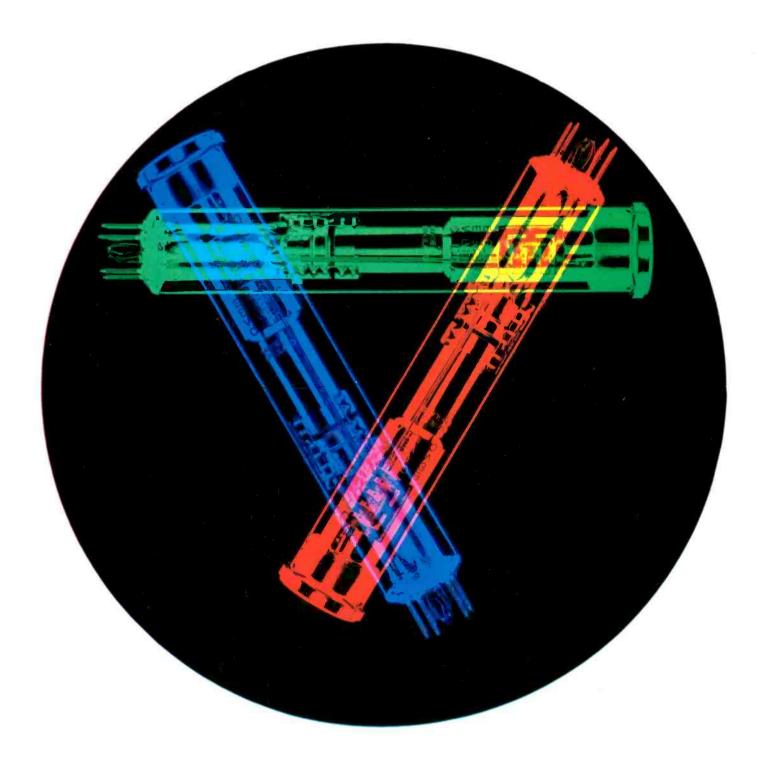
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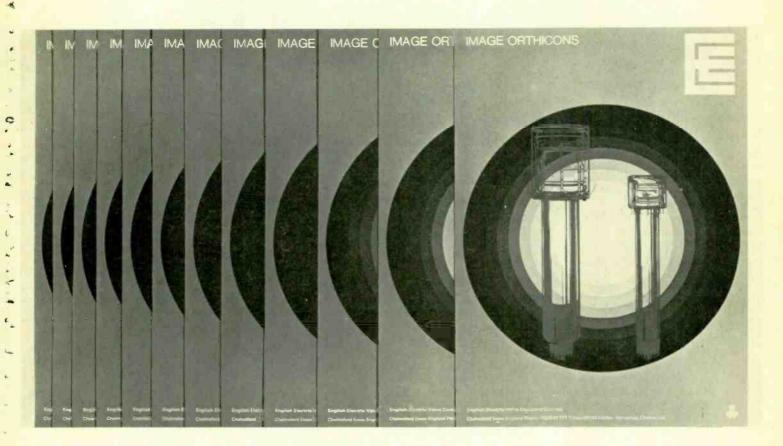
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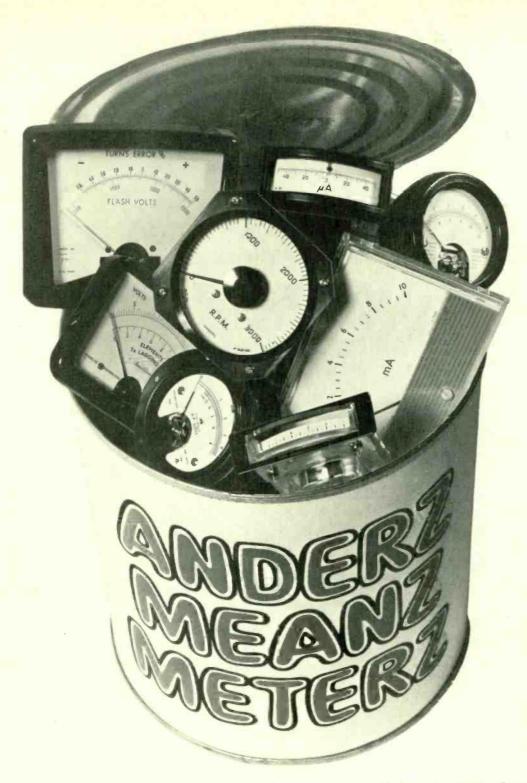


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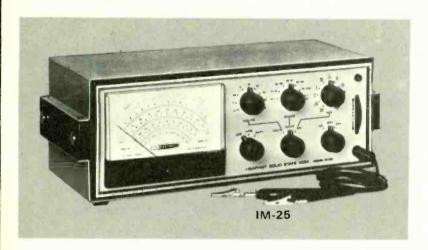
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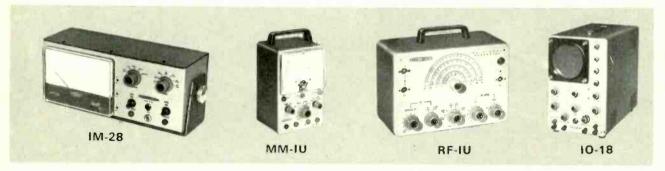
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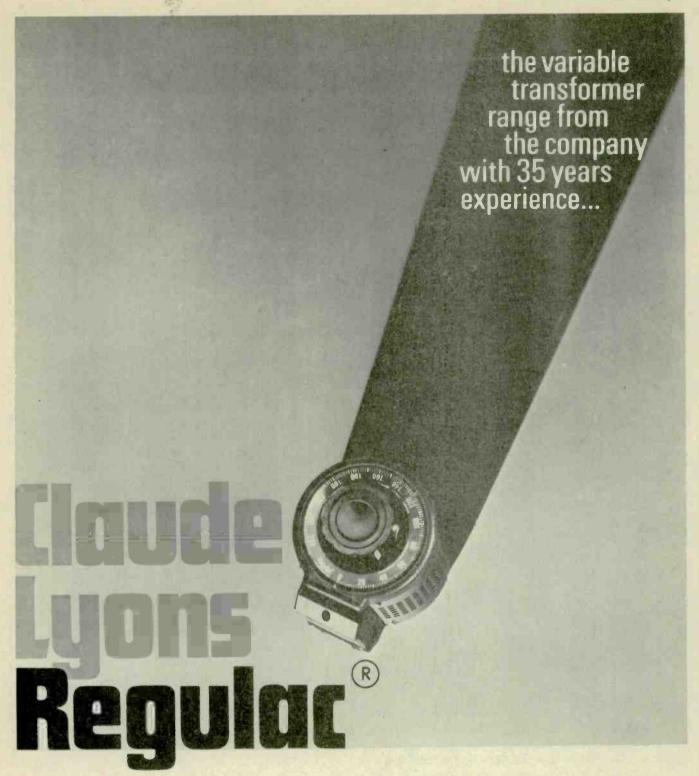
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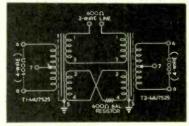
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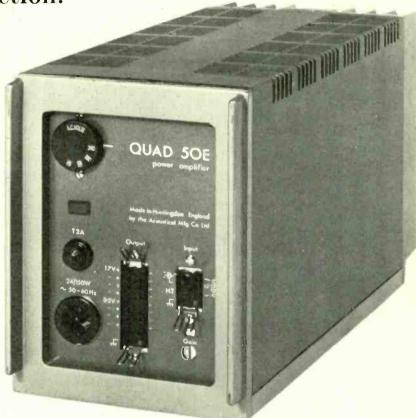




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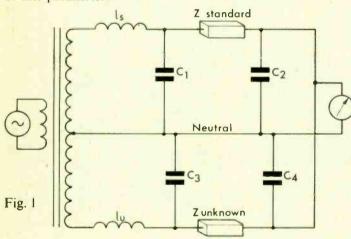
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The effect of inductance lu and shunt capacitance  $C_3$  is to increase the voltage applied to the Unknown and, hence, the current through it. Current increase also occurs on the standard side of the bridge and if similar cables are used to connect both the standard and unknown

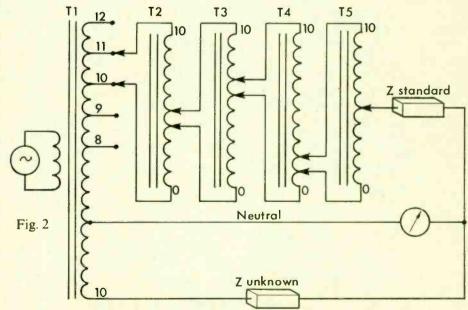
impedances, the shunt capacitances due to these cables will be approximately equal. The three terminal facility provided by the neutral connection of the transformer effectively removes the electrical shunt effect of these cables apart from the voltage increase already described. However, transformers can be designed with only a few microhenrys leakage inductance and the effect of this, considered with the capacitance of several feet of connecting cable, can be less than one part in 10<sup>7</sup>.

Figure 2 shows a high precision bridge network suitable for the comparison of basic standards. The calibration of unknown against standard is carried out entirely with variable transformer tappings and this arrangement is unaffected by ambient temperature variation and is virtually ageless.

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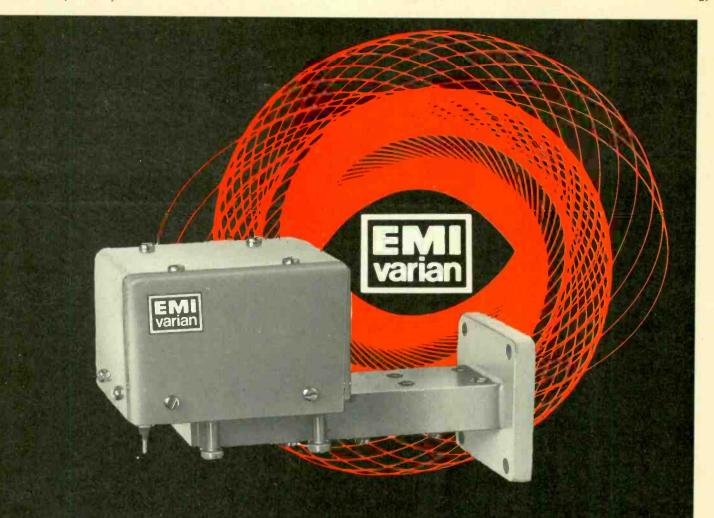
The cascade arrangement of transformers together with moden core materials and careful winding geometry enables similar impedances to be compared to a very high degree of accuracy.

One example of the application of this technique is the determination of permittivity. Identical coaxial cells equipped with guard rings and screens connected to neutral can be used. One is filled with a standard liquid such as cyclohexane and the second filled with the liquid to be evaluated. A wide range of hydrocarbons can be measured with this apparatus and the presence of moisture or other contaminants established.



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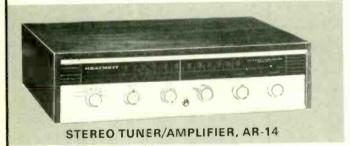
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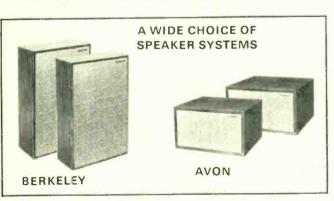


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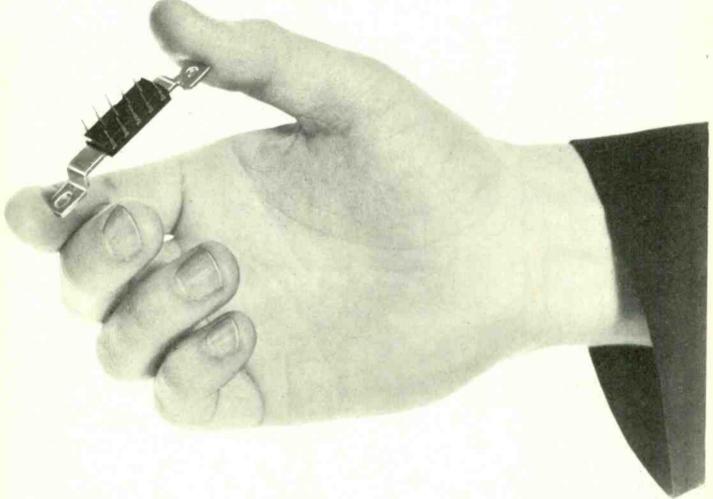
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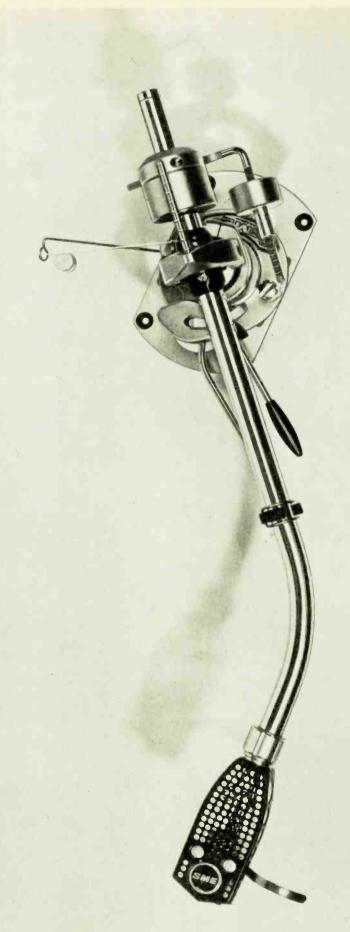
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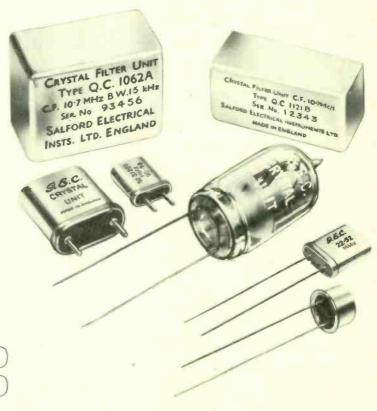
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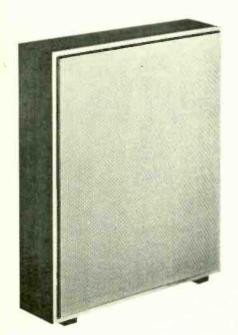
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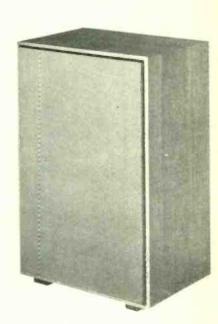
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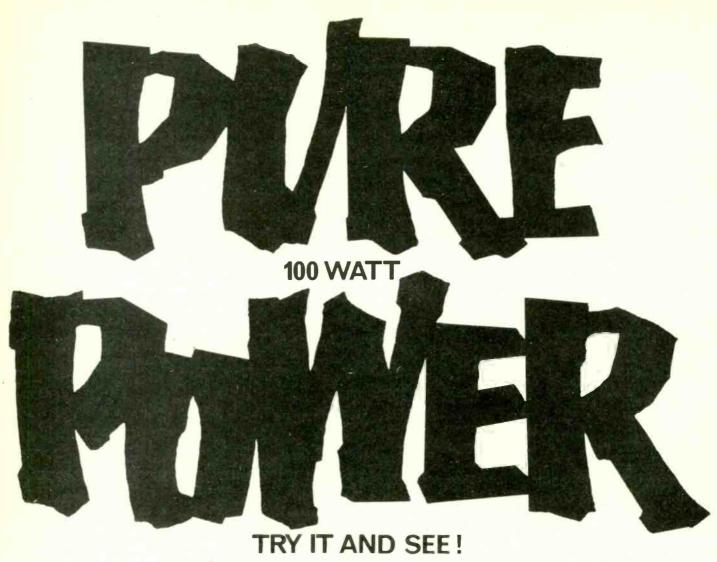




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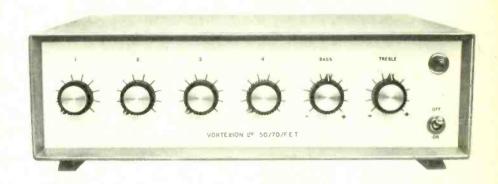
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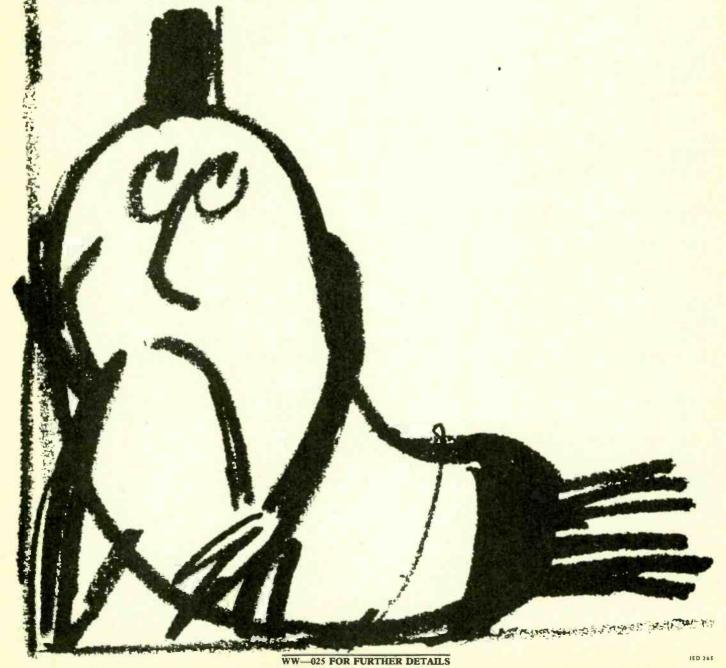
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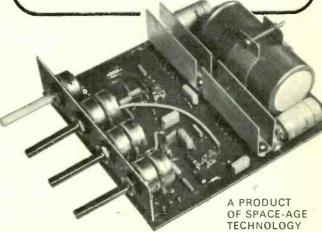
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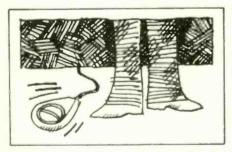
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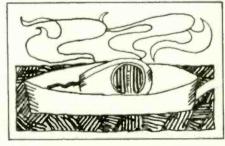
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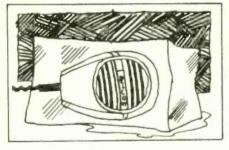
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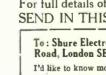
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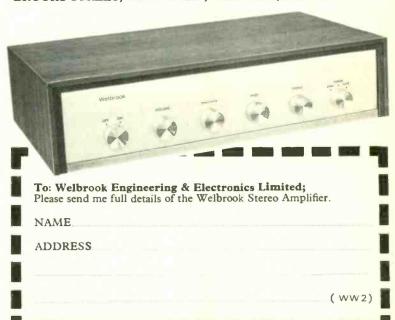
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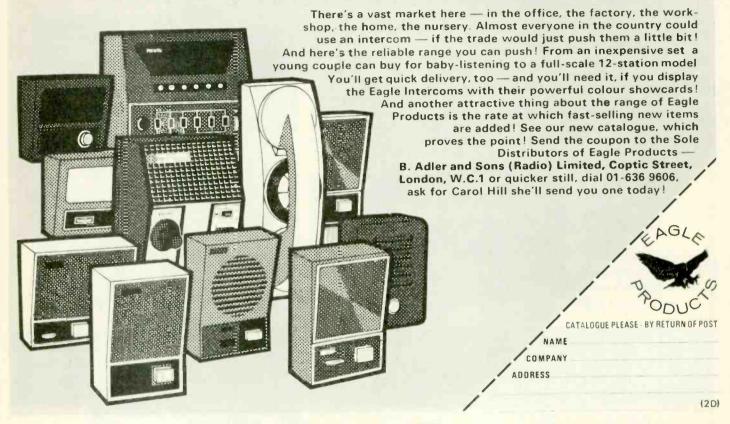
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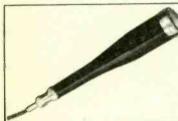
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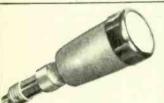
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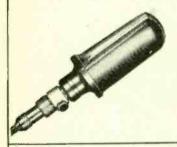
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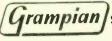
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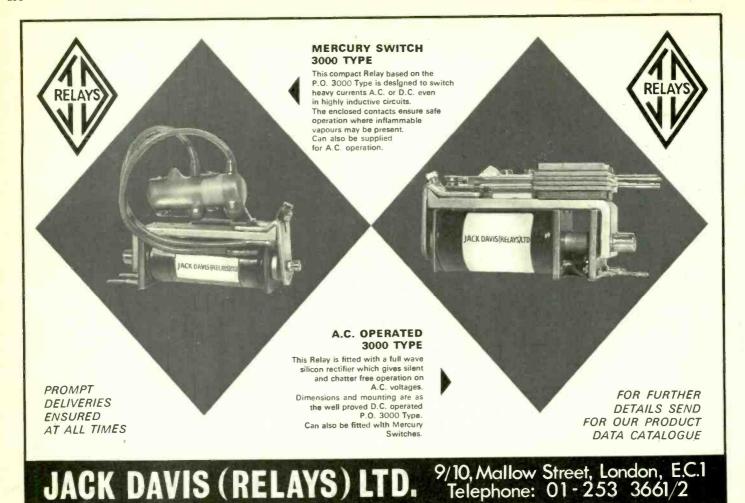
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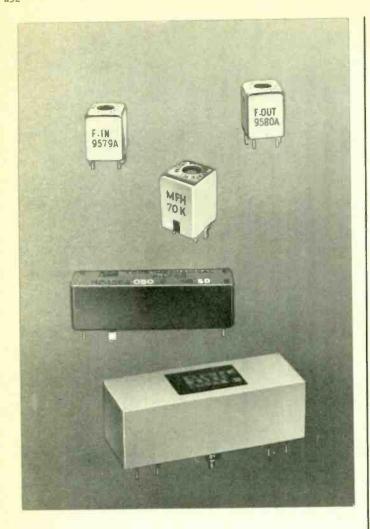
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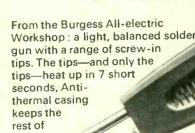
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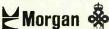
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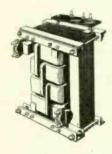
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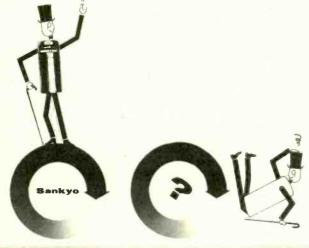
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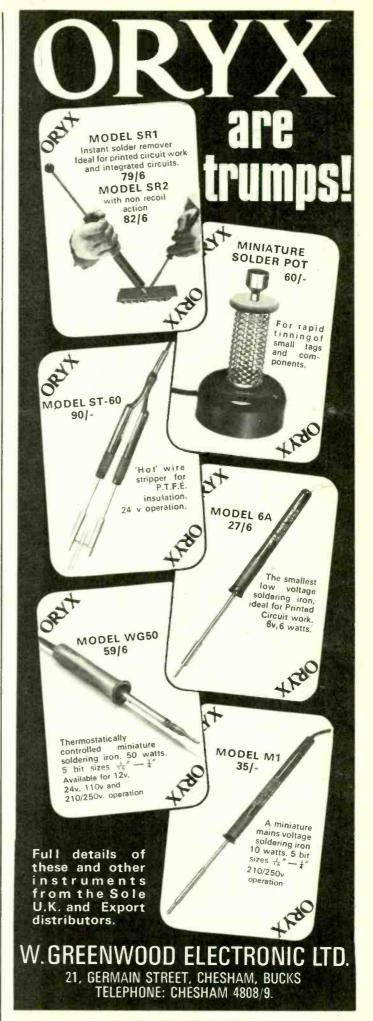
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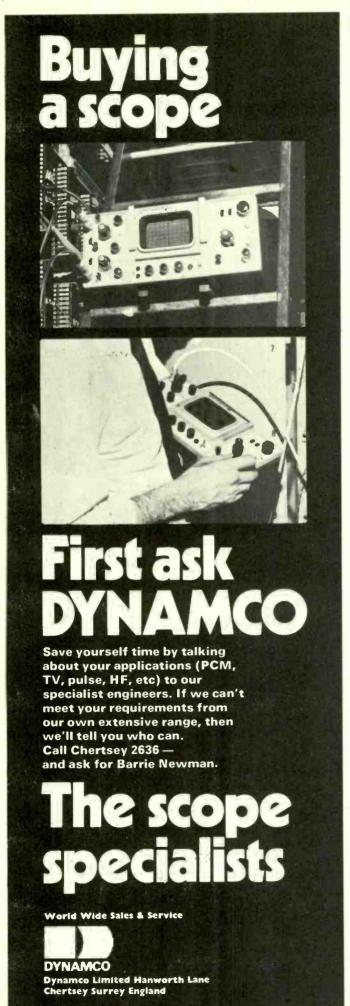
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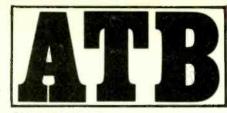
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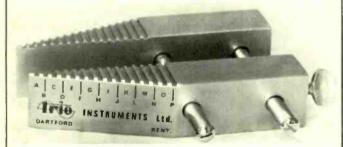
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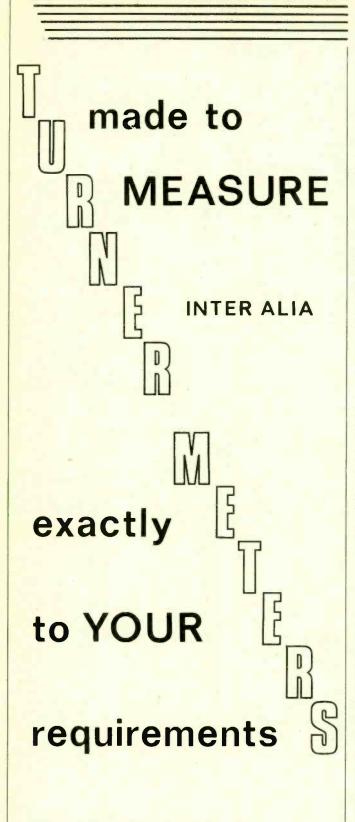




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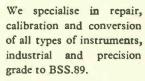
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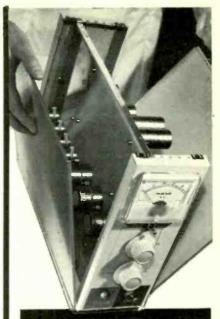
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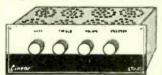
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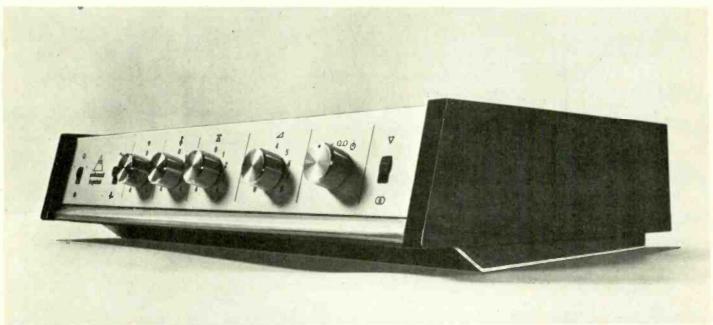
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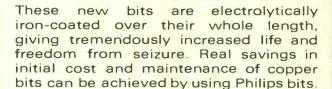
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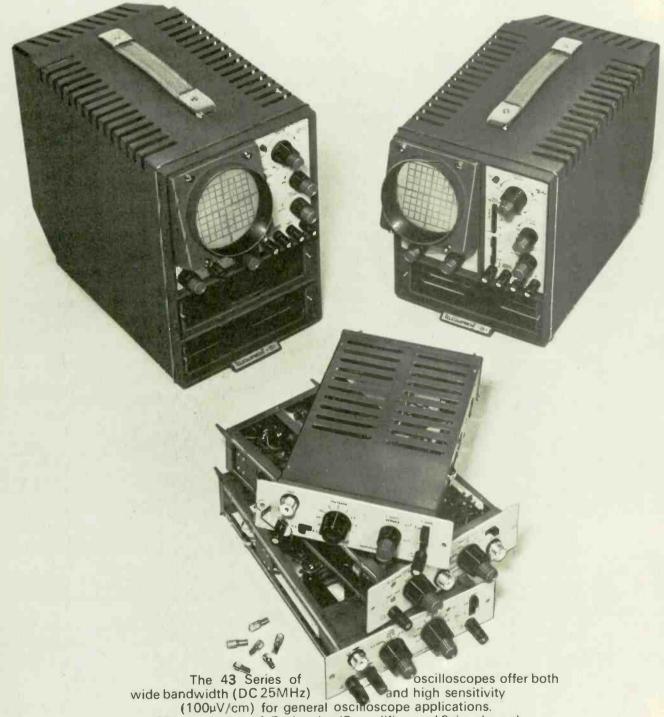
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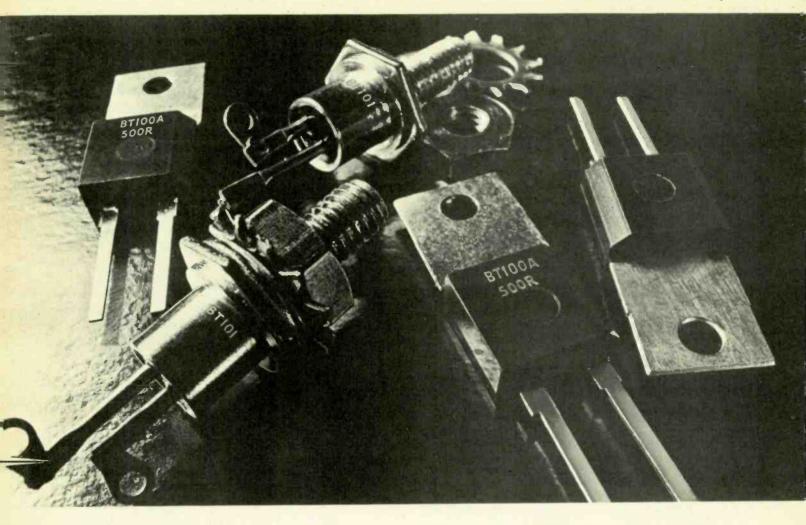


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It was reported some time ago that because so many of the residents in the neighbourhood of one of the NASA research establishments had doctorates it had been decided to call only the medico "doc". (For most G.Ps in this country this is, of course, a courtesy title.) The number of doctorates awarded annually in the U.S.A. is said to be about 20,000 in all subjects and this number is expected to double during the present decade. In this country the number of graduates taking Ph.D. courses is about 2,000.

These facts are by way of introduction to the general question of the Ph.D. system in this country which has come under severe criticism from several different sources and was recently highlighted by Lord Blackett, O.M., C.H., in his anniversary address as president of the Royal Society. He suggested that many British industrialists consider that the present system concentrates so much on basic science that it "unfits many able young people from taking up a career in industry.... Thus the attractiveness and efficiency of the British Ph.D. system as a training for basic science is viewed by some industrialists as at least a partial cause of the relative technological backwardness of some parts of British industry."

The Ph.D. degree, which to many a young student is seen as "a passport to the laboratories of the world", is seen by some industrialists as "of little or no use for someone who is to go into industry". Despite this criticism industry recruits Ph.Ds whenever possible "because they believe that at the present time a large fraction of the brightest young people take a Ph.D".

Some months ago the Royal Society undertook an extensive investigation into the suitability of a Ph.D. in engineering and technology as a prelude to a career in industry\*. Although divergent views were expressed in the report the consensus was that several changes need to be made in postgraduate training given in universities for students studying for a Ph.D. in engineering and technology. Some of the conclusions are that Ph.D. education should be concentrated in a small number of universities with strong research schools; that the research projects undertaken should be fully justified in their own right as pieces of engineering and technological research; higher entry standards for Ph.D. candidates; and that candidates should be allowed to participate during their studies, in the most technically advanced parts of industry.

Lord Blackett considers that it is "vitally important to maintain and, if possible, strengthen the present outstanding position of British basic science. . . . The Ph.D. system is a cheap and efficient way of getting first-rate research done in basic pure and applied science, and lends itself to the building up of creative multi-national research schools."

What are the prospects for an engineer or technologist who, having undertaken three years' postgraduate research, receives his doctorate? Has he any advantage over his contemporaries who, having graduated, went straight into industry but are not "doctors"? According to the managing director of one of our major electronic companies (who is himself a Ph.D.) he cannot pay them a salary commensurate with their age and academic attainment because there are not a sufficient number of senior positions. Some such major companies consider that they could have given the candidate more industrially oriented technological training in their own research establishments. But, of course, the candidate would not have the piece of vellum, now the cachet which the Ph.D. gives.

It would appear that, for those graduates who plan to join the academic staff of a university or undertake pure research in a Government establishment, the Ph.D. is attractive and worth while. But for those planning to go into industry? The mark of interrogation is large.

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# Loudspeaker Performance

# A discussion of power output and distortion levels for direct-radiator and horn-loaded loudspeakers

By Paul W. Klipsch\*

A loudspeaker is a device to reproduce original sounds. It follows that the basic attributes of a speaker are:

acoustic power output distortion polar distribution frequency response in that order of importance.

Defining distortion as the generation of frequencies not originally present enables us to distinguish between this fault and that of errors in frequency response.

Harmonic distortion is relatively unimportant because music consists largely of harmonics, and this attribute is negligible compared to modulation distortion which involves the introduction of inharmonic frequencies not originally present.

For purposes of this discussion and for testing, the spectrum is simplified to contain only two frequencies,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , and the modulation distortion components would consist of new frequencies

 $f_2 + f_1, f_2 + 2f_1$ , etc.

Frequency modulation distortion (f.m.d.) results mainly in first order sideband frequencies.

 $f_2 \pm f_1$  and the amplitudes of these sideband frequencies expressed as a fraction or percentage of the amplitude of  $f_2$  is the measure used. There are second-order sideband frequencies,  $f_2 \pm 2f_1$ , but these are usually very small compared with the first order components.

Amplitude modulation distortion (a.m.d.) gives rise to both first and second order sideband frequencies, and usually higher orders in smaller amounts. If the cone compliance and magnetic system of a loudspeaker are nearly symmetrical it can be shown that mainly even-order sideband frequencies are produced

 $f_2 \pm 2f_1, f_2 \pm 4f_1$ , etc.

usually with the 4th order components of negligible magnitude. Total modulation distortion (t.m.d.) is the root-mean-square sum or effective value of all the sideband components.

The main purpose of this article is to show the advantages of the horn-loaded loudspeaker over the direct radiator in increasing power output capacity with a reduction in total modulation distortion. Almost always t.m.d. is inversely Klipsch & Associates, Inc., Hope, Arkansas.

proportional to efficiency. ("Almost" may be an understatement.) Cost per speaker is somewhat lower for direct radiators than for horns, but the cost per acoustic watt output capacity is vastly higher for the direct radiator.

#### Woofers, squawkers and tweeters

The bass component of a loudspeaker, dubbed the "woofer" in U.S. cinema parlance (the term dating back to the late 20s or early 30s), is the largest and most expensive component. It has to handle the long wavelengths, and to be efficient must have a size comparable to a sixth or even a quarter wavelength. The small "book-shelf" speakers that can handle 25-foot wavelengths must necessarily be inefficient. Also they must be limited in power output. Their t.m.d. is high. To radiate one acoustic watt at 32.7Hz (low C-4) a 10-in cone would have to move 2.2in. To express it another way, if the cone excursion were limited to 0.8in the power output would be only 0.1 acoustic watt. Even this small excursion would produce several per cent total modulation distortion.

Since woofers constitute the most expensive and largest component in a speaker system, and since "more bass" is

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a popular public demand, the result has been the "long throw" driver unit with excursion capabilities of the order of 0.75in. Practically every "major breakthrough" in new speakers being marketed involves this long-throw aspect, in total disregard of the fact that frequency-modulation distortion is directly proportional to the amplitude of cone motion.

Costing several times as much as the long-throw bookshelf speaker, horn woofers may require from 16 cu ft (for a corner type) up to eight times that much for a typical theatre "tub"-type woofer. But the cone motion for a given output is reduced to a small fraction of that required in a small-box speaker. The term "undistorted output" is sometimes used. Personally I try to avoid the term. If a cone moves, it produces distortion, so I prefer to use the term "minimum" distortion as applied to horn speakers. Actually the distortion may be reduced by a factor of 1/10 or even 1/100 by the use of horns.

The midrange, which by itself is apt to sound "squawky" and has thus been dubbed the "squawker", is the part of a loudspeaker that carries a great deal of the intelligence and most of the articulation. Distortion in this range can mask the sounds by which one distinguishes, for example, "key" from "tea".

Tweeters when used in conjunction with bass and midrange speakers normally cover only the range above 4 or 6kHz. In other words the tweeter covers the range containing the upper partials of the piano and the "noise" components of speech.

In every case—woofer, squawker, tweeter—the horn offers "cleaner" sound at all practical levels of sound pressure output. Indeed the horn is about the only means for delivering extremely high sound pressure levels with reasonably low distortion.

The cost difference between horn-type and direct-radiator treble speakers is not as great as for woofers, but the advantages are probably greater. After all, the midrange is "where we live" and distortion in this range even in small amounts can be cumulatively irritating.

