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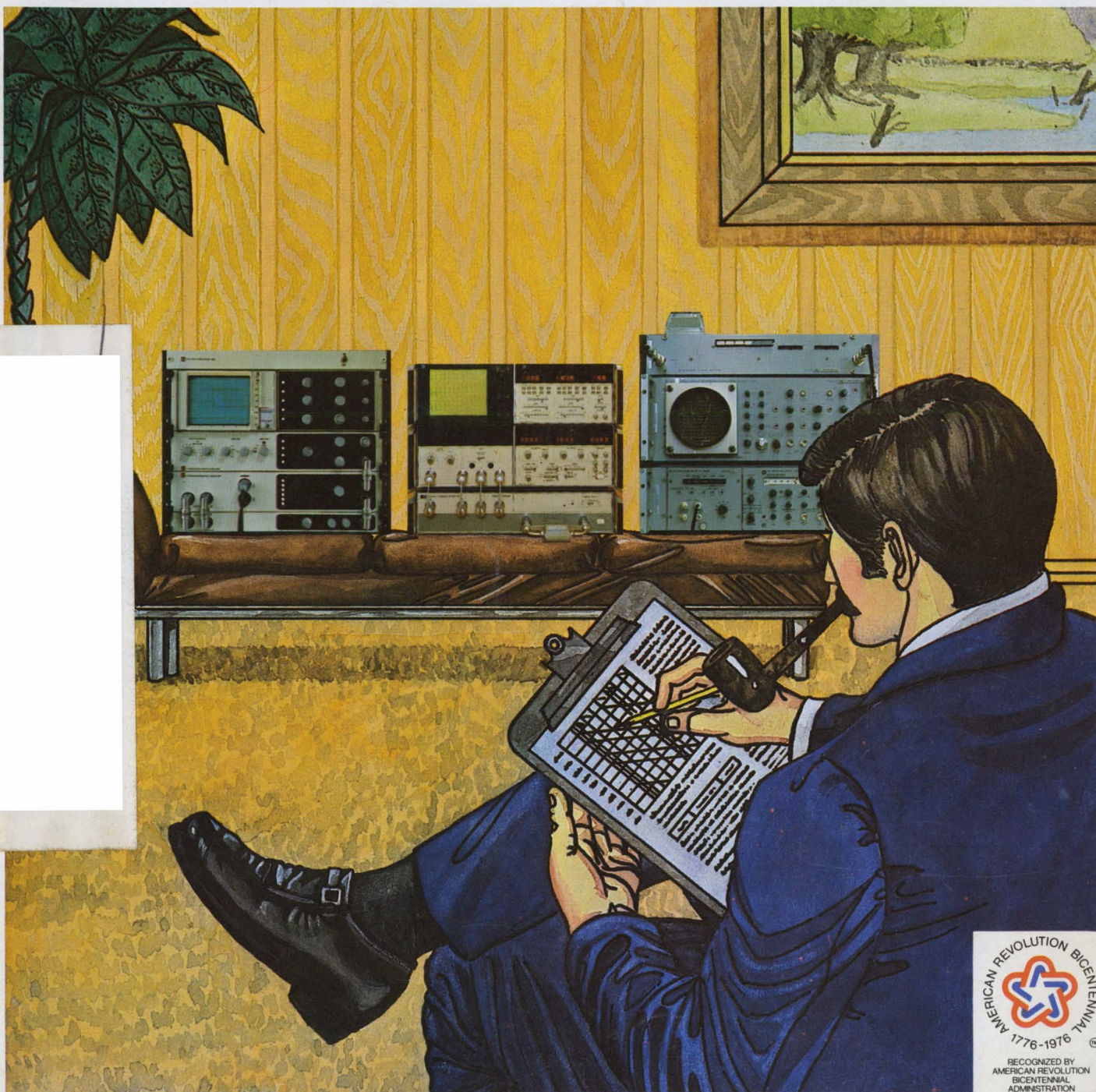
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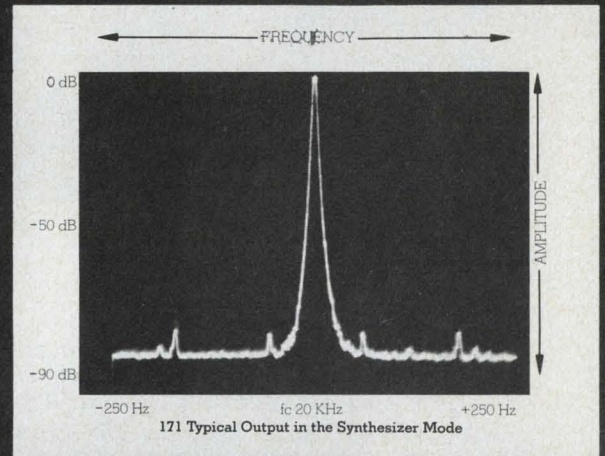
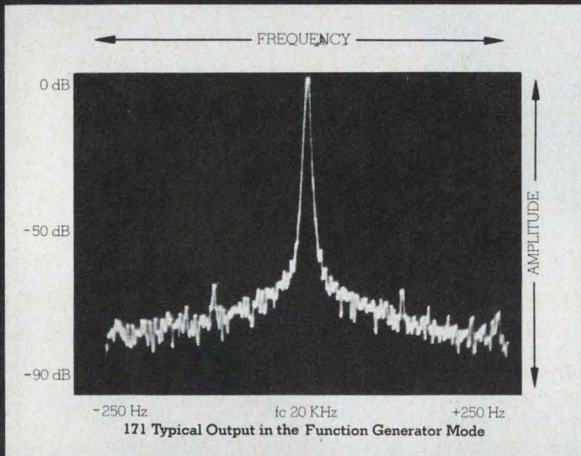
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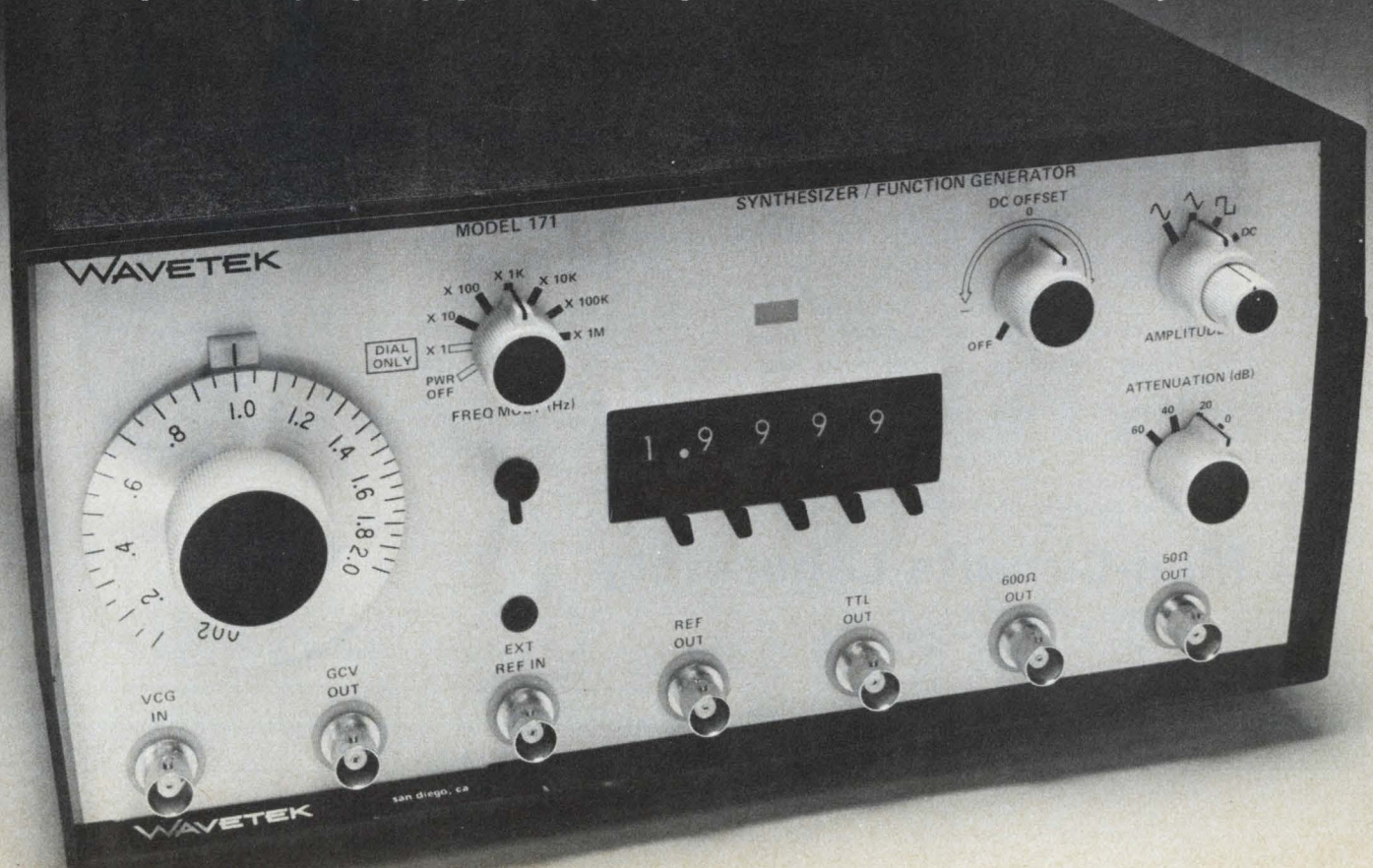
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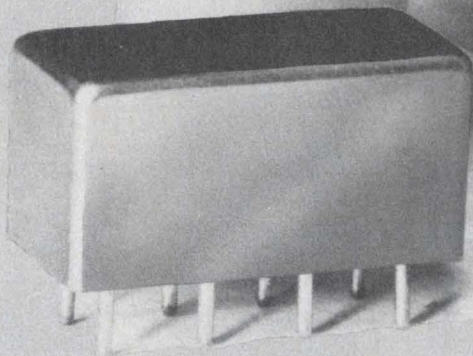
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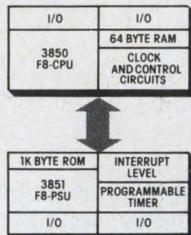
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Our \$995* CPU is actually less than half the price of the 8080 or 6800 CPU.

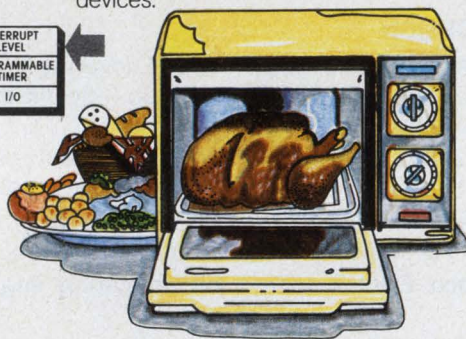
And it's just the beginning of your saving. On-chip RAM, ROM and timers make an even bigger difference. Difference in cost. Difference in reliability and difference in manufacturing time. The following is the whole price/performance story of our F8 system, from minimum configurations to expanded systems.



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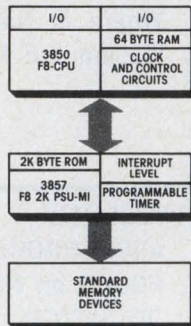
Our minimum configuration F8 is perfect for controlling home appliances, braking systems, vending machines, ignition systems and other uses with modest memory and I/O requirements.

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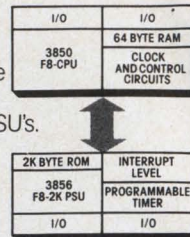
The PSU features a 1K byte ROM (Read Only Memory), program counter, 16 individually controllable I/O lines, 8-bit data port, stack register, incrementer/adder, and programmable timer and interrupt.

We're the only manufacturer in the world to offer this 2-chip performance. The 8080 requires 7 chips (9 chips with timer) to do the same thing.



Double the program storage

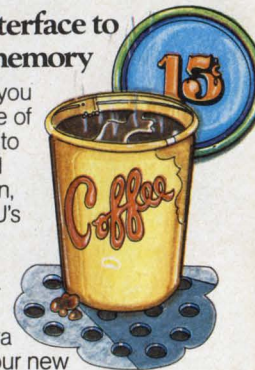
If you need more program space, just substitute PSU's. Our new 2K byte PSU offers twice the ROM for only \$14.95.



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The 8080 takes 10 chips (12 with timer) to do the same thing.



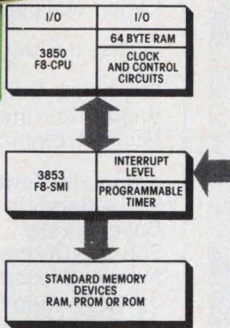
Fairchild's \$9.95 F8 Microprocessor

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A system that needs no ROM

If you don't want to commit to ROM, consider interfacing RAM and/or PROM (Programmable Read Only Memory) directly into the CPU. This approach is ideal when your production run is under 1,000 units, and for development prior to long production runs.

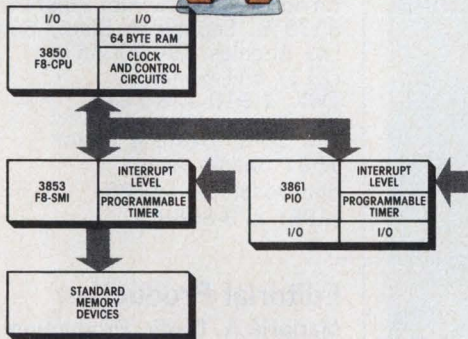
This F8 configuration uses only four chips: a CPU, a \$7.45 SMI (Static Memory Interface with interrupt and programmable timer) and two 2K PROMs. Competitors take twice as many chips to do the same thing.



Where more I/O is needed

By adding our \$6.45 PIO (Parallel I/O) to this aforementioned configuration, you gain 16 I/O ports, another level of interrupt and a programmable timer. Now you have the perfect 5-chip microprocessor system for electronic scales, paper tape and cassette tape handlers, electronic games, traffic light control, cash register and similar applications.

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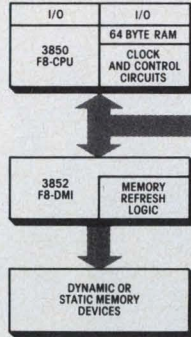
Memory intensive systems

In memory intensive applications like message concentrators, floppy disc controllers, and store-and-forward message switching you'll enjoy big benefits with the F8's DMI (Dynamic Memory Interface).

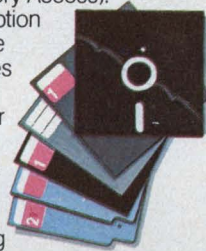


This \$7.45 device fits between your CPU and dynamic (or static) memory WITHOUT A MEMORY REFRESH CHIP.

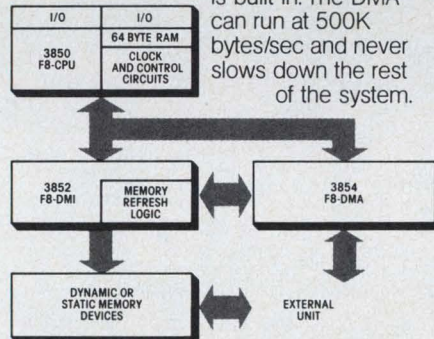
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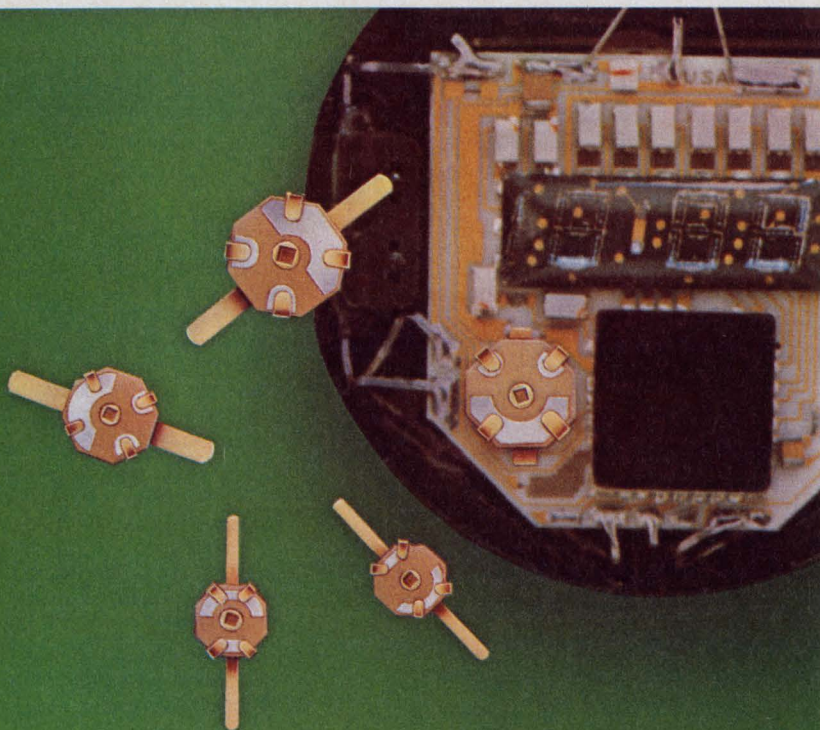
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Across the Desk

Robot project arouses envy from a pioneer

The article, "Wanted: A Robot That Thinks For Itself," (ED No. 12, June 7, 1976, p. 67) arouses great envy in certain people. Those lucky fellows at JPL, NRL, and Tetra Tech are getting to do what a group at Applied Physics Laboratory—Johns Hopkins University (APL-JHU) tried to obtain funds to do 13 years and more ago.

The APL group proposed independent mobile automata for undersea, lunar, and planetary exploration, listing all the reasons given in your article. Alas, in those days manned space shots were the glamour projects, and no government funding could be found for unmanned "toys."

APL dipped into its own in-house budget to design and build two prototypes to test some of the concepts of self-sufficient robots. These automata were given the mission of surviving in the laboratory itself. Even this proved to be a harsher environment than first imagined, with stairwells, cul-de-sacs, floor level shifts between building sections, and hanging cables in the halls. When the silver-cadmium battery ran low, the automaton had to locate and plug into an AC wall outlet to recharge.

The MOD II robot's equipment was a sense of touch, sonar guidance, a vidicon eye for long range detection of outlets, a telemetry system for monitoring system states and issuing very general commands and a brain with discrete logic and a program patch panel. (Oh, to have had microprocessors, ROMs, RAMs, PROMs, and the like!) With a three-hour battery life, MOD II "lived" over

40 hours at a stretch before a mechanical failure disabled it.

Later models were to have been given useful tasks to perform in addition to simply surviving. (A leading soap manufacturer inquired about the economics of a robot floor-sweeper/waxer.) Planetary or aquatic models would, of course, need something like a solar or nuclear energy source. The problems of existing, moving, and working in alien environments were being tackled.

The two robots are now in APL's technical project museum. A couple of years ago someone gave MOD II a battery charge. It still worked.

The project received some publicity in the popular press at the time. There was a demonstration on NBC's "Today" show. There were articles in *Science Digest* (Aug., 1964), *Radio-TV Experimenter* (Oct.-Nov. 1964), *Parade* (Sept. 27, 1964), France's *Science et Vie*, and others. A short film-clip can still be seen in the film: *Future Shock*.

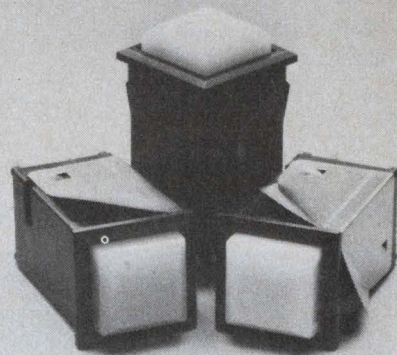
The JPL team, who were already developing many ideas of their own and who managed to come up with money, came to compare notes with the APL group, who were nearing the end of their funds. Judging from articles in the past few years and your article now, it appears that the JPL group has really been doing a great job.

Now they and NRL are ready to send their brain children into space and under the sea to prepare the path for man: One small step for a robot; one giant leap for automata.

George Carlton, John Chubbuck, Jim Jacques, Leonard Scheer, Lee

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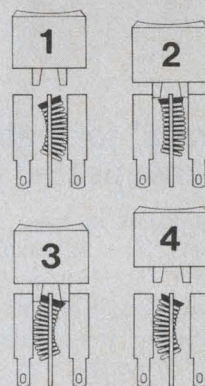
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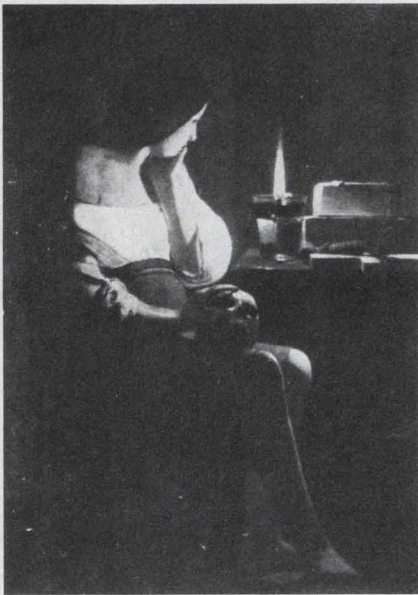
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Spetner, Larry Viernstein, and the rest of us are watching.

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Misplaced Caption Dept.



The standard candle has been carefully maintained for over 100 years in a basement at NBS.

Sorry. That's Georges de la Tour's "Magdalen with the Lamp," which hangs in The Louvre in Paris.

'Reward' for patent had unexpected result

With great interest I read your editorial "The Reward" (ED No. 6, March 15, 1976, p. 57). I think your engineer, Ken, hit the jackpot compared to the treatment that I received from the company I worked for several years ago. At least he got a dollar and a day off for his patent.

Here is what happened to me: An interface unit that I designed (subsequently patented) was material in giving my company the edge over competition in negotiating a very lucrative contract. While I was in San Francisco to

try out the prototype, about one half of my group was laid off, allegedly with my consent, and neither the president nor anybody else in the "top management" had the guts to call and inform me of their decision or action. Now, how is that for a reward?

Needless to say with such a bright leadership the company went broke a few years later.

Maybe, you can use this for a future editorial, but it is probably old hat for many engineers.

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Micron unit will not be a strapdown unit

In your April 26, 1976 issue, (ED No. 9, p. 16) an article was printed on our Micron strapdown inertial-navigation system, which is being developed under contract to the Air Force Avionics Laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB. The article said the high-accuracy version of Micron "will not be a strapdown unit." That is not the case. Both the medium and the high-accuracy systems are strapdown, as opposed to gimbaled, systems.

The inertial instruments will be case-rotated about the "azimuth" axis to achieve the high-accuracy performance. This rotation does not constitute a stabilized axis, as it would for a gimbaled system. The rotation takes place for added accuracy.

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Magicam gives credit where credit is due

The article about Magicam ("Analog Servo System," ED No. 11, May 24, 1976, p. 30) states that Magicam developed the proportional

video matting process. This is not correct; the proportional process was invented independently by Petro Vlahos and Carl Hanseman, and developed by Image Transform, Inc. and Vidtronics, Inc. Magicam has used both systems.

John Gale

Technical Director

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Data on radar in our Bicentennial issue

Along with all the others, I too think your "200 Years of Progress" is tops. I'm saving my copy.

I saw one statement that I knew to be wrong, but who can be 100% correct in such a fine compilation? I did not intend to say anything but since others have cited what they believe to be errors, I thought I'd throw mine in.

You stated, "In 1943 the term 'Radar' was coined by Commander S. M. Tucker of the U.S. Navy." I was assigned as Personnel Officer of the Signal Corps General Development Laboratory in February 1942. Just prior to my assignment a section of the laboratory known as the RPF section (Radio Position Finder) was separated from the SCGDL and made a separate laboratory at Belmar, New Jersey. It was named the Signal Corps Radar Laboratory, Lt. Col. Rex Van Dam Corput commanding (later to become Brig. General).

In April 1942, I was recruiting civilian engineers for the SCGDL and a Major Bannister, was recruiting for the Radar Laboratory. While in California we received orders to discontinue the use of the word "Radar."

We joked about it, because we had already seen it in print in a trade magazine. We also joked that perhaps we should spell it backwards. Thousands of brochures had already been printed re the SC Radar Labs and a few hundred distributed.

Of course it's trivia, but nonetheless it's true.

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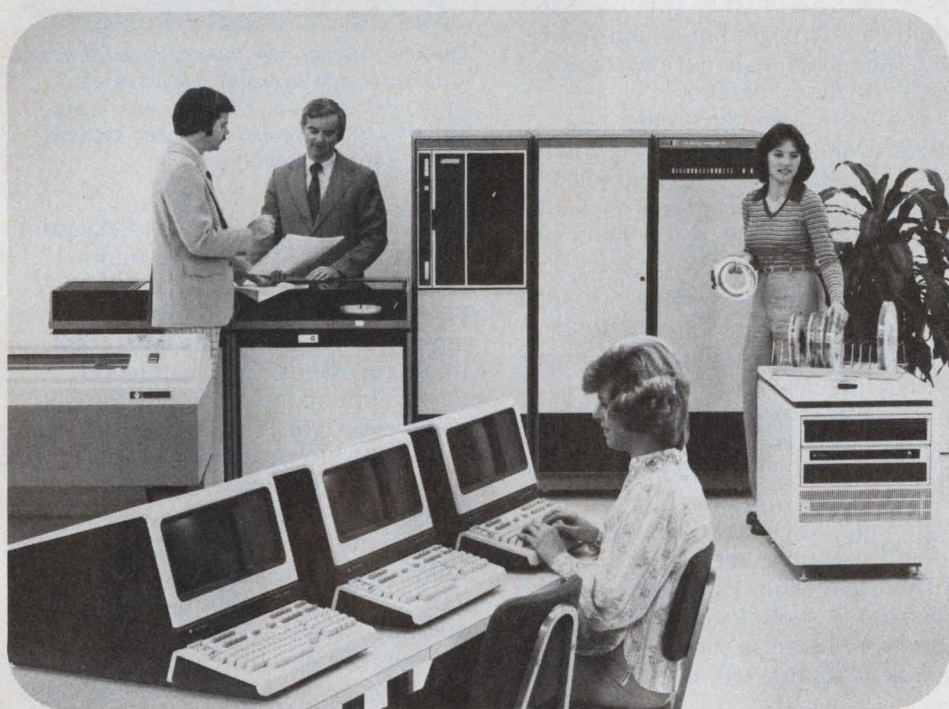


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HP 3000 Series II systems are a powerful combination of software and hardware designed to deliver optimum performance.

Manage fast-growing data bases efficiently with new HP 3000 computer

As a terminal-oriented, general purpose computer, the new HP 3000 Series II is designed to operate in both batch and interactive terminal environments. Three compatible models allow you to select the configuration needed for present applications whether yours is a small or large organization or a corporate division. As your needs grow, the HP 3000 Series II can be upgraded—main memory can be expanded to 512K bytes.

Big system capabilities include:

- Fault control main memory—detect and correct memory errors with no reduction of speed
- Teleprocessing—data entry and processed-data-return via telephone lines
- Multi-terminal update and inquiry
- Data and file security
- On-line program development
- Job accounting
- Input and output spooling—for optimum use of peripherals
- Multiprogramming—for concurrent batch and terminal operations
- Remote job entry to large computers

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Instruments
“talk” and “listen”
with HP interface

Automatic RF network
measurements

New mini-processor board
for your instruments

- Five most popular commercial programming languages
- Data base management software (IMAGE/QUERY)
- Virtual memory

The HP 3000 Series II has been job-performance rated. Benchmark results are available to help you choose the proven capability that you need.

The HP 3000 Series II functions as a complete, independent data processing center, or as a satellite in a network of large computers.

If you plan to install a computer or upgrade your present system, you owe it to yourself to get all the facts. Check E on the HP Reply Card and we will send you a brochure with all the details.

High power pulse generator ideally suited for varied applications.



The highly flexible and carefully controlled output pulse characteristics of the Hewlett-Packard 214A make this pulse generator well suited to many applications. With output amplitude continuously variable from 80 mV to 100 V into a 50Ω load and fast (<15 ns) transition times, as well as minimum jitter, this pulse generator is particularly well suited for such applications as driving high-power modulators, semiconductor device testing, laser system testing, nuclear research and biomedical research.

Some of the more unusual applications of the 214A are:

1. A scientist at the University of California's Coastal Marine Laboratory used the 214A to measure the sound transmission in the head of a porpoise.
2. Engineers at the Convair Aerospace Division of General Dynamics in California used their 214A to find flaws in material by ultrasonic interference spectroscopy.
3. A French scientist used the 214A to measure the mobility of radioactive ions.

In addition to these applications, other engineers and scientists have used the 214A as a modulator driver in laser research and a pulse stimulus in basic material research. If you have an application for a pulse source that requires a high power signal, up to 200 watts, or a good, general purpose pulse generator for your lab, consider the HP 214A.

For additional details, check B on the HP Reply Card.

New multi-family logic clip speeds IC troubleshooting

Hewlett-Packard's new 548A logic clip troubleshoots IC digital logic circuits faster than ever:

- Its LEDs show logic states of 16 IC pins at once—a "truth table" display.
- It automatically adapts to TTL, DTL, RTL, CMOS and HTL circuits, and automatically seeks Vcc and ground.
- It's overload protected to 30V dc, to avoid damage from linear ICs.
- It draws <15 μA per pin—no circuit loading worries.

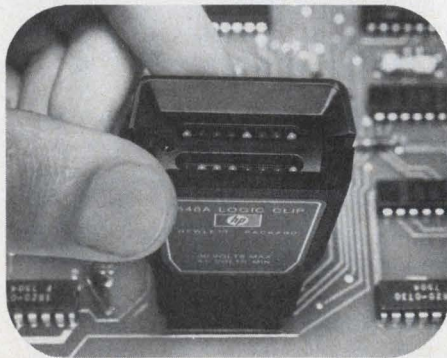
Use it with in-circuit stimuli or replace the system clock with our 546A Multi-Family Logic Pulser and slowly step sequential logic devices through a cycle to verify operation.

The 548A joins three other new HP IC troubleshooters to bring you the most modern set of handheld logic troubleshooting instruments available:

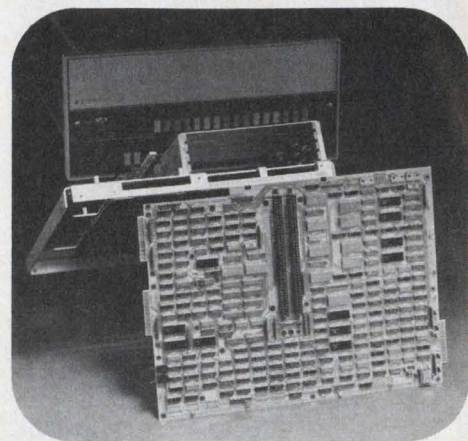
- **The 547A Current Tracer** lights up when held on or close to circuits carrying logic pulses from 1 mA to 1A. Troubleshoot wired-AND/OR busses, three-state busses, or pinpoint the one bad device on a stuck node.
- **The 546A Logic Pulser** is programmable to give one pulse per command, a 1, 10, or 100 Hz stream or a burst of 10 or 100 pulses. It drives TTL or CMOS high nodes low and low nodes high for stimulus/response testing.
- **The 545A Multi-Family Logic Probe** lights up to show logic highs, lows or bad level. Its pulse stretcher catches pulses as short as 10 ns.

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The 548A logic clip is so easy to use that you can concentrate on the circuit under test instead of the test equipment.



NEW "minicomputer on a board" is user programmable



The new K-Series mini-processor board, which is hardware and software compatible with HP's 21MX Series of minicomputers, is supported by HP's powerful distributed systems software and hardware.

For the first time, Hewlett-Packard is offering the 21MX K-Series mini-processor components. Conveniently packaged for integration into your systems, the series includes the 2108K mini-processor board, instruction ROMs, front panel control assembly, and a choice of 18-slot or 8-slot cages.

As a 24-bit microprocessor, it is capable of performing a register-to-register add in one 325-ns cycle.

With the 12728E instruction set ROM, it becomes compatible with 21MX processor options, peripherals and operating systems.

Users can also benefit from the complete library of 21MX software systems for standard high level languages and microprogramming language, including the powerful new RTE-III Real-Time-Executive operating system.

Systems which could be designed around the HP processor include spectrometers, numerical control units, smart terminals, graphic display systems, medical diagnostic systems and other test equipment. A broad range of peripherals and instrumentation interfaces are available.

The 2108K gives you an opportunity to design high performance processing into your system. Accessories are priced separately. OEM discounts are available for quantity purchases.

For more information, circle A on the HP Reply Card.

Accurate measurements in hard-to-reach spots using touch-hold probe on new DMM

The touch-hold probe accessory for the new Hewlett-Packard 3½ digit, five-function autoranging digital multimeter allows the user to "freeze" the reading on the display—a convenience when probing closely-packed circuit boards.

Autoranging and manual modes: ac voltage, dc voltage and resistance can be measured either autorange or manually selected ranges. Select autorange to speed readings and minimize reading error—the LED readout always displays appropriate units. For repetitive readings, or ac and dc current measurements, use the manual mode, selecting from at least five ranges for each function...again the appropriate units will be automatically displayed on the high-efficiency LED annunciators.

Eliminate the need for both a high frequency ac voltmeter and a low-range ohmmeter inasmuch as the 3435A operates over a bandwidth five times greater than most comparably priced DMMs. Measure up to 1200V rms between 30 Hz and 100 kHz, with mid-band accuracy of 0.3% of reading plus three digits. Or, test resistance from a new low range of 20Ω full scale up to 20 MΩ. Dc voltages up to 1200V are

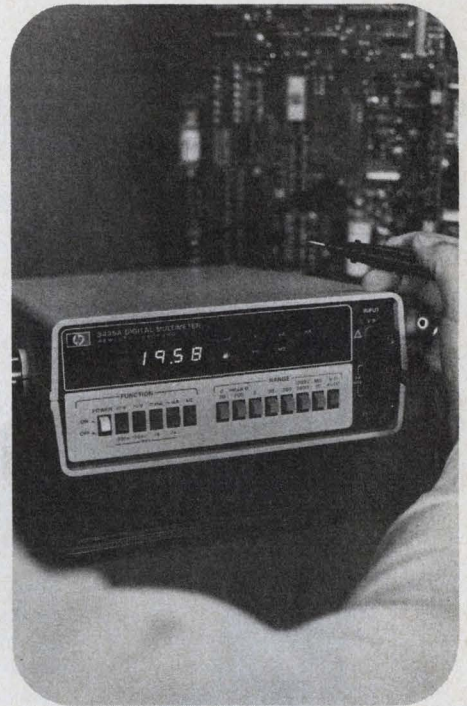
measured with a full-year best accuracy of 0.1% of reading plus one digit. Ac and dc current ranges extend from 20 μA to 2A. All inputs are protected; polarity is automatically sensed and displayed, and autozero occurs before each reading. Open circuit voltage on the ohm terminal, at its lowest range, does not exceed 5 volts, thus preventing damage to most solid-state devices.

Contact and transformer winding resistance are easily measured with 10 milliohm sensitivity. 100 μA sensitivity on the ac and dc ranges make the 3435A ideal for both bench and field applications.

An extensive line of accessories also includes probes for measuring ac voltages at frequencies as high as 700 MHz and dc voltage up to 40 kV.

The standard 3435A is ac line or battery operated and includes batteries and recharging circuitry. If you don't need battery operation, Option 001 gives you line operation only. A rack mounting model is also available. The touch-hold probe is an inexpensive accessory.

For more details, check F on the HP Reply Card.



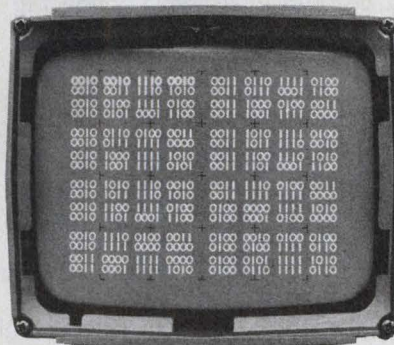
With new touch-hold probe, you can concentrate on your circuit, conveniently hold the measurement, and read the 3435's display after removing the probe. You are confident of measuring at the right point without accidentally shorting the circuit.

HP logic state analyzer speeds digital design and logic troubleshooting

In the TABLE mode, the 1600S displays up to 16 lines of code, and up to 32 bits wide, with their sequential relationships in familiar logic notation.



In the MAP mode, you can examine the unique "fingerprint" of every logic system.



If you've ever spent more time than you care to account for in looking for the source of elusive digital problems, you will appreciate the effectiveness of using an HP logic state analyzer.

