}$ to lin. These magnets are embedded in a brass block as this metal is non-magnetic, dimensions being

 $3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} in$.

Mark the centre point on one side of the brass block—1\frac{1}{4}in, from either end—and then on the central line mark 0.5cm on either side of this central point with two more marks on either side spaced 1cm from those marked lastly, i.e. six points 1cm apart. These six points should be carefully centre-punched ready for drilling. Also centre-punch for a hole at either side to take securing screws for the head. The change of units -inches to centimetres-was necessary due to the fact that 1cm expresses the distance better than a fraction of an inch.

Drill the holes at either end for the securing screws, countersunk on one side. Drill holes through block at the remaining six points just large enough to allow the magnets to be used to push in tightly. An experiment with an odd piece of metal would be be wise before drilling the block. When these holes have been drilled, on the opposite side of the block to that which was countersunk for securing screws, drill to a depth not exceeding \$in., holes to take diameter of windings on magnets. not exceeding 15 in. See Fig. 8.

Magnets are not the easiest of items to obtain and if you have difficulty in obtaining rod magnets suitable it should be possible to order through your local electronic spares stockist the following magnet manufactured by Mullard Ltd.:

5.3 mm diameter, 20mm long Magnadur 1. rod magnet, No. FD196.

Six magnets will be required, of course, and the type mentioned have their north poles indicated by a white spot. If the poles of the magnets to be used are not marked it is necessary to at least determine like poles. Take any two magnets and bring them together end to end. If they attract they are unlike poles and if they repel they are like poles. It will be obvious that if they attract, turning one magnet round will cause them to repel. Mark the ends that repel. Place one magnet to one side and then compare one of the marked magnets with an unmarked to determine which pole repels the pole marked. The one that does is like, may be marked, and hence by this method like poles determined for all six magnets.

Take a scrap piece of wood and drill six holes about 1cm apart just large enough for the base of the magnets to wedge in. Stand the six magnets in the holes, the marked poles in the wood (the only reason for this is that then the end of the magnets to be seen projecting through the head

will not be marked).

A length of 36s,w.g. enamelled copper wire is then taken and wound on to the magnets in series. starting with the left-hand magnet, finishing at the right. Close-wind on the centre of each magnet, in turn, 50 turns of wire, taping or by some method securing the winds when completed. Lift the magnets out of the wood in turn to wind, replacing when secured, and go on to the next. Keep the length of wire from one magnet to the next as short as possible, taking the two final ends of wire at either end and cutting off, leaving enough length to stretch to the far end.

Fit the magnets into the brass block, ensuring that they go in the right way up, and then, if at all loose, secure by dropping a resin such as Araldite or Epophen down from the reverse side. Bostik or Durofix will serve if the above mentioned are not at hand. If necessary surround magnets on top of head but keep quantity of resin or adhesive to absolute minimum. Finally take the two ends of wire to the centre and twist together to hold in place, scraping off the enamel for electrical connections, cutting short if necessary,

The magnets should be as close to the strings as possible without the danger of them actually touching: ‡in. should be quite safe. Before completing the head it is advisable to fit one string on to the guitar and to measure the space between it and the top surface at the point where the head will go. Deducting $\frac{1}{2}$ in, for the brass bar, and a further $\frac{1}{2}$ in, for spacing, the remaining is the amount the magnets should project through the block.

Microphone-type coaxial cable soldered to the ends of the wires at the head and fed up the central channel back to the preamplifier compartment. When holes have been drilled in the Formica at either side of the head's recess to allow the securing screws to pass through, the head may be screwed into place with countersunk brasscoloured screws to match the head.

NEXT MONTH A SIMPLER PICKUP HEAD IS DESCRIBED



by P. Taylor

THE theoretical circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The external aerial is coupled to the receiver either via C1 or TC1, depending on the position of the wavechange switch S1. TC1 has been made variable so that optimum results may obtained on the crowded medium wave band. As will be seen from diagrams, the tuning coils have been wound on a 5½in. x ¼in. piece of ferrite rod,

wound on a 5½ in. x ¼ in. piece of ferrite rod, the type that is commonly available from any good radio component stockist. This method results in the aerial coils having a very high "Q" which improves sensitivity and selectivity.

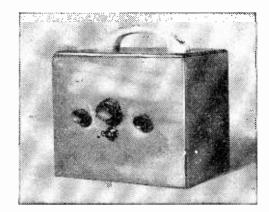
The r.f. signal which appears across the aerial circuit (which is tuned by VC1) is passed to the detector D1, a germanium diode.

The audio signal is then passed to the base of Tr1, the first audio amplifier. Amplified signals from the collector of Tr1 are then passed, via C2, to the base of Tr2, the audio output stage. R2/R3 are emitter biasing components and transformer T1 is the loudspeaker matching transformer. Potentiometer VR1 acts as a volume control.

Constructional Details

The chassis was made from a 6in. x 5in. x $\frac{1}{2}$ in. piece of deal with small brass carpentry nails or pins $(\frac{1}{2}$ in. long) placed in the positions shown in Fig. 2. These are driven in to a depth of approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ in. These form the tagpoints for

Fig. 2: The wooden base-board which acts as a "chassis", components being soldered to heads of nails driven into the wood.



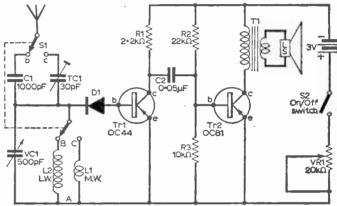
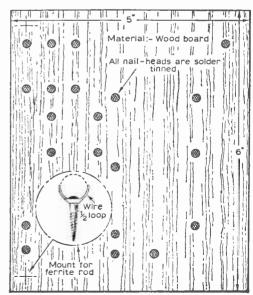


Fig. 1: The simple circuit of the receiver. DI can be practically any crystal diode, and TI is a transistor output transformer.



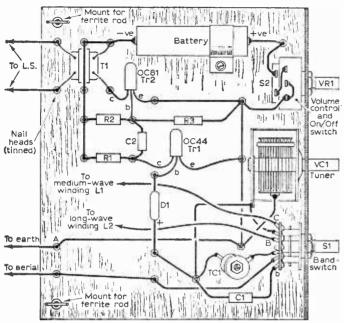


Fig. 3: This shows the components wired on to the board. The battery is an Ever Ready No. 8 type. VRI, VCI and SI are mounted on a vertical panel. TCI is a 30 pF "beehive" trimmer.

components and wiring. The heads of all the pins should be tinned with solder.

The front panel was a 6in. x 5in. section of 4in. plywood. As an alternative aluminium sheet or Formica can be used.

Holes are drilled in the panel to take the four controls in the position shown in the photograph. The front panel is held in position on one edge of the chassis baseboard with small wood screws.

Mount all the large components first, using small wood screws to hold the tuning capacitor VC1 in position. Four terminals should be fitted in the position shown for the aerial, earth and loud-speaker connections. When mounting the ferrite rod aerial coil make sure that the ends of the small wire clips do not meet (see inset to Fig. 2). It is most important that these "mounting clips" do not form a "closed loop" around the rod.

Coil Winding

L1 is the medium wave aerial coil and consists of 50 turns of 20s.w.g. enamelled wire wound in a single layer as shown in Fig. 4. L2, the long wave

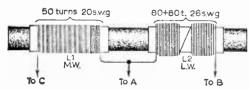


Fig. 4: Winding details of the aerial. The two coils are wound on paper sleeves.

aerial coil, consists of 160 turns of 26s.w.g. enamelled wire wound in two sections. Both sections (80 turns each) may be pile wound. The coils should be wound on paper or thin cardboard sleves to facilitate final adjustment,

Testing the Receiver

Connect a 30 loudspeaker to the receiver, plus an aerial and earth. Switch on and turn the volume control to maximum with the wavechange switch in the long wave position. Set the tuning capacitor to approximately mid-tuning position. Adjust the position on the ferrite rod of L2, the long wave aerial coil, until the BBC Light Programme transmitter is heard full volume. Switch to medium with wave capacitor nearly halfway open. Adjust position of L1 on the ferrite rod for BBC Home Service. Finally fix coil in position with a dab of adhesive cement or piece of Sellotape.

The total current consumpfrom tion the battery is approximately 2mA.

The finished receiver is contained within a simple plywood cabinet with a cut-out for the

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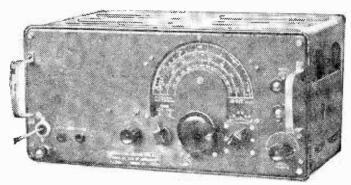
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While these receivers generally have quite a good performance it is obvious that they have a number of shortcomings which, after all, is only to be expected, since most of the PCR's are approximately 20 years old and great progress has been made in the development of radio receivers since the 1940's.

The PCR's were originally designed to work off a 12V d.c. supply with the h.t. (250V) provided by a vibrator pack. One of the first jobs therefore is to

provide a mains power supply.

The valve heaters are wired in series parallel to operate from 12V, so these must first be rewired in parallel to work off 6.3V; a suitable power supply is shown in Fig. 1. The choke (L1) is usually

already fitted to the PCR.

There is ample room for the mains transformer (T1) to be mounted on top of the chassis, but in order to leave space for any further additions it may prove necessary to move L1. On the PCR2 and 3 L1 can be placed between the front panel and the output transformer, the mains transformer (T1) is then mounted in the space formerly occupied by L1. On the PCR the loudspeaker prevents the re-mounting of L1. This may be overcome by fitting a physically smaller choke in place of L1; the new choke could be mounted under the chassis. If no other additions are envisaged L1 may be left in its original position and T1 mounted in the remaining space between L1 and the front panel. Care should be taken to place the cores of L1 and T1 at right-angles to one another, otherwise mains hum may be induced into the h.t. line.

The valves normally fitted to the PCR's are:

V1 R.F. amplifier, EF39. V2 Frequency changer, ECH35. V3 First i.f. amplifier, EF39. V4 Second i.f. , EF39. V5 First af, avc, det, EBC33. V6 Audio output, EL32 or 6V6G.

An improvement in r.f. gain can be achieved by replacing V1 with a 6SG7 or its miniature equivalent the 6BA6. The 6SG7 requires least mechanical work since it fits the same octal socket as the EF39 and only requires rewiring of the socket and the reduction of the cathode bias resistor to 680; the 6BA6 requires a B7G socket and mounting plate.

These two modifications considerably improve the PCR's performance and are intended for constructors who do not want to disturb the original wiring too much. However, for those who wish to make more extensive modifications and additions there are a number of other circuit

changes that can be made.

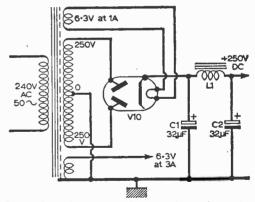


Fig. 1: A simple power supply circuit designed to replace the vibrator unit fitted to the original.

COMPONENTS LIST

CI, C2 32+32µF electolytic 350V VI0 EZ8I, EZ80, 6V4, 6X5GT, 6X4 TI Mains transformer. Secondaries: 250-0-250V, 70mA; 6·3V, 3A; 6·3V, IA LI 10H 70mA I.f. choke

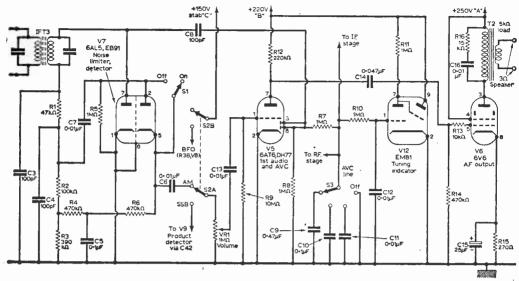


Fig. 2: A rearranged a.g.c. line as shown here permits increased i.f. gain without the risk of overloading the receiver. In this circuit, S1 is the noise limiter on/off switch; S2A, B is the a.m./s.s.b. switch, and S3 the a.g.c. time constant control.

COMPON	ENTS L	.IST		
Resistors:	Capaci	tors:		
RI 47k Ω R9 IOM Ω	Ć3	100pF ceramie	350V	
R2 $100k\Omega$ R10 $1M\Omega$	C4	100pF ceramie		
R3 390k Ω R11 IM Ω	C5	0·1μF paper t	ubular 350	OV
R4 470k Ω R12 220k Ω	C6	0.01μF paper	tubular 3!	50V
R5 IM Ω R13 I0k Ω	C7	0.01μF paper		
R6 470k Ω R14 470k Ω	C8	100pF cerami		
R7 IM Ω R15 270 Ω IW	C9	0·47μF paper	tubular 3	50V
R8 IM Ω R16 I5k Ω	C10	0·lμF paper t	ubular 350	OV
All 10% ½W carbon, unless otherwise stated	CH	0.01μF paper	tubular 3	50V
VRI IM Ω potentiometer	CI2	0.01μF paper	tubular 3!	50V
Switches:	C13	0.01μF paper	tubular 3!	50V
SI Single-pole on/off	CI4	0·047μF papei		350V
S2A,B Double-pole change-over	C15	25μF electroly	tic 25V	
S3 Single-pole 4-way	C16	0.01µF paper	tubular 3!	50V
0 1/	Valves			
Transformers:	V5	6H6GT/G	V 7	6AL5 or EB91
T2 Output transformer: $5k\Omega$: 3Ω turns ratio	V6	6U6GT/G	V12	EM8I

A.G.C. and Noise Limiter

In the PCR's original form a.g.c. was applied to the r.f. and first i.f. stages only. Since there was no manual r.f. gain control it was possible to overload the set on strong signals and to overcome this the gain of the i.f. stages (V3 and V4) was limited by using larger than normal cathode bias resistors.

By rearranging the a.g.c. line (Fig. 2) so that V1, 3 and 4 are all controlled by the a.g.c, we can increase the i.f. gain without the risk of overloading. The cathode resistors of V3 and V4 should be reduced to 330Ω and 220Ω respectively. A.G.C. is not applied to V2, thus enabling it to work at maximum gain.

This alternate a.g.c. system has the advantage that we can alter the a.g.c. time constant by

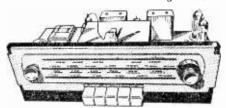
switching in different valve by-pass capacitors; this can be very useful for combating various types of fading on distant short wave stations.