In comparing horn type speakers with direct radiators, one may start with the drive system which, in the bass range, will be essentially the same for either type. The

driver comprises a voice coil in a magnetic field, with a conical diaphragm attached to the voice coil. In the direct radiator, the driver is mounted in a hole in a baffle; the baffle may be a wall or a box; the box may be a total enclosure or ported. Lord Rayleigh wrote the equations for the function of a "rigid circular plate vibrating in an equal circular aperture cut out of a rigid plane extending to infinity". In other words, he described mathematically the action of a "direct radiator loudspeaker" and the true "infinite baffle" about 46 years before Rice and Kellogg<sup>2</sup> were to invent the loudspeaker of this type.

#### Loudspeaker analogies

A crude analogy of the direct radiator loudspeaker would be a "baffled" piston on the surface of a lake. It could agitate the waters but it would not be much of a pump. But put a cylinder around the piston, and it becomes capable of lifting the water. This is analogous to the driver unit coupled to a horn. The cone is forced to work at higher pressures with lower velocity.

Another analogy is the gear ratio of the automobile which transforms the "low impedance" engine—low torque, high speed—to the "high impedance" drive wheels—high torque, low speed. The direct radiator speaker is a low impedance device—low pressure, high velocity. The gear box is an impedance transformer. The horn acts as a transformer to increase the pressure and reduce the motion of the driving system.

A direct radiator in a box has a hard time acting directly on the large but imponderable body of air in a room, but horn coupling enables the same drive mechanism to be more effective in actuating the same body of air. The transformation results in better coupling between the driving force exerted by the voice coil and the air in front of the horn. An increase in efficiency of the order of 4 to 10 times usually occurs. This means from 4 to 10 times as much acoustic output for a given amplifier output, or a reduction in amplifier requirement by a factor of 1/4 or 1/10 for a given acoustic output.

#### Choice of driver

The choice of driver unit characteristics becomes a matter of importance, and often different driver unit parameters are chosen for horns than for direct radiators. For example, an extreme case involves adding weight (mass) to the vibrating system to reduce efficiency and flatten the frequency response curve. Such a driver in a direct radiator system might exhibit an efficiency of the order of 0.05%. It would be unsuited to drive a horn system. More efficient direct radiator systems might achieve 1% efficiency. The purpose of the weighted cone is to permit a flat response down to, say, 50Hz in a small box of the order of 1.5 cu ft. Without the extra weight on the cone the box would need to be about 4 to 6 cu ft for the same frequency response but at about 10 times the efficiency. An optimum driver unit

matched to a horn would afford the same frequency response (low-end cut-off) with 5 to 10% efficiency.

#### Modulation distortion

Modulation distortion is directly affected by the amplitude of diaphragm motion, and would thus be greatly reduced by horn loading.

As stated in the introduction, this distortion consists of amplitude modulation distortion and frequency modulation distortion, the r.m.s. sum of which is the total modulation distortion.

It has been shown that f.m.d. is directly proportional to the amplitude of diaphragm motion<sup>3</sup>:

f.m.d. = 0.033  $A J_2$  (1) where  $A_1$  is the amplitude of diaphragm motion in inches at the lower or modulating frequency  $f_1$ , and  $f_2$  is the frequency being modulated. The f.m.d. is expressed as a percentage of the signal amplitude of  $f_2$ .

This writer applied the audio spectrum analyser to evaluate actual amounts of f.m.d. in typical loudspeakers. Amplitude modulation distortion can also be shown to be proportional to the amplitude of diaphragm motion.

The fact that both forms of distortion are proportional to the amplitude of diaphragm motion shows the importance of reducing this motion. Recall the example of the 10-in cone radiating 0.1W and performing an excursion (peak) of 0.7in (0.25in r.m.s. amplitude). Suppose  $f_2$  were 700Hz, then

f.m.d. =  $0.033 \times 0.25 \times 700$ = 6% approximately.

The t.m.d. might well be twice that amount. Experiments with "long throw" direct-radiator speakers have shown t.m.d. of this and higher order of magnitude.

A horn-loaded driver of comparable size might deliver 1.0W output with 0.07in excursion, the f.m.d. would be about 0.6% and the a.m.d. would be insignificant. A bonus would be that the efficiency would have been multiplied by a factor of about 10, and the demands on the power amplifier reduced.

So far it is not known how much modulation distortion is "objectionable",

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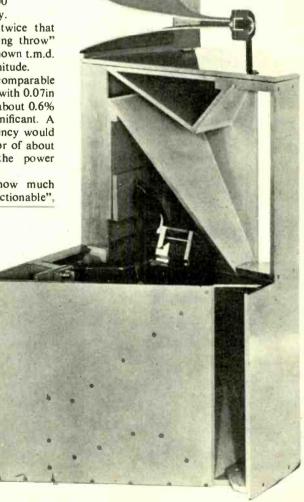
Cutaway model of Klipschorn showing exponential sound passages and back air chambers of bass horn, and section of mid-range horn. The highfrequency horn and driver can be seen over or on top of the midrange horn. "barely audible", "marginal" or "tolerable". We do know that listeners describe good horn speakers as "clean" and "transparent", and the smaller direct radiators as "veiled" and "muddy". In between are the better and larger direct radiators, and the descriptive terminology varies with whether such speakers are compared to inferior direct radiators or superior horns.

We know too that the shellac disc was the marvel of the age in 1909 and that words were barely intelligible; by 1919 things had improved, and by 1939 had improved some more. But now we realize that the response errors and distortion on these old records preclude pleasurable listening. By 1989 perhaps current 15 i.p.s. tapes will be scorned to the same degree. Surely our tolerance of distortion is decreasing.

#### Size and cost

A speaker of only 1.5 cu ft having a reasonably flat response down to 50Hz is an accomplished fact. A horn system with comparable response would entail 20 cubic feet. There is a vast difference in the power output capacity. The small direct radiator might handle 90dB sound pressure level (s.p.l.) at 2 feet with 10% total modulation distortion, and the horn 100 times as much power (110dB s.p.l.) at less than 1%.

The cost is always a factor. A typical 1.5



cubic foot direct radiator might typically cost \$150 to \$250 (£62 to £104) and a high quality horn system would cost \$600 to \$1000 (£250 to £410). Expressed in terms of cost per watt output, the horn wins by a wide margin—see Table 1.

If one includes the cost of amplifier power the advantage is still further in favour of the horn system.

#### Upper frequencies

Much of the foregoing text has been written with bass loudspeakers specifically in mind. The bass part of a 2- or 3-unit loudspeaker is the most bulky, massive and expensive part.

But the facts relating to distortion and power output are at least equally applicable to treble speakers. Perhaps more so; the midrange, from 400 to 6000Hz is the region where the ear is most sensitive. It is in this range where distortion can be detected by ear in quantities that would defy instrumental detection except with highly sophisticated devices such as a spectrum analyser with a 60dB range. The midrange is where we live. A recent article5 describes a "Jecklin" horn bass-range loudspeaker (which appears to be based on my paper of 19416 but the author employs small directradiators for the upper frequencies). Our experience with such a top-end speaker showed that it displays over 5% sideband amplitudes and over 10% total modulation distortion at only 90dB s.p.l. output. A good horn system displayed less than 1% t.m.d. at 100dB s.p.l. at 2 feet. To repeat, the midrange is "where we live" it is the range that costs the least in money to be right and costs the most in listener displeasure when it is wrong.

#### Tests

To illustrate, Fig. 1 shows the spectrum analysis of two speakers; top, a high quality horn-loaded midrange<sup>7</sup>, and bottom, an 8-in direct-radiator midrange. (This was by no measure a "cheap" speaker!)

The figures were traced from spectrograms photographed on a Tektronix 564 oscilloscope with a 3L5 spectrum-analyser plug-in unit. The left edge is f = 0. The two solid bars are the acoustic outputs resulting from inputs of  $f_1 = 510$ Hz and  $f_2 = 4400$ Hz. The dashed bars are distortion components; in the top figure (a) there are two sideband frequencies of  $f_2 \pm f_1$ . The grid represents 10dB intervals, so the sideband components are more than 40dB below the amplitude of  $f_2$ . The t.m.d. is less than 1%.

In the lower figure (b), one sees harmonics of  $f_1$  out to the 4th harmonic, and both first and second order sideband components of significant amplitudes, the t.m.d. amounting to a little over 10%.

The sound pressure level output of the horn system was 100dB s.p.l. at 2 feet; for the direct radiator the output was only

In my Audio Engineering Society<sup>4</sup> paper I proposed to call the percentage of

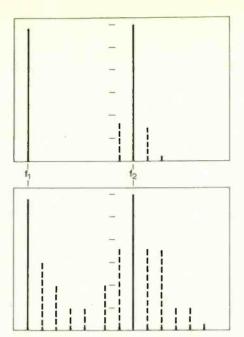


Fig. 1. Spectrum analysis of the output of a high quality horn-loaded midrange speaker (top) and an 8-in direct-radiator midrange (bottom).

t.m.d. the "mud index". Since the t.m.d. is dependent on power output it might seem desirable to employ a "mud/power" index where the t.m.d. is divided by the power output with 100dB s.p.l. chosen arbitrarily as unity. Thus the mud/power index for the horn would remain at less than 1% or simply one, and the index for the direct radiator would be 10%/0.1 or 100% or 100. (0.1 being the power ratio of 90dB relative to 100dB).

The £400 horn is not going to replace the £4 cone in a cheap radio. There is a lot of sense in replacing some of the high-distortion cones with small horns at a small cost increase where intelligibility is important, and there is a lot to recommend the £400 horn over a £50 direct radiator for entertainment. One just doesn't have to filter the music from so much mud.

In the specific example of the Jecklin version of my 1941 woofer, the major cost has already been incurred; the bass system has cost £100 or 200 hours labour or some such near equivalent, and to put a direct radiator tweeter on it gives it the overall performance of a cheap direct radiator speaker. At our plant we spent vastly more man-hours and man-years developing a "top end" (midrange and tweeter system) than we did on the woofer. To say again, the midrange is where we live.

#### Corner speakers

Take any loudspeaker of any size, make, type or price and compare its operation in a corner with its operation in some other location. You may reasonably expect 3 to 6dB more power output for a given input,

Table 1

	Watts output	Cost £	£ per watt
Small DR	0.05	100	2000
Large DR	1.0	200	200
Large Horn	10	400	40

a slight reduction in total distortion and beneficial response characteristics over the entire audio spectrum. We tested a small direct radiator and found corner operation extended the bass range 1/4 octave, improved response at 16kHz and averaged 5dB increased sound pressure level for a given input.

The principle is that of "mirror images". A speaker in close proximity to a wall has, in effect, a mirror image behind the wall, doubling the effective radiating area. The three walls at a corner double the effect three times.

If my 1941 bass horn (and the "Jecklin" version) were not in a corner it would have to be eight times as large. Its actual mouth area is only 780sq in but its effective area is eight times that value. All speakers (I have found no exceptions) work better in a corner. This applies to the "audio" function; it also applies to the "stereo" function. But stereo is another story. Take my word for it, that every experiment we have conducted in stereo bears out the advantage of using corners for speaker placement. As for the audio function, try it, preferably with a small enough speaker to be lifted easily. While it is playing have someone walk it into a corner. Listen.

This is one way to double or quadruple the sound pressure level without increasing distortion.

Combining corner operation with horn loading affords the ultimate in low distortion at whatever power level desired.

#### Conclusion

Horn loading and corner operation offers the lowest distortion per unit of power output. The combined effect offers an improvement in performance per unit cost by a factor of 100 or more. Of importance also is the reduced power amplifier requirement for a given acoustic power output.

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# Time

## . . . like an ever rolling stream bears all the charge away

Thomas Roddam discourses on time constants

One of the results of the electronics explosion has been to convert a good deal of design work into ritual. We substitute numbers in expressions for the component values in standard circuits. If we are lucky the expressions are already safely lodged in the computer and we really need not know what they are: if we are unlucky we must look them up in a book and drive our own sliderule. A good many young engineers do not even need to know what the final object of the performance will be.

I believe that there may be some spiritual or philosophical virtue in inventing the mantra Om mani padme hūm. I cannot see any merit in copying it down and spinning it on the shaft of an electric motor. Ritual in fact becomes even more than a substitute for thought: it becomes an excuse for avoiding thought. One way of making sure that you still can think is to consider the first principles of your art.

The first problem in attempting this is the rather unexpected one of deciding what we are talking about in discussing electronics. An obvious answer is quite simply electrons in action. This does not really suit my purpose, because in order to keep my thoughts related to experience I need to deal with things which I can measure. Individual electrons are not the stuff on which our circuits are based. Nor, in general, is the electromagnetic field. Circuit design, at bottom, is an affair of amps and volts.

Amps, volts and seconds. The changes which take place in the currents and voltages with the passage of time are the business of the circuit designer. The digital circuit engineer may think that he has avoided this, that he is concerned only with states of a system. If this is true for him, he is a lucky man who has managed to let someone else have his hang-over. Someone, somewhere, has worried about what happens during the time, which may be only nanoseconds, when the system is changing state.

If we are to start at the beginning it seems reasonable to take our old friend Ohm's Law. Although we regard this as pretty commonplace, we must remember that in any real situation.

$$V = IR$$

implies really a term which we should write

$$R(V, I, t)$$
.

So long as there are supplies of nickel we can get components for which the ratio

(V/I) is so nearly constant, at our sort of voltage and current level, that R can be regarded as independent of voltage, current and time. The constancy of R is, of course, vital in ensuring circuit linearity and the low distortion of the best feedback amplifier is an indication of how R can be regarded as completely independent of V and I. In practice we do not need to take elaborate precautions to obtain resistance elements which can be treated as pure Ohm's Law components. There will be parasitic inductance and capacitance, there will be aging effects, the cheap may well be nasty, but on balance we find that the modern resistor is a very close approximation to the ideal.

Just as well, perhaps, because few laboratories have any way of checking this. It is a long time since I was at school, but my guess is that your first introduction to Ohm's Law was to draw a graph of V against I for some sort of resistor, using, to measure V, a moving-coil meter which measured the current through another resistor. This is just one of those traps which are waiting for us when we look back at the foundations on which we have built.

The ideal resistor is a physical component which has a characteristic, resistance, which is independent of time. It is, now, and the past is wholly irrelevant. The other two simple passive elements are, in a way, pure memories. Throbbing between two lives they have foresuffered all.

The capacitor is also a physical component which is very nearly ideal in its commercial form. What is the essential characteristic of capacitance? The physicist might say that it is energy storage. If we put an amount of charge Q into a capacitance C we

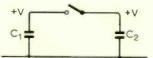
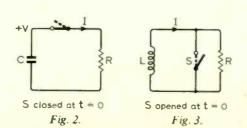


Fig. 1. When the switch is closed no current will those



shall have bottled up (Leyden, not Kilner) an amount of energy equal to  $(Q^2/2C)$ . Very nice too, but all I have is an Avo and a stopwatch. I can't measure Q and I can't measure the energy. Another way of defining capacitance is by the equation C = Q/V. Capacitance is the charge stored per volt. Again there is this wretched charge, but here we have quite a useful equation. Suppose that we have two capacitors,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  (and their capacitances are the same as their names), each charged to some voltage V. We have, in fact, just applied the same battery in turn to their terminals. Now we join the terminals by ideal conductors in the way shown in Fig. 1. No current will flow when the switch is closed. We had

$$Q_1 = C_1 V \quad \text{and} \quad Q_2 = C_2 V.$$

V is unchanged, the total charge is unchanged, so we now have

$$(Q_1 + Q_2) = Q = (C_1 + C_2)V.$$

This definition is thus the obvious one for establishing the rule for paralleling capacitances, and it is easy to use it (if we use equal charges) for establishing the rule for series connection.

Simple stuff, you may say. Not to all readers. I met recently, in a small company, a senior man who designed, if that is the word, relay circuits, for production, but who was baffled by the currents in a series, parallel combination of three resistors.

For practical purposes we are still a little far from practicality. We know that a capacitor will store charge or energy. The classic experiment using a group of monks is not easy to perform, but electricity shocks layman and cleric alike. And why think of this energy simply when stored and static, like a bar of gold under a French peasant's bed? Let us shift it from store to store, like marks and dollars hunting the most profitable home, or spend it, dissipate it in a resistance.

The hot coulomb will come later. Now we can get towards the first kernel of our story by considering the circuit shown in Fig. 2, a circuit so simple that it does not even need a caption. At the instant when the stopwatch is started, current begins to flow and, at this moment, when t = 0, the current must be given by

$$I = V/R$$
.

Notice that we can measure all these things, even though, if the time-scale of the whole experiment is very short, we may need something a bit more sophisticated than a moving-coil meter.

We have this idea of charge and capacitance, with Q = CV. The current, I, represents the flowing away of charge. Flow is often a measure which makes more subjective appeal than quantity: the speed and depth of a river are the quantities which we think about as natural man; the volume and height of a lake we only consider as engineers.

In this simple circuit Q is not constant, because we have charge flowing away as current. At any time t = t we have

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = -I$$

There are several different ways of proceeding from here and we want the one which looks easiest. If we write

$$I = V/R = Q/CR \text{ we get}$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{1}{CR} \cdot Q$$
and thus
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{1}{CR} \cdot V$$
or
$$\int_{1}^{V} \frac{dV}{V} = -\int_{0}^{t} \frac{dt}{CR}$$

The limits are put in for V = 1 at t = 0, because then we use the definition (Hardy, *Pure Mathematics*, p. 358 of 5th ed.)

$$\log V = \int_{1}^{V} \frac{dV}{V}$$

and so

$$\log V = -t/CR$$

Notice that this is a function theory definition of log. The properties are proved from this definition, and then you start carving your slide rule. Another definition gives us

$$V = e^{-\iota/CR}$$

or, if we started with  $V = V_0$  instead of V = 1

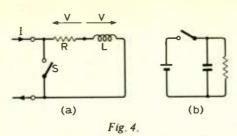
$$V = V_0 e^{-t/CR}$$

In the most general way, we can arrange this

$$\frac{V}{V_0} = e^{-\iota/\iota_0}$$

I have written  $CR = t_0$ , because the term t/CR must be dimensionless, a number.

Quite formally then we introduce a characteristic time,  $t_0 = CR$ , associated with the resistance-capacitance circuit. Quite naturally we call this the time constant. Very often you will find references to ohm-farads, or megohm-microfarads: can you run 100 yards, or metres, in 10 ohmfarads. We should think more often of our capacitors in terms of their (seconds/ohm) capacitance. The audio engineer, nowadays, is concerned largely with milliseconds/ohm and milliseconds/kilohm sizes. For example, smoothing the power supply to a transistor amplifier his characteristic time is 10 milliseconds (100 Hz) and the resistance may be 20 ohms (20 V, 1 A). The capacitance which just starts to smooth the ripple will be 0.5 millisec/ohm. In fast switching circuits capacitances measured in nanosecs/ohm will begin to interfere with operations. Of



course we shall go on talking about microfarads and pFs. The fact that we are also thinking of seconds per ohm, or amp seconds per volt, enables us to keep the feeling for magnitude which picks up stupid errors. And if you don't think stupid errors can happen, ask anyone who bought Poseidon shares when borehole No. 4 reported 9.38% nickel, only to learn, 15 minutes later, that the figure was really 0.38.

One aspect of this analysis I find particularly interesting is that if the mathematicians had not caused the exponential function to exist, we should have had to invent it. It is the description of observed behaviour. And it all depends on the fact that both C and R are constants, because if C were not constant we should have had

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = C \frac{dV}{dt} + V \frac{dC}{dt}$$

and the second term would not have been thrown away.

Let us turn away from the RC circuit to consider inductance. Exclude from your mind, for the moment, your views on inductors and consider only the abstraction of pure inductance. What is its basic property? We saw that capacitance, left alone, open-circuited, remembered voltage. Inductance, left alone, short-circuited, remembers current. Generally it is necessary to carry out this experiment with superconductors to obtain the sort of time scale we can get very easily with a commercial capacitor, although one practical exception is the reversal of power flow in international submarine cable energy links.

How do we deal with inductance? We had to mention charge in discussing capacitance, even though the charge concept carries the odour of pith balls, cat's skin and glass rods. I don't know when real cat skin was last used in school physics although I have heard a lecturer describe how his early magnetic research was thrown into confusion by a lady (what else?) assistant's stay bones. Charge, however, is simply the amp second storage of a capacitor in a particular state, that is capacitance C charged to voltage V. An equivalent situation for an inductor will be the volt second storage with an inductance L carrying a current I. The object of this is to keep our mathematics in similar form to the previous batch. We write

$$M = LI$$

and instead of the usual V = LdI/dt we say

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = +V$$

This equation agrees with the volt second storage concept, the fact that

$$M = \int_0^t V dt$$

The rules of procedure which I have adopted lead to some confusion of signs. Drawing the circuit in the form shown in Fig. 4(a), with a constant current source, makes things clearer. The source is removed effectively by closing the switch, just as we could have studied the RC circuit by working with Fig. 4(b), in which the start, at t=0, is when the switch is opened. Conditions for negative values of t are slightly different, but that does not matter.

With the arrangement shown in Fig. 4(a) we see how the senses of the voltage across the inductance and the voltage across the resistance appear. After t = 0 we have, of course,

$$V = IR = MR/L$$

The induced voltage is in the opposite direction and is -dM/dt, so that

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = -M \frac{R}{L}$$
giving 
$$\frac{dI}{dt} = -I \frac{R}{L}$$
and 
$$\frac{I}{I_0} = e^{-t/t_0}$$
where 
$$t_0 = L/R$$

Again we see the natural appearance of a time constant, the natural appearance of the exponential. Now, however, the unit of inductance is the second-ohm. In the smoothing application, with t=10 milliseconds and a 20-ohm circuit we see that smoothing begins at around 200 millisecohm, or 0.2 H. At the other extreme, 20 nanoseconds times 50 ohms gives us one microhenry, the inductance of two or three feet of wire. Of course, if the wire forms part of a transmission line, 20 nanoseconds is the order of magnitude of the propagation of energy along it.

One of the difficulties the practical engineer experiences is the imperfection of real inductors. He may avoid this problem throughout his career; he may, at the other extreme, base his career upon it. Those who are engaged in work on low-level selective circuits, for example, do not consider inductance to be a really awkward element. One must account for the inevitable resistance, but it is a relatively small term so long as you do not let ambition outrun performance. The order of magnitude of the LI product is, however, only around  $10^{-4}$  henry-amps, or  $10^{-4}$  volt-seconds.

We move into quite a different world when the inductor must support, say, 200 volts for 1/100 second. Now we have 2 volt-seconds to consider. Whether one considers energy density or "charge" density as the criterion is an interesting question, but even with charge density the ratio is (27)<sup>3</sup>:1. Inductors for power system working are designed to be of reasonable size, while inductors for low-level filters are designed to be of convenient size, to use wire which will not break in handling.

The capacitor designer, at one time, had the same problem. Fifty years ago the Carnaryon transmitter incorporated a capacitor which filled a room, its air-spaced plates hanging down like the week's washing in a Spanish slum. On one occasion,

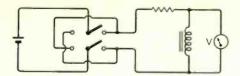


Fig. 5. Basic circuit for examining saturation time constant.

indeed, a dog walked into the capacitor. Steady progress from waxed paper to polywhatsit film has brought the factor  $CV/\text{inch}^3$  down without any loss of linearity. No such luck for the inductor designer. He is stuck with iron, or, more precisely in inductor design, a combination of a selected iron alloy and air.

I do not think this is the point at which I want to discuss inductor design. There is, however, another time constant which appears when we talk about iron-cored inductors which may, conveniently, be mentioned.

Suppose that we take such an inductor, which we believe to have an inductance L. We apply a voltage to this, and watch the behaviour of the current. It follows the simple law

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{V}{L}$$

$$I = \frac{V}{L}.t,$$

or

growing linearly as time passes. Grows linearly, that is, until quite sharply, it starts to increase at a much higher rate. If the equations above have any meaning, the inductance L must have fallen to a much lower value. The sharpness of the change depends very largely on the core material, and in practical use of this phenomenon any air-gap and any eddy-current effects must be taken into account. This is, of course, the phenomenon of saturation.

We have been adopting the modern "discovery" method of learning in our approach to the CR and LR circuits. This is also known as Squeer's Way (W.I.N.D.E.R, winder = now go and clean them). The basic experiment is a simple one. If we connect a battery, a reversing switch, a resistor, and a voltmeter to our inductor, in the way shown in Fig. 5, we can carry our core from saturation in one direction to saturation in the other. The resistor is only there to protect the battery and should be relatively small (whatever that means). When we flip the switch the voltmeter will read nearly the full battery voltage and will fall steadily as the product IR increases, until I jumps up. We want this drop to be quite a lot less than V for our experiment to be meaningful.

The first experiments will show that a particular inductor has a particular volts-seconds product. This time constant is not a constant at all, but is inversely proportional to the applied voltage. Further experiments reveal that it is in fact proportional to the turns per volt for a fixed core area. It is also proportional to the core area. The overall picture leads us to a property of the core material, the saturation flux density, with the defining equation

 $Vt = 2NAB.10^{-8}$ .

The units are cm<sup>2</sup> and gauss, because those are the units adopted by the core material makers in their tables.

This kind of time constant is quite different theoretically from the CR and L/R constants discussed at the beginning. It is interesting to notice, therefore, that both kinds are used in otherwise similar circuits, in inverter circuits. The CR type is used mainly at frequencies in the kilohertz range, while the switching core type is commoner at low frequencies. There are other, minor, differences which relate to the detailed design. And certainly frequency is not fundamental, for to get time constants measured in terms of seconds we should certainly use the CR circuit.

After this diversion it seems appropriate to refresh the reader's memory. With resistance and one kind of reactance we can generate, by a switching operation, a waveform which turns out to be the exponential function of the mathematicians. The scale of this is defined by the product CR, or the ratio L/R.

#### **Books Received**

The Semiconductor Data Book from Motorola is now available in its fourth edition. Instead of a number of product categories, discrete device specifications are presented in alpha-numeric sequence in three major sections: '1N' numbered devices; '2N' and '3N' numbered devices; and devices with Motorola "house" numbers. It is thus easier to obtain data. Also a 50-page section of selection guides enable application requirements to be related directly to semiconductor device numbers. Furthermore, the book lists all '1N', '2N' and '3N' devices registered by the U.S. Electron Industries Association along with their short-form specifications. In all, more than 12,700 types are listed together with details of their characteristics. Pp.2160. Price £3 (plus 6s postage). Available from the Modern Book Co., 19 Praed Street, London W.2.

Tape Recorders: A-Z is essentially a catalogue of magnetic tape recorders available in the U.K. Also included are lists of mixers, headphones, tape, and accessories. The video tape recording section is divided into two parts-machines using 1-in or 1-in tape, and those using 2-in tape. Essential technical specifications are supplied for each model along with a photograph, the price, and the address of the manufacturer or agent. This presentation is used for the recorder sections which are: professional (scientific and industrial) audio tape recorders; domestic and hi-fi tape recorders (including car tape recorders/players); tape teaching machines (domestic type); and background tape players. Pp.164 including an index. Price £1. APA Publishing (Catalogues) Ltd, Quality House, Quality Court, Chancery Lane, London W.C.2.

#### New Ceramic Control Device

Using the principles of both piezoelectricity and ferroelectricity, a new ceramic element invented at RCA Laboratories, U.S.A., has possibilities for remote and near control of domestic and other electrical appliances. It enables supply currents to be switched on, turned off or varied continuously. Being completely electronic it seems to offer longer life and higher reliability than the electro-mechanical devices often used for remote control. A particular feature of the new element is that it will "remember" its last control setting indefinitely, even if its supply power is cut off.

The device is constructed as a "sandwich" consisting of two ceramic wafers, each with piezoelectric and ferroelectric properties, bonded together by epoxy resin. The principle of operation is that when a material has both these properties a change made in the ferroelectric polarization alters the efficiency of the material's piezoelectric effect. When an a.c. signal is applied to one wafer, this wafer vibrates because of its piezoelectric property. The vibrations are transmitted through the epoxy bonding resin to the other wafer, which converts them back into an electrical output signal. The amplitude of the piezoelectric output signal can be varied by subjecting either wafer to an electrical pulse, which changes the ferroelectric polarization in the wafer and thereby its piezoelectric efficiency. Since the wafers are made of a stable ferroelectric material, the output signal is stable and changes only when the polarization is changed.

Two versions have been developed. One responds only to input signals in a narrow frequency range, while the other responds to input signals covering a broad frequency spectrum. Both versions use wafers made of ceramic lead zirconate/lead titanate material, often used in gramophone pickups. A wafer's polarization can be altered by any desired amount by applying voltage pulses to produce an electric field typically 10 to 45 volts per thou' of wafer thickness. In this way, the output signal can be varied continuously over a dynamic range of approximately 60dB, in a period as short as one millisecond or as long as 1,000 seconds.

At present the device is purely experimental: no commercial exploitation is envisaged for the moment. Also it has not yet emerged what advantages this component might have over semiconductor control devices such as the thyristor and triac.

# Ceramic Pickups and Transistor Pre-amplifiers

### Are they incompatible?

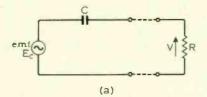
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Of the pre-amplifier designs published in Wireless World over the past eight years or so, Mr. Linsley Hood's is the first to provide proper equalization for ceramic pickups. This article explains in greater detail how he derived his pre-amplifier replay characteristics and gives a new simple circuit for correct—yet adjustable—equalization.

Ceramic pickups work on the piezo-electric principle, as do crystal pickups, and thus they are basically alike. The likeness extends further since historically crystal pickups were the first to be developed and marketed on a commercial scale, and they were followed by ceramic pickups (which are more reliable than their elder brethren, being less affected by temperature and humidity extremes). Many of the traditions of crystal pickup manufacture were carried over to ceramic cartridges, such as built-in mechanical compensation, and perhaps ceramic pickup manufacturers assumed that their products would be used generally into a high-impedance amplifier as in the "crystal pickup plus valve amplifier" days. It is apparent that many people experienced difficulty in using ceramic pickups (which usually need an input impedance of twice that for crystal pickups) with transistor preamplifiers and this has resulted in a wealth of designs for high input impedance converters using f.e.ts etc. to overcome the problems. The author thinks that this is an unsatisfactory method and that better results will be obtained by re-thinking the problem from scratch. By looking at the basic operating principles of the pickup and comparing these with the requirements, a simple design may readily be evolved.

#### Piezo-electric pickups

Let us first have a close look at the important characteristics of piezo-electric pick ups and contrast them with a typical magnetic pick-up. As the name implies, the piezo-electric pickup depends upon the piezo-electric effect—that is, when certain crystals like Rochelle salt and barium titanate are strained (i.e. bent, twisted etc.) an e.m.f. is developed across the faces of the crystal. Conducting layers deposited on the opposite faces of the crystal with wires attached complete the piezo-electric transducer. The piezo-electric e.m.f. is proportional to the strain in the crystal element, so the e.m.f.



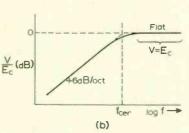


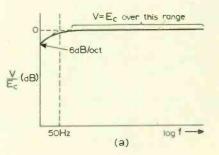
Fig. 1. (a) Equivalent circuit and (b) frequency response of piezo-electric pickup.  $f_{cer} = \frac{1}{2\pi CR}$  (C in farads, R in ohms, f in Hz).

depends upon the amplitude of movement of the device transmitting the force to the crystal. Thus, in the case of a ceramic pick-up the e.m.f. produced by stylus movements is proportional to the instantaneous deviation of the groove from the unmodulated position, or as is commonly said, the e.m.f. is proportional to the amplitude of the groove. This is the first fundamental difference between ceramic and magnetic pick-ups.

The second important feature is that the piezo-electric crystals are dielectrics and hence the conducting layers together with the crystal form a capacitor—typically 700 pF to 1500 pF which appears in series with the piezo e.m.f.\*

We can draw an equivalent circuit for the pickup feeding into a resistive input impedance and this is shown in Fig. 1(a). The pick-up consists of a zero impedance

\*Sometimes the impedance of a pickup is quoted as, say, 2 M $\Omega$ . This practice is misleading, because owing to its capacitance the impedance is inversely proportional to frequency, and almost purely reactive. Obviously the pickup will have a reactance of 2 M $\Omega$  at only one frequency ( $\sim$ 50 Hz). I think, too, that an impression exists that one has to "match" a pickup to an amplifier like matching a loudspeaker to the amplifier output stage. Perhaps matching is an appropriate expression for the pickup case, but the reasons that govern the choice of "matching" impedances are quite different in the two cases. [See p. 66—ED.]



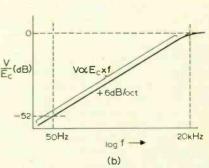


Fig. 2. (a) High-resistance loading,  $R=4~M\Omega$  and (b) low-resistance, "velocity" loading,  $R=10~k\Omega$ .

generator in series with a capacitor. Fig. 1(a) will be immediately recognized as a differentiation circuit, that is, a high-pass filter whose cut-off frequency, called  $f_{cer}$ , separates a region of slope 6 dB/octave from a region of zero slope, as shown in Fig. 1(b).

For example, if C = 800pF and  $R = 4M\Omega$ , then  $f_{cer}$  occurs at 50 Hz. This will be termed high-impedance loading because the voltage developed across the load is substantially independent of R and is equal to E, the pickup e.m.f. over the whole audio frequency range. That is to say, the voltage at the amplifier terminals equals the pickup voltage. So, if records were recorded with a constant amplitude characteristic† a perfect piezo-electric pickup would require no further equalization.

An alternative method of operating the pickup is the "low-impedance loading" or "velocity loading" method. Here we choose R to place  $f_{cer}$  at the highest end of the frequency spectrum—say  $20 \, \text{kHz}$ —where

t"Constant amplitude characteristic" means here that the records will have been recorded in such a way that a perfect zero impedance amplitude-sensitive pickup would produce a signal requiring no further correction before being amplified and fed to the loudspeaker.

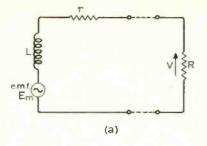
R would equal  $10 \text{ k}\Omega$  for a pickup capacitance of 800 pF as before. Referring to Fig. 1(b) again it can be noticed that if  $f_{cer}$ lies at 20 kHz, the whole of the audio spectrum lies on that part of the curve with a rising frequency response of 6 dB/octave. Only above 20 kHz is V equal to E, so at 50 Hz V is very low (approximately -52dB). The name "velocity loading" has been given to this mode of operation because the output shows a rising response with frequency as obtained from a magnetic pickup under appropriate conditions (see below). One frequently comes across this recommendation: to give approximate "velocity loading" load a ceramic pickup with 68 kΩ! This recommendation is unjustifiable since the "velocity loading" will be effective only up to 2.5 kHz, and at 12 kHz, for example, 68 kΩ loading gives 12.6 dB less than true velocity loading.

Figs. 2(a) and (b) summarize the above ideas for a ceramic pickup of 800 pF operating into a load of (a) 4 M $\Omega$  and (b) 10 k $\Omega$ , while playing a constant amplitude recording.

#### Magnetic pickups

I hope the reader will forgive the rather lengthy discussion on piezo-electric pickups-a few quick words will sum up the essential features of magnetic pickups. A similar type of equivalent circuit may be drawn except that, first, the e.m.f. is proportional to the velocity of the stylus at any instant and, secondly, this e.m.f. can be thought of as a zero impedance generator in series with an inductance, typically 500 mH. Fig. 3(a) shows the equivalent circuit and Fig. 3(b) the frequency response of this circuit when stray capacitance is ignored. It is seen that up to  $f_{mag}$  the voltage V across the amplifier input equals E, the pickup e.m.f. Now, if we assume that such a magnetic pickup is used to reproduce from a constant amplitude record, E (the pickup e.m.f.) is directly proportional to the frequency f. E is rising at a rate of 6 dB/octave over the whole frequency range and therefore V will also rise at the same rate up to  $f_{mag}$  and then turn "flat" above it. This is shown in Fig. 4 for the case when  $R = 65 \text{ k}\Omega$ . By analogy with piezo-electric pickups, 65 kΩ loading would be termed high-impedance loading, because the audio range lies entirely in that region of the curve where the amplifier input voltage is equal to the pickup e.m.f. (which is proportional to frequency). Low-impedance loading is of no practical interest\*, but intermediate impedance loading is practicable<sup>2</sup> and in this case fmag is made 2100 Hz.

If Fig. 2(b) is now compared with Fig. 4 it is seen that they are identical in most respects, particularly in having the response  $V \propto f$  over the whole audio spectrum. Both curves apply only to pickups on constant amplitude recordings. This means therefore



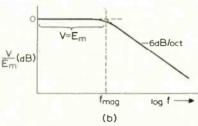


Fig. 3(a). Equivalent circuit and (b) frequency response of magnetic pickup.  $f_{mag} = \frac{(R+r)}{2\pi L} H. (R \text{ in ohms, } L \text{ in henries}).$ 

that an ideal ceramic pickup when velocity loaded (C = 800 pF,  $R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ ) will require exactly the same frequency correction as an ideal magnetic pickup (L = 500 mH,  $R = 65 \text{ k}\Omega$ ). This should make clear the use of the term "velocity loading" as applied to a ceramic pickup.

If we now wish to specify the gain/frequency characteristic of amplifiers for reproducing constant amplitude records using the pickup configurations shown in Figs. 2 and 4, we find that a "flat" amplifier characteristic is required for Fig. 2(a) and this is shown in Fig. 5(a). Both 2(b) and 4 require a gain falling at a slope of  $-6 \, \mathrm{dB/octave}$  octave over the whole audio spectrum as shown in Fig. 5(b). (See last section for note about bass lift below 50 Hz.)