Look inside your operating circuit, right on the busses and qualifier lines. The HP 1600S logic state analyzer gives

you two ways to view system operation—**MAPPING** and **TABLE**.

MAPPING, which consists of a display of interconnected dots, offers a dynamic overall view of the program flow.

Each dot represents a specific data word with its position determined by the binary content of the word and its brightness indicates its relative frequency of occurrence. Once the suspected problem area is located, switch to the **TABLE** display mode.

Now, look at events leading up to, surrounding, or following the trigger word. Or, page through a program up to 99 999 clock cycles beyond your trigger point.

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HP calculators control your instruments with easy do-it-yourself interfacing



Easily interface your instruments—scanners, counters, spectrometers, meters, converters and many others—with an HP calculator, thus achieving greater efficiency of the use of their outputs. An automated system giving you results and reports faster and easier will eliminate manual readings, adjustments and calculations, freeing you for creative project management.

HP-IB

The new HP 9815 and HP 9825 computing controllers make interfacing practical and inexpensive. Whether your interfacing application is simple data logging, dedicated instrument control, or large system integration, these controllers can save you time and money while increasing productivity.

Converting the signals from one device into signals the connecting device can use, or vice versa, is now simplified. You simply plug the correct interface card into the back of the controller that fits your need. Connect your instrument to the other end of the I/O card, program your controller with a few simple instructions, and you're ready to put your automated system to work.

Types of interfaces available for the 9815 and 9825 include:

HP-IB—Hewlett-Packard Interface Bus—up to 14 instruments with built-in HP-IB capability can be interconnected to a computing controller via this interface system, HP's implementation of IEEE Standard 488-1975. Bi-directional, asynchronous communication is now possible between many instruments.

BCD—The Instrumentation/Measurement Interface—the majority of instruments produced today output four-bit parallel BCD data.

Bit-Parallel—The General Purpose Interface—choose either 8 or 16-bit parallel input bus and an 8 or 16-bit parallel latched output bus combination. Use this interface to connect to HP devices such as plotters, tape readers, printers, or other equipment such as scanners, scanning electron microscopes, etc.

The HP 9815 calculator is an inexpensive alternative to manual monitoring of an instrument or small system.

For large complex instrumentation systems, the HP 9825 can interface to as many as 42 measuring instruments through its three I/O slots. The internal processing speed is so fast that transferring data and commands, accepting inputs, analyzing data, and printing or plotting results appear to happen simultaneously.

For additional details on selecting the calculator and/or the interface that will best meet your needs, check Q on the HP Reply Card.

NEW 4-channel tape recorder offers 32:1 time base expansion or compression plus remote control via HP-IB option

A new four-channel (0.6 cm) ¼-inch instrumentation tape recorder, the HP 3964A, has all of the standard features of the recently announced eight-channel HP 3968A ITR but at a much lower price.

Versatility, portability and durability are factors that will interest both the individual researcher and the OEM user, both for laboratory and field use.

Record at six tape speeds from 15/32 ips to 15 ips. Standard features include remote control, internal AC/DC calibrator, tape/tach servo mode and flutter compensation. Channel 2 may be interrupted for voice annotation; microphone and speaker are included.

FM recording is from DC to 5 kHz with a signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of 48 dB at 15 ips. Direct recording is from 50 Hz to 64 kHz with SNR of 38 dB.

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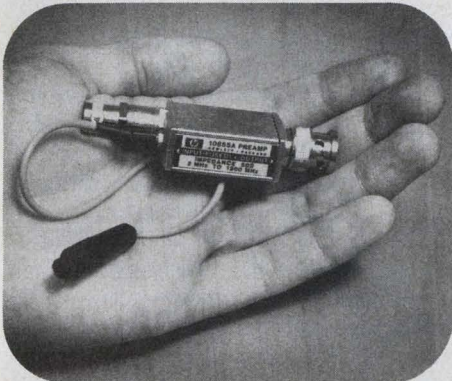
With increased time base expansion, rapidly changing signals can be slowed down and recorded by strip chart or oscillographic recorders for detailed analysis. Low frequency signals can be scaled up for observation on an oscilloscope.

How to make your spectrum analyzer measurements more accurate

Just published is a new application note, AN 150-8, a comprehensive discussion of spectrum analyzer accuracy considerations. Factors that determine amplitude and frequency accuracy are examined and procedures for obtaining the best accuracy are presented. Special cases such as swept measurements, low-level signals and closely spaced signals are described.

For your copy, check T on the HP Reply Card.

Boost low level signals with new 1300 MHz preamp



Noise figure of new preamp is less than 8.5 dB.

The new HP 10855A preamp enhances measurements of very low level signals by 22 dB minimum. Uses include amplifying "on-the-air" signals for measurement with counters or spectrum analyzers and restoring the loss of scope divider probes. The 10855A boosts the input sensitivity of HP counters by a factor of 10.

This preamp features ± 1 dB flat response from 2 MHz to 1300 MHz, with 50 Ω input and output impedances. This covers the VHF and UHF television, mobile communications and TACAN/DME bands. An input fuse prevents costly preamp damage.

The 10855A operates conveniently with HP measuring instruments having probe power outlets (see counter above right) or will work with a separate probe power supply such as the HP 1122A.

For more information, check R on the HP Reply Card.

Two HP-IB compatible counters measure UHF and TACAN/DME frequencies



The compact HP 5305B is designed for bench and portable applications in communications service; the HP 5328A is a full capability Universal Counter including precision frequency and time interval measurement for bench and systems use in laboratory or production test.

New capabilities extend two HP counters to 1300 MHz with 20 mV sensitivity to cover the VHF and UHF TV and mobile communications bands, TACAN/DME, and AM and FM broadcast bands. Each also includes a first for electronic counters—a probe power outlet to drive an accessory 22 dB ($\times 10$) preamp. The HP 10855A Preamp (plugged into 5328A counter above) enables the measurement of very low level signals. See article to the left.

Model 5305B operates with the 8-digit 5300B mainframe for frequency measurements from 50 Hz to 1300 MHz. A phase-locked multiplier gives $\times 1000$ resolution for rapid, accurate, automatic audio tone measurements to 10 kHz. With both extended high frequency range and improved audio range resolution, the 5305B is ideal for servicing mobile communications equipment that uses tone modulation for digital transmission.

The 5305B is one of eight snap-on modules for the 5300B measurement system. Any of seven other modules can be snapped onto the 5300B upper "readout module" in place of the 5305B in less than 30 seconds to convert the 5300B for other frequency or time interval measurements, or to a digi-

tal multimeter for ac/dc volts/ohms. Other accessories that snap between upper and lower halves include a battery pack and charger, a digital-to-analog converter for high resolution plots on analog recorders, and an HP-IB module for outputting digital data to the Hewlett-Packard Interface Bus.

With the HP 5328A Universal Counter, Option 031 adds 1300 MHz frequency measurement range to the extensive period, time interval, totalizing, ratio and voltage measurement capability of this 8-digit counter (9 digits optional).

The 5328A achieves its extended versatility by any of eight options which are either factory or field installable in about an hour. In addition to Option 031, there's: an ultra-stable time base option for higher accuracy, complete remote operation via the Hewlett-Packard Interface Bus, choice of two different built-in DVMs, a third frequency input channel up to 512 MHz with 9-digit display and a high performance time interval option.

For more information, check N on the HP Reply Card.

The HP 8640B now phase locks with 500 Hz resolution. Companion down converter extends output down to 5 kHz



Models 8640A/B signal generators are now offered with improvements in resolution, power, and modulation settability.

Some mobile FM receivers (especially in Europe) are now using channel spacing of 12.5 kHz to increase communications capacity. To meet this need, the HP 8640B signal generator now features an additional half digit of phase lock resolution across its entire band of 500 kHz to 1024 MHz. (500 Hz lock points from 100 MHz to 1 GHz).

Internal design changes provide simplified front panel operation for output power and modulation settings. New, low-power counter circuits and other component changes have reduced heat and component count for added reliability.

The same power and modulation changes have been made in the HP 8640A slide-rule-dial tuning signal generator.

For additional technical information on this increased capability of the 8640A/B signal generators and the 11710A down converter, check P on the HP Reply Card.



The model 11710A down converter extends the frequency range of the 8640A/B down to 5 kHz.

New 5 kHz to 550 kHz down converter

Design and service of AM-FM broadcast receivers often require test signals for both RF bands as well as the standard IF frequencies at 262 kHz and 455 kHz.

The HP 11710A down converter, as an accessory for the above-mentioned 8640A/B, provides a frequency range of 5 kHz to 500 kHz by mixing a 5.0 to 5.5 MHz carrier from the 8640 signal generator with a fixed 5 MHz oscillator in the 11710A.

Calibrated output level is preserved from 0 to -107 dBm, and the calibrated modulations may be set on the 8640. Intermixing spurious is more than 80 dBc (dB below carrier) and harmonics are more than 30 dB down. For user convenience, an RF switch bypasses the down converter and eliminates the need to switch cables when using the standard 8640 band.

New miniature 18 and 26.5 GHz microwave detectors ideal for designing into equipment

Equipment designers who require a broadband microwave detector with excellent performance and small dimensions now have an answer.

The HP 33330B detector covers the frequency range 0.010 to 18 GHz with excellent flatness (± 0.6 dB to 18 GHz). Package size is ideal for designing into small spaces. Total length of the package is 4.2 cm (1.70 in) and diameter is .97 cm (0.38 in). The model 33330C extends the frequency range to 26.5 GHz with reduced performance.

RF input is 50 Ω with an SWR of less than 1.5 to 18 GHz. The connector is the new APC-3.5 precision sub-miniature which exhibits outstanding reliability and repeatability even after 1000 connections. The APC-3.5 is fully compatible with the industry-standard 3.5 mm SMA series. The video output connector mates with the SMC series, which is especially well suited for the miniature cabling of modern equipment.

Models 33330B/C utilize the same field-replaceable diode module developed by Hewlett-Packard for measurement-quality microwave detectors and are specifically designed for use in rugged environmental conditions.

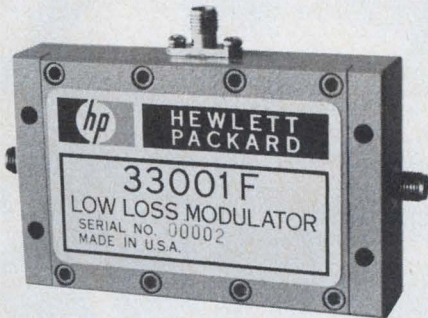
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HP 33330B microwave detector (.010 to 18 GHz) is of very small size for use in OEM equipment.

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPONENT NEWS

New low loss absorptive modulators cut insertion loss 0.5 dB



New hermetically sealed semiconductor devices in a rugged overall package are matched at all attenuation levels.

Three new HP absorptive modulators (33001E/F, 33008E) provide at least 0.5 dB improvement in insertion loss over previously available models. This improvement has been made possible by incorporating Hewlett-Packard low-loss PIN diodes into the modulators.

Absorptive modulator applications include level setting, wideband amplitude modulation, pulse modulation and switching. The absorptive modulators present constant impedance and therefore are useful where load sensitive sources are used.

These absorptive modulators are electronically controllable attenuators for the frequency range from 3.7 to 18 GHz. Each product covers greater than one octave and presents a good impedance match ($Z_0 = 50\Omega$) at both RF ports for all values of attenuation.

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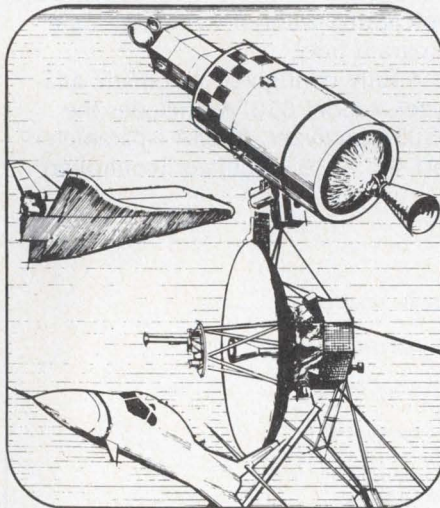
High reliability test programs for microwave transistors

If your procurement needs are immediate and you need microwave transistors screened by high-reliability test programs, Hewlett-Packard offers four levels of high-reliability testing patterned after MIL-S-19500.

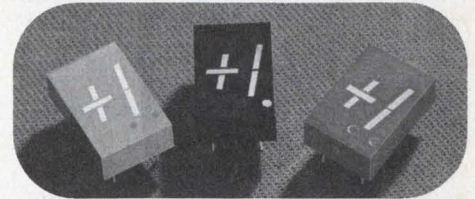
Applications for these "off-the-shelf" microwave transistors include satellite equipment, avionics, radar, military radio and communications.

Four small-signal NPN transistors are presently offered: 35824A for general use to 1 GHz; 35826E for microstrip use to 4 GHz; 35829E optimized for high "tuned" gain at 2 GHz; and 35866E optimized for low noise at 4 GHz.

Details of these test programs are described in a new technical data sheet. For your copy, check I on the HP Reply Card.



Four new .43" universal overflow digits



Overflow digits expand HP display family.

Available in red, high-efficiency red, yellow or green these devices can be driven common anode or common cathode because both leads of each LED are brought out to separate pins. Right-hand decimal point is a standard feature on this 5082-7756 series.

These devices are available from any franchised HP distributor.

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New microwave components short form catalog

Microwave circuit designers will want this new 4-page quick reference guide to Hewlett-Packard's line of diodes and transistors. A condensed review of the company's microwave components, this new brochure gives important specifications of HP's microwave transistors, and PIN, IMPATT, step recovery and Schottky diodes. Also included are condensed specifications of MIS capacitor chips and a printed circuit balanced mixer.

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New low-power monolithic displays

Now available from Hewlett-Packard is a new series of large monolithic LED displays for instrument design. These magnified displays require only 1/3 the power of conventional seven-segment displays while offering excellent readability in high ambient light conditions.

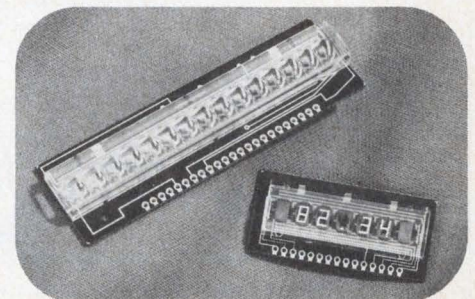
Close digit-to-digit spacing allows over 4 digits per inch in a pre-aligned

multi-digit package.

The 5082-7265/75/85/95 series comes in 5 and 15-digit packages with centered or right-hand decimal points.

These devices are available from any franchised HP distributor.

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Make RF network measurements automatically— cassette programs simplify system start-up

Hewlett-Packard's new 1.3 GHz network analyzer, the 8505A, brings unprecedented capability to RF network characterization: 100 dB dynamic range, high-resolution digital data read-out with analog display, direct measurement of group delay, and a unique electronic line stretcher to measure deviation from linear phase.

The 8505A is also the most programmable network analyzer available today, permitting the analyzer to combine with the programmable HP 9830 calculator through the Hewlett-Packard Interface Bus (HP-IB) to become an immensely powerful *automatic* network analyzer.

Key advantages of automating the network analyzer include: extreme measurement accuracies (by virtue of the system's ability to measure, store, then subtract such vector errors as frequency response, directivity and source match) ability to make many measurements quickly, and the ability to manipulate data and format results in a suitable form.

Unique to this new automatic analyzer is its "**Learn Mode**" of operation which makes it possible to automate measurements *without programming*. A single key stroke can cause the calculator to store (Learn) the front-panel control settings of the network analyzer. These can later be recalled which re-



Model 8507A Automatic Network Analyzer, 500 kHz—1.3 GHz, dramatically reduces the time and cost of executing complicated tests.

turns the analyzer to its original test conditions. An entire test procedure can be created without writing a single program line!

A fully-configured automatic analyzer, Model 8507A, includes the 8505A analyzer, 8503A s-parameter test set, 9830 calculator (controller)

with printer, necessary interfaces, cables, calibration kit, table and cassette programs which permit you to start making measurements immediately.

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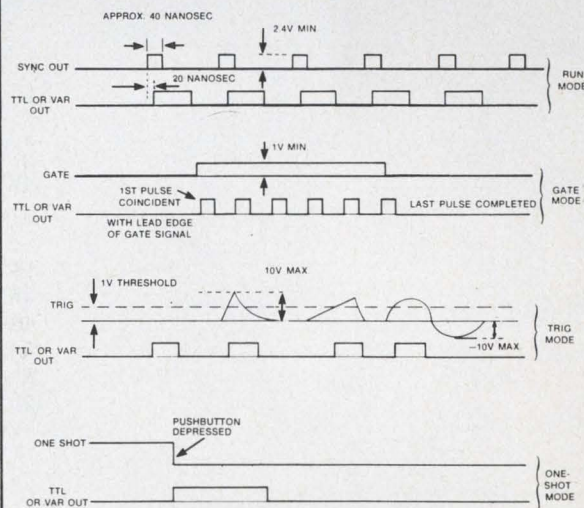
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DM-4 SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency Range: Pulse Width and Spacing Controls:	0.5 Hz to 5 MHz 100 nanosec to 1 sec. in 7 overlapping decade ranges. A single-turn vernier control provides continuous adjustment between ranges. 10 ⁷ :1 Range: adjustable over entire pulse width/spacing range. 100 nanosec "ON" 1 sec "OFF" to 1 sec "ON" and 100 nanosec "OFF".	ONE-SHOT	Pushbutton for single pulse. Output pulse occurs each time push-button is pressed.
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Operating Modes: RUN	0.5 Hz to 5 MHz as per width/spacing and amplitude control settings.	VAR OUT	0.1-10 V positive Rise/fall time Less than 30 nanosec
TRIG Input requirements:	DC to approx. 10 MHz Sine waves 2 VP-P; pulses 1 V peak, >40 nanosec wide; maximum input ±10 V. (Input Impedance: Approx. 10KΩDC coupled.)	TTL OUT	400Ωmax. Fan-out 40 TTL Loads Sink 160 milliamps—0.8 V max. Rise/fall time Less than 20 nanosec
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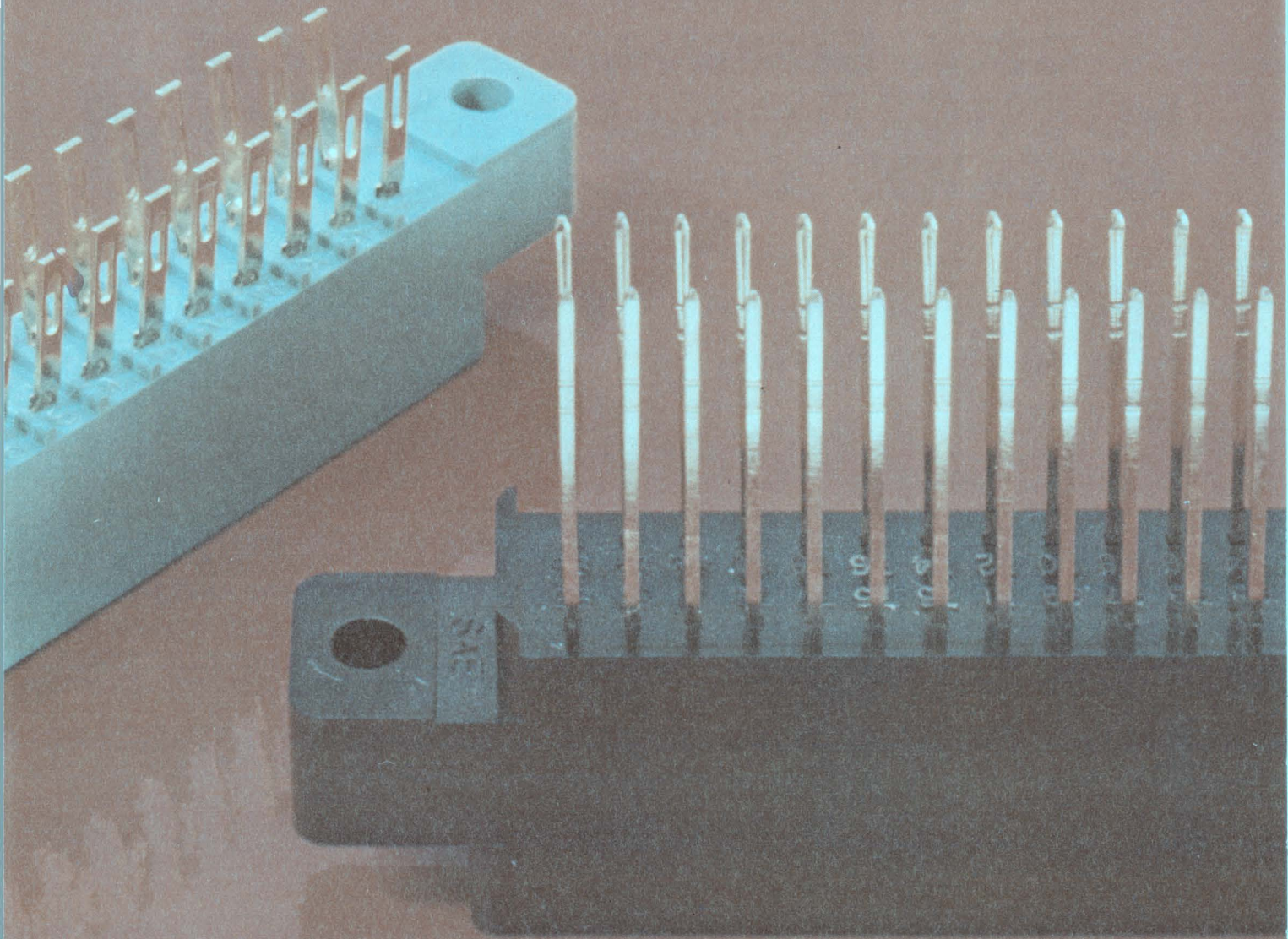
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Photovoltaic applications studied by NASA and ERDA

Sun-powered campers and electric cars with batteries recharged by sun power, are two ideas now being studied by the Photovoltaic Test and Demonstration Project under way at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, OH. The project is a joint venture of NASA and ERDA (Energy Research and Development Agency).

A solar-powered camping refrigerator, to be tested at a remote trail-construction camp in Isle Royale National Park, MI, will be the project's first demonstration.

Battery chargers on electric vehicles will be the recipients of 1-1/2-kW arrays currently under study at Lewis.

All solar cells used by the Lewis group will be standard off-the-shelf photovoltaic cells that will be procured from several different sources, according to Robert Easter, assistant to the project manager at Lewis. The refrigerator project uses Type 785 silicon cells from Solarex, Rockville, MD.

To power the refrigerator, modules containing an array of 3×6 cells contained in a flat plate $10\text{-}1/4 \times 20$ in. are used. Each module produces a 6-V output with 9.2-W capacity. Since the refrigerator requires 12-V operation, the modules are connected in 2-module series pairs. Twelve of these series pairs are paralleled to provide 220 W of available power.

In addition to powering the refrigerator when the sun is out, the cells also charge six automotive lead-acid 100 A-h batteries, which power the refrigerator at night or during bad weather.

The Lewis group is currently designing a prototype residence with solar cells arrayed on the roof. They will provide up to 10 kW of power to get the residence

through peak usage periods. This prototype residence should be completed around January of 1977.

Photovoltaic arrays with 1 kW of output are now being designed into US Forest Service lookout towers. The first two prototype towers will be installed by September.

Weather reporting from remote locations will be eased by 200-W solar arrays being designed to go into remote weather stations by September, 1976.

Not to be outdone, the Dept. of Defense is in on the studies as well. Prototype completion by later this year is planned for arrays to be used in telephone vans, radio relays, remote radars, intrusion detection systems, battery chargers and water purification plants. Most of these systems will be tested at Fort Belvoir, VA.

Finally, Lewis is designing large demonstration panels for use in industry and shopping centers. By 1977 the panel will have a capacity of 100 kW. So far 2 kW are installed. By the end of August, 10 kW will be in place. And in a year, 40 kW will be in use.

Calculator remembers—even when turned off

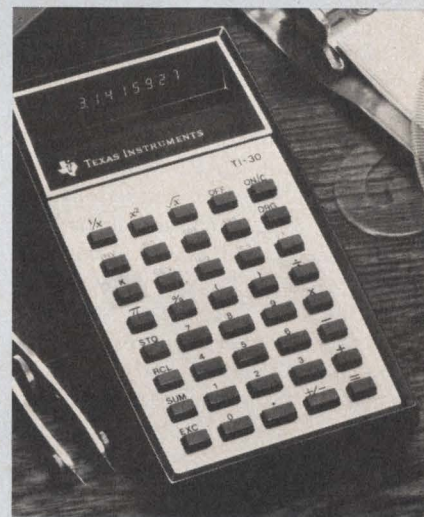
The pocket calculator race continues at full gallop. Two new members of this ever-growing family were introduced last month, one from Hewlett-Packard and the other from Texas Instruments.

HP's offering is the addition of a nonvolatile memory to its model-25 programmable scientific calculator. Designated the model 25C, the new unit is identical to the older HP 25, with the added feature that information, once entered,

is retained even while the calculator is turned off. Program steps and data that are repeatedly used can thus be stored in the calculator. This storage results in the saving of operator time, and extends battery life.

Two data storage chips in the calculator use CMOS (complementary metal oxide semiconductor) technology to achieve continuous memory. Typically, the two chips require about $5 \mu\text{W}$ steady power drain to preserve the information. This figure represents about 1/80,000 of the 400 mW normally used when the machine is on. The model 25C is priced at \$200.

From Texas Instruments comes the model TI-30, a low-cost (\$24.95) unit aimed at the 15-million member high school student market.



Texas Instruments' TI-30 scientific calculator retails for \$24.95.

Like its more expensive cousins, the SR-52, SR-56, and SR-60, the TI-30 features Texas Instruments' Algebraic Operating System (AOS), a method of solving algebraic equations through multiple parentheses. With AOS, equations are entered from left-to-right, following standard algebraic hierarchy. Powers and roots are computed first, then multiplication and division, and finally, addition and subtraction. The calculator "remembers" all entries and then acts on them using this hierarchy.

The TI-30, in addition to the usual four functions (+, -, \div , \times) includes, among other capabilities,

logarithms and trigonometric functions (in degrees, radians and grads).

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Bell plans digital system to use occupied channels

The Bell System is testing a new digital system that takes advantage of normal pauses in telephone conversations to provide additional information-carrying capacity over an occupied communications channel.

Called TASI (Time Assignment Speech Interpolation), the system is being tested by Bell Telephone Laboratories and AT&T's Long Lines Dept. on Bell System microwave radio facilities between New York and Boston.

The new TASI is a modernized version of a system installed in 1960 in undersea cables between the United States and Europe and between Canada and Australia.

The earlier TASI worked with analog telephone transmissions. For each voice channel, individual speech detectors and speech-processing circuits were needed.

In the new TASI, the voice signals are converted into digital form, which allows single, high-speed digital circuits to perform



A digital system to use the gaps in voice communication is being tested for domestic telephone use.

speech-processing functions on a large number of channels.

The digitized speech can be sent directly to a distant location over a digital transmission system such as the T4M digital coaxial cable system. Or, the signal can be converted into its original analog form for transmission over conventional analog facilities.

The signal is transmitted via single-sideband using frequency-division multiplexing.

Sampling head measures electro-optic pulses

An oscilloscope sampling head has been built that measures both electrical and optical pulses with a potential resolution of 10 picoseconds.

The device's other advantages over conventional instruments: it has a broader bandwidth, greater dynamic range and it's free of sampling-pulse interference. The head was developed by the National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, CO.

Optical pulses, at present, are measured with a sampling oscilloscope whose sampling head uses a photodiode as an optical-to-electrical transducer. These oscilloscopes, however, distort the sampled pulse because of limited bandwidth in the detector circuits.

The NBS sampling head isolates sampling interference by optically sampling electrical pulses, and, conversely, electrically sampling optical pulses. The new head uses a gallium arsenide (GaAs) photoconductor—instead of a photodiode—as a transducer.

The photoconductor's output is the product of the optical and electrical waveforms, regardless of which is the sampling pulse and which is the sampled. This product-forming property, essential to the sampling operation, cannot be obtained with a photodiode in its normal reverse-biased mode.

The NBS sampling circuit uses the photoconductor shunt capacitance and stray-wiring capacitance as a sampling capacitor. Thus, unwanted and unavoidable effects are exploited to gain greater bandwidth in sampling optical waveforms.

By combining the detecting and

sampling functions in one GaAs chip and centralizing these and other original processing operations in the sampling head, the developers expect to attain greater fidelity in the scope's displayed waveform.

Cable TV firm installs first fiber-optic cable

Fiber optics is beginning to thread its way into the television industry.

Early this month, Teleprompter Manhattan Cable Co., a New York City home cable television firm, began using an 800 ft length of fiber-optic cable to carry signals from its receiving equipment atop a tall apartment building in Manhattan to its central processing offices, 34 floors below. Excellent quality of the transmitted picture was reported by William Bresnan, Teleprompter Cable's president.

The Teleprompter hookup is reported to be the first practical use of fiber optics in the television industry.

Only 90 microns (90×10^{-6} meter) in diameter, the fiber-optic cable replaces a conventional 3/4 inch coaxial cable that was used until now.

TV signals on the roof are first amplified, and then used to modulate a light-emitting diode. The resulting optical signal is carried down the length of fiber-optic cable.

Advantages of fiber-optic communications are by now well known. They include such benefits as:

- Conventional coaxial transmission requires the use of repeater amplifiers approximately every 1/3 mile. Using fiber optics, however, the number of such repeater stations is reduced to one every 1.5 miles.

- A single optical fiber can potentially carry many more TV and audio channels than a coaxial cable.

The new Teleprompter installation currently carries a single channel, that of Home Box Office, the pay-television service. However, by using a laser as the light source instead of the present LED, up to 167 TV channels could be transmitted on the single fiber cable.

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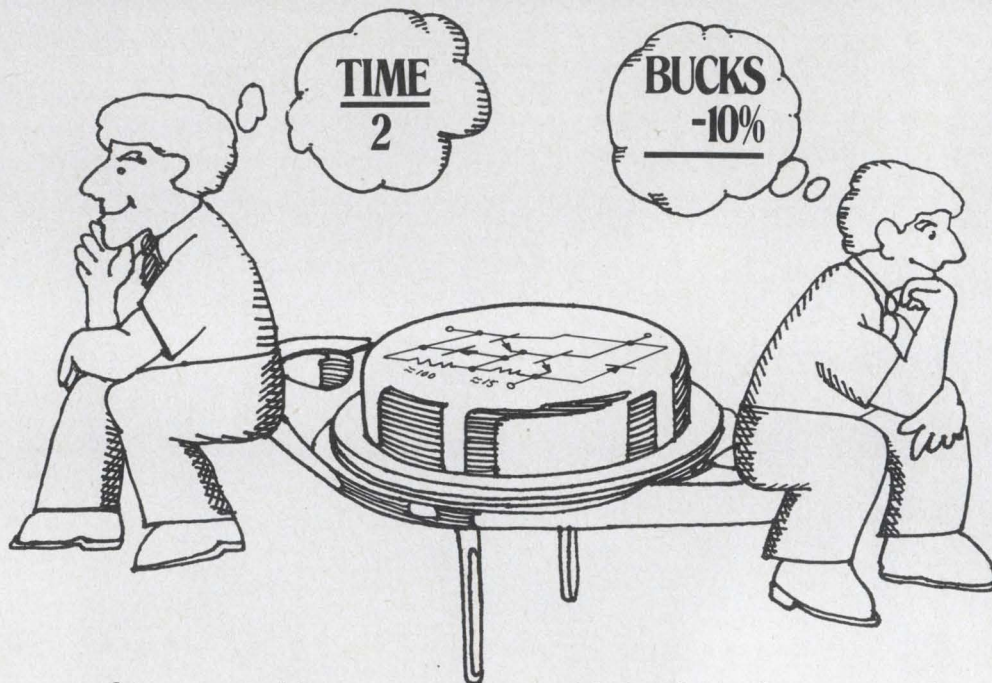
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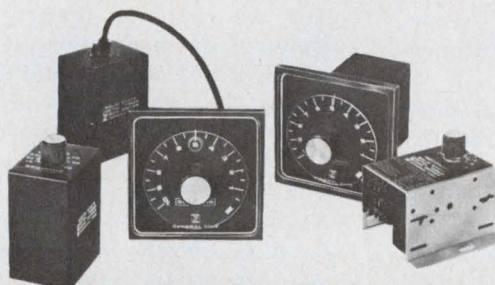
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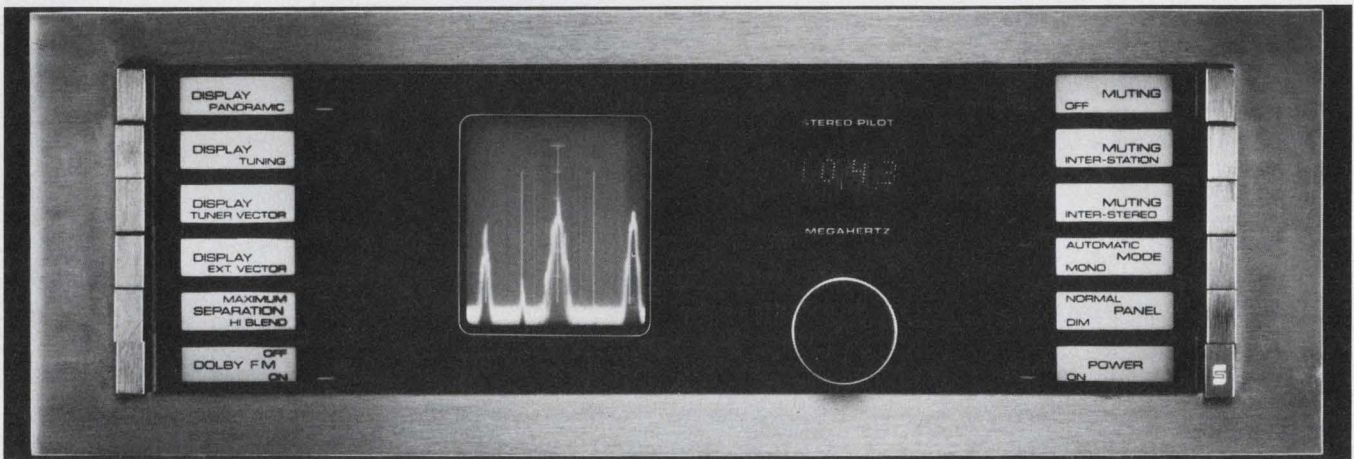


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At the Consumer Electronics Show

Scope built in FM tuner monitors quality of audio and rf reception



Visual checks of FM-station signal quality and receiver tuning, as well as analysis of stereo and quadraphonic signals, are provided by circuitry incorporated in the oscilloscope display of the Sequerra-1 FM tuner.

A unique FM tuner—the Sequerra 1—is the first consumer device to incorporate a multifunction oscilloscope for visual, as well as aural, evaluation of the rf input and of the demodulated stereo or quadraphonic audio of the station to which it is tuned.

A panoramic spectrum analyzer in the Sequerra 1, demonstrated at the recent Consumer Electronics Show in Chicago, provides a visual display of FM stations broadcasting a signal above the ambient interstation noise, which is represented by the scope base line. When the set is properly tuned to a particular frequency, the station is centered on the scope screen, as shown in the tuner photo.

The height of the vertical pips indicate relative signal strength. Alternate channel stations ap-

pear at 400-kHz intervals from the center frequency, and adjacent channel stations appear at a point 200-kHz away from the station tuned in.

The panoramic analyzer can be used to orient the FM antenna for greatest signal strength, and is also useful in detecting and identifying interference from other radio stations or from electrical devices.

Exact visual tuning possible

A tuning-signal-analyzer function provides precise visual tuning of the FM signal as well as indicating the rf-signal strength and percentage of modulation. It can also aid in antenna orientation by showing the best compromise of antenna position with respect to multipath reception and signal strength.