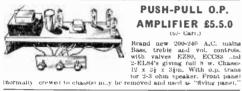
By substituting a 6AT6 or 6SQ7-GT for V5 we can simplify the audio and detector circuits considerably and make the circuit more suitable for the addition of a noise limiter, a most valuable addition to the receiver! The 6AT6 or 6SQ7 also increases the audio gain.

By removing the $8\mu F$ electrolytic (next to V6) from the chassis and using wire-ended capacitors in the power supply we now have an extra hole in the chassis.

Work should commence by stripping out all wiring surrounding V5 and V6, including the tone control switch and bracket. An octal socket for V6 is now placed in the hole originally occupied

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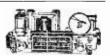
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Fig. 2 also shows how a tuning indicator can be fitted if required: any type with characteristics similar to the EM81 may be used, the latter was chosen mainly for physical convenience.

The R.F. and F.C. Stages (Fig. 3)

To bring the "front end" up to modern standards substitution of an EF183 for V1 and an ECH81 for V2 is recommended.

These changes can be executed without disturbing the main coil and switch wiring. V1

and V2's sockets will have to be replaced by B9A sockets mounted on small aluminium plates. It is advisable to have a source of stabilised h.t. for the oscillator anode and mixer screen, so the power supply of Fig. 4 is recommended.

VR2 is the r.f. gain control varying the bias on VI. A small two-lug tagstrip is mounted under the retaining bolt for the oscillator trimmer bank, thus making a junction point for R23, R25 and the 150V stabilised h.t. line. A short piece of 800 coaxial cable is used between the wavechange switch and pin 2 (control grid) of V2 because this lead is rather long owing to the orientation of the valve holder to give short leads to the oscillator section.

The original V1 and V3 had a common screen supply. The new V1 now has its own separate

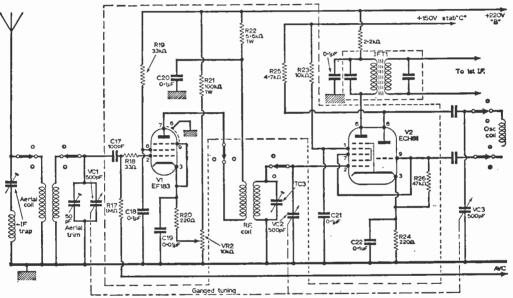
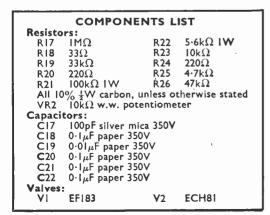


Fig. 3a: The modified r.f. and f.c. stages of the circuit. Sections of the circuit outside the dotted box remain unchanged



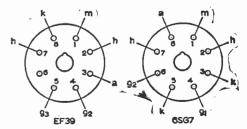


Fig. 3b: Pin connections for alternative r.f. amplifier valves (VI). The first grid of the EF39 is a top cap connection.

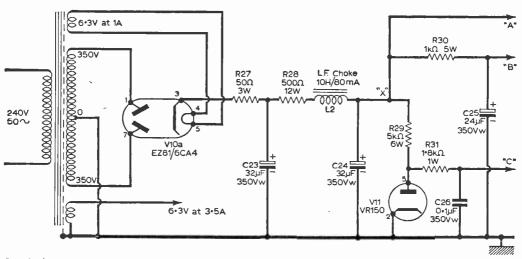
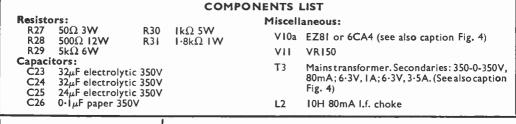
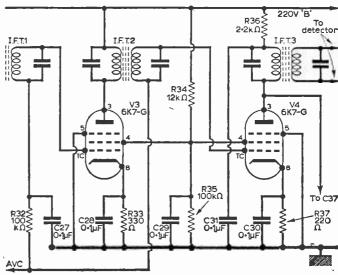


Fig. 4: An alternative regulated power supply. R27 and R28 may be omitted with a mains transformer rated at 250-0-250V, 80mA. R28 is normally fitted to those sets obtained from disposal sources. Voltage outputs are "A" 250V to V6 (Fig. 2); "B" 220V to V12 (Fig. 2), V3 and V4 (Fig. 5) V1 and V2 (Fig. 3) and V9 (Fig. 6); "C" 150V to S2B (Fig. 2) and V2 (Fig. 3a). The Douglas MT.2AT mains transformer used in the original has an 0-5-6-3V rectifier winding which permits the use of 5Z4GT/G, a 5V4G or a 5Y3GT/G in the place of V10a. With the 5Y3, C23, C24 and C25 must be rated at 475V. With the transformer specified in the Components List, alternatives for V10a are EZ80/6V4, and 6AX5GT.



COMPONENTS LIST Resistors: $100k\Omega$ R32 R33 330Ω **R34** I2kΩ IW **R35** I00kΩ IW **R36** 2.2kΩ **R37** 220Ω All 10% ½W carbon, unless otherwise stated Capacitors: 0·1µF paper 350V 0·1µF paper 350V 0·1µF paper 350V 0·1µF paper 350V **C27** C28 C29 C30 0·1μF paper 350V C31 Miscellaneous: **V3** 6K7G **V4** 6K7G

Fig. 5: Modified I.f. stages of the circuit.



supply, so V3 now requires a source of supply. The simplest way to do this is to make a common supply for V3 and V4 (Fig. 5).

Fig. 5 shows 6K7-Gs for V3 and V4 in place of the original EF39s; these were used because they were on hand, in practice EF39s, CK7s, 6U7s, 6SS7s or 6SK7s could be used without any circuit changes, although 6SS7s and 6SK7s have different connections to the other types.

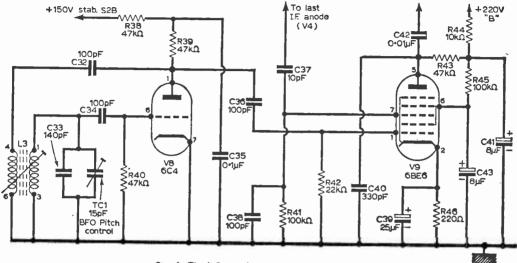
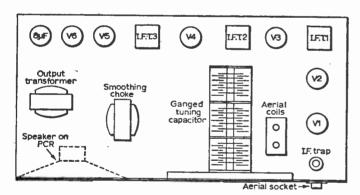
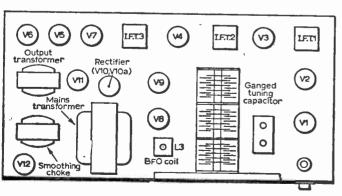


Fig. 6: The b.f.o. and product detector circuits.





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Resisto	Resistors:						
R38	47k Ω	R43	47k Ω				
R39	47k Ω	R44	10 k Ω				
R40	$47k\Omega$	R45	$100k\Omega$				
R41	100k Ω	R46	220Ω				
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C38 100pF silver mica 350V							
C39	C39 25µF electrolytic 25V						
C40	330pF si	lver m	ica 350V				
C41	8μF elec	trolyti	c 275V				
C42	0.01μF p	aper 3	50V				
C43	8μF elec	trolytic	275V				
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. A8	6C4	V9	6BE6				
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Fig. 7a (top): The original layout of the chassis. The loudspeaker is only included on the PCR model.

Fig. 7b (bottom): The completely remodelled chassis layout. The valve-holder for VI should be orientated (by pointing its location pip—see Fig. 3b) to face the left, and V2 similarly orientated to face upwards.

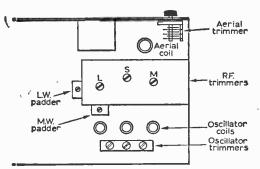


Fig. 8a: The arrangement of the trimmers and padders which is common to the PCR and PCR2 models.

Product Detector and B.F.O. (Fig. 6)

The addition of the product detector enables the demodulation of single sideband signals, a system of transmission favoured by many amateurs of today.

V8 (6C4) is the beat frequency oscillator which takes its h.t. supply from the stabilised 150V line; any medium mu triode or triode connected pentode could be used for V8. V9 is the product detector, a 6BE6 or its octal equivalent the 6SA7-GT.

There is ample space for L3, V8 and V9 on the chassis between the power supply and the three-

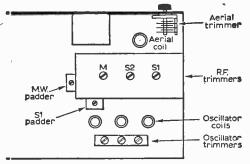


Fig. 8b: The trimmer and padder arrangement for the model PCR3.

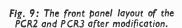
modulated r.f. signal generator covering the i.f. and r.f. ranges of the receiver and suitable tools to adjust the i.f.t. cores and the trimmers.

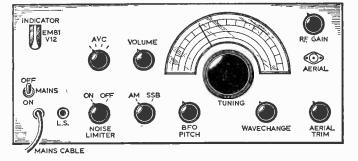
Both signal generator and receiver should be switched on for about five minutes to let them reach their correct operating temperature. The receiver should, of course, be checked to make sure that it is functioning correctly on all bands.

I.F. Alignment (PCR, PCR2 and PCR3)

Set generator to 465kc/s.

Switch receiver to medium wave (tuning capacitor fully closed).





gang tuning capacitor. New holes will have to be punched for these components.

Should all these modifications be carried out the PCR will have been transformed into an extremely useful communications receiver with the following valve line-up:

V1R.F. amplifier, EF183. V2 F.C., ECH81. V36K7G. First i.f. amplifier, V4 6K7G. Second i.f. amplifier, V5 6AT6 or 6SQ7. A.F., a.g.c., 6V6-GT/G. V6 Output, V7Noise limiter/detector, 6AL5 or 6H6. V8 B.F.O., 6C4. V9 Product detector. 6BE6 or 6SA7. V10 Rectifier, EZ81/6CA4. V11 V. Reg., VR150. V12 Tuning indicator, EM81.

Because of the rewiring of V1 and V2 realignment will be necessary; this will require a

Inject signal into control grid (pin 2) of V2, peak i.f.t.3, 2 and 1 in that order, starting with secondary of i.f.t.3, working up to primary of i.f.t.1. The EM81, if fitted, can be used as an output indicator. The generator output should be reduced as the circuits are peaked; this prevents the a.v.c. broadening the response.

R.F. Alignment

Positions of trimmers and padders are shown in Fig. 8. Generator signal is applied to the aerial terminal.

All trimming and padding adjustments should be repeated until one has no effect on the other.

When properly aligned the short wave performance is excellent—stations in Europe, Canada, U.S.A., Cuba, Windward Islands (using only 5kW), India, Pakistan, etc., etc., have been received and Radio Australia is heard loud and clear using only an indoor aerial 15ft long.

designing a MULTIMETER

by K. Berry

Theory, Design and Construction of Simple Instruments

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THE second multimeter, Design No. 2, enables measurements to be made of d.c. voltage, d.c. current and resistance. The meter employs switching but because there is no a.c. facility it is of the simplest nature and should deter no constructor. The circuit is shown in Fig. 7.

Specification

Voltage	D.C. only current	Resistance
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0—50 0—100	0—100m A 0—1 A	
0-500 0-1,000		

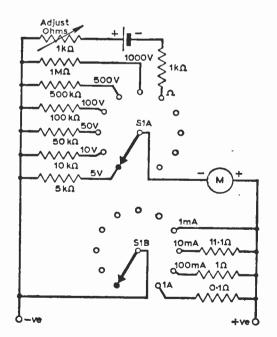


Fig. 7: Design circuit No. 2. This instrument will measure d.c. volts, d.c. amps and resistance.

The basic movement is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ in, round 1mA meter scaled 0—100. As in the case of design No. 1 the voltage ranges have been chosen so as to facilitate reading from the meter scale. The resistance of the meter used in the prototype was 100Ω and the values quoted for the shunts are based on this value. If a meter having a lower resistance than this is used a resistor can be connected in series with the meter so that the combined resistance of the meter plus series resistor is 100Ω . If a meter having a resistance higher than 100Ω is used, then the resistance of the shunts required can be calculated from the expression given in the section on current measurement,

COMPONENTS LIST FOR DESIGN NO. 2

Once again high-stability 1% or 5% resistors are recommended for use as multipliers. For the shunts it is necessary for the 100mA and 1A ranges to make one's own. This will necessitate the acquisition of some resistance wire; unfortunately this is not usually available in very small quantities from the normal suppliers but a wire suitable for the purpose can readily be obtained from most electrical dealers. This is the wire contained in the spiral elements sold for replacements on bowl "-type electric fires.

To determine the amount of wire required for the 100mA shunt connect the meter (switched to its 10mA range) in series with a 3V battery and a 500 or 1,000Ω rheostat. Adjust the rheostat until the meter reads exactly full scale. Disconnect the battery and set the meter to its 100mA range. Connect one end of the resistance wire to one of the meter terminals and connect a length of normal copper wire to the other meter terminal. Tap the copper wire on to the resistance wire at a point, say, 6in. from the meter terminal and

reconnect the battery. Now slide the copper wire along the resistance wire until the meter reads to full scale (i.e. 10mA). The length of wire required as a shunt is thus determined. This should be cut from the remainder of the wire and insulated with sleeving. It can then be wound into a coil for easy insertion into the meter circuit.

It must be pointed out that the current in the circuit must not vary whilst the shunt is being found, i.e. the battery voltage must stay constant during that time. As a check the meter should be

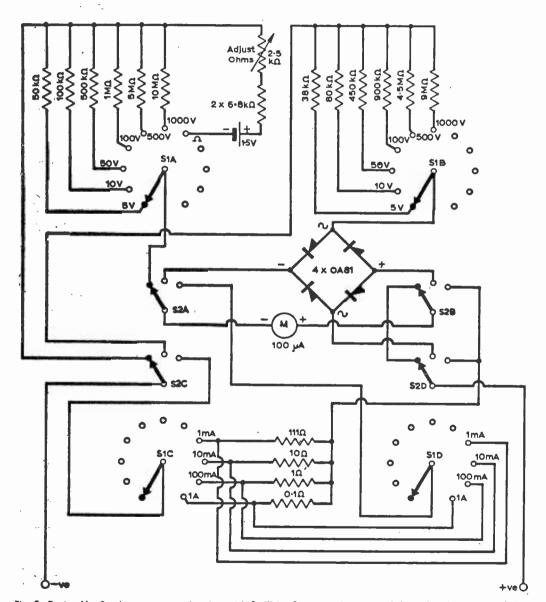


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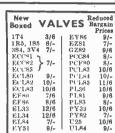
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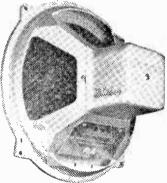
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This procedure is then repeated for the 1A range. Some difficulty may be experienced in soldering the resistance wire, since it is sometimes difficult to tin. Satisfactory results should, however, be obtained if the wire is cleaned carefully with a piece of fine emery cloth. The use of one of the proprietary non-corrosive fluxes can also be of assistance. If, however, the wire refuses to be tinned it should be wrapped round a small screw, say 6BA, sandwiched between a washer and a soldering tag. A nut is then threaded on the screw and the assembly tightened. The connection is obtained by soldering on to the solder tag.