#### R.I.A.A. Recordings

Up to now we have considered constant amplitude recordings only and this is now a convenient point to introduce the complications caused by the real R.I.A.A. recording characteristic. The R.I.A.A. characteristic is usually given as a gain/frequency curve required to correct a perfect magnetic pickup with a high-Z load. Fig. 6(b) shows this curve. The author's preference, when considering ceramic pickups, is the replay characteristic for a high-Z loaded ceramic pickup which is given in Fig. 6(a). This form of the curve emphasizes the close approximation of the R.I.A.A. characteristic to constant amplitude recording apart from the 12.5 dB "coggle" in the curve between 500 and 2121 Hz. Thus it might be loosely assumed that an amplifier to replay from a ceramic pickup would require a gain/frequency curve like Figs. 6(a) or 6(b) depending on the loading employed. However, the historical development of piezo-electric pickups comes into play here, and as mentioned above the tradition of expecting piezo-electric pickups to be played into a high impedance load dies hard so we have the situation that almost all piezo-electric pickups have built-in compensation.

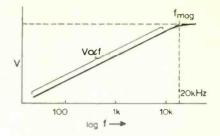


Fig. 4. High-resistance loading for magnetic pickup playing a constant amplitude recording. ( $R = 65 \text{ k}\Omega$ , L = 500 mH,  $f_{mag} = 20 \text{ kHz}$ ,  $E \propto f$  over audio range.)

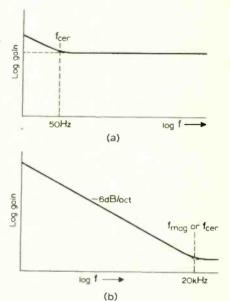


Fig. 5. Amplifier gain characteristics; (a) for high-Z piezo pickup (Fig. 2(a)) and (b) for low-Z piezo (Fig. 2(b)) and high-Z magnetic (Fig. 4) pickups. Note: These characteristics refer to ideal piezo and magnetic pickups playing constant amplitude recordings.

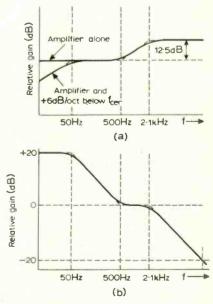


Fig. 6(a). R.I.A.A. replay characteristic (ideal ceramic pickup with high-Z load) and (b) standard R.I.A.A. replay characteristic (magnetic pickup into high-Z load).

<sup>\*</sup>This is true because low-impedance loading would produce a very small output voltage although giving a flat frequency response in principle. A smaller output voltage would aggravate the noise problem, and in any case the value of R required to make  $f_{mag} = 50$  Hz is  $160 \Omega$  which is already less than the actual a.c. resistance of the pickup coil! Intermediate loading is practicable though with many magnetic pickups.

The 12-5 dB lift in the higher frequencies is provided by built-in mechanical compensation and this means that the pickup can be played directly into a high-impedance "flat" amplifier and give acceptable results. On the other hand, no magnetic pickups incorporate mechanical equalization and so always need the full R.I.A.A. equalization as given by the curve in Fig. 6(b). But as practically all ceramic cartridges have the mechanical compensation the amplifier gain/frequency characteristic would have to be like Fig. 5(a) or 5(b), depending on the loading employed, not 6(a) or 6(b).

As nothing can be done about the built-in mechanical compensation, additional electrical equalization must be added to an existing amplifier if an attempt is made to "velocity load" the pickup and then play it through an amplifier with full R.I.A.A. magnetic equalization. Despite the mechanical compensation, no basic change in the equivalent circuit of the pickup is needed, the only difference is that the e.m.f. E is a function of frequency, but the pickup is still basically an amplitude sensitive device. I think there is a good case for marketing high-quality ceramic pickups with no builtin equalization, specifically designed to operate into the "magnetic" input socket of pre-amplifiers, whose input impedance is of the order of  $50 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

This should have explained fully the derivation of the three curves in Fig. 5 of ref. 1 where circuits and curves are given for varying degrees of built-in mechanical compensation.

Curve 1—Full mechanical Curve 2—50% effective mechanical

Curve 3-Zero mechanical

In this respect Mr. Linsley Hood's Fig. 5 arrangement is more flexible than his Fig. 4 circuit which assumes full mechanical equalization.

## Medium-Z loading of magnetic and ceramic pickups

In the original version of the Tobey-Dinsdale pre-amplifier<sup>2</sup>, an ingenious form of equalization was suggested for magnetic pickups with an inductance of the order of 500 mH. This depended on the concept of splitting the equalization into two separate sections, one providing the treble equalization above 2121 Hz and the other providing the bass equalization below 500 Hz. Treble equalization was obtained by setting  $f_{muq} =$ 2121 Hz and reference to Fig. 5(b) will show that a flat amplifier characteristic is required above  $f_{mag}$  for proper overall equalization. Below 500 Hz amplifier bass lift is required and this was achieved by frequency selective feedback using a virtual earth amplifier (see Appendix 1) where  $Z_2$  consisted of a resistor and capacitor in series with a time constant of 300 µs.

This provides a gain/frequency characteristic as shown in Fig. 7, assuming  $Z_1$  is resistive. Thus the combination of the two systems provides correct equalization. Pickups with inductances much smaller than 500 mH and/or with high a.c. resistances at 2 kHz cause difficulty with this method.

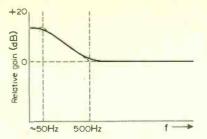


Fig. 7. Gain/frequency curve of pickup equalization feedback circuit of Ref. 2.

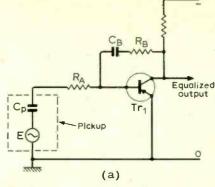


Fig. 8(a). Principle of equalization for virtual earth amplifier (see Appendix 1). No biasing components are shown.

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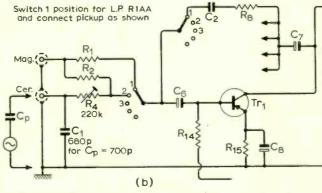


Fig. 8(b). Modified
Dinsdale Mk. I preamplifier. Notes:  $R_3$  is
omitted. Component
values as in original
unless shown.  $R_4$  is a
skeleton pot. The value of  $C_1$  should be chosen to
give a total capacitance  $C_1$  of  $C_p+C_1+C_{leads}$ .

about 1500 pF ( $\pm$ 150
pF).  $C_{leads}$  is about 100 pF.

However, the critics of this system were unduly harsh and it is probable that the majority of stereo magnetic pickups will work satisfactorily with this form of equalization. Tests on the Neat V-70 and the B. & O. SP2 pickups, which are typical of the moving magnet and variable reluctance type respectively, have shown no decrease at all in channel separation using the E.M.I. stereo test disc TCS 101 when first one channel, then the other, is shorted. In a recent article in Wireless World8 it was pointed out that magnetic imbalance of these types of pickup is very low, resulting in a separation of better than 40 dB from this cause alone. Thus any transformer effect (i.e. the current in one coil inducing a voltage in the other) would be of negligible proportions compared to the other causes of crosstalk-which are principally mechanical. Obviously the Decca ffss pickup is an exception since it has a sum and difference coil system, where the common coil would carry appreciable current through a com-

mon impedance. When ceramic stereo pickups are operated into low-Z loads there is no risk at all of worsening the channel separationindeed, some authors believe that low impedance loading improves the damping and hence the transient performance. This idea originated a long time ago3, and as yet no evidence is forthcoming in support of this claim. Reference 3 contains many misleading and contentious remarks, and it is possible that pen was put to paper rather too hastily! Well, low-impedance loading is probably neither much worse nor much better than high-impedance loading, other things being equal, and if the reader will accept the idea of a 100 kΩ load, or thereabouts, it is very simple to design a circuit providing the necessary equalization. No

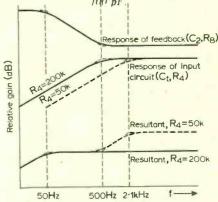


Fig. 9. Performance of Fig. 8.

doubt many readers have reverted to highimpedance loading after being dissatisfied with results from their pickup when operated into a magnetic input and the reasons for this should be clear from the above discussion.

However, theoretically perfect equalization with medium-Z loading is possible by adapting the Tobey-Dinsdale system for equalizing magnetic pickups.

#### Equalization of ceramic pickups new method

Suppose we load a 1500 pF pickup with  $200 \text{ k}\Omega$ . The formula by Fig. 1(b) tells us that  $f_{cer} = 500 \text{ Hz}$ . Frequencies below 500 Hz suffer an attenuation of 6 dB/octave as shown on Fig. 1(b). Suppose also that we use a feedback circuit providing an amplifier gain curve as shown in Fig. 7, which gives a rising gain below 500 Hz. Combining these two circuits will provide a flat overall frequency response—which is what is required for a fully mechanically compensated ceramic pickup playing R.I.A.A.

recordings. The virtual earth amplifier as used in reference 2 works very satisfactorily when the input circuit is modified as shown in Fig. 8(a) which shows the outline system and (b) giving the detailed modifications. With a Sonotone 9 TAHC  $C_2$  and  $R_8$  were kept as  $0.005 \,\mu\text{F}$  and  $47 \,\text{k}\Omega$ , and the only alteration was to include the preset  $R_4$ . The performance of the adapted circuit is shown by the full line in Fig. 9. Should the mechanical compensation not be fully effective the circuit can be arranged to give the full 12 dB lift by reducing the value of  $R_4$  to 50 k $\Omega$ , which raises the turn-over frequency fcer from 500 Hz up to 2000 Hz as shown by the dashed curve in Fig. 9. It is obvious that any degree of mechanical compensation can be allowed for by tweaking  $R_1$ . This can be done quite easily by ear. If 200 k $\Omega$  is inconveniently high, the pickup can be shunted with extra capacitance, say 1000 pF, so allowing  $R_4$  to be reduced, for the same product of  $C_1 \times R_4$ . It is convenient to arrange for the feedback circuit to have its turnover frequency at 500 Hz because then inadequate mechanical compensation can be easily adjusted for. If it is known that the pickup is fully compensated any convenient value for  $C_1 \times R_4$  may be chosen.

Any feedback type pre-amplifier stage can be easily modified to provide correct ceramic pickup equalization using the basic method just discussed. The type discussed in Appendix 2 has appeared as the Dinsdale Mk. II4; this pre-amplifier can be modified to give excellent equalization as shown in Fig. 10. Another popular more recent Wireless World pre-amplifier design is the Bailey circuit5, which also can be improved by greater attention to the equalization requirements. This design can easily be modified by, say, using the "Disc 1" position for a ceramic pickup and "Disc 2" for the magnetic. The circuit for the ceramic pickup will now appear as shown in Fig. 11. The circuits in both Figs. 10 and 11 are capable of the adjustment range as shown in Fig. 9 for the simpler virtual earth circuit. Each has an additional control  $R_3$  of  $10 \text{ k}\Omega$ to preset the overall gain to a suitable level for the particular pickup. Using this form of equalization for pickups, it is doubtful whether the performance of the modified Dinsdale Mk. II is in any way inferior to the modified Bailey because the feedback circuit in the Dinsdale Mk. II does not have a falling impedance with rising frequency any more. Instead, the impedance flattens off at about 9 kΩ and does not shunt the transistor load impedance excessively at high frequencies. The same is true for the other two amplifier circuits, of course.

### Equalization of ceramic pickups: alternative circuits

Circuits requiring no internal modifications to the pre-amplifier fall naturally into two main groups:

(1) add-on high input impedance f.e.t. and boot-strapped circuits

(2) circuits adapting magnetic-cartridge inputs by "velocity loading" the pickup and decompensating for the mechanical compensation

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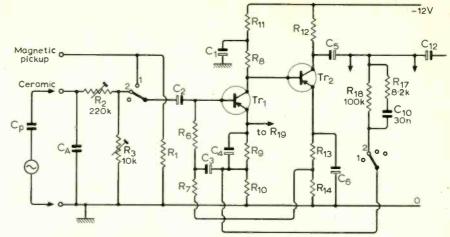


Fig. 10. Modified Dinsdale Mk. II for ceramic pickup equalization. Switch position 2 is now labelled ceramic pickup R.I.A.A. l.p. Note: Do not operate this circuit with  $C_{10}$  shorted and  $R_3$  set to less than 3500  $\Omega$  or motor boating at 1 Hz might occur. To be safe, raise  $C_2$  to 20  $\mu$ F or more.  $C_t = C_p + C_A + C_{leads}$  etc.; choose  $C_A$  to make  $C_t \approx 1500$  pF ( $\pm 150$ );  $R_{18}$ .  $C_{10} = 3000$ ;  $R_{18}/R_{17} = 12.4$ ; C in  $\mu$ F; R in  $\Omega$ ;  $R_2 - \text{set } f_{cer}$ ;  $R_3 - \text{set } gain$ .

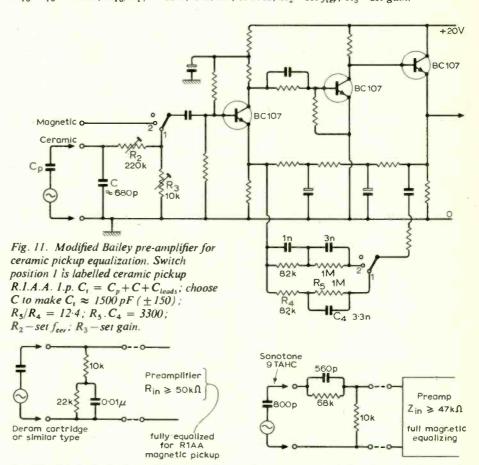


Fig. 12. Circuit for "velocity" loading and decompensating a ceramic pickup.

group since adequate information is already available for the first group.

One of the best known circuits for decompensating the mechanical equalization is due to J. Walton (Fig. 12). This is an ingenious circuit. It provides "velocity loading" of the pickup over the whole audio frequency range but the effective load impedance for the pickup is higher at low frequencies than at higher frequencies, therefore a relatively larger signal is produced at low frequencies than at high. This circuit allows the Decca Deram to be connected successfully to a fully R.I.A.A. compensated magnetic input of  $R_{in}$  approxi-

Fig. 13. Circuit for "velocity" loading and decompensating Sonotone 9 TAHC.

mately  $47 \, k\Omega$  or so. An alternative circuit, which was provided in a private communication, for decompensating the Sonotone 9 TAHC pickup is shown in Fig. 13, and although seemingly very different from Mr. Walton's circuit, achieves the same objective.

These circuits probably function quite well, but there is the possibility of a big build-up of errors in the mechanical compensation, the decompensation and the amplifier equalization characteristic. By comparison the circuit of Fig. 8(a) is very simple, gives less risk of accumulated errors, and allows adjustment for degrees of

mechanical compensation. The one main shortcoming of this simple circuit is the lack of loop gain to stabilize gain at low frequencies. In this respect the Dinsdale Mk. II and Bailey pre-amplifiers are superior. Rumble filtering is a good feature to include as well. If the Dinsdale design of main amplifier is used, or the Bailey amplifier with the recent modification6, then rumble filtering is not so necessary since these amplifiers have a built-in high-pass characteristic.

#### **Further notes**

(1) It may have occurred to the reader that an even simpler form of equalizer is possible, consisting of a virtual earth amplifier with just a capacitor in the feedback circuit as in Fig. 14. Though superficially very attractive, this circuit is not very satisfactory owing to the shunting effect of C2 on the transistor load resistor at high frequencies, and the difficulty of adjusting the compensation. Stabilization of low-frequency gain would be desirable, so requiring a resistor shunting  $C_2$  and perhaps  $C_1$ , thus making the circuit no simpler than the adjustable circuit of Fig. 8. On the other hand, the simple circuit of the form of Fig. 8 is eminently suitable for a multi-transistor virtual earth amplifier and is a simpler way of achieving proper ceramic pickup equalization than Mr. Linsley Hood's circuit (Fig. 5 of ref. 1).

(2) Pickups of very low or very high outputs may cause difficulty through lack of gain, or overloading and some further notes might help to provide solutions for par-

ticular problems.

Circuits in Figs. 10 and 11 are not likely to be troubled in this way owing to the presence of the adjustable R3. If the pickup output is low, R3 may be increased up to 50 kΩ max., which might then require  $R_2 = 0$ . An alternative method to increase the gain is to alter the values of the resistors and capacitors in the feedback circuits (R18,  $R_{17}$ ,  $C_{10}$ ) in Fig. 10; or the equivalent ones  $(R_4, R_5, C_4)$  in Fig. 11. The ratios between the component values must be maintained, however, as given by the formulae at the side of each diagram. In general, raising the resistor values increases the gain and lowering them reduces it. The equalization will not be affected by such changes.

The circuit in Fig. 8(b) is not quite so simple, as no one component can be varied easily to alter the gain. Shunting the pickup with a capacitor will neither raise nor lower the overall gain, because the attendant alteration of  $R_4$  to preserve the same  $f_{cer}$ will exactly neutralize the change. However, if a series capacitor is used and a shunt capacitor as well to keep the same effective source capacitance of 1500 pF, effective gain reduction can be achieved without raising  $R_4$  at all (Fig. 15). For  $C_{tot} = 1500 \text{ pF}$ with  $C_p + C_{strays} = 800 \text{ pF}$ ,  $C_s = 390 \text{ pF}$ ,  $C_1 = 1200 \,\mathrm{pF}$ , gain is reduced by a factor of 3 compared with the gain when  $C_5$  is not used, and the pre-amplifier would not be overloaded by operating from a pickup with an output of 1.25 V max!

An alternative method is to alter the values of the feedback components (C2 and

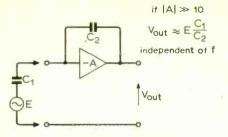


Fig. 14. A simple but impracticable

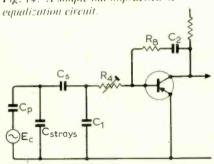


Fig. 15. Curbing high output pickups by including series and shunt capacitance. Effective capacitance value for calculating  $f_{cer}$  is  $C_{tot}$  which =  $\frac{(C_p + C_{strays}) \times C_s}{C_p + C_{strays} + C_s}.$ 

 $R_8$  in Fig. 8(b)). In general decreasing  $R_8$ lowers the gain, and increasing R<sub>8</sub> raises it. However, this causes a change in the magnetic pickup gain as well as the ceramic pickup, so it is best avoided.

Finally, the pickup output may be shunted directly with a resistor, R3, which would be connected between the left side of  $R_4$  in Fig. 8(b) and chassis. To preserve the time constant once more, this resistor would have to be shunted by a capacitor  $C_1$ larger than normal so that

$$(C_p + C_1) \times \frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} = 318 \,\mu\text{s}$$

That is, if  $R_3$  equals  $200 \text{ k}\Omega$ , and  $R_4$  is 200 kΩ, thus giving a parallel combination of 100 k $\Omega$ ,  $C_p + C_1$  would have to be made equal to 3000 pF or so.

A word of warning, do not attempt to shunt virtual earth amplifiers by putting a resistor between the virtual earth point (see appendix 1) and real earth. The loop gain of the amplifier is reduced, making the circuit more susceptible to transistor gain variations and the gain/frequency curve will be less exact.

(3) Response below 50 Hz. Referring to Fig. 6(a) which shows the replay characteristic for a piezo-electric pickup playing R.I.A.A. recordings, the curve implies that bass lift is recorded below 50 Hz, since, theoretically the replay characteristic should drop off below 50 Hz at 6 dB/octave. This is probably not done by many recording companies because of the allowable maximum recorded amplitude which is less for the lower frequencies.\* Thus a flat gain is probably required below 50 Hz, down to say 20 Hz, below which a fall of 18 dB/ octave to reduce rumble is beneficial. Too few pre-amplifiers include adequate rumble filtering. The author recently has had to modify a valve stereo amplifier of a very well known make on account of its extended low frequency response—flat to less than 10 Hz!

On balance it is better to dispense with the luxury of "flat to 20 Hz" and allow the theoretical 6 dB/octave below 50 Hz (R.I.A.A.) aid the rumble reduction, leaving only 12 dB/octave to be added elsewhere, say, by a couple of differentiation circuits in series between the pre-amplifier and main amplifier, unless the main amplifier itself has a high pass characteristic.

In principle, the simple equalization circuit of Fig. 8(a) would give a flat response down to zero frequency. This is not true of Fig. 8(b) owing to the limited gain of a one transistor amplifier, and also to the feedback deliberately introduced to give a high pass action. With a high gain amplifier and no anti-rumble feedback, C2 would need to be shunted by  $560 \text{ k}\Omega$  to give a turnover frequency of 50 Hz.

Bass roll-off would not be achieved by putting a capacitor of 0.01 µF in series with R<sub>4</sub>, although it was this method, in effect, that was suggested recently7. Since the 0.01 μF is in series with the pickup capacitance and the pickup capacitance is only 700 pF or so, the 0.01 µF capacitor would have only a 7% effect on the turnover frequency of the pickup in conjunction with the amplifier input resistance. (fcer would be about 1.5 kHz, and not 50 Hz.)

(4) Magnetic pickups playing into high resistance loads. Manufacturers of magnetic pickups commonly state that their products should be loaded with not less than  $47 \text{ k}\Omega$ . Many reports on magnetic pickups refer to the problem of the pickup inductance and lead capacitance giving a resonant effect on frequencies about 15 kHz to 20 kHz. In the case of pickups with an inductance of about 500 mH it is advisable to use no more than 50 k $\Omega$  since then the Q of the LCR circuit is about I which almost entirely suppresses the resonance effect.

(5) The capacitance of the connecting leads to a ceramic pickup are of no consequence since the capacitance simply adds to the source capacitance of the ceramic pickup and does not cause resonance effects.

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# News of the Month

#### NASA to close electronics centre

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced on December 29th the closing of its Electronics Research Centre at Cambridge, Mass. The decision to suspend operations at the centre was made when planning the future course of the U.S.A.'s space programme over the next decade, when it was also decided to reduce the country's manned space flight programme.

Announcing that the phasing down of work in the Electronics Research Centre would begin at once, Dr. Thomas Paine, the administrator, said "we are simply faced with the hard fact that NASA cannot afford to invest broadly in electronics research as we have in the past".

The Electronics Research Centre was opened in September 1964 and has 850 employees engaged in advanced research in electronics, in aeronautics and space.

#### Stereoscopic television system

Three-dimensional scenes in motion can be viewed on some closed-circuit television technique devised at Bell Telephone transmitted as a series of slightly different two-dimensional images that convey depth information. At the receiving end, the 2-D images are combined to reconstruct the original 3-D scene. No special glasses are required to see the scene in three-dimensional form.

The basis of the technique is a pair of spherical mirrors, called varifocal mirrors. Because they are constructed of flexible mylar, their centres can be made to move rapidly in and out, from concave to convex shapes, like loosely fitting drum

As the mirror at the transmitting end moves, it reflects portions of the 3-D scene to a short focal length lens. The lens then focuses these different "depth planes" one at a time so that they can be shown on a rear projection screen, recorded by a television camera, and transmitted.

At the receiving end, a television monitor displays the 2-D images. An observer views them reflected from a second moving mirror, which is placed in front of the monitor. The mirror forms an image of each successive view, instantaneously placing it in the correct

systems with a new live-transmission Laboratories, U.S.A. A 3-D scene is depth position to reconstruct the original 3-D scene.

Although the technique requires several times more bandwidth than broadcast television it has potential applications for 3-D data transmission in specialized scientific and medical fields. Applications to broadcast or closed-circuit entertainment is limited by a phenomenon called "phantom imaging" associated with the varifocal mirrors. Because of this, objects in the foreground of a 3-D scene do not, as they should, totally obstruct those in the background.

#### Lightweight military navigation system

An airborne i.l.s. /v.o.r. equipment, type AD280, which has been introduced by Marconi, provides complete instrument landing facilities and a v.h.f. omnidirectional range in a single unit and is primarily intended for light strike aircraft and helicopters.

All components will be tested comprehensively and 'burned in' both at the supplier's and at the Marconi factory, during manufacture. In addition, the units will all undergo extensive automatic testing, both at the sub-assembly stage, and as completed units.

The complete unit consists of a number of plug-in returnable modules, completely encapsulated and sealed to prevent both contamination and accidental physical damage during their life. These modules are said to have a calculated m.t.b.f. greater than the operational life of most aircraft. The m.t.b.f. for the complete assembly has been calculated conservatively at 4000 hours, but this figure is expected to be exceeded comfortably in

The complete AD280 system consists of a chassis unit with six modules, and was designed by the Aircraft Radio Corporation of America and will be manufactured under licence by Marconi.

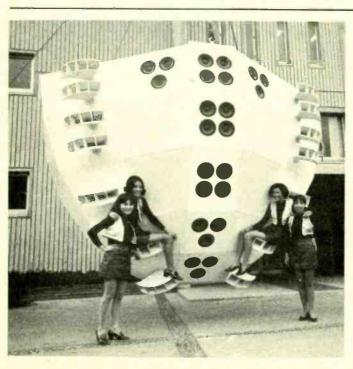
#### I.T.A. report

The engineering section of the annual reports and accounts of the Independent Television Authority for 1968-69 records the work undertaken in equipping u.h.f. stations for colour transmission and lists the 26 main stations which are being brought into service between 1969 and 1972. In addition there will be a large number of u.h.f. relay stations. During the year under review the Authority (which supplies and operates the transmitters used by the programme contractors) has completed its plans for 47 v.h.f. stations. These stations serve over 98% of the country's population.

#### V.H.F. YIG modulator

A yttrium iron garnet (YIG) modulator depends on the Faraday effect in a magnetic material, in which the plane of polarization of a beam of plane polarized light is rotated as it propagates through a medium magnetized parallel to the direction of the light.

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One of two gigantic speaker systems manufactured by the Pioneer Electronic Corporation, Japan, for installation at the Festival Plaza of Expo '70 now under construction at the Senri Hills. Osaka, and due to be opened to the public on March 15th. Each speaker system weighs two tons, and contains 42 speaker units-four 50cm (20in) diameter woofers', twenty-four 20cm (8in) 'squawkers', and fourteen multicellular exponential-horn 'tweeters'. Each system can handle 400W of input power.

Cooper and J. L. Page of Mullard Research Laboratories have modulated a light beam with the signal from a television camera. The beam is focused on to a photodetector, the output signal from which is amplified and fed to a television monitor.

In the device a rod of single crystal material is mounted in a transverse bias magnetic field provided by two small permanent magnets. A small coil wound on the rod and fed with the drive signal induces a component of magnetization parallel to the light direction. This results in a rotation of the plane polarization of light traversing the rod. This polarization modulation is converted to amplitude modulation by passing the beam through a polarizer. Whilst the bandwidth required by the TV signal is only 5MHz, the modulator has been tested at frequencies up to 100MHz, and bandwidths of several hundred MHz are possible. A tungsten lamp is used as a source of radiation. Lasers operating in the near infra-red may also be modulated using this device.

#### New year honours

There were but a few men in the electronics and radio world among those receiving honours in the New Year list. They included.

#### C.B.

H. E. Drew, F.I.E.R.E., director general of quality assurance, Ministry of Technology.

C.B.E.

R. J. Clayton, O.B.E., M.A., F.I.E.E., technical director, the General Electric and English Electric Companies Ltd.

D. Gabor, F.R.S., professor of applied electron physics, Imperial College, University of London.

#### O.B.E.

L. F. Mathews, F.I.E.R.E., director and general manager (Midlands), Associated Television Network Ltd.

R. J. P. Middleton, engineer, Directorate of Electronics Production (Radar), Ministry of Technology.

#### M.B.E.

T. E. Allon, M.I.E.R.E., engineer-in-charge, Caversham, B.B.C.

J. D. V. Lavers, head of maintenance section, I.T.A. Engineering Division.

S. Marsden, senior executive engineer, Post Office Telecommunications Headquarters Research Branch.

#### B.E.M.

D. P. Scott, unit supervisor, Associated Semi-conductor Manufacturers Ltd., Mullard Southampton Works.

# Scotland $\longleftrightarrow$ I.E.A. air trip

Our associate journal, Instrument and Control Engineering, has organized a special air trip to the I.E.A. Exhibition (May 11-16) for engineers living in Scotland. To quote I.C.E. "We will get you to Olympia and home again with the minimum fatigue and the greatest expediency". The cost is the same as the normal air fare £19 6s. Interested



Granada Television Network officially took possession of the first of its fleet of colour television outside broadcast vehicles on 2nd December. This is a 5-camera mobile unit which has been designed and built by EMI to meet the special programme requirements of Granada. The picture shows the view from the sound control position into the production control area.

readers should contact *Instrument and Control Engineering* at Dorset House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.1.

#### **Hearing Aid Council**

The Hearing Aid Council, created by the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968, came into being on December 29th. Under the Act "all dispensers of hearing aids provided commercially, and persons employing such dispensers" must register with the Council before June 29th this year. The new Council, of which Harold Campbell is chairman, is required to advise on the training of persons engaged in such business, and to regulate trade practices. All enquiries and requests for application forms for registration should be made to the Hearing Aid Council, 16 Mumford Court, Lawrence Lane, London E.C.2.

#### Colour tube factory

Thorn Colour Tubes Ltd. have acquired a 25-acre factory site on the Gillibrands Estate at Skelmersdale New Town in Lancashire for the construction of a purpose-built factory at a cost of £10m for the mass production of Mazda colour television picture tubes. It will be one of the largest purpose-built colour tube factories in Europe and production capacity will initially be 300,000 tubes a year, rising as the market increases. Thorn Colour Tubes is jointly owned by the Thorn Group and RCA.

# More help for instrument makers and users

Extensions to the Siraid instrument enquiry service are announced. The service is operated by the British Scientific Research Association, from its headquarters at Chislehurst, Kent. For twelve years Siraid has been providing enquirers throughout the world with information on where to obtain the measuring instruments and controllers they need.

Now Siraid will give enquirers information on where to obtain assistance in prototype design and manufacture for one-off or small-batch production. Siraid will also signpost the firms that specialize in four other areas—maintenance and servicing of instruments, environmental testing and calibration, consultancy, and hire of instruments.

A new register of firms which can carry out these types of work has been prepared by Siraid and made readily accessible on punched cards.

Further information on these new extensions, or on other Sira information services, is available from J. W. Ede, Sira, South Hill, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5EH (Telephone 01-467 5555).

#### Radio aids for new cargo vessel

The Amra, the first of six new cargo vessels on order from Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd, for the British India Steam Navigation Co. Ltd, is fitted with a wide range of Marconi Marine communications equipment and navigational aids, including two transistor radars with full inter-switching facilities. The main communications installation is based on a 'Commander' single-sideband transmitter and its associated receiver, which will provide a medium- and high-frequency radiotelegraph service as well as a single- or double-sideband radiotelephone service in the intermediateand high-frequency bands. V.H.F. radiotelephone requirements are met by the installation of an Argonaut transmitter/receiver, while aids to navigation include a Lodestar fully automatic direction-finder, a Seagraph III recording echosounder and a Metron III visual depth indicator. The two radars fitted in the new vessel are a 16-inch display Raymarc 16 with true motion facilities, and 12-inch display Raymarc 12HD high-definition radar.

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# **Graphical Symbols**

#### Principles of their formation and use

by S. W. Amos, \* B.Sc., M.I.E.E.

One of the characteristics of technical literature is the extensive use made of diagrammatic, tabular, mathematical and non-textual presentation. It has often been said that a good diagram is worth hundreds of words: this is, in fact, an understatement because a diagram can present technical information which is almost impossible to put into words or which would make tedious reading if so expressed. This is particularly true of the block diagrams and circuit diagrams of electronics and telecommunications. Clarity in such diagrams is therefore as important as in text and the choice of symbols, their arrangement and orientation, and the layout of the inter-connecting lines should be chosen with as much care as the selection of words, syntax and sentence length in text. A clear diagram cannot be made of symbols the meanings of which may not be understood by the

Diagrams are intended to facilitate the understanding of equipment or a piece of circuitry; block diagrams in broad general terms and circuit diagrams in more detail. Both types of diagram represent only electrical or electronic abstractions and use graphical symbols to portray the essential electrical characteristics of the components. Ease of reading is vital to aid understanding of a circuit and the layout of a diagram should be chosen with this as the primary aim. It follows that the arrangement of the symbols on the diagram does not necessarily agree with the physical disposition of the components in the equipment itself. Indeed, for complex equipments, particularly those using detached representation (described later) there is usually little correlation between circuit diagram and equipment layout. Similarly, the symbols, which represent electrical behaviour, need bear no resemblance to the physical form of the components.

# Symbols represent electrical behaviour . . .

A good example of a circuit symbol is that of the triode shown in Fig. 1. This shows that the valve has a grid interposed between an anode and a cathode, and it is easy to sketch electron paths passing Technical Publications Section, B.B.C.

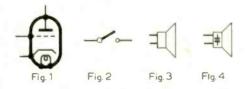


Fig. 1. Symbol for a triode valve. Fig. 2. A simple switch. Fig. 3. Symbol for a loudspeaker. Fig. 4. An electrostatic loudspeaker.

through the meshes of the grid. The circuit symbol can thus help in explanations of the behaviour of a thermionic valve and is used in this way for teaching purposes. The symbol is (a) simple, (b) easy to draw and (c) illustrates the electrical function of the component needed. These three attributes are essential in a good graphical symbol.

## . . . but not the physical form of components

The symbol of Fig. 1 can be used to represent any kind of triode valve, from a transmitting type four feet high with an air-blast-cooled anode to a miniature acorn type. The symbol thus does not depend on the physical form of the component.

Fig. 2 gives the symbol for a simple make-and-break switch. This can be used to represent a large number of different physical forms. Any urge to invent a symbol for every new physical form of switch should be resisted. It would soon become impossible to devise further simple symbols, and if complex symbols are used, unless they are formed in some obvious systematic manner (such as the modular system described later), it is difficult to remember them, and frequent annoving and time-consuming searches in reference books are necessary. When this point is reached the symbols have ceased to be useful.

It is easy to say that a graphical symbol should represent electrical behaviour or characteristics, but is it always possible to find a simple way of doing this? In particular, can the meaning of the symbols be made obvious? The triode symbol of Fig. 1 is good because its meaning is instantly recognizable. Other characteris-

tics, however, are not so easy to portray, and the symbol then often becomes a simplified and idealized representation of a particular form of component which has the characteristics required. For example, the symbols for a simple make-and-break switch, for a loudspeaker and for relay contacts, all resemble particular forms of component. Similarity to familiar hardware aids recognition, of course, but has the disadvantage of suggesting that symbols represent components rather than their characteristics. For example the loudspeaker symbol (Fig. 3) resembles a sectional view of a moving-coil loudspeaker, and it is an easy step from this to assume that the symbol represents a moving-coil loudspeaker; the question that then arises is, what are the symbols for other types of loudspeaker, e.g., an electrostatic type which has an entirely different shape of cross-section? In fact, of course, Fig. 3 represents every possible type of loudspeaker; if it is necessary to indicate that a loudspeaker is electrostatic, we can add the symbol for capacitance to the loudspeaker symbol as in Fig. 4.

It follows from what has been said that a graphical symbol should not resemble the physical appearance of any particular type of component which has the characteristics represented by the symbol. This is a counsel of perfection and few of our graphical symbols satisfy it. Two which do are the valve symbol and the zigzag symbol representing resistance.

Most symbols represent the electrical characteristics of particular classes of component such as keys, transistors or transformers, but there are a few more general symbols which represent a property to be found in a number of different classes of component or even in wiring. Obvious examples are the symbols for resistance, capacitance and inductance. If, for example, the self-capacitance of an inductor is used to tune the inductor, this capacitance should be shown on the circuit diagram by the capacitance symbol. To indicate that the capacitance is not that of a separate capacitor the leads to the symbol can be shown in broken lines or an explanatory note can be added. Such a symbol would not, of course, have an associated component reference because it does not represent a separate component. Similar situations arise when

the inductance of conductors or the resistance of windings plays a vital part in circuit operation.

Thus the zigzag symbol (or the I.E.C.† rectangular equivalent) does not signify simply a resistor: it should be used to represent any resistance which is made use of in the circuit. For example, it can be used in an equivalent diagram, such as that shown in Fig. 5, to represent the internal resistances of an active element.

A problem arises when a component is used for a purpose quite different from that suggested by its normal graphical symbol, e.g. when a reverse-biased junction diode is used as a voltage-dependent capacitance for tuning purposes. Should the symbol in parallel with the inductor symbol be for a capacitance or a diode? In fact it seems to be generally accepted that the diode symbol should be used, but that a capacitance symbol should be placed nearby, as in Fig. 6, to show that the diode is in practice behaving as a capacitor. It is true that the diode suggests damping or detection rather than tuning but, if the component breaks down, at least the service man looks for the right component—a diode.

#### Symbols constructed of modules

Fig. 1 is an excellent example of the technique of building up symbols by assembling symbol elements—the modular approach. The triode symbol is made up of the symbols for heater, cathode, grid and anode enclosed by an envelope. These elements can be grouped to form symbols for a wide variety of thermionic valves. From five symbol elements it is possible to produce perhaps as many as a hundred symbols for different types of valve. Here the complexity of a symbol is little hindrance to our understanding of it because it contains only five types of element, all obvious in meaning. Other symbols, similarly built up of elements, are those for switches, keys, relays and semiconductor devices.

A virtue of the modular system is that reference books do not need to list all the possible permutations of a particular group of elements. It is necessary for them to give only the symbols for all the elements and a few typical examples of assemblies of elements.