A typical selectivity response pattern is shown in Figure 1a, which displays the bandwidth, sig-

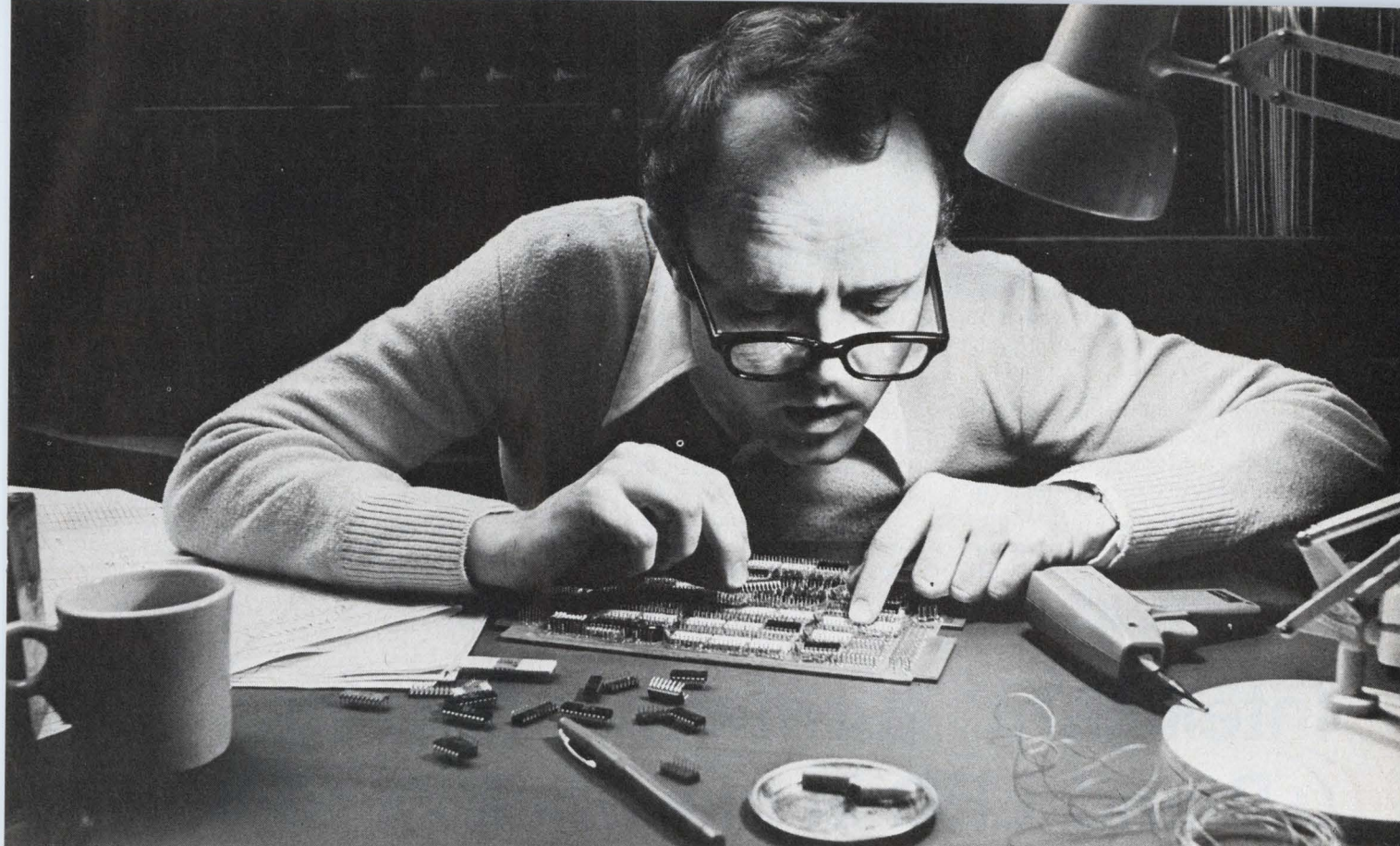
nal amplitude, threshold of noise level and noise density. A correctly tuned station is shown in 1b.

To analyze the separation, balance and phase characteristics of stereo program material, an internal vector separation circuit can be switched into the scope display.

For stereo broadcasts the instantaneous peak deviation of the right and left stereo channel information appears as in Figure 1c. The wider the angle of the display, the greater the separation; and the higher the trace the stronger the signal.

Audio signals from external sources can also be displayed. For example, with four-channel information, the left-rear vector is shown below the base line at 225° while the right rear vector is shown at 315°, as in Figure 1d.

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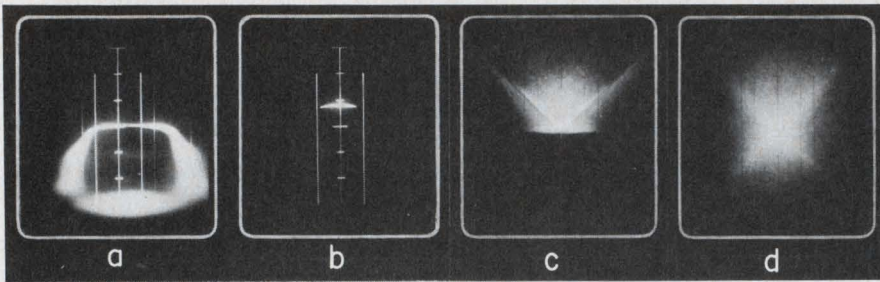
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1. Tuner selectivity (a), station tuning (b), and separation of stereo and quadraphonic channels (c,d) are shown on the Sequerra scope monitor.

minimized the use of microcircuits to obtain the higher performance of discrete construction.

Other features in the tuner include the use of a varactor-tuner front end to minimize both packaging space and microphonics associated with standard gang-capacitor tuning. Also, n-channel FETs are

used in balanced push-pull stages of rf amplification to cancel out the even harmonics, which produce the highest level spurious response.

Another special circuit in the tuner varies the separation of the high frequencies in stereo broadcasts to suit the listener. A "Maximum" position provides the best

spatial and directional definition of the tuner's audio output. A "High Blend" position eliminates some high frequency noise under adverse listening conditions, such as excessive record hiss.

The station-frequency readout is a four-digit LED frequency counter that is controlled by the local oscillator. The use of a local oscillator rather than a frequency synthesizer was decided upon for two reasons.

First, although the synthesizer is inherently more accurate, there are stations abroad that do not fall at the equal frequency intervals to which it is programmed. Also it produces only even or odd frequency intervals, which would make it impossible to tune in some stations. ■■

'Intelligent' turntable contains μ P and LED in playback assembly

A combination of electro-optic, microprocessor and ultrasonic technologies has produced the first intelligent electronic turntable, the Accutrac 4000. It can select any or all of the dozen or more tracks on long-playing records, under programmed control.

The microprocessor specially designed for the turntable can store and execute up to 25 individual commands. Tracks can be played in any order the listener wants by inserting commands through program switches on the unit or by using a hand-held ultrasonic remote control with a similar keyboard. Tracks can also be skipped or repeated, according to Audio Dynamics, New Milford, CT, the turntable producer.

Electro-optics in the head of the playback assembly finds the individual tracks and also tells the microprocessor when the track has ended. A small infrared LED is built into the special cartridge. The beam from the LED is focused onto the record. Closely spaced grooves scatter this light (Fig. 1), but smooth surfaces between the recorded portions reflect the infrared energy back to a detector. The detector output then triggers the arm-lifting and moving servo and

is fed to the microprocessor, which then initiates the next command.

The integrated design of the Accutrac tone arm and cartridge results in an ideal tone-arm resonance between 8 and 10 Hz. Although the arm is raised, lowered and moved sideways automatically by its own servo motor, which is independent of the turntable drive. It instantly decouples from the system as soon as the needle touches the grooves. This prevents

unwanted groove wear.

The rate at which the playback head is lowered to the record is deliberately slower than with manual operation in order to extend record life.

A brushless, electronically controlled direct-drive turntable motor is used to eliminate the rumble, wow and flutter caused by the belts, wheels or pulleys of more conventional turntable drives.

The manufacturers of the new turntable say the system cuts record wear and avoids accidents—such as dropping the playback head on the record surface.

Direct-drive 12-V motor used

The electronically controlled, direct-drive turntable motor is a 12-V, brushless dc unit with speed-sensing circuitry, and Hall sensors for commutation. The speed of the motor, manufactured by Matsushita in Japan, is governed by the output of an RC oscillator. Speed-trimming controls, mounted on the turntable panel, permit locking the turntable speed to either 50 or 60 Hz of the local line frequency.

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A turntable with automatic track selection under microprocessor control, the Accutrac 4000, can be programmed using an ultrasonic remote control with keyboard.

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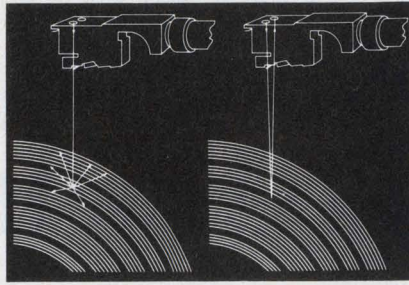
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controls with a $\pm 5\%$ range use stroboscopic patterns embossed on the turntable's rim to adjust the speed precisely.

The Accutracs' microprocessor is a two-chip system that was developed by General Instrument Microelectronics Ltd., in Scotland. One chip contains the microprocessor and its memory, and the second



2. An infrared LED and detector in the Accutracs turntable pickup detects record grooves or spaces between.

chip contains the program instructions.

The same program chip is also packaged in the hand-held remote control. The remote unit transmits a coded serial-bit string at 40 kHz to the receiving unit (see photo). The bit string has the same encoding as that of the panel controls.

A LED on the receiver unit blinks to verify that the commands have been stored in the microprocessor memory. ■■

Digital time-delay device greatly enhances living room acoustics

A new stereo component can make the acoustics of a living room sound like those of a concert hall, a theatre or a cathedral. It's a 37-k-bit computer-like device programmed with an adjustable electronic model of acoustic space.

Called the Digital Time Delay System, the device synthesizes a live listening experience by digitizing stereo-channel audio signals and then adding multiple, continuous time delays to them. The signals are reconverted to analog audio voltages that contain echoes and reverberation.

The Digital Time Delay System, developed by Audio Pulse, Inc., Bedford, MA, overcomes mechanical resonances or electrical distortions of the signals that occur in the analog time delay systems used in other consumer stereo products.

With the Audio Pulse system, on the other hand, once the audio input is converted to its digital equivalent, time delays can be introduced without signal distortion.

The key to the wide-range delays—up to 94 ms in the Audio Pulse system—is two developments. One, called "Delta Modulation with Memory," permits time-delay enhancement of audio signals at moderate cost, according to Richard F. DeFreitas, vice president of Audio Pulse.

The second development is the design of an elaborate set of mixing, phase-shifting, filtering and recirculating circuits that enhance the delayed sounds with the reverberation qualities characteristic

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Delta modulation is not new, but this system includes an important new addition—a scratch-pad memory programmed to examine the recent history of the audio waveform and to predict what its slope will be during the next encoding interval.

Quadrupling the slew rate

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Conventional pulse-code modulation uses coded groups of pulses to represent the amplitude of the

audio signal at each sample. But with delta modulation, the encoding circuit generates a series of pulses whose rate reflects momentary changes in audio voltage.

This is more efficient than conventional PCM encoding because only about half as many pulses per second are required to reproduce a signal with equal fidelity. Consequently, only half as many shift registers are required to achieve a desired time delay.

With the Audio Pulse system the audio signal is encoded into digital pulses that are fed to a series of 37 shift registers of 1-k bit each. The encoding occurs at rates of either 400-k or 250-k pulse/s, as selected.

As the resulting pulses are loaded into the first register, its previous contents are shifted into the second. Simultaneously, the second register's contents are shifted into the third register, and so on. When the pulses emerge from the last shift register, they are decoded to recover the audio signal. The amount of time delay is proportional to the number of shift registers used.

In the Digital Time Delay system four different delays are obtained—two in each channel. In each channel the fully and partially delayed audio signals are fed to a variable mixer. Here, the relative proportions of the partial and full delays are controlled by Decay Time switches on the front panel. Discrete delays available are: 8, 12, 22, 36, 58 and 94 ms. ■■

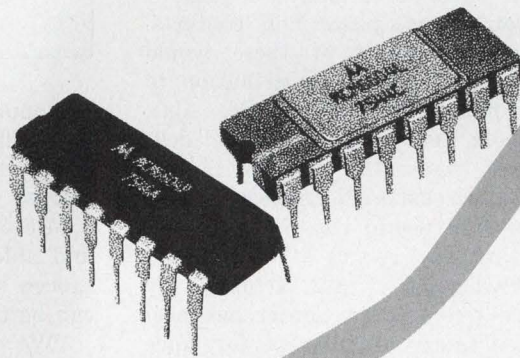


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Where is Natalia Makarova's tutu? It was there a minute ago....



Low-light and high-contrast conditions are problems that Lincoln Center must combat in the attempt to improve the quality of live telecasts such as this one, as shown in this photograph of a home set.

ON June 30, millions of Americans saw the American Ballet Theatre's "Swan Lake," on television. It was broadcast in color live from New York City's Lincoln Center. And if the viewers tuned in their FM stereo radios, they also heard Tchaikovsky's music—live—in living stereo.

Part of the miracle of this telecast was that it was done under existing performance conditions. There were no extra lights, obtrusive cameras or microphones to distract the audience—people who had paid up to \$10.95 a ticket to see one of the world's great ballets danced by two of the world's great dancers, Natalia Makarova and Ivan Nagy.

Instead, a van full of electronic equipment was used to overcome some of the staggering handicaps that "performance conditions" pose for televising video and sound. "One of the most obvious problems is poor lighting," says John

Goberman, director of the Lincoln Center Media Development Dept., which for the past two years has been experimenting with new techniques for televising Lincoln Center's performing arts.

"Television studios operate with 150 to 300 footcandles. We have to televise performances with light levels that range from less than one footcandle to roughly 25."

Goberman's group is motivated on several levels to solve this problem and the several others, even more difficult, that stand in the way of improving telecast quality.

"We are developing a television product for Lincoln Center," Goberman says. "The Center puts on some 3000 performances a year of ballet, opera, plays and concerts. Televising some of these would provide a cultural contribution to the nation and the world. Also, Lincoln Center has an annual deficit of some \$25 million. Selling these telecast performances to pay television would constitute an important new source of revenue."

"Swan Lake" is actually the third telecast the Center has produced under existing performance conditions. In January the New York Philharmonic was broadcast live, and in April, an opera—"The Ballad of Baby Doe."

"Besides having to televise in the dark, we have other problems to solve," says Mark Schubin, technological consultant for the department and technical producer of the telecasts.

"We have high contrast ratios to deal with—a soprano wears a white dress and the villain a black velvet suit: the soprano turns into a blob of white and the villain is so black you can't see him."



Nonuniform color is a problem, too. Different lights have different color temperatures, and often colored gels are used.

Microphones must be invisible, and able to pick up at great distances so that high-fidelity stereo can be transmitted nationwide.

"We've made great strides in solving the low-light-level problem," Schubin says, "but we've still got a long way to go."

One by-product of poor lighting is "lag," which occurs when the tube doesn't have enough light to refresh the information on it from a previous frame. "You have to remember," Schubin says, "that you can't make time exposures with TV cameras; the faceplate of the camera tube has roughly 1/30 of a second to integrate the light on its photosensitive surface."

Some cameras get around lag by using "bias light," an even projec-

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tion of light directed on the faceplate of the camera tube to raise the input level above the threshold necessary for erasing the information that it had in the previous frame. Then, if the light projection is perfectly even, you can simply subtract it from the signal coming out of the camera.

In going to extremely low-light levels—down to 1 fc or less—the amplification system of the camera cannot raise the signal to a viewable level without producing a tremendous amount of noise, Schubin

says. To counter this, various noise-reduction techniques have been developed, and more are in the works. They include integration on a line-to-line or frame-to-frame basis, and noise coring. Noise coring is a process, somewhat like the Dolby method used for reducing audio noise. The portion of your signal that is most susceptible to noise is amplified when it's still noise free. The processed signal is then re-equalized to a flat signal that is still relatively noise free.

"We're not sure what the solution to this noise problem might be," Schubin says. "Noise reduction of an existing signal is one possibility. Noise coring is another. Or the answer might be a cooled amplifier or something of that nature. We've just started looking."

"We made one experiment with image-intensified tubes—a two-stage image intensifier in front of each tube in a 3-tube Philips camera. And while I'm sure it would be fine for the military—they could find a tank in the dark and even tell what color it was—the picture quality was very bad."

The group has also used cameras with secondary electron conduction (SEC) tubes, made by Westinghouse. The camera itself, made by Commercial Electronics, Inc., Mountain View, CA, "turned out to have more lag than ordinary bias-lit broadcast cameras."

The group is now looking at new tubes such as the silicon-intensified target tube (SIT) and the isocon tube. "Both of these tubes are supposed to be better than anything we're using today. Cohu has built a color camera using isocon tubes. It's a three-tube color camera that should be capable of perceiving a black cat in a coal mine at night. But whether it's going to have the commercial television quality we need is still a question."

Mark Schubin and his audio 'rack'

This transmission and stereo-control pick-up terminal is called "the rack" by its designer, Mark Schubin, who is standing to one side. It relays the sound from the theatre upstairs in Lincoln Center to the satellite and terrestrial transmission network.

The rack provides high-quality audio, compressed for portions of the networks that desire audio compression. And it provides dynamic-range compression for recordings so that the original dynamic range can be restored whenever tapes are played.

"The rack just makes life a lot easier," Schubin says. "With it we can put a show together in a matter of hours. Without it, it would take us a week."

Schubin, who is now technical consultant for Lincoln Center's Development Media Dept. and technical director of its telecasts, began his career as a chemical engineer. From there he became a newspaper publisher, then chief engineer for Computer Television, which was in the hotel pay-television business.

"Fortunately," Schubin recalls, "the company was small and we rented office space from Visual Information Systems, which ran a 24-hour-a-day tape-dubbing operation. I got interested, and every afternoon after work, at five, I'd wander in and ask questions. Now I have a patent on a pay-TV stereo television device I designed for Lincoln Center, and I have been nominated for



an Emmy for designing and developing a stereo network.

"I got to Lincoln Center via the pay-TV stereo device. Lincoln Center came to me for it and after I did it, I just stayed on as part of the staff."

Much of Lincoln Center's gap between box office receipts and costs is taken care of by donations from foundations. But individuals and companies also make tax-exempt gifts of services and money to the Center.

"We have lawyers and management consultants who donate their time, but no electronics companies. It would be a real shot in the arm for the performing arts—and for the electronic state-of-the-art—for an electronics company or laboratory to donate a development project for some of the breakthroughs we need.

"We can be reached at Lincoln Center, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023."

Wanted: A good color camera

The Lincoln Center group is investigating color cameras built with SIT tubes and isocon tubes. "If someone has one with broadcast quality, we'd sure like to see it," Schubin says.

"In the long run, the trend may be toward solid-state imagers," Schubin says. "I think we'll get away from tubes altogether and go into charge-coupled devices and charge-injection devices. But no one has a broadcast-quality color camera yet that's ready for use. RCA is the only company we know of that's exhibited a color CCD camera intended to be used some day for broadcasting. Bell Labs has shown a low-resolution color camera for Picturephone service, but that's three to five years off.

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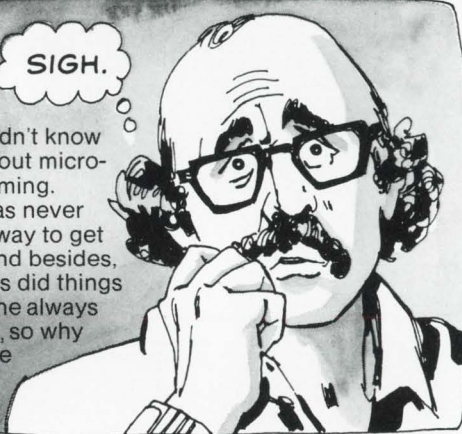


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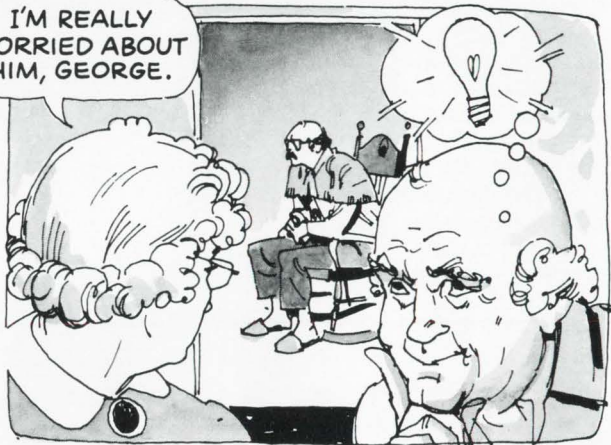
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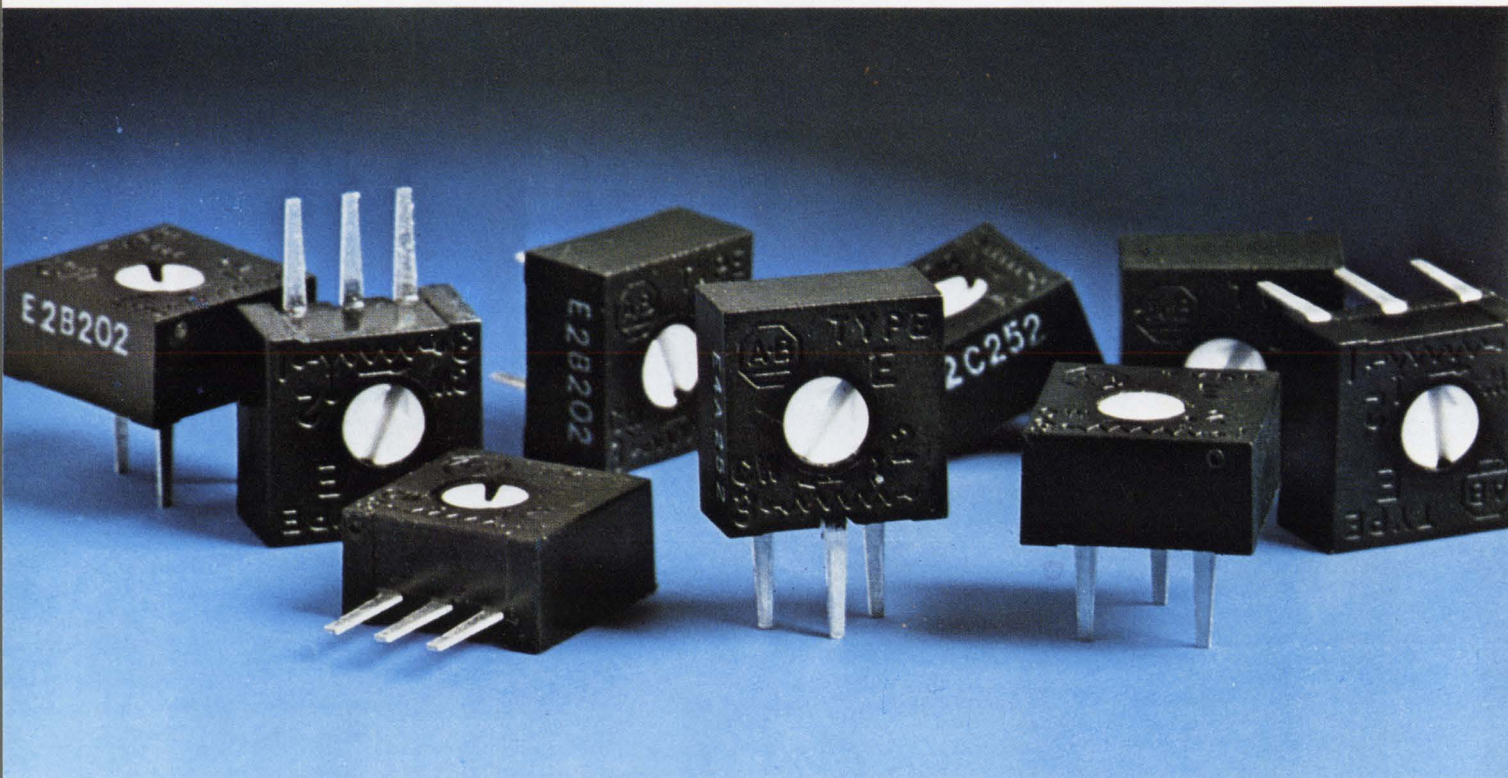
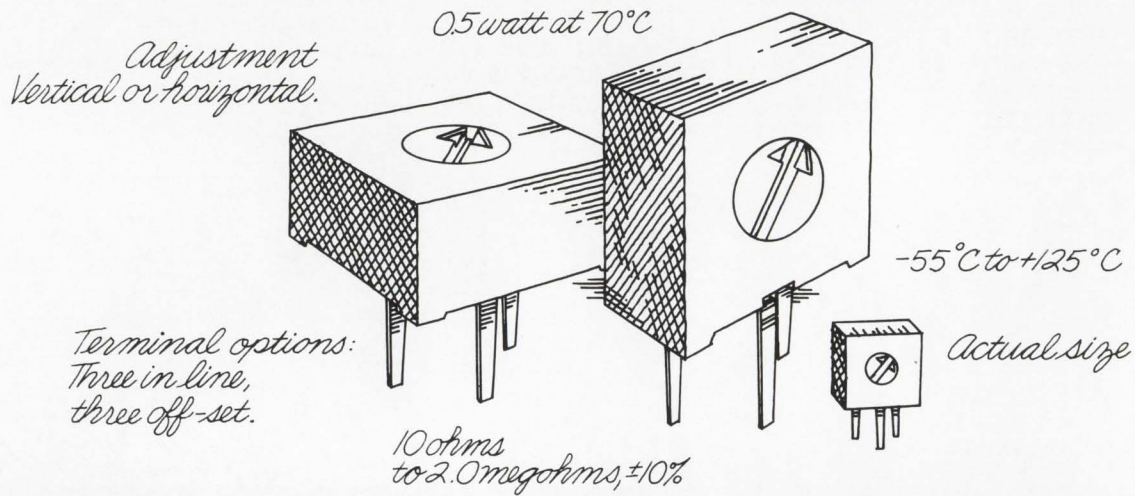


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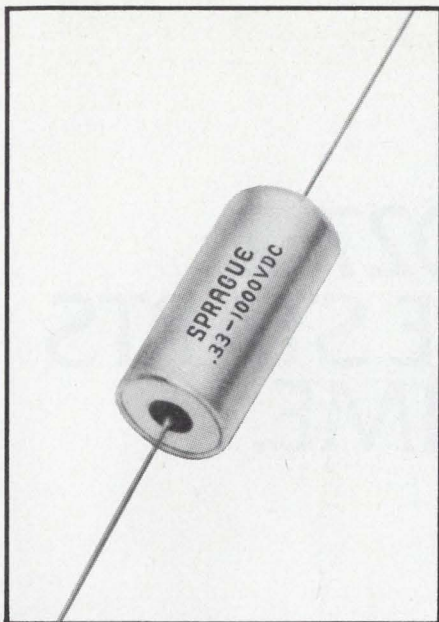


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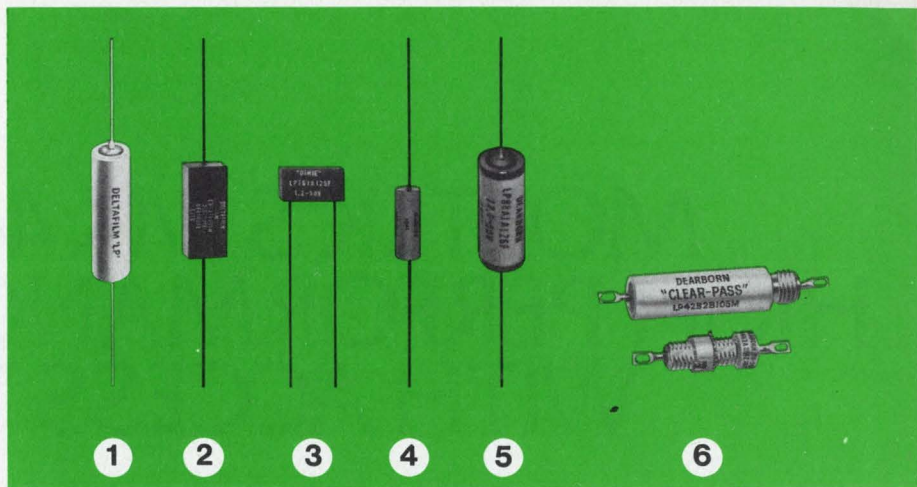
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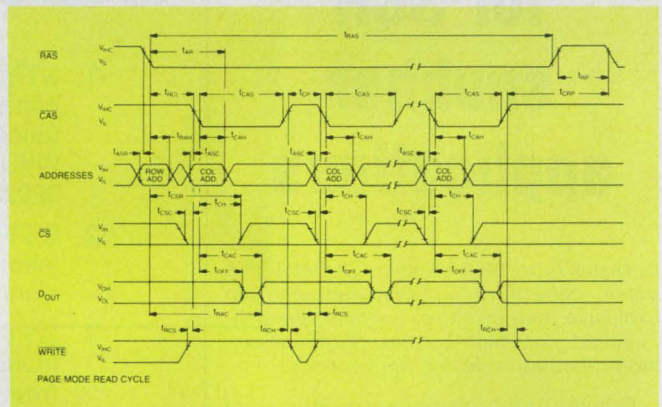
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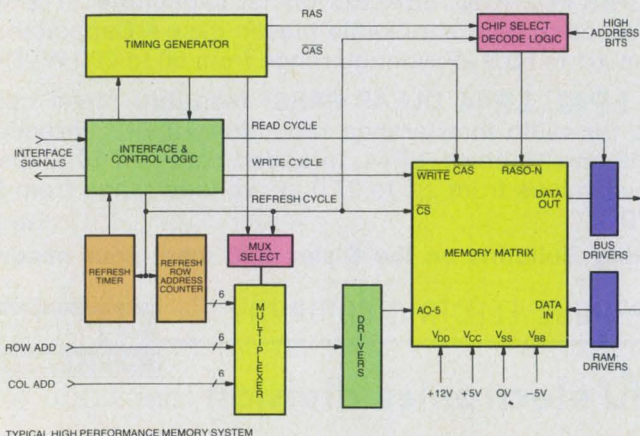
It's called "page mode," an addition to the normal cycles of read, write, read-write, and read-modify-write. In a nutshell, page mode allows for successive memory operations at multiple column locations at the same row address with increased speed — 100ns — and decreased power.



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Worst Case Power			
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V _{IH} (data, address)	2.2v	2.2v	2.4v
V _{IHC} (clocks)	2.4v	12.0v	12.0v
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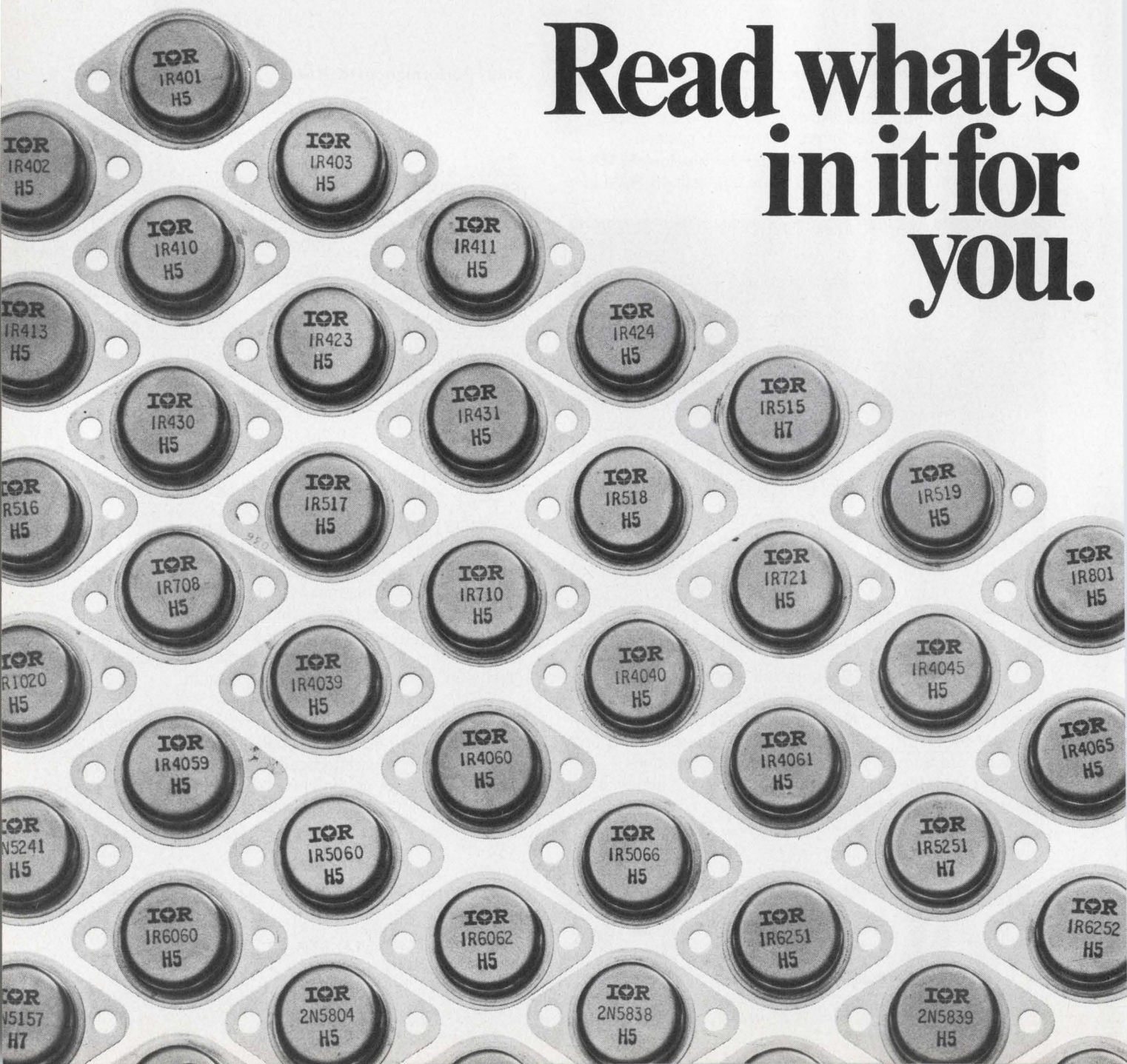
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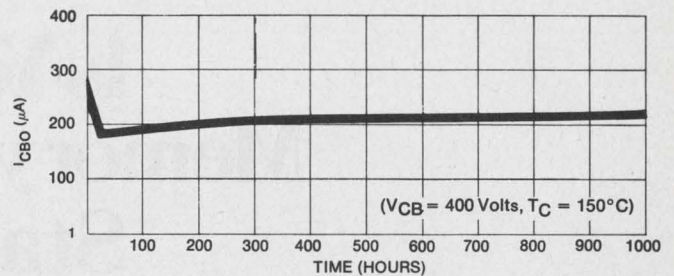


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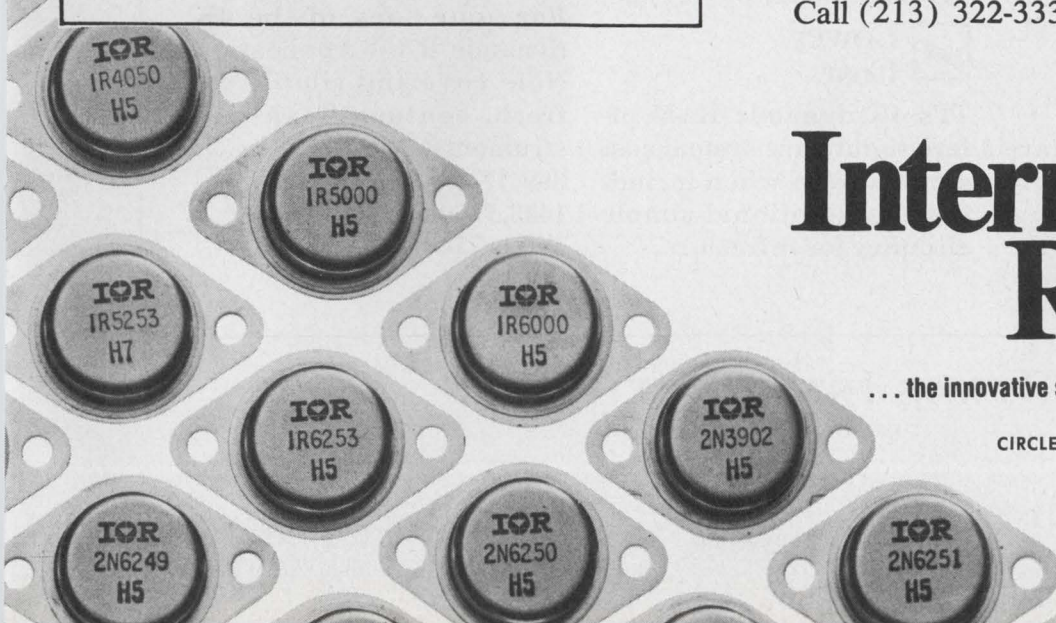
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Access (max.)	250 ns	250 ns
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Fully TTL compatible	yes	yes
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Applications Help