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This, the last design, is the most comprehensive of the three. Facilities are included for measuring a.c. and d.c. voltages, resistance and d.c. current. This meter should prove suitable for nearly all measurements which are likely to arise. The circuit is given in Fig. 8.

Specification

Voltage A.C. and D.C	C. Resistance	Current D.C.
05	15,000Ω mid scale	0—1mA
0-10		0-10mA
0 —50		0-100mA
0100		0—1A
0500		
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The basic movement is a $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. round $100\mu A$ meter scaled 0—100. The circuit employed (Fig. 8) uses two switches. The main meter range switch SW1 is an 11-position four-bank switch, whilst the second switch SW2 selects either a.c. or d.c. volts and current. It would be possible to eliminate SW2 by increasing the number of banks on SW1 but this was thought to be undesirable on the grounds of cost and size.

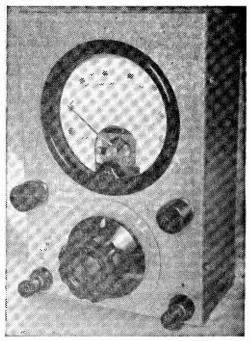
A feature of this design is the use of an additional switch bank (SWID) to safeguard the meter when it is used to measure current. The use of this switch ensures that the meter reads only when it is connected across a shunt and if a switch contact connecting that shunt into circuit becomes high resistance or open circuit then no current flows in the meter. If the meter were permanently connected into circuit and the necessary shunts were switched across it then failure of the switch could result in damage to the meter.

Examination of the circuit for design No. 2 (Fig. 7) will show what is meant. If SW1B becomes defective the full load current will flow through the meter. The addition of an extra switch bank would eliminate this possibility.

The meter used in the prototype had a resistance of 1.000Ω and the values quoted for the shunts are based on this value. As in the case of design No. 2 these must be adjusted to suit the particular meter used. The values quoted for the a.c. multipliers are approximate and the precise value required should be found by the method given in design No. 1.

COMPONENTS LIST FOR DESIGN NO. 3

Multipliers (all ¼W)							
	A.C.	D.C.					
5V	$38k\Omega$	50kΩ					
10V	80kΩ	. 100kΩ					
50V	450kΩ	500kΩ					
100V	900kΩ	IMΩ					
500V	4·5MΩ	$5M\Omega$					
1,000V	9ΜΩ	$10M\Omega$					
	Shunts						
1mA	111Ω	$(29\Omega + 82\Omega)$					
10mA	10Ω	,					
100mA	1Ω						
1A	0·1Ω						
Miscella neo us							
M moving coil meter 0—100μA f.s.d. S1, 1 pole, 11 position, 4 bank. S2, 4 pole, 3 position, 1 bank. 4 OA81 germanium diodes. Terminals Dry cell 1.5V. Potentiometer 2.5kΩ.							
2 resisto	ors 6.8kΩ ‡W.						



The appearance of Design No. 3 when made up.

The construction of this meter should present no difficulties. As in the case of the previous designs no details of construction have been given but a suitable metal or plastic case will no doubt be easy to obtain. The version of this meter made by the author is shown in the photograph.

Short Waves FOR DX LISTENERS NEWS

All times are in G.M.T.

All frequences are in kc/s.

The Broadcast Bands-by John Guttridge

EWS first of all this month from the Caribbean area. W. Smith (West Bromwich) reports the Windward Islands Broadcasting Service, St. George's, Grenada, and Radio Habana, (Apt. Postal 7026, Habana, Cuba). W.I.B.S. has now returned to 15,085 from 11.895 for its evening transmission, whilst Radio Hahana is using 11,735 for its 2010—2140 English transmission to Europe. (This is confirmed by Roy Patrick, Derby). Paul Harris, of Elgin, has heard

Habana in Spanish from 1900—2000 on 9,655.

A schedule and card have been received from Trans World Radio, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. The card is a big disappointment, giving no QSL details and no exact frequencies. English is carried from 1030-1230 (-1430 Sundays), and 0200-0430 on 800 medium wave and in the 31m band. Other transmissions are Spanish 1000-1030 31m., 0130 (0100 Sunday) - 0200 19m., Dutch 2200-2215 19m., Portuguese 0930—1000, 2300—2330, 0030— 0100 19m., German 2300-2315 Thursday, 0000-0030 19m., Russian 2330—2400 19n.b., French 2145—2200 19m., and Cantonese (not Sunday) 2200—2215 19m. Many of these transmissions are also carried on 800kc/s medium wave which is still well heard during the night in the U.K. Judging from the World Radio Handbook, likely short wave frequencies are 9.675/9,755/15.265.

Both Ian Taylor of Slough and R. Nelson of Castleton, mention La Voz de los Andes, HCJB, (Cas.691, Quito, Ecuador). The present QSL card gives no verification details. English is used from

1900-2030 on 17,890/15.115/11,755.

Moving Eastwards, Paul Harris mentions Radio South Africa (P.O. Box 8606, Johannesburg), which has full verification details on its QSL, and Radiodiffusion du Senegal (B.P. 1756, Dakar, Senegal), which he still hears on 9,675. He has also had a report acknowledged by the outlet of Radio Nacional de Espana in the Canary Isles. The schedule is given as 1400-1600 on 9,660 to Europe and 0000-0300 on 11,800 to South America. All in Spanish.

One of the most popular European stations at present appears to be Radio Tirana (Rue Ismail Quemal, Tirana, Albania). Ian Taylor gives the English schedule as 2000—2030, 2130—2200 on 7,090/9,715, whilst W. Smith says 1,088 medium wave is used additionally for the 2130 transmission. Both have had cards from the stationone with no date and one with no verification details. Alan Jones, of Chertsey, reports very strong signals at 0645 on 7.088 in an unidentified language.

Coming right home, devotees of the BBC should note that the General Overseas Service is to be

renamed the World Service.

Items have come in about the two stations at Monaco. First Radio Monte Carlo (16 Boulevard Princesse Charlotte, Monte Carlo). W. Smith reports a QSL consisting of a piece of paper giving the date, time and metre band, and Paul Harris had a verification giving the date only. Paul also reports Trans World Radio (Rue de la Poste, P.O. Box 141, Monte Carlo) with a Norwegian broadcast from 1700—1730 on 9,630.

Full details are given on the card issued by Radio Norway. Oslo, Norway. Amongst transmissions affected by frequency changes recently are 0745-0815 on 11,850/15,175/17.825/21.730/6.130 and 1700-1830 on 11.850/15,175/17,825/21,730/ 6.130.

According to W. Smith coloured QSL's giving full details are now being issued by Vatican Radio. Vatican City, Vatican State.

New times and extensive frequency changes are features of the summer schedule of the Overseas Service of Swiss Broadcasting Corporation, Berne. The new English times are: 1200-1300 on 7.110/9.665; 1845—2015 on 9.665/6.055; 0115— 0245 on 9,655/9,535/6,120; 0415-0515 on 9,655/ 9,535; 1315—1445 15.320/15.305/15,255/ on 17,830/15,305/15,255/ 17,845; 1500/1630 on 11,865; 2100—2230 on 11,865/9,545; 0830—1000 on 17.830/15,305/15.225.

An Asian station heard recently by Paul Harris is Radio Republik Indonesia (P.O. Box 157, Djkarta). German, he says, is now aired by this station on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1700-1730 on 9,865/11,715.

Roy Patrick reports new frequencies for the transmission in English to Europe from 1945-2030 by Radio Pakistan (71 Garden Road, Karachi 3). They are 6,250/7.135.

With the gradual improvement in reception conditions as solar activity increases, Radio Japan, Tokyo, Japan, has announced that it hopes to resume evening transmissions to Europe in the spring next year. Burmese is now transmitted in the South-east Asian service with the result that it has been extended by half an hour to run from 1230-1600. Frequencies are 9,675/11,705/11,875. The Hawaiian service on 15,235/17,725 has moved to the new time of 0600-0700. Other services affected by frequency changes are the African (1900-2000) on 9.670/11.780 and the North and Latin American (0200-0400) on 11.780/15.135/15.235. Three General Service transmissions have been extended to a full hour. These are at 1000 and 1400 on 9.505/9.740/11.815 and 2300 on 6.140/15.105/15,425. The 1800—1830 and 1900—1930 transmissions are now on 9,505/9,605/9,740.

The Amateur Bands-by David Gibson G3JDG

NCE upon a time, a scribe was foolish enough to suggest a contest for stations using as an antenna an end-fed coathanger and a pair of base-loaded cuff links. Reader H. S. Stevens of Aylesbury bravely (?) took up the challenge and here are some extracts from his log this antennae were taken via a pi-coupler into an S640 receiver). All on a.m. 16in. Wire Coathanger Antenna: 28Mc/s—9J2DT, ZC4KW, ZC4MO, 21Mc/s—UB1BL, PY2CH, PY9WL, PY5AQM, CT3XM, CR4AJ, ZS8C, CR6CG, CR4AI, CR6DL, PY9HL, YV1PF, YV1BM, ZE7JR, UB5BH, 14Mc/s—EA4, DL9,I1,PAØ and SP5. 3in. Gold Plated Cuff Links Antenna; 1\(\frac{1}{2}\)in. lead to pi-coupler: 21Mc/s—5A1TK, 5A4TI, WA4WVD, 9Q5RB, PY5AQM, 14Mc/s—UB2KAB, K2CAK, W4ZYS, K2HLB, SM5BL, W8NGO, WIJFG, SP5AR, WB2APG.

Well done, Mr. Stevens—the outright winner (and only entrant)!

2IMc/s

"My favourite band," say more and more readers. This band is challenging 14Mc/s in DX popularity.

Stephen Beal (London) collected these on his P.W. t.r.f. and 66ft. longwire: WIROU, 2ZX, 2AWD, 2RGU, 2SJM, 3MSK, 8HRV, 8WYT, K2HV, 3MBF, UB5BX, EA8EA. All a.m.

Bernard Hughes (Worcester) got these between 1300—1700 on his 840C+Codar preselector and dipole: CR5SP. CT3AQ. H18WSR. ITICFN, KV4CX, VE8BZ (Baffin Is.), VOIGX, WØZYM, ZS8G. ZC4MO, ZC4TJ, XE3AF, 9Q5DL, 9Q5RB.

John Fitzgerald (Gt. Missenden) says 15m has been wide open between 1100-1900. His unusual rig is Hitachi WH837 8-transistor superhet plus a 20m dipole—CO3CO, CR4BC, 5SP, 6DL, 7FR: CT3AM, EA8EN, ET3USA, K7JDX, 9WEZ, LU5AQ, SVØWCV, TN8BK, YV4KT, ZBIRM, 2AK; ZC4HK, ZS2AR, 6ADF, 8C, 8G; 7X2MD, 9J2BK, 9L1WN, 9Q5A1, 9Q5HP, All a.m.

Martin Briscoe (Bolton) uses a VR66 and PR30 preselector, with a folded dipole, and logged: CR7FC, ET3USA, ITICF, KZ5TD, MP4DAA, OD5CY, SVIDL, ZB1RM, ZC4MO, ZS1AB, SA1TK, 5A5TE, 9Q5RB, 9J2DT, 9X5RZ.

BR\$26171 (Lowestoft) found a new ground

BRS26171 (Lowestoft) found a new ground plane was better than his 264ft. longwire and dipole. This, with his Cr100 and a.y.u., produced these:—CPILN, CT3AQ, ET3USA, KP4AXC, MP4TAA (or DAA?), OD5EC, OD5DU, PY4BOP, PY6OPY, PY1AXP, ZB1CE, ZB4MO (surely 1MO?), ZE7JR, 4X4AB, 9G1SS, 9G5AB.

J. Cowley (Lancs) has an HA63 and a joystick on a 20ft. pole, aided by an old 19 Set a.t.u. He found—CR6EI, HK7UL, KP4ASN, KR6MB, OA4NQ, PY1FH, PZ1CM, UL7NH, VK2EW, VR6TC (Pitcairn Is.). W7KVT, WAØHHX, ZS5KI, 9J2FB. All these were on c.w.

14Mc/s

Staying open later and packed with DX. A sample is the colossal log received from R. Garvey (Cheltenham) using an S640 and 90ft. longwire.

We have selected the cream, as follows—AP5HQ, CN8BU, HM5BF, JA4BJO, JA6PN, KR6MH, UL7KSB, UM8AP, XW8BA, ZL2BG, 5R8AN, WA6HLU, All on c.w.

Paul Bernard (Birmingham) sent this log: EA8EA, HA8WH, K1DHG, K2CAK, OZ7NK, SM6CKS, UA1KBE, UA1KUD, W2AXH, W2SFP, W3OJX, YO2BB, 4X4RD. The receiver was a one-valver! Aerial was 69ft, longwire.

Alan Dailey (Leeds) uses an R107 with preselector and comments on an amazing improvement by raising his 90ft, longwire from a height of 8-10ft, to 20ft. Proof of the pudding:—BV1USG, CO8MN, CX8AX, DU1AA, FK8AU, HC1MX, HC8FM (Galapagos 1s.), HK3AVE, HP1AA, HS1X, HV1CN, HZ3TA, JA1BRD, K1LMV/VE8 (Baffin 1s.), KA5DG, KR6DL KA7DB, LU5DBS, MP4MAM, PY4AS, TG9EL, VK6XX, VK9TL (Norfolk Is.), VP2LS, VP2GTA, VS9AWR, ZD3C, ZD5R, ZD8WR, (Ascension Is.), 6Y5UC, 7X3CT, 9M4MB, 9M8EB. Some very fine DX there, Alan.