Block symbols can similarly be made up of standard elements. For example, †International Electrotechnical Commission.

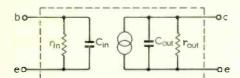


Fig. 5. Equivalent circuit for a transistor in which the symbols do not represent resistors and capacitors but internal resistance and capacitance.



Fig. 6. Symbol for a reverse-biased junction diode used as a capacitance.

Fig. 7(a) gives the block symbol for an amplifier. To this we can add a symbol representing a band-pass filter thereby showing, for example, a band-pass, i.f. amplifier (b). By adding the arrow representing variability, we obtain symbol (c), representing an i.f. amplifier with manual gain control. Finally, by adding filled-in rectangle representing automatic control to the tail of the arrow, we obtain symbol (d) for an i.f. amplifier with automatic gain control. An alternative to Fig. 7(d) which might be more useful in a block diagram of a receiver is that shown in Fig. 7(e): this has the a.g.c. line in place of the arrow and the line can be shown as originating at the detector.

We can distinguish the following three types of module which can be used in making up symbols:

(a) What might be termed basic or general symbols—a good example is the capacitance symbol. This can be used in its own right, but also as a component of another symbol as in the case of an electrostatic loudspeaker (Fig. 4). (b) Symbol elements. These are symbols for the essential parts components. They cannot be used on their own and good examples are those for heater, cathode, grid and anode of thermionic valves.

(c) Qualifying symbols. These also cannot be used on their own but are added to other symbols to increase the information conveyed. Examples are the arrow representing variability (Fig. 7c), the three sine waves representing radio frequency and the filled-in square representing automatic operation (Fig. 7d).

The technique of producing any required symbols by assembling standard elements and qualifying symbols is most useful, but the temptation to add unnecessary detail should be resisted. There is little point in indicating on a symbol that the device has mechanical linkages, that gain is adjustable in steps, or that control is by a double-acting pneumatic device, if the circuit diagram can be read and understood without these embellishments. One of the best aids to clarity is simplicity, and there is a lot to be said for circuit diagrams composed largely of general symbols.

There is, however, an exception to this general statement. Although the primary purpose of circuit diagrams is to help to give an understanding of the way in which equipment works, they are also extensively

used today as an aid to servicing, i.e. to help in the location of faults and the subsequent repairs. To this end, it is common practice to include more information on the diagram than is needed to understand the circuit operation. The range of qualifying symbols now available allows the information given to be increased to almost any degree. Explanatory notes can be added to provide information which cannot conveniently be conveyed by symbols, but the use of wording introduces the language complication discussed later.

#### Symbols can be split

To improve legibility of circuit diagrams, it is common practice to split the symbols for multi-part devices, such as switches, relays, keys, multiple valves and integrated circuits, and to place the symbols for the separate parts in positions on the diagram which give the simplest and clearest layout. Thus the symbol for a relay with six contact units may be divided into seven parts and the coil symbol and the individual-unit symbols may be located in widely separated positions. This technique is known as detached representation. A familiar example of detached representation is that the symbol for the on/off switch of a receiver or amplifier is not usually shown near that for the volume control even though these are ganged physically. Similarly the symbols for the sections of a ganged tuning capacitor are usually shown near the circuits with which they are associated and not necessarily near each other. Detached representation greatly simplifies diagram layout and legibility but introduces the problem of indicating which symbols are mechanically associated.

There are a number of ways of solving this problem. In telecommunications, the most usual method for a relay is to use a code, such as ABC/6, in which the letters can indicate the circuit function of the relay. The figure in the denominator of the fraction indicates the number of contact units on the relay and the contact symbols are designated ABC-1, ABC-2, etc. Part of a diagram using detached representation is given in Fig. 8.

### Distinction between make and break contacts

The contact units of relays are often of the change-over type and if so the contact springs can be selected to give a make or

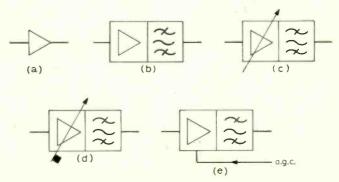


Fig. 7. Stages in the development of a block symbol for an i.f. amplifier with a.g.c.: (e) is an alternative to (d).

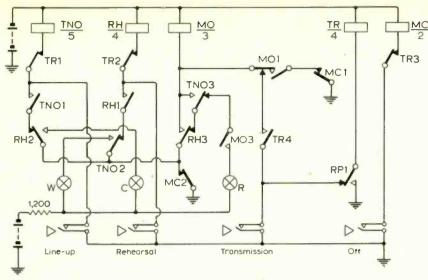


Fig. 8. Detached representation used in the circuit diagram of sound studio equipment. This is only part of the diagram and all the contact units of the five relays are not included. Moreover, the winding for relay RP is not shown.

TABLE Internationally recognized Letter Symbols

Compone	nt references	General s	ymbols	Units		Prefixes			
Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning		
C G L M	capacitance generator inductance motor	f h s t	frequency hour second time	A dB F H	ampere decibel farad henry hertz (cycles	T G M k	tera (10 <sup>12</sup> ) giga (10°) mega (10°) kilo (10³) milli (10 <sup>-3</sup> )		
Z	resistance impedance	0	temperature wavelength phase angle	ν w Ω	per second) volt watt ohm	n p	micro (10 <sup>-6</sup> ) nano (10 <sup>-9</sup> ) pico (10 <sup>-12</sup> )		

break action when the relay coil is energized. It is essential on circuit diagrams to indicate which contacts are made and which broken by energizing the coil. An internationally observed convention for distinguishing between the two types of contact is to draw the symbols for all contact units in the positions they take up when the relay coil is not energized, i.e. as they would be with all sources of power removed from the equipment. Thus make contacts are shown open and break contacts closed.

This means of identification is quite satisfactory on carefully drawn diagrams but in the United Kingdom the distinction between make and break contacts is further emphasized. A make contact is shown in line with the lead to the moving spring as shown in Fig. 9(a) and a break contact displaced from the line of the moving spring as shown at (b). By combining diagrams (a) and (b) the symbol for the changeover contact (c) is obtained.

#### International standardization

Most block symbols represent either processes or apparatus (or sections or

This means the moving spring in the symbol: it may or may not be the moving spring in the contact unit itself. The mechanical design of some keys is such that changeover action is achieved by moving two springs situated on either side of a stationary centre spring. When the key is operated one or other of the moving springs is brought into contact with the centre spring: electrically therefore the centre spring is the moving contact and is so represented in the symbol.

stages of apparatus) and there is a school of thought which maintains that such symbols need consist only of a simple outline containing suitable wording. Thus an inverting amplifier, for example, may be represented as in Fig. 10 (a) or (b). Such symbols have the merit that their meaning is obvious, provided that the reader is familiar with English. The tendency is to avoid wording on graphical symbols, so that they can be understood by any technician no matter what his language. Only in this way is it possible to achieve international standardization of graphical symbols.

Such standardization is desirable not merely to facilitate the exchange of technical information between countries, but also for the utilitarian reason that it saves time and effort in drawing offices of manufacturers who export technical equipment to a number of countries. Substantial progress to this end has been achieved, and the electrical and electronics symbols now recommended by B.S.I. ‡ are 99% in agreement with those published by the International Electrotechnical Commission, the body responsible for international standardization of the symbols.

It is preferable, therefore, to use internationally known symbols rather than wording to make the meaning of diagrams clear. The use of letter symbols can also

‡ B.S. 3939: Graphical Symbols for Electrical Power, Telecommunications and Electronics Diagrams.

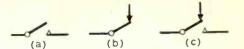


Fig. 9. Conventional symbols for (a) a make contact unit, (b) a break contact unit and (c) a changeover contact unit.

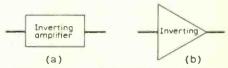


Fig. 10. Two possible block symbols for an inverting amplifier, but the use of wording introduces language difficulties.



Fig. 11. An example of a block symbol using internationally-understood graphical and letter symbols.

help, and a large number of these are standardized throughout the world; a selection of the commonest is given in the table. In addition all the chemical symbols (Fe, Cu, Hg, etc.) are used internationally.

By using combinations of recognized letter symbols and qualifying symbols, it is possible to embody much useful information in a block circuit symbol and to maintain its international character. An example is given in Fig. 11. The three qualifying symbols within the square show that it represents a generator of 100-kHz sinusoidal signals.

To summarize:

- 1. A symbol should be simple, easy to draw and should illustrate electrical behaviour or characteristics.
- 2. A symbol should not resemble the physical appearance of any particular type of component which has the characteristics represented.
- 3. Complex symbols should be built up from a limited number of basic symbols, symbol elements and qualifying symbols.
- 4. Detached representation should be used whenever it simplifies a diagram.
- 5. Basic symbols together with qualifying and letter symbols should be used in preference to wording.

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#### Price increase

Increased production costs have, we regret, necessitated raising the cover price of *Wireless World*. From the March issue it will cost 3s. 6d.

# Matching

#### Some various meanings

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One often hears the word "matching" used in electronics and it is sometimes the case that, although the user has carried out the process which he means by having matched two pieces of equipment, what he has done may not be recognized as matching by a fellow worker whose experience lies in a different frequency range. It is certainly true that some techniques used outside electrical engineering are adopted, without matching, as understood by electronics workers, being in mind, but which nevertheless are just this. It is the author's experience that some confusion does exist in the subject and that the cause lies partly in loose terminology and partly in the fact that the term has two legitimate but different meanings within our subject which are not sufficiently well delineated

We usually meet it first when considering transfer of maximum power from a source to a load, or when reflections are to be avoided on a transmission line, and it is not always pointed out that these two conditions are not necessarily the same. Again, an output transformer is said to be used to match a loudspeaker to an output transistor or valve, and here we are usually carrying out quite another purpose from either of the two mentioned above.

This article considers these cases in a non-mathematical way and also looks at matching from other points of view which lie outside electronics and illustrate the generality of the concepts.

#### Getting the most out of it

A source of power with internal resistance  $R_S$  is well known to give maximum power to a load equal to  $R_S$  but even here confusion has been known to arise. With a choice of load we should make it equal  $R_S$  but if the load is fixed there is no advantage at all in adding shunt or series resistance at the source in order to make its resistance equal that of the load. This results only in power being wasted in the added resistance, although sometimes if reflections on a transmission line are the problem we do just this, as we shall see.

There is a way, however, of giving the source an effective resistance equal to that of the load without wasting power and that is by using a transformer. In what follows we shall assume the properties of an ideal transformer, and by this we shall mean one in which the windings have no resistance, the core no hysteresis, and in which there are no eddy currents. All this implies that no power is lost in windings or core and that all power entering the primary leaves the secondary.

Now if a load  $R_L$  is across the secondary terminals then the ratio of voltage to current here must satisfy  $V_s/I_s=R_L$ . But the primary voltage  $V_p$  is N times the secondary voltage, where N is the ratio of primary to secondary turns. Since input and output powers are equal it follows that the primary current is N times less than that in the secondary. Hence the ratio of voltage to current at the primary is N2 times that at the secondary and we say that "looking into" the primary a resistance  $N^2R_L$  is "seen". Thus by making N, equal to the square root of  $R_S/R_L$  a load can be presented to the source equal to its own internal resistance and an optimum power match achieved. Notice that if we regard the source-plus-transformer as one unit we have effectively altered the source resistance to equal that of the load but without wastage of power.

The fact that this simple approach is so widely and successfully used indicates the relatively high efficiency of even quite ordinary transformers.

It is not always realised how uncritical is the condition  $R_L = R_S$ . If  $R_L$  differs by even as much as 25% from the optimum, the load power falls by only one or two per cent.

#### The transformer in our cars

If we make analogies between voltage and force, and between current and velocity, then the products of voltage and the current in phase with it and of force and the velocity of the point of application in the direction of the force each describe a transfer of power. For rotary motion force and velocity are replaced by torque and angular velocity or r.p.m. The engine of a car produces maximum power at a certain value of

r.p.m. and it is thus desirable to allow the engine to run at this speed. We are then faced with transferring this power to the road wheels, and for maximum power transfer we should present the engine output shaft with an optimum load, which is an equal and opposite torque produced at the angular velocity at which the engine provides its maximum power. The road wheels have a much lower angular velocity than that which is required, but demand at the axle a correspondingly greater torque. The gearbox, in conjunction with the fixed-ratio gear on the axle has the property of converting a lower torque at a higher angular velocity to a higher torque at a lower angular velocity. If the gearbox were ideal, and did not waste power in itself, the products of input torque and r.p.m. and of output torque and r.p.m. would be equal, and if the ratio of the number of teeth on the output gear to the number on the input gear were N (assuming for simplicity only two meshing gears), then the torque would be increased N times. The r.p.m. would of course be reduced N times, so the ratio of torque to angular velocity at the output shaft would have been increased  $N^2$  times over their ratio at the engine shaft. The gearbox acts like a transformer with selectable turns-ratios, by means of which the engine can be presented with something near to its optimum load resistance of torque/angular velocity although that presented by the road wheels changes.

#### ... and in our gardens

When we vary the orifice of our hosepipe outlet, we are varying the ratio of backpressure to volume flow, presenting a different load to the source of power. This is the water mains plus the hosepipe, which constitutes part of the internal resistance of the source. A hosepipe without nozzle gives maximum water-flow (current) but it almost falls out of the end with a low terminal "voltage". A finger over the end can however provide the means for sending a reduced flow high into the air. We are not often concerned with obtaining most power in our jet, (except perhaps for dislodging dirt quickly when washing the car) but a properly designed nozzle can provide an approach

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to this match between the source, mainsplus-pipe, and the outside world.

### The output transformer—a confusion of aims

It ought to be the case here of all places that we use a transformer to match the output resistance of the transistor or valve to the load of, say, a speaker, and indeed the much-used term "matching" is often employed here. But if the turns-ratio of an output transformer is examined we are disillusioned. A transistor may have an output resistance of  $10 \text{ k} \Omega$  and a speaker may be three ohms demanding a turns-ratio of about 55:1. In fact the ratio may be less than ten.

The transformer is presenting an optimum load to the transistor, but what is being optimized is not now the power transfer; it is the functioning of the transistor. The transformer is providing a suitable load-line, and by suitable is meant one that will allow the current and voltage of the transistor to swing as far as possible over the characteristics. A figure is helpful here; Fig. 1 shows, on axes of collector voltage and current, the familiar  $P_{max}$  curve, a line joining all points for which the product of  $I_C$  and  $V_C$  equals the maximum permissible heat dissipation for the transistor.

If we assume for simplicity that the transistor can be "swung" right across the load-line from axis to axis then it is not difficult to show that any load-line drawn tangential to the  $P_{max}$  curve gives the same power output at the same efficiency as any other such line. The intersections of the load-line on the axes are at values equal to twice those where it touches the  $P_{max}$  curve, and in order to permit the swing to be symmetrical this point is the bias point; it has co-ordinates equal to  $V_s$ , the d.c. supply voltage, and  $I (= P_{max}/V_s)$ , the bias current. These values are also the amplitudes of the maximum a.c. swings, and so the power output is  $\frac{1}{2}V_s$   $(P_{max}/V_s) = \frac{1}{2}P_{max}$ . The d.c. power taken from the supply is  $P_{max}$  and thus the efficiency is 50%.

However, the extremes of the voltage and current swings must not exceed the maxima laid down by the manufacturer and it is here that the transformer provides the necessary versatility in the setting of a load line which will, as far as possible, satisfy all the desired criteria. It can be seen that in general a load equal to the output resistance of the transistor would be unlikely to do this. For example, take a transistor for which  $P_{max}$  were 100 mW and the output resistance 20 k $\Omega$ . The bias point on the  $P_{max}$  curve would be at 44.6 volts, and to allow the symmetrical swing necessary to obtain most power from the transistor  $V_C$  would have to withstand twice this, which would usually be much beyond the range of most such transistors.

So we see that using an output transformer has as a general rule little to do with the kind of matching for which  $R_L = R_S$ .

#### Matching a complex load impedance

This can be done on a simple basis for only one frequency at a time. Suppose the load consists of a resistance  $R_L$  shunted by a reactance  $X_L$ . (Any complex impedance can be represented by such a combination; the actual values of the equivalent parameters depend, however, on frequency.) The procedure is then to tune out the reactance with a component providing an equal and opposite reactance. Having done this it is necessary to match the source and load resistances as before, using a transformer if required. In fact, since a transformer not only transforms resistance but also reactance in the same way, the tuning may be carried out on the source side of the transformer where perhaps for example a smaller component might do.

When the resistive parts of the source and load (transformed if necessary) are equal, and the reactive parts are equal and opposite, so that they tune out, the match is said to be conjugate.

The seeming handicap of being able to tune and match at only one frequency at a time is not so severe as may be imagined, since in practice the reactive parts of a complex load often become significant only at intermediate or high frequencies and then the transfer of information is usually being carried out at or near one frequency only.

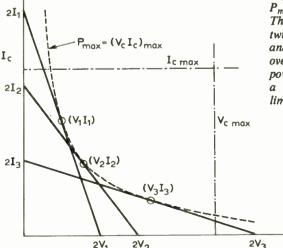


Fig. 1. All load lines tangential to the  $P_{max}$  curve have the properties: (i) Their intersections on the axes are at twice the values of the tangent point, and therefore, (ii) A sinusoidal swing over the whole load line delivers a power to the load of  $P_{max}/2$ . However, a workable line must lie within the limits  $V_{Cmax}$   $I_{Cmax}$ .

#### Transmission lines

When power, usually in the form of a signal, has to be transmitted at frequencies so high that the resulting wavelength is no longer very much greater than the length of line being used, complications of theory arise, but fortunately these are not accompanied by corresponding practical difficulty; in fact usually the apparatus needed for matching is very simple. However, it may be worth while to go over the essentials before actually considering the question of matching itself.

Although the basic physical phenomena are the same, the theories useful in dealing with the transmission of electromagnetic energy at lower and higher frequencies take two viewpoints, and this is not because of an academic tendency to complicate things but quite the reverse.

At what we might call "normal" frequencies (i.e., those not requiring special transmission lines), we look at things from the viewpoint of voltages and currents, and because the lower frequencies are the ones usually met first and also because the theories enabling us to deal with these frequencies are easier, most electronics workers acquire a natural feel for these quantities. At high frequencies, however, it becomes very complicated to try to work in terms of voltage and current, and much easier to think of electric and magnetic fields. (The units for these quantities are respectively volts/metre and amps/metre and this reveals their close relationship with the more familiar voltage and current.) It would be more complicated in fact to work out what happens when a pocket torch is switched on, in terms of electric and magnetic fields, than to go to the other extreme and work with transmission lines in terms of voltage and current, and the chief reason would be because of the irregular shape of the torch circuit. Transmission lines are very simple in shape (e.g., two parallel wires, or a coaxial cable, or a rectangular tube forming what is called a waveguide) and their uniformity makes one of their properties a constant; this is their characteristic impedance, discussed later. It is not intended in this article to reproduce the mathematics of transmission lines, which may be found in text books, but to try to give sufficient discussion of them to relate the aspects of matching in systems using them to those already considered earlier.

In order to focus our attention on something specific let us think of the parallelwire system, especially since this comes closest to the kind of circuit met at lower frequencies. If an a.c. voltage is applied to the end of such a system, then it takes time for this to travel along the wires; not much time because the wave travels at or near the speed of light on most lines. (This is not surprising since light is itself an enormously high-frequency version of the electro-magnetic wave we are considering.) However, even with these speeds the distance travelled by our voltage wave in one of its periodic times may not be far. A 500-MHz wave travels only 60cm, the sort of lead-length not uncommon in connection of one piece of apparatus to

another, in a time equal to its own period.

Assuming an ideal line, just as previously we have assumed ideal transformers and gearboxes, as one which does not itself dissipate power, then if we could examine the ratio of voltage between the wires to current in them at any point as the wave flowed down them, we would find this ratio to be constant (and that therefore the two would be in phase). The quantities themselves would not, of course, be constant; they would be varying at the frequency being transmitted, but they would be rising and falling in phase. Their ratio is what is called the characteristic impedance of the line; it depends on the geometry of the cross section of the line and on the dielectric between the conductors. Lines are manufactured having certain standardized impedances; e.g., 50-Ω coaxial cable.

In terms of fields, the ratio of electric to magnetic field at any point in the space occupied by the wave is equal to the characteristic impedance. This is also true for light waves (and sound waves if we take pressure and velocity as our analogies). If any wave meets a change in the characteristic impedance of the medium in or on which it is travelling some of the power carried by the wave is reflected. The most familiar example of this is the sound echo from a wall; some of the energy does travel into the wall but a great deal is reflected.

Returning to our parallel wires, if these have open ends, or are short-circuited, or indeed are altered in any way, then some fraction of the voltage-current wave returns down the line. It is superimposed on the outgoing wave with the result that an interference pattern is produced on the line; this is usually called a standing wave. The ratio of voltage to current is now no longer constant but varies from point to point along the line and the two are in phase only at certain points separated by half-wavelengths. In between there are points where the voltages subtract and the currents add, and if we regard this point as the input terminals of the system then here we "see" a low resistance. Similarly there are points where the voltages add and the currents subtract and here we would "see" a high resistance. At points between, the combined voltages are not in phase with the combined currents and here the impedance presented to a source of power would be complex. Thus we see that a transmission line on which there is a standing-wave acts like a transformer. Although the discontinuity existing at the end of the line, and giving rise to the reflections (we may now think of this as the load), has its own particular impedance, the source of power connected to the near end is presented with a different impedance. What this impedance is depends on three factors: the load impedance, the length of line between source and load, and the characteristic impedance of the line.

The actual relationship giving the impedance seen at the source is rather complicated and has led to the use of a special chart—the Smith Chart—for quick calculation. It is not proposed to go into this detail, however, which again may be found in the text-books. Instead let us consider various loads and look back along the line,

quoting some easily remembered results as we go.

If the load impedance is  $Z_L$  then since  $Z_L$  decides the ratio of voltage to current at the far end of the line, and since any standing-wave pattern repeats itself every half-wavelength, it follows that the impedance presented at any number of half-wavelengths from the load is also  $Z_L$ .

If the characteristic impedance of the line is  $Z_O$  then at the intermediate quarter-wavelength points it can be shown that the impedance presented is given by  $Z = Z_O^2/Z_L$ . Thus the reactive character of the load is reversed; if the load were partly capacitive then at these points it will have been transformed into a partly inductive nature and vice-versa. Note also that at these points a short-circuit load will transform into an open circuit and vice-versa, a facility finding many uses in transmission line work.

#### Matching on lines

The simplest conception of matching is the case where the load is resistive and of value equal to the characteristic impedance of the line. Then no standing wave occurs for no discontinuity is present and the outgoing power is all absorbed in the load. But what about the impedance presented to the source in this case? This turns out to be equal to the characteristic impedance of the line, whatever its length, although this is true only for the ideal line we are discussing. Thus, in this case, for optimum power transfer from the source into the line, which transfers it to the load, we require a source of internal impedance equal also to the characteristic line-impedance. This requirement is not easily met in every case, although within their frequency limitations transformers can be used as previously described. Similarly at the load, unless this were by nature of the correct impedance, some difficulty would be met.

At this point let us look again at the confusions arising in the use of the term 'matching". At these frequencies it is used in two connotations. One is to describe the condition when a line is terminated in a load equal to its characteristic impedance, a condition in which there are no standing waves and for which, whatever the length of the line, its input impedance is that of the termination. This condition is known as an identical match. The other is concerned with the meaning more widely used-obtaining maximum power transfer. The first case we have considered; it is ideal, and provided some inefficiency can be tolerated and the transfer of maximum power is not the aim, it can be created with, for example, coaxial resistive terminations in parallel with the actual load, where this is a high impedance, so that the total termination equals  $Z_{\Omega}$ In this way reflections at, say, the terminals of an oscilloscope are avoided, although at the cost of sensitivity, and any line length may then be used. Should there be a reflected wave and it be necessary to avoid re-reflection at the source, the output impedance of this can be made equal to the line impedance by the use of added components, a procedure which, as explained at the beginning of this article, has nothing to do with matching for maximum power transfer, and which in fact wastes power.

Finally we take the second case. What can be done when we have a load and a source the impedances of which are not equal to that of the line? Two methods of dealing with this problem are considered.

The first considers the case where we have an experimental arrangement which is permanent in the sense that the source and load impedances are constant and their positions fixed. Here also we must have access to the production of a length of line of chosen characteristic impedance. If both these circumstances prevail then we can make use of the property, already mentioned, of a quarter-wavelength of line, or its equivalent. Suppose the impedance of the source is  $Z_S$  and that of the load  $Z_L$ . We obtain a length of line of characteristic impedance  $Z_0$  equal to the square root of  $Z_S Z_L$  and of length equal to, or equivalent to, a quarter wave (on the line itself). We have noted that, if this is connected to the load then at the other end an impedance equal to  $Z_O^2/Z_L$  is presented; this then becomes  $Z_S Z_L / Z_L = Z_S$  and so the source is given a transformed load of optimum value. (Note that we could also say that the source impedance has been transformed along the line to  $Z_S Z_L Z_S = Z_L$ .)

There is an exact equivalent here to a well-known form of matching in optics—the blooming of a lens. A coating of thickness equal to one quarter wavelength of the predominant colour to be transmitted is applied to the lens, and the refractive index of the coating is chosen so that the impedance of the layer to the light wave is the geometric mean of those of free space and the glass. Total reflection from the system is then much reduced.

What can be done now if we have no access to the manufacture of an intermediate line of suitable property, or if we have a load which is different from time to time? We then resort to the most widely used matching device at these frequencies, the matching or tuning stub, and this is often no more than a simple screw which may be inserted to a depth, and at a position in the line, both of which may be varied by the experimenter. In order to understand the function of the stub let us return to the transformation of impedance which is seen as we move away from a load.

Within a distance of half a wavelength the transformed impedance will have gone through a complete cycle of change, with both resistive and reactive parts altering. Now let us imagine moving along the same stretch of line but this time looking toward the source, regarded as inactive and presenting at the other end a "load" of impedance equal to its own internal impedance. This will, of course, have been transformed by the length of line between the source and the section of line we are considering, and as we move over the half-wavelength range the transformed source impedance will vary. Now at some point the resistive parts of the transformed source and load impedances will be equal. This may be thought to be wishful thinking but a numerical case will give an insight.

Suppose we take a 50- $\Omega$  line and suppose the source is resistive and  $100 \Omega$ . At a

quarter wavelength from the source the transformed impedance will have become  $50^2/100 = 25 \Omega$  resistive; this is its minimum transformed value and over the next quarter wavelength it climbs again to  $100 \Omega$  and this process is repeated cyclically. (Over this traverse there will have appeared in addition a reactance, which in the course of the traverse will have gone through both inductive and capacitive natures.)

Now suppose the load were also resistive and  $500 \Omega$ . At one quarter wavelength away this will have become  $50^2/500 = 5 \Omega$ , climbing back to  $500 \Omega$  at a half wavelength, and as before these changes will have been accompanied by reactive ones. The ranges of variation of the transformed resistances are seen to overlap and it can perhaps be accepted that this will always be true, even when the source and load are complex, and that a point on the line can be found where the transformed impedances of source and load have equal resistive parts. In fact, because of the cyclic nature of the standing wave, there may be many such points, separated by half-wavelengths.

Having found such a point we can imagine the line to be severed and regard the source and its length of line as an effective source of a certain complex impedance. Similarly the load and its line become an effective load with a complex impedance, the resistive part of which is equal to that of the effective source, but the reactive part of which is not that required to tune out the reactive part of the effective source impedance. All that is necessary now, in order to obtain a conjugate match, is to alter the reactance at this point in the line. This is done by screwing in a tuning stub, which acts predominately as a reactance the value and nature of which depends on the depth of insertion. When it reaches the value required to tune out the reactance present at that point on the line the job is done and the source and load are matched.

Note that there are standing waves on the line—we have used their transforming property to achieve a match—but there is in consequence a caution to be given, and this also applies to the previous method described in which standing waves were also present. The points of maximum voltage in the standing-wave pattern exceed the voltage due to the incident wave, and so care is needed in the use of these methods if there is any danger of exceeding the breakdown properties of the line.

Returning to the use of stubs, in practice the power supplied to the load is monitored and the position and depth of the stub are varied by trial and error until maximum power is observed, a process which is usually quick and easy.

Tuning stubs may take different forms from that described. They often consist of two or three stubs, variable in depth but fixed in position; this makes for ease of manufacture, and the lack of the facility of longitudinal movement is overcome by being able to combine the effects of more than one stub. The stubs themselves may be lengths of line set transversely to the main line, and with a short-circuit movable along them. This is transformed down the stub, and presents a variable impedance at the junction with the main line.

#### **Announcements**

An Aerial Contractors Association is being formed, the main objects of which will be to promote and agree on a standard code of practice within the aerial erection industry, to consider, originate and promote a standard of business ethics and to form a mutual trade protection association for its members. Applications for membership should be sent to the Secretary, Aerial Contractors Association, 9 Fairlawnes, Manor Road, Wallington, Surrey.

A four-week training course for technical authors beginning 2nd March, is offered by Technivision Services. Further details may be obtained from The Communication Training Centre, Technivision Services, King's House, 125/127 Promenade, Cheltenham, GL50 1NW.

The Electrical and Electronics Industries Benevolent Association has accepted the offer from GEC-English Electric to take over the Lady Nelson Home at Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex. The Home will be used as a permanent residence for needy and infirm people from the industries the E.E.I.B.A. serves.

Politechna (London) Ltd, have announced the formation of A.K.G. Equipment Ltd, which has been formed in association with A.K.G., Vienna. The company will take over the marketing of A.K.G. products in this country and also in Eire, Republic of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. This company will operate from Eardley House, 182/4 Campden Hill Road, London W.8 (Tel: 01-229 3695), the headquarters of Politechna.

Plessey Components Group, of Swindon, have announced that they no longer manufacture audio amplifier modules. These modules can now be obtained from Britmac Electronics, Shelley Road Works, Preston, Lancs.

Ferranti Ltd, of Edinburgh, and Northrop Corporation, of California, have completed an agreement for Northrop to manufacture under licence the Ferranti inertial navigation and attack system for the Harrier vertical take-off and landing (V/STOL) aircraft, when this is built in the United States.

Microwave International (U.K.) Ltd, 33-37 Cowleaze Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, have been appointed exclusive agents for the range of circuit frames and microwave

integrated circuit microstrips and ancillary components manufactured by Tek-Wave Inc, of Princetown, New Jersey

The London Electrical Manufacturing Co. have appointed WEL Components as sole distributors in England for their range of mica, ceramic, plastic film and electrolytic capacitors.

Plessey Components Group's Wiring and Connectors Division has appointed Intel Connectors Ltd, of Vereker House. Gresse Street, London W.1 as distributors for the complete range of Plessey connectors.

Pye of Cambridge Ltd has announced a merger with BEPI (Electronics) Ltd, of Galashiels and Kelso, Scotland, manufacturers of a wide range of multilayer printed circuit boards.

Following completion of an original £50,000 contract for 10 television detector systems, Vosper Electric, the industrial and marine controls division of the Vosper Thornycroft Group, has started work on a repeat order valued at about £100,000. This latest Government order calls for 18 detector systems plus two sets of spares. The detectors have been developed by Vosper from a prototype operated by the Post Office for the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

The Marconi Company has received an order for major extensions to sound and television broadcasting facilities in Greece and the Aegean Islands. Two 100kW h.f. broadcast transmitters are being supplied for use on the International External Broadcasting Service. The order includes sixteen Marconi Mark V and two Mark VI cameras for use at the new television centre planned for Athens.

The Ministry of Technology has placed a further order for Cossor CDU.150 (CT.531) oscilloscopes, bringing the total Ministry orders of this instrument to more than 1,200 in the past year.

Redifon Ltd, has supplied manpack transmitter-receivers worth £30,000 to the Malaysian Ministry of Defence for the country's security forces.

Marconi Marine has supplied twointerswitched radars, a complete single-sideband communications system, v.h.f. radiotelephone, navigation aid equipment and television for the crew, for the latest refrigerated cargo vessel under construction for the Fyffes Group Ltd.

GEC-AEI Telecommunications Ltd, has received an order from the Post Office worth over £375.000 for data transmission equipment, bringing the total value of G.P.O. orders received by the company for this equipment to nearly £1.75M.

The new address of Silvers Lab. U.K. office is Old Haverhill Road, Little Wratting, Suffolk.

UK Solenoid Ltd, of Hungerford, Berkshire, have opened a Northern Ireland depot and office at 163 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HR. (Tel: Belfast 34582).

# **Instrumentation Amplifier**

## A d.c. amplifier of very high performance using integrated circuits

by A. E. Crump\*

This amplifier design is for use in simple instrumentation systems where a quantity to be monitored is represented by a proportional d.c. signal which has to be relayed over a cable to a meter at a remote point. It may also be used as a buffer or preamplifier to an analogue-to-digital converter in more sophisticated systems.

The majority of industrial grade transducers have an output circuit that approximates to a 'current source and that give outputs of around 10 mA and are therefore not significantly affected by the varying resistance of reasonable lengths of cable. Sometimes, however, it is necessary to use a long cable run that may exceed the maximum resistance specified by the transducer manufacturer. It is in these circumstances that one or more amplifiers are needed. It is important that the output circuit of such an amplifier should be a current source so that the output signal shall be insensitive to varying resistance in the driven portion of the cable.

Occasionally transducers with very low output signals have to be used, and in these cases it is prudent to amplify the signal, before transmission, to a level approaching 10 mA (full scale) in order that the effects of noise and other interference within the cable are reduced. Even where such signals are not transmitted over a cable it is usually necessary to provide amplification for driving analogue-to-digital converters, pen recorders etc., and here again a current-source output stage is preferable.

The amplifier described has a symmetrical current source output stage, has excellent stability and can produce a 10 mA output current from input signals as low as 50 mV. The design does not involve heavy cost of components and its accuracy is adequate for most applications. Fig 1 is the block diagram of the amplifier. Each block will be discussed in turn.

#### Sink/source stage

The elements of this stage are shown in Fig. 2(c). At first sight this might seem to be an unnecessarily complicated method of producing an output current  $(I_{out})$  proportional to an input voltage  $(V_{in})$ . It is interesting, therefore, to look at the simpler circuit shown in Fig. 2(a) first.

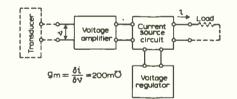
The problem with this simple common emitter stage is that the linearity of the stage deteriorates as  $V_{in}$  approaches  $V_{be}$ , and

when  $V_{in} = V_{be}$  the transistor starts to turn off. The other point is, of course, that the output signal current can only flow in one direction, whereas, with the arrangement shown in Fig. 2(c) the output current is able to flow in either direction.

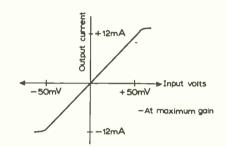
Fig. 2(b) illustrates the basic principle. The current generator  $I_R$  produces a fixed reference current whereas the current generated by the source  $I_S$  varies proportionately to the signal voltage  $V_{in}$ . The difference current flows through the load, the direction of flow depending upon which current is the greater.

Now let us assume that  $I_S$  is generated by a circuit similar to that of Fig. 2(a). Provided that the transistor is never allowed to approach either saturation or cut off, then the difference current  $I_{out}$  can fall to zero and then increase in the reverse direction while maintaining very good linearity.

The circuit is designed so that when the input to the complete amplifier is zero, then the voltage amplifier generates an offset



#### **AMPLIFIER SPECIFICATION**



Maximum transconductance	= 200mA/\
Maximum recommended output swing	= ±10mA
Output overload point	= ±12·5mA
Input resistance at maximum gain	$= 10k\Omega$
Common-mode rejection	= 60dB
Supply voltages	= ±12V
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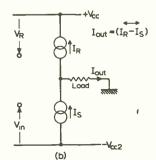
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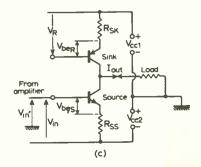
Fig. 2. (Below) (a) Single-ended current source and transfer characteristic,
(b) Simplified current source stage

(b) Simplified current source stage,(c) Final current source stage.

 $\downarrow I_{c} = \frac{\text{cr}(V_{in} - V_{be})}{R}$   $\downarrow I_{c} = \frac{\text{cr}(V_{in} - V_{be})}{R}$   $\downarrow I_{c} = \frac{\text{cr}(V_{in} - V_{be})}{R}$ Linear region

(a)





potential large enough to drive 12.5 mA through the source transistor. The sipk transistor is designed to sink exactly this amount of current, hence the output current to the load is zero. A "fine" offset adjustment is provided on the amplifier to compensate for component variations. When a signal is applied to the input terminals then the source transistor conducts either more or less depending upon the signal polarity, and produces a corresponding signal in the load.

#### Design

The reference, or sink, current is required to be constant and stable and to this end a high-grade reference diode is used to generate  $V_R$ . In order that the full stability of the reference diode can be used it is necessary to keep the diode bias current as steady as possible at the recommended current of 5 mA. If a different bias current is used, the very low temperature coefficient of  $0.001 \, ^{\circ}_{O}/^{\circ}$ C cannot be maintained.

The value of  $R_S K$  has been chosen so that the sink transistor base current is considerably less than the diode bias current therefore fluctuations in base current should not significantly affect the bias current.

High-stability reference diodes tend to produce voltages in the range 5.6 to 10 V and the ZS7 used in this design was found to give a nominal 7 V.