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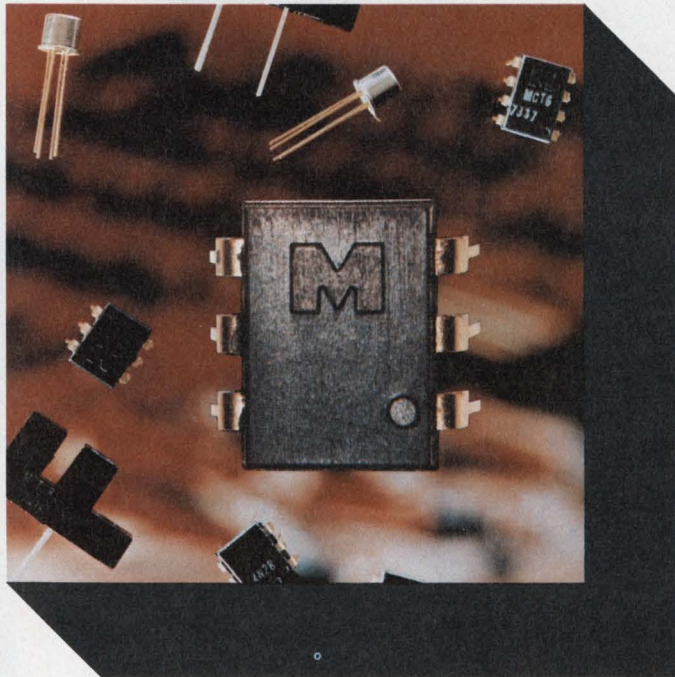
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Transistor	TO-18 Metal Can	15%	1000
Darlington	6 Lead Plastic DIP	100%-200%	1500
Diode	6 Lead Plastic DIP	.15%	1500
Diode	TO-18 Metal Can	.10%	1000

Output Format	Package Types	Forward Blocking Voltages (VFXM)	Min. DC Isolation Voltage (V)
SCR	6 Lead Plastic DIP	200V-400V	1500
2 SCR's (Connected Anode to Cathode)	8 Lead Plastic DIP	200V	1500-2500

Output Format	Package Types	Typical Bandwidth	Min. DC Isolation Voltage (V)
Logic Gate	8 Lead Plastic DIP	0.1MHz-1.0MHz	2000

Output Format	Package Types	Collector Current (IC) @ (IF, VCE)
Transistor	Slotted Limit Switch	50 μ A @ 20mA, 10V 200 μ A @ 20mA, 10V
Darlington	Slotted Limit Switch	1.6mA @ 50mA, 1V 2.0mA @ 16mA, 1V
Darlington	Reflective Sensor Switch	50 μ A @ 50mA, 5V

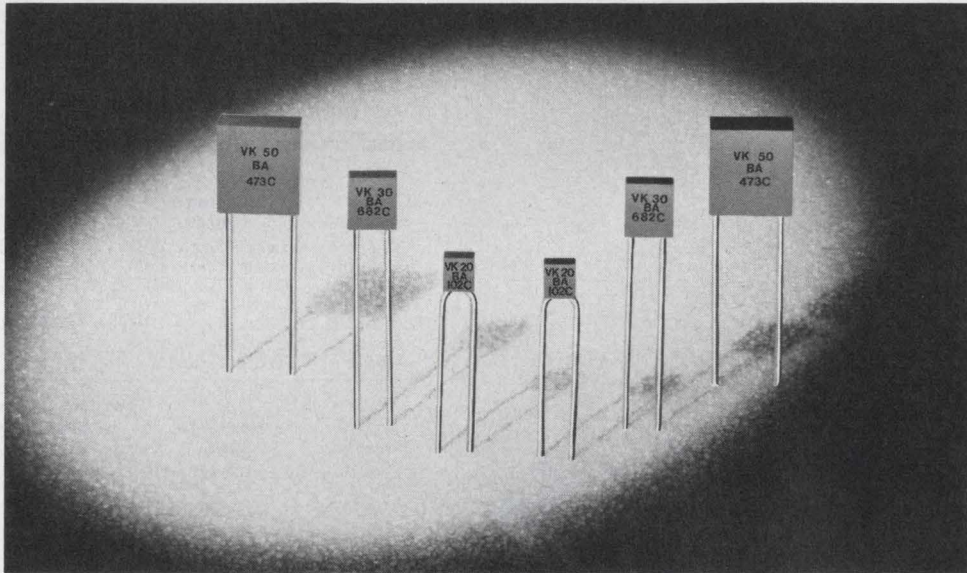
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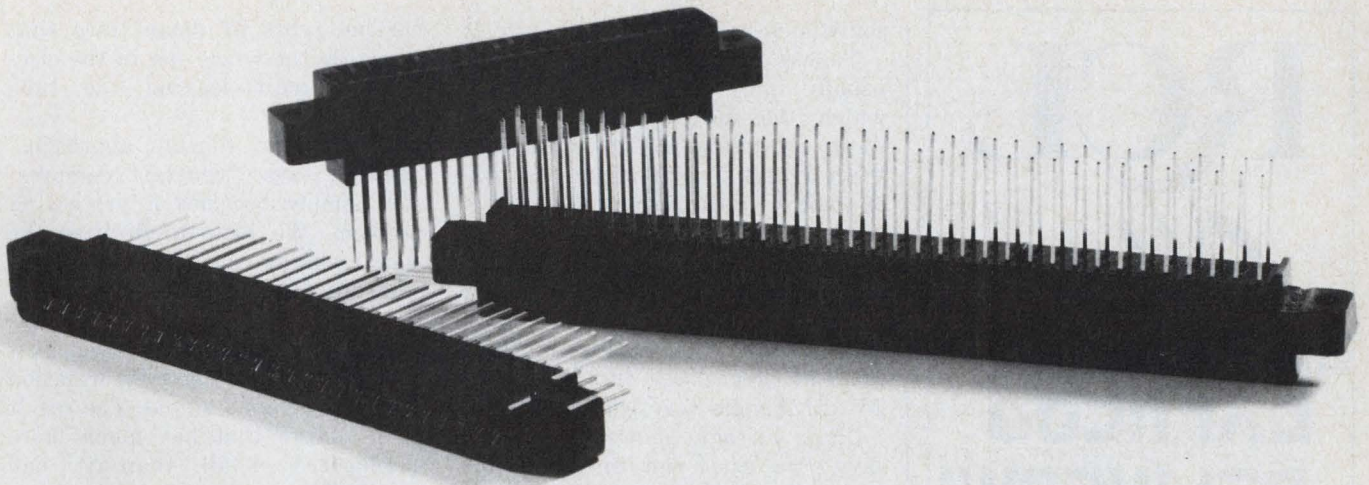
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sometimes verges on the infinite."

Television studios, he explains, usually light on a 1:1 basis—in which the maximum amount of light is the same as the minimum. Within that 1:1 lighting ratio no one will be wearing a white shirt; white is too "hot" for TV. And no one will be wearing a black suit; it's too dark for TV. Given all the grays in between in a 1:1 lighting ratio, you wind up with a contrast ratio of maybe 5:1 or 8:1, which TV can handle very well.

"But in our shows," Schubin says, "we may run into lighting ratios of 100:1 or 1000:1."

In "Swan Lake" when Makarova's costume is white and the scenery dark, the television camera doesn't pick up the scenery and Makarova appears to be dancing in limbo. Then, when she dances in front of a white background, her tutu, as well as her torso, disappears (see photo).

Now, about all that's possible is "to play with the gamma of the system"—that is, to alter the curve of input brightness vs. output voltage. You can put more detail in the blacks, the whites or the grays—but not simultaneously. Those changes can be performed in any camera available today, but they're not entirely satisfactory.

Reducing the brightness

So the Media Development Dept. is working on a contrast-compression scheme that uses spatial frequency filtering. A picture that has many points in any given direction is said to have a high spatial frequency. One with few points has low spatial frequency. The spatial "high pass" filter lets detail through while reducing the amplitude of major brightness differences (low frequencies).

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration and a number of other groups have performed contrast compressions using spatial frequency filtering, but these experiments have usually involved the use of digital pictures.

Lincoln Center isn't trying to tell people how to solve the problem, but its engineers have considered the use of a scan-conversion tube for instantaneous x-y filtering. They've also considered using

various types of delay lines that might do the whole job in the electronic circuit—leaving the tube out of it.

"Using the digital approach," Schubin says, "contrast compression simply becomes a processing problem. We have to digitize the signal coming in and tell the processor to filter it in both x and y direction—that is, to do a low-pass filtering operation. Then we just subtract this low-pass information from the original signal. The result is a picture that has much more emphasized detail than it had originally.

A third problem is nonuniform color in lighting. Lights of different color temperatures change the lighting in video pictures as they do with color film. If you have a carbon spotlight and an incandescent light, the carbon is going to show up much bluer than the incandescent.

Another possibility: the carbon might have a blue filter on it and the incandescent a pink.

The nonuniform color problem is handled manually now, which isn't entirely satisfactory, Schubin says. The ideal solution would be to have some sort of device to tell all the cameras that a certain object is a certain color and to keep it that way. That would entail some sort of object-recognition system, perhaps based on contour detection.

Meanwhile Lincoln Center is working on automatic black-and-white balance and color-correction techniques.

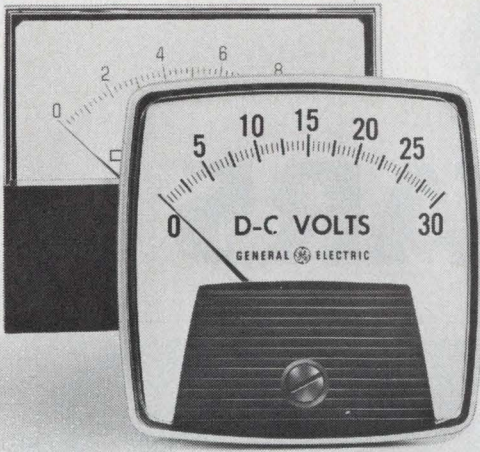
The fourth problem—picking up voices at the other end of a long stage—is now handled fairly well with shotgun microphones, but eventually, some sort of ultra-directional microphones will probably be used.

The transmission of high-fidelity stereo sound nationwide is done now by the Center's patchwork network, which feeds into microwave links, land lines and satellites. Ultimately, there will be a network of broadband-satellite and terrestrial units, all using analog or digital techniques.

"People come to us with unusual ideas and we're always glad to hear them," Schubin says. "These include holographic scenery or props, three-dimensional television and anamorphic video projection." ■■

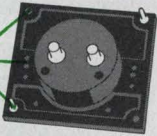
How to pick the right panel meter for your product.

The choice you make in panel meters can do a lot to help or hurt your product. Yet it's not all that difficult to pick the right one, even if panel meters aren't your specialty. Here are nine easy steps many experts follow to make sure they choose the right panel meter every time.



1 Make sure the panel meter will fit your exact mounting requirements.

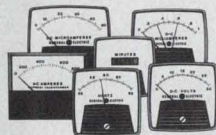
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2 Choose the scale you think your customers will find easiest to read.

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3 Specify the style and size you think will work best and look best on your product.

Smart looks can sell. Your product's panel meters are often the very first "embellishments" your customer notices.

4 Determine what accuracy class you need.

Accuracy to $\pm 2\%$ of full scale is by far the most common. You can, of course, get cheaper, less accurate panel meters. Or pay a premium for higher accuracy when the application truly demands it.

5 Find out what the panel meter's loading effect will be on your product.

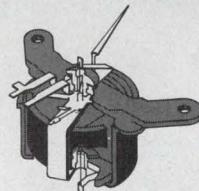
ANSI C39.1 Specs pretty well dictate these guidelines. But check them yourself to make sure the terminal resistance of your dc instrument, or the burden data of your ac instrument, won't overburden your circuit.

6 Choose between taut-band or pivot-&-jewel suspension.

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7 Analog or digital?

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8 Make sure it will work in dirty environments.

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9 Then, if you're still undecided, consider the manufacturer's reputation.

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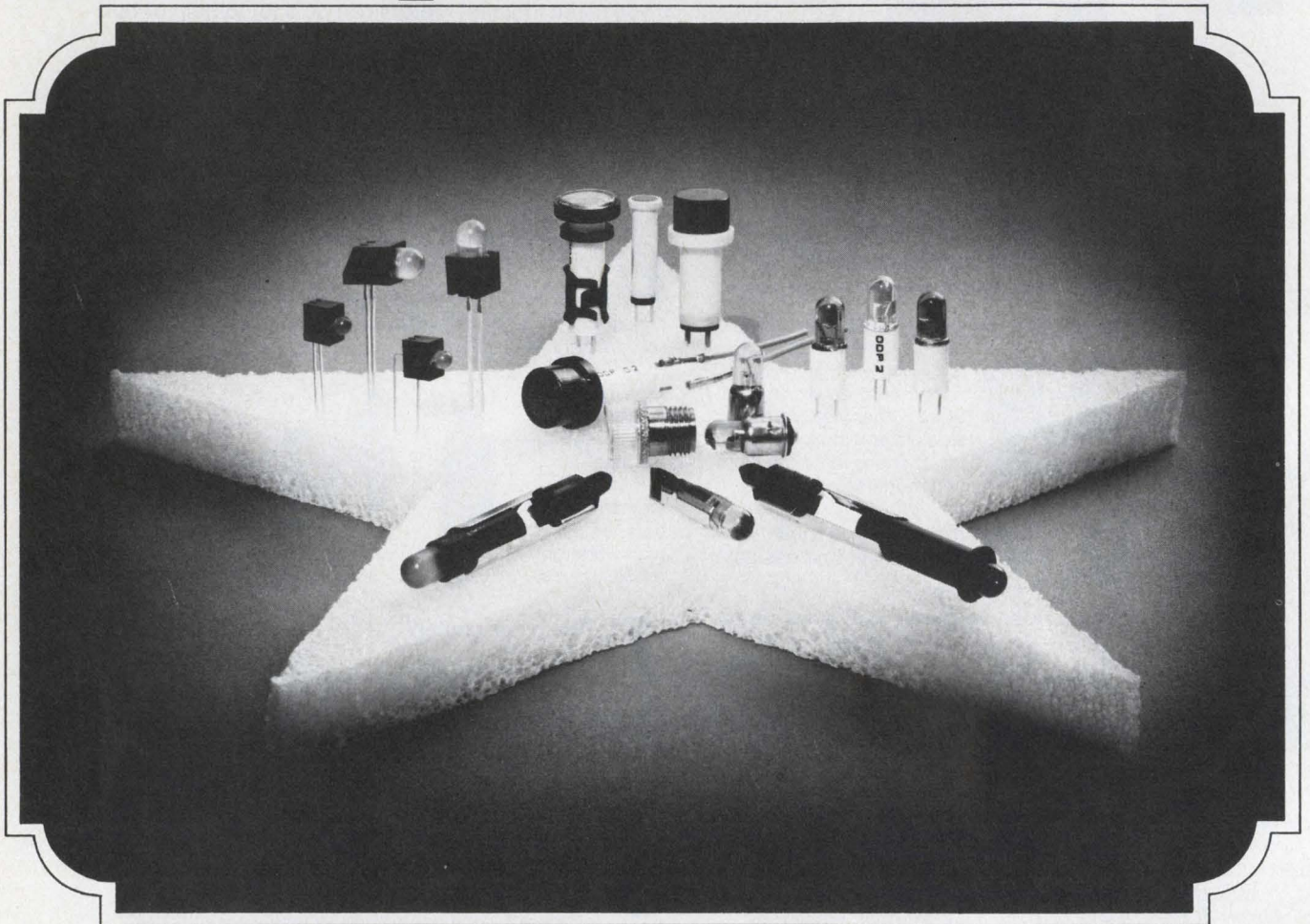
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EIA projects government electronics growth

The electronics content of the Federal budget will rise steadily from \$19.1 billion for the new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 to \$25.5 billion five years later in fiscal 1981, according to the new annual report of the Electronic Industries Assn.

The Defense Dept. will lead the growth, accounting for \$15.7 billion in fiscal 1977 and \$21.7 billion in fiscal 1981. Electronics spending will remain essentially level at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Dept. of Transportation, amounting to about a half billion dollars a year for each agency over the five-year period. Growth will be moderate at all other federal agencies—from \$2.3 billion next year to \$2.7 billion in fiscal 1981.

The EIA concedes that the actual electronics content of the budget is still a matter of debate within both government and industry, but maintains its projections are conservative because of the increasing application of high technology, particularly in the nondefense categories.

Science advisor post hit by politics

A political controversy has stalled the appointment of a new Presidential science advisor. President Ford wants National Science Foundation Director Dr. H. Guyford Stever for the post, but a group of conservative Republican senators opposes the nomination on the grounds that the NSF sponsored elementary and secondary-school courses in sex education.

The science advisor was an important White House post until President Nixon abolished it three years ago because he didn't like the advice he was getting. President Ford wanted it restored and worked closely with Congress in writing new legislation to create a permanent office of Science & Technology Policy. That legislation was signed into law May 11, but Ford has been careful not to alienate the conservative element of his party before the nominating convention later this month.

Stever has vocal support from science-oriented legislators, such as Sen. Frank Moss (D-UT), chairman of the Senate Space Committee, who called for "early action" on the appointment, and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA), chairman of the subcommittee that oversees the NSF budget.

DOD to encourage plant modernization

Investing in new facilities will become more attractive for firms dealing with the DOD, if a recent ruling by the Cost Accounting Standards Board is put into effect.

Firms that borrow money to improve their facilities will be allowed to pass the interest expenses along as part of the cost of the contract—up to the rate approved by the Renegotiation Board, currently about 8%. This pass-along will improve profits by about 1%, if Deputy Defense Secretary William Clements decides to allow the increase.

Defense profits under negotiated contracts currently average about 8.8% of sales at the time contracts are written, but cost overruns—shared by the contractors and the government—have driven down actual profits to an average of 4.7%. The new formulas are intended to reduce this profit loss, and to reduce the overruns themselves, by making it more attractive for contractors to hold down their costs.

Under the present formula for determining profits the factors are weighted 65% for costs, 30% for risk, and 5% for other factors. The new plan would reduce cost to 45%, increase risk to 45%, and assign 10% to investment. Defense facilities, on the average, are twice as old—half as modern—as those of commercial manufacturers, according to Air Force Brig. Gen. James Stansberry, director of the Pentagon's year-long series of "Profit '76" studies, of which these recommendations form a part.

Air Force to finalize EF-111A design

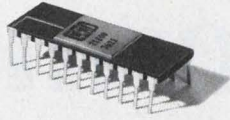
The EF-111A, the Air Force's proposed \$586 million program to convert 40 surplus fighters into tactical jamming aircraft, is due to complete the final design phase this month. The program successfully passed critical design review in June at the Long Island facilities of prime contractor Grumman Aerospace Corp., and the results were reviewed by the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.

The program involves installing electronic countermeasures (ECM) equipment in the weapons bays of surplus F-111s so they can neutralize enemy surface-to-air missile (SAM) radars during tactical air strikes. The equipment was originally developed by Grumman for the Navy's EA-6B ECM aircraft.

The major difference is that on the EF-111A the equipment will be carried below the fuselage in the weapons bay rather than on external wing-mounted pods. This is expected to increase reliability because operating temperature of the electronic equipment can be reduced from 160 to 40 F. The EF-111A is also expected to be more effective than the earlier EB-66 ECM aircraft, which were only partially successful in Vietnam.

Capital Capsules: A fully automatic system for classifying fingerprints has been demonstrated by Calspan Technology Products, Buffalo, NY. The prints are first converted to digital form with the company's Finder reader, now used by the FBI, and then classified according to fingerprint pattern by its new device . . . **The Naval Research Laboratory has devised an optical waveguide system for transforming the output of a phase modulator into an amplitude modulation.** Laser light is propagated in the waveguide system and forwarded into branches of the waveguide. Then an electro-optic material placed in one or more of the branches in the system is electrically controlled to vary the phase in each branch, causing different propagating modes . . . **How to use CB radios to promote public safety** is the prime subject of exploration during the 42nd annual conference of the Associated Public-Safety Communication Officers, Aug. 2 to 5, at New York City's Americana Hotel.

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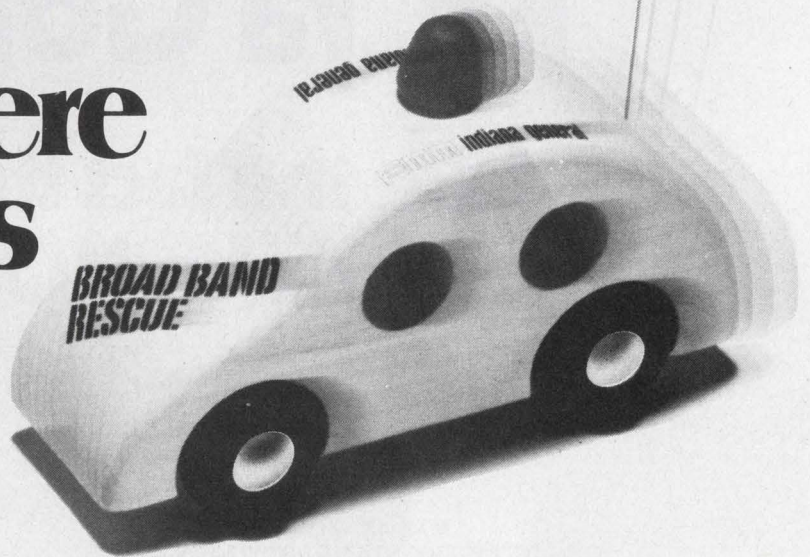
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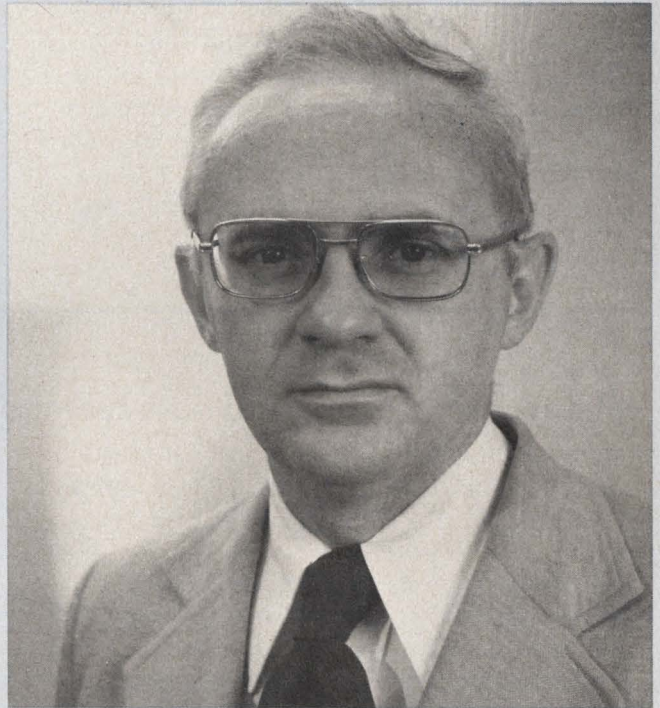
Microprocessor Design

μ C board sizes will be standardized, provided that customers demand it

In the past year, several leading manufacturers such as Intel, National Semiconductor, DEC and Data General have introduced microcomputer boards with a variety of physical dimensions and pinouts. Bill Walkup of Cambridge, Thermionics Corp., Cambridge, MA, presents his views on board standardization.

There is no standard, military or otherwise, and there is no progress toward a standard, that I know of, and is my job to know. There is no real desire among the hardware industry to adopt one because then it becomes a business of buying on the basis of price, and not features. The price would go down, and the margins would go down, and nobody who is in this business wants this to happen. I don't see any trend developing or any standard emerging other than the so-called Universal Panel approach introduced by Augat, our competitor, 5 or 6 years ago and now manufactured by us and about 10 or 15 others. Universal Panels

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μ P prototyping board contains Basic interpreter

The EVK300 microprocessor prototyping board contains a Basic language interpreter, a debug program, and an EPROM programmer for the 6800 μ P.

The interpreter is supplied on 2-k words of EPROM and executes a subset of the full Basic language called Tiny Basic. It is less powerful than Basic because only integer numbers may be handled, variables must be identified by single letters, and no arrays or strings may be used.

The debug software is programmed into 2-k words of PROM. The program reads the teletypewriter, displays or changes the contents of a memory location or μ P register, and performs other functions.

Electronics for programming EPROMS is also on the card. A supply of -50 V is required, in addition to the 5 V, +12 V and -12 V required for the rest of the card. The board also contains 1-k words of RAM. Up to 56-k words of additional memory may be added externally.

The EVK300 costs \$950 (unit qty), measures 10.5×10.5 in. and has two 86-pin edge connectors for external interface.

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CIRCLE NO. 571

MICROPROCESSOR DESIGN

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are wire-wrapped together with no connectors used. Since the boards cannot be individually removed, all repairs are done at the component level.

However, I would like to see users get together and come up with a standard. This would be good for the industry although maybe not so good for my company. Users should get together and say to the manufacturers "this is what we want." It would take a few years probably, but standard could be developed. Then, the hard-ware card manufacturers would be forced to comply with the wishes of the marketplace.

The military and nuclear instrumentation industries have several standard function modules. These are not in wide use because of

their specialized requirements and are almost an order of magnitude more expensive than wrapped-wire boards with equivalent features. Since the modules specify particular functions to be performed, they are blocked into a format 6 to 8 years old and do not take advantage of the latest technology. The Standard Electronic Module (SEM), for example, started out as a generalized physical module, but it hasn't turned out that way.

By the way, Europe has a standard board size. Theirs is called Eurocard, and it has become quite popular. It was first developed in Germany around 1970 and subsequently adopted by the Common Market. The card has dimensions of 100 × 160 mm, and has a 64-pin male plug. It is produced presently by six or eight manufacturers and many more are very interested in making it. There are also double and triple-width sizes if more ICs must fit on the card. We ought to develop a similar standard.

μP improves accuracy of data-tablet digitizer

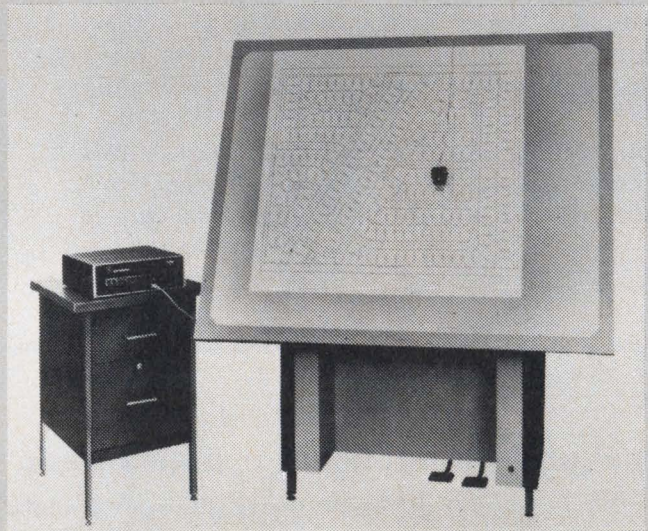
A magnetostrictive data-tablet digitizer improves point-location accuracy over similar systems by an order of magnitude through use of an 8080 microprocessor. The digitizer produces binary data that identifies the locations of X-Y coordinate intersections on the tablet. Magnetic pulses applied to X-Y wire ends drive strain-wave pulses down the wires. The pulses generate voltages in the cursor.

The 8080, in combination with a special ROM, provides the data tablet—called the Intelligent Digitizer by Summagraphics Corp., Fairfield, CT—with a software-based system that performs a ratiometric calculation for each point on the tablet selected by a stylus or cursor. This type of calculation gives an absolute, corrected value for each coordinate point anywhere on the tablet surface to within ±0.004-in. tolerance.

Nonlinearities inherent in the measuring system, which uses magnetostrictive ranging along an X-Y grid of wires underneath the tablet surface, are therefore cancelled out.

This improvement is in contrast to earlier Summagraphic systems in which the accuracy was specified as ±0.08% of the distance from the coordinate origin, which was located in the lower, left-hand corner. In the present case, the absolute accuracy remains the same with the distance from the origin.

For example, at a distance of 6-in. from the



origin the absolute accuracy was about ±0.005-in., whereas 36-in. from the origin it was ±0.029 in.

Measurements of absolute accuracy over the entire tablet are produced by the Intelligent Digitizer, because, first, it makes two measurements for each coordinate intersection. That is, the intersection on the coordinate is measured first from the left (X_1) and then from the right (X_2); and the point on the Y coordinate is measured from the top (Y_1) and from the bottom (Y_2).

Second, these measurements are fed into the 8080, which corrects for nonlinearities in the

X and Y measurements by performing the the following calculations:

$$K_1 \left(\frac{X_1}{X_1 + X_2} \right) = X_{\text{TRUE}}; K_2 \left(\frac{Y_2}{Y_1 + Y_2} \right) = Y_{\text{TRUE}}$$

The μP in the Intelligent Digitizer also gives added functions not previously obtainable with a stand-alone tablet system. One function is the automatic correction of skew in a drawing that is not perfectly aligned on the tablet. Another is "floating origin"—the origin can be placed anywhere on the tablet that the operator desires.

A third feature is automatic scaling of

drawings in the ranges of 2, 5, 10 and 50 to 1. Also, the perimeters and areas of enclosures can be readily calculated by simply tracing the enclosure with the stylus or cursor.

The use of the 8080 also unburdens any host computer to which the digitized information is fed, thus saving central computer time. In addition the 8080 provides binary to BCD conversion for the tablet.

The Intelligent Digitizer has a 36 by 48-in. working surface and a resolution of 200 lines per inch. Specified accuracy is ± 0.004 -in., plus or minus one least significant bit.

Mini and microcomputers work together to lower heating costs

An automated energy-management can cut the cost of heating a building by as much as 25%. Further, the cost of such a system can be reduced by teaming up the minicomputer that controls the system with several microcomputers which gather and process sensor data. Such a system can reduce both normal and peak-power consumption loads.

The microcomputer, used by Systems Technology, Detroit, MI in their version of the automated energy conservation system described, is a standard MicroPac 80 manufactured by Process Computer Systems, Flint, MI. It works in conjunction with a minicomputer to automatically turn heating and cooling equipment on and off each day, and to minimize the use of this equipment when power consumption approaches a peak demand level. The new system can also be used to cycle ventilation equipment. By sensing outdoor temperatures and sending data to the computer, the system automatically determines when ventilation equipment can be shut off without any noticeable changes in temperature inside the building. Typically, whenever outside air is brought into a building, power is consumed both circulating it and heating or cooling it.

Sometimes it is desirable to circulate outside air because it can be used to achieve the same temperatures as that provided by air conditioning. Even when it is freezing outside, a concentration of people inside a building heats up the inside air. Outside air rather than air conditioning can then be used to cool down the building's interior. Since the computer constantly receives readings on inside and outside temperatures, it can determine when it is better to introduce outside air into a building.

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Jack was always right and he could prove it—with research. Mostly it was other people's research he used, but, if necessary, he would conduct his own. And it did become necessary—often—when he found that other research disproved his point.

Jack was always willing to research something till he got the right answer—the one he started with. Research that gave the wrong answers—"intermediate results," he called it—was discarded. And since he found that research always proved his initial assumptions he realized after a while that it wasn't necessary to waste so much of his time with it.

It was necessary, merely, to proclaim "the truth" to his subordinates, and to demand that they act on it. If his research—or instinct, which was just as good—showed that many people needed scopes, for example, he would set his people to designing scopes. His engineers might challenge his findings. They might say he had looked at only a small part of the situation and had seen only a limited "truth." They might, for example, suggest that other vendors had already discovered the widespread need for scopes.

For such carping, Jack was always ready. His engineers were being negative; they'd never get ahead with such negative thinking. They clearly needed the advantage of his forward thinking and, with it, some of his guidance on superior, innovative thought processes.

On more than one occasion Jack's projects were disasters. His engineers might develop a fine scope, for example, perhaps the best they could make with CRTs they could buy. But customers would stay away in droves.

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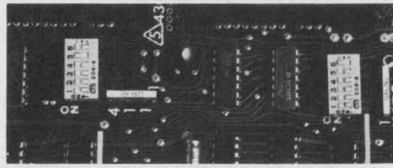
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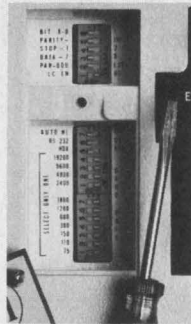
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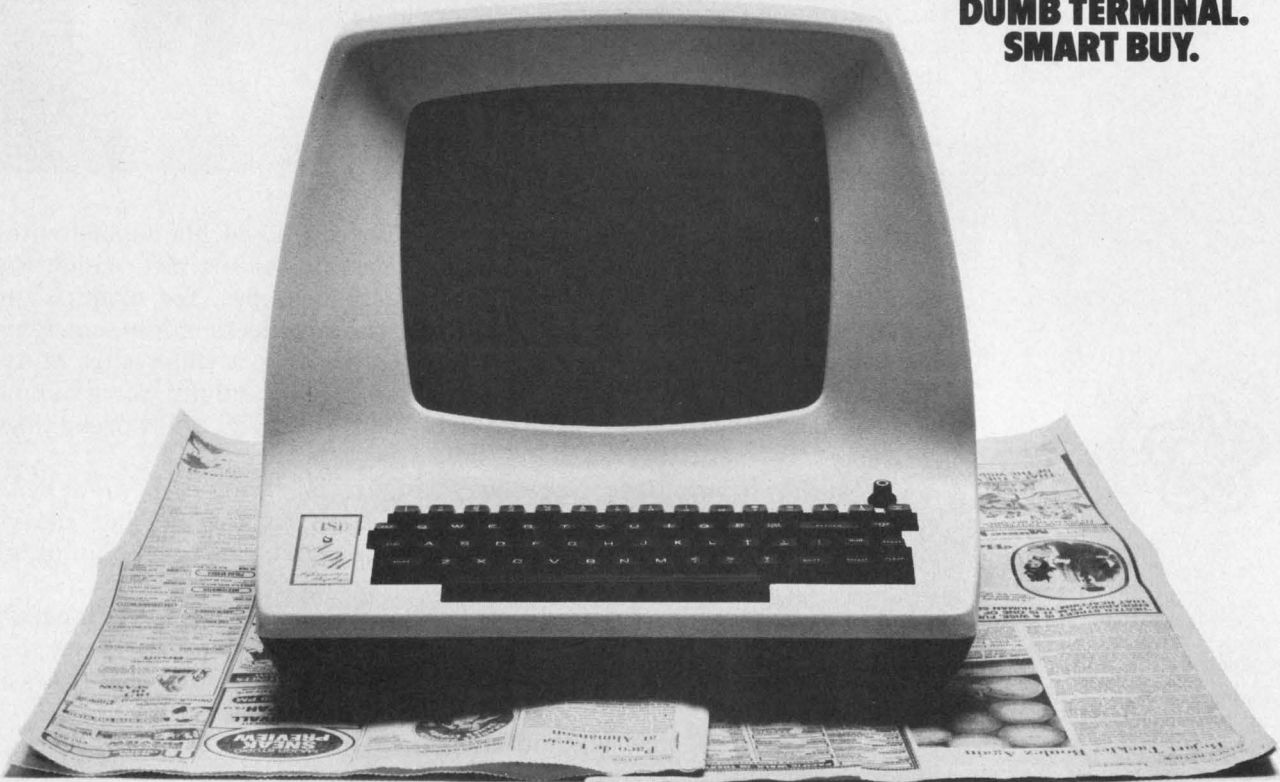
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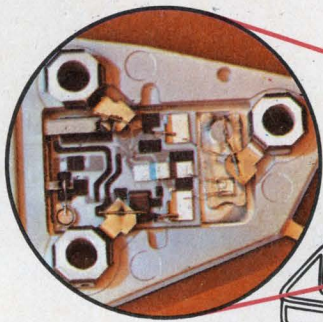
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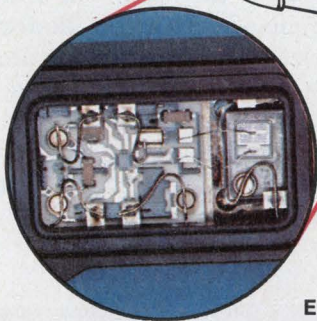
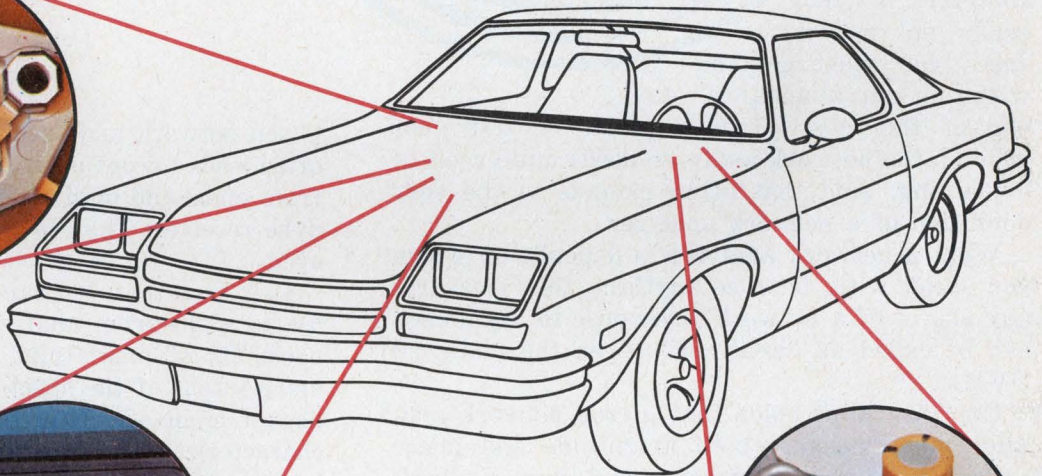
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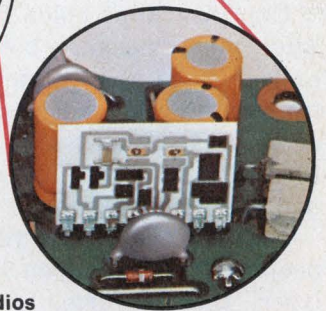
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one of the most complex pieces of test gear around, the network analyzer needs quite a bit of explaining. And that often extends to the very definition of a network analyzer.