W. Clarke (Devon) has an AR88 and inverted dipole. He pulled in these on s.s.b.—AP1AD, ET3MEN, DU7GB, FM7AEL, HR1SR, KC4OA, KG4AN, KP4CL, KL7DR, KX6BQ, OA1SU, VK3AM, VK4RH, VK5MS, VP2LF, VP4KD, VP9CP, XE1ME, XE1YO, YA3BMC, YV5FTS, ZL2KL, ZL2DU, ZL3FA, ZL3UY, 4X4HW, 4X4BL.

Norman Ponsford, also of Devon, uses a t.r.f. (CR45) with a 60ft. longwire. These were heard on a.m. on one day between 1600-1730—F8SC, HVICN, KIDIR, KIHVV, OH2TI, SP9ANH, SM4CHM, UQ2KFG, UA2KAK, W2GBC, W3ZVA, W3MSK, W7ESK, W8BF, WØNVZ, SAITT. On a Sunday between 1725-1840 he found: EL3C. HB9DO, OEIKRB, K2UYT, SM5AWL, UB5KSP, VE2ADL, VE1AGD, W8UFG, YV5BBU, 5A4TK.

P. Whelan finds the band lively on his CR300/2 and reports CE7BV, CP5EZ, CX2CO, HK3KY, LA4EJ/P (Jan Meyen Is.). LU4DM, LU4ACJ, OD5CY, PY2ON, VP7NY, YV5AXA. His ariel is 50ft. of wire stretched between the lifeboats, and the log above was received "somewhere off the Kent coast." Does this make him P. Whelan/MM?

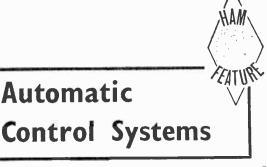
L.F. Bands

The only report of a non-G station this month was of OKIKLX. This is surprising since DX has been about (W6, VP3, VE, etc.)—maybe it's because the DX is on c.w.

One or two have braved the QRM and G sideband nets to winkle out the interesting ones. Gilles Whylie (Renfrewshire) got OHØNC, TI2JIC. VE3CW, ZL2AAG, ZL4LM, all on s.s.b. Alan Dailey got HBØAFM/M, HBØAFM, PJ2AA, VE3AXU/M. D. Foster (Essex) raised VEHE, VOIHI and W2ZTL.

One or two have taken up the challenge of DX on 7Mc/s, including M, Woollin (Leeds), who found WB2GWY, K1LTZ, K2ODC, KV4CI and

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A system of fully automatic change-over from send to receive and vice-versa, with only two relays.

by A. D. Taylor, G8PG/GW8PG

UTOMATIC changeover on telegraphy or "push-to-talk" operation on telephony is a great operating convenience in the amateur station. It allows the operator to monitor the frequency during an "over", thus reducing the effects of interference, changes contacts between stations from monologues into conversations and considerably reduces fatigue during long operating sessions. The relay control system described in this article allows "listening through" between words on c.w. and also at any time on telephony by merely releasing the "press-to-talk" switch. The delay time can be adjusted, between a few milliseconds and about one second, by means of a potentiometer. As the transmitter v.f.o. is held on continuously while sending words the problem of "chirp" on c.w. is eliminated. The system has been operated on the various bands with a transmitter running at powers up to 60W.

Circuit Description

The circuit is shown in Fig. 1. Transformer T1, rectifier MR1 and capacitor C1 together provide a 24V 0.5A supply for operating the

relays. This supply energises the relay coils when the morse key or "push-to-talk" switch is operated. Both relays then operate immediately, the current which operates RC/5 flowing through rectifier MR2. As soon as contacts RC1 close, C2 charges up from the 24V supply and the potential across this capacitor is sufficient to hold RC/5 operated for a time which can be varied by altering the value of VR1. When the morse key is released for the space between symbols the keying relay, RK/1, releases immediately, but RC/5 coil is isolated owing to the removal of the forward bias on MR2; this relay therefore remains operated. When the operator presses the key for the next symbol RK/1 operates immediately and the loss of charge on C2 is made good by conduction through MR2. If the operator makes a longer pause, such as that between words, C2 discharges sufficiently for RC/5 to release and return the station to the "receive" condition. The provision of MR2 and relay contacts RC1 are key factors in the operation of the circuit. If MR2 were not fitted the charge on C2 would hold both relays operated and keying would be impossible.

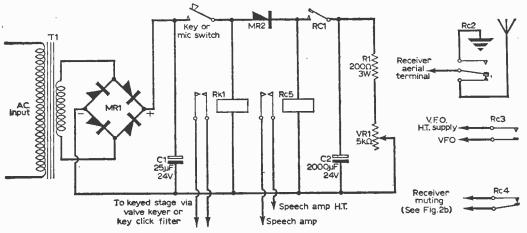


Fig. 1: The transmitter control circuit. TI should be a general-purpose low voltage transformer. MRI and MR2 should be 24V 0·5A components (e.g. GEC X541 B.I.P.I. or surplus IA bridge for MRI).

If C2 were connected directly across the coil of RC/5 instead of via RC1 the relay would be slowto-operate as well as slow-to-release, thus interfer-

ing with the operation of the system.

The use of the remaining contacts on RC/5 is self-explanatory except for the method of connecting the aerial to the receiver via contact RC2, which is unconventional as will be seen from examination of Fig. 2a. On receive the receiver aerial connection is "tapped in" to the inner conductor of the coaxial cable used to connect the transmitter output to the aerial coupler. This method eliminates the need for a heavy-duty aerial changeover relay and, provided the precautions mentioned later are taken, it works very well and has no effect on the transmitter output or the s.w.r.

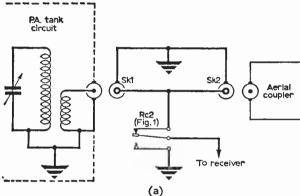
Receiver muting is achieved by connecting a variable resistor in series with the earth return from the existing r.f. gain control and shorting it out on "receive" by means of contacts RC4 as

Construction

The unit can be built on any suitable chassis or in a wooden box. The relays are fairly quiet in operation but it is suggested that they be mounted on a piece of sound-absorbent material to reduce noise to a minimum. The aerial sockets, SK1 and SK2 in Fig. 2a, should be mounted as close to each other as possible, and relay RC/5 should be placed so that the lead from contacts RC2 to the sockets does not exceed 1in. in length. The frames of the two sockets must also be bonded together carefully. The layout of the remaining components is not critical. The receiver aerial connection is made via a terminal, the key connection is via a jack and the remaining control leads are connected via an international octal plug and socket.

Setting-up Adjustments

The first tests should be made with the international octal plug withdrawn. The mains should be connected and the 24V output from the power



shown in Fig. 2b. This method has the advantage that it is only necessary to unsolder one wire in the receiver when installing it.

Choice of Relays

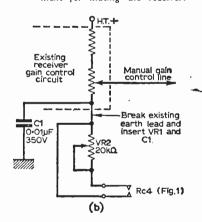
Relay RK/1 is one of the small, ex-Government high-speed relays often described as "Siemens high-speed relays". These are available from a number of sources and any model (there are five different types) should be suitable. Relay RC/5 can be any 24V relay which mounts the necessary contact assemblies and has a coil resistance of 800Ω or more. If a very high resistance relay is used (say $10,000\Omega$ coil) the value of RV1 should be increased to $100k\Omega$.

Transmitter Requirements

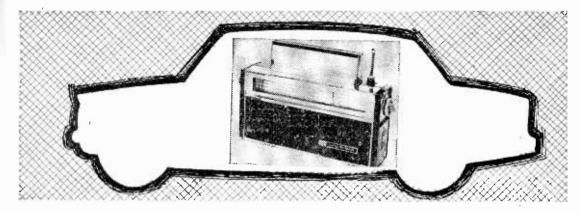
Owing to the type of aerial connection to the receiver the p.a. should use fixed bias or a clamper valve if RK/1 is used to key an intermediate stage. Unless this provision is made there is a possibility that during reception the p.a. valve may radiate noise which will be picked up in the receiver. In the prototype installation no noise was picked up from a p.a. using a simple clamper valve, keying being in a buffer/doubler stage preceding the p.a.

Fig. 2a (left): The receiver aerial connection.

Fig. 2b (below): The circuit arrangement for muting the receiver.



The key should then be supply checked. connected and when it is pressed relays RK/1 and RC/5 should operate immediately. When the key is raised RK/1 should release immediately and RC/5 after a delay period. It should be possible to vary this delay period by adjusting VR1. The operation of contacts RK1 and RC2 to 5 should then be checked with the aid of an ohmmeter to ensure that they make and break correctly. The unit can then be connected to the transmitter and receiver, after which VR1 is adjusted to give the desired delay and VR2 (Fig. 2b) to give the desired level of sidetone from the receiver.



WING to the great popularity of the transistor portable, it is understandable that many car owners have endeavoured to employ this possession in the car as well as in the home, office, on the bench and so forth. One advantage of the use of a portable in a car is that a separate car radio licence is not required. That is, provided the radio is not a fixture and does not run from the car battery.

It is generally possible to embrace the portable within the household licence covering the domestic radio and TV set. Note, however, that if the portable is used by a different family, even in the same house, then a licence may be required specifically for the portable. The Post Office will

advise on these matters.

Unfortunately, the portable does not work very well in the car by itself. This is because it relies upon its internal ferrite rod aerial for picking up the signals, and signals do not pass very easily

through the metal body of a car. There is some signal present inside the body of a car, of course, some is bound to get in through the windows, and a certain amount even through the metal panels. Thus, by turning the volume control pretty well full on reasonable reception may be possible provided the set is orientated so that the internal ferrite rod aerial picks up as much as possible of the little signal there is available in the car.

Under this condition the set is being in the form of a "hiss' when the required station is tuned

in. Provided this was the major disadvantage, the set could probably be used in 40 per cent of the cases on the local stations with reasonable entertainment value.

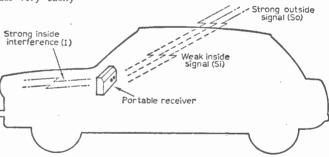
However, the trouble really starts when the engine is turning. Since the set is now pulling really hard to catch on to as much signal as possible, it responds strongly to the smallest amount of interference. And inside a car with the engine running exists a high level of ignition interference, even when the engine is moderately suppressed.

Superimposed upon the weak signal, therefore, is the continuous, staccato crackle characteristic of ignition interference. Unless the tuned station is producing a relatively high signal field in the area, the interference generally outweighs the signal inside the car and the set has to be switched off.

POOR S/I RATIO

This arises, of course, from the poor signal/ interference ratio, as shown in Fig. 1. Here we have the strong outside signal So giving rise to the weak inside signal Si due to the screening of the car. Also inside the car is the strong interference signal 1. The signal/interference ratio is thus S_i/I .

At S/I ratios below 100-to-1 (40dB) the interference can be heard in the background. When the ratio rises above 100-to-1 the interference is pushed well into the background and is not heard.

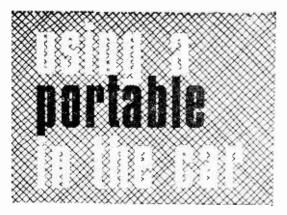


highly sensitive. The background roise is often fairly high, this with using an ordinary transistor portable inside a car. Here the signal/interference ratio is given by S, I.

At ratios below about 50-to-1 the interference can be so disturbing that the portable just cannot provide reception of entertainment value in the car.

The problem is considerably aggravated due to the directivity characteristic of the portable's ferrite rod aerial. Thus, if the set is carefully orientated in the car for the best signal/interference ratio with the car travelling in one direction, the ratio is worsened when the car alters course.

To retain the best signal/interference ratio while travelling in a car, therefore, it is necessary to turn the set correspondingly each time the car alters course. This is highly undesirable and not particu-



larly safe so far as the lone rider is concerned.

It is possible to improve the signal/interference ratio by placing the receiver in line with one of the windows of the car. This overcomes the screening effects of the metal car body to some extent and the signal/interference ratio may then rise to $S_{\rm o}/1$. On fairly strong stations this may be sufficient with correct orientation of the set to produce a ratio better than 40dB.

Unfortunately, however, the directivity problem still exists and complete fade-outs can occur when the car turns a corner. Moreover, it is not usually very convenient to have a portable perched up

near one of the windows.

Transistor portable manufacturers, realising the need to do something about these problems, now almost universally fit a car aerial socket on their sets. This allows a car aerial to be employed with the set, the theory being that a signal of value S_0 (Fig. 1) is brought into the set.

MARGINAL IMPROVEMENT

The theory is good, but in practice the results are very marginal and sometimes there is virtually no improvement at all with the car aerial connected. There are two reasons for this.

One is that transistor portable manufacturers are in a very competitive field and so obviously they are not in a position to spend a great deal of extra money to introduce additional facilities for a

minority market.

The other is that the extra signal picked up by a simple car-type aerial is hardly worth bothering about if one compares the efficiency of the ferrite aerial in the set with that of the car aerial. The former is many times more efficient than the latter.

Over the past two years the author has been making a special study of the subject and has reached the conclusion that one solution is to improve the overall efficiency of the simple cartype aerial so that it is at least as efficient as the set's ferrite rod aerial without being directional. Another solution is to "radiate" inside the car a signal field over the whole of the long and medium wave bands at least equal to that of the signal field outside the car. The resulting designs are the subject of British Patent App. No. 4097/64.

Set manufacturers have also now introduced the "hybrid" portable/car radio set. This is basically a transistor portable with facilities for switching out the internal ferrite rod aerial and switching in circuits for accepting the signals picked up on a

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car-type aerial. This type of set has considerable advantage over the ordinary portable used in the car with an aerial plugged into the car aerial socket because the aerial circuits are designed for optimum matching to a car-type aerial.

One of the reasons why an ordinary portable fails to react so well with a car-type aerial is that the matching and coupling efficiency between the car-type aerial and the aerial socket is not generally very good. Then, of course, there is the disadvantage of the ferrite rod aerial remaining in circuit as we have seen.