As the supply voltages  $V_{cc1}$  and  $V_{cc2}$  are only 12 V each it is necessary to reduce the reference voltage to prevent premature overload of the output stage under full drive conditions.

The reduction is effected by means of a precision potential divider network formed by  $R_8$  and  $R_{10}$  (Fig. 5).

The value of  $R_7$  has been made equal to  $R_4$  to ensure optimum thermal tracking of the source and sink transistor  $V_{be}$  characteristics. In order to further assist thermal tracking the sink and source transistors are type BFX81 which is an integrated circuit complementary transistor pair on a single chip.

The effect of  $V_{be}$  changes upon the value of the output current can be seen from the following equations.

$$I_R = \frac{V_R \left(\frac{R_8}{R_8 + R_{10}}\right) - V_{be}R}{R_7}$$

$$\therefore \delta I_R = \frac{-\delta V_{be}R}{R_7}$$

and

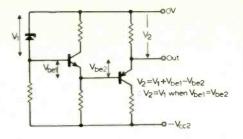
$$I_{S} = \frac{V_{5} - V_{bes}}{R_{4}}$$

$$\therefore \delta I_{S} = \frac{-\delta V_{bes}}{R_{4}}$$

Now the design is such that

$$V_S = VR[(R_8)/(R_8 + R_{10})]$$

in the quiescent state (i.e. transducer signal = zero), hence provided that  $V_{be}R$  is equal to  $V_{bes}$ , both statically and incrementally, then  $I_R - I_S$  will also be zero, thus maintaining the output conditions despite thermal fluctuations.



 $\mu_{V} = \frac{R_{9}}{R_{10}} = \frac{\delta V_{s}}{\delta V}$ 

Fig. 3. Self-compensating current source.

Fig. 4. A voltage amplifier.

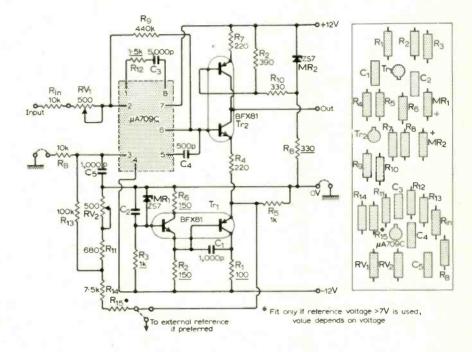


Fig. 5. Overall circuit diagram of the amplifier and suggested layout of components.

R<sub>5</sub> is present to ensure that there is always a bleed current from the voltage regulator, thus ensuring that it never cuts off.

#### Voltage regulator

Referring to Fig. 5 it is apparent that if  $V_{cc1}$  varies, then  $I_R$  will not be effected at all as its magnitude depends only on the  $V_R$ 

In the case of  $V_{in}$  however the situation is not quite so straightforward because the magnitude of  $V_{in}$  is normalized to zero volts by the voltage amplifier, whereas the resistor  $R_4$  is returned to  $V_{cc2}$ . Should any change occur in  $V_{cc2}$  therefore, the difference voltage  $\delta V_{cc2}$  will appear as an error signal in  $I_S$  and would degrade the accuracy of the amplifier.

The error signal at the output due to a change in  $V_{cc2}$  would be:

$$\delta I_R = \frac{\delta V_{cc2}}{R_A}$$

It is necessary therefore to design a voltage regulator using a reference diode normalized to the 0 V rail.

The arrangement is shown in Fig. 3. The requirements for the reference diode are similar to those used for the sink circuit as any variations in reference voltage appear as an error signal given by  $(\delta V_{ref})/R_4$ . It is necessary to buffer the reference diode from the source transistor to stabilize the diode

bias current against changes in  $I_5$ , but in so doing a transistor is introduced whose own  $V_{be}$  changes would produce a further error signal. A complementary transistor is therefore used to compensate for this and to ensure good tracking the BFX81 has been used again.

The collector load resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_6$  have been chosen in such a way that the dissipated power in the two transistors is substantially equal—this being a further aid to thermal tracking.

#### The voltage amplifier

The voltage gain is derived from a conventional operational amplifier configuration, as illustrated in Fig. 4.

The voltage gain is given by

$$\mu_V = \delta V_S / \delta V = R_9 / R_{in}$$

Now in order to obtain an output swing  $(SI_s)$  of 10 mA from the sink/source stage, the value of  $V_s$  will have to swing by an amount  $(SI_s)(R_4) = 10 \times 0.22$  that is 2.2 volts.

Now in order that this 2.2 V swing is obtainable with transducer signals as low as 50 mV, the gain of the voltage amplifier needs to be:

$$\mu_V = 2,200/50 = 44$$

Thus if we select  $10 \text{ k}\Omega$  as being the minimum permissible input resistance, the value of  $R_9$  must be  $44(10) = 440 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

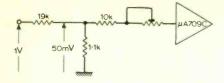


Fig. 6. An example of a modified input network.

It would not be wise to use higher absolute resistance values due to the difficulty of obtaining precision resistors in the megohm range.

The gain can, of course, be varied by suitable choice of  $R_{in}$  but because of noise problems it is not recommended that the value of  $R_{in}$  should be reduced below  $10 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

A small variable resistance  $RV_2$  is included to provide the means of absorbing component tolerances and by its use the gain can be adjusted to the exact value of 44.

#### Offset control

As previously mentioned, when the transducer signal is zero, a negative offset voltage must be present on the source transistor to achieve cancellation of the sink current.

The supply from which this voltage is derived must be stable otherwise an error signal will appear at the output. It is convenient to use the voltage regulator output for this purpose and the arrangement is shown in the complete circuit diagram, Fig. 5. A disadvantage of this method is that in certain circumstances it could lead to instability due to positive feedback and it is then preferable to use an external reference source or a further ZS7 diode.

#### Layout and instability

The semiconductors used have cut off frequencies in the megahertz region, therefore care has to be taken with the physical layout of the printed circuit board to ensure that the interconnecting tracks are as short as possible.

The components  $R_{11}$ ,  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  ensure a stable gain/phase characteristic for the operational amplifier, and  $C_4$  provides a similar stabilizing effect on the voltage regulator.

#### Gain setting

In the circuit shown in Fig. 5  $R_{in}$  is 10 k $\Omega$  (i.e. 50 mV input swing produces 10 mA output swing). If it is required to use a lower gain setting it is preferable to keep  $R_{in}$  within the range 10-50 k $\Omega$  in order to maintain the specified accuracy. Where still lower gains are required it is preferable to use a series attenuator designed so that the net value of  $R_{in}$  is always within the above range. As an example the network shown in Fig. 6 has an attenuation factor of 20 thus 1 V input would produce 10 mA output from the amplifier.

Transient-catching diodes and suppression capacitors may be connected across the input and output terminals as required.

# Advance in i.c. manufacturing technique

A new method for producing integrated circuits has been announced by the SGS International Group of companies.

The new process, called Planox, (which has been developed at the SGS laboratories at Agrate, Milan) is applicable to both bipolar and m.o.s. devices, but is of particular importance in the production of m.o.s. integrated circuits.

In an m.o.s. device, the oxide layer grown on the gate regions has to be extremely thin in order to achieve low threshold voltage sensitivity; and the oxide layer in the field region has to be thick to avoid spurious effects. When produced by conventional methods, the thick layer on the field region gives rise to high 'steps' of oxide on the chip surface over which the metal pattern has to be formed. The sharp bends in the metal layer can result in weak spots or 'microcracks'.

In the Planox process this possibility is eliminated by removing sufficient underlying silicon to accommodate the oxide thickness, so that the resultant surface is almost flat. This is achieved by depositing on the silicon wafer a thin film of silicon nitride, which prevents oxidation, and which can be selectively etched with respect to silicon dioxide. The nitride film is then masked and etched to lay bare the regions where thick oxide is to be grown. The growth of silicon dioxide on the bared regions uses sufficient underlying silicon to provide an oxide layer that has the required thickness and a surface which is co-planar with that of the nitride film.

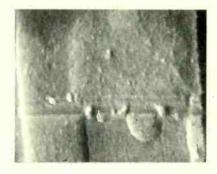
When used in the production of m.o.s. devices, the silicon nitride is

then selectively etched, exposing the regions that are to be diffused to create the source and drain electrodes.

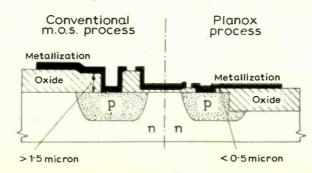
Source and drain are passivated by the thick oxide and the remaining nitride is selectively etched away from the gate. The subsequent steps of gate oxidation, opening of contacts and metallization are carried out using conventional techniques. The Planox process will be used in the production of SGS m.o.s. devices during the second quarter of 1970.



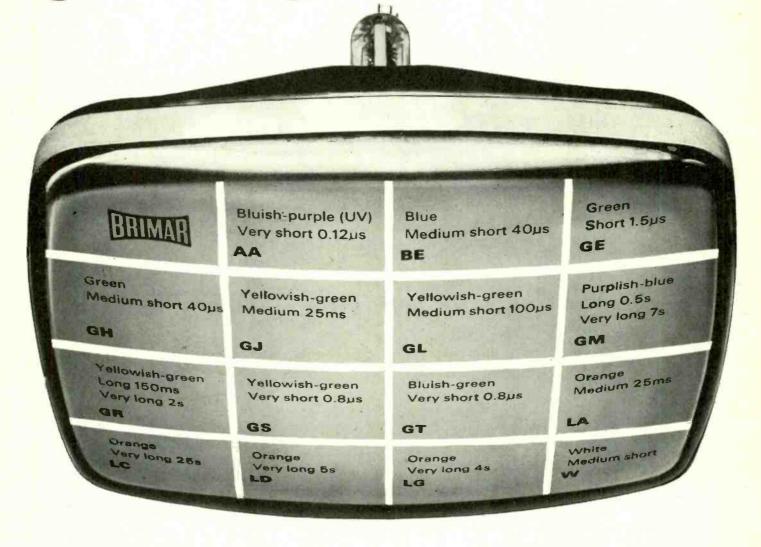
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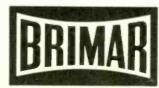
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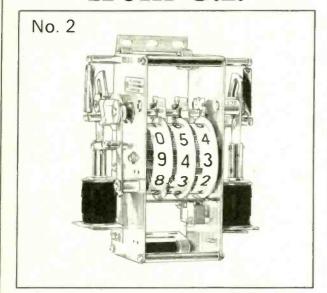


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# Letters to the Editor

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#### Digitally-set audio oscillator

An i.e. is used to provide a digitally setable square-wave oscillator, operating over the range 10-4990Hz. The circuit (Fig.1) is one of the saturating multivi-

frequency will be correctly selected. The oscillator provides an output of about 20V pk-pk. Switching time effects cause the frequency law to deviate from the theoretical at high frequencies, the actual frequency being somewhat lower. In con-

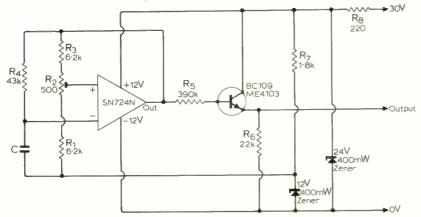
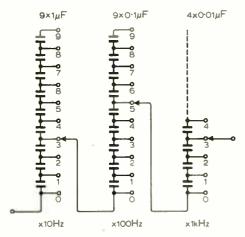


Fig. 1. Square wave oscillator circuit



Set to 3·53kHz

Fig. 2. Decade capacitor array—replaces
C in Fig.1.

brator circuits described by G. B. Clayton in his 'Operational Amplifiers' series. For the astable multivibrator the frequency is given by f=k/C where k is a constant and C the capacitance in circuit. To achieve decade selection of frequency increments of 10Hz, 100Hz, and 1kHz are added by adding in the appropriate increments of 1/C. corresponding to the frequency desired. If the increments are added in the correct manner, the

sequence the values of the X IkHz capacitors should successively decrease. The arrangement of capacitors is shown in Fig.2.

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#### Audio switch

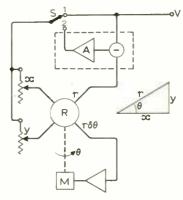
The circuit was developed to close a d.c. circuit when an audio signal was present. A relay proved to be not quite suitable. The circuit responds equally well to sine- or square-wave signals.  $T_1$  in the circuit is a Collins 667-0522-00 15mW audio transformer with primary impedance of 10k and two 600 secondaries providing

approximately 1.7V r.m.s. to the bridge rectifiers. No doubt any small transformer could be used provided the secondary is split, and experiments with pot-cores gave the same results.  $Mr_1$  and  $Mr_2$  are bridge rectifiers consisting of OA81 or similar diodes—the base current requirements are quite small on both transistors. The filtering used gave reasonably interference-free switching at approximately 2kHz input. Tr, and Tr, are R.C.A. type 40412 with small heatsinks, since they switched 250V at 15mA.  $D_1$  to  $D_4$  used were silicon diodes rated p.i.v. 600, at 1A.  $R_5$  and  $C_5$  reduced switching transients further.  $C_5$  must be at least 1.5 times the open circuit voltage of the loop.

J. DU P. DE BEER, South African Broadcasting Corporation.

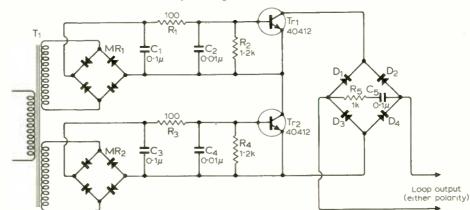
#### Resolver with gain control

Conversion from cartesian (x, y) to polar  $(r, \theta)$  co-ordinates in an analogue computer can be done with a resolver as shown. The normal method is with switch S in position 1, but the gain of the resolver servo then varies with r. This can be compensated with a multiplier  $(\times 1/r)$  in the loop but a better way is to add the components in box A and change S to position 2; the resolver output is then compared with the fixed voltage V and the potentiometer feed



adjusted by the amplifier to keep it constant. The servo loop operates at fixed gain and if the resolver is magnetic its magnetization remains constant, which gives best accuracy.

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#### Dinsdale amplifier mods

In his most interesting article "design in retrospect", in the November 1969 issue of Wireless World, Mr. Dinsdale refers to the development of the Tobey-Dinsdale 10-watt audio amplifier, first described in the W.W. in November 1961, and expresses an interest in hearing of successful modifications which have been made to this design.

Since some of the components for this were a bit inconvenient to obtain, I produced a modified version of this, for a friend, some years ago, and this has recently been further modified very successfully to use a full complement of silicon transistors. In view of the very good performance which can be obtained from this, it is possible that the design may be of interest to others of your readers. The distortion is typically 0.07 % at 1kHz and 10W and the square wave response is free from overshoot or ringing, even with capacitive loads, up to beyond 20kHz. The circuit can be used on

negative h.t. rails with the transistor types shown in brackets, provided that the electrolytic capacitors are reversed. The numbering of the components is that used in Mr. Dinsdale's January 1965 article.

The loudspeaker "plop" on switching on is avoided by d.c. coupling the n.f.b. to the first transistor via  $R_{16}$ . This causes the potential at the loudspeaker output to rise fairly slowly, as C, charges. This arrangement reduces the hum pick-up on badly smoothed h.t. supplies.

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#### In defence of S.I. Units

On page 548 (the right hand column) of Mr. Kelly's interesting and informative article in the December issue he devotes a paragraph to the subject of S.I. Units. I am surprised at some of the remarks he makes which seem to imply that S.I. does not allow of the normal subdivision etc. of its basic units. It is perhaps worth pointing

+38-40V R<sub>11</sub> R<sub>3</sub> R7 ≥ R<sub>3</sub> ≥ 10k 1k Vt<sub>3</sub> Vt<sub>5</sub> 2N697 MJ490/491 6.8k (2N1132) (MJ480/481) C<sub>6</sub> 64 µ Set quiescent R<sub>14</sub> current to PR<sub>1</sub> 50mA Vt<sub>1</sub> R15 4V R<sub>1</sub> BC 212L C10 (BC 182L) 10 .500µ 35V C<sub>4</sub> 820p Vt<sub>4</sub> 2N1132 C<sub>2</sub> C<sub>3</sub> (2N697) $C_1$ ₹ R<sub>2</sub> 100k Vt<sub>6</sub> MJ480/481 LS Vt<sub>2</sub> 25 V 1004 BC182L 40V R<sub>6</sub> (BC212L) (MJ490/491) R4 R<sub>4</sub> 8.2k R<sub>13</sub> Signal 1k 0.14 28.2 N

Modified "Dinsdale" amplifier, for use with silicon planar transistors. Output 10W,  $15\Omega$  or 15W,  $8\Omega$ . Suitable for use with either positive or negative h.t. line depending on transistors and polarity of electrolytic capacitors. Amended component values are underlined. Capacitor  $C_5$ , diode  $D_1$  and resistors  $R_5$ ,  $R_9$ ,  $R_{10}$  and  $R_{12}$  in the original design were omitted.

out that it is standard Continental practice to work in mm for dimensions and then on any occasion where calculations are made involving other fundamental units, a factor of 10-3 would be introduced to convert to the basic S.I. unit. Does Mr. Kelly think that we can no longer use  $\mu F$  or nF or pF but instead write 10-6 F, 10-9 F, 10-12 F? Of course we can, and of course we can also still talk in grammes, milligrammes, cm, mm, km, or what have you! The only difficult unit is compliance, normally expressed in cm/ dyne. This is a nongravitational unit and there is a simple conversion factor to m/ newton for calculation purposes which is 1 cm/dyne = 10<sup>3</sup>m/newton. Thus introducing the S.I. will see off "thous" ounces etc. but not grammes, milligrammes or mm. µm (microns)

B. J. C. BURROWS, Abingdon, Berks.

The author replies:

I seem to have stirred up a hornet's nest in my "obdurate insistence on the familiar"; however, I am unashamedly unrepentant.

In my review of the products of a virile and viable industry I employed terms and dimensions in general use in this industry. The Editor originally suggested that I should use S.I. units, but having discussed the question of dimensions with a number of manufacturers, persuaded him to permit me to use the classic c.g.s. and British dimensions.

Possibly in the next few years the industry during its conversion to metrication will adopt S.I. units as standard; when this occurs I shall be most happy to record events in the vernacular. STANLEY KELLY.

#### Local radio

Derek Faraday's letter (page 565 December W.W.) advocating extensive use of m.w. transmitters in the U.K. can be dismissed in one sentence. These transmitters are and would be incapable of reproducing music—either classical, light or 'pop'.

Sound broadcasting in the U.K. is already about twenty years behind the rest of Europe. There is a vicious circle affecting the public, the B.B.C. and set makers which, after all this time, has prevented v.h.f./f.m. radio from getting off the ground.

In this small country (Belgium), for example, there are six separate national programmes on v.h.f., plus several regional programmes. Two of the best music programmes are on v.h.f. only—the public abandoned listening to music on a.m. years ago.

It is possible to listen to stereo programmes here all day, as it is in most north European countries. Apart from all kinds of music in stereo, there are frequent drama programmes in stereo.

You could not sell a purely a.m. receiver in continental Europe. In fact, more and more people are buying only a

v.h.f. tuner as their sense of reproduction quality makes them completely disinterested in a.m. Also, a car radio without f.m. is unmarketable here, especially as a.m. cuts out under bridges and in tunnels.

There is a lot of negative discussion in the U.K. on the difficulties of v.h.f. reception. In Waterloo, Belgium, I can receive the Wrotham transmissions perfectly, in mono, on a medium-price Grundig receiver. In frosty or foggy weather I get Wrotham in stereo without background noise. Without difficulty, I can listen any day to more than fifty v.h.f. transmitters (not fifty different programmes, of course) twelve of them in stereo. There is no difficulty with reception of stereo from France, Holland and Germany at distances of 100 miles. Mono programmes on v.h.f. from places as far away as Hamburg (N.W.D.R.) can be heard clearly any evening. It is true that the v.h.f. broadcast band, here, is uncluttered by any public service transmissions. (When is the Home Office going to get the Police and ambulances off the broadcast bands?)

My Blaupunkt car radio, with one metre of telescopic aerial, picks up the Wrotham v.h.f. programmes in Brussels! Teenagers in Belgium, Holland and Germany listen to Radio Luxembourg on v.h.f., not on long- or medium-waves.

I could go on and on citing examples showing how sound radio in Britain has stayed the poor cousin of Europe. There is deadlock in Britain, and the only way I can think to break this is for the B.B.C. to do as the administrations have in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany; that is, to broadcast the most popular programmes on v.h.f. only, gradually shutting down the m.w. transmitters.

BASIL JACKSON.

Waterloo, Belgium.

# The Engineer in State and Private Enterprise

You question in your leading article in the December issue what there is in common between chartered engineers of various institutions.

The answer is that they are all trained in a target-directed discipline that calls for the highest degree of intelligence and involvement. Engineering contains financial, human and sociological factors which are absent from pure science. There are no natural divisions, and the man-made ones are crossed more frequently as the science of engineering develops.

A new branch of engineering tends to breed specialists, but their specialization becomes absorbed in time into the background training of all engineers. What differentiates the chartered engineer from the technician is the ability to apply his training to the solution of any engineering problem rather than to become expert in one technique.

The chartered engineer is loyal, keen on his job, independent, logical, outspoken and obstinate. He can neither be led nor driven. He has a high standard of ethical conduct and resents being taken for a ride. He is impatient with obstacles and sometimes lacks finesse in dealing with them. Today he is unhappy about the weak direction which has allowed others to threaten his security by strong-arm methods. But he will not give his conscience to the keeping of a union in which his voice as a professional man cannot be heard.

That is why twenty three thousand membership forms have already been issued by the United Kingdom Association of Professional Engineers in response to applications. U.K.A.P.E. is the engineering profession's own union and will be run democratically to serve its interests. It will protect its members against injustice from all quarters, the government, employers, institutions or other unions. It will improve the status and conditions of the chartered engineer by giving him a stronger voice in society and a stable career structure, while at the same time not forgotting the interests of the technician engineer and the engineering technicians.

U.K.A.P.E. believes that those engaged in engineering are people of a special quality with a common interest. While insisting on the sanctity of individual freedom, it also believes that disruption could be disastrous both socially and technologically.

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#### Op. amp. a.c. millivoltmeter

In your issue of October 1969 the article "Operational Amplifiers—9" by G. B. Clayton gives a circuit for a precise a.c. millivoltmeter. We recently had occasion to construct a similar forced feedback meter circuit to give a full-scale reading with 50mV r.m.s. input down to 3 Hz. The circuit below may be of some interest to readers. A Fairchild op. amp. was used. M. V. DROMGOOLE.

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#### Linear integrated circuits

Mr. Hirst, in his article on linear integrated circuits in your January issue, reveals a need for three specific devices, in addition to the ubiquitous operational amplifier, which should be cheaply and easily available as standard linear 'building blocks'. These are an h.f. amplifier, an l.f. amplifier and a transistor ring modulator for mixer use. He suggests that the first two might be combined in a general purpose a.c. amplifier.

For over 18 months this company has manufactured such devices and they are all available at prices in the £1-£2 range.

The types are:

L.F. amplifiers. Low power; the SL630C has 40dB gain from a few Hz to 100kHz and has an internal gain control giving 60dB control. High power; the SL402A and SL403A will give over 2W and over 3W output respectively over a slightly lower frequency range. They have very high input impedance.

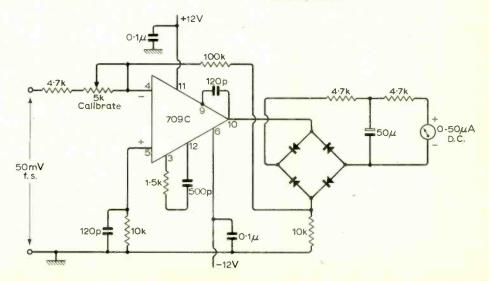
H.F. amplifiers. The SL610C, SL611C and SL612C provide gains of 10, 20 and 50 respectively over the frequency ranges of 80kHz to 100MHz, to 80MHz, and to 12MHz respectively. All can drive 1V r.m.s. output at less than 1% intermodulation and all have over 40dB a.g.c. range.

Mixers. We do not manufacture a ring modulator but the SL640C and the SL641C double balanced modulators will out-perform most ring modulators over the frequency range of 10Hz to over 100MHz without the need for transformers. They have low signal and carrier leakage.

In addition we make the SL610C and the SL621C which are a.g.c. circuits having fast attack, slow decay and the ability to track a signal fading faster than the decay rate. They may be used with the SL610-612 and the SL630.

To satisfy Mr. Hirst's other condition—that continued supply be assured—these devices form an integral part of several professional and military equipments and their availability for the next five or ten years is assured.

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# **Active Filters**

#### 7. The two-integrator loop

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The two-integrator loop is an active CRanalogue of a passive LCR circuit, in which outputs which may be identified with the voltages severally developed across the inductance (high-pass response), the resistance (tuned-circuit response), and the capacitance (low-pass response), are available simultaneously. These outputs are developed with low source impedance and, together with the input voltage, have one terminal in common. They are therefore easily added in the proportions required to give any desired 2nd-order transfer-function. Thus the analogue can be the basis of a universal building block for higher-order filters of any kind, using the method of synthesis by factors.

The two-integrator loop is particularly useful where higher Q-factors are needed than are practicable from a circuit which depends for Q factor on a single amplifier; and it is particularly convenient when variable tuning is required.

In Parts 5 and 6 were described a number of circuits based on the lag-and-integrator loop for obtaining second-order response, low-pass, tuned-circuit, high-pass, and notch. In a following article it will be shown how a number of such circuits can be put in tandem (together with, when required, simple lag and simple lead networks) to make higher-order filters. In general terms the sharper the corner at cutoff the higher the Q factor of at least one of the secondorder constituents (or factors). The weak relationship between maximum Q factor and amplifier gain  $(q \gg \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{A})$  is then often a serious limitation with circuits of the lagand-integrator type, and a more powerful method is needed. This is provided by the two-integrator loop, which can draw on the product of the gains of two amplifiers.

The two-integrator loop, in one form or another, is probably the most important system to be described in this series of articles. It is an analogue of any basic oscillatory system, e.g. a pendulum, a mass and spring, or a tuned circuit, since in the ideal case of zero damping it is defined by the equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\theta}{\mathrm{d}t^2} = -\frac{1}{T_1 T_2} \theta. \tag{1}$$

 $\theta$  may represent any variable such as linear position, angular position, voltage, etc., and

the equation states that the restoring

$$\omega_c = 2\pi f_c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_1 T_2}}$$
 (2)  
Fig. 1 shows the system schematically. By working backwards from the output, it can

working backwards from the output, it can be seen that the "error" between input and output  $(\theta_{in} - \theta)$  equates to  $p^2 T_1 T_2 \theta$ , and that hence when there is no input stimulus

 $(\theta_{in} = 0)$  equn. (1) is obtained. The two-integrator loop has been described previously in these general terms1. In the present article it is derived as a particular analogue of an LCR tuned circuit, so that the corresponding properties of the active and passive systems can be more readily identified.

Because of the multiplicity of amplifiers required, the use of the two-integrator loop as a means of realising active filters, especially ones of higher order, has until recently seemed both cumbersome and costly; but with the arrival of silicon integrated circuits the position began to alter, and now two operational amplifiers are available on a single chip and three have been promised. It is therefore becoming increasingly attractive to take advantage of the versatility, improved performance, and greater designability, offered by the system.

#### Analogue of an LCR network

A functional diagram of an active system which copies the working of a series LCR passive network can be derived by the steps shown in Fig. 2.

Since, in Fig. 2(a), the same current flows through all three components, the ratio of the voltages across any two components will equal the ratio of their operational impedences. Therefore the ratio of  $V_R$  (the voltage across the resistance) to  $V_L$  (the voltage across the inductance) is given by

$$V_R/V_L = Z_R/Z_L, (3)$$

and hence

$$V_R = \frac{1}{pL/R} V_L, \qquad (4)$$

which shows that  $V_R$  may be developed from  $V_L$  by integration carried out to the scale defined by the time constant L/R.

Similarly  $V_C$  (the voltage across the capacitor) may be developed from  $V_R$  by integration to scale defined by the time constant CR, i.e. since

$$V_C/V_R = Z_C/Z_R \tag{5}$$

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$$V_C = \frac{1}{pCR}V_R,$$
(5)

Thus, given the voltage  $V_L$ , the voltages  $V_R$  and  $V_C$  may be developed, as in Fig. 2(b).

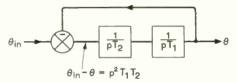
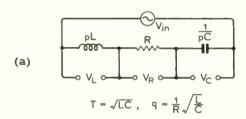
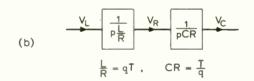
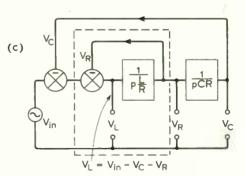


Fig. 1. Ideal two-integrator loop.







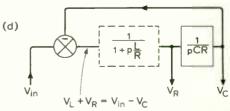


Fig. 2. Two-integrator loop modelled on passive LCR circuit.

acceleration is proportional to the displacement. Hence the natural motion is simple harmonic of period  $2\pi\sqrt{(T_1T_2)}$ , i.e.

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by the use of two integrators connected in series. In terms of the parameters T and q, the Ts of the two integrators are L/R = qT and CR = T/q. To complete the analogue it only remains to establish the input  $V_L$ . This may be done by making the further connections, as shown in Fig. 2(c), in accordance with the self-evident relation

$$V_L = V_{in} - V_C - V_R \tag{7}$$

#### Properties of the analogue

The schematic of Fig. 2(c) shows only the essence of the mathematical processes that have to be instrumented, and incidental sign changes that may attend the use of electronic integrators and summing amplifiers have been ignored. Each integrator will use an amplifier; and, since in a practical circuit account must be taken of sign changes in order that the loops may be closed in their correct sense, it is clear that a total of three or four amplifiers may be needed. This will hardly be justified unless this apparently extravagant use of gain can be shown to confer important advantages, and in particular a higher Q factor will be looked for than can be obtained from the singleamplifier lag-and-integrator loop.

One advantage is immediately apparent. It has already been shown that many active-filter networks can yield two or more different responses by introducing the input voltage into different branches and/or by taking the output from different pairs of terminals. The system shown in Fig. 2(c) gives three responses simultaneously:

 $V_C$ , low-pass  $V_R$ , tuned circuit  $V_L$ , high-pass.

Remembering the results given in Part 2, it should be noted that at the resonant frequency,  $\omega_C = 1/\sqrt{LC}$ , the responses at  $V_C$  and  $V_L$  both have magnitude q while that at  $V_R$  is depressed to unity for all values of q.

It is easy to show, however, that the particular arrangement of the analogue which is shown in Fig. 2(c) does not make effective use of the available gain from two integrators. The contents of the broken-line enclosure reduce to the simple lag 1/(1+pL/R) shown in Fig. 2(d); that is to say, apart from the loss of the separate terminal for  $V_L$ , this part of the analogue could be replaced by a passive network. This reduction can be made by substituting  $\mu = R/pL$  and  $\beta = -1$  in Black's formula  $G = \mu/(1-\mu\beta)$  or, alternatively, by copying the working of the LCR network according to the relation

$$\frac{V_R}{V_R + V_L} = \frac{Z_R}{Z_R + Z_L} = \frac{1}{1 + pL/R}$$
 (8)

and by closing the loop to implement equn (7) as

$$V_R + V_L = V_{in} - V_C \tag{9}$$

Thus, although it has two integrating amplifiers, the analogue has been constrained to behave as a loop with a lag and a single integrating amplifier, and it can have only a comparable performance. That this constraint can easily be removed will be shown. It is useful, however, to continue

the argument to emphasize the importance of taking account of the effect of finite gain upon the relative merits of different circuits.

#### Equivalent circuit for loop with finitegain integrators

As shown in Part 5, when allowance is made for finite amplifier gain, an integrator degenerates to a simple lag, of time constant (A+1) times the  ${}^{*}T^{*}$  of the integrator, multiplied by the gain factor A. Thus

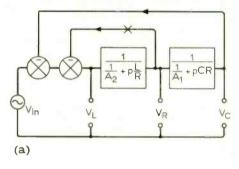
$$G(p) = \frac{A}{1 + (A+1)pT},$$
 (10)

which, when  $A \gg 1$ .

$$= \frac{A}{1 + pAT} (approx) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{A} + pT}.$$
 (11)

When this substitution is made in Fig. 2(c) for the ideal form 1/pT, Fig. 3(a) is obtained.

For sine-wave excitation  $j\omega$  is written for p, and it follows that terms of the type 1/A in the denominators represent components of input voltage in phase with output voltages. This corresponds in the passive prototype, Fig. 2(a), to a current in shunt with the capacitor which is in phase with the voltage across it, and to a voltage in series with the coil in phase with the current through it, and so leads to the equivalent circuit shown in



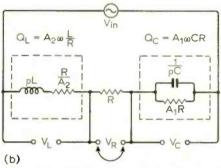
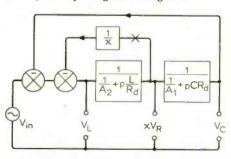


Fig. 3. Modifications to LCR circuit to correspond to finite gain in integrators.



 $Q_2 = A_2 \omega \frac{L}{R_d}$ ,  $Q_1 = A_1 \omega CR_d$ 

Fig. 4. Modification of Fig. 3(a) to allow arbitrary scaling of voltage representing  $V_R$ .

Fig. 3(b). The Q factors of the lossy reactors (and those of the corresponding imperfect integrators) are

$$Q_C = A_1 \omega C R$$
,  $Q_L = A_2 \omega L / R$ . (12), (13)

When  $A \rightarrow \infty$ , the desired value of q is set in by making CR = T/q and L/R = qT,

where 
$$T = 1/\omega_C = \sqrt{LC}$$
 and  $q = \frac{1}{R}\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$ .

With A finite, the achieved value of q will be lower, but it is convenient to retain the notion of the ideal value of q and denote it by  $q_i$ , thus

$$q_i = \frac{1}{R} \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}.$$
 (14)

Any shift in resonant frequency can usually be neglected so it can be taken that  $\omega_C = 1/\sqrt{LC}$ , as before, and at  $\omega_C$  the Q factors are

$$Q_C = A_1/q_i$$
,  $Q_L = q_i A$  (15), (16)

The shorting out of R (with the arrowed link) in the equivalent circuit, Fig. 3(b), corresponds to opening the inner loop (at X) of the analogue, Fig. 3(a). The residual circuit quality is then determined solely by the losses due to finite  $Q_c$  and  $Q_L$ ; and, as explained in Part 5, these losses add as the reciprocals of the  $Q_s$ . Denoting the residual circuit quality by  $q_r$ , it follows, from equns (15) and (16), that

$$\frac{1}{q_r} = \frac{q_i}{A_1} + \frac{1}{q_i A_2},\tag{17}$$

and that the net circuit quality with R re-introduced (and the inner loop closed again) will be given by

$$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{q_l} + \frac{1}{q_r}.\tag{18}$$

Using similar amplifiers, so that it is sensible to put  $A_1 = A_2 = A$ , the residual loss is  $(q_i + 1/q_i)/A$ , which is a minimum, 2/A, when  $q_i = 1$ ; i.e., when  $R = \sqrt{L/C}$ . But with  $q_i$  either> or<1 the added loss increases, tending to  $q_i/A$ .

At  $q_i = 1$ , the Ts of the two integrators are equal, and at resonance both integrators are working at a frequency equal to their unity-gain frequency. For  $q_i > 1$ , the CR integrator is working at a frequency below its unity-gain frequency and its phase defect (or loss factor), as explained in Part 5, is increased, and this is compensated to only a very small extent by the fact that the L/R integrator is working at a frequency above its unity-gain frequency with a reduced phase defect. For  $q_i < 1$ , the same steps are followed in reverse order, but as the q decreases the extra loss is of little consequence.

Corresponding explanations in terms of the parameters of the equivalent current expose the quite unnatural situations which the analogue is constrained to reproduce. For example, it is as if, in attempting to raise the q by reducing R, one were obliged at the same time to change the capacitor for another of equal value but of poorer Q factor, and so on.

#### The preferred analogue

The root cause of the trouble with the analogue of Fig. 2(c) is that the three

variables L, C and R in the passive network have been reduced to two, L/R and CR. This has come about because the voltage between the integrators, whose basic purpose is really only to provide a quantity proportional to the current I flowing through the network, has been arbitrarily, developed to a scale which makes  $V_R \equiv IR$ , whereas it may clearly be to any scale, provided only that the same loop gains are maintained.

Thus, as in Fig. 4, the two Ts can be made L/xR and xCR, or  $L/R_d$  and  $CR_d$  by putting  $x = R_d/R$  and  $T^2 = LC$ , as before. It follows then that the voltage between the integrators will be modified by the factor  $x = R_d/R$ , and the overall balance must be restored by scaling the inner loop by the inverse factor 1/x.

With finite gain the Q factors of the corresponding imperfect integrators and lossy reactors are

$$Q_C = A_1 \omega C R_d$$
,  $Q_L = A_2 \omega L / R_d$  (20) (21)

and the equivalent circuit is as Fig. 3(b) with  $R_d$  replacing R within the broken-line enclosures only. The residual loss due to  $Q_c$  and  $Q_L$  (at  $\omega_c$ ) is now given by

$$\frac{1}{q_r} = \frac{1}{A_1} \left( \frac{q_i}{x} \right) + \frac{1}{A_2} \left( \frac{x}{q_i} \right) \tag{22}$$

(q, corresponding to the circuit quality obtained if the inner loop is broken at X). The net circuit quality, with the inner loop closed is given by equn (18) with the value

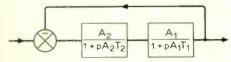
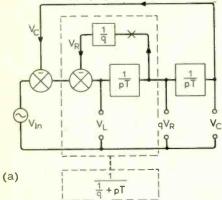


Fig. 5. Loop with two finite-gain integrators and no other damping.