What a network analyzer is depends on whom you speak with, because anything that measures any aspect of a network's response to a stimulus can be called an "analyzer"—even the plain old DVM.

One viewpoint holds that a true network analyzer must measure both magnitude and phase and must be able to measure and display simultaneously both transmission and reflection characteristics. Others affix the label to equipment that can show just magnitude or that can measure only transmission.

Not surprisingly, you may find that the people you ask happen to manufacture an "analyzer" that conforms to their viewpoint.

Other equipment that loosely bears the title of network analyzer includes vector or phase-sensitive voltmeters; communications-link analyzers; data-link monitors that check data-comm networks for bit-error rate, bias distortion and other specs; tracking filters; and servomechanism analyzers.

Look alikes may not act alike

Whatever a network analyzer is, it's generally agreed that there are some things a network analyzer isn't: for instance, it's not a spectrum, wave or distortion analyzer.

Although the difference may seem rather obvious, there are some functional similarities be-

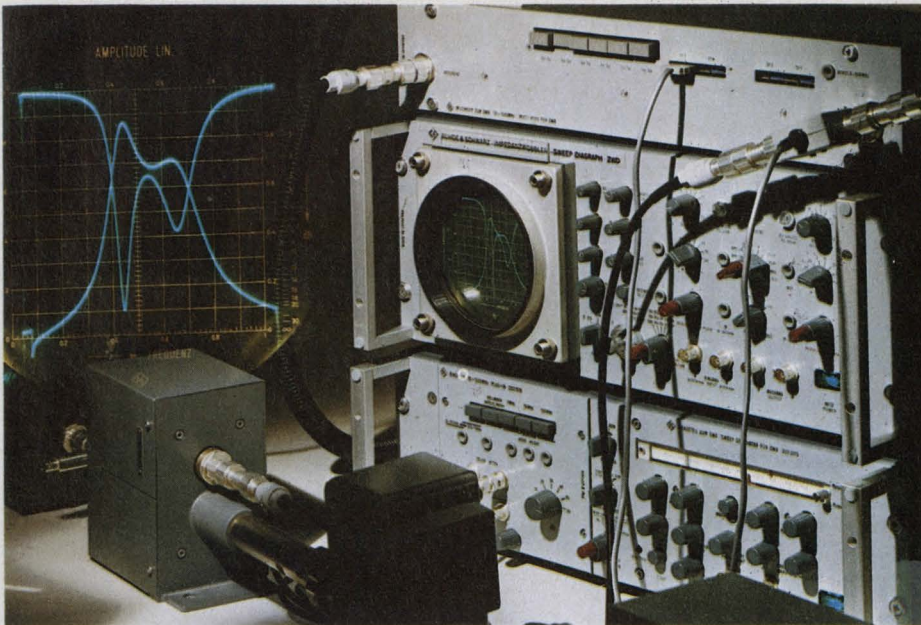
tween network and spectrum analyzers, and that often leads to confusion. Both analyzers use tuned front ends, and both are variations of the heterodyne receiver. The resemblance ends there, however.

It is true that you can add a tracking generator to a spectrum analyzer to make some measurements of magnitude. But that isn't the primary intent of the spectrum analyzer. Similarly, design trade-offs between distortion and phase characteristics in the network analyzer practically ensure that it will make a poor spectrum analyzer.

Thus the first question you should ask in analyzer selection is not: Spectrum or network? Rather ask: Which network analyzer? That



Add an S-parameter test set to a network analyzer and you can measure transistor forward and reverse gains or input/output impedances (Hewlett-Packard).

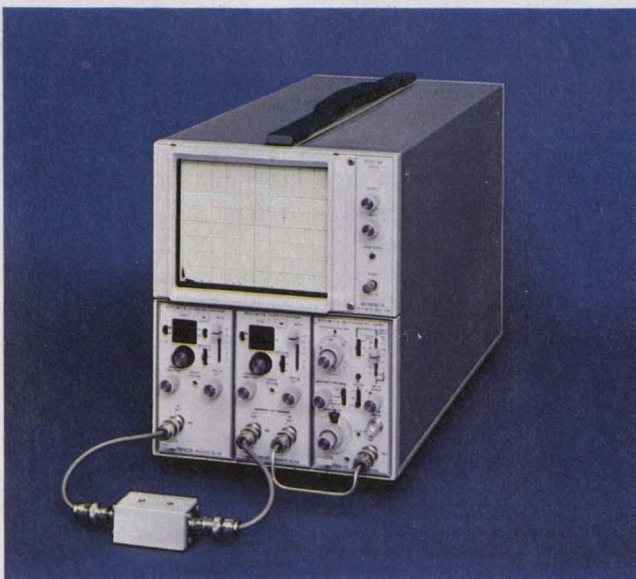


Exchangeable directional couplers provide a choice of three characteristic impedances, 50, 60 or 75 Ω , in the Rohde & Schwarz ZWD Sweep Diagraph. Crystal-controlled markers in the ZWD, with spacings of 1, 10 and 100 MHz, determine particular frequencies on the displayed curve.

question often boils down to: Do I really need phase information?

There's no question as to the usefulness of phase measurements. In many cases, knowledge of phase is a necessity. But the price of making complex (vector) measurements rings up as a steep cost differential—up to six to one over scalar units.

Where will you need phase? In general, if the performance of the circuit under test is phase sensitive; if phase response and magnitude response interact; if you must characterize phase variations with frequency (as in a filter); if phase is more sensitive than magnitude to changes in frequency (as phase often is at resonance)—then consider a vector analyzer.



Simultaneous reflection and transmission measurements are possible up to 1500 MHz with this instrument from Wiltron. A 4 x 5-in. display shows frequency response.

A further implication of phase and magnitude interaction is the requirement for an analyzer with two measurement channels. With two channels you can simultaneously view phase and magnitude or transmission and reflection, and you can observe interactions while you tweak, tune or adjust the circuit under test.

Also, having two channels lets you look at both outputs of a diplexer as you adjust, lets you compare two devices or measure one device against a calibration standard.

Group 'therapy' reduces distortion

You might be interested in measuring group delay, a quantity related to phase. Sometimes called differential time delay or envelope delay, group delay is defined as the change in phase with frequency, $d\phi/d\omega$. It represents the relative delays of signals of different frequencies as the signals pass through a circuit.

Ideally, you'd like the relative delays to be zero, so that an original waveform will be reconstructed without distortion at an output. Of course, practical circuits exhibit some group delay. Just how much delay tells you what to expect in the way of, say, a network's pulse response or the color-reproduction quality of a TV i-f strip.

Although you can plot group delay on a point-by-point basis using a vector voltmeter or phase-meter, it is a tedious process. With the network analyzers that offer group delay, all you do is push a button or flip a few switches to display the delay as a function of frequency.

As you can with other network analyzer measurements, you can make adjustments while you watch. Consequently, you can tune a device for either constant delay or flat phase response.

Obviously, only you can judge your need for

phase or group-delay measurements. But one vendor—who doesn't offer those features—states that magnitude-only will satisfy 80% of network analyzer applications.

No matter what characteristics you elect to measure, one question will be uppermost in your mind: How well can I measure?

To tell the truth

When you spend up to \$25,000 for a network analyzer, you'd like to know a few things about what you're getting for your money. Like how much accuracy you can get, how much resolution, and how much sensitivity. The questions come easy. The answers don't.

The basic problem in pinning down a key spec like accuracy is that generally there's no one-number label that will do the job. In making transmission measurements, for example, up to six possible error sources can creep into your test setup to nibble away at accuracy.

What accuracy (really inaccuracy) you'll get depends on a number of things besides the accuracy of the basic analyzer itself: the kind of measurement (reflection or transmission), how well the device under test is matched to the source and detector, and what errors are contributed by external gear—power splitters, directional couplers, pads, terminations, transformers, and the like. And those factors aren't all.

Some vendors try to help by providing extensive data on all possible error terms, by offering error-analysis and interpretation techniques and by supporting applications with notes, seminars and technical papers. Other vendors lean on a far simpler solution—they just ignore the situation.

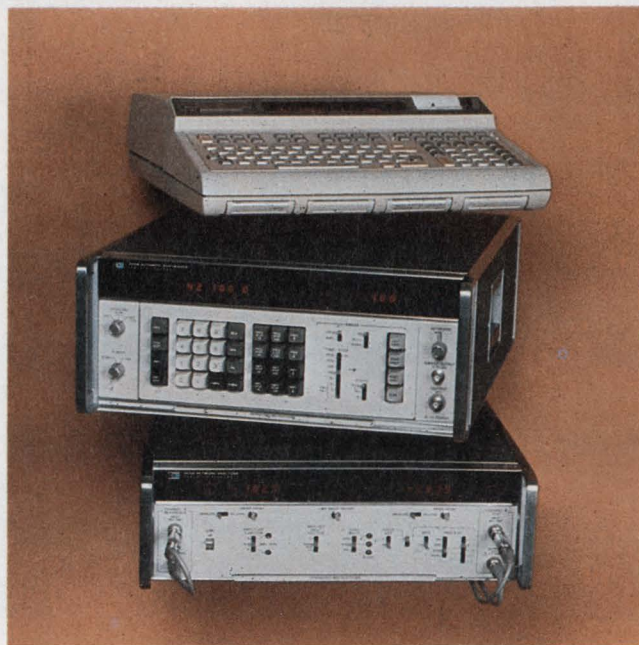
Sometimes "forgotten" is the fact that accuracy can deteriorate over the full dynamic or frequency range or in the presence of signal distortion. Signal amplitude, distortion and frequency can all team up to tear a hefty chunk out of accuracy.

Getting back to the source

Other memory lapses occur, perhaps provoked by the excitement of competitive skirmishes. Never mentioned, for instance, is the substantial role played by the source (usually a sweep generator), and how frequency stability, spurious responses, noise and other "garbage" in the source affect performance.

Often, the source is not integrated into the analyzer, but stands alone. In such a case you might decide to use an existing sweeper. If you do, you've got the responsibility for determining how clean the sweep is and how the measurement is affected.

At the very least the vendor should tell you



Calculator control of an analyzer enables a system to do more than just collect raw data. Applications programs can manipulate, calibrate and enhance accuracy. The system shown is the HP 3042A.

how well his equipment performs in the presence of harmonics and noise. Then you can "add up" all the individual errors in some manner to get an over-all number. Note: Every component must be considered as a possible error source.

When you are given an accuracy spec, be cautious. If the number is stated in decibels, remember that a seemingly small dB change can translate to a sizable swing when measured in volts.

Don't overlook the importance of high directivity in directional couplers to reduce errors in reflection measurements. To measure a standing-wave ratio (SWR) of 1.2 with ± 1 -dB accuracy, you'll need a directivity of 40 dB.

To keep mismatch errors down, look for source and detector matches of at least 20 dB, and preferably 30 dB.

You can squeeze better performance out of some analyzers by using a storage unit, calculator or computer to correct, compensate or subtract certain fixed errors.

You may well wonder how an analyzer's data sheet can shout a basic accuracy of 0.01 dB (or a resolution of 0.005 dB) on page one, yet quietly list on another page a magnitude or frequency-response error of ± 0.2 dB.

Smooth those troubles

Frequency-response error generally refers to a ripple in flatness caused by small mismatches within a system. You can get the lower spec of 0.01 dB all right. But you'll have to buy an optional error compensator to iron out the ripples.

(Bear in mind that external connectors can upset flatness to a greater extent than small internal mismatches.)

Fortunately, you can check out the response error and other important areas. For response, set the analyzer to its highest resolution to "magnify" the display. To verify accuracy or resolution, use traceable calibration standards—variable attenuators, and air lines to calibrate phase or absolute group delay.

One caution. In evaluating analyzers, be sure you don't confuse accuracy with resolution, a favorite trick of some vendors who try to blur true performance.

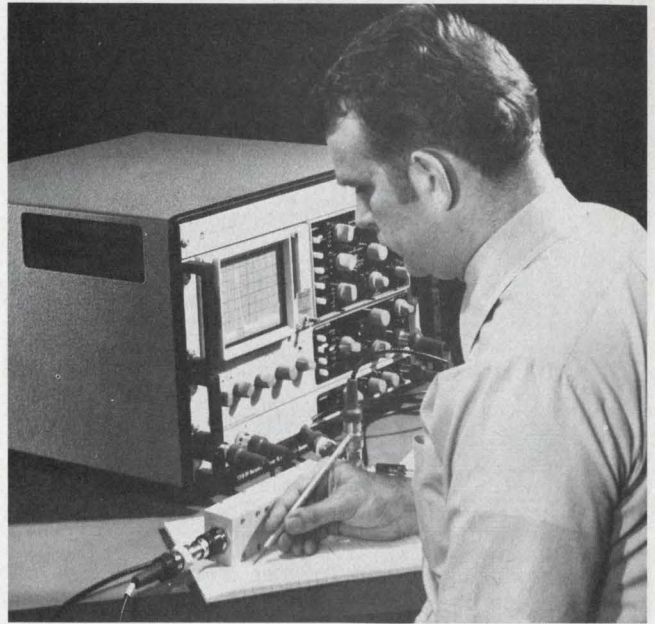
Source headaches—in stability, noise, spurious signals—can be spotted (maybe) with a spectrum analyzer.

Noise together with crosstalk (leakage between channels) limits dynamic range, another important analyzer spec. A wide dynamic range is desirable, for instance, to show filter reject bands and to measure isolation, crosstalk and attenuation.

The lower limit of the dynamic range—the measurement floor—is blurred by noise and crosstalk; the upper limit by the nonlinearities of overdriven stages. You can limit noise by narrowing bandwidth, but at the sacrifice of speed. Leakage isn't easy to keep out, requiring such measures as good shielding, or special rf connectors.

When you look into dynamic range, watch for statements like "displayed dynamic range," "rated range," and "over-all range." What they mean is that the instrument can't accommodate the entire range at once on the screen. To see across the range, you have to use switching or some substitution technique. The extra trouble may not faze you . . . if you know about it in advance.

Another aspect of dynamic range is how well the system measures phase or group delay under



Push a button and see group delay displayed as a function of frequency in GenRad's 1710 rf network analyzer. The unit shows absolute levels.

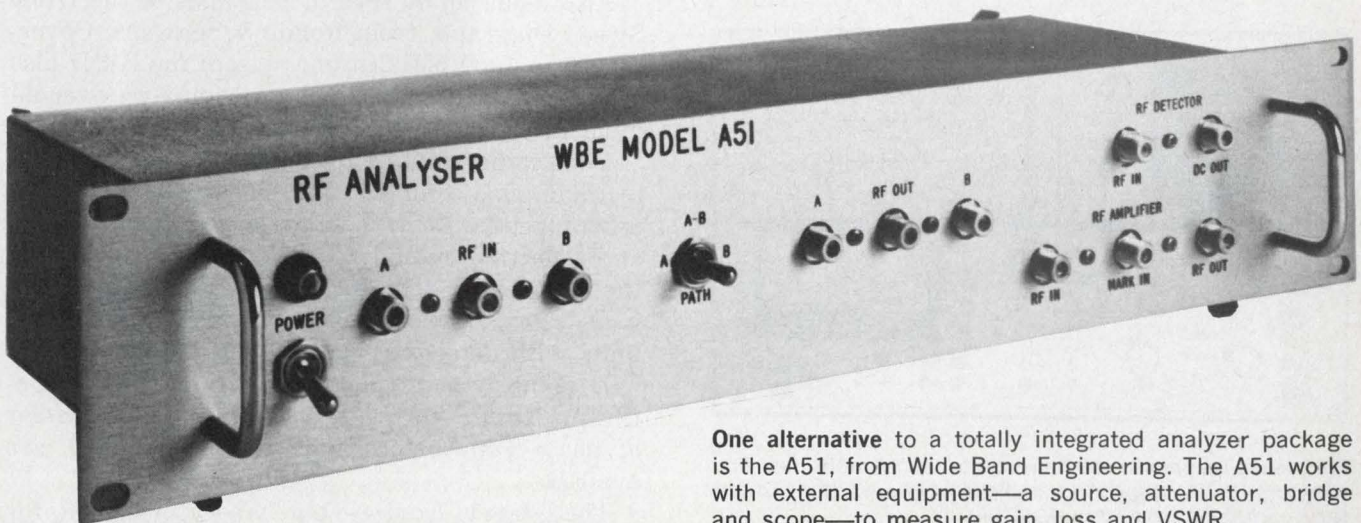
various amounts of attenuation. It's tough to get accurate phase measurements with 100 dB of attenuation, but below about 50 or 60 dB, you can expect good results.

You can verify dynamic range by continuously adding attenuation while checking the response on the display.

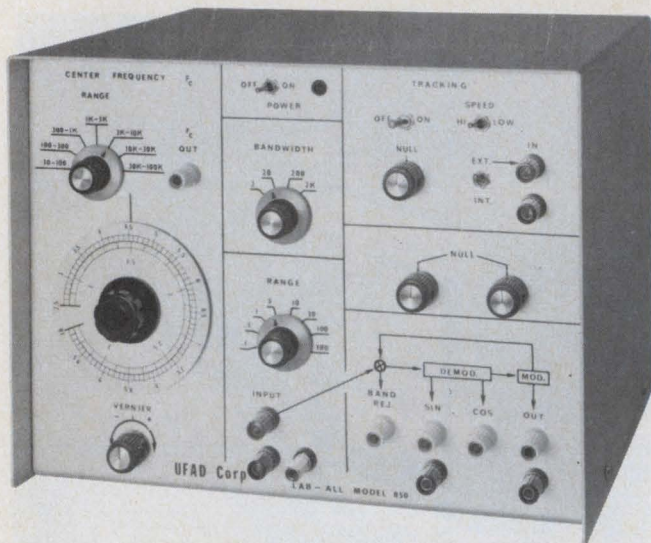
Sometimes, being narrow is better

In general, greater dynamic range is achieved by going to a narrow-band system, an arrangement that also brings immunity to source harmonics, and provides greater resolution and other advantages over broad-band equipment.

If you're working with narrow-band devices—crystals, crystal filters and the like—you'll need



One alternative to a totally integrated analyzer package is the A51, from Wide Band Engineering. The A51 works with external equipment—a source, attenuator, bridge and scope—to measure gain, loss and VSWR.



Besides producing network-transfer Nyquist plots on an external scope, the LAB-ALL functions as 10 or 11 other test instruments (UFAD Corp.).

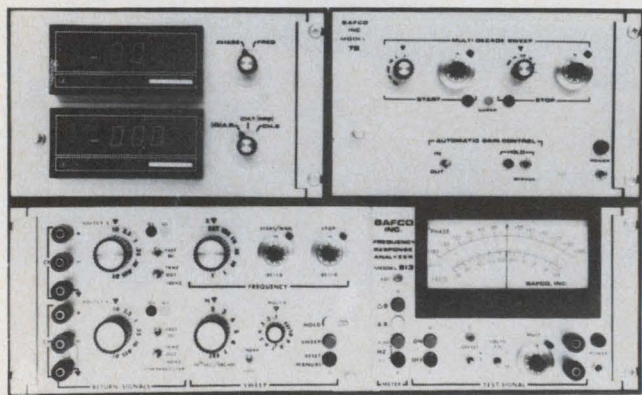
test equipment with adequate signal purity and frequency stability. Most conventional sweepers can't meet these requirements. Only top-flight units or frequency synthesizers can do the job.

To resolve details requires a narrow bandwidth. But usually, the narrower the bandwidth, the slower you must sweep. The limitation results from the response time of the filters built into the analyzer.

Other points to keep in mind:

- Analyzers are linear instruments, designed for small-signal testing. Operation in a nonlinear region (large signals) will likely give unreliable results.
- Reflection measurements may be just as important as those for transmission.
- Accessories and options can eat into speed, accuracy or other basic specs.
- Most analyzers are ratio devices, that is, the analyzer compares the test-channel signal with a signal on a reference channel.

Again, the source can be a major trouble spot.



Frequency-response measurements of amplitude and phase shift in a feedback-control system are the forte of Bafco's Model 913/72 analyzer.

Take care to look over those specs that spell out signal purity and stability.

After you've sorted out the specs, what else should you look for in a network analyzer? Features, options and capabilities in analyzers are almost as diverse as those in the automotive industry.

Getting it all together

You might look for a unit that's totally integrated, with the stimulus, receiver or detector, display and all other necessary circuitry built in.

One such unit is Hewlett-Packard's 8505A, a 500 kHz-to-1.3-GHz analyzer with 100-dB of displayed dynamic range and a built-in 1.3-GHz counter that operates while the source sweeps. Along with the CRT, digital displays read out the measured parameters. A top-of-the-line analyzer like the 8505A doesn't come cheap. It will cost you about \$25,000.

Or you can start with a basic core—like the A51 from Wide Band Engineering—and surround the core with individual signal generators, bridges, oscilloscopes and other building blocks to form a complete analyzer.

The A51 provides 1-to-500-MHz swept or single-frequency measurements of gain, loss and VSWR on 50 and 75- Ω systems.

Somewhere between the "all-under-one-roof" and totally-individual-components approaches, you'll find semi-integrated packages, with perhaps the tracking receiver and display in one cabinet, the sweep generator in another, and so on.

GenRad's 1710 RF analyzer (to 500 MHz), for one, is composed of three or four 19-in. units in its basic form, and it measures the magnitude and phase of two signals relative to a reference. Thus you can make simultaneous transmission and reflection measurements with the 1710.

Basic price of the 1710 is \$9700. The group-delay option costs \$495, and the polar option another \$150.

Also made up of several packages is the ZWD Sweep Diagraph, from Rohde & Schwarz. Covering 10 to 1000 MHz in one sweep, the ZWD also offers two independent channels plus an over-all dynamic range of 120 dB (90 dB displayed).

Yet another way to go in analyzers is the plug-in route. One example: Wiltron's 640, a recently unwrapped system that measures transmission and reflection from 1 to 1500 MHz. Plug-ins for the 640—which sells for under \$4000 complete—include a sweeper and transmission/reflection units with detectors, bridges and log converters.

If point-by-point plotting—rather than a continuous sweep—is all you need, then a number of phase/gain meters, with digital displays, are available.

The Dranetz Engineering Laboratories 305, for



Digital readout of gain, phase and amplitude mark the Series 305, from Dranetz Engineering Laboratories. The autoranging unit works to 700 MHz.

example, digitally reads out gain and phase shift from 5 Hz to 700 kHz with the 305's PA-3009 plug-in. Besides several nice features, like autoranging and autocalibration, the 305 offers high phase accuracy— ± 0.1 degrees to 50 kHz.

Phase/gain meters, or vector voltmeters, are also marketed by HP, North Atlantic Industries and others.

Not quite a gain/phase meter, or a network analyzer for that matter, is an instrument called the LAB-ALL, built by UFAD Corp. Actually a multifunction instrument (12-in-one, says UFAD), the LAB-ALL (model 850) can, among other things, produce a Nyquist plot on an external oscilloscope.

The 850 rejects both even and odd harmonics to the tune of 55 dB, and offers $\pm 1\%$ phase accuracy, $\pm 2\%$ amplitude accuracy, from 30 Hz to 100 kHz.

Making things better

Accuracy, of course, is what you're after in a network analyzer. One way to enhance accuracy is to buy a programmable analyzer and store correction data in a calculator or computer.

HP's 3042A system does just that via the HP Interface Bus (HP-IB). With additional hardware, calculator enhancement routines can upgrade accuracy to 0.01 dB over 100 Hz to 10 MHz. The calculator can also manipulate data, make decisions based on test results and control other instruments at the same time.

Automatic analysis with a fast switching, synthesizer-based system is yet another option. One example is the GenRad 2261. Intended primarily for precision narrow-band measurements, the 2261 lets you work in frequency increments as narrow as 0.1 Hz.

A frequency programmer—rather than a calculator or computer—is used to enter sweep data in the GR unit.

Network analysis today extends into the microwave region. Microwave buffs will find the selection rather limited, however, because HP's 40-

GHz 8410B is virtually the only unit available that works at such lofty frequencies. With it, you can plot both magnitude and phase above 18 GHz, in coaxial and cable waveguides. And you can measure the S-parameters of microwave semiconductors.

Other commercial analyzers also offer attachments, or test sets, for S parameters and other capabilities. A sampling: calibration kits, biasing of active devices, polar displays (nice to have, but they offer less resolution than the rectilinear display), impedance attachments for non 50 or 75- Ω systems, Smith-Chart overlays.

Note that these and other features can be standard, optional or a mixture of both, depending on the unit. The price, of course, can soar when all options are added. The performance, unfortunately, can plunge when you add an option . . . and the spec sheet may not tell you. You'll have to ask. ■■

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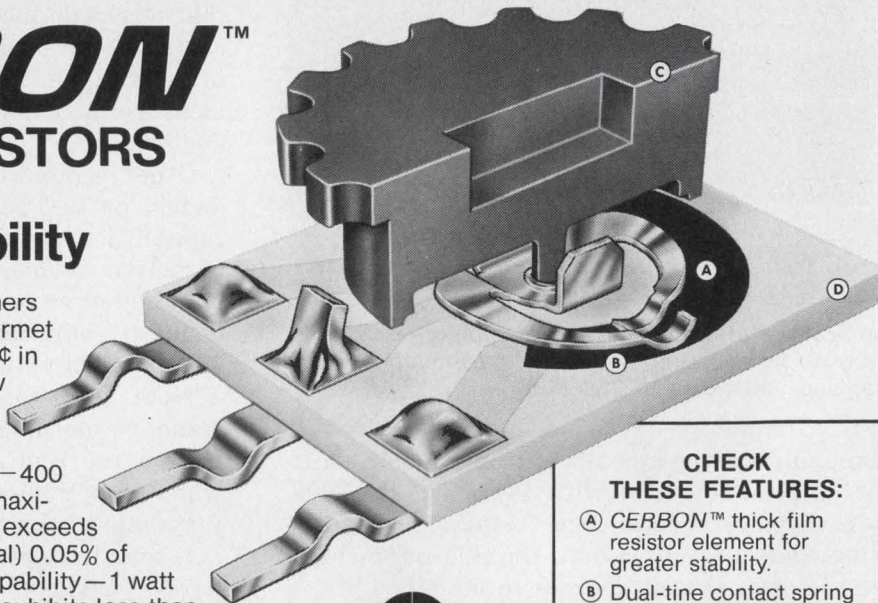
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Put microprocessor software to work

by taking advantage of different addressing modes.

Here are the basics of how these modes function.

Get the most out of your microprocessor-based system by using the optimum addressing mode for each program step. Different addressing techniques—indexed, indirect, relative, paged and others—originally developed for use in large computers, can be used in μ P systems.

But beware—even though the technique may have the same name as in larger computers, the internal procedure performed by the μ P may be different. The short word lengths used in most μ P systems make it difficult to handle addresses. Common processors such as the 8080, 6800, F-8, PPS-8, CDP1802 or 2650 all have word lengths of only 8 bits, though some of these μ Ps simplify addressing by using 16-bit address busses.

Eight-bit busses are fine for handling 4-bit binary-coded decimal and 8-bit ASCII or EBCDIC characters, but they are not adequate for a viable memory address bus. A typical 8-bit μ P, when using direct addressing, needs three memory cycles to get the instruction and address into the processor. Only in the fourth cycle does the μ P actually do any useful work (Fig. 1). About 75 percent of all central processor (CPU) time is spent on overhead functions.

Know the different addressing modes

Obviously, a better way than simple direct addressing is needed. With an 8-bit μ P, the fewer 16-bit addresses you transfer, the more CPU time and memory space you save. For fixed-program applications, a ROM that holds the operating program would be the simplest solution. However, you cannot store subroutine return addresses in the ROM or modify its program instructions.

Data cannot be stored with the program either; temporary data must be placed in a separate part of memory. That also restricts the movement of the program and data in the memory unless special provisions have been made beforehand.

The limited chip size of μ Ps keeps the number of registers, busses and other elements minimal. Many signals may have to be generated external-

ly, thus adding to the system cost. Let's take a hard look at the different addressing methods to see how they can increase or decrease the complexity of the system.

Indexing is one of the most commonly used addressing modes. With this technique, the contents of the index register are added to the address supplied with the instruction (Fig. 2). The sum of the two is called the effective address, and is used to fetch the data.

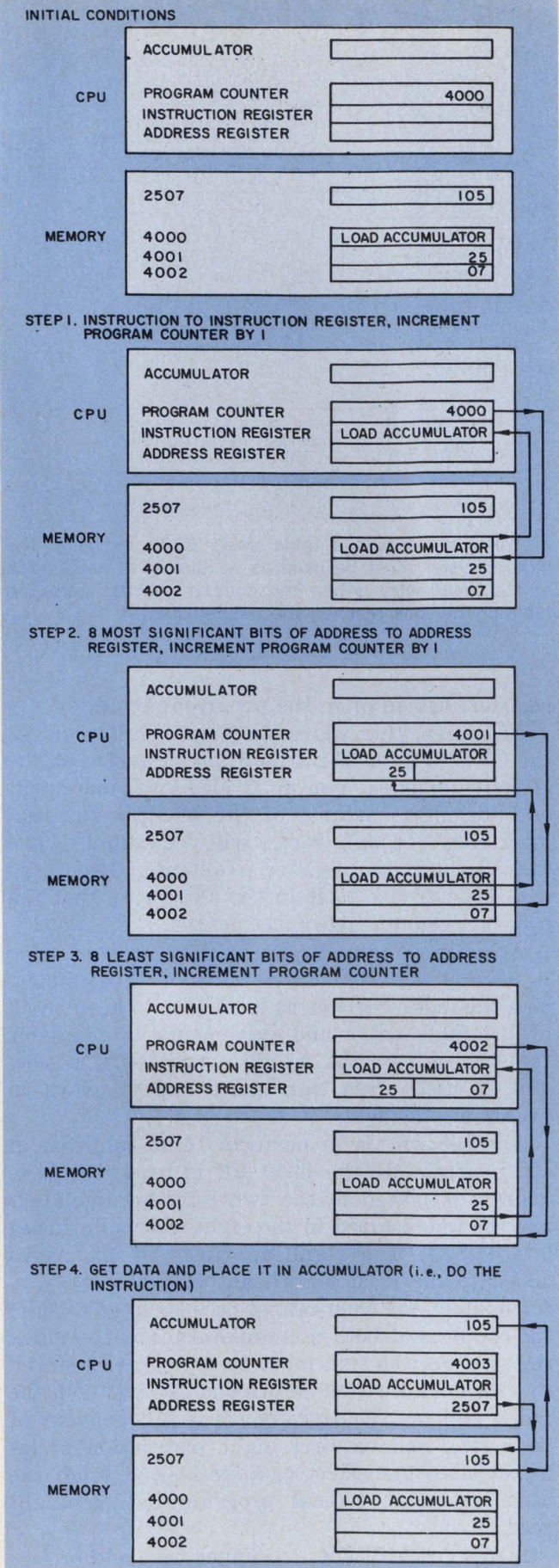
The indexed instruction shown in Fig. 2 is Load Accumulator 300, X. (The , X indicates that indexed addressing is to be used.) If the index register contains the number 15, the indexed instruction has the same effect as a Load Accumulator 315 instruction. The contents of location 315 are fetched and placed in the accumulator. However, we can change the effective address of the indexed Load instruction by altering the contents of the index register. A Load Accumulator 315 instruction, though, is frozen for the life of the program.

Processing of data stored in arrays or tables is the usual application of indexed addressing. An entire array of data can be processed or moved with a simple program, just by starting the index register at a base number and incrementing it each time the program cycles through (Fig. 3a and 3b). Inside the program, indexed addressing is used to get the data. The address supplied with the instruction is the base address of the data stack. Indexing saves program memory space and adds flexibility. When you're only using one element at a time, though, indexing slightly slows down the program since you must add several instructions to increment the index register.

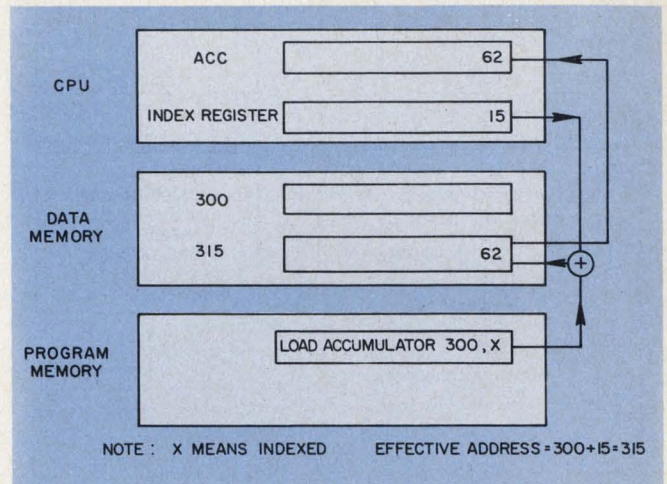
On the other hand, if several elements of an array are used each time the program cycles, indexing can speed things along. All the elements can be accessed just by changing the address that accompanies the instruction. Thus, each time the program cycles, the next six data elements can be accessed with the addresses:

BASE, X
BASE + 1, X

BASE + 5, X.



1. A simple instruction cycle, performed on an 8-bit μ P, requires four memory cycles if data must be fetched from memory. Three cycles are needed to get the instruction and data address and one cycle to actually do any processing.



2. Getting information by indexing cuts the number of memory cycles needed by the processor, but slows down processing since the contents of the index register are added to the address supplied with the instruction.

For applications that require sorting, searching and editing, this accessing feature is very useful.

Several data arrays can be processed simultaneously if they are similarly structured. For instance, if one array contains names, one contains addresses and another contains Social Security numbers, once you locate a name you also have the location of all of the other data in the accompanying arrays.

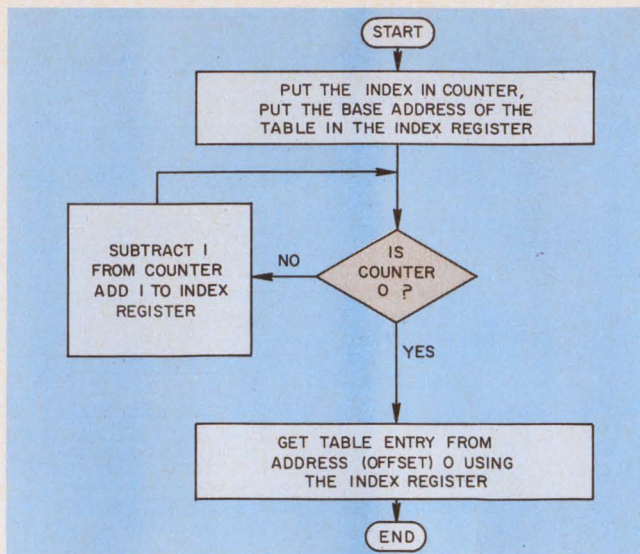
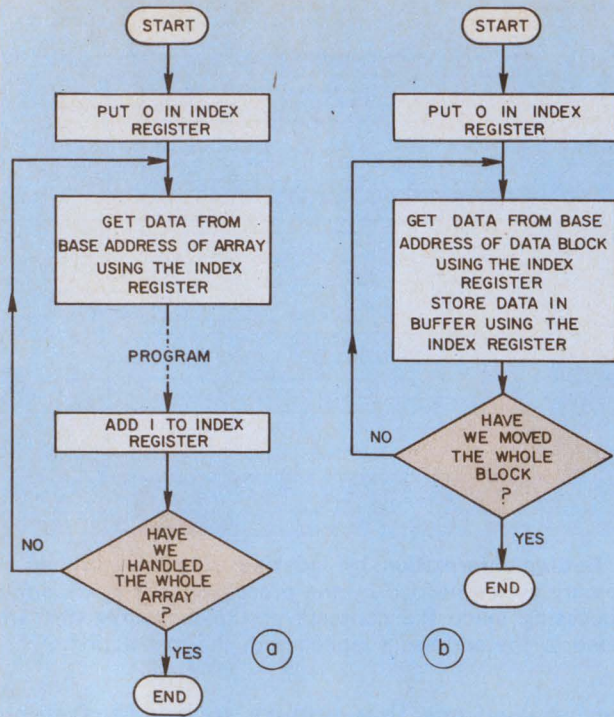
Table access is simplified

When indexed addressing is applied to tables, you can simplify any look-up routines considerably. All that has to be done is to put the number of the desired element into the index register, then use the base address of the table as the fixed address.