It is not easily possible for the owner of an ordinary portable to introduce modifications so that the ferrite rod can be switched out of circuit when the set is used in a car with a car aerial. This is because the ferrite rod aerial acts as the aerial coils as well as the "collector" of signals.

RE-RADIATION INSIDE CAR

The author has tackled the problem from the aspect of the existing type of ordinary portable whose owner may wish to take it out in the car without introducing any modifications whatever. The "radiation" principle is of interest.

In this system a wideband amplifier feeds into a push-pull wideband power amplifier, using tran-

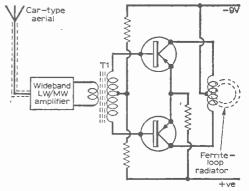


Fig. 2: A wideband amplifier driving a push-pull r.f. power amplifier can be employed to "radiate" strong signals, at least equal in strength to those outside the car, inside the car.

sistors, as shown in Fig. 2. Here a wideband medium frequency amplifier is supplied with signals from a car aerial and the signals at the output of this amplifier are coupled to the power amplifier by T1. The collectors of the output transistors are then loaded to a ferrite loop radiator which is located at a convenient site inside the car.

All the signals thus picked up by the car-type aerial are re-radiated inside the car at a strength at least equal to that outside the car as shown in Fig. 3. The signal/interference ratio then becomes $S_1 = S_0/1$ and, provided ordinary ignition interference suppression precautions are taken, the ratio is generally better than 40dB on all but very distant stations.

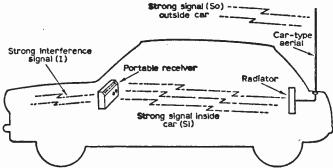


Fig. 3: The resulting improvement in the signal/interference ratio by the use of the "radiator" is shown here as S_i — S_0I . Directivity troubles are also eliminated.

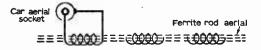


Fig. 4: Most transistor portables feature a "car aerial" socket connected to the ferrite rod aerial by means of a small coil, as this diagram shows.

EFFECT OF A.G.C.

The amount of interference produced by a portable operating in an interference environment is affected not only by the signal/interference ratio but also by the strength of the wanted station irrespective of that of the interference.

This is because the greater the strength of the signal picked up by the portable the greater will be the effect of the automatic gain control (a.g.c.) circuits inside the set and the less will be the sensitivity of the set to interfering signals anyway!

This means that the effect of interference resulting from a given signal/interference ratio will be less the greater the strength of the signal proper. As an illustration the signal/interference ratio is 10 to 1 with a wanted signal of $100\mu V$ and an interference signal of $10\mu V$. The interference

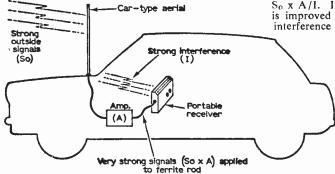


Fig. 5: By use of a wideband amplifier with gain A the signal/interference ratio is improved approximately to S_o — A/I. Thus, the ratio is improved by the numerical gain of the amplifier.

would be considerably troublesome under these conditions because $100\mu V$ of wanted signal would be barely sufficient to push the set into a.g.c.

However, with a wanted signal of 1mV and an interference signal of 100 µV (still 10 to 1 ratio) the interference effect would be less, since 1mV of wanted signal would push the set well into a.g.c. action and thus diminish its sensitivity to the interference. A.G.C. action thus tends to improve the effective signal/interference ratio.

It will be appreciated, of course, that the set-up in Fig. 3 completely destroys the direc-

tional properties of the transistor portable when it is used in the car, for the portable and/or radiator is positioned for the most convenience and the optimum signal/interference ratio. Neither the set nor the radiator moves relative to each other, so this optimum will be maintained whatever station tuned.

In practice it has been discovered that the complications and expense of re-radiation can be deleted without detracting from the overall effect by utilising the aerial coupling loop provided by the set manufacturer. This loop comprises a number of turns of wire wound round the ferrite rod and terminated across the car aerial socket as shown in Fig. 4.

DIRECT BOOST

By using this we can do away with the push-pull output stage shown in Fig. 2 and employ only the wideband amplifier by connecting the output of the amplifier direct to the car aerial socket. This arrangement is shown in Fig. 5, from which it will be seen that the outside signal now present in proximity to the set's ferrite rod aerial is So x A, where A is the gain of the wideband amplifier.

If the amplifier has a gain of ten times then the signal focused around the set's ferrite rod is $10 \times S_0$, which could be considerable. The signal/interference ratio now rises approximately to $S_0 \times A/I$. In general the signal/interference ratio is improved by at least ten times relative to the interference actually inside the car.

This can be easily demonstrated by running the portable inside the car with the engine running and the amplifier switched off, noting the background noise and interference crackles, and then switching the amplifier on. When the arrangement is correctly employed both the interference and the background noise disappear completely or very significantly.

The success of the arrangement is not only due to the boost that the amplifier provides to the signal, thereby improving the signal/interference ratio directly and also by pushing the set's a.g.c.

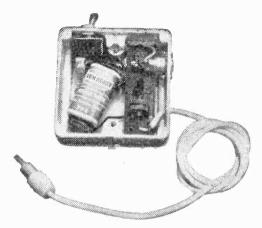


Fig. 6: Inside view of commercial wideband amplifier for use with transistor portables inside cars.

hard on, but by the improvement in matching that can be secured between the car-type aerial and the set's aerial socket. The amplifier can thus be designed to match at its input a simple type of car radio aerial and at its output the aerial circuit of the set.

In that way optimum signal transfer results from the aerial to the set which, as has already been intimated, rarely occurs when a car-type aerial is plugged straight into the set. As with the "radiation" arrangement the direct boost also kills the directivity of the ferrite rod and, in fact, the aerial/amplifier combination easily matches the efficiency of the set's ferrite rod aerial, which was the original target of the exercise.

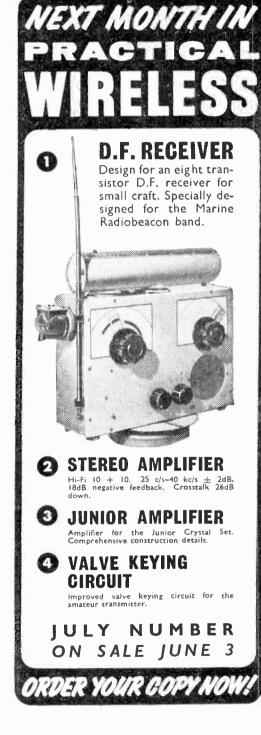
There are one or two points that should be remembered when these arrangements are adopted. One is that the signal/interference ratio improvement relates to the interference actually inside the car and not to interference outside the car. This means that ordinary suppression of the ignition and electrical system is required as when any radio is used in a car. Another is that if the amplifier is made with too great a gain unsuppressed passing traffic can cause trouble. Excessive gain is unnecessary since it just cannot be used on a main road. The same applies to an amplifier whose response extends beyond about 2Mc/s.

EXTRA L.W. BOOST

Above that frequency local car interference starts showing up really badly, so it is as well to curtail the response of this type of amplifier at about 1.5Mc/s. It is generally desirable to give a lift of around 40dB at 1,500m, for the Light Programme is pretty poor in some parts of the country, and this now makes a handy station for late night car travellers since the recent extension of popular music.

To determine the maximum amount of gain that can be accommodated under practical conditions

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Incompetence

RARELY have I seen a correspondent so completely "off the beam" as R. A. Packer (May issue). Not only is he under the impression that an 807 is an I.O. based valve (all the 807s that I have used during the past 20 years have come supplied with five-pin U.X. bases) but he is addicted to making sweeping and completely false generalisations.

completely false generalisations. He obviously never peruses the advertisement sections of P.W. because a quick glance through any recent issue would show him that many manufacturers are still making and selling a large variety of kits and completed units using the everpopular I.O. valves.

His remarks regarding "Competent Constructors" are not only illogical but show great intolerance—a "constructor" is one who constructs, a "designer"

is one who designs.

Moreover, most amateurs I have met do not enjoy the obviously ample financial sources of Mr. Packer; 6K8s and 6V6s at a bob a time are a far more attractive proposition to the typically financially embarrassed amateur than ECH81s and ECL86s at several shillings each.

Finally, in case Mr. Packer thinks that I am a "Radio Square", let me hasten to add that for years I have regularly (and quite competently) constructed equipment using everything from Jumbo valves to miniature deaf-aid components.

J. D. Methyen.

Crawley, Sussex.

Correspondents

I WOULD like to correspond with anyone who is interested in radio and of my own age (13). Richard Edeson.

32 Crewe Avenue, Ferrybridge, Knottingley, Yorks.

I AM a radio experimenter and keen reader of P.W. I would like to correspond with anyone who shares an interest in the same field. I am 26 years of age.

Kenneth Smith.

7 Luyan Hill, Belmont, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

NEWS AND..

STEREO HEADPHONES FOR DEAF CHILDREN



The little girl on the left is wearing a hi-fi stereo headset manufactured by Standard Telephones and Cables Limited and designed to rather special requirements. The microphone on the boom feeds the child's speech through a small amplifier back to the phones at increased volume. In fact the headsets have been designed to help deaf children learn to speak by enabling them to listen to their first efforts of forming sounds and words.

These specifications required the phones to handle, without distortion, sounds exceeding the threshold of pain level for normal hearing, and for each earpiece to have individual volume control.

RECORD DECKS AT THE FAIR

The 1965 Audio Fair was recently held in London, and naturally enough, record decks and players were well represented by a number of British and overseas manufacturers.

Garrard Engineering Ltd. (Newcastle Street, Swindon) had a wide range of decks on display, from inexpensive auto-changers to high performance transcription units and including three which had not previously been seen in the UK. One of these, type A.70, incorporates a new record-changing mechanism which, with a sloping centre spindle and a pusher platform at one corner of the deck, provides a gentler disc release than the conventional arrangement.

One of the foreign manufacturers represented at the Show by their UK agents Denham and Morley Ltd. (173 Cleveland St., London, W.1) were the Scandinavian Radio and Television Company of Denmark. Two S.R.T. transcription decks and a record player were displayed, the transcription decks both featuring belt driven turnable and variable speed control.

The German firm of Telefunken were represented by their agents Welmec Corporation Ltd. (27 Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2), who had on show two Telefunken sound systems comprising record deck, amplifier and speaker units. One of these featured a belt driven deck and a 12-valve amplifier.

SOME NEW MICROPHONES ON THE MARKET

Vitavox Ltd., Westmoreland Road, London, N.W.9 have recently introduced a new dynamic microphone (Multi-Zed M100) with four alternative output impedances. Impedances of $25\Omega,\,200\Omega,\,10k\,\Omega$ and 'high', are available from the mic. which incorporates a tapped ratio line transformer. Frequency response is from 50c/s to 15kc/s $\pm 3\text{dB}.$

Another new microphone is the model 4126 capacitor from STC. This professional instrument measures only two inches plus, yet it incorporates the unusual feature of an integral field-effect-transistor head amplifier. Another unusual feature is the price—around £120.

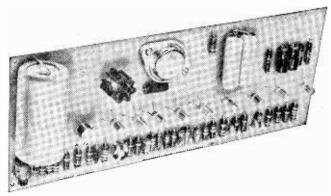
Another recent addition to the STC range of microphones is their model 4119 ribbon mic. This is a high quality tubular microphone with a narrow cardioid directional sound pick-up. Especially suitable for pop singers, the microphone costs £25.

.. COMMENT

PMG TO GRANT LICENCES TO VISITING AMATEURS

Good news for overseas amateurs visiting the UK. is the recent announcement of the Postmaster-General that in future they can expect to be granted licences to operate transmitting equipment whilst in this country. This concession will apply to all foreign amateurs whose own country are prepared to grant similar facilities to UK licensed operators.

NEW TRANSISTOR AMPLIFIER KIT



This is a 12-transistor amplifier with a 20W r.m.s. music power output (40W peak) claimed by its makers. It is Sinclair Radionics' new X-20 unit which combines preamp and power amplifier on a panel measuring only $8\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times $3\frac{1}{4}$ in. X lin. Tone and volume controls for mono or stereo can be added to suit practically any requirements, and any type of pick-up, as well as outputs from f.m. tuners and tape preamps, can be connected to it. Frequency response of the amplifier is 20c/s to $20kc/s \pm 1dB$, input sensitivity ImV into $5k\Omega$ and signal to noise ratio is better than 70dB. Power requirements are 36V d.c. at 700 mA.

In kit form the X-20 will cost you £7 19s. 6d., or built and tested the price is £9 19s. 6d. from Sinclair Radionics Ltd., Comberton, Cambridge.

POLICE TO GET POCKET TRANSCEIVERS

Police forces throughout the country will soon be using pocket-sized radio transmitter/receivers manufactured by G.E.C. (Electronics) Ltd. 400 of these sets have been ordered by the Home Office, following a period of 12 months' operational use by the Lancashire Constabulary.

G.E.C.'s transceiver is the smallest v.h.f. pocket set to be granted G.P.O. and Home Office approval and already many arrests have been attributed to its use.

STEREO TRANSMISSIONS: NEW TIMES

The experimental pilot-tone stereophonic transmissions from Wrotham, which have until recent weeks been taking place three afternoons a week on the Third Network Music Programme, are now forming part of the Music Programme transmissions from Wrotham on 91-3Mc/s on Mondays from 2.30 to 3 p.m. and on Thursdays from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

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set (17in.) made by British Radio Corp. The only mark on the chassis is PA77.--P. Gormley, 2 Francis Street, Londonderry, N. Ireland.

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A Stabilised Nine Volts

A compact unit to power transistor receivers from the mains.

BY P. G. THOMSON

THIS power unit was originally constructed to form part of a mains-battery transistor portable radio. In the light of experience gained from building and operating similar power supplies, it was felt that a stabilised type with ample power rating was to be preferred. Further in designing this power unit particular attention was paid to economy, compactness and hum level.

Circuit Design

To give an ample current rating about 350mA is needed. The output voltage varies from 9.3V without load, to 8.7V with a load of 350mA (See Fig. 1.). Different output voltages may be attained for individual needs, by using a different zener diode.