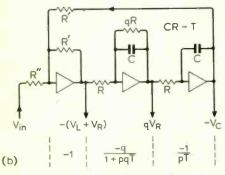


Fig. 6. Preferred form of basic schematic, with a particular electrical realization giving outputs proportional to  $V_L$  and  $V_R$ , but not  $V_C$ .

for q, determined by equn (22). The residual loss can now be minimized for any given situation by choice of x.

#### Integrators with equal As

In the normal way it can be expected that similar amplifiers will be used in each position, so that  $A_1 = A_2 = A$ . Then the residual loss, equn (22) is a minimum when

$$\frac{q_i}{x} = \frac{x}{q_i} = 1 \tag{23}$$

and hence

$$\frac{1}{q_r} = \frac{2}{A};\tag{24}$$

$$R_d = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C'}} \tag{25}$$

i.e.,  $R_d = \omega_C L = 1/\omega_C C$ , the reactance of L and C at  $\omega_C$ . This condition also makes the two Ts equal,

$$q_i CR = L/q_i R = \sqrt{LC} = T. \quad (26)$$

The analogue arranged in this way is shown in Fig. 6(a), in which for simplicity the scaling factors are given for  $A = \omega_{\infty}$ . The voltage between the integrators, the tuned circuit response, is now

$$qV_R = IR_d = I\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}. (27)$$

With finite gain the net circuit quality is given by

$$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{q_i} + \frac{1}{q_r} = \frac{1}{q_i} + \frac{2}{A},\tag{28}$$

from equns (18) and (24); and it is easily shown that with equal Ts and equal As this value of  $q_r$  is the maximum q obtainable from a two-integrator loop with a given overall gain (i.e., with  $A_1A_2 = A^2$ ). Thus, with the inner loop broken at X

$$q_r = q_{max} = A/2. \tag{29}$$

#### Integrators with unequal As

If the Ts are equal but  $A_1 \neq A_2$ ,

$$\frac{1}{q_r} = \frac{1}{A_1} + \frac{1}{A_2} \tag{30}$$

and  $q_1$  is less than  $q_{max}$ . To obtain the maximum value of  $q_r$  the two Ts, say  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , must be chosen so that  $A_1T_1 = A_2T_2$ .

## Discussion of best practical proportioning of loop

In the practical circuits shown in Figs. 6(b) 7(b) the loop is closed with the help of a third amplifier. Normally this will be given a gain -1. It could, however, by increasing the value of the feedback resistor be given a gain > 1, so increasing the zero-frequency gain and  $q_{max}$ . But since at  $\omega_c$  the magnitude of the loop gain is 1 approx., the "T" of one or both integrators would have to be increased to give a balancing loss of loop gain at  $\omega_c$ . For frequencies near  $\omega_c$  the inverting amplifier would be liable to overload before maximum output was reached at the other two terminals and, also, with the local feedback fraction reduced, the net effect of internal phase shifts is increased. In general both these features are undesirable. For a similar reason to the former it would not usually be a good idea to use integrating amplifiers of different gains and assign to them unequal Ts.

There is however a special case where equal Ts might be used with amplifiers of different As; this is when the emphasis on the requirement is to achieve adjacent outputs, say at  $V_C$  and  $qV_R$ , which are as accurately in quadrature as possible. If only a low Q factor is needed it might be thought sensible to make only  $A_1$  very high.

The general conclusion, then, is that for most practical purposes the arrangement of the analogue as shown in Fig. 6(a) is the most useful and may be regarded as the master schematic.

#### Comparison with two lags and gain

Fig. 5 is a reminder that a loop containing two finite-gain integrators with no additional damping is equivalent to a loop containing two (buffered) lags, of time constants  $A_1T_1$  and  $A_2T_2$ , and with zero-frequency loop gain  $A_1A_2$ . Accordingly (see Part 4) maximum q is obtained when  $q_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ ; i.e., when the two lags have equal time constants,  $A_1T_1 = A_2T_2$ , and so  $q_{max} = \frac{1}{2}(A_1A_2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . This confirms the results already obtained; for example when  $A_1 = A_2 = A$  and  $T_1 = T_2$ ,  $q_{max} = A/2$ . This is the same as the result  $q_{max} = \frac{1}{2}A^{\frac{1}{2}}$ 

This is the same as the result  $q_{max} = \frac{1}{2}A^{\frac{1}{2}}$  for a single-amplifier system in which the zero-frequency loop gain is A, since in the two integrator loop above the zero-frequency loop gain is  $A^2$ .

From the point of view of designing the feedback amplifiers themselves (satisfying the local Nyquist criteria) it is very much easier to handle two fed-back amplifiers, each of gain A, than a single amplifier of gain  $A^2$ ; wider bandwidth can be provided and the useful range of operating frequencies extended. There is also the advantage that the two Ts (CR products) do not have to be spread out in the ratio  $q^2$ . For these reasons, and others, the two integrator loop is the more powerful method for obtaining high Q factors.

### Circuits using ideal operational ampli-

There are many ways in which the basic functional schematic of Fig. 6(a) can be turned into a practical circuit, and techniques based on the operational amplifier concept seem a natural choice, though other techniques, e.g. the use of constant-current earthed-capacitor integrators, are possible. Often the complete generality offered by Fig. 6(a) is not required, and then some of the separate parts of the analogue can be amalgamated.

The contents of the broken-line enclosure, i.e. the integrator together with the inner loop which gives the damping for the system, are described by the transfer function

$$G(p) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{q} + pT} \tag{31}$$

$$=\frac{q}{1+pqT}\tag{32}$$

i.e., a lag of time constant qT, multiplied by the gain factor q. This leads to Fig. 6(b), in

which the damping is given by the resistance qR connected across the C of the first integrator. This circuit will be most useful when low-pass response,  $V_C$ , and/or tuned-circuit response,  $qV_R$ , are required, as there is no output proportional to  $V_L$ , high-pass response.

It will be obvious that the Cs and Rs in the active circuits need not have absolute values equal to those in any passive prototype. Groups of components with the same marking should ideally be of equal value; but as the circuit does not magnify any errors, the allowable tolerance is no tighter than the accuracy to which the filter parameters are required to be known. Thus if one of the two resistors R' is in error by a small percentage, the loop gain is changed by the same percentage, which is equivalent to a change of that percentage in the 'T' of one of the integrators. Consequently there is a change in  $\omega_C$  of half the percentage (equn. (2)), and the same in q (because the system may be analysed as a lag-and-integrator loop, and equn. (15) of Part 5 applies). The value of R" does not affect the parameters of the resonant loop, provided there is enough loop gain round the first amplifier for the virtual-earth principle to apply; it only causes the amplitudes at all outputs to be multiplied by the factor R'/R''.

The only difference between the schematics of Fig. 7(a) and Fig. 6(a) is that the equating of voltages, equn. (7), is carried out

$$V_L = V_{in} - (V_C + V_R) (33)$$

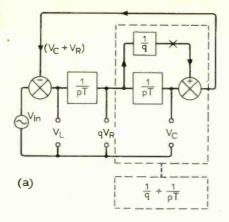
The contents of the enclosure are now described by the transfer function

$$G(p) = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{pT} \tag{34}$$

This leads to Fig. 7(b), in which the damping is introduced by connecting a resistance R/q in series with the capacitor of the second integrator. In this circuit  $V_C$  is lost as a separate output voltage, but  $qV_R$  (tuned-circuit response) and  $V_L$  (high-pass response) remain.

Fig. 8(a) is a realization of the two-integrator circuit in its most general form. Damping is introduced without disturbing the input/output relationships of the integrators, and so all three responses are available as for Fig. 6(a). As drawn, Q factor is determined by the setting of the potential divider, which produces at its slider the voltage  $qV_R/q = V_R$ . Alternatively the two resistors marked R'' connected to the extra inverting amplifier may be given unequal values, the feedback one of the pair being made q times less than the other.

Thus adjustment of Q factor is independent of tuning, and the converse is also true: tuning can be varied independently of Q factor if the 'T's of both integrators are varied in unison, which in practice means variation of both Rs or both Cs. In Figs. 6(b) and 7(b), because of the presence of a third resistance which must in a constant ratio with the two resistances R, variable tuning is not quite as easy. Tuning independent of Q factor is possible by ganged variation of the two Cs, but tuning by variable resistance would need an awkward three-gang arrangement.



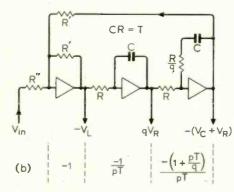


Fig. 7. Alternative form of preferred schematic, with an electrical realization giving outputs proportional to  $V_C$  and  $V_R$ , but not  $V_T$ .

#### Compound responses

For Fig. 8(a) the transfer functions to the three output terminals (when R''' = R', and CR = T) are, assuming ideal amplifiers  $(A \rightarrow \infty)$ , given by

$$-V_{C} = -\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{q} pT + p^{2} T^{2}} V_{in}$$
 (35)

$$qV_R = pTV_C, (36)$$

$$-V_{L} = -p^{2}T^{2}V_{C} \tag{37}$$

and the corresponding frequency responses (amplitude) are related in the manner sketched in Fig. 9.

Each output voltage, and also  $-V_R$  in the inner loop, and  $V_{in}$ , appears with one side grounded. It is, therefore, easy by adding, or subtracting, in the required proportions to obtain any second-order transfer function, viz

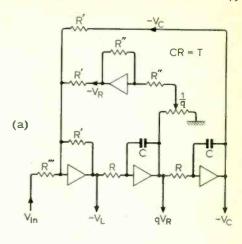
$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{a_1 + a_2 pT + a_3 p^2 T^2}{1 + \frac{1}{q} pT + p^2 T^2};$$
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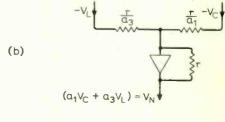
and the coefficients  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ , as well as q and T, may be adjusted independently. The system can therefore be used as a universal building brick for higher-order filters of any kind, using the method of synthesis by factors, which was referred to in Part 1.

Notch response, as shown in Part 2, is obtained when  $a_2 = 0$  and  $a_1$  and  $a_3$  have the same sign, Fig. 8(b). And if  $a_1 = a_3$ , the notch is symmetrical,

$$V_N = V_C + V_L = (1 + p^2 T^2) V_C$$

corresponding to the network of Fig. 8(c).





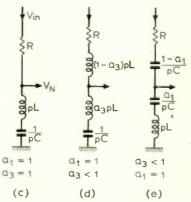


Fig. 8. A general electrical equivalent of the basic preferred schematic.

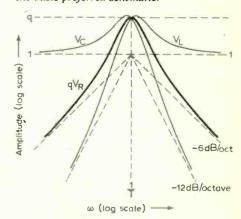


Fig. 9. Showing the relationship between the three outputs  $V_L$ ,  $qV_R$ , and  $V_C$ ; i.e., low-pass, tuned-circuit, and high-pass.

It is important to remember that at the frequency of zero transmission at the terminal  $V_N$ , which is also  $\omega_C$ , there are large, and perhaps unseen, voltages of magnitude  $qV_{lo}$  at terminals  $V_C$  and  $V_L$ . Care must be taken, therefore, to avoid overloading. This is a potential difficulty not present in the circuits described in Part 6, where subtraction occurs on the input side.

If  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_3 < 1$ , an unsymmetrical

notch of low-pass type is obtained, Fig. 8(d),

$$V_N = V_C + a_3 V_L = (1 + a_3 p^2 T^2) V_C$$
 (39)

Similarity if  $a_3 = 1$  and  $a_1 < 1$ , an unsymmetrical notch of high-pass type is obtained, Fig. 8(e). The notch summing amplifier is not always required in a filter having several factors, because the summation for one stage can be made at the input of the following stage.

All-pass response, second-order,

$$\frac{1 - \frac{1}{q} pT + p^{2} T^{2}}{1 + \frac{1}{q} pT + p^{2} T^{2}} V_{in}$$

$$= V_{L} - V_{R} + V_{C}, \tag{40}$$

is easily obtained by adding all three primary outputs, as the output proportional to  $V_R$  already has the necessary relative sign reversal. Note: the relative magnitude of the contribution from the tuned-circuit output is  $V_R$ ; i.e.,  $qV_R/q$ .

#### The effect of parasite phase lags

The effect of parasitic phase lags, provided they are small, can be estimated as shown in Part 5. In the absence of such lags  $1/q = \tan \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the phase margin at  $\omega_{\mathbf{C}}$ , and therefore for  $q \ge 1$ , 1/q is approximately equal to the phase margin (measured in radians). Parasitic phase lags, by reducing the margin, increase the effective q, and are in effect negative loss factors. When the time constant of such a lag, t, is small compared with  $T(T = 1/\omega_{\mathbf{C}})$ , its phase lag in radians at  $\omega_{\mathbf{C}}$  is t/T, and equn. (18) may be further modified to

$$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{q_i} + \frac{1}{q_r} - \sum_{r} \frac{t}{T}$$
 (41)

Lags inside the amplifiers may to a first approximation be taken as divided by the loop gain, which for the integrators is the amplifier gain.

Because the product of the gains of two amplifiers can be drawn on, the two-integrator loop is particularly suitable for realising high Q factors (tens rather than units). This means that 1/q may well be small, and then for accurate design unwanted phase lag must be very small compared with the design value of T. In consequence very high values of Q factor are more practicable at low frequency.

When q is low, quite simple amplifiers with perhaps only one stage of gain may be used. This could be the case in, for example, a variably tuned audio-frequency filter. And because the bandwidth of such an amplifier could easily be large compared with the corner frequency of the filter, parasitic lags should be negligible. It will be useful, therefore, to consider in more detail the situation where finite (and rather low) zero-frequency gain is the major imperfection. This will be taken up again in the next article.

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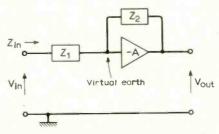
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# Appendix to Ceramic Pickups & Transistor Pre-amps

(1) Gain and input impedance of virtual earth amplifiers

For high gain amplifier

$$\begin{split} \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} &= \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} & \text{Junction of } Z_1 \text{ and } Z_2 \\ Z_{in} &\approx z_1 \\ Z_{out} &\to 0 \end{split}$$



Amplifier is phase inverting, e.g. one high gain transistor in common emitter mode.

A clear understanding of the operation of the equalization circuit put forward in this article is gained by thinking of the ceramic pickup capacitance as being a part of  $Z_1$ :

if 
$$R_1 \times C_1 = R_2 \times C_2$$
  
then  $Z_2/Z_1 = \text{constant}$ , independent of  $f$ .

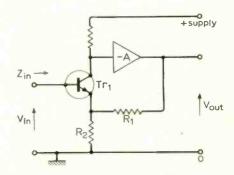
Therefore  $V_{out}/E = {\rm constant}$  over whole frequency range, which is the requirement for a mechanically compensated pickup. The virtual earth amplifier was used in the Dinsdale Mk. I pre-amplifier and more recently in the Linsley Hood pre-amplifier.

(2) High input impedance feedback amplifier

For large value of total gain

In general, 
$$\frac{V_{\text{out}}}{E} = \frac{C_1}{C_2}$$
 at l.f. and  $\frac{V_{\text{out}}}{E} = \frac{R_2}{R_1}$  at h.f.

If the amplifier -A consists of a transistor  $(Tr_2)$  in common emitter configuration and the current gain of  $Tr_1$  and  $Tr_2 = \beta$ ,  $Z_{in}$  tends to  $\beta^2 \times R_2$  shunted by  $R_{b'c}$  and the Miller capacitance of  $Tr_1$ .



Total gain = gain of  $Tr_1 \times |A|$ .

This system is used in the Dinsdale Mk. II pre-amplifier where  $Z_{in} \approx 500 \text{ k}\Omega$  but it is of course frequency dependent; so normally  $Z_{in}$  is shunted by a resistor to stabilize the input resistance to  $100 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

The Bailey pre-amplifier is a development of the Dinsdale Mk. II and an improvement has been made by adding an emitter follower after the second common emitter amplifier transistor to reduce the shunting effect of the feedback network (a frequency sensitive circuit in place of  $R_1$ ) at high frequencies.

# Corrections & Amendments

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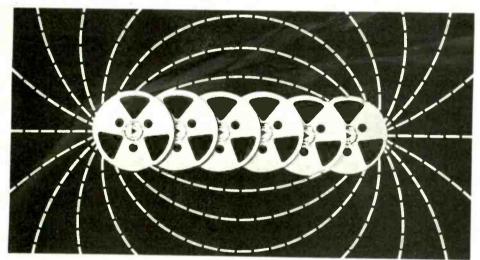
Thermistor Hygrometer (December): The U.K. distributors of the Philco Ford op. amp. PA 7709-39 are Electronic Component Services (Worcester) Ltd, 63/6 Foregate Street, Worcester, and not as stated on p. 558.

Electronic Metronome (January): Resistor  $R_6$  should be connected directly to the collector of  $Tr_2$ . The junction of  $VR_1$  and  $R_5$  should not be connected to the transistor.

Low-distortion Bias and Erase Oscillator (January): In Fig. 4 the 470  $\Omega$  resistor in series with  $S_3$ , should be connected to the collector of 2N3704 and not the emitter as shown.

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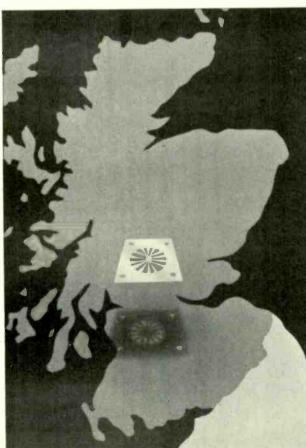
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# Amplitude Modulation using an F.E.T.

Linear control over a wide range of carrier and modulation frequencies obtained using a junction field-effect transistor as a variable resistance

by M. E. Cook\*

If a field-effect transistor is operated with  $V_{DS} = 0$  and  $v_{ds}$  is restricted to a few hundred millivolts (peak-to-peak), the device exhibits a resistance  $r_{ds}$ , the value of which is dependent upon the gate-source bias voltage  $-V_{GS}$ . The relationship between  $r_{ds}$  and  $V_{GS}$  is roughly parabolic.

If the gate-source bias voltage  $V_{GS}$  is to be used for modulation, a method has to be found for linearizing this parabolic curve which although ideal for automatic gain control application, is unsuitable for amplitude modulation. By shunting the f.e.t. with a suitable fixed resistor R, the combined resistance will tend to  $r_{dso}$  at  $V_{GS}=0$ , and to R when  $-V_{GS}$  is large.

#### **Amplitude** modulation

This combined parallel resistance of R and  $r_{ds}$  was used as the un-decoupled emitter resistance of a common emitter amplifier (Fig. 1). A blocking capacitor  $C_1$  was required to prevent the quiescent emitter voltage from appearing across the f.e.t.

Now, if driven from a low impedance source, the voltage gain of the complete amplifier is given by

$$A = \frac{A}{1 + RA}$$

where A is the gain of the amplifier with the emitter decoupled, and  $\beta$  is the feedback factor.

$$\beta = \frac{R_E}{R_L}$$
 and  $R_E = \frac{Rr_{ds}}{R + r_{ds}}$ 

Thus the voltage gain of the amplifier can be varied from a maximum value when  $R_E \approx r_{dso}$ , to a minimum value at large values of  $-V_{GS}$ , when  $R_E \approx R$ . In fact, the bias can be taken a few hundred millivolts positive before the gate-source junction becomes forward-biased as is shown by Fig. 2(A). Hence by choice of suitable values for R and  $R_L$ , the gain of the bipolar transistor can be made proportional to the f.e.t. bias over a considerable range. As for any large signal amplifier, care has to be taken in selecting the operating quiescent point to give optimum linearity.

An amplitude modulator is thus achieved which will give a 1.5 V peak-to-peak output with a modulation depth of at least 33%, whilst restricting the signal voltage across

the field-effect transistor to less than 50 mV (peak-to-peak). The circuit will operate with carrier frequencies up to at least 10 MHz, whilst it can be modulated from d.c. to 25 kHz. The upper limit of modulation frequency is set by the parasitic capacitance between drain and gate of the f.e.t. A typical value of this capacitance is 3 pF. Capacitor C<sub>1</sub>, from emitter to drain, should have a low reactance at the carrier frequency compared to  $r_{dso}$ . However if  $C_1$  is too large it will allow coupling of the modulation signal, via CDG to the emitter of the bipolar transistor, which acts as a common base amplifier to the modulation signal and will cause phase distortion at the output. This modulation coupling restricts  $f_c/f_m$  to greater than 10. Oscillographs of typical outputs are shown in Figs. 2(B) and (C).

#### **Balanced** modulation

This was achieved by analogue summation of the unmodulated carrier and the phase-inverted, amplitude-modulated output from

the circuit already described. (A linear microcircuit amplifier would obviously perform suitably, but the author was restricted to the use of one supply rail.) The circuit in Fig. 3 was designed to operate over carrier frequencies from 100 to 150 kHz with modulating frequencies from d.c. to 10 kHz.

It was found necessary to equalize the response of the emitter-follower input stage with that of the modulator. This was achieved by the  $3\cdot3$  k $\Omega$  series resistor and the

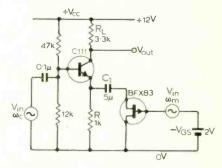
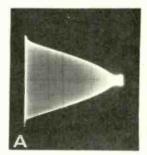


Fig. 1. Basic amplitude modulator





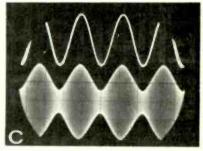


Fig. 2. Oscillographs of waveforms obtained from circuit of Fig. 1. (A) X-Y plot of A' against  $V_{GS}$ . (B) X-Y plot of modulated output ( $f_c = 100 \text{ kHz}$ ,  $f_m = 1 \text{ kHz}$ ). (C) Modulated output on time scale.

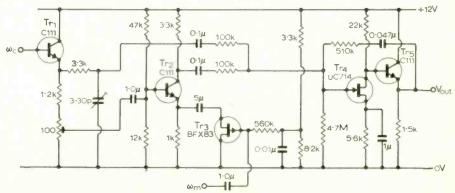
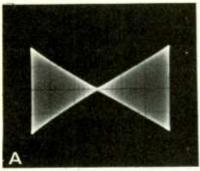


Fig. 3. Balanced modulator.

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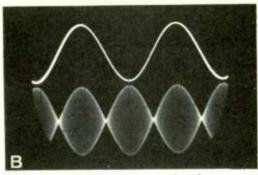


Fig. 4. Oscillographs of waveforms obtained from circuit of Fig. 3. (A) X-Y plot of output against modulation. (B) Modulated output on time axis.

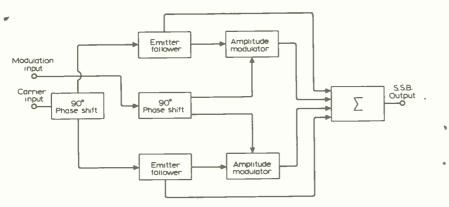


Fig. 5. Block schematic of a single-sideband generator.

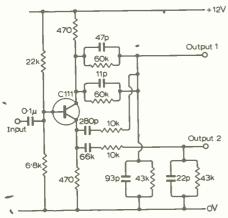


Fig. 6. Dome 90° phase shift circuit for  $f_c$  100–150 kHz. Filter components should be  $\pm$  1% tolerance.

trimmer capacitor. If higher carrier frequencies are required, a common base or long tailed pair amplifier might be considered in order to give equal phase responses.

Transistors  $Tr_4$  and  $Tr_5$  form a simple summing amplifier,  $Tr_4$  being an inexpensive n-channel field-effect transistor which gives a high input impedance.  $Tr_5$  provides a low output impedance.

Oscillographs of typical outputs are shown in Figs. 4(A) and (B).

#### Single-sideband generator

A single-sideband generator was constructed using two balanced modulator circuits already described, feeding into a common summing amplifier (Fig. 5). Dome phase shift networks were used to provide the necessary quadrature signals (Fig. 6). These phase shift networks provide two outputs whose phase varies logarithmically with respect to the input, but the phase difference

between the two outputs remains at 90°, the amplitude of the outputs also remaining constant.

In the particular application for which the s.s.b. generator was designed, the modulation inputs are in the form of d.c. levels from phase comparators. However, on test, the circuit performed satisfactorily using modulation frequencies down to 0.1 Hz, and also covering the audio range (130 Hz to 3.6 kHz).

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#### A New Book

Colour Television, Vol. 2 by P. S. Carnt, B.Sc. (Eng.) and G. B. Townsend, Ph.D., B.Sc. Pp.276. Published by Butterworth & Co., (Publishers) Ltd., 88 Kingsway, London, W.C.2. Price 75s.

This is the companion to Vol.1, which was first published in 1961 and dealt exclusively with the N.T.S.C. system of colour television, although a good deal of space was devoted to a 405-line version of it. The present volume deals mainly with the PAL and SECAM systems, but there is a chapter covering ART, NIR and other systems.

On p.3 the authors state that "A thorough

understanding of N.T.S.C. is essential for a study of PAL and is very helpful for understanding SECAM." Chapter I thus deals with N.T.S.C., but is revisionary, for the authors assume that the reader already has a detailed understanding of the system.

Potential readers who do not already possess this background knowledge may well be disinclined to approach PAL by way of N.T.S.C. preferring a book which dealt only with PAL and left out all reference to N.T.S.C. From the authors' point of view, however, the natural thing was to do what they have done and there is, indeed, much to be said for the historical approach. Certainly, a much more balanced understanding of colour television is obtained.

The treatment is generally good but there is one trap for the unwary which may lead them into confusion. This lies in the use of the terms "chroma" and "chrominance". Chroma is not an abbreviation of chrominance as anyone might be excused for thinking. The careful reader will find (p.31) that "chrominance" means the video colour-difference signals, whereas "chroma" means the modulated sub-carrier and its sidebands. In Vol. 1, the word "chroma" does not appear in the index (we have not checked that, in fact, it is nowhere used!). However, on P.103 of that volume chrominance means in effect the colourdifference signals but is also used elsewhere (e.g., p.211) for the modulated sub-carrier and its sidebands.

If one refers to Supplement No. 3 (1966) to B.S. 204 (1960), chrominance is defined as "A signal which is added to the luminous signal to convey colour information". Unfortunately, this is ambiguous by itself, but the definition of a chrominance sub-carrier is "The carrier which is modulated to form the chrominance signal". This makes it clear that by chrominance B.S. mean the modulated sub-carrier and its sidebands. The term "chroma" does not appear in the standard at

In view of the different usage between Vols.

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# Variable Voltage Reference Source for D.C. Regulators

# A design capable of operating from a supply four volts above the regulated output

by Peter Williams\*

A d.c. reference voltage may be obtained by passing a constant current through a known stable resistance. Dividing this resistance into steps of known value provides a range of voltages simply calculated from Ohm's law. Making one of the resistors continuously variable will give intermediate values of voltage. The accuracy of setting may be as high as 1% depending on the resistors used.

Although this approach has been used successfully in designs for high-performance regulators, the provision of the constant current presents some problems. Fig. 1 shows two methods whereby a constant current produces an output voltage proportional to a variable resistance, both using a high-gain amplifier with differential inputs. For use as a voltage regulator the amplifier would need a high current capacity and low output resistance in one direction only, but applying the design techniques of low-drift d.c. amplifiers is often beneficial. Thus Fig. 1 (a) is seen as series voltage negative feedback and Fig. 1 (b) as shunt voltage negative feedback.

The second form is often preferred because the virtual earth at the inverting input ensures that variations in output voltage due to a change in the reference resistance do not affect the circuit defining the reference current. Similarly the constant potential at the inputs removes the need for giving the input stage a high commonmode rejection ratio. Against this it can be seen that the main supply which the circuit is to regulate, and that supplying the reference current, must be of opposite polarity.

In contrast, the method indicated in Fig. 1 (a) would place higher demands on the reference current supply, and on the common-mode rejection capability of the amplifier, because the change in voltage at the non-inverting input is large (being equal to the change in output voltage). The former effect can be eliminated by replacing the variable resistance by a potential divider such that a constant total resistance appears in series with the current generator.

To take the maximum advantage of having current reference supply of the same polarity as the output, it is worth trying to derive the reference current from the main supply. The circuit described here attempts to provide this with maximum advantage of having current reference supply of the supply.

(a)  $R_{ref}$   $V_{o} \approx I_{ref}.R_{ref}$   $V_{o} \approx I_{ref}.R_{ref}$ 

Fig. 1. (a) Arrangement where supply for reference current is of same polarity as that required for the regulator. (b) Using shunt voltage negative feedback reduces common-mode problems and makes design easier, but a separate supply is needed for the reference current.

mum efficiency, i.e. the minimum required supply voltage shall be as close as possible to the maximum regulated output voltage. This condition ensures the smallest possible dissipation in the output transistors, and minimizes the specifications required of the transformer and other components in the power supply.

#### Practical design

The suggested circuit is shown in Fig. 2. It is derived from a circuit that is equivalent to a constant-current diode, the dual of a zener diode! A bipolar transistor for  $Tr_2$  is not well-suited to this particular form of the ring-of-two reference since the base current would constitute a small but significant load on the potential divider. Here the uni-polar f.e.t. in which the gate current is limited to the very low leakage achievable with silicon devices is much to be preferred.

The choice of zener diode is determined by a conflict of several desirable characteristics. (1) The voltage across the device should be as large as possible to maximize the value of  $R_{\perp}$  and hence the stability of current against supply changes. (2) The device should ideally be

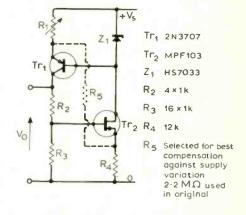


Fig. 2. Full circuit for voltage reference source.  $R_1$  is chosen to provide a current of 1mA in the chain of resistors represented by  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ . A variable resistor may be used to set the current precisely  $= R_1 \approx 2.5 \text{k} \Omega$ .

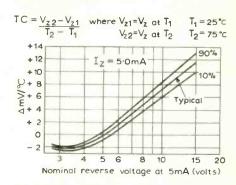


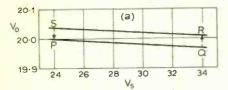
Fig. 3. Graph of drift with temperature change against operating current for zener diodes.

chosen to have a temperature drift of voltage that cancels that on the base-emitter of  $Tr_1$ . (3) The voltage drop across  $R_1$  should be as small as possible to allow the circuit to operate from supply voltages as close as may be to the required output reference voltage. (4) The slope resistance of the diode should be low to reduce its contribution to the supply-induced charges in output. These conditions cannot be met simultaneously with existing diodes and it was considered most important to ensure best temperature stability with maximum efficiency.

The performance in respect of supply changes is still adequate and can be made excellent by known methods of compensation<sup>2</sup> or the conversion of either or both transistors into cascode pairs.<sup>3</sup> The writer is much indebted to Emihus Ltd for permission to publish Fig. 3. It can there be seen that at an operating current of 5mA the temperature drift is typically -2mV/°C ±10% for diodes between 2.7V and 4V breakdown. This figure is within the range observed for the drift in base-emitter voltage of silicon transistors.

To allow sufficient gate-drain voltage for  $Tr_2$  (that it shall operate above its knee with consequent high dynamic output resistance), the gate is tapped some way down the chain of resistors simulated by  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ . The former may be four resistors each of  $1 \text{k} \Omega$  in series when the latter would be sixteen such resistors. With a current of 1 mA to provide a maximum reference voltage of 20 V, the value of  $R_1$  requires to be somewhat in excess of  $2 \text{k} \Omega$ .

The semiconductor devices alone were subjected to a range of temperatures from 20°C to 80°C for supply voltages between 24V and 34V. Maximum



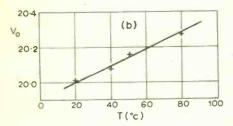


Fig. 4. (a) With  $R_s = 2.2M \Omega$  the circuit is over compensated for rapid increase in supply voltage (P to Q). Self-heating of transistors at higher voltage gives small rise in output (Q to R). With supply rapidly reduced to original value (R to S) the output rises further. On cooling, the output voltage returns to its original value. (b) Positive coefficient of voltage change with respect to temperature ( $\approx +0.025\%$ /°C). The zener bias current was not optimized.

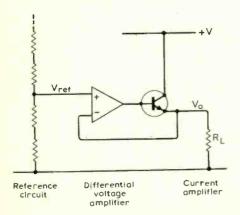


Fig. 5. Simple way of employing the voltage reference in a regulator.

stability against supply voltage change was obtained by adding the compensating resistor  $R_5$  between the emitter of  $Tr_1$  and the source of  $Tr_2$ . For optimum stability against long term changes the value of resistance R<sub>5</sub> must be slightly lower than that needed to compensate for the direct voltage-induced changes. This leads to an initial over-compensation, if the voltage changes instantaneously, with a return to a more exact compensation after a delay dependent on the thermal time-constant of the transistor used. With care the output may be adjusted to be well within  $\pm 0.1\%$  for supply voltages between 24V and 34V. This performance is particularly good in view of the closeness with which the supply voltage is allowed to reach that across the reference chain. The relevant details are given in Figs. 4(a) and 4(b). It appears that care in the choice and operating current of the zener diode would be worth while since, on the assumptions made above, drifts of as little as 0.1% for temperature changes of 10° might be attainable.

#### Application

Fig. 5 shows the way in which the reference voltage circuit may be used in the design of voltage regulators. For an ideal amplifier the reference voltage is unloaded by its presence, and the output voltage is forced via the feedback loop to equal the reference voltage i.e.  $V_o = V_{ref}$ . With a practical amplifier (such as the readily available integratedcircuit operational amplifiers) there are thus two distinct sources of error: (1) the input current lowers the reference voltage; (2) the offset voltage at the input leads to a differential between this modified reference voltage and the actual output.

An output stage consisting of one or more emitter followers allows the output voltage to be fed into as low a load resistance as required. This leaves the properties needed of the amplifier as: (a) very low input current, at least one hundred times less than the reference current of 1mA; (b) the voltage gain should be high enough and the offset voltage low enough that the input differential is less than one hundredth of the reference voltage.

The final requirement of the amplifying stages is that they shall operate from as low a supply voltage as does the reference circuit. It is this that places restrictions on the choice of amplifying circuits and for which special designs may be needed.

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# Telecine Film Corrector

The problem of varying density in films and slides—particularly news films—televised by broadcasting organizations has been tackled in an automatic compensating device for telecine cameras just introduced by Marconi. The main idea is to free the camera operator from continual manual correction of picture blacks and whites, but in addition the compensator is claimed to have a faster response than a human operator and to result in a more consistent picture quality.

Called the Auto-Light, the equipment is designed to assess the picture content and to make appropriate adjustments to black and white levels. It acts on the central 64 per cent of the picture area to avoid errors resulting from edge information.

The device controls the white picture level as follows. It detects the peak level of the signal from the telecine camera, and then operates a servomotor-controlled light filter in the film or slide projector lamphouse to bring this level to the normal white picture level. The range of control is limited so that the unit will not counteract an intentional "fade to black". Correct black level is maintained by electronically clamping the peak black level of the camera signal to a standard black level. Here again, the range of control is limited so that scenes without any peak black content can be transmitted.

An exceptional scene may demand manual adjustment of black and white. In this case, the camera operator can override the automatic corrector by pressing a button. The equipment is suitable for all line standards.

The equipment fits in a standard 19-inch rack and consists of six solid-state modules, five inches high, to be added to the control unit of Marconi black-and-white or colour telecine cameras. It has its own power supply. If this should fail the corrector is automatically by-passed with no interruption of transmission.

# Magnetic Recording Techniques for Colour Television

### Educational broadcasting convention report

by Aubrey Harris,\* M.I.E.E.

The National Association of Educational Broadcasters (N.A.E.B.) is an organization serving the needs of the non-commercial educational radio and television broadcasting stations, production centres and closed-circuit educational television installations in the U.S.A. Every year a convention is held which includes meetings on production, engineering and legal aspects of educational television as well as an extensive equipment exhibition.

The whole convention is patterned somewhat after the N.A.E.B. conventions, held every spring, the latter of course serving the interests of the commercial broadcasting stations. The recent N.A.E.B. convention, the 45th, was held in Washington D.C., from 9th to 12th November.

Some of the most significant introductions to the show were by Panasonic (Matsushita of Japan) of their new video tape equipment. Two new colour v.t.rs were demonstrated, both of which used the new Japanese "Type I Standard" specifications for ½ inch machines. The tape speed is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches per second, the two-head helical scanning angle is  $3^{\circ}$  11', audio track width 1 mm and control track width 0.8 mm; resolution is at least 240 lines. Most of the major electronics manufacturers in Japan have apparently developed prototypes to these standards and marketing of production versions is due at the beginning of 1970.

The pictures shown from the Panasonic recorders were to full N.T.S.C., 525-line, colour standards, without external adaptors and were of excellent quality. We saw the same quality colour pictures from a ½-inch recorder as could only be obtained from a 2-inch recorder less than two years ago.