The table of Fig. 3c shows how you can use a table to convert a number in the index register to a seven-segment code for display. The instruction—Load Accumulator 1000, X—does the conversion. The CPU obtains the seven-segment code from the effective address (1000 plus the decimal digit stored in the index register) and places it in the accumulator.

A microprocessor could do indexing in the same way as larger computers. However, the base address included in the instruction would have to be 16 bits long, and the CPU would have to perform a 16-bit addition of the base address and the index register. In an 8-bit CPU the arithmetic section would have to “double-up” to do the addition, thus slowing down the overall program.

Of course, you can save time and memory by limiting to 8 bits the address that is included with the instruction, and by using a 16-bit index register. The 6800 μ P does indexing that way, which is the reverse of normal indexing because the 16-bit base address is placed in the index



4. When you access a table using 6800 indexing, the index register must be used as a counter to keep track of the table entry. When the counter reaches zero the table pointer has reached the desired item.

USING INDEXING TO ACCESS A TABLE

INITIAL CONDITIONS

CPU	ACCUMULATOR	
	INDEX REGISTER	6

MEMORY

SEVEN-SEGMENT TABLE		
1000		3F
1001		06
1002		5B
1003		4F
1004		66
1005		6D
1006		7D
1007		07
1008		7F
1009		6F

NOTE: WE HAVE ORGANIZED THE SEVEN-SEGMENT TABLE WITH 0 IN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BIT, FOLLOWED BY THE CODES FOR SEGMENTS G, F, E, D, C AND A; TABLE ENTRIES THUS CONSIST OF HEXADECIMAL DIGITS.

AFTER LOAD ACCUMULATOR 1000, X

CPU	ACCUMULATOR	7D
	INDEX REGISTER	6

MEMORY

1000		3F
1001		06
1002		5B
1003		4F
1004		66
1005		6D
1006		7D
1007		07
1008		7F
1009		6F

EFFECTIVE ADDRESS=1000+ CONTENTS OF INDEX REGISTER=1000+6=1006

3. You can easily use indexed addressing to process a data array (a), move data blocks from one area in memory to another (b) or to access a table for code conversion look-up (c).

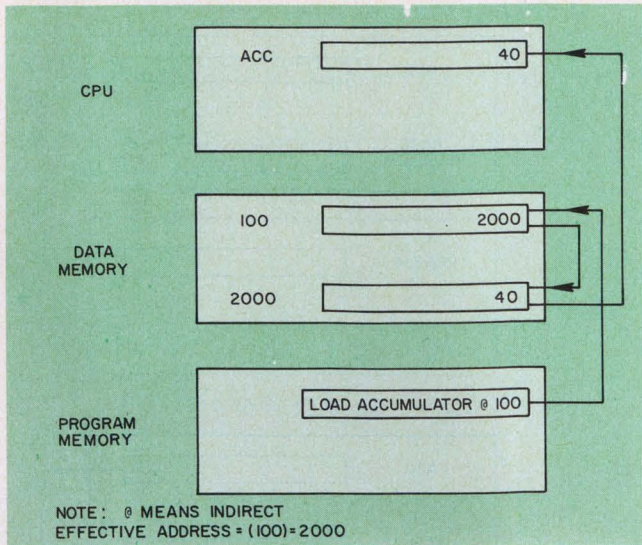
register instead of in the program memory.

Of course, this addressing mode still requires the CPU to do a 16-bit addition to arrive at the effective address. You must also load, increment and store the contents of the 16-bit index register. However, only rarely will you actually have to load the index register's contents. Often, you can just add one to it in the same way that the program counter gets incremented.

Accessing a table to get an entry can be done in several different ways. One of the simplest uses the index register as a counter to keep track of the table entry and increments the register for each entry (Fig. 4). This procedure is slow and, if used often, can cause major delays in processing the data.

Another way is to perform 16-bit addition in the program. If the 6800 μ P is used, the base address is placed in the two 8-bit accumulators and the index added to the eight least-significant bits (LSB). The resulting carry, if any, gets added to the most significant bits (MSB). Unfortunately, the 6800 cannot be instructed to shift the contents of both accumulators into the index register. So, the sum must be temporarily stored in a memory location before you can put it in the index register. This procedure is independent of table size, and requires eight instruction cycles to calculate the effective address and fetch the table entry. A typical program listing might read:

```
LDAA # UPPER      upper base add to A
LDAB # LOWER      lower base add to B
ADDB INDEX        add index
ADCA # 0           and carry
STAB SUML         lower entry add.
STAA SUMU         upper entry add.
```

5. You can access the entire memory with indirect addressing but doing so can be confusing because the data byte or bytes fetched are used as the address of the actual data word.

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LDX SUMU      get it to index reg.
LDAA X        get entry
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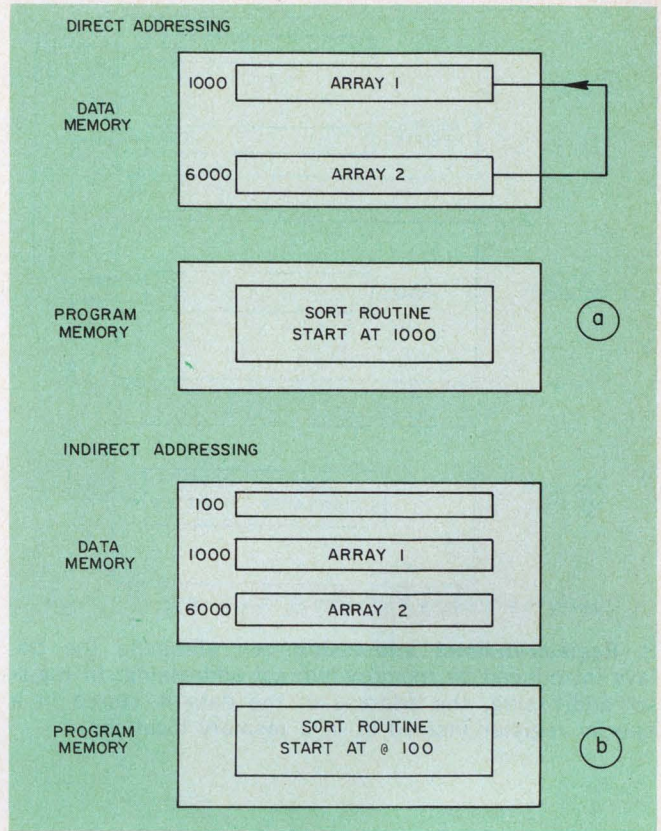
Alternatively, you can set up the tables so that their starting addresses are always a multiple of 100 (hexadecimal). Then you can refer to any table by means of an 8-bit address. (An address of 4 means that the table starts at location 400 hex.) To get into the table, place the 8-bit table address in the eight MSBs of the index register and the 8-bit index in the eight LSBs of the index register.

In any of the methods just described, indexing is not really used to full advantage. The CPU does unnecessary 16-bit addition and time is lost for each indexing cycle that adds zero to the contents of the index register.

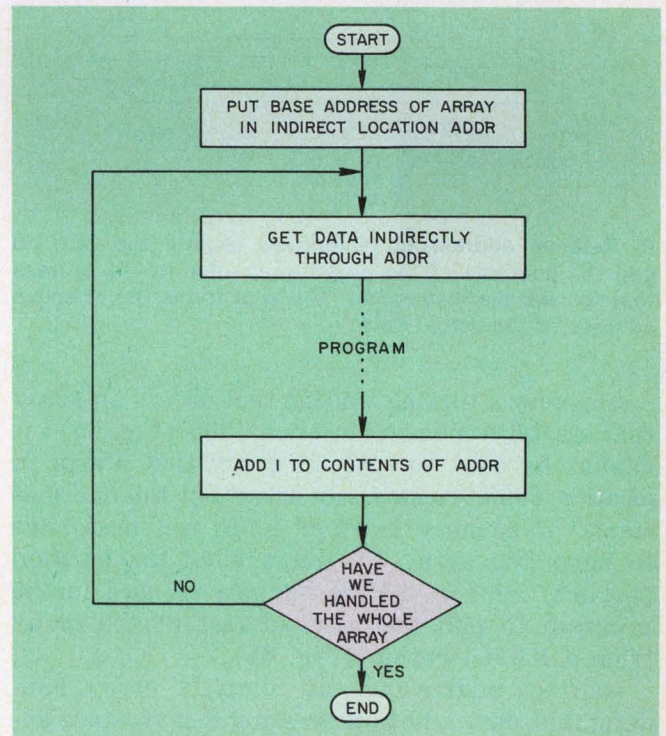
Get the addresses indirectly

If you can spare a memory cycle, indirect addressing can retrieve the full 64 kilobytes of available memory. When you use indirect addressing, the address supplied with the instruction is used to get the address of the data rather than the data itself (Fig. 5). The effective address is thus part of the data memory. Parentheses are used around an address to indicate that the contents of the location shown are what the CPU is after. Thus: ADDR is an address and (ADDR) represents the contents of that address.

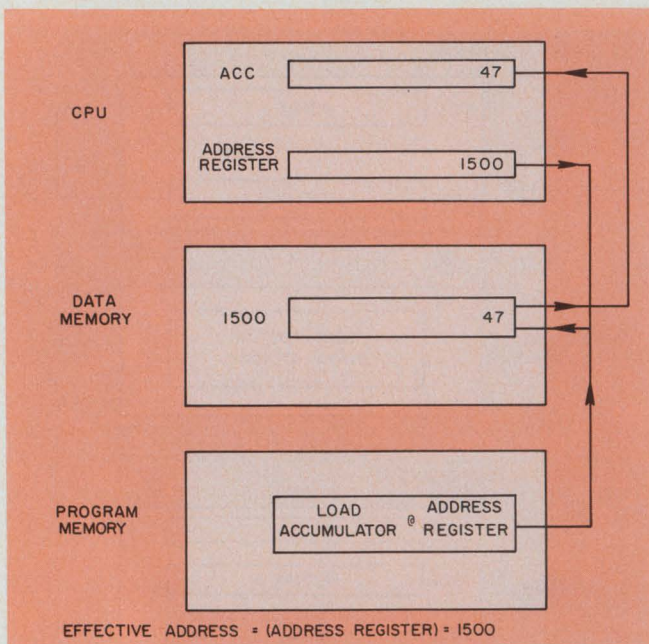
Indirect addressing permits you to store a program in ROM, yet alter the contents of RAM locations called out from the ROM. Thus you can use the same instructions to process data anywhere in memory. All you do is put the starting address of the data into the RAM location specified by the program.



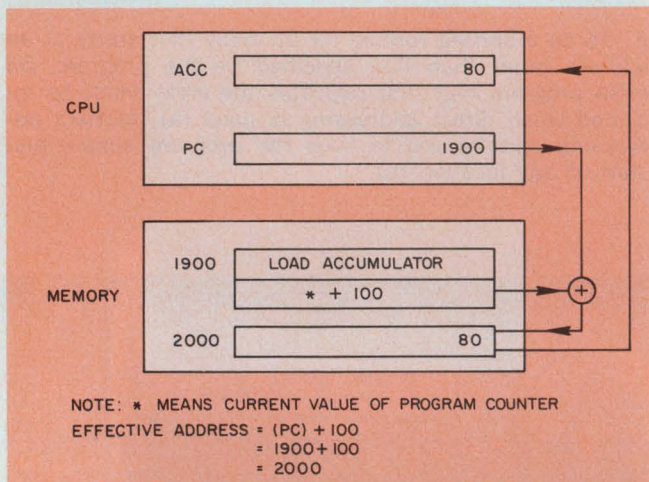
6. To do a sorting routine for an array that starts at an address other than that specified by the program, an extra program that first relocates the array must be included when direct addressing is used (a). Indirect addressing permits you to keep the program simple and start at any location (b).



7. To process a data array, indirect addressing can be used, but it won't be the most efficient method because the memory must be accessed twice for each data word.



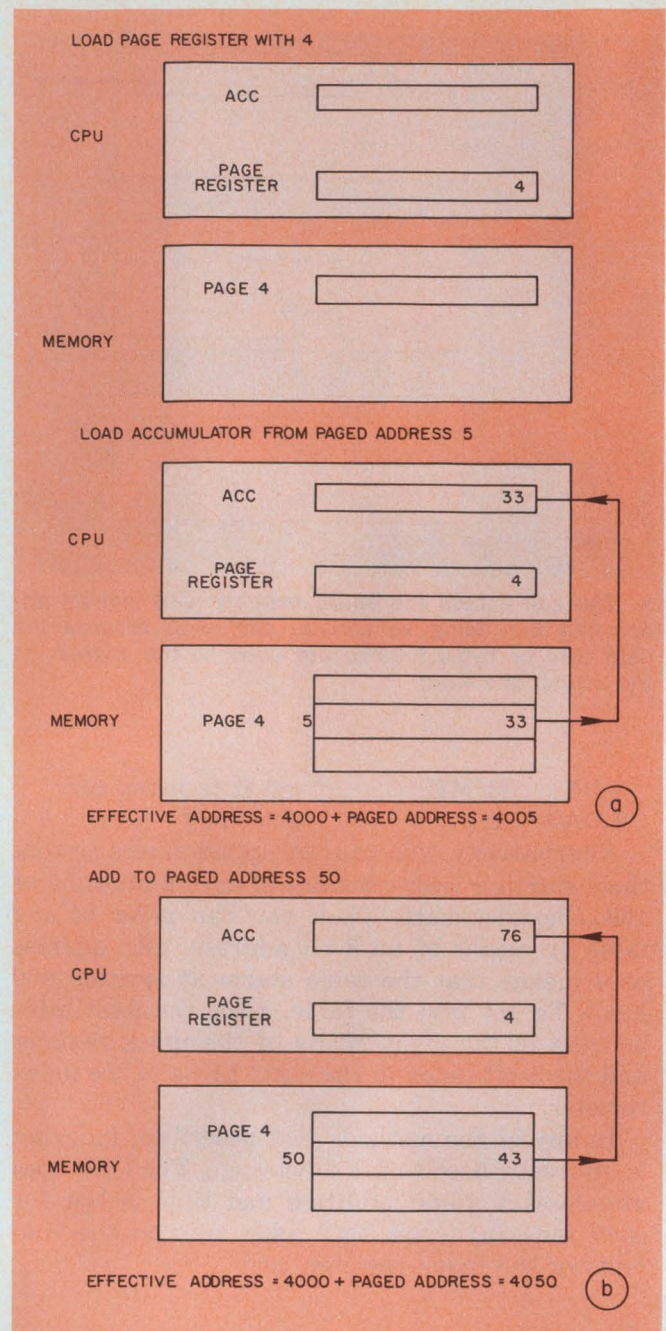
8. **Register-indirect addressing** can eliminate the delays introduced by memory-indirect addressing. In register addressing, the address of the data is stored in a special register instead of in a memory location.



9. **Relative addressing techniques** require the CPU to add the contents of the program counter to the address that follows the instruction. The sum forms the effective address of the actual data.

Consider a sorting routine that orders an array that starts in memory location 1000 (Fig. 6a): it cannot be used to sort an array that starts in location 6000. To sort any array but the one that starts in memory location 1000, you first have to move the array. To get around the location problem, indirect addressing can be used in the program to pull the base address of the array from a RAM location (Fig. 6b).

Indirect addressing can simplify array handling, but does add to processing delays, since addresses must be pulled from memory locations. Further, you won't need the index register, and you'll eliminate the additions previously needed



10. **When using page addressing**, you must first load the system's page register with the hex code for the desired page and refer to a specific address on that page. Then you can get the specific needed data.

to get the effective address.

When you must search a table or array for a particular element, indexing is the simplest method to use. Applications that use all or most of the array elements would probably do better with indirect addressing, though.

Many people find that indirect addressing is difficult to use, because the distinction between data and addresses can be confusing. Most of the popular microprocessors don't have true indirect addressing (as described) available to them, and would need an enormous number of cycles to get a 16-bit address from memory and then use it to get another 16-bit address. Even if some ad-

addresses were limited to 8 bits, too much time would be spent on overhead operations.

What some μ Ps (the 8080 and CDP1802, for example) use instead is "register indirect addressing," in which the address is stored in a register rather than in a memory location (Fig. 8). That eliminates the address fetch cycle. All you have to do to get the data is get the instruction from memory, then place the contents of the address register onto the address bus.

Register indirect addressing does have some advantages over indexing. You do not have to provide an offset as part of the instruction and you can eliminate the 16-bit addition to get the effective address. Thus, you save both program memory and time.

To process a data array, the same procedures used to perform the operations in Fig. 7 can be applied (Fig. 8). However, there is a restriction: you cannot reach any other elements in the array unless the program changes the address stored in the address register. If more than one array element is needed for a program, indexing may prove easier. Indirect addressing is ideal for processing single pieces of data.

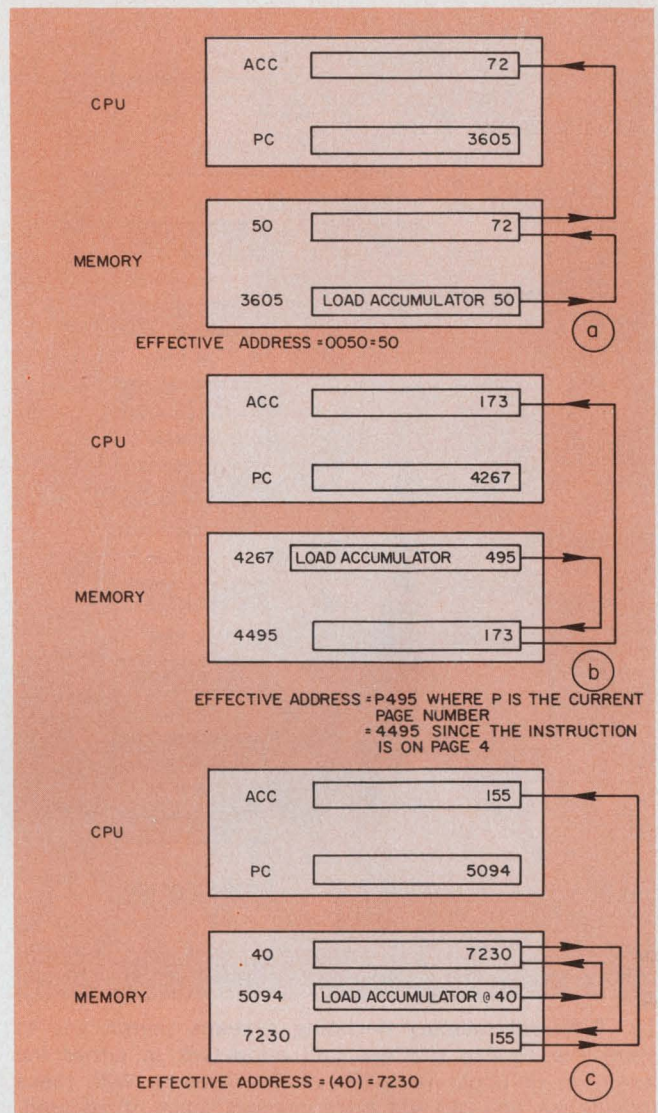
Relative addressing keeps addresses short

By using relative addressing you can often keep addresses short and make programs easy to relocate in memory (Fig. 9). To get the effective address, the contents of the program counter are added to the address that is supplied along with the instruction. This procedure is similar to indexing, except that the contents of the program counter are used instead of the contents of the index register.

In Fig. 9, the flowchart shows a procedure that loads the accumulator with data from a memory location that is 100 words away from the instruction. The offset is usually interpreted as a signed two's-complement number so that locations in either direction can be accessed.

Relative addressing is particularly effective if the locations being addressed are very close to the program instruction. And moving programs around in memory won't cause any problems since relative addresses remain the same so you can put a program or subroutine in any unoccupied area of the memory.

Microprocessors can't take full advantage of relative addressing because they have short words and in many cases, read-only program memories. If 16-bit relative addresses are used, they must be stored as two memory words, with two memory cycles needed to recall them. On the other hand, if 8-bit relative addresses are used, you can save space and time but must use locations within ± 128 words of the instruction. In most programs, 128 words are not sufficient.



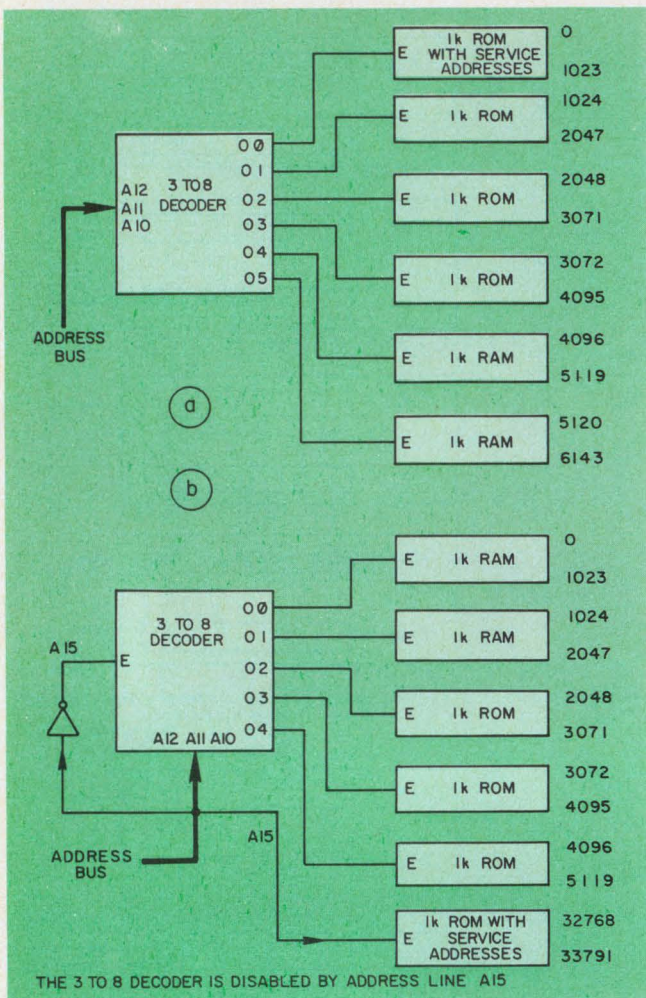
11. Page-zero addressing permits fast access of often used data, that are not on the current page, without an extra memory cycle (a). Current-page addressing can rapidly reach locations that are on the same page as the instruction (b). You can also use page-zero addressing indirectly to reach data on other pages (c).

The main advantage of relative addressing in μ Ps is the use of short offsets as jump addresses. However, just as with indexed addressing, the processor must perform a 16-bit addition to get the effective address each time the relative mode is used. So, slower execution time is traded for memory savings.

Turn the pages carefully

To avoid long addresses in computer programs, paging procedures can be used. Divide the memory into fixed-size sections called pages. You can then refer to a memory location by its page number and its address on that page. Often, the page number is put into a page register and then locations on the same page can be referenced with just the paged address (Fig. 10).

For small programs you can avoid using the



12. **Different memory decoding systems** permit you to store the service routines and addresses in either the lower (a) or upper (b) parts of the memory. With these techniques, you can add extra memory space, if required, up to the addressable maximum. However, memory system design is easier in case (a) since the lower memory configuration is continuous.

page register by limiting the pages that have to be addressed. If only addresses on the first page are used, the technique is called Page-Zero Addressing (Fig. 11a). When you can reach addresses that are on the same page as the current instruction, the technique is called Current-Page Addressing (Fig. 11b). Other pages can be addressed by using an indirect paging method, that is much like the indirect addressing mode (Fig. 11c). Many computers let you select current and zero-page addressing, with just a single bit change in the instruction.

For computers of 16 bits and larger, paging is a great solution to many of the processor limitations. Unfortunately, with μ Ps, page sizes must be kept to 256 words in order to get paged addresses into 8-bit words. Page zero is, in turn, restricted to 256 words—and there will be many page boundaries that must be handled.

As with relative addressing, you can't use current page addressing for anything except jump

instructions because in most cases data are not on the same page as the instructions. Current-page addressing does have the advantages of not requiring a 16-bit addition to get the effective address. The CPU gets the effective address from the eight MSBs of the program counter and the paged address.

If you use page-zero addressing, use a RAM for memory page zero. But remember that you don't want to put your interrupt and startup routines in the RAM, since you'll have to reload them each time the system is turned on. Thus the interrupt and startup service addresses must be stored on a page other than page zero.

However, the addresses on page zero are the easiest to generate since they're only 8 bits long. Additional circuitry, either internal or external, must be used to generate addresses on other pages. Furthermore, decoding is simple if you use a continuous memory that starts at location zero. If the service routines are put at fixed locations, either the memory will have to be divided into sections, or a complex decoding system must be used.

For example, assume you have a system with 6-k words of memory and the lowest 1-k are used to store the service addresses (Fig. 12a). In that case, additional memory can be added without causing any addressing problems. The 3-of-8 decoder can handle up to 8-k words. By using a 4-of-16 decoder you can address up to 16-k words.

A ROM with service addresses at the highest memory addresses can also be used (hexadecimal FF00 and up). The ROM that contains the service addresses must then be placed in a separate area of the memory so that additional memory can be added without moving that ROM (Fig. 12b). System design is made more difficult because the memory space must be divided into two sections.

If service addresses are externally generated to handle large interrupts, systems 8-bit addresses can be generated on page zero by using some encoders. Extra circuitry will be needed to generate 16-bit addresses and place them on the data bus in 8-bit sections.

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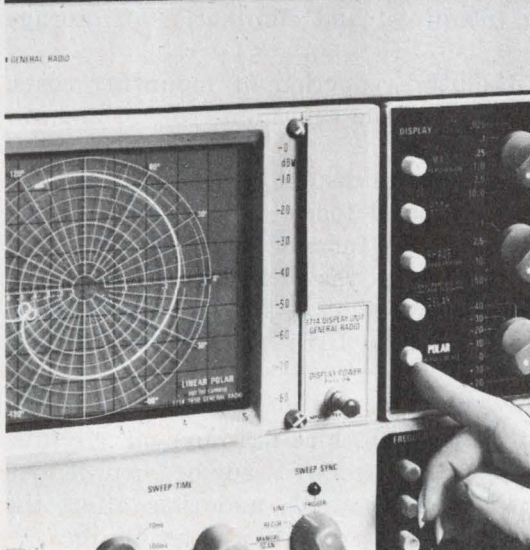
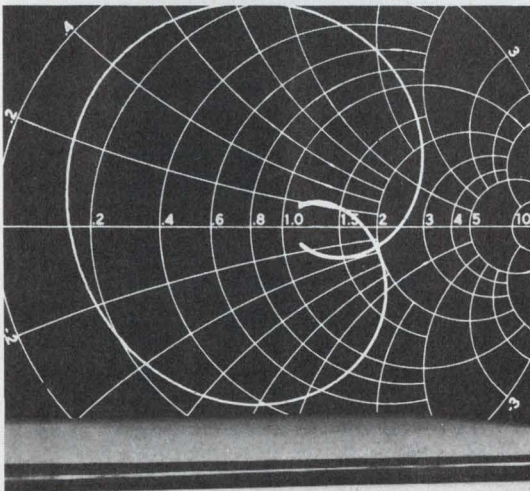
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As a designer of hybrid circuitry, you want as small a package as possible and a reliable bond between device and substrate. Equally important is cost. The attachment process used with the chip directly reflects the manufacturing cost and reliability of the hybrid assembly (see table). Although you can choose from such other packages as leadless inverted devices (LIDs), flip chips, or beam leads, only the SOT-23 can meet all of the above design requirements (Fig. 1).

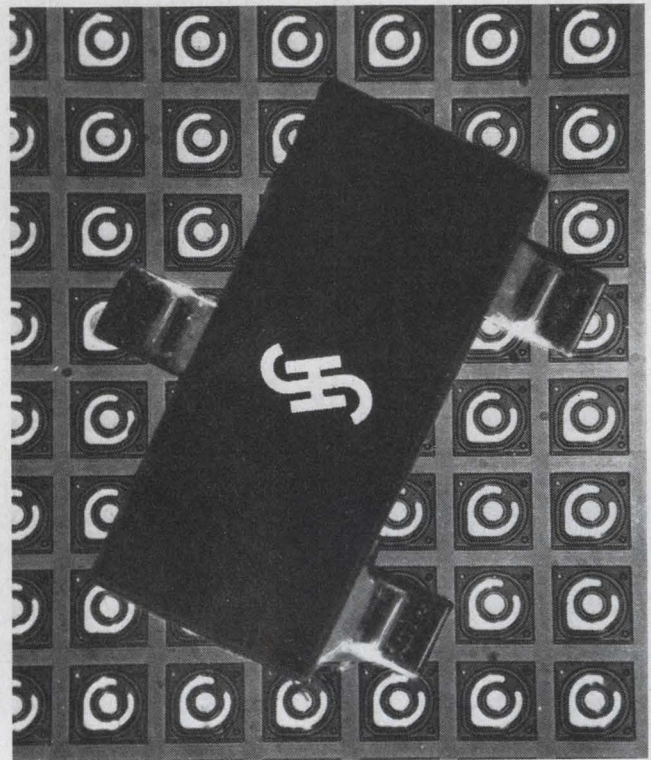
The ribbon leads of the SOT-23 make it easy to handle during assembly. That includes positioning and mounting of the chip on its substrate, inspection of connections after the bond is made and the bonding technique itself. The SOT-23 can be bonded to the substrate either by the reflow soldering attachment technique or by dip soldering. This cuts costs since very little in the way of specialized equipment is needed to perform the assembly.

The triangular arrangement of the leads provides the package with excellent high-frequency response. Active devices in SOT-23 packages, including ICs, are available from the low to ultra-high frequency range. For example, Siemens recently introduced the popular 741 operational amplifier in a package similar to the SOT-23.

Ease assembly with SOT-23

Here are some benefits listed by manufacturers of the SOT-23:

- Technology: high reproducibility of device characteristics, and greatly reduced circuit volume.



1. The SOT-23 packaged transistor requires only 1/30 the volume of a conventional transistor package and yet can contain a device with the same structure.

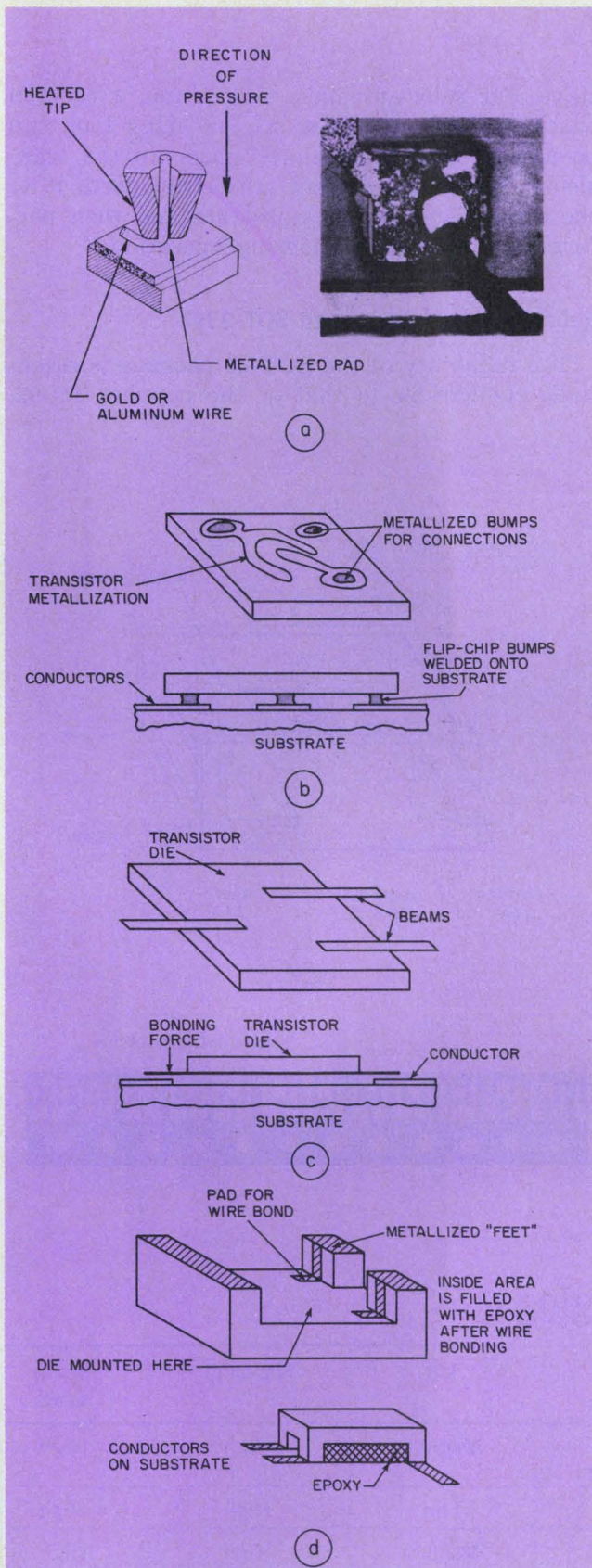
- Production: ease of attachment, suitable for automatic mounting, and elimination of storage problems.

- Profitability: reduction of mounting costs, testing costs, mounting times, line rejects and initial component cost.

The chip-and-wire technique is still the one most commonly used today, since wire bonding remains the cheapest form of assembly (Fig. 2a). But problems with the attachment technique spurred the development of the other methods—flip-chips, beam-leads, LIDs and, finally, SOT-23 devices.

The wire bond is one of the most common causes of failure in thick-film hybrid circuits. Weak bonds and overstressed or overbonded wires lead to malfunctions, and thus affect the product's over-all cost, quality and reliability.

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2. **There'll be problems** no matter how you mount an active device. Wire-bonding an active chip (a) is easy, but the bond isn't too reliable. A flip-chip (b) requires precise positioning and complex optics to inspect the bond. Beam-lead packages (c) relieve the inspection problem, but they still require precision bonding. LID packages (d) permit bonding by solder reflow, but inspection is still a problem.

The flip-chip bonding techniques totally eliminate wires and the die-attach step (Fig. 2b). Good bonds can be made if the bump's height and the substrate's flatness are accurately controlled to within a few microinches. All the bumps and their respective pads also have to be lined up accurately for the chip to be put down and bonded in place.

In a flip-chip arrangement, the operator must see the underside of the chip to observe the metallization pattern on the substrate. That requires sophisticated optics and greatly increases the cost of bonding. Another serious problem with the flip-chip is that there is no way to inspect the bond after it has been made.

On the other hand, beam-lead-mounted components (Fig. 2c) can be completely tested. But like flip-chip bonders, beam-lead bonders are expensive, because that process also requires the superimposed image of the beam and bonding pads. The cost of bonding and of associated equipment is the major disadvantage of the beam-lead attachment technique.

The LID, sometimes called the channel carrier, has a distinct advantage (Fig. 2d). It can be attached to a hybrid circuit by standard solder techniques without the high investment in die-bonding and wiring machines. Another advantage is the availability of a more diversified family of active devices than can be found in any other packaging format.

However, compared with the SOT-23, the LID has two disadvantages:

1. **Cost:** It requires a carrier, which adds to the initial price.
2. **Inspectability:** Pads are obscured by the body of the LID, thus making it hard to check for complete attachments.

Fig. 3 shows both the SOT-23 and LID packages. The same active device is used in both cases.

A choice of mounting methods

The SOT-23 packaging concept has been designed to give the hybrid manufacturer a choice of mounting techniques. The most popular and economical is reflow soldering, which uses a conveyor belt over a hot plate and does not require highly specialized equipment.

In that process the printed and fired substrates are dipped into a soldering bath kept at 220 to 230 C. The solder alloy must contain from 2 to 4% silver to prevent the conductor pattern from dissolving in liquid solder. The flux used is usually slightly activated.