The operation of the circuit is as follows. The secondary voltage from mains transformer T1, is

rectified by a full wave rectifier consisting of D1, D2, D3 and D4, capacitor C1 being used to smooth the output from these rectifiers. Resistor R1 allows current to flow through the zener diode D5, so setting the base reference voltage for transistor Tr1. The transistor de-amplifies the large voltage variations on its collector side, so that they appear as only very small variations on its emitter side. Decoupling and extra smoothing are achieved by capacitor C2. Fuses F1 and F2 are included to protect the power unit and any equipment it may be connected to.

Other output voltages and current ratings can be obtained using the same circuit, with modified component values. The main design considerations for this circuit are:—

(1) The mains transformer:—

Current Rating > $(I_M + I_Z)$

Voltage Rating =
$$\frac{V_C}{\sqrt{2}}$$

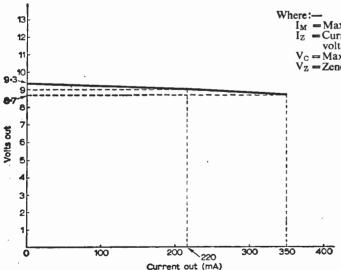


Fig. 1: This graph illustrates the reduction of output voltage from the unit, with increased current load.

I_M = Maximum current taken by load.
 I_Z = Current taken by diode to establish zener voltage.

V_C = Maximum voltage at collector of Tr1.

 V_z = Zener voltage.

Vc is given by:— Vc=√2×Transformer secondary voltage.

The higher the secondary voltage (i.e. the greater the voltage allowed across Trl) and current rating of the transformer, the better the regulation.

(2) The current ratings for each of the full wave rectifier diodes should be:—

The voltage ratings for each of the rectifier diodes will depend upon the transformer secondary voltage, which will in turn depend upon the output voltage, and the voltage it is decided to allow across the transistor. The voltage rating for each of the diodes will be:—

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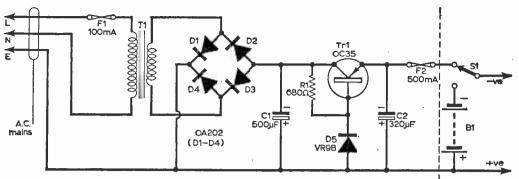


Fig. 2: The simple circuit of the power pack.

(3) The value of R is given by:-

$$R = \frac{V'_{c} - V_{z}}{I_{z}}$$

Since the voltage at the collector will vary with the load, it is advisable to use the lowest value of collector voltage (V_C), or else it is possible that the zener diode may operate in the wrong portion of its characteristic. It should also be ascertained that the maximum power rating of the diode is not exceeded. The power dissipated in the diode is given by the expression:—

$$P_{Z} = \frac{V_{Z} \times (V_{C} - V_{Z})}{R}.$$

(4) The dissipation in Tr1 varies with the load current, however it may be taken to be:—

$$PTr1 = (V_C - V_Z) \times I_M$$

As well as not exceeding the maximum power rating of the transistor, the maximum collector

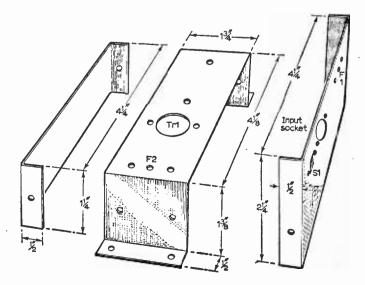
emitter voltage rating should not be exceeded either. For the power unit built by the author, the maximum power dissipated in Tr1 was about 4 watts, as the maximum permissible dissipation was 11 watts only a small heat sink was required, which enabled the size of the unit to be reduced. Indeed it is possibly better to employ a higher rating transistor working at far less than its maximum dissipation, simply for the economy in space.

Fig. 3: An exploded view of the aluminium chassis. The right-hand panel extends above the top of the chassis to carry the mains socket, switch SI and the fuseholder for FI.

COMPONENTS LIST

- Trl OC35 or any other power transistor of 10W or higher rating
- DI, 2, 3, 4 OA202 miniature silicon rectifiers or similar
- D5 VR9B 9V 2-25W zener diode 5%, or similar 9V zener diode
- TI Small bell transformer, or similar, with 12V 1A output
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- C2 320µF miniature electrolytic 10V
- FI 100mA fuse
- F2 500mA fuse
- BI Optional—see text
- SI Optional-single-pole, 2-way switch

Two fuseholders. 3-pin mains input socket (T.S.L.) and plug to match. Aluminium for chassis. Piece of Veroboard for sub-chassis.



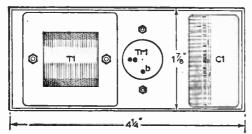


Fig. 4a: A view from underneath the chassis.

Construction

The aluminium chassis is made in three parts. The chassis dimensions and the position of the fixing holes are shown in Fig. 3. The exact dimensions and relative positions of the holes are not shown since they will depend upon the particular components used by the constructor.

The position of the larger components is shown in Fig. 4. The rest of the components are assembled together on a sub-chassis made of *Veroboard* (this consists of a perforated board of insulating material with strips of copper laid across it, Fig. 5). However these components could equally well have been assembled together on a piece of perspex, or similar material and connected by means of conventional wiring.

The procedure when wiring is as follows. First mount the principal components (those shown in Fig. 4) to the chassis and connect them up. Then wire the sub-chassis and when complete, connect to the components already mounted on the main chassis. The sub-chassis is held in position by means of the wire connections made from it to the chassis.

Operation

It will be seen from the theoretical circuit (Fig. 2), that switch S1 and a battery B1 have been included in the circuit. As previously mentioned the unit was designed to be incorporated in a transistor radio, B1 and S1 facilitate mains-battery operation, whether or not they are included in the constructor's version will depend upon the function the power supply is put to.

The hum level of this power supply is exceptionally low. The prototype was used to feed a one-watt transistor amplifier driving an 8 × 5in. loudspeaker, at a load of 220mA (12mA quiescent into the amplifier, the remainder into a resistive load). Hum was only discernable 6in. away from the loudspeaker, the hum level increased at 350mA but was still barely audible. At higher loads the hum level increased appreciably.

It is important to realise that since the transistor is bolted to the aluminium chassis, the whole of the chassis is at collector potential and thus must *not* be earthed.

Conclusion

The total cost to the author was about £2, which is less than other similar units, and has been achieved without sacrificing voltage regulation and smoothing.

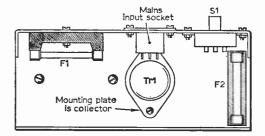
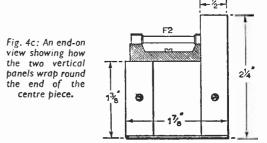


Fig. 4b: Looking down from above the chassis, F1, S1 and the input socket are shown to be fitted to the front panel.



The would-be constructor is advised to look through radio magazines to find the most reasonably priced components.

The completed unit is capable of powering most types of transistor portable radios and record players. It will be appreciated that the output ratings and construction configuration of the unit may be easily modified to suit individual requirements.

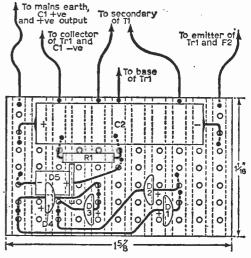


Fig. 5: The component layout and wiring details of the Veroboard-based sub-chassis.

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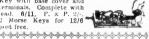
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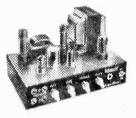
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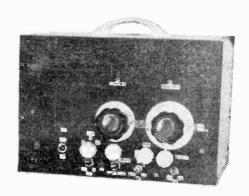
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When all wiring is complete it should be carefully checked for incorrect connections and short-circuits. If all appears to be correct, the unit should be switched on and the h.t. and l.t. outputs tested with a multimeter. The open circuit h.t. voltages should be about 300V and the l.t. should be 6.3V. If all appears in working order the unit may be put safely to one side until the audio

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The RF Oscillator Circuit

The oscillator is basically a cathode-coupled Hartley oscillator. The four switched coils are tuned by a 500pF tuning capacitor and a range of about 175kc/s—22Mc/s is obtained. A fifth range covering the higher frequencies was tried but great difficulty was experienced in getting the valve (an ECC81) to oscillate at these frequencies.



If such a band is needed, other valves (such as ECC84 or ECC85) should be tried.

The r.f. signal may also be modulated by a fixed tone of about 440c/s obtained from a simple transformer-coupled oscillator stage (V4a). Modulation is switched off by shorting the grid of the modulator oscillator to chassis.

The output is taken from the anode of the r.f. oscillator V4b to a cathode-follower output stage. This is found to be quite adequate for normal use as r.f. and i.f. stages are usually of high gain and followed by the audio section. The output coupling capacitor C24 should be of 1,000V working for absolute safety.

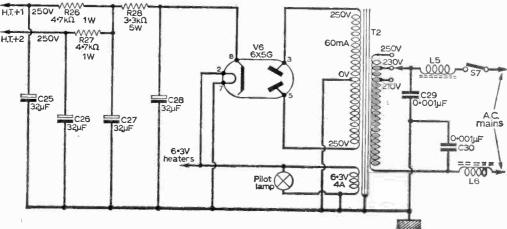


Fig. 51 This circuit will provide suitable power outputs for both the audio and r.f. oscillator units.

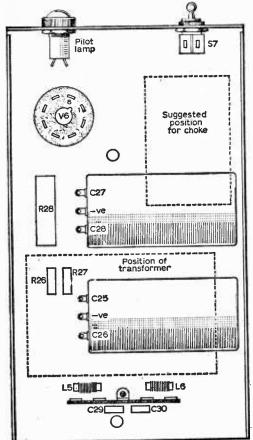


Fig. 61 Component layout of the power pack chassis.

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Construction

This unit is built in a similar manner to the other two units. In order that better connections can be made to the chassis at high frequencies it would be better if a tinplate chassis was available as wires can then be soldered directly to the chassis.

The switch and valve holes should be cut and the transformer fixing holes and the grommet holes drilled. Holes should also be drilled to take the coil formers and tuning capacitor brackets.

The wiring should now be completed except for the coils. All wiring must be short and direct and either ceramic or mica capacitors should be used at r.f. The leads to the range switch should be wired. The coil for range 1 (L1) can now be wound.

Take the 2 x ½ in. former and put a small dab of plastic cement about ¼ in. from the base. Fasten one end of the 30s.w.g. enamelled copper wire in the cement, leaving about 6in. free. Pile-wind 350 turns spaced to ½ in. on the former, then twist a 6in. loop in the wire to form the centre tap. Wind another 350 turns in the same direction in the ½ in. above the centre tap. Fasten the end temporarily with a small knot.

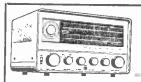
Connect the coil to the circuit. Test the oscillator by applying the output to a receiver tuned to the long waves via a 10pF capacitor. The range of the coil should be adjusted by means of a ferrite slug until it covers about 600—175kc/s. In order to match up with Band II the coil should be adjusted to oscillate at 600kc/s (500m) with the vanes of the capacitor about 5° enmeshed.

The coil for range 2 (L2) is wound in a similar manner, there being two pile windings of 90 turns each over ½in. with a centre tap between them. This coil should be connected into circuit and the coverage adjusted by means of the ferrite slug so that it resonates at 600kc/s with the vanes about 5° from fully enmeshed. The highest frequency can be found with a s.w. receiver and will be about 2.5Mc/s (120m).

Range 3 coil (L3) has a total of 80 turns with a tape in the centre, but this coil is wound in a single layer. When connected its minimum frequency should be adjusted to about 2.5Mc/s with the condenser 5° from enmeshed. If the maximum frequency of range 2 is nowhere near 2.5Mc/s then range 3 should be adjusted to overlap at a convenient frequency.

Range 4 (L4) coil has a total of 14 turns, centre tapped. In the author's prototype oscillation was not obtained over the whole band but only over the higher frequency half (the 90° with lower capacity in the tuning capacitor). The minimum oscillation frequency should be adjusted to give a suitable overlap with range 3. As the frequency on this band is very dependent on stray capacities no two units will be alike and constructors should be prepared to experiment with this coil.

The number of turns on the coils given above is only a guide. If the correct range cannot be obtained with the slug the number of turns should be adjusted. If adjustment seems to need the ferrite slug to be driven further in increase the number of turns; if it needs to come further out decrease them. When adjusting the coils remember



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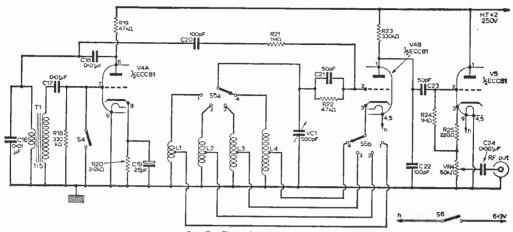


Fig. 7: The r.f. oscillator circuit.

	R.F. OSCILLATOR	СОМРО	NENTS LIST
Resistors:		C22	100pF mica
R18 330kΩ I	R22 47kΩ	C23	50pF mica
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C19 25µF electrolytic 2	25V	LI, 2,	, 3, 4 See text
C20 100pF mica		Alum	ninium for chassis. Coaxial output socket.
C21 50pF mica		Two	B9A noval valveholders.

to keep the centre tap exactly in the centre of the coil. When all the coils are adjusted to the constructor's satisfaction the winding should be fixed in position with polystyrene cement.

The modulating frequency is altered by changing C16. It should be about 440c/s (a middle C on the piano) for standard work, but this is not critical.

When the unit is completed satisfactorily it may be fixed in the case and calibrated.

Calibrating the r.f.

There are many ways of calibrating an r.f. oscillator, some more accurate and complicated than others. Such methods include the use of crystal markers or very accurate oscillators. The same restrictions were enforced in the calibration of this oscillator as with the atidio and the following method was evolved. The only equipment necessary is a reasonably accurately calibrated receiver covering the required range. The R1155 receiver will cover up to 18Mc/s and many "domestic" sets will cover 18-25Mc/s.

Switch the signal generator and receiver on and leave them to warm up for at least 15 minutes. Tune the receiver to 200kc/s. This is the standard for the whole calibration and must be done accurately. Turn the generator to Band I and tune

to the most powerful heterodyne. This corresponds to 200kc/s and a note should be made of the dial reading (the dial is fitted with a temporary scale marked 0—180°). Tune the receiver to about 400kc/s to find the second harmonic of 200kc/s. Tune the oscillator to 400kc/s and note this reading. Return the oscillator to 200kc/s.