Of the two machines, one was a reel-to-reel recorder with a one-hour recording time and the other was a magazine loading machine with a capacity of 30 minutes per magazine. Both the machines use identical formats, and tapes are therefore interchangeable and have virtually the same specifications: black and white, resolution 270 lines, signal-to-noise ratio, 40 dB; colour, resolution 240 lines, signal-to-noise ratio 30 dB, chrominance bandwidth 450 kHz.

Operation is simple: the magazine is pushed into a slot in a hinged cover, the cover is lowered and the "play" button pressed. Automatically, the tape is threaded around the head drum and in a few seconds the picture appears. The magazine is about 1-inch (24 mm) high,  $10\frac{3}{4}$  inches (269 mm) long and  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches (162 mm) deep, its weight is 1 lb 5 oz (600 grammes). The recorder itself is 15 inches (380 mm) wide, 14 inches (355 mm) deep, 5.2 inches (132 mm) high and weighs only 33 lb (15 kg).

This type of magazine loading v.t.r. seems bound to have a very great impact in the educational, industrial and domestic markets, most likely at the expense of the EVR system of CBS and Motorola and of the more recently announced RCA Selecta Vision. Certainly, the ½-inch v.t.r. showed far higher quality colour pictures than have yet been demonstrated on the EVR. Further, the facility exists with the v.t.r. of making one's own recordings on the same machine as is used for playback. Whereas, with the SelectaVision or EVR system, the playback tape or film has to be produced by an agent of the manufacturer. This, of course, does not permit immediate playback of original material

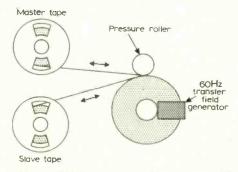


Fig. 1 Bifilar tape winding system of contact printing.

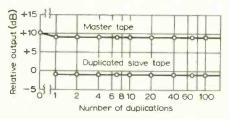


Fig. 2 Master and duplicated slave tape outputs after duplications at a short wavelength (1.9µm). The same results are obtained at longer wavelengths.



The Panasonic (Matsushita) magazine loading v.t.r. The unit is built to the specifications laid down in the Japanese Type I Standard for  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch video tape recorders. The magazine illustrated contains enough tape for recording and reproducing a 30-minute programme.

produced by the end-user due to the processing time. Also the cost of making a copy of an original for the EVR is said to be economical only in quantities of 50-100 or more and with the Selecta Vision in numbers over 2,000.

#### Duplication

Another development by Panasonic is related directly to this question of making v.t.r. duplicates inexpensively. The Video Tape Printer copies black and white or colour video tapes, audio tapes or computer data tapes by contact within a 60-Hz transfer field.

In operation the master tape is wound at high speed, in a bifilar fashion, on to a copying reel, in-contact with an erased slave tape with the oxide coated sides of both touching (Fig. 1). As the two tapes are fed to the copying reel a pressure roller ensures that no air is trapped between the master and slave and that the two are in close contact. When the two tapes are completely wound together on the copying reel a lowfrequency (60 Hz) transfer-field coil is energized while the copying reel turns slowly. When the transfer is complete the reels are reversed and the master and slave rewound on to their original reels. The complete winding, copying and rewinding process takes about two minutes for a one-hour video tape, a 30-to-1 time reduction compared to conventional dubbing.

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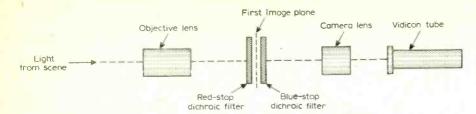


Fig. 3 Optical arrangement of RCA single-vidicon tube colour television camera.

The master tape must have high coercivity so as not to be erased by the transfer-field during the copying process; the slave tape can be any conventional type normally used. The number of copies obtainable from one master is said to be several hundred. Fig. 2 shows the relative output of the master and slave tapes with an initial drop in level of the master of about 1.5 dB or so during the first copy and virtually no further loss during further duplications.

As the copying operation is a contact process the copied tape is a "mirror-image" of the master; it is therefore necessary for the master to be made as a mirror-image of the tape finally required. A special v.t.r. is required for this in which the tape is run in the opposite direction from normal. Another solution might be (depending on whether tapes with the correct characteristics can be developed) to make the master on a normal v.t.r., use this to make a "reversed-master" on the video contact printer and then use the reversed-master to produce the slave tapes.

While in the general subject area of video tape recording, it is worth noting a very useful feature incorporated by International Video Corporation in three of their recorders, the IVC-800, IVC-825 and IVC-900. By placing a special reproduce head as well as the normal combined record/reproduce head on the rotating video head drum, it is possible to monitor the tape while it is actually being recorded (a similar feature to that provided on many audio tape recorders). On the v.t.r. this gives a continuous check of video quality and provides an immediate indication should the recording head become blocked.

#### Magnetic-disc recorder

Another device which seems likely to have wide acceptance in the educational and maybe the broadcasting fields is the magnetic-disc recorder. Ampex showed their DR-10 which has the capability of recording on one single disc up to 2,400 individual pictures (frames) on concentric, contiguous tracks or 80 seconds of continuous video information. The recordings may be reproduced in still frame, in either forward or reverse at normal speed, in slow-motion by playing each track more than once, or at high speed by skipping alternate frames on playback. The same latter effect can be obtained, with economy of recording material, by recording every second (or every third, fourth or fifth) frame from a camera on adjacent tracks and playing these back in sequence at the regular frame rate. An interesting demonstration showed an ice cube melting at an accelerated rate and then subsequently changing back from water to ice!

Apart from fast and slow-motion effects the disc recorder is useful as a magnetic disc version of an "instant-recall slideprojector". For this application, each track on the machine can be recorded with a still frame caption, station identification card, test pattern, photograph, etc. Any frame may be recalled after any other within one second maximum, and in considerably less time for more-nearly adjacent tracks. Considerable time and effort can be saved by recording on to the disc with a camera directly from art-work compared to the normal system at present used where this art-work is first photographed by a 35-mm camera, the film is developed then printed, the positive is mounted in a frame and the mounted slide is inserted into a slide projector (often inverted or reversed!)

The discs used are highly polished, magnetically coated, metal discs permitting disc and head life in excess of 1,000 hours each. Both sides of the discs may be recorded upon without mutual interaction. Disc speeds may be either one revolution per field or one revolution per frame. The time-base stability is  $\pm 50$  nanoseconds, bandwidth 4.2 MHz, and signal-to-noise ratio 40 dB.

#### Colour cameras

The two main factors which have prevented the use on a larger scale of colour television cameras in education and industry are probably cost and operational complexity. It is interesting to note that a single remedy could be the cure for both: simplicity. At the 1968 N.A.E.B. convention RCA introduced their single-vidicon colour television camera, this year an improved version was shown and many more details were given.

The great advantage operationally of a single-tube camera is that the nightmare of registration of two, three or four scanned rasters becomes non-existent. Instead of having to adjust heights, widths, linearities and positions of four rasters (32 controls) every time the camera is used, with a single-tube only six controls need be provided and they can be preset, needing adjustment on only very few occasions.

At the heart of the optical system is a pair of striped dichroic filters (Fig.3). The filters have alternate, narrow stripes of dichroic material and clear material. Each of the two filters has a different type of dichroic material; one is blue reflecting (passing red and green light), the other type

is red reflecting (passing blue and green light). Thus each filter will pass green light over its entire area. The two filters, which have their stripes at the same spacing as each other, are placed in contact in such a position in the optical path that the direction of line scan is perpendicular to the bluereflecting stripes. The red-reflecting stripes are placed at 45° to the line scan direction. Consider for a moment that the camera is trained on a totally blue-coloured object. The light passing through the blue-stop dichroic will be alternately transmitted to, or reflected away from, the pick-up tube. Thus blue light entering the tube is amplitude modulated at a carrier frequency related to the number of stripes on the filter, the angle the stripes make with the line scan and the rate of travel of the scanning beam in the scan direction. The choice of parameters in this case provides a blue carrier frequency of 5 MHz. The red carrier frequency is generated in a similar manner by the red striped filter; however, as this filter is placed at 45° to the scan direction instead of perpendicular to it, the red carrier is  $\cos 45 \times 5 \text{ MHz} = 3.5 \text{ MHz}$ (approximately).

The output waveform from the camera tube is processed and signal information at 5 MHz is treated as blue signal, that at 3.5 MHz as red signal and that below 3.2 MHz as green signal. The green signal takes two paths. One through a 500-kHz low pass filter is used as the green matrixing input (-Em). The filter is needed to match the bandwidths with the red and blue signal channels. The second path for the green signal is not further reduced in bandwidth but is used as the luminance signal (-Ey). A one-microsecond delay line is needed to match the timing of the luminance signal with the narrow bandwidth chrominance signals.

The basic camera encoder makes use of many simplifications. R-Y and B-Y chroma modulation is used to allow the elimination of the colour-burst modulator and accompanying phasing circuits with a consequent reduction in cost. The burst flag signal is modulated directly in the B-Y balanced modulator together with the B-Y matrixed video signal.

Another simplification is the utilization of a sub-carrier oscillator which is not locked to the sync generator. However, a switch is provided to allow the connection of an external source of sub-carrier signal phase-locked to external sync for instances where the random colour interlace of the non-locked sub-carrier would prove objectional.

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### **Personalities**

Several appointments recently announced by CETA Electronics Ltd, of Poole, Dorset. David Dillistone has become chairman. Educated in America and at Oxford University he began his career in electronics with E.M.I. where he worked on missile systems. He then became a senior research engineer with Plessey before moving into management consultancy with SIGMA (Science in General Management Ltd) where in 1965 he became projects manager. Since 1967 he has been with Hoskyns & Co., management consultants, latterly as a director. Peter Horne has joined CETA as chief development engineer. He was at one time with Newmarket Transistors but immediately prior to joining CETA was with Plessey as a group leader. Arthur E. Crump, who has contributed several articles to Wireless World (one is in this issue), is appointed instrumentation manager with CETA. He has worked with G.E.C. and Redifon and was latterly a principal engineer with Plessey where he was responsible for the project management of remote control systems.

George Foot, M.I.R.E., last year rejoined Cosmocord after an absence of five years and has now been appointed chief engineer of the Electrical Division. Mr. Foot, who is 46, originally joined Cosmocord in 1953. After eleven years he left and went to Amplivox where he stayed for one year before going to S.T.C. at New Southgate where he worked in the telephone switching division from 1965 to 1969.

Peter C. McNeill, B.Sc., Ph.D., M.I.E.E., appointed chief engineer designate of British Insulated Callender's Cables Ltd, has, since 1965, been with the National Research Development Corporation, where he was manager of the electrical engineering and electronics group. He was particularly concerned with the provision of financial support for development work on microelectronics and superconducting electrical machines. Dr. McNeill, who is 44, graduated in

electrical and mechanical engineering at Queen's University, Belfast, and joined the British Thomson Houston Company, Rugby, as a graduate apprentice in 1950. He subsequently joined the staff of BTH Research Laboratory, where initially he worked on microwave valves and later on electrical discharge devices. Queen's University awarded him a doctorate for his work in this period. In 1960 he joined Elliott Brothers (London) Ltd, as head of the valve research group. Later he became technical manager, radiation sources and detectors department.

Brian Steel, who joined S.E. Laboratories (Engineering) Ltd, of Feltham, Middx, five years ago, has now been appointed sales director covering home and export sales in the industrial, medical and laboratory instrument fields. He started his career with B.A.C. at Weybridge as an apprentice and during his fourteen years with the company was engaged on environmental testing on guided weapons and the design and development of flight test instrumentation, notably on the BAC 111 and VC 10 aircraft.

Robin Smith-Saville, B.Sc., Ph.D., M.I.E.E., has joined AIM Electronics Ltd as technical director. He was a lecturer at Manchester



Dr. Robin Smith-Saville

University and has for some time been assisting the company as an electronics design consultant. He developed the circuitry of the oscilloscope sampling adaptor manufactured by AIM. Dr. Smith-Saville gained industrial experience with Texas Instruments Ltd in Bedford, where he started as a technical assistant in circuit design straight from school, and subsequently with Ferranti Ltd. in Manchester. He studied for his degree in Physics at Manchester University which he obtained in 1962 and was awarded a doctorate for work on techniques for the measurement of fluorescence lifetime of the order of a nanosecond

Harold Stanesby, F.I.E.E., Hon.C. G.I.A., deputy director of engineering in the Post Office since 1960, has been transferred to the newly formed Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications as director of radio technology. The Directorate of Radio Technology is responsible for dealing with all technical matters relating to the orderly use of the radio-frequency spectrum. It also has overall responsibility for the technical direction of the interference investigation service and the tracing of illicit transmissions; although most of the field work on these problems will continue to be undertaken by the Post Office under contract to the Ministry. Mr. Stanesby joined the Post Office Radio Laboratories at Dollis Hill as a youth-in-training in 1924. Prior to his appointment as deputy director of engineering he had been staff engineer in the radio planning and provision branch of the Engineering Department for eight years. Two deputy directors of radio technology in the new Ministry have been appointed. They are: C. W. Sowton, O.B.E., B.Sc.(Eng.), F.I.E.E., A.C.G.I. and Kilvington, B.Sc.(Eng.), F.I.E.E., both formerly of the Post Office. Mr. Sowton had been staff engineer in the Overseas Radio Planning & Provision Branch for the past eight years and Mr. Kilvington staff engineer in charge of the Inland Radio Planning & Provision Branch since 1963.

A. A. Diggens, who has been with Electronic Instruments Ltd, of Richmond, Surrey, since 1960, has been appointed chief engineer. He was mainly concerned with the company's development of water treatment analysers and since 1967 has been chief engineer of the Twickenham factory where the instruments are manufactured.

Robert C. G. Williams, O.B.E., Ph.D., F.I.E.E., chief engineer of Philips Electronic & Associated Industries Ltd, has been appointed visiting professor of electronics in the Department of Electrical & Control Engineering in the University of Surrey. Dr. Williams joined

the Philips organization in 1946 having previously spent 15 years with Murphy Radio, latterly as chief engineer. Prior to entering the industry in 1931 he had spent a year on the staff of Imperial College of Science & Technology.

S. R. Wilkins, F.I.E.R.E., A.M.I.E.E., who recently resigned as deputy chairman and technical director of Avo Ltd, has joined Fleming Instruments Ltd, of Stevenage, as joint managing director. A. W. Jones, the founder of the company, remains as chairman and joint managing director. Mr Wilkins, who is 58, joined Avo as a development engineer in 1934.

J. R. Nowicki, F.I.E.R.E., has joined Gresham Lion Electronics Ltd as senior engineer in the Power Systems Division. Mr. Nowicki was previously a senior applications engineer with Mullard which he joined in 1956. Since 1964 he has been in Mullard's Central Laboratory where he was concerned with the application of semiconductor devices.

E. Swinney, F.I.E.E., has been appointed by Marconi-Elliott Avionic Systems Ltd to the newly created post of general manager, Basildon, with responsibility for all of the company activities at a number of sites in the Basildon area. Mr. Swinney, who joined the Royal Air Force as an apprentice at Halton in 1924, was closely associated with the early developments of radar equipment in the R.A.F. at the Air Ministry Research Station, Bawdsey, and was appointed Chief Radar Officer of the N.W. African Air Force in 1942. Two years later he became Chief Signals Officer at the Central Fighter Establishment, moving to the Air Ministry in 1949, as head of the Air Defence Radar Branch. He resigned from the R.A.F. in 1955 with the rank of Wing Commander, and joined the Aeronautical Division of the Marconi Company as a senior project engineer. He was appointed systems manager, and later deputy manager of the Aeronautical Division.

Welwyn Electric have announced three senior appointments to their recently formed Printed Circuit and Interconnections Division. D. M. Cadenhead becomes production manager. He was latterly with the Radar Division of the Plessey Co. Ltd based at Addlestone, Surrey, and prior to that held positions with Solartron and Hughes International. P. Hebden, who joined Welwyn in 1967, is appointed sales manager. H. Banner, appointed technical manager, joins Welwyn from Mills & Rockley (Electronics) Ltd of Skelmersdale, Lancs, where was technical manager -printed circuits.

## **New Products**

#### F.E.T. Operational Amplifier

Computing Techniques Ltd have introduced a new operational amplifier with chopper drift correction and a f.e.t. transistor at the input stage, type A8-2. It has an open loop gain of 108 and a typical voltage offset, adjustable to zero externally, of 10µV with a temperature drift of 0.2 µV per °C. Input bias current is 50pA with a temperature drift of 0.5pA per °C. Maximum output voltage and current with 2.5kΩ load are ±11V and ±5mA with chopper ripple of 20µV peak-to-peak from an output impedance of 500\Omega. The amplifier (plan area is 1.5 × 2.4in., depth is 0.85in.) is fully protected against short circuits or supply reversal, is inverting only and is fully stable under normal conditions of feedback and load with a built-in gain roll off of 20dB per decade. Suitable as a long term precision integrator or low-level signal amplifier, the A8-2 is all silicon solid state and is fully encapsulated in epoxy resin. Computing Techniques Ltd, Westminster Bank Chambers, Bridge Street, Leatherhead, Surrey. WW306 for further details

#### F.E.T. Stereo Tuner

Tripletone Manufacturing Co. Ltd are marketing their first solid-state f.m. stereo tuner. It comprises f.e.t. tuner, i.f. strip, decoder, emitter followers and power unit all in one chassis. The use of dual gate f.e.t. reduces drift and improves signal-to-noise ratio. Mono-to-stereo switching is automatic, and if a mono version is purchased, a decoder unit is available separately. Frequency coverage is 88-108Hz, sensitivity is 2.3 µV for 20dB quieting, bandwidth is 210kHz, aerial input is 70-80 Ω coaxial, a.f.c. hold is 400kHz, output is 0-1V via emitter follower and cross talk is better than 30dB at 1kHz. Chassis model measures  $11 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$  in. high, cabinet model



measures  $13 \times 9 \times 5\frac{1}{4}$  in. high. Chassis model weighs 6lb, cabinet model 9lb. The Tripletone Manufacturing Co. Ltd, 241a The Broadway, Wimbledon, London S.W.19.

WW321 for further details

#### Solid-state Multiplier Sources

Microwave and Electronic Systems Ltd have announced a new range of multiplier sources covering the frequency range 2.5 to 8.5 GHz, using step diodes with electronic tuning to 600 MHz. They measure  $1 \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ in. and weight 6oz. Typical performance includes a frequency of 3.5 to

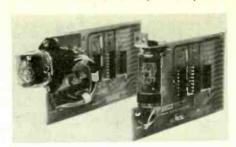


4.25GHz, tuning voltage of ± 15V or 0 to ± 30V, power output of 40mW minimum, input of 2W and operating temperature of -40 to +80°C. Phase-lock and crystal-controlled variants are also available. MESL, Lochend Industrial Estate, Newbridge, Midlothian, Scotland.

WW324 for further details

#### **Indicator Tube Driver**

K.G.M. Electronics Ltd have introduced their Series 600 Driver Package, a complete drive system for most end- and sideviewing cold-cathode indicator tubes. Tubes with decimal point characters and tubes with separate anodes are alike catered for. The package uses dual in-line t.t.l.i.cs and has a decade counter, register and decoder/driver, complete with indicator tube. Supplied with just decoder/driver and tube, it will provide a decimal display from a parallel binary input. The register stores and updates the displayed value. Used with the counter, counting occurs during a constant display which is updated when the counting is complete. Maximum counting



rate is 18MHz. If used with a binary input, the register stores the displayed value and allows the input signal to be changed or removed. A binary data highway allows the counter (or register) to produce an ancillary binary output, and the same highway will take input signals direct to the decoder (or register) when the counter is not fitted. By using various types of connectors—spills, edge-connector and socket etc—the package can be made compatible with the main equipment receiving it. K.G.M. Electronics Ltd, Clock Tower Road, Isleworth, Middx. WW319 for further details

# Transistors for V.H.F. Transmitters

Two new medium-power transistors for use in class 'B' amplifiers of v.h.f. transmitters and in frequency- or amplitudemodulated systems, have been introduced by Mullard. The BLY85 operates with a supply voltage of 13.8V, and so is suitable for use in mobile equipment powered by car batteries. With an input of 0.4W, the BLY85 will give an output of 4W in a typical f.m. system at 175MHz, while the BLY97, 24-V version of the BLY85, requires an input of 0.2W to give the same output in the same system. In an a.m. system and with a supply voltage of 13.8V, the BLY97 will provide an output of 2.5W. Mullard Ltd, Mullard House, Torrington Place, London W.C.1.

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#### 10 Hz to 10MHz Sinewave Source

Britec Ltd have introduced the Preston X-Mod 134 sinewave signal source. Output range is variable from 10Hz to 10MHz in six decades and output impedance is 500. The unit provides twelve switch-





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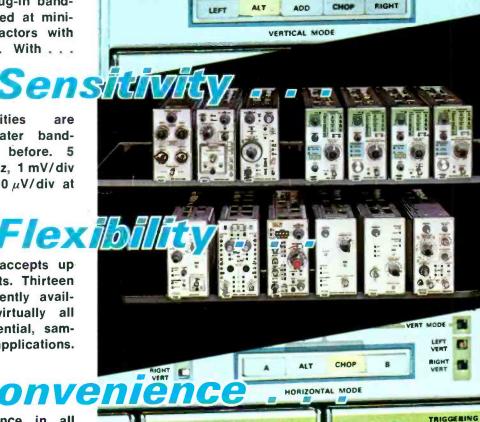
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Each mainframe accepts up to four plug-in units. Thirteen plug-ins are currently available to cover virtually all multi-trace, differential, sampling, and X-Y applications. Plus . . .

Greater convenience in all areas of instrument operation. Features such as Auto Scale Factor Readout, lighted pushbutton switching, and true automatic triggering assure faster, more accurate, less complicated measurements.



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# 7504

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#### CALIBRATOR

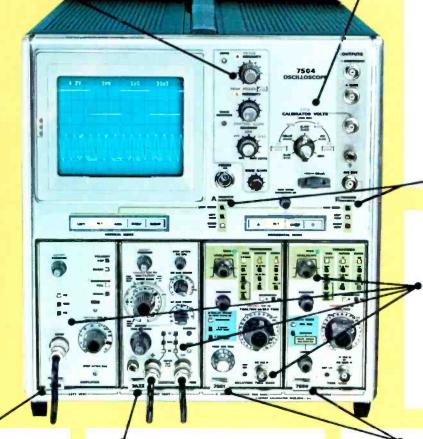
A multi-function generator usable as a "standard" for calibration of voltage and current GAIN, time/div, and probe compensation. The output is DC or AC (1 kHz or variable) voltage or current (fixed at 40 mA). The amplitude accuracy is within 1% and the time accuracy is within 0.5% at 1 kHz.

#### TRIGGERING

The signals from both vertical plugins are coupled through a mainframe logic circuit and made available to each horizontal plug-in, selectable from LEFT channel, RIGHT channel, or slaved to VERTICAL MODE. The latter frees the operator from manual source changes during single-trace operation and, in conjunction with the P-P AUTO TRIGGER MODE in the time-base units, provides true hands-off triggering during routine measurements.

#### FOUR PLUG-IN CHANNELS

The modular approach is the answer to instrument flexibility. With dualtrace switching in the mainframe amplifiers, each plug-in can be "specialized" in function and operate in combination with other units. Thirteen plug-ins are currently available for the 7000-Series. Together, they represent the widest range of performance options for multi-trace, differential and sampling applications available today.



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#### 7A22 High-Gain **Differential Amplifier**

Bandwidth-DC to 1 MHz with selectable upper and lower -3 dB points.

Min deflection factor-10 µV/div at full bandwidth.

#### 7B51/7B50 Time-Base Units for the 7504

5 ns/div maximum sweep speed. Operable singly or in combination for delaying sweep capability.



#### 7M11 Delay Line Unit

Two 75 ns, 50-Ω delay lines. Trigger selection from either



#### 7S11 Sampling Amplifier

Accepts the plug-in sampling heads for bandwidths to 14 GHz (25 ps tr).

#### 7T11 Random Sampling Time Base

10 ps/dlv to 5 ms/div sweep range, accomplished with equivalent-time and real-time techniques.

Triggering to 12 GHz.



# 7704

#### **AUTO SCALE FACTOR READOUT**

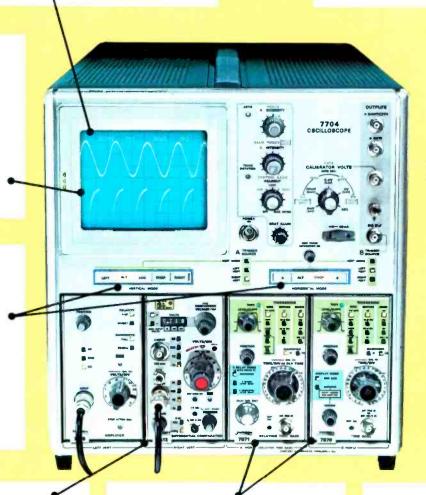
A character generator senses the position of volts/div, amps/div, time/div, polarity, and uncalibrated variable controls, then accounts for probe attenuation and displays the correct scale factors for all channels directly on the CRT.

#### DISPLAY CONTRO

Three intensity controls adjust "A' and READOUT brightness independence control, a screwdriver astiguand a two-position beam finder c group.

#### **BRIGHT TRACE**

The acceleration potentials are 24 kV for the 7704 and 18 kV for the 7504 for improved trace visibility. Single-shot photographic writing speed is 3300 cm/µs (7704) measured with the standard P31 phosphor, the new C-51 camera and 10,000 ASA film. The display area is 8 cm x 10 cm with a parallax-free illuminated graticule.



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#### **DUAL-TRACE SWITCHING**

Both the vertical and horizontal mainframe amplifiers are "dual trace" providing a unique level of flexibility with plug-in combinations. A relatively small number of plug-ins can then meet a wide range of application requirements. The CHOP and ALT modes permit simultaneous displays of delaying and delayed sweep, and, through switching logic, may be "slaved" to provide a functional dual-beam type of display.

#### 7A13 Differential Comparator Amplifier

Bandwidth—DC to 100 MHz (3.5 ns tr) in the 7704; DC to 75 MHz (4.7 ns tr) in the 7504. Min deflection factor—1 mV/div at full bandwidth.

#### 7B71/7B70 Time-Base Units for the 7704

2 ns/dlv maximum sweep speed. Operable singly or in combination for delaying-sweep capability.

#### 7A16 Wide-Band An

Bandwidth—DC to 150 MHz (2. 7704; DC to 90 MHz (3.9 ns tr) Min deflection factor—5 mV/diwidth



#### 7A11 Captive FET Probe Amplifier

Bandwidth—DC to 150 MHz (2.4 ns tr) in the 7704; DC to 90 MHz (3.9 ns tr) in the 7504. Min deflection factor—5 mV/div at full bandwidth.

#### 7A12 Dual-Channel Amplifier

Bandwidth—DC to 105 MHz (3.4 ns tr) In the 7704; DC to 75 MHz (4.7 ns tr) in the 7504. Min deflection factor—5 mV/div at full bands width



#### 7A14 AC Current Probe Amplifier

Bandwidth—25 Hz to 105
MHz depending on mainframe and current probe;
two probes available.
MIn deflection factor—1 mA/
div at full bandwidth.





# C-51/C-50 Trace-Recording Cameras



Two new compact trace-recording cameras have been designed for direct compatibility with the 7000-Series Oscilloscopes. The C-51 and C-50 cameras are basically identical units, differing only in the lens system. The C-51 has an f/1.2, 1:0.5 lens; the C-50 uses an f/1.9, 1:0.7 lens. The C-51 is recommended for single-shot photography at the fastest sweep rates, the C-50 for more general purpose applications. Photographic writing speed of the two 7000-Series mainframes with the C-51 and 10,000 ASA film (without prefogging) is 3300 cm/ $\mu$ s (7704) and 2500 cm/ $\mu$ s (7504).

The cameras offer a new level of operational convenience for mistake-proof trace photography. The guess work normally associated with selection of f stop and shutter speed to match the ASA index and trace brightness is eliminated. After setting the ASA index, the built-in photometer allows a *visual* correlation of trace intensity to the correct f stop setting and shutter speed. After initial adjustment, a change of f stop or shutter speed will still maintain the same exposure. Focusing is accomplished by two beams of light projected on the CRT which, when superimposed, indicates optimum focus. The insert shows the photometer spot and the range-finder focusing images.

# 100mY 500gB

7704 Oscilloscope

7504 Oscilloscope

#### SCOPE-MOBILE® CARTS

The 204-2 Scope-Mobile® Cart is specifically designed for the 7000-Series instruments. It provides a securing mechanism for the oscilloscope, nine positions of selectable tray tilt, a large storage drawer, storage for five 7000-Series plug-ins, and large locking-type wheels.

#### **PROBES**

The P6053 is a miniature fast-rise 10X probe designed for full compatibility with the 7000-Series instruments. Input R and C is 10 M $\Omega$ , 10.3 pF. Probe risetime is 1.2 ns or less.

The P6052 is a passive dual-attenuation probe designed for measurements below 30 MHz. A sliding collar selects 1X or 10X attenuation. Input R and C is 1 M $\Omega$  or 10 M $\Omega$ , 100 pF or 13 pF. Risetimes are 60 ns (1X) and 7 ns (10X).



7504 Oscilloscope	1933
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7A22 Amplifier Plug-in	£233
7B71 Time-Base Plug-in	£320
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7B50 Time-Base Plug-in	£210
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C-50 Trace-Recording Camera

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selected calibrated output voltages ranging from 2mV to 10V peak, with a twenty-toone vernier control, and a sync output voltage of 5V + 0.25V peak-to-peak from 10Hz to 10MHz, with an output impedance of 5000Q. Unit has a sync input which allows an auxiliary input to synchronize the waveform output with an external signal so that a second oscillator may be used to modulate the unit or phaselock with it and control a precision phase shift of up to 180°. This unit can be incorporated along with others in the X-Mod range, into an instrumentation system via optional racks; all units in the range have both front panel and rear patchboard connections and feature all-silicon components and plug-in printed circuit boards. Britec Ltd, 17 Charing Cross Road, London W.C.2.

WW311 for further details

#### Integrated Microphoneamplifier

Brim-Exports Ltd are marketing a new integrated microphone-amplifier manufactured in Norway by Polar. The Unikum amplifier requires a power supply of 12-24V d.c., and has a maximum output at 24V of 10W into 6 ohms, and at 12V of 4W into 4 ohms. The only connections are



two leads to the battery and two to the loudspeaker. The unit can be delivered with talk-back facilities for use as an intercom system, and as a hand microphone or with goose neck for permanent mounting. It measures  $35 \text{mm} \times 130 \text{mm}$ . Brim-Exports Ltd, 42 Portobello Rd, Kensington. London W11.

WW302 for further details.

# Rotary Waveguide Phase Changers

New from Flann Microwave Instruments, a 10-model range of direct-reading rotary waveguide phase changers. The 6-2 series controls phase change from  $-360^\circ$  to

+360°. The differential phase change is monitored on a drum scale linearly calibrated in degrees. The dielectric phase change element is a low-loss material suitable for medium-power systems. Transitions from rectangular to circular section are multistepped to give the shortest length and lowest s.w.r. Frequency coverage of the various models ranges from 2.6-3.95GHz to 26.5-40GHz, maximum insertion loss over this range varies from 2 to 4dB, s.w.r. from less than 1.25 to 1.3, and power rating from 2W to 15W, depending on model. Flann Microwave Instruments Ltd, 9 Old Bridge Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

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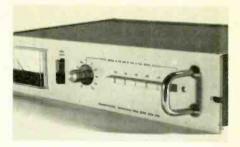
#### **Polystyrene Foil Capacitors**

Polystyrene foil capacitors type KS17, which are especially suitable for use in frequency-determining and filter networks, have been developed by ITT. The connecting leads are welded to the layers over the whole front which gives the capacitors low attenuation, highly reliable connections even at low voltage, and makes possible low inductance wound construction. They are also claimed to have a uniform temperature coefficient over the whole range and a low dissipation factor at high frequencies. The capacitors have a uniform overall length of 12.5mm and are available in a range of 350 to 24000 pF with nominal d.c. voltage ratings of 63V and 160V. Capacitance values are graded on the E 192 series; they can be supplied in tolerances of ± 1%,  $\pm$  2.5% or  $\pm$  5%. ITT Components Group Europe, Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd, Edinburgh Way, Harlow, Essex

WW303 for further details.

# Solid-state, Photomultiplier Power Supply

Designed with the latest photomultiplier tubes in mind, the Brandenburg power unit, model 472R, is suitable for both bench use and rack mounting. It is completely solid state and is designed for operation from 200/250 volt 50Hz power supplies. The output can be varied over the range 100 to 2100 volts, maximum current 5mA with an effective resistance of less than 2002. Ripple is quoted as 1 volt p-p and stability over a 24-hour period is 1 part in  $10^4$  against  $\pm 7\frac{1}{2}\%$  mains change. Drift: 5 parts in  $10^5$  per hour, 1 part in  $10^4$  per day. Dimensions:

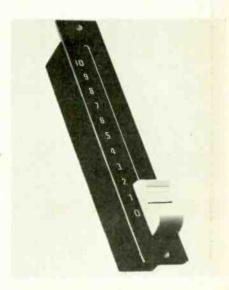


 $483 \times 89 \times 248$ mm ( $19 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{3}{4}$  in.). Weight: 6.35kg (14lb). Price, delivered in U.K. or Europe: £125. Brandenburg Ltd, 139 Sanderstead Road, South Croydon, Surrey.

WW328 for further details

# Audio Faders and Potentiometric Controls

Complementing their range of professional studio faders, Penny and Giles are introducing a new range of low cost audio faders and potentiometric controls for use with semi-professional sound mixers, thyristor-

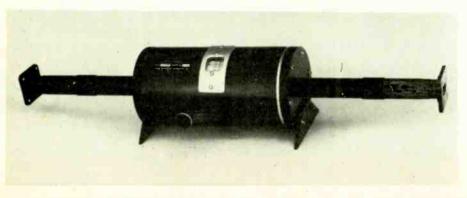


controlled studio lighting, and mobile or temporary installations. Operational Control is over 3in.. resistance values are from  $500\Omega$  to  $40k\Omega$ , power rating is 2W and movement resolution is better than 0.06%. Penny & Giles Ltd, Mudeford, Christchurch, Hants.

WW307 for further details

#### **Precision Trimmer Capacitors**

Voltronics Corporation of U.S.A. are marketing their range of trimmer capacitors through Salford Electrical Instruments, a member company of GEC Electrical Components Ltd. Capacitors are nonrotating and linearity is better than 1%. The screw stays positioned for simple blind-hole turning and does not move axially: the design is claimed to allow a shorter r.f. current ground path directly to the base which prolongs life to 10,000 cycles minimum, enlarges current capacity up to 2A, gives high resolution and resetability, wide capacitance range with units ranging from 0.1 to 180 pF and higher Q's

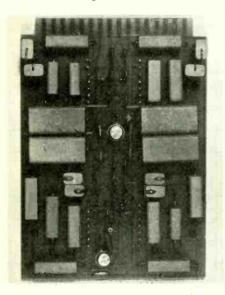


with no self-resonance below 1200MHz. These components can be supplied with standard glass, quartz and embedded glass dielectrics suitable for printed-circuit or panel mounting. Split stator, differential and extended shaft constructions are among the many available. Salford Electrical Instruments Ltd, Peel Works, Barton Lane, Eccles, Manchester.

WW314 for further details

#### **RC** Active Filters

Kemo Ltd are offering a wide range of active RC filters. Frequencies range from 0.01Hz, and in general, filters have a voltage gain of unity, high  $(100k\Omega)$  input resistance, low  $(50\Omega)$  output resistance, operate from + and -15V, and where l.p. units are concerned, good d.c. drift character-



istics. Standard synthetic derivations available include Tchebycheff, Butterworth, linear phase and elliptic. The range of 1/6, 1/3, 1/2 and whole octave filters, supplied as units or as complete analysis or equalizer systems, is suitable for environmental engineering. Kemo Ltd, 42 Chancery Lane, Beckenham. Kent.

WW323 for further details

# Constant Amplitude Wideband Oscillator

A new wideband test oscillator from Hewlett-Packard, model 654A, covering the range 10Hz to 10MHz in six decades has an amplitude stability of ± 0.05dB (0.5%) over the full range. This kind of flat response should considerably reduce the time consumed when making multipoint frequency response tests by eliminating the need for frequent readjustment of the oscillator amplitude. The exceptionally flat frequency response of this oscillator is obtained by use of a level controlled buffer amplifier between the oscillator circuits and the output amplifier. Output level sensing is by a detector which controls an attenuator (a photo-controlled resistor pad) in the buffer amplifier. A balanced output amplifier is incorporated which enables balanced outputs for 600, 150, 1350 impedances to be push-button switch selected plus two



single-ended outputs of 50 and 750 impedance respectively. Maximum output is +11dB (2.5V into 6002), the precision attenuator has an 89-dB range in 1-dB steps, with an accuracy of 0.15dB on the higher ranges. The centre-zero output meter has an expanded scale with a range of -1 to +1dB, giving a 0.02-dB resolution for precise incremental adjustment of the output level. Price: £403. Hewlett-Packard Ltd, 224 Bath Road, Slough, Bucks. WW325 for further details

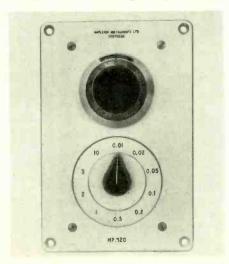
#### Miniature Dual Power Supply

New from Ancom Ltd, a miniature power supply measuring  $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times 1$  in. The Ancom DPS-25 is an encapsulated power supply designed to feed small operational amplifier systems where supply voltages are not used as reference potentials. Input is 210V to 250V a.c., 50-60Hz, and outputs are +15V at 25mA maximum, and -15V, not adjustable, at 25mA maximum, short-circuit current is  $\pm 25$ mA, regulation is 0.2 to 0.3V no load to full load and ripple and noise is 1-2mV p-p typical. Unit is housed in a shielded metal case with blue finish. Ancom Ltd, Devonshire Street, Cheltenham.