The SOT-23s and other components are positioned on the substrate, their correct position secured by the adhesive force of the flux. The entire substrate is then dipped into the flux and

mounted on a heater plate. Soldering should be done as fast as possible—just enough for the solder in all locations to liquidize. A full soldering cycle depends on the equipment used and the size of the substrate. The soldering cycle time, placement and removal of the substrate are usually controlled automatically.

SOT-23 packages can also be attached using thermal compression techniques. With a low-wattage iron you can solder the SOT-23 directly to a circuit board during the preliminary design

stage. For fully automatic production, a vacuum chuck, acting as a resistance soldering tool, can be used. The vacuum chuck picks up the transistor from an alignment tray, transports it to the correct spot on the substrate and then performs the resistance-soldering operation.

Reliability: A problem with SOT-23s?

The reliability of the SOT-23 package is essentially comparable to that of the popular TO-92,

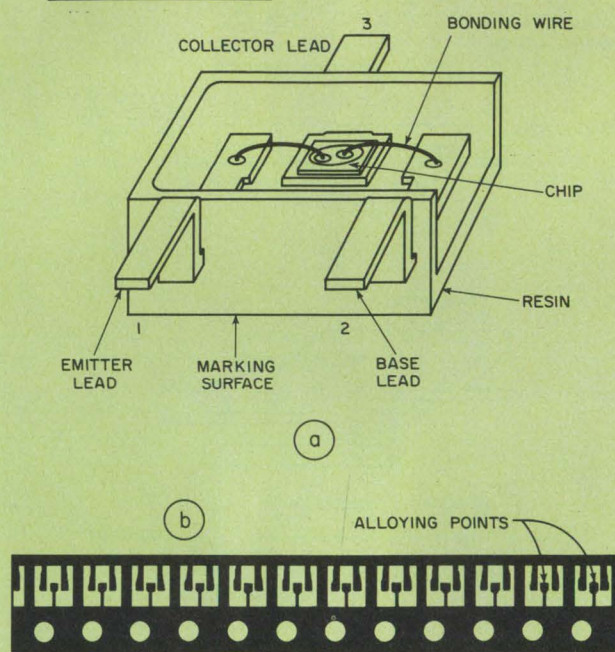
Inside the SOT-23 package

The SOT-23 package contains a wacon strip, a photoresist-coated, nitride-passivated chip, a piece of gold foil for alloying, and gold wires. Its body is made from molded plastic (Fig. A). The surface of the etched or stamped wacon strip (Fig. B) is first plated with 2 to 3- μm of gold. A piece of gold foil and the chip are then placed on the alloying point of the wacon strip.

Alloying is done in an inert atmosphere at about 460 C. The structure's emitter and base contact areas are connected to the transistors' leads with gold wires, 20- μm in diameter. The structure is next coated with photoresist to reduce photosensitivity and resist moisture, and then molded in plastic.

Next the transistors are tempered, and all plastic residue is removed. When the connections have been trimmed, they are stamped out and bent as required. Since the epoxy used on the Siemens transistors will withstand immersion in molten solder at 240 C for up to 5 s, these packages can be dip-soldered.

INTERNAL STRUCTURE



Comparison of active-chip prepackaging

Item	Wire & Chip	SOT-23	Lid	Flip-Chip	Beam Lead
I. Cost					
Finished product cost	High	Low to Medium	Medium	High	High
Cost per chip	Low	Low	Low	High	High
Wafer processing	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
II. Product reliability					
Over-all	Low	High	High	Medium	High
Surface degradation	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
Reliability of bond	Low	High	High	Medium	High
Inspectability of bond	High	High	Medium	Low	High

What makes the SOT-23 so small?

A line of active devices was developed at Siemens especially for the SOT-23 package. For example, the BCW60 silicon-planar epitaxial transistor in a SOT-23 case has the same characteristics as the conventional BC107 transistor housed in a TO-18 case, but is 30 times smaller and weighs only 7 mg. To accomplish that, the basic structure of the transistor had to be greatly improved. Siemens did so by adding a guard ring, shielding electrode and a silicon nitride passivation layer (Fig. A).

These changes were essential to account for certain properties in the silica film and the silica-silicon interface. Although use of a thermally grown silicon dioxide film to protect the pn junction improved the stability and quality to some degree, compared with that of the unprotected pn junction, more protection was still needed.

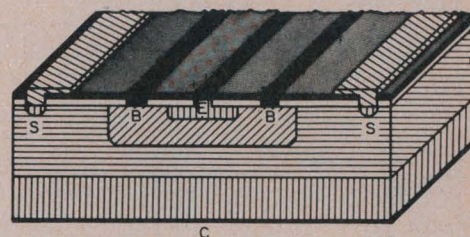
The oxide contains both mobile and stationary positive charges whose field acts upon the charge carriers in the silicon below. At temperatures around 200 C, ions of alkali metals (such as sodium) or of hydrogen act as mobile charges that can pass through the oxide. Ions travel not only within the oxide but also over the surface of the oxide film and change the characteristics of the pn junction.

The movement of the surface ions depends greatly on the relative humidity of the surrounding atmosphere. To make a stable transistor, it is necessary to grow a clean oxide and protect it from subsequent contamination and the influence of the surface ions.

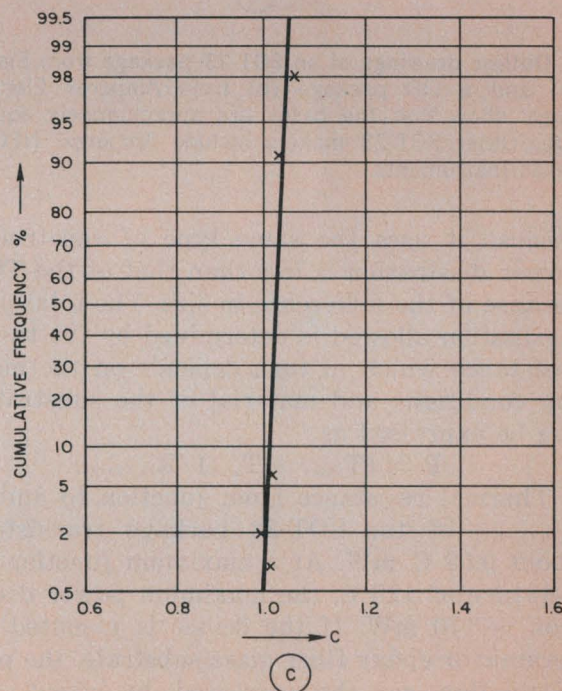
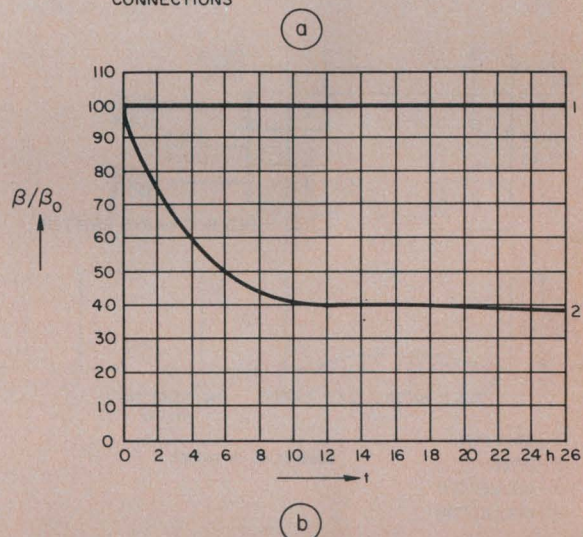
The guard ring and shielding electrode prevent the uncontrolled spread of an inversion layer on the collector. The inversion layer could cause excessive leakage currents and eliminate the influence of surface ions. The silicon nitride layer prevents contaminants from entering the oxide. Silicon nitride is an effective insulator (resistivity is 10^{13} to $10^{14} \Omega/\text{cm}$) and is very hard (above 9 on the Mohs' scale).

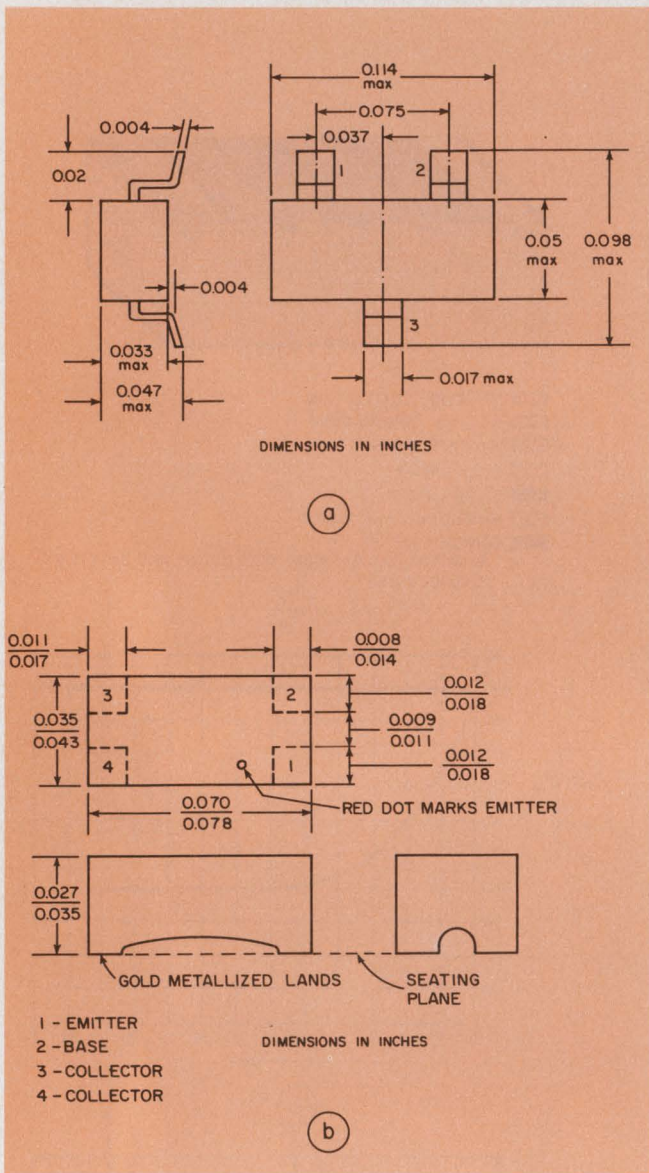
The nitride's most important property, though, is its resistance to the passage of ions. If the transistor structure without a nitride passivating layer is coated with a substance containing sodium and then exposed to a temperature of 200 C, a considerable drop in the current gain occurs within a few hours. However, nitride-passivated transistors are unaffected by such treatment (Fig. B).

The excellent stability of nitride-passivated transistors is illustrated by the results of endurance tests performed with the BCW60 and BCW61. Fig. C shows the distribution of the drift coefficient of current-gain B. The drift coefficient is the reading taken after a 1000-hour endurance test, divided by the reading at the start of the test.



- P+ - TYPE CONDUCTION
 - P - TYPE CONDUCTION
 - N - TYPE CONDUCTION
 - SiO₂ LAYER
 - Si₃N₄ LAYER
 - SHIELDING ELECTRODE
 - CONTACT METAL
- S - GUARD B,C,E - BASE, COLLECTOR AND EMITTER CONNECTIONS



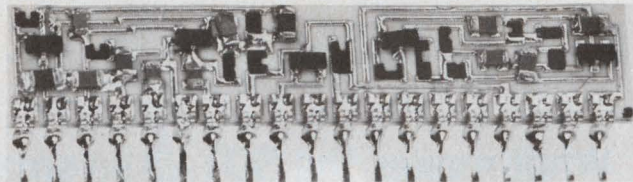


3. Outline drawings of an SOT-23 package from Siemens (a) and a LID package (b) from Amperex Electronic Corp. show that the cases are approximately equal in size. Other SOT-23 makers include Amperex, NEC and Texas Instruments.

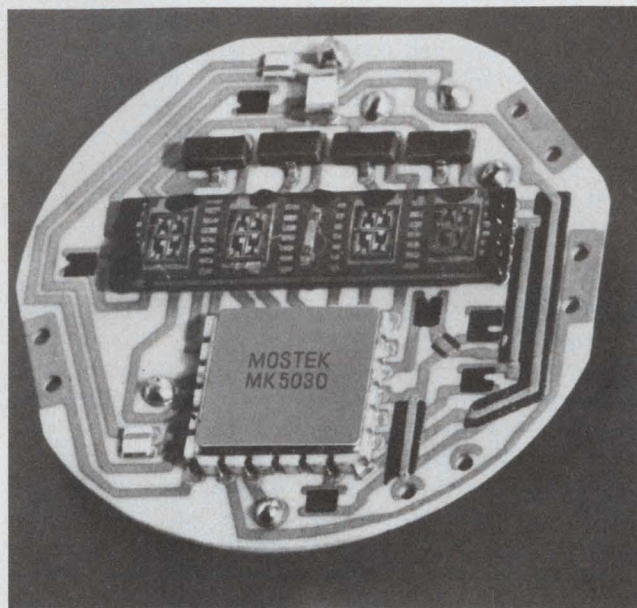
because it uses the same type of construction. Power dissipation is less than that of the TO-92, because of the difference in size. The total power dissipation allowed is determined by the thermal resistance which in turn depends on the mounting conditions and material of the substrate. It can be expressed as

$$P = (T_{jmax} - T_{amb}) / R_{th(j-a)}$$

Thermal resistance from junction to ambient, $R_{th(j-a)}$, of the SOT-23 package transistor is about 0.58 C/mW. At a maximum junction temperature of 125 C, the maximum power dissipation is 170 mW. If the device is mounted on a ceramic or epoxy fiber glass substrate, the power dissipation can be increased by about 20%. Thus, power dissipation in excess of 200 mW is possible.



(a)



(b)

4. SOT-23-housed transistors and diodes are used in part of a hand-held communicator (a). Similarly housed transistors are used as LED drivers in a digital watch module (b). The transistors are mounted just above the digital LED display.

Fig. 4a shows a hybrid circuit manufactured by Pulse Engineering in San Diego. It is part of a subminiature module designed for hand-held communications equipment. The active devices used include vhf transistors, audio-frequency transistors and silicon diodes, all in SOT-23 packages.

Several other major original-equipment manufacturers of hand-held communications equipment are adopting SOT-23 packaged devices in their hybrid circuits. Fig. 4b shows SOT-23 packaged transistors used as LED drivers on a digital watch module. SOT-23 packaged phototransistors designed for cameras are finding use in digital watches as a sensor for ambient lighting; they regulate the LED drive current.

At least one major company that is in the telecommunications field had been using TO-18 devices in its equipment, but recently decided to hybridize its circuits by using SOT-23 packages. Tests conducted by that company showed the moisture resistance and reliability of the new package are about the same as for hermetically sealed devices. ■■

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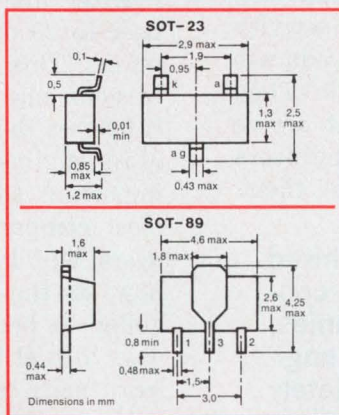
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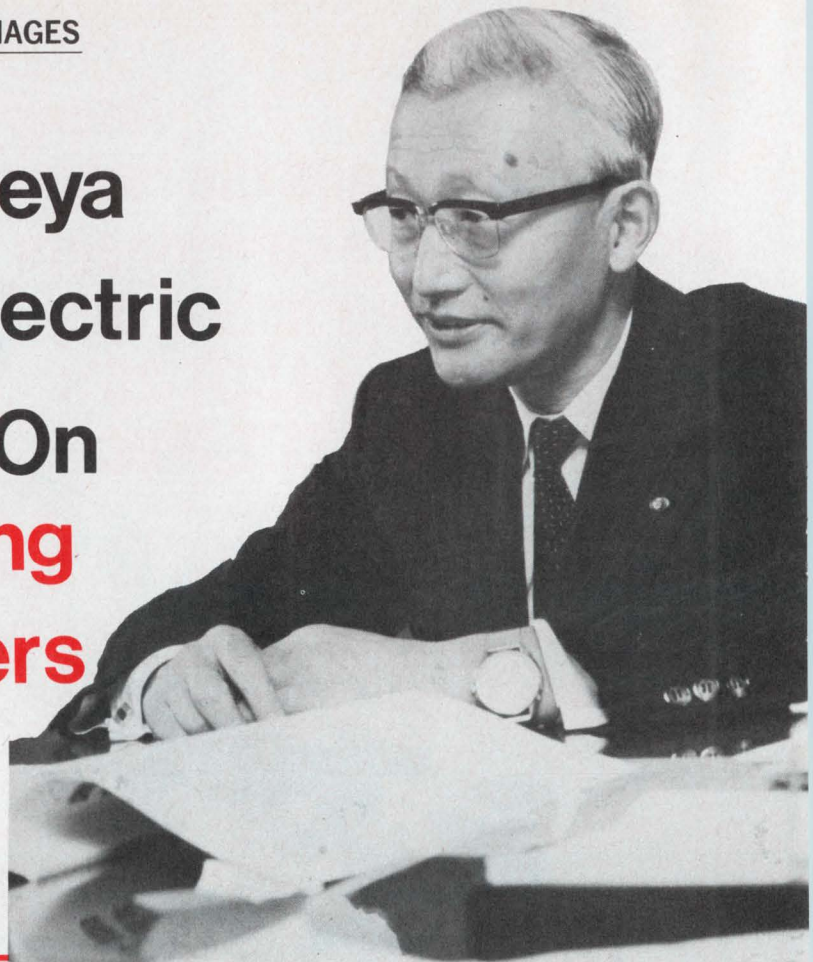


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Isao Someya of Nippon Electric Speaks On Educating Engineers



Too many of us take the education of our engineers for granted. When we hire an engineer, we assume that he's already been fully educated, that he has learned all there is to know at a university. If there is any further learning he needs, most of us feel that he'll learn what's needed on the job—by osmosis.

At Nippon Electric, we feel it's wise to make a positive commitment to educating our engineers—not only when they join the company but as they grow in the company as well. We feel the investment in educating engineers is paid back handsomely in greater engineering productivity and innovation. The techniques we use to educate our engineers are certainly not remarkable. They are the techniques almost anybody might arrive at if he sincerely felt that educating engineers was important. Let me show you some of them.

The first thing we do with a newly hired engineer is something you might consider elementary. Yet most companies, in their eagerness to plunge a new engineer into productive activity, completely neglect it. We give him an indoctrination.

Is that paternalistic? Not at all. Most engineers, like all other employees, welcome it. We

tell an engineer how our factory operates, what kinds of products we make, how we distribute our products, how we provide service to our customers, who our customers are, how we communicate with our customers, and how we communicate with each other.

This kind of indoctrination, which doesn't require more than a few hours, gives everybody a powerful start because it shows people where they fit into a large organization and helps show them their own importance.

After his indoctrination, we subject an engineer to 20 days of education in the use of computers. This has a double advantage. It familiarizes our engineers with some of our products and it teaches them how to use a powerful design tool. Most engineers and most companies know how important the computer is to engineering. Yet, most companies simply assume that their engineers will learn computer programming, somehow, on their own. Of course, an engineer isn't going to become an expert programmer in 20 days. But at least he gets the groundwork. He can learn more later.

Next, as a general policy, we encourage further education for our engineers even to the extent of sending them overseas for advanced specialized courses or post-graduate schooling.

But, in general, the engineer gets most of his specialized training in his own division. We feel that on-the-job training is extremely important for engineers as well as for others in the company. On-the-job training is not accidental with us; it's very deliberate and we spend a lot of time planning it.

A lot of this emphasis began three years ago when we started a program called Operation Quality, whose aim was to improve the quality of everything—management, engineering, manufacturing and, of course, products. As one might expect, education was an essential ingredient in this program.

In fact, part of the job of every section manager involves educating his engineers—not only for the immediate needs of their jobs—but for future requirements as well. One measure of the effectiveness of a section manager is how well he trains his engineers.

So the section managers train the engineers. Who trains the section managers? The department managers.

The question now is who trains the department managers. The answer is, largely, that they train themselves. Periodically, our department managers get together for brain-storming sessions. They discuss their failures and their successes. They trade ideas. They learn from each other. In addition, we often provide special courses, with guest experts invited to lecture at our plants. Further, we send our people to special seminars that might be given by institutes or universities. And, of course, department managers learn a great deal from division managers.

The division managers get most of the educational opportunities that are offered to the department managers. In addition, we periodically send them to a resort hotel where their minds are taken off the day-to-day activities. Here, we provide the division managers with five days of intensive study including brainstorming sessions. They hear lectures from outside experts, from our president, Mr. Koji Kobayashi, and from other NEC executives. We provide concentrated courses on subjects like developing a strategic philosophy. And we have sessions on accounting because we feel managers, especially engineering managers, should be able to understand accounting documents. We equip them to analyze investment decisions. And we involve them in computer-assisted management games.

In addition, for high-ranking division managers, we provide specialized education in things like managing multi-national companies. We operate dozens of foreign companies so we want our managers equipped to step into those situations when it is necessary.

Another element of education, not just for engineering managers but for engineers as well, involves training in foreign languages. English is the main language, of course, since information on new technology so often appears first in English. But we also provide courses in Spanish, Portuguese, French and German. In most cases the engineer selects the language he would like to study. But if we want to send an engineer to a foreign country, we'll insist that he learn the language of that country. We don't want our people to be total strangers in host nations.

Now all of this is part of the formalized train-

Who is Isao Someya?

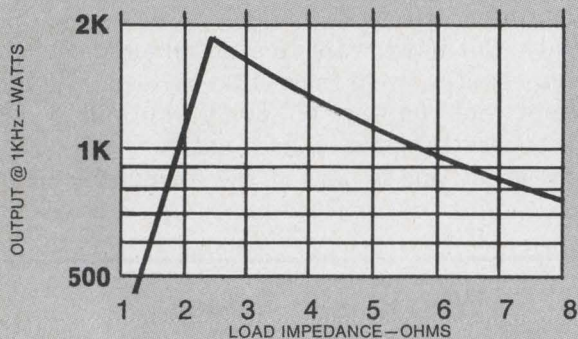


In 1966, the year NEC established the basis for Japan's first time-sharing system, Isao Someya joined the firm. A graduate of Tokyo University, he received a doctor of engineering degree in 1952. In 1972 he was promoted to the post of senior vice president in charge of the R&D group. Although his particular interest is radio engineering, he provides direction in all R&D areas for the firm's 8500 engineers.

Nippon Electric Company was founded in 1899, and the following year began producing telephone sets and switchboards. NEC is today a company with 34,000 employees and an annual sales volume approaching \$2 billion. It is a leading installer of earth stations around the world and in communications satellites. NEC's other activities include microwaves, mobile radio communications, defense electronics, air navigation, radio, sonar and guided-missile electronic systems.

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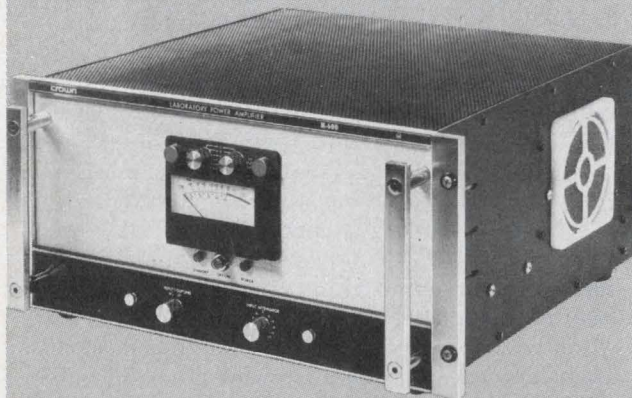
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For example, we often provide financial help for engineers who want to take approved university courses or seminars outside working hours. We would approve courses in subjects like accounting, management techniques, management science. And we might select some engineers to take special courses on company time in subjects like economics and general technology. In most cases an engineer would have to apply to his supervisor for approval to take such courses at company expense.

As you can see, NEC is very much an education-oriented company. We even learn by teaching.

All of these courses are an addition to those given by company lecturers at our own facilities, usually in the evening. Further, we help our engineering departments by providing a good flow of technicians. We own a technical college in which we provide three-year evening education or one-year full-time education to employees who are high-school graduates who pass a qualifying examination. There's a secondary advantage here. Not only do we develop good technicians but we use our own engineers to teach these courses. And they educate themselves as they teach others. Everybody has heard the old maxim that the best way to learn something is to teach it.

We go still further with what we call our Career Development Assistance Program. We give young engineers aptitude tests to determine which phase of engineering they would be best at. We may find early in the game, for example, that one man may be a good circuit designer and another a good software designer.

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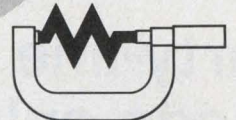
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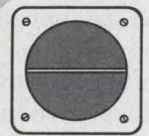
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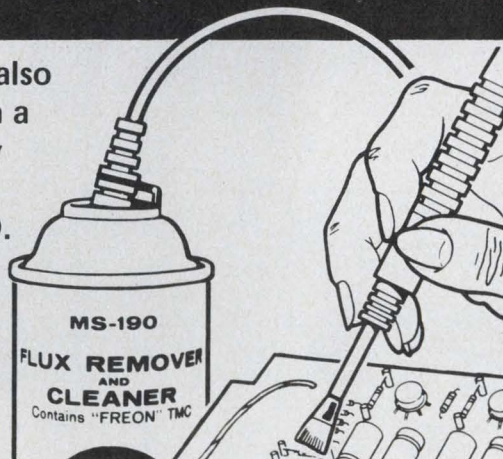
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A large number of intercom stations can be tied together, party-line style, with only three wires (Fig. 1). The wires can even be reduced to a single twisted pair between stations, if a separate ground system is used. All units are connected in parallel, and the entire system is buzzed by only one signalling circuit.

Each unit is shown powered individually from 1.5-V cells for redundancy. In the event of a line break, the stations on either side of the break can still function, though only the units on the side with the signalling circuit will be able to buzz each other. If desired, a fourth wire can be run to permit the entire system to function from a single 1.5-V source.

For greater signal volume, 3-V sources can be used for the supplies without changing any other parts of the system. When separate 1.5-V D cells

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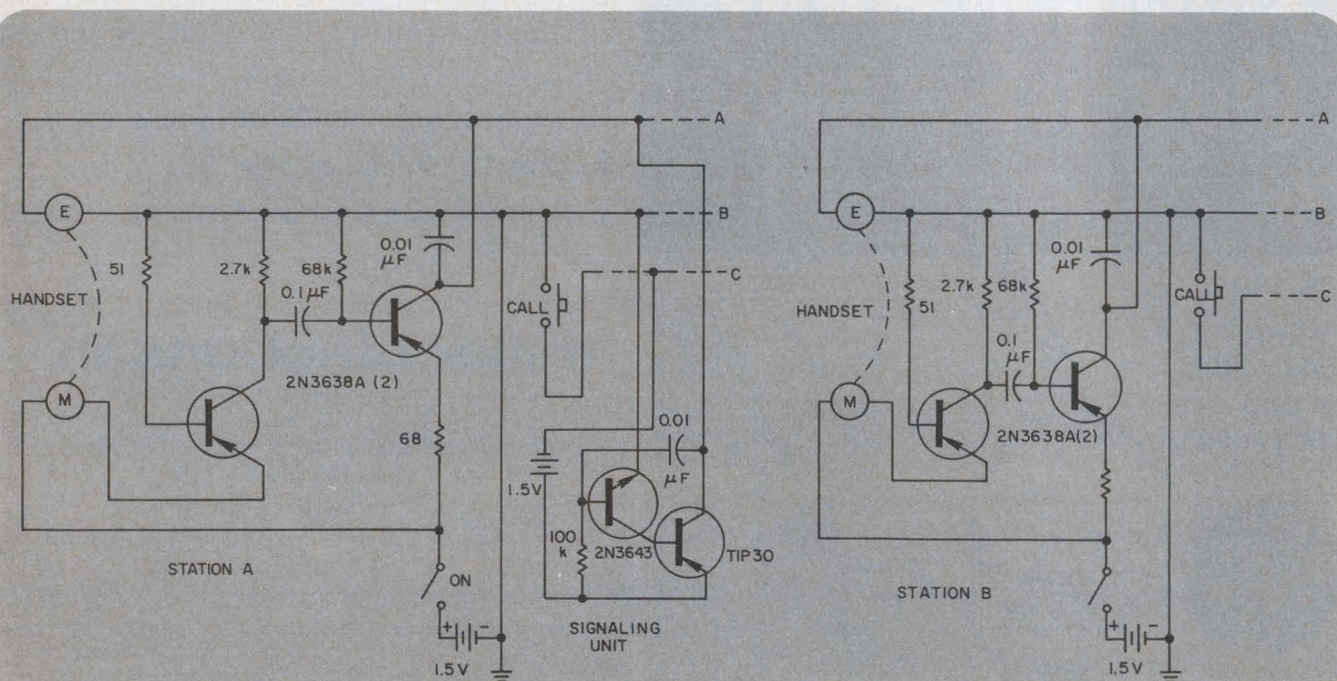
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Andrew M. Hudor Jr., Cosmic Ray Physics Group, Department of Physics, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.

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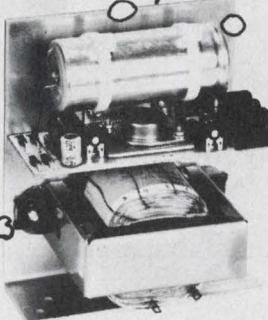
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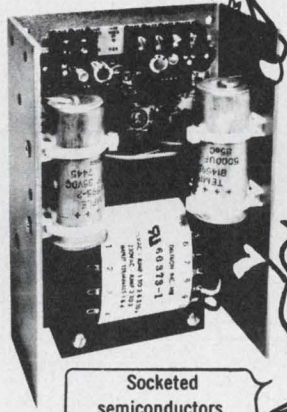
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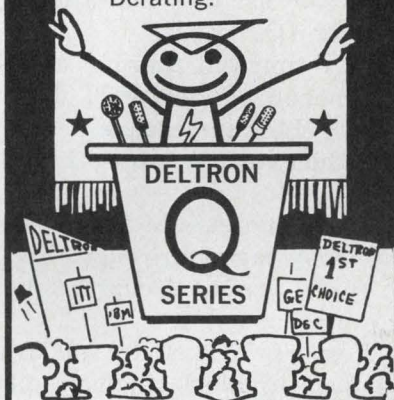
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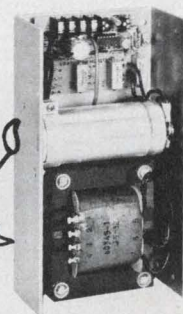
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- (1.) Strict symmetry in all the switching circuits and use of a nonsaturating square-wave oscillator (Q_6, Q_7).
- (2.) Inherent thermal and dynamic balance of the monolithic dual-FET differential chopper, Q_1 .
- (3.) Low impedance of both the signal source and the external gain-setting divider resistors R_A and R_B .
- (4.) High gain of the carrier amplifier (Q_2, Q_4) as set by capacitors C_2, C_3 and C_4 .
- (5.) Careful circuit layout and low stand-by power consumption.

Features 1, 2 and 3 make the usual need for compensation of chopper-spikes entirely un-

necessary; features 2, 4 and 5 help in minimizing internally generated thermoelectric voltages.

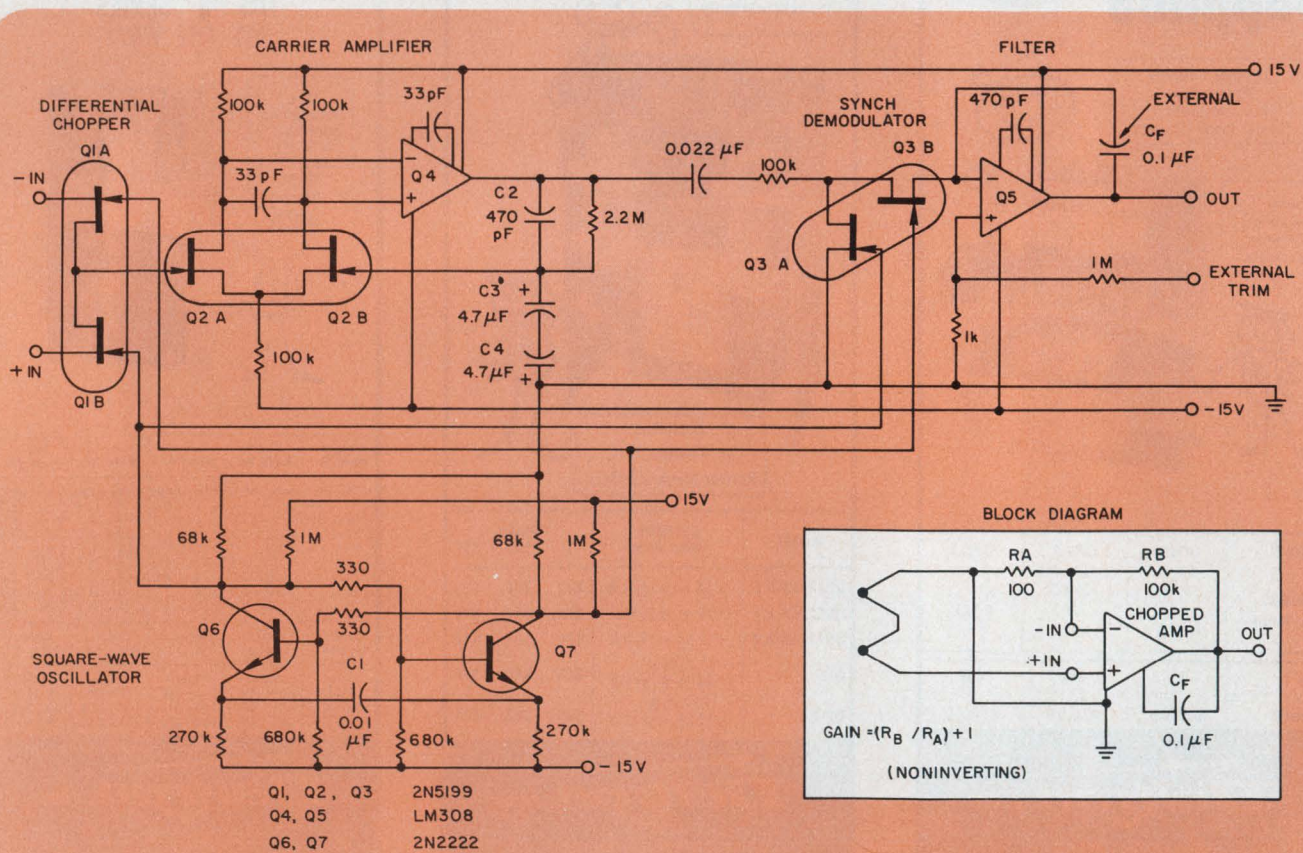
The output op amp, Q_5 , contributes to the circuit's over-all open-loop gain of 10^6 , isolates the load, and, together with the external Miller-capacitor, C_F , establishes the desired closed-loop bandwidth and output noise.

Other circuit features include a long-term drift of $0.5 \mu\text{V}$ per year, an input-noise voltage of $0.2 \mu\text{V}$ peak to peak from 0.01 to 1 Hz, an input-bias current of 50 pA and a CMRR of 120 dB.

The circuit's common-mode input-voltage, though limited to a range of only $\pm 0.1 \text{ V}$, allows a very simple chopper drive that can be referenced to ground. The low input range is more than adequate for most thermocouple applications.

Jiri Dostal, Design Engineer, Research Institute for Mathematical Machines, Prague 5, Czechoslovakia.

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Logic circuit ensures definite break-before-make action for relay drive

The 4-bit-binary to 16-line decoder (Fig. 1) provides the definite break-before-make action that is usually needed when the circuit drives relays. If a logic circuit's turn-off time is equal to or slower than its turn-on time, the circuit can unintentionally produce two active ON positions at the same time. This may lead to welded relay contacts.