Repeat this procedure over the whole of Band I and over as much of Band II as possible (until the harmonics are too weak. This will be at about 1.4Mc/s). You will then have a series of 200kc/s

marker points.

In order to draw an accurate graph of Band I more points are needed. Tune the receiver to IMc/s. When the oscillator is tuned to about midway between 400 and 600kc/s the second harmonic of 500kc/s will be received. Repeat this at 600kc/s on the receiver to get the 300kc/s mark. Fill in as many of these odd 100kc/s marks as is possible by using the known frequencies (i.e. third harmonic of 300kc/s gives 900kc/s).

The oscillator should be tuned to 500kc/s and 500kc/s marks made as far up the band as possible. If extra points are needed for range 2 250kc/s marks can be made; 1Mc/s marks are

adequate for range 4.

When sufficient checkpoints have been made four graphs can be accurately drawn showing the relationship between dial reading and frequency for each band. A permanent dial can then be made from the graphs and firmly fixed to the knob. To check that the dial is in the correct position it is only necessary to check its position at 200kc/s.

Although this method is certainly not the most accurate it is sufficiently so for most amateur

purposes and it is quite simple.

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The cabinet constructed by the author was made from plywood which was lined completely with tinfoil to provide screening. Alternatively a cabinet may be constructed from 20s.w.g.

aluminium sheet.

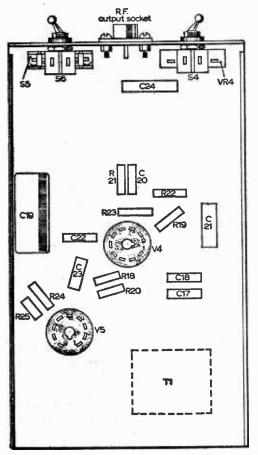


Fig. 8: An underchassis view of the r.f. unit. Dimensions for this chassis are 7in. x 4in. with a $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. front panel and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. flanges.

ON THE SHORT WAVES

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6W8BF on c.w., together with hordes of Europeans and U's.

S. W. L. Jolley (Staffs) uses a 66ft. longwire and a 19 Set sans a.t.u. and preselector and found this lot between 2330-0030, all on c.w.—HA5KFR, IT1AGA, OE6MZG, SP8AQK, UA3AN, UA1KCU, VE1OU, W1HGT, WA1UKS, W2CA, WB2DU, W2CJC, W3DVO, W3FKB and 5K4ALE. If anyone knows which planet the last one comes from we would be pleased to know. Another interesting one was G3AM/TR, using only 500mW and working ON5PA.

28Mc/s

Ten metres almost, but not quite, deserted. D. H. Foster (Essex) using an HRO with "very much bent' 132ft, longwire found CR4AE on c.w. at 1830 in QSO with CO2OM. Also OD5BU and LU4DM on phone. L. Morrison (Suffolk) found ZE81H and ZE5JS on phone around 1130. Wilfred Smith (Staffs) reports several G's active and logged ZE1JE and 9J2DT. At G3JDG a 28Mc/s ground plane has sneaked skywards and great things are expected.

General Snippets

P. Collins informs us that FH8CD is active on Comoros Island on 14 and 21Mc/s s.s.b., Malta will probably be changing to 9H1 (at the moment it's ZB1), and PY7BAL/O is on 7012kc/s, and is situated on Fernando de Noronha.

A new one for Chatham Island is ZL3AWJ/3, and the pre-fix for Portuguese Guinea will

probably now change to CR3.

ISWL/G11570 says that three W's will operate CEØXA on San Felix and San Ambrosi Islands for about one week from around April 20th. Anyone hear them? Alan Dailey says the MP4MAH operates from a caravan in Oman. ZB1JM is on Gozo Island, north-west of Malta. VS9OC is on Masirah Island and is active on 20 and 40 c.w. AC5H on 14035kc/s and XW8AX and XW8AZ are both active on 20 s.s.b.

GM3LXI left for St. Helena on the 1st April, and another call already on the island will be ZD7IP. G3JDG is active on 28Mc/s Sunday

mornings (real DX).

Contest enthusiasts have a quiet time for May. On the 3rd, 144Mc/s portable contest; 8-9th, USSR DX c.w.; 15-16th, Second 70Mc/s Open Contest; 29-30th, first 432Mc/s, contest. June 4-7th, CHC/FHC/HTH QSO party. Finally, June 12-13th is National Field Day.

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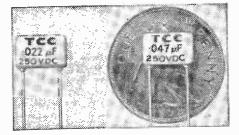
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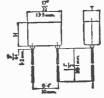


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8. AMPLIFIERS, FREQUENCY CHANGERS AND DETECTORS

8.1 The Triode as an Amplifier

It will be remembered from Article 6 that the triode valve can be used as an amplifier and also that the amplification factor, μ , was given by the ratio of the change in Va to that of Vg when both were causing the same change in Ia. The three types of amplification generally met are Class A, Class B and Class C amplification.

Class A—the valve is operated on the straight line portion of the Ia/Vg curve.

Class B—the valve is operated on the curved portion of the la/Vg curve.

Class C—the valve is biased beyond the cut-off value.

8.2 Class A Amplification

Assume that an alternating voltage is applied to the grid of a triode and that this voltage has a peak value of 2V. If the negative bias applied to the grid is -3V then it can be seen that the actual negative voltage applied to the grid can vary between -5 and -1V (i.e. -3-2=-5V and -3+2=-1V).

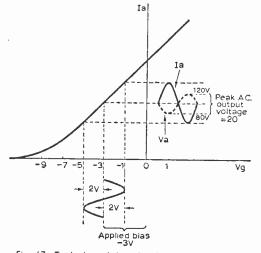


Fig. 67: Typical conditions for Class A amplification.

It can be seen from Fig. 67 that the alternating voltage applied to the grid causes an alternating current to appear in the anode circuit. The alternation of Ia does, of course, cause an alternating component to occur in Va, this is shown dotted in Fig. 67. The peak a.c. output voltage is 20V as shown, and therefore the change in grid voltage of 2V has caused a change in anode voltage of 20V. (For the same change in Ia.) The amplification factor is 20/2 or 10.

For Class A amplification the valve must be operated on the straight line portion of the la/Vg curve otherwise distortion of the signal will occur. The effect on the output caused by operating the valve used in Fig. 67 with an applied bias of -6V is shown in Fig. 68. It can be seen that distortion of the output signal occurs. This type of distortion is called harmonic distortion and is most undesirable in a Class A amplifier.

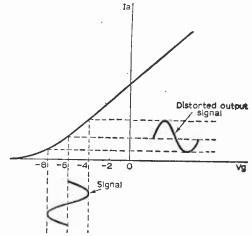


Fig. 68: Class A distortion due to over-biasing.

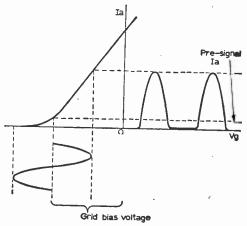


Fig. 69: Typical conditions for Class B amplification.

8.3 Class B Amplification

In Class B amplification the valve is biased near to its cut-off value. In Fig. 69 a graph showing typical operating conditions is given. The output signal is virtually only a half cycle. This output is therefore distorted as no anode current flows on almost half a cycle. The Class B amplifier is much more efficient than the Class A amplifier but the distortion of the output signal is a serious problem.

If the input signal is connected to two valves connected in push-pull, as shown in Fig. 70, then the problem of distortion is overcome. The signal is applied to the valves through a centre tapped transformer and the output is also taken from a centre tapped transformer. If the valves have identical characteristics the output from the secondary of the output transformer will be a sine wave. In the circuit as drawn anode current does

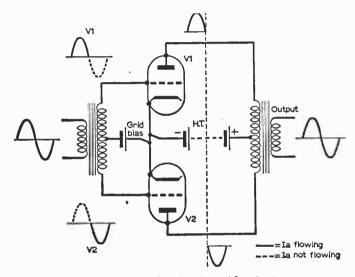


Fig. 70: A Class B push-pull amplifier circuit.

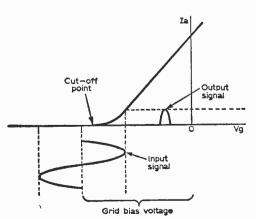


Fig. 71: Typical conditions for Class C amplification.

not flow in either valve for the duration of the dotted part of the cycle.

8.4 Class C Amplification

For this type of amplification the valve is biased beyond its cut-off value. In this case then no anode current will flow for the greater part of the cycle. Class C amplifiers are generally used for radio frequencies when the tuned circuits which are used are sufficiently selective to filter out the harmonics which occur as a result of distortion. The Class C amplifier is the most efficient of the three and is frequently used in transmitter circuits where large power outputs are required.

8.5 Frequency Changers

In the superheterodyne receiver (or "superhet", which will be dealt with later) the incoming signal,

which could be say a broadcast station, is not amplified and then detected) at its rectified (or original frequency but is first of converted to all frequency. This converting of a signal from one frequency to called another is frequency The frequency to changing. which the signal is changed is intermediate frecalled the of The advantages lowering the frequency at which the signal is to be amplified are as follows-

1 The receiver becomes more selective, i.e. signals of stations with very close frequencies can be more easily separated.

2 Strong signals will not "block" the receiver.

3 Amplification is more efficient at a lower frequency, i.e. the Intermediate Frequency or i.f.
The frequency changer works

in the following way. Two separate valves are required (both may however be in the same envelope), one being called the mixer and the other the oscillator. As can be seen from the block diagram in Fig. 72 it is assumed that the incoming signal is at a frequency of 5Mc/s. If an oscillator generates a signal at 5.5Mc/s then a tuned circuit at 5.5—5=0.5Mc/s can be placed in the anode circuit of the mixer valve. The incoming signal has therefore been converted from a frequency of 5Mc/s to one of 0.5Mc/s which is the Intermediate Frequency.

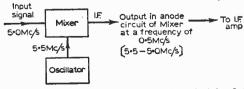


Fig. 72: A block diagram illustrating the principle of the mixer.

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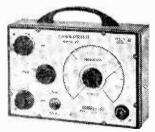
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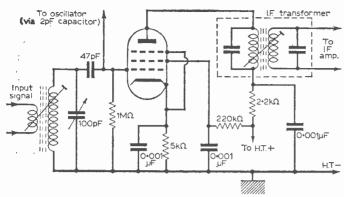
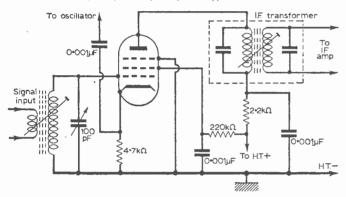
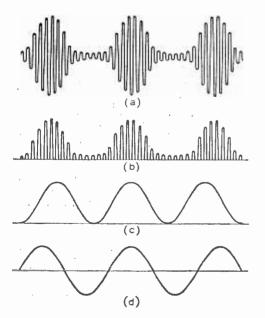


Fig. 73a (above) and b (below): Two typical mixer circuits.





The i.f. would still be 0.5Mc/s it the oscillator frequency were 4.5Me/s, i.e. 5-4.5=0.5Me/s. (In Fig. 72 it would, of course, also be possible to have an i.f. of 10Mc/s. i.e. 5+5.5=10Me/s, but this would destroy the object of the frequency changing!) The output from a mixer at the Intermediate Frequency is taken through an Intermediate Frequency transformer. Two mixer circuits are shown in 73a and b. The main Fig. difference between the circuits is the way in which the oscillator voltage is injected into the mixer.

8.6 Detectors

The simplest type of detector simply uses a diode valve. (Or a Germanium or Silicon Diode.) Generally a simple half wave detector wil he used and this is very similar to the diode rectifier dealt with in Article 5. It is assumed that the r.f. signal received by the detector is modulated. i.e. speech or some other sound is superimposed on the r.f. signal. The modulated r.f. signal is of the form shown in Fig. 74a. This is applied to the anode circuit of the detector and anode current only flows on the positive half cycle, the rectified signal is then of the form shown in Fig. 74b. The rectified signal is then passed through a capacitance and resis-

tance connected in parallel, and these filter out the r.f. component which remains in the rectified signal; the resulting waveform is as shown in Fig. 74c. The signal will then be passed to an audio frequency (a.f.) amplifier through a coupling capacitor, and as the capacitor only transmits variations of voltage the voltage which reaches the a.f. amplifier will be of the form shown in Fig. 74d.

A simple diode detector is shown in Fig. 75.

Fig. 74 (left): Illustrating the action of the diede as a detector.

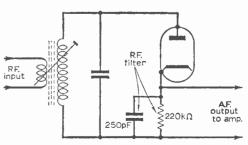


Fig. 75: A simple diode rectifier circuit.

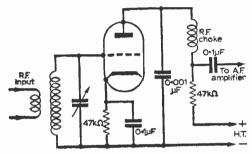
The diode detector can handle large signals and its linearity is good. It does consume power from the circuit, however, and the "Q" of the tuned circuit will therefore be lowered, the sensitivity of the diode is also low.

8.7 The Anode Detector

If a triode is biased almost to cut-off point then a change in the grid voltage will cause a corresponding change in the anode current (average). This change of anode current will follow the changes of grid voltage and the result is that rectification will take place in the anode circuit. A typical circuit for an anode detector is given in Fig. 76 (below). The anode detector takes no power from the tuned circuit and some amplification of the signal takes place. It will not handle signals as large as the diode will however, and its linearity is not quite so good.

Another popular detector using the triode is the grid leak detector and the reader is advised to look up details of this in one of the recommended text

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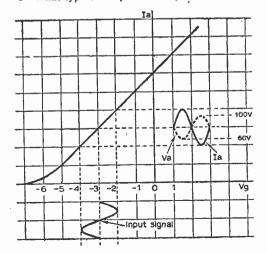


Question

In Fig. 77 (below)

What is the applied grid bias?

- b
- What is the peak input signal voltage? What is the peak change in anode voltage?
- What is the amplification factor?
- What type of amplifier is depicted?



Answer to Last Month's Ouestion

This answer is given in Fig. 78 a and b.