WW318 for further details

#### **Motorized Potentiometer**

Rayleigh Instruments Ltd are marketing a new panel-mounted motorized potentiometer, MP120P. The unit is fitted with a 10-speed gearbox having either of two progressions: 10,5,2,1,0.5,-0.01 r.p.m., or 10,3,1, 0.3-0.0003 r.p.m. Speed setting



is via a 20 click-stop rotating knob, 10 stops for the respective r.p.m. drive speeds and ten intermediate neutral positions to aid manual potentiometer setting via the turns counter. Resistance values range from 10.2 to 100k and the potentiometer is of the 10-turn helical type. The unit employs a slipping clutch, and limit switches function at either end of the track. Each unit has a reversible synchronous motor which, in standard models, is 24V, 50Hz. The motor may be connected to higher voltages by adding a ballast resistor. Rayleigh Instruments Ltd, 271 Kiln Rd, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex.

WW313 for further details

#### Solder Creams

Alpha Metals Inc have expanded their line of solder creams, which are now available as standard and special alloy compositions, curable or non-curable, in a variety of viscosities and powder mesh sizes, with resin and acid flux bases in all degrees of flux activation. The creams are claimed to permit close control of deposit size, and to eliminate a separate fluxing process. All solder powders are pre-alloyed for lowest wetting temperatures and highest joint uniformity. Creams are designed for use on continuous or indexed mass production lines. Alpha Metals Inc, 56 Water Street, Jersey City, New Jersey 07304, U.S.A.

WW317 for further details

# X-Band Gunn-Diode Oscillator

Silvers Lab have introduced a new X-band Gunn-diode oscillator. Model PM7015X is tunable over the range 8.3-10.5GHz with output power over 15mW at midband. The tuning mechanism is GHz-calibrated, and a protection circuit guards against overvoltage or wrong polarity. Silvers Lab, Box 42018, Elektravägen 53, Stockholm 42, Sweden.

WW327 for further details

#### **Miniature Carbon Resistors**

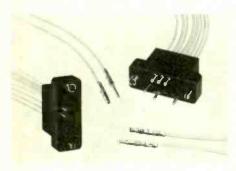
ITT have introduced a new range of carbon composition resistors. The resistors, type numbers RC025 and RC050, are now available in  $\frac{1}{4}$ W and  $\frac{1}{2}$ W

sizes. These ratings apply to up to  $70^{\circ}$ C ambient temperature operation. Resistance values are from 2.2 to 1.0M for the  $\frac{1}{4}$ W series and 2.2 to 4.7M for the  $\frac{1}{2}$ W series. Resistors are available with  $\pm 5\%$ ,  $\pm 10\%$  and  $\pm 20\%$  tolerances. Features claimed for the resistors include high overload capacity, good h.f. characteristics, low temperature coefficient and full insulation. Further data including performance curves are set out in a trilingual booklet. ITT Components Group Europe, Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd, Edinburgh Way, Harlow, Essex.

WW305 for further details

# Multi-Micro Coaxial Connector

New from Radiall Microwave Components Ltd, a multi-micro coaxial connector, series MMC. The glass loaded phenolic connector shell, which measures 41.4 × 14.2 × 22.70mm accepts 26 simple pin and socket contacts or coaxial inserts in any combination. The contacts are first crimped to the cables using standard M.S. tools and then inserted or extracted from the back of the shell which has an insert



retention of better than 5kg. Both the inner conductor and the screen are individually crimped to the coaxial inserts for high reliability, and the pin and socket contacts are rated at 13A with a contact resistance of 15m\(\text{2}\). Connector will operate between 125 °C and -55 °C, and conforms to the environmental specifications of MIL-C-39012 and CCTU 10-04. Radiall Microwave Components Ltd, Station Approach, Grove Park Road, Chiswick, London W.4. WW309 for further details

# Variable Directivity Microphone

Jagor Interelectric Ltd has introduced a new variable directivity microphone to the UK market. The Pearl DC 63 capacitor microphone has casing mounted continuously variable controls producing 44 directivity patterns. A microphone head amplifier using a f.e.t. and twin-sided insulated microphone capsule, produces frequency response from 25 to 20,000Hz, a sensitivity at 1 dyne per sq cm of -56 to -60dB depending on selected directivity pattern, and a dynamic range of 130dB. The power source may be a  $67\frac{1}{2}V$  dry battery fed to the microphone capsule through a balanced circuit using the symmetrical



signal cable powering system, which permits the use of a screened twin cable to carry the microphone current (0.5 to 0.7 mA) and the output signal current. Suitable for all broadcasting and recording use, the unit measures  $150 \times 31$  mm, has stand adaption or can be hand-held. Jagor Interelectric Ltd, Mercury House, Hanger Green, Ealing, London W.5.

WW316 for further details

#### Silicon Photodiode

A new silicon photodiode has been introduced by EMI's Electron Tube Division. Type SPD1 is all solid state and claims a fast rise time and wide spectral range, with low noise levels ensured by the use of an effective guard ring structure. The active area is one cm², making it a general-purpose detector with broad applications to sites where space and power are at a premium. EMI Electronics Ltd, Hayes, Middx.

WW308 for further details

# Zero Temperature Factor Toroids

Salford Electrical Instruments have added Feralex ferrite ring cores to their range of toroids. The new R grade has a permeability of +0.5 to -0.5 p.p.m./°C over the range of +20 to +70°C. Nominal permeability is 2000 and the cores can be supplied graded. The material retains its fundamental properties up to 300 kHz and thereafter may be used for pulse transformer applications up to several MHz. Salford Electrical Instruments Ltd, Times Mill. Heywood. Lancs.

WW304 for further details

#### **Solid Tantalum Capacitors**

A cylindrical capacitor with an unusually low dissipation factor has been developed by Emihus. It is stated to be well within the limits of MIL-C-390038 and has what is claimed to be "the lowest ever leakage current." Emihus also have a rectangular plastic-housed unit of precise shape and size with the same levels of current

leakage and dissipation factor. The devices range from 3V to 35V and 330 $\mu$ F to 0.1 $\mu$ F. Typical leakage currents are of the order of 1mA per  $\mu$ FV. A 3.9- $\mu$ F 10-V capacitor has a leakage current of 39 nA at 25°C. Emihus Microcomponents Ltd, Glenrothes, Fife.

WW301 for further details

# Integral-cycle Zero Voltage Switch

Electronic Component Supplies Ltd have introduced an integral-cycle zero-voltage switch, model CA3059. A 14-lead dual inline plastic package, it may be operated from an a.c. line direct, provides triac gating signal at zero-voltage crossings, drives a triac gate directly, has fail safe circuit for accidentally opened or shorted sensor, optional output control, and temperature range is from -25 to +75 °C. Radio interference caused by the unit, which may be used as a differential comparator, is minimal. Electronic Component Supplies (Windsor) Ltd, Thames Avenue, Windsor, Berkshire.

WW310 for further details

#### Digital Panel Meter

Bach-Simpson have introduced a new digital panel meter, Model 2800, suitable for equipment panel mounting. Non-blinking read outs and storage circuitry for securing the number, ensure rapid and clear readings. Five d.c. voltage or current ranges are available at a standard accuracy of



±0.1% (f.s.d.). Unit is available with b.c.d. output, relay set points to give high and/or low alarm signals or without its built-in power supply for O.E.M. applications. Apart from the read out tubes, circuitry is all solid state. Bach-Simpson Ltd, 331 Uxbridge Road, Rickmansworth, Herts. WW315 for further details

#### **Desoldering Wick**

"Solder Wick" for desoldering joints, is available from Southern Watch and Clock Supplies. It is supplied in reel form and used in direct contact with the joint, heat being applied with a standard soldering iron. No flux is required. The wick draws the solder into itself quickly and without the need for much heat. There are approximately 60in. of dry wick in each dispenser, and prices range from 18s to 20s per reel, according to pad size and width. Southern Watch and Clock Supplies Ltd, Industrial Tools Division, 48-56 High Street, Orpington, Kent. BR6 OJH.

WW312 for further details

# World of Amateur Radio

#### Security restrictions on Service licences?

A curious, and potentially far-reaching "political" restriction—possibly the outcome of the 1967 Britten spy case—is reported to have been imposed on an amateur licence issued to a meteorological officer on Gan, the R.A.F. base in the Maldive Islands in the Indian Ocean. This I understand forbids the station operator from making contacts with stations in the Eastern European bloc, and is believed to be the first time that such a condition has been reported as having been imposed on a British-assigned amateur licence. After the Britten case, an official Security Commission report suggested that a reassessment should be made of security risks attaching to amateur radio activities by members of the Armed Forces and public services. It recalls the cold-war years of the early 'fifties when, for several years, Eastern European amateurs were not allowed to make contact with stations outside their own bloc.

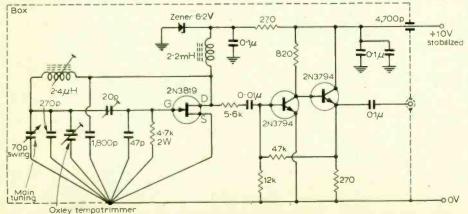
#### High-stability f.e.t. oscillators

Although the large majority of amateur radio equipment—particularly for h.f. operation-is still based primarily on thermionic valves rather than on semiconductors, there has been a steady progression in recent years towards hybrid designs, in which the advantages of low-cost small-signal transistors are resulting in with units.

However, similar f.e.t. devices are proving extremely successful in oscillator applications, as the heart of variable-frequency oscillator units. For example, a recent f.e.t. Vackar arrangement developed by Peter Martin, G3PDM, covering 5.88 to 6.38MHz, has a warm-up drift of about 500Hz in the first 60 seconds, but thereafter remains within ± 2Hz over 30-minute

their selective adoption. There still exist appreciable problems in all-transistor equipments: the relatively high cost of r.f. transistors of appreciable power rating for the main power amplifier stages of transmitters, and the difficulty of achieving really good dynamic range in the front-ends of receivers. The latter problem appeared to be disappearing with the arrival on the scene of low-cost junction f.e.ts, and single- and dual-gate i.g.f.e.ts but there are increasing doubts as to whether the results achieved in practice with these devices are consistently superior to alternative approaches. On v.h.f., where there has been something of a rush to f.e.t. converters, there is already developing a "backlash" in favour of low-noise valves, such as the miniature Nuvistors. It has been found first-generation f.e.ts, difficult. consistently to achieve in practice both low-noise and good cross-modulation characteristics, though undoubtedly many of the f.e.t. converters are superior to allbut-the-best valve units. Careful individual adjustment of biasing potentials is needed to achieve optimum results with f.e.t.

Peter Martin's arrangement of the Vackar oscillator published in "Radio Communication Handbook".



periods; after switching off for 12 hours it returns to within 10Hz of its previous frequency. To achieve such performance requires considerable care in both electrical and mechanical aspects of the unit, but it is clearly easier to achieve such a standard of performance with an f.e.t. than it would be with the greater heat-change of a thermionic device. This unit is a further example of the popularity of the Czech Vackar oscillator circuit for both bipolar and f.e.t. semiconductors. The two closely related Vackar and Seiler oscillators, both derived from the basic Colpitts oscillator, have proved reliable and straightforward circuits for semiconductor oscillators.

#### V.H.F. meteor scatter

Meteor scatter communications during the November Leonids shower included the first 144 MHz telegraphy contacts between the British Isles and the Faeroes. John Stace, G3CCH, of Scunthorpe, and Peter Blair, G3LTF, of Chelmsford, made brief contacts with the Faeroes station OY2BS. The next major meteor shower is the Lyrids, due April 19th-23rd, but amateur meteorscatter communications are possible at many other times, between stations working on precisely known frequencies: the frequency band used for this type of operation is 144.09 to 144.10 MHz. John Stace, G3CCH, 38 Skippingdale Road, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, has compiled a list of amateurs interested in meteor-scatter operation, and is also anxious to hear from amateurs outside the U.K. wishing to set up schedules with British amateurs.

In Brief: First sections of the A.R.R.L. annual DX contest will be held on February 7th-8th (phone) and February 21st-22nd (c.w.). ... At the recent A.G.M. of the Radio Society of Great Britain, the Society's "Calcutta Key"-an award made for outstanding service to the cause of international friendship through the medium of amateur radio-was presented to René Vanmuysen, ON4VY, the Belgian amateur responsible for the organization of the 1969 I.A.R.U. Brussels Conference and for the start of reciprocal licensing in Europe which today allows amateurs freely to obtain temporary licences in many countries. ... Marie de Forest, widow of the inventor Lee de Forest, now operates as WB6ZJR. Yugoslav amateurs established emergency communication links following the earthquake in the Banja Luka area of Bosnia... Because of a new channel requirement for television, 50 MHz facilities for Rhodesian amateurs were withdrawn at the end of 1969. ... An informal international amateur meeting is being planned by E.D.R., the Danish amateur radio society, during Whitsun (May 16th-18th) near Nyborg on the island of Funen. Projects include "fox hunting" (d.f. tests) and a v.h.f. balloon translator. Details from Joergen Dam-Johansen, OZ9DA, Hammershusvej 43, DK-8210 Aarhus V, Denmark.

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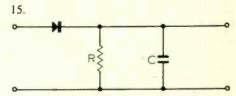
### 21. Amplitude Modulation

Questions 1 to 9 all refer to a 1-MHz sinusoidal carrier voltage of peak value 2V which is amplitude modulated in turn by three signals, each of frequency 1kHz, and each of mean value zero (no d.c. component) and peak value 1V. The three signals have sinusoidal, square and sawtooth waveforms respectively.

- 1. The depth of modulation is:
  - (a) the same for all three modulating signals
  - (b) greatest for the sinusoidal modulating signal
  - (c) greatest for the square-wave modulating signal
  - (d) greatest for the sawtooth modulating signal.
- 2. For the case of the sinusoidal modulating signal the depth of modulation is:
  - (a) 0.2
  - (b) 2
  - (c) 0.5
  - (d) 5.
- 3. Assuming that all side frequencies are included, the power in the sidebands (when the modulated carrier is applied to a load) is:
  - (a) the same for all three modulating signals
  - (b) greatest for the sinusoidal modulating signal
  - (c) greatest for the square-wave modulating signal
  - (d) greatest for the sawtooth modulating signal.
- 4. The ratio of the total power in the sidebands of the square-wave modulated carrier to the power of the unmodulated carrier (feeding the same load) is:
  - (a) unity
  - (b) 1/2
  - (c) 1/4
  - (d) 1/8.
- 5. The spectrum of the modulated carrier contains only a single pair of side frequencies:
  - (a) for all three of the modulating signals
  - (b) for none of the modulating signals
  - (c) for two of the three modulating signals
  - (d) for one of the three modulating signals.

- 6. The amplitude of the carrier-frequency component of the spectrum of the modulated carrier is the same as the amplitude of the unmodulated carrier:
  - (a) for all three of the modulating signals
  - (b) for none of the modulating signals
  - (c) for two of the three modulating signals
  - (d) for one of the three modulating signals.
- 7. The frequencies of the three modulating signals are each doubled. This results in each case in a doubling of:
  - (a) the depth of modulation
  - (b) the amplitudes of the side frequencies
  - (c) the amplitude of the carrier-frequency component of the spectrum
  - (d) the frequency separation of the components of the spectrum.
- 8. The amplitude of each modulating signal is increased until "over modulation" occurs. Assuming perfect modulating equipment:
  - (a) the amplitudes of all three signals will be the same
  - (b) the sinusoid signal will have the lowest amplitude
  - (c) the square-wave signal will have the lowest amplitude
  - (d) the sawtooth signal will have the lowest amplitude.
- 9. In the spectrum of the sinusoidally modulated carrier the component of frequency 1.001 MHz has amplitude:
  - (a) 2 volts
  - (b) 1 volt
  - (c) 0.5 volt
  - (d) 0.25 volt.
- 10. A sinusoidal carrier voltage is amplitude modulated by a complex audio signal, which, over a short period of time, has a constant amplitude. If the depth of modulation measured during this time is *m*, the ratio of total sideband power/carrier power supplied to a load during this time will be approximately:
  - (a) m; (b) m/2; (c)  $m^2$ ; (d)  $m^2/2$ .
- 11. A monochrome television videomodulated carrier differs from a soundradio audio-(amplitude) modulated carrier in that:
- (a) the depth of modulation is always
- (b) the mean carrier amplitude is not constant

- (c) frequency modulation is present as well as amplitude modulation
- (d) the spectrum only has one sideband.
- 12. The power required to be transmitted in a communication system using amplitude modulation can be greatly reduced, without reducing the information transmitted, by suppressing the carrier-frequency component at the transmitter and reinserting it at the receiver. If both sidebands are transmitted gross distortion will occur in the output unless the carrier is replaced with exactly the correct:
  - (a) amplitude
  - (b) phase
  - (c) frequency
  - (d) waveform.
- 13. A carrier is amplitude modulated by an audio signal. If one sideband only is transmitted the original modulating signal can be recovered by detection after adding to the sideband, at the receiver, a carrier-frequency signal. If the detected output is to have an acceptably low amount of distortion, the carrier-frequency signal added must:
  - (a) have exactly the same frequency as the carrier at the transmitter
  - (b) have exactly the same phase as the carrier at the transmitter
  - (c) have exactly twice the amplitude of the sideband
  - (d) have an amplitude at least 10 dB above the amplitude of the sideband.
- 14. A signal voltage and a carrier voltage, of appropriate frequencies and amplitudes, are added in series and applied to a circuit in order to produce amplitude modulation of the carrier by the signal. To produce the required effect the circuit *must* include:
  - (a) a source of e.m.f (other than the two signals)
  - (b) a non-linear amplifying device
  - (c) a passive non-linear component
  - (d) any non-linear component.



The diagram shows an envelope detector for amplitude-modulated signals. For correct and efficient operation the values of C and R must be selected with care. One requirement is that the output must follow the modulation at all times; to meet this requirement the product of C and R must:

- (a) be very much greater than the period of the highest modulating-frequency component
- (b) be very much less than the period of the highest modulating-frequency component
- (c) be very much greater than the carrier period
- (d) be very much less than the carrier period.

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# **February Meetings**

Tickets are required for some meetings: readers are advised, therefore, to communicate with the society concerned

#### LONDON

2nd, I.E.E.—Discussion on "Electronic measurement related to fundamental

standards" at 17.30 at Savoy Pl., W.C.2.

3rd. I.E.E.—"Dispersive acoustic devices" by Dr. D. P. Morgan and W. S. Mortley at 17.30 at Savoy Pl., W.C.2.

-"Passive satellite communications" by R. L. Harris at 18.00 at 9 4th. I.E.R.E.-Bedford Sq., W.C.1.

6th. I.E.E.—"Some aspects of direct television reception from satellites" at

17.30 at Savoy Pl., W.C.2.

10th. Radar & Electronics Assoc,—"Microwave semi-conductors" by M. B. Fletcher at 19.00 at B.I.C.C. Ltd., 21 Bloomsbury St., W.C.1. 12th, R.T.S.—"Dial a programme—communication television" by E. J. Gargini

at 19.00 at the I.T.A. 70 Brompton Rd., S.W.3.

18th. I.E.E.—"Recent advances in radar anti-clutter techniques" by Dr. W. S.

Whitlock at 17.30 at Savoy Pl., W.C.2.

19th. I.E.E.—Faraday lecture "People, communications and engineering" by
J. H. H. Merriman at 18.00 (public) at the Central Hall, Westminster.

20th. I.E.E.—"Field store television standards conversion" by S. M.
Edwardson, R. E. Davies and R. V. Harvey at 17.30 at Savoy Pl., W.C.2.

20th. I.E.E.—Faraday lecture "People, communications and engineering" by

J. H. H. Merriman at 18.00 (students) at the Central Hall, Westminster.

23rd. I.E.E.—"Terminal units and transmission in electronic telephone exchanges" by T. H. Nowers at 17.30 at Savoy Pl., W.C.2.

25th. I.E.R.E.—"Low light television tubes" by Dr. P. H. Batey at 18.00 at 9

Bedford Sq., W.C.1.

26th. R.T.S.—"A colour camera and one-inch VTR for C.C.T.V." by Dr. G. L.

Sanchez at 19.00 at the I.T.A. 70 Brompton Rd, S.W.3.

#### BIRMINGHAM

2nd I.E.E.—Sir Oliver Lodge lecture on "Man, electronics and aerospace" by

R. F. Young at 19.00 at the Town Hall.

25th. Brit. Acoust. Soc.—"Micro-electronics and its influence on underwater acoustic systems" at 10.00 at the Dept. of Electronic Engineering, the University.

17th. I.E.R.E.—"Discriminators for broadcast f.m. transmission" by Hugh Mayo at 18.30 at the College of Technology.

18th. I.E.R.E. /I.E.E.—"Use of computers in designing automatic process controllers" by D. J. Norton at 18.00 at the University.

#### CARDIFF

11th. I.E.R.E.—"Navigational aids" by C. Powell at 18.30 at the University of Wales Inst. of Science & Technology:

17th. I.E.E.—Faraday lecture "People, communications and engineering" by J. H. H. Merriman at 14.30 (students) and 18.30 (public) at Sophia Gardens.

19th. I.E.R.E.—"Display tubes for colour television" by B. Eastwood at 19.30 at the Medway College of Technology.

#### CHELMSFORD

25th. I.E.E.—"Hi-fi" by J. Moir at 18.30 at the King Edward VI Grammar School.

#### COLCHESTER

10th. I.E.R.E.—"Dynamic information displays" by D. W. G. Byatt at 18.30 at the University of Essex.

25th. I.E.E.—"Stereophonic transmission" by Dr. G. J. Phillips at 19.30 at the Star and Garter Hotel.

10th. I.E.E./I.E.R.E.—"Colour television receiver design and maintenance" by G. D. Barnes at 18.00 at the Carlton Hotel. Northbridge.

9th. I.E.E./I.E.R.E.—"Colour television receiver design and maintenance" by G. D. Barnes at 18.00 at the University of Strathclyde.

#### GUILDFORD

-"Optical communications through glass fibres" by Prof. W. A. 4th. I.E.R.E .-Gambling at 19.00 at the Technical College.

10th. I.E.R.E./I.E.E.—"Generation. propagation microwave acoustics" by Prof. K. W. R. Stevens at 18.30 at the University of Technology, Edward Herbert Building.

#### NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

11th. I.E.R.E.—"Aerials" by Dr. A. R. Ritson at 18,00 at the Dept. of Physics and Physical Electronics, the Polytechnic, Ellison Place.

NEWPORT, I.o.W.
13th 1.E.R.E.—"Integrated circuits into second decade" by A. Barnes at 19.00 at the Technical College.

#### **PORTSMOUTH**

18th. S.E.R.T.—"Use of transistors in colour TV receivers" by A. E. Baker at 19.00 at Highbury Technical College, Dovercourt Rd, Cosham.

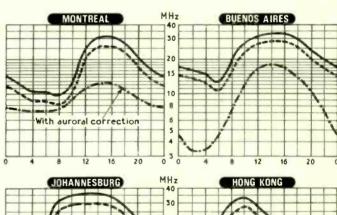
5th. I.E.R.E. /I.E.E. /.1.P.O.E.E.—"Pick-up design" by S. Kelly at 19.00 at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Market St.

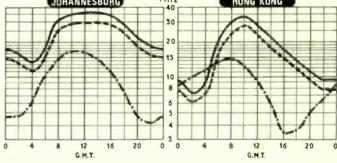
10th. I.E.E.—Faraday lecture "People, communications and engineering" by J. H. H. Merriman at 10.30 and 14.30 (students) and 19.00 (public) at the City Hall.

#### STEVENAGE

11th. S.E.R.T.—"Basic design and construction techniques in guided weapon electronics" by C. H. Smith at 19.30 at the College of Further Education, Monkswood Way.

#### H.F. Predictions—February





Median standard MUF --- Optimum traffic frequency ---- Lowest useable HF

Daytime MUFs continue to peak around 30 MHz. Duration and position in time of these peaks depends on longitudes of terminals relative to G.M.T., highest MUFs occurring when ionospheric reflection points are above the sun's horizon. On the South African route conditions between 20 and 30 MHz should be excellent and the fading which begins about two hours after sunset should be slight. Conditions for South America will be similar.

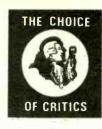
Far East routes will probably be unworkable from midnight till 06.00 G.M.T. due to the almost continuous change of MUF.

When auroral zone absorption is not evident North American LUFs will be about 3 MHz at 05.00 and 8 MHz at 15.00 G.M.T. All LUFs are calculated for reception in the U.K. of automatic telegraphy. Broadcast LUFs will be similar but several MHz higher for amateur transmissions.

# Answers to "Test Your Knowledge"

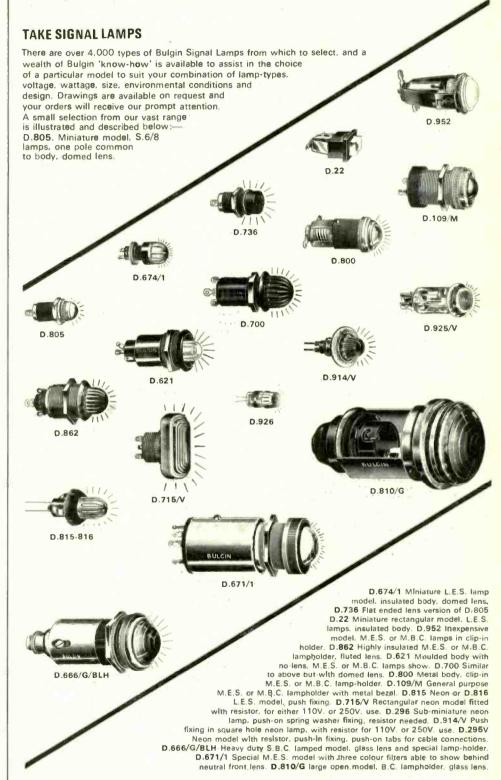
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- 1. (a) The depth of modulation is, by definition, the ratio of the peak value of the modulating signal to the peak value of the carrier.
- 2. (c) It is, of course, also this for the others.
- 3. (c) For any modulating signal which has a mean value of zero the ratio (sideband power/carrier power) is half the ratio (mean-square modulation voltage/ mean-square carrier voltage). The square wave has the largest mean-square voltage.
- 4. (c) This follows from the formula given in ans. 3.
- 5. (d) For each sinusoidal component of the modulating signal the modulated-carrier spectrum contains a pair of side frequencies.
- 6. (a) This is true for any modulating signal which has zero mean value.
- 7. (d) Doubling the frequency of a square or sawtooth wave doubles the frequency separation of its sinusoidal components.
- 8. (a) Over modulation occurs in all cases when the depth of modulation exceeds 100%.
- 9. (c) This is the upper side-frequency. The modulated carrier may be represented as  $(V_c + V_m \sin \omega_m t) \sin \omega_n t$  and expansion of this expression shows that the upper side frequency has amplitude  $V_m/2$ .
- 10. (d) In effect we are assuming here that the ratio mean-square modulating voltage/mean-square carrier voltage is equal to the ratio peak modulating voltage/peak carrier voltage which is only true if the modulation is sinusoidal. However, with a sound signal the error is not generally very great.
- 11. (b) One carrier level represents peak white in the video signal, another represents the black level; all shades of grey in the picture give carrier levels between these two extremes. Hence the mean carrier level depends on the mean brightness.
- 12. (c) A change in the amplitude of the carrier will alter the depth of modulation, but this will not cause distortion so long as the carrier is not too small. A change in the carrier phase causes the depth of modulation to be reduced—a  $\pi/2$  shift reduces it to zero—and introduces angle modulation (it also causes some second-harmonic distortion). This is not serious for a few degrees of phase shift, but if the carrier frequency is not exactly right the carrier phase relative to the sidebands will drift continuously causing large cyclic variations of modulation depth.
- 13. (d) The disadvantage discussed in ans. 12 does not apply if only one sideband is present, but the reintroduced carrier must be large, otherwise significant harmonic distortion occurs.
- 14. (d) Any non-linear component will cause "mixing" resulting in frequency components which can be filtered out to form an amplitude-modulated wave.
- 15. (b) Analysis shows that if the output is to follow the modulation while it is falling the product of C and
- R must be less than  $\frac{T_m\sqrt{1-m^2}}{2 \pi m}$  where Tm is the period of the highest modulating frequency component. It is apparent from this that if envelope detection is to be used the depth of modulation cannot be allowed to reach 100%.



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# Literature Received

#### **ACTIVE DEVICES** A design for a practical ×8 single-stage step recovery diode frequency multiplier with a typical maximum output power of 75mW at 16GHz is given in a new 16-page application note (No. 928) from Hewlett-Packard Ltd, 224 Bath Road, Slough, Bucks. Small selenium rectifiers is the subject of a leaflet available from Cole Electronics Ltd, 7-15 Lansdowne Road, Croydon CR9 2HB ...... WW402 A new series of thyristors (type CR31) is described in a leaflet from A.E.I. Semiconductors Ltd, Carholme Road, Lincoln, which also includes A new price list for 74N t.t.l. is available from Athena Semiconductor Marketing Co. Ltd, 140 High Street, Egham, Surrey ......WW404 The M-O Valve Company Ltd, Brook Green Works, Hammersmith, London W.6, have available four valve data sheets intended for inclusion in their loose leaf binder. The components described are types ACT00 PASSIVE COMPONENTS A leaflet we have received from Jack Davis (Relays) Ltd, 9-10 Mallow Street, London E.C.1, gives details of the range of Post Office 3000 and F. C. Lane Electronics Ltd, Albion Road, Horsham, Sussex, recently established as suppliers of connectors, have sent leaflets and price lists of the various makes handled (Smart & Brown, Ether, Transradio, Rendar A set of amended price lists is available for the Erie catalogue. They may be obtained from Erie Electronics Ltd, South Denes, Great The Electronic Components Bulletin from Siemens of Berlin numbered 5-69 is available from Cole Electronics Ltd, 7-15 Lansdowne Road, Croydon CR9 2HB ......WW409 We have received the following short-form catalogues from Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd, Edinburgh Way, Harlow, Essex:

#### HARDWARE

The techniques of assembling plastic or plastic and metal parts using ultrasonic equipment are described in a brochure from Dawe Instruments Ltd, Concord Road, Western Avenue, London W.3 WW420

Properties and suggested applications for more than seventy grades of Testolite (industrial laminates) are described in a revised 20 page booklet available from the International General Electric Company of New York Ltd, Lincoln House, 296-302 High Holborn, London W.C.1

#### **EQUIPMENT**

Aim Electronics Ltd, The River Mill, St. Ives, Huntingdon, have sent us the following literature.

Catalogue of Test Equipment WW422
Guide to Modules and Systems WW423
"Programming Modules" WW424

A high-stability (2 \( \mu \) \( \begin{align\*}{c} C \) maximum drift) battery-powered operational amplifier that draws only (1 \( \mu \) W of quiescent power is described in a leaflet available from Analog Devices, Inc. 221 Fifth Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02142 \( \mu \) U.S.A. \( \quad \mathbb{WW428} \)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

We hear from Mullard that stocks of their 1969 Pocket Data Book are now exhausted and that they regret no further orders can be accepted.

Metron, the Pergamon reviews and abstracts journal, has produced a supplement on photon detectors which surveys literature on detectors for the ultra-violet visible and infra-red wavelengths (0.01 to 1000 µm). The price of the supplement is £4 from the Pergamon Press Ltd, Headington Hill Hall, Oxford.

Those who require an introduction to logic circuits cannot go far wrong with the book that has just been published by Marconi Instruments Ltd, St. Albans, Herts. The book follows the programmed method of instruction and costs £2.

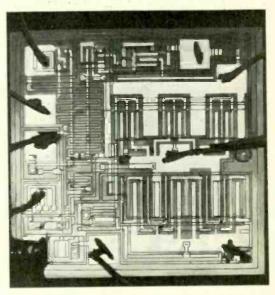
Readers interested in receiving overseas radio transmissions may like to see a specimen copy of "International Short Wave Radio" the duplicated bulletin published by the International Short Wave Club, 100 Adams Gardens Estate, London S.E.16.

A leaflet is available from Mullard Ltd, Mullard House, Torrington Place, London W.C.1, which lists all the publications available from their Educational Service.

Two new parts of BS 3499 "School music equipment" are now available: Part 9C Electronic organs with pedal boards (8s) and Part 8B Magnetic tape recording and reproducing equipment (6s). The British Standards Institution, Sales Branch, 101/113 Pentonville Road, London N.1.



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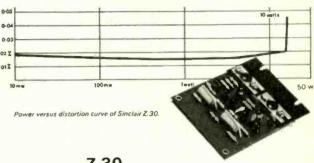
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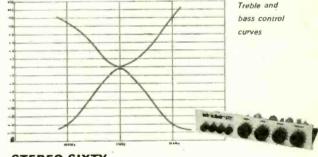
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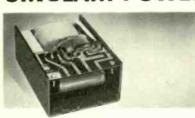
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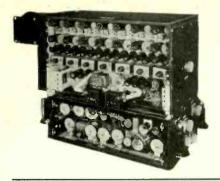
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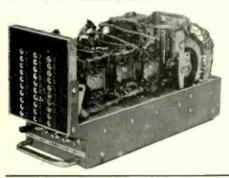
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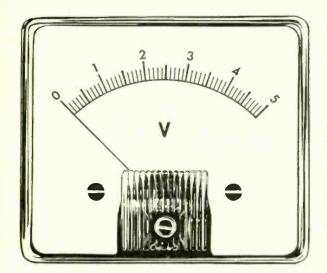
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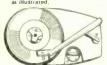
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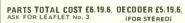
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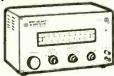
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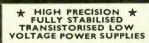
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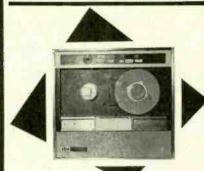
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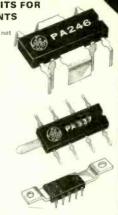
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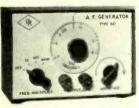
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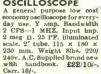
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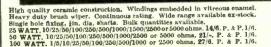
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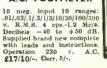


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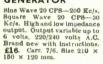
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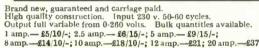


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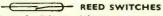
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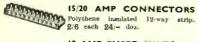
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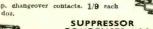
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3 poles	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	10/6	10/6	14/6	14/6
4 poles	6/6	6/6	6/6	10/6	10/6	10/6	18/6	18/6
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7 poles	6/6	10/6	10/6	14/6	18/6	18/6	30/6	30/6
8 poles	10/6	10/6	10/6	14/6	18/6	18/6	34/6	34/6
9 poles	10/6	10/6	14/6	14/6	22/6	22/6	38/6	38/6
0 poles	10/6	10/6	14/6	18/6	22/6	22/6	42/6	42/6
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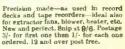
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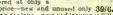
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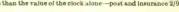




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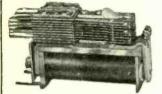
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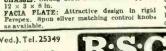
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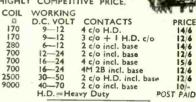
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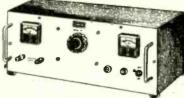
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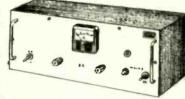


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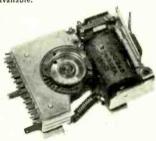
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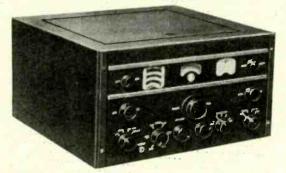
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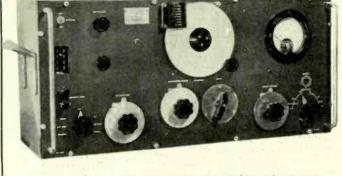
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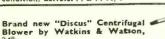
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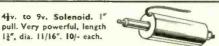
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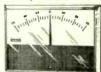


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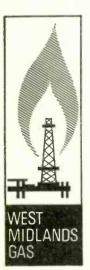


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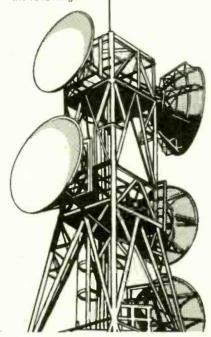
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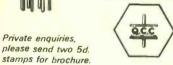
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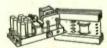
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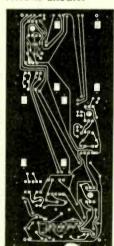
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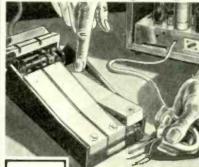
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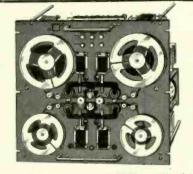
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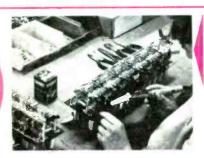


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