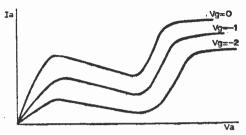
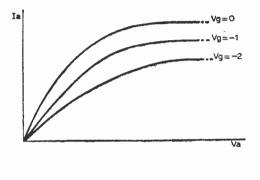


Fig. 78a (above) and b (below): Graphs the same as, or similar to these should have been obtained from the data given in last month's question.



USING A PORTABLE IN THE CAR

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a prototype amplifier using an OC171 in a wideband circuit extending to about 3Mc/s was produced. The gain was measured at about 36dB at the top end of the m.w. band. An ordinary portable was set up at sea level on the South Devon coast and tuned round the frequency of Radio Caroline. There was no trace of the station.

The above-mentioned amplifier was then connected to the portable and to an ordinary, clip-on car radio aerial. Radio Caroline was then received loud and clear at full volume. The only trouble was that the combination picked up almost every source of interference for yards around. It seems that the most useful gain is 20dB provided good matching is maintained at both the input and the output of the amplifier and that the response does not rise much above 2Mc/s.

Negative feedback can be adopted in the design both to equalise the response over the required spectrum and to secure the best input matching to the car-type aerial. The author has had a great deal of success with single transistor commonemitter amplifiers with a wideband ferrite transformer or choke in the collector circuit and with controlled negative feedback. Commercial representation of the author's design is shown in Fig. 6.

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No. 10 Some Odd Audio

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Stop-at-homes, who rely on the reports they read in magazines such as this, are quite sure. The road to fidelity runs right off the edge of a cliff. Before it gets to the brink, it performs that curious optical confidence trick of vanishing to a perspective of vanishing to a perspective point. As we get nearer and nearer what we believe to be the ultimate, there is less and less difference between the steps we take. Improvements, to quote a reviewer, are "marginal".

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Last year, the gimmick was Multiplex Stereo. This year, with the radio powers-that-be still living in the age of Morse, with international committees wrangling over standards while countries go their diverse ways, even the most optimistic amplifier maker was reluctant to make Multiplex a prime selling point—despite the Ouad decoder.

There were numerous "refinements". Among these, the loudspeaker with no moving parts, and the pickup with almost as



Tell a chap he is seeing double

inertialess a virtue. Now that Fane appear to have got rid of the QRM bug that beset Plessey in the earlier lonophone, and Decca the transverse pick-up stresses, we must surely be a pace more along that vanishing road?

The optical illusion metaphor is apt. Tell a chap he is seeing double and he'll shrug it off as a bit of a joke. But tell him that the pop disc that "sends" him has sounds the composer never scribbled, that the backing group did not put there, and which the vocalist could not produce, even with that twisted larvnx, and he'll call you a purist. Worse, if you show him scientifically that half of what went in the microphone fails to come out of the loudspeaker, moving parts or no, he is likely to write you off as some sort of hig-headed necromancer.

The old sneer about the audiophile who listens to the decibels rather than the music is still to be heard, even in the discreetly carpeted corridors of our exhibition hotels.

Some of the charges are justifiable. After all, who wants the London Symphony Orchestra in the lounge? They would only knock over the ornaments. On the other hand, if we consider that good listening is elusive, who is to tell the hearer whether he is getting all that the composer intended?

Using this subjectivity argument we can muse on whether the composer actually intended what we hear under "normal", or even "ideal" concert con-Consider the latest ditions. Festival Hall assisted resonance. Helmoholtz resonators mounted above the ceiling, microphones and loudspeakers tuned to spot frequencies from 70 to 340c/s (with the 100c/s spot missingask Messrs Moir and Parkin why: don't complain to Henry). In all, 89 channels, with amplifiers adjusting reverberation time of each individually. All cunningly installed and adjusted



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unknown to us blissful concertgoers over a period of weeks.

The point is, what of the later Beethoven? Did he, hand cupped to ear, imagine his symphonies as acoustically pure as the London County Council is endeavouring to make them? More likely, he would have considered himself in a vacuum without the coughs and sniffs of the Hanoverian Court.

It does not seem to matter so much with some modern music, where even the orchestra leader is not sure if the score is upside down. It should matter even less with a beat group. Perhaps it is at this point that the two cultures meet, so let's get back to the electronics and leave the musicians to wrangle among themselves.

Electronics—that's a laugh. What about the baby grand piano at the Paris Festival du Son, which contained tape recorder, record player, amplifiers, F.M. tuner, and, crowning insult, keyboard of an electronic organ under the lid.

A parting mention, to get your audio teeth into. Patent 982,934 describes a hearing aid with the microphone coupled to a short range radio transmitter, and its receiver fitted in a hollow tooth so that the rectified signal tickles up the exposed nerve endings.

Ouch!

Long Wave Convertor

BY JAMES BRETT

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The circuit (Fig. 1) consists of two stages, Tr1 being a mixer amplifier and Tr2 a local oscillator.

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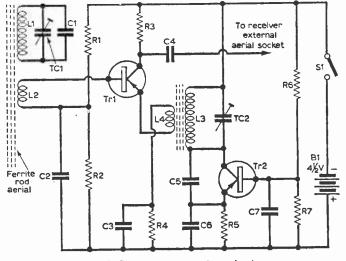


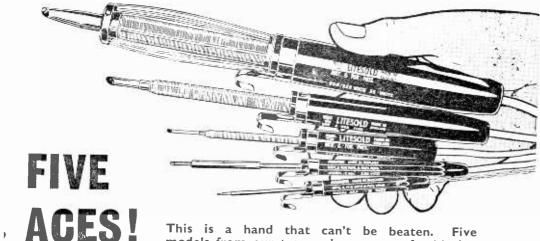
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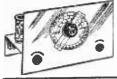


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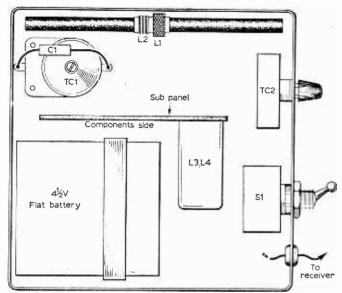


Fig. 2: This component layout was found satisfactory for the plastic case used for the prototype. The methods of mounting the components is largely a matter of convenience, but thick elastic bands can be recommended for holding the ferrite rod and battery.

The bias of both transistors is conventional and the values chosen will provide suitable operation conditions for a wide range of popular r.f. transistors such as OC44, etc.

Coils and Variable Capacitors

The tuning may be achieved by using proprietary coils or winding one's own.

If proprietary coils are chosen a suitable ferrite aerial is the Repanco FS4. This covers long wave only and has a suitable coupling winding L2. The local oscillator transformer is any medium wave coil with a coupling winding and screened, a suitable one being the Repanco XMA16.

To wind one's own coils the details are as follows: L1 200 turns 36s.w.g. pile wound. L2 20 turns 28s.w.g. close wound and adjacent to L1. Both wound near the centre of a 4½in. piece of 4in. diameter ferrite rod. L3 80 turns 36s.w.g. pile wound. L4 20 turns 36s.w.g. close wound. Both wound on a 5 in in. diameter former fitted with a

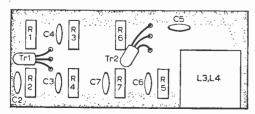


Fig. 3: Layout of components on the paxolin sub-panel.

dust slug and screening can, a suitable one being the Aladdin former and screening can.

Since the tuning of L1 is to be fixed at 200kc/s a low-value trimmer TC1 may be used and the total capacity made up to approximately 300pF by C1.

If the compression trimmer TC2 specified is not readily available a small variable capacitor with solid dielectric such as the type sold with crystal sets may be used.

Construction

The unit is built in a box approximately 5in. x 5in. x 1½in., there being plenty to choose from, sold as sandwich boxes. A wooden box can also be constructed but a metal box must not be used as it would screen the aerial.

The parts may be positioned in the box as shown in Fig. 2 and fixing holes marked out. The battery is held against the box by bolting to the box a piece of broad elestic band. The ferrite rod may be held in place in the same way.

The component sub-panel (Fig. 3) is a piece of paxolin drilled with a fine drill to support the lead wires of the components and the inter-connecting of the components done on the reverse side, using the component lead wires. Where wires cross, a piece of sleeving should be slipped over.

The sub-panel is held on to the box by a small angle bracket.

Alignment

The unit is connected to the receiver and the receiver switched on and tuned to a quiet part of the medium wave band. Note this frequency then move the receiver tuning by 200kc/s as indicated by the receiver dial. Switch on the converter and adjust its oscillator tuning (TC2) until the receiver produces a change in background noise showing that the converter oscillator is on the frequency indicated by the receiver. Reset the receiver tuning to its original setting and the 200kc/s Light Programme should be heard. A slight adjustment of the converter tuning TC2 may be required due to inaccuracies in the receiver dial alignment. Adjust TC1 for maximum signal and the unit is aligned.

To assist in the initial alignment a long wire aerial may be attached to the base of Trl via a 220pF capacitor, but on removal a slight adjustment of TCl will be necessary.

If it is thought that the quietest point has not been found on the medium wave band a small adjustment to the receiver tuning may be made, followed by a readjustment of TC2 to regain the Light Programme. In this way the Light Programme may be brought up almost anywhere on the medium wave band.





ACTON, BRENTFORD AND CHISWICK RADIO CLUB Hon. Sec.: W. G. Dyer, G3GEH, 188 Gunnersbury Avenue, Acton, London, W.13.

At the meeting held 18th May there was a talk and discussion on "Antennae". The Club meeting place is 66 High Road, Chiswick, and meetings start at 7.30 p.m.
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Hon. Sec.: J. K. Harvey, 22 Elm Grove, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

G6WI will give a lecture on 14th May, entitled "14Mc/s Operation and Conditions".

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Meetings are held on the second Friday each month at the Co-op. Rooms, High Street, Bromsgrove.

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Meetings are every Tuesday except the first in the month, at 8 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A., Chester.

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Hon. Sec.: J. T. Nightingale, 21 Pier Street, Lee-on-the-Solent, Hants.

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Hon. Sec.: J. Ingham, G3RMQ, Lambert House, Greetland,
Halifax, Yorkshire.

On 25th May there will be a 2 Metre evening at the QTH of
G3IGW, Rose Dene, Wood Lane, Hipperholme, Halifax.

HUDDERSFIELD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: R. Higton, 5 Brian Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

The Club recently had a visit from members of the Spen Valley Club. A favourable QTH has been taken over by the Club, so the Club station will be on the air under the callsign G3HOV. ISLE OF WIGHT RADIO SOCIETY

Hon, Sec.: M. Pettie, 18 Berry Hill, Lake, Sandown, I.O.W. The Society is running an R.A.E. course every Monday evening. Normal meetings are held every Friday evening, and include lectures, a construction course and film shows. All meetings are held at the Club's H.Q. at Unity Hall, Wootton Bridge, Nr. Ryde, 100 W.

MELTON MOWBRAY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
Hon. Sec.: D. W. Lilley, G3FDF, 23 Melton Road, Ashfordby
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On 27th May there will be a visit to the shack of Mr. D. Fisher.

All meetings are held in the St. John Ambulance Hall, Ashfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray.
MID-WARWICKSHIRE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: H. C. Loxley, 5 Guy Street, Warwick.
At the meeting on 3rd May, there was a talk on S.S.B. Reception, and on the 17th J. Beam Aerials Ltd., will give a talk about Amateur Aerial Arrays NORTHERN HEIGHTS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY,

G2SU Hon. Sec.: A. Robinson, G3MDW, Candy Cabin, Ogden,

Halifax. The Club has recently obtained a licence (callsign G2SU) which is a re-issue of one of the founder member's callsign.

The meetings are held at the Sportsman Inn, Ogden, Nr. Halifax,

at 7.30 p.m.
On 12th May there will be a visit to Manchester airport and on 26th May, there will be a recorded lecture by the late G2SU on Microphones.

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Hon. Sec.: N. C. Taylor, G3TOQ, 83 Stoneham Close, Tilehurst. Reading, Berks.
The next meeting of the Club will be on 29th May. The meeting will take the form of a full scale rehearsal for NFD and will be held

at the QTH of G5HZ, commencing at 2,30 p.m.
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Hon. Sec.: D. Bowers, 95 Grenfell Avenue, Saltash, Cornwall. On 7th May, there will be an R.S.G.B. tape lecture, "Hints on

Mobile Operation SLADE RADIO SOCIETY Publicity Officer: R. L. Jenkins, 42 Warwick Road, Warley, Birmingham 32.

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THE R.S.G.B. Hon. Sec.: R. Wilkinson, G3TXA, 23 Ashridge Gardens, Palmers Green, N.13.

On 13th May there will be a talk by Truvox Ltd., postponed

from some months back.

SPEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: N. Pride, 100 Raikes Lane, Birstall, Nr. Leeds.

There was a talk on Manned Space Flight on 29th April, and on 13th May there will be a visit to Wharfedale Wireless Works, at Idla Baddord. Idle, Bradford.

WEST KENT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Hon. Sec.: H. F. Richards, 17 Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge

Wells, Kent.
On 23rd April there was an Exchange and Mart evening. On the 14th May final arrangements will be made for the NFD.
WIRRAL AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
Hon. Sec.: A. Seed, G3FOO, 31 Withert Avenue, Bebington,

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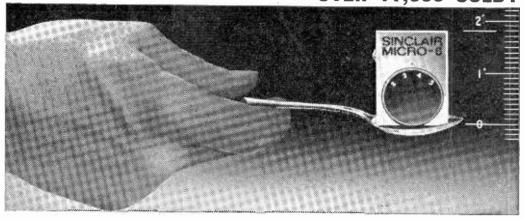
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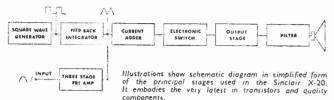
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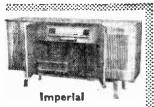
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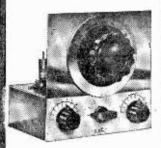
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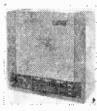
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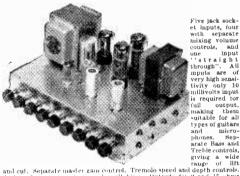
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