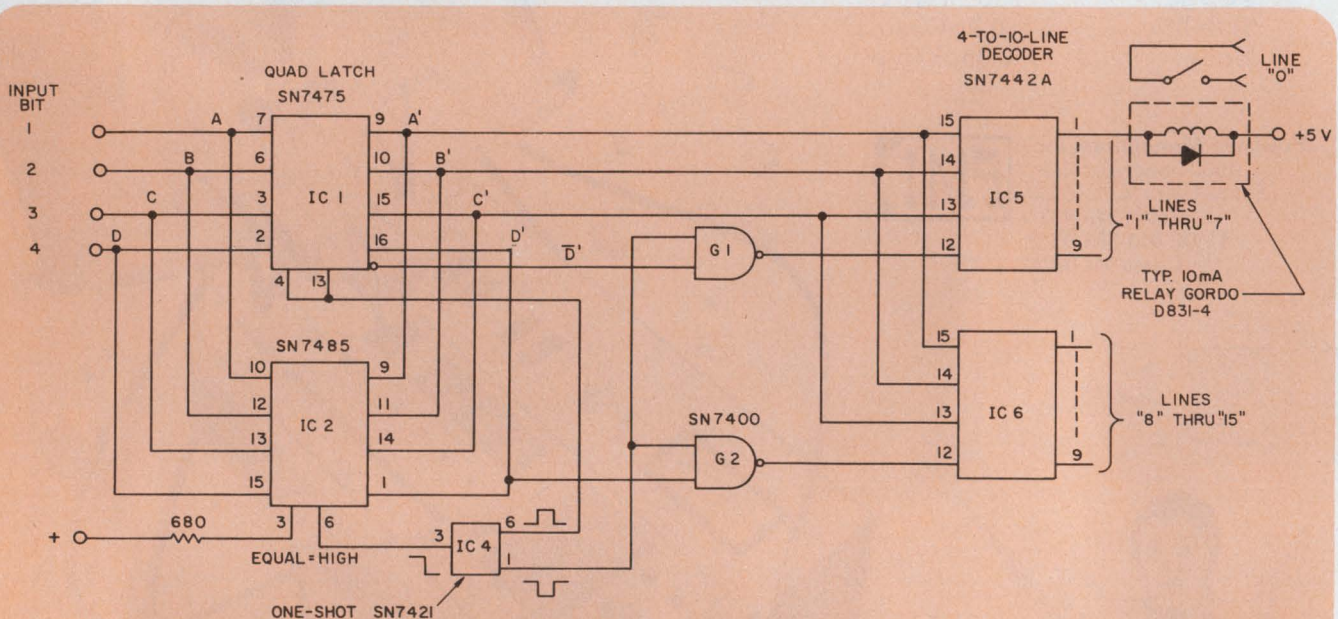
Under quiescent conditions, the same 4-bit binary number is present at both the input and output of the quad latch, IC₁. If the input changes, the 4-bit comparator output (pin 6 of IC₂) goes LOW. The negative transition triggers a one-shot, IC₄. One of the one-shot outputs temporarily in-

hibits outputs from the decoders (IC₅ and IC₆). The other enables a new binary input number to appear at the output of the quad latch. The decoders are again enabled when the one-shot resets.

The time interval between the circuit's release of one relay and actuation of a second is determined by the one-shot's pulse duration. This interval should be twice the relay's drop-out time, or for solid-state relays, two power cycles.

Thomas Neal, Test Engineer, Beckman Instruments Inc., 2500 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92634.

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1. This circuit's break-before-make action ensures that no more than one relay is energized at any one

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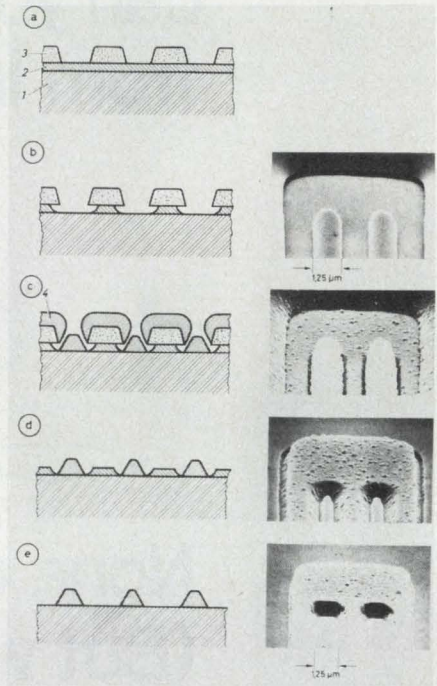
Higher packing densities for integrated circuits may be possible through the use of a metal-removal developed by Siemens. The Siemens technique removes aluminum layers as thick as $1\ \mu\text{m}$ and gives conductor spacings of only $1.25\ \mu\text{m}$. These dimensions contrast with a minimum conductor spacing of the standard chemical etching process of $3\ \mu\text{m}$ and a maximum layer removal per etch of $0.25\ \mu\text{m}$.

In the Siemens process the substrate (a-1 in the photo) is first coated with an intermediate layer of aluminum $0.02\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ thick (a-2), on top of which the photoresist

mark (a-3) is applied. Those parts of the intermediate layer not covered with resist are then etched out, as in b.

Next, the substrate is coated with a $1\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ layer of aluminum (c-4), which forms on top of the remaining photoresist and also on the substrate from which the intermediate layer was removed. The photoresist is then dissolved, taking with it those portions of the $1\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ layer deposited upon it (d).

This leaves only the aluminum patterns of the $0.02\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ intermediate layer and the $1\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ final layer. The intermediate layer is then removed, leaving the final $1\text{-}\mu\text{m}$



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The Siemens process results in slanting, conductor edges rather than vertical ones, and that facilitates the application of the additional coatings required for multi-layer devices.

Semi amplifier developed for IR thermal imagers

A single-chip semiconductor amplifier with a 15-GHz gain-bandwidth and a low noise-figure of $1 \text{ V/Hz}^{1/2}$ has been developed for infra-red thermal imagers that use cadmium-mercury-telluride detectors and serial CCD memories.

Produced by Ferranti Ltd., under a Ministry of Defense contract, the amplifier requires an external resistor to set the gain between 40 and 60 dB. The specified gain of 60 dB is accurate to within 1 dB for a 90% confidence level.

The high gain-bandwidth product, according to designer Stephen Harding, is due to the high-density CDI bipolar fabrication process

pioneered by Ferranti.

For higher than 60 dB gain, the amplifiers can be cascaded. Each device draws about 2 mA.

Ion implant equipment can handle 6-in. wafers

Ion-implantation equipment that can handle unusually large wafers—up to 6-in. in dia.—has been developed by Lintott Engineering in conjunction with the Harwell Research Laboratories in England. Lintott says that the equipment will have a higher throughput than any system currently available—typically 400 2-in. wafers or 200 3-in. wafers per hour. In addition, doping uniformity from wafer to wafer is better than 1%.

To conform to United States safety regulations, the target chamber is held at ground potential. The implantation accelerating potential is 160 kV. The control system uses optical-fiber links and servomechanisms for maximum isolation.

Present equipment operates auto-

matically except for specimen handling, and work is in progress to automate that.

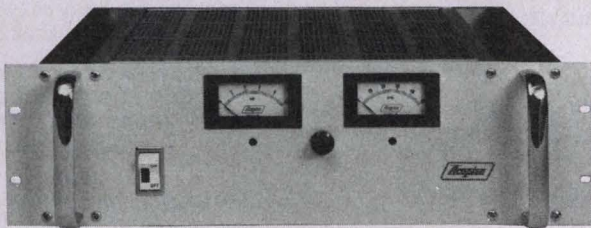
New fail-safe method used in controller

A self-checking controller configuration for high-reliability systems uses a new approach—the dual fail-safe technique—that combines two fail-safe controllers. The dual system, according to Cambridge Consultants in Cambridge, England—the developers—is fully fault tolerant. (Conventional techniques such as triple modular redundancy were rejected as too expensive and inefficient.)

In each fail-safe controller every element is self-checking. The controllers react to an input signal by matching it with signal-verification data in a special memory.

A new memory architecture was devised to perform this verification function. The controller was developed as part of a study commissioned by the European Space Agency.

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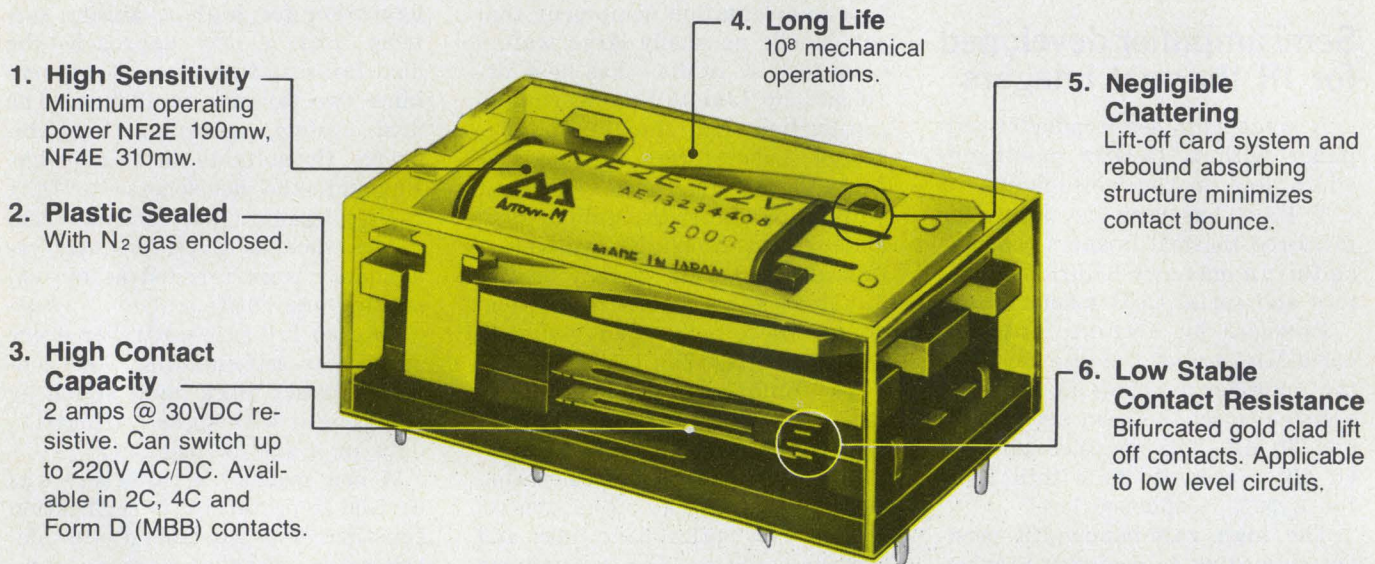
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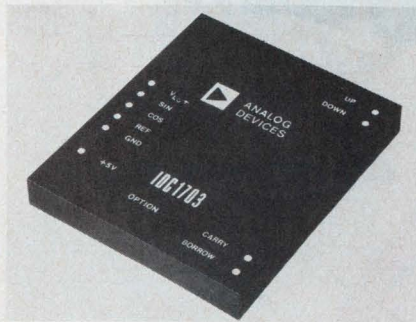
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Inductosyn/digital converter modules offer top resolution



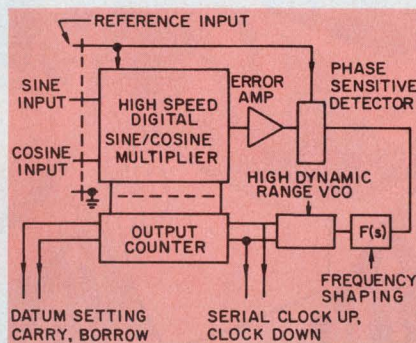
Analog Devices, Rte. 1 Industrial Park, P.O. Box 280, Norwood, MA 02062. (617) 329-4700. See text; stock (only available in U.S. and Canada).

Combining what is claimed to be the highest resolution and smallest size, the IDC1701 and IDC1703, Inductosyn-to-digital converters also offer the lowest cost—only \$350 in singles. The modules, made by Analog Devices, offer 12-bit resolution and a package size of $2.625 \times 3.125 \times 0.4$ in. ($29.3 \times 66.6 \times 10.2$ mm).

The Inductosyn, originally developed and patented by Farand (Valhalla, NY) is a linear distance transducer that uses air coupling between flat coil windings. The 1701 converter delivers a 12-bit parallel output and an up/down serial output. The 1703 only offers an up/down serial output that is scaled to 4000 pulses per period instead of 4096.

Both units have a tracking rate of 150 revolutions/s, which corresponds to a slew rate of 33.3 cm/s for an Inductosyn pitch of 2 mm. Any carrier frequency between 2 and 10 kHz can be used to excite the Inductosyn transducer. Accuracy of the converters is ± 9 arc minutes.

Only 400 mW at 5 V dc is required to power the converters over an operating range of 0 to 70 C. Two external differential amplifiers



and a current amplifier are needed to complete the type II servo loop needed for operation.

Aside from complete Inductosyn systems such as offered by Farand for several thousand dollars, ILC Data Devices Corp. (Bohemia, NY) also produces Inductosyn-to-digital converter modules, the IDC101, and 102. The 101 produces 4000 pulses per cycle in a BCD output format while the 102 delivers 4096 pulses in a straight binary format. Both models cost \$495. The price, though, includes a second module with the necessary buffer amplifiers and isolation transformers.

The Analog Devices' modules and the DDC units use two different methods to arrive at equivalent digital outputs. The 1701 and 1703 from Analog Devices require a current generator op amp on the primary side of the Inductosyn and two differential amplifiers on the secondaries.

The 101 and 102, from DDC, on the other hand have two current drivers built into the main module that send signals into the Inductosyn secondaries and use a single amplifier on the primary side to pick up the difference signals. Both companies claim their method works best, so make your choice carefully.

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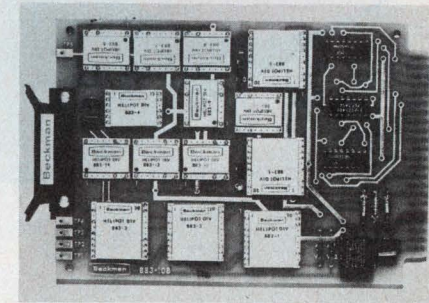
Photodetector/amplifier boasts 50-MHz BW

Applied Science Corp., 883 Commercial St., Palo Alto, CA 94303. (415) 494-6154. \$225 (unit qty.); stock.

Model DA-60 is a silicon photodetector/amplifier that has a bandwidth in excess of 50 MHz. Its responsivity is $3 \text{ mV}/\mu\text{W}$ at a wavelength of 900 nm. The DA-60 is housed in a metal enclosure that will fit standard 1.25 in. diameter optical eyepiece mounts. In addition, detector centering adjustment screws, input power filters and a coaxial output connector are provided.

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Beckman, 2500 Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92634. (914) 871-4848. 100-up prices: from \$8.20 to \$240.60; stock to 8 wks.

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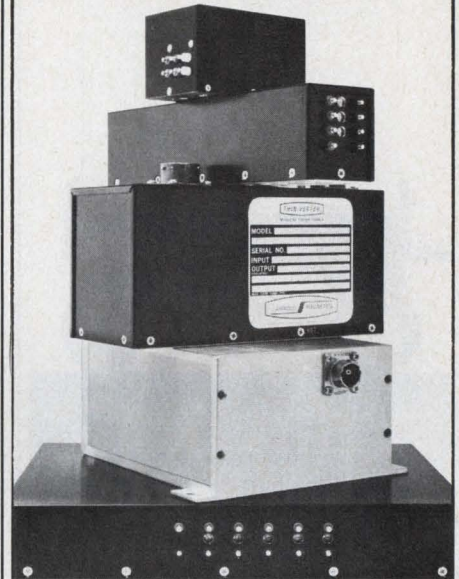
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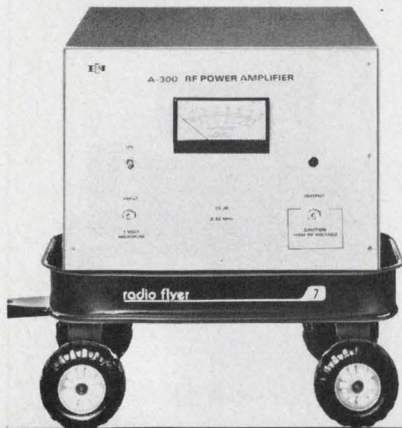


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Audio generator offers low distortion



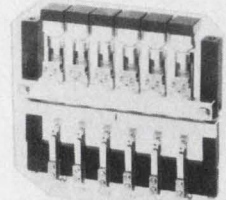
Philips Test & Measuring Instruments, 400 Crossways Park Dr., Woodbury, NY 11797. (516) 921-8880. \$295.

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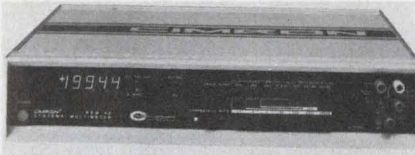
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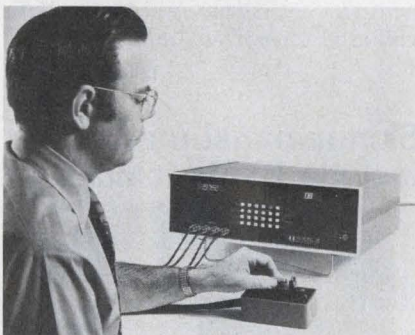


California Instruments, 5150 Convoy St., San Diego, CA 92111. (714) 279-8620. \$995; stock to 30 days.

DSM 44 4-1/2-digit systems multimeter offers noise rejection of 60 dB at dc reading rates of up to 30 per second. Also provided are five ranges of dc V and three-wire dc/dc ratios as standard. Optional are: Ac V (true rms or average reading), true four-wire resistance, bipolar four-wire dc/dc ratio, ac/ac ratio (true rms or average reading), ac/dc ratio and dc/ac ratio. System features include priority remote, data storage, self-programmed delays, gate line, false-program indication and more.

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LRC meter uses μP to take on new look

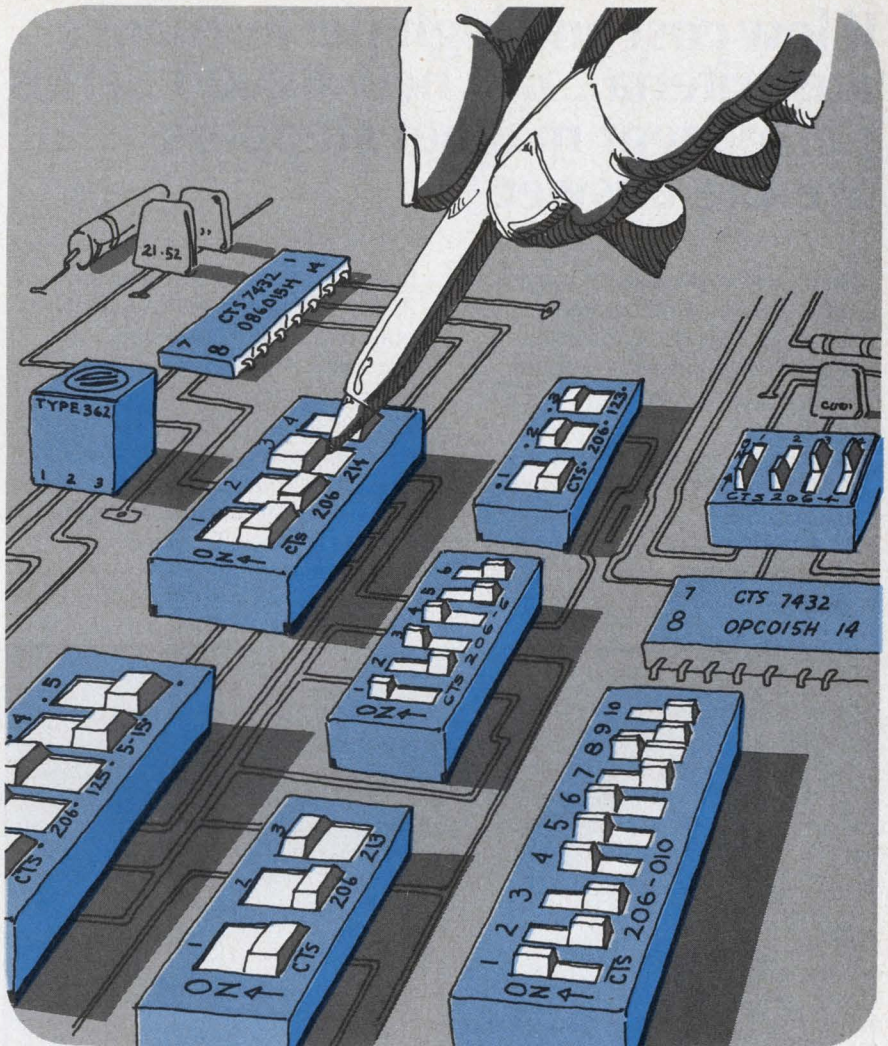


Electro Scientific Industries, 13900 NW Science Park Dr., Portland, OR 97229. (503) 646-4141. Under \$5000; 60-90 days.

Model 296 μP -controlled LRC meter measures R, L, C, G, and calculates D and Q. Programmable limits option allows up to 10 comparison values to be set for multi-band sorting. Deviations can be displayed in percentage or in units. The addition of the IEEE 488-1975 interface option modifies the unit for automatic component testing applications. Standard features include autoranging, dual frequency (1 kHz and 120 Hz), two selectable test voltage/current levels and two 4-1/2-digit readouts. Measurement speed is 70 to 300 ms.

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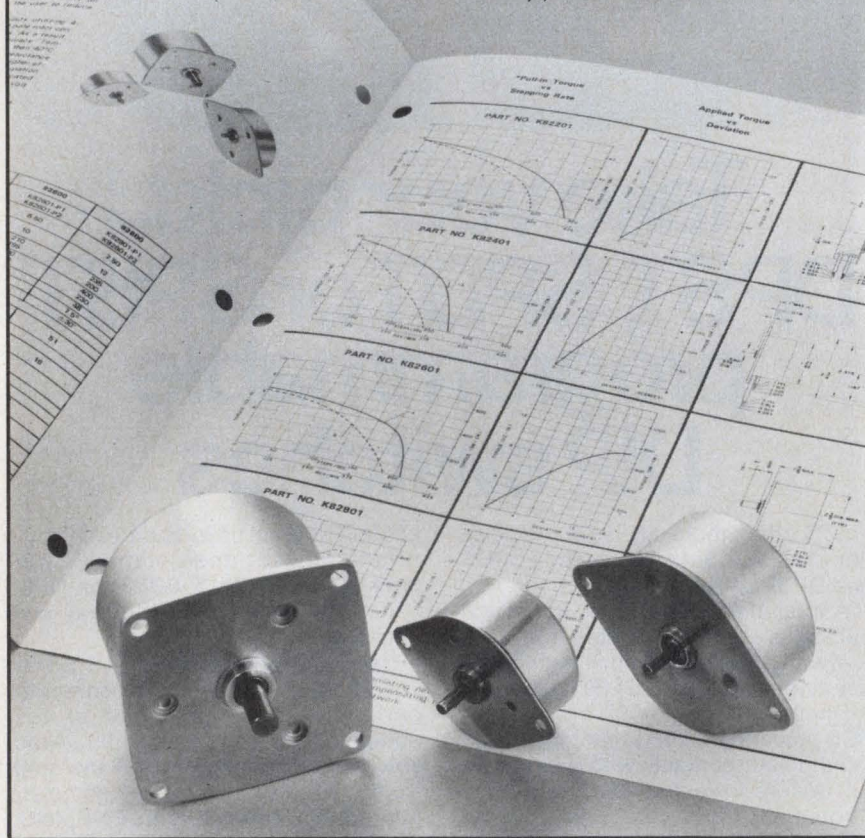
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INSTRUMENTATION

Benchtop tester handles mixed components



GenRad, 300 Baker Ave., Concord, MA 01742. (617) 369-4400. Starts at \$14,500.

The GR 2230 is a fully automated, user programmable, benchtop system for high-volume testing of multileaded devices. Using a powerful microcomputer, the DEC LSI-11, the 2230 evaluates, tests, and provides hard copy data for both discrete and hybrid networks. The unit performs mixed measurements on circuits containing resistors, capacitors, inductors, and diodes or transistors. Each component is measured against (individually) specified limits.

CIRCLE NO. 353

Skinny panel meters include DVMs, clocks



Nationwide Electronic Systems, 1536 Brandy Pkwy., Streamwood, IL 60103. (312) 289-8820. Start at \$76.

Clocks from \$76, dc voltmeters from \$87, transducer readouts from \$90: These are quantity-10 prices for the new Slimline indicator-only series. These instruments measure only 4-1/2 x 3-1/2 x 5/16 in. Displays are red-orange, seven-segment LEDs, 0.55-in. standard, 0.75-in. optional. Clocks are available in 4-digit (HR:MIN) or 6-digit (HR:MIN:SEC) models. The DVMs are 3-1/2 digits (1999 counts) with autopolarity and auto-zero. Four models cover from 199.9 mV to 199.9 V with an accuracy of $\pm 0.05\%$ of reading ± 1 count.

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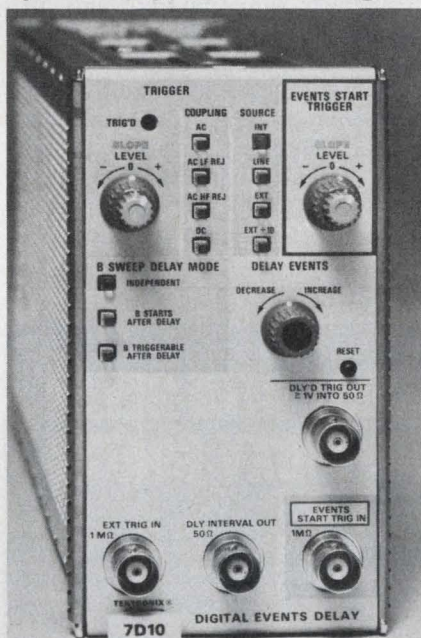
Synthesizer goes to 80 MHz in 1-Hz steps

PRD Electronics Div., 6801 Jericho Tpke., Syosset, L.I., NY 11791. (516) 364-0400. \$3498; 2 mos.

A new programmable frequency synthesizer, the PRD 7838, covers 1 kHz to 80 MHz in 1-Hz steps with an output level of 10 mV to 1 V rms into 50 Ω . Stability when locked to the internal frequency standard is 1 part in 10^6 per month, with an optional standard of 5 parts in 10^9 per day. Typical spurious outputs are 70-dB non-harmonic and 40-dB harmonic.

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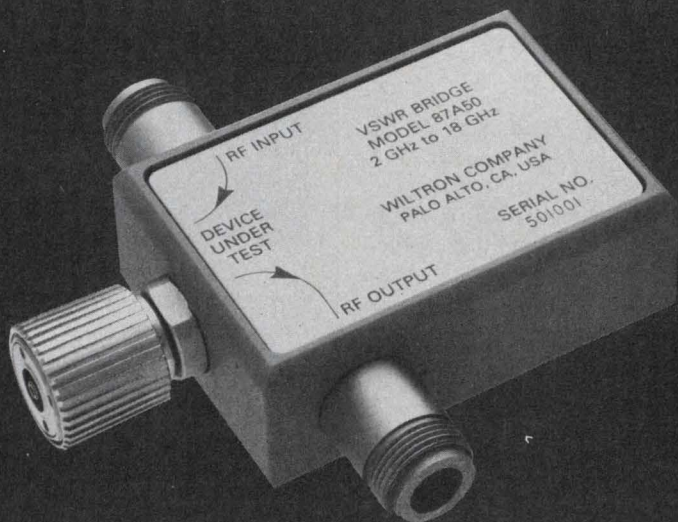
Events delay module spans digital & analog



Tektronix, P.O. Box 500, Beaverton, OR 97077. (503) 644-0161. \$925; 10 wks.

With the 7D10 events-delay plug-in, you can verify or identify pulse or word timing in digital systems. The unit operates in both the digital and analog domain. In the digital domain, it identifies transient locations or incorrect logic-state locations. With the company's 7D10 logic analyzer, you can expand the effective memory or delay the memory by a specific number of digital words. In this delay-by-events mode, the 7D10 counts arbitrary trigger events and delivers an output after the preselected count has been reached.

CIRCLE NO. 356



Measure SWR/return loss with 35 dB directivity from 2 to 18 GHz

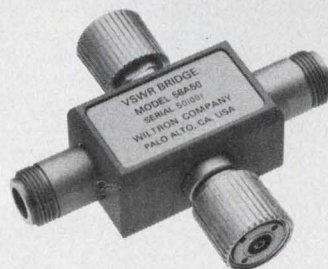
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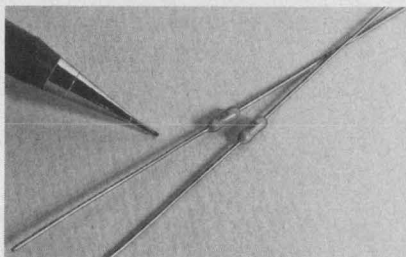
Short 10-turn pots need less space

TRW Inc., 2801 72nd St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33733. (813) 347-2181. \$4.65 (100 up); stock.

Type 6800 series of 7/8-in. diameter, 10-turn potentiometers, which features a shorter design than earlier units, projects only 11/16-in. behind the mounting panel. The units mount in standard 0.406-in. diameter holes and include integral locating keys that can be cut off if not needed. Construction features include brazed terminations, permanently sealed end lids and a flame-retardant case. Ten standard resistance values from 100 Ω to 100 k Ω have corresponding nominal resolutions from 0.031 to 0.007%. Resistance tolerance is $\pm 5\%$, and independent linearity is $\pm 0.25\%$. A 1% tolerance and 0.1% linearity are available on request. The units have a power rating of 2 W at 40 C and an operating temperature range of -55 to 105 C.

CIRCLE NO. 357

Metal-film resistors meet MIL qualifications

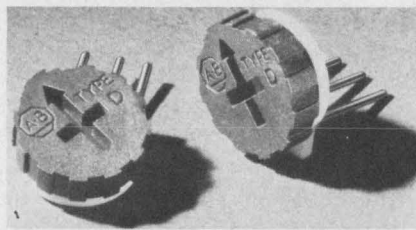


Dale Electronics Inc., Dept 860, Box 609, Columbus, NE 68601. (402) 371-0080.

New metal-film resistors, ERL07, are qualified as RLR07 types in accordance with MIL-R-39017. The new 1/4-W resistors provide an extended resistance range of 10 Ω to 1 M Ω (100 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C) and tolerances of 1% and 2%. In contrast with competitive models, the ERL07 uses a welded-cap-and-lead assembly that is press-fitted onto each end of the resistor core. This provides both strength and heat resistance and eliminates potential disconnects which can occur on other types of construction, if production soldering is done close to the body, according to Dale.

CIRCLE NO. 358

Cermet trimmer features dust cover



Allen-Bradley Co., 1201 South Second St., Milwaukee, WI 53204. (414) 671-2000. \$0.42 (1000 up); distributor stock.

Allen-Bradley's new Type D cermet trimmer is dust-covered, for use in applications where immersion-sealed types (such as Type E) are not required. It is approximately 3/8 in. in diameter, is rated at 0.5 W at 70 C and has a temperature range of -55 to 125 C. Resistance range is 10 Ω to 2 M Ω . Temperature coefficient is ± 100 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C. A multifingered wiper provides greater adjustability and low contact-resistance variations. In six configurations, they provide three terminal spacings for top adjust and three for side adjust. Terminals are 0.025-in. dia.

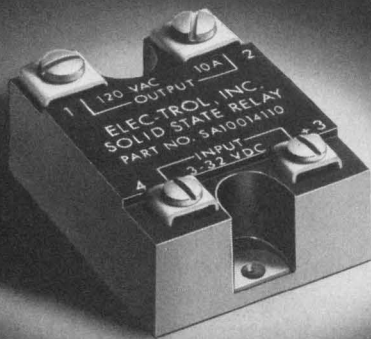
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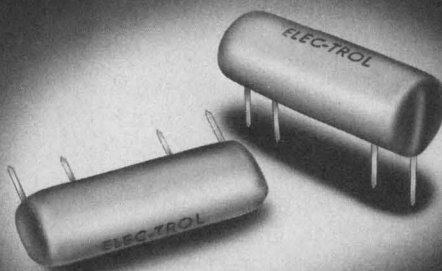
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ELECTRONIC DESIGN 16, August 2, 1976

Chip capacitors designed for hf ICs

Hewlett Packard Co., 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94304. (415) 493-1501. \$1.60 to \$1.75 (10-99); stock.

Series 5082-0900 MIS chip capacitors are intended for use in microwave ICs. Specific functions include shunt rf bypassing and series dc blocking. They can also be applied as series or shunt elements in filters. Eleven standard units are offered in the 0.5-to-45-pF range. Capacitance tolerance is $\pm 15\%$. Tolerances to $\pm 5\%$ and values in the 45-to-100-pF range are available on special order. Minimum breakdown voltage for units from 0.5 to 2.0 pF is 250 V. A breakdown voltage of 150 V is specified for units from 5.0 to 15 pF, and breakdown voltage for units from 20 to 45 pF is 100 V.

CIRCLE NO. 360

Plasma display provides 6 rows of 40 characters

Burroughs Corp., P. O. Box 1226, Plainfield, N.J. 07061. (201) 757-5000. \$170 (1000 up); First quarter 1977.

A flat-panel, 240-character, gas-plasma display, designed primarily for data terminals, provides six rows of 40 characters each. This addition to the SELF-SCAN II product line is compatible with presently available and proposed microprocessor terminal designs. The assembly measures 11×4 in. and is less than 1-1/4-in. thick including drive electronics, needing significantly less space and weighing less than CRT displays. Its 5×7 dot-matrix characters are 0.26-in. high by 0.14-in. wide. They are readable up to 18-ft away at horizontal viewing angles up to 120 degrees. The characters are uniform in size, brightness and contrast, with no fuzziness or distortion at the panel edges. Characters are jitter-and-flicker free; the neon-orange color minimizes eye fatigue. The panel can display ASCII, Cyrillic, Hebrew, and Katakana, as well as special symbols and characters. Power requirements are +5 V at 900 mA, -12 V at 200 mA and -250 V at 70 mA.

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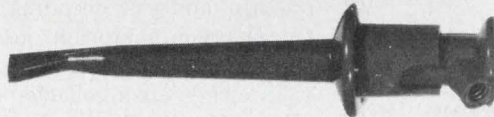
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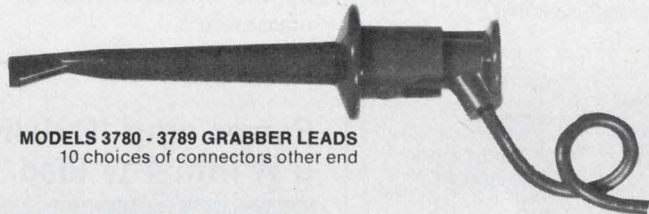
MODEL 4233 MICRO GRABBER
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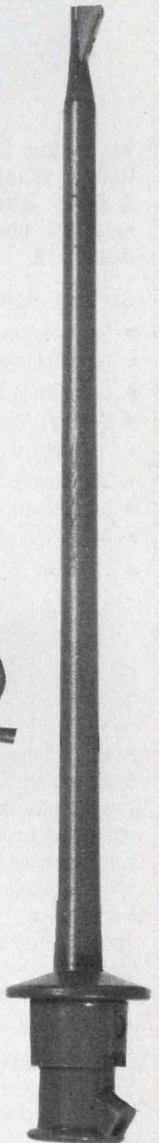
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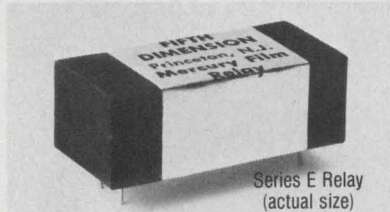
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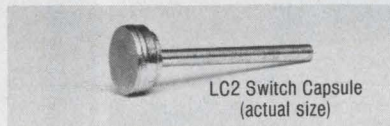
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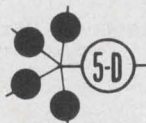
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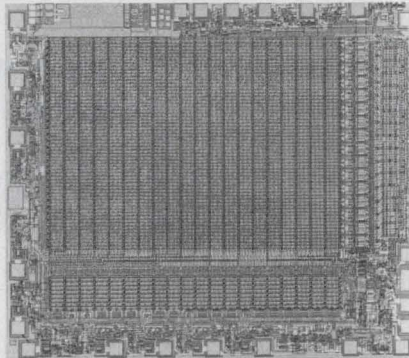
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INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

Bipolar Schottky ROM comes with 10-k storage



Intersil, 10900 N. Tantau Ave.,
Cupertino, CA 95014. (408) 996-
5000. From \$36 (100-up); stock.

The IM 53SXX family of Schottky bipolar ROMs is available with organizations of 1024 words by 8, 9 or 10 bits. Access time is 55 ns, typical, and maximum cycle times are under 100 ns. The ROMs are housed in 24-pin DIPs and have on-chip address decoding and optional on-chip storage latches. All chips have an OR-tie capability with either open collector or three-state outputs. Power dissipation is $65 \mu\text{W}/\text{bit}$ and the input current in the address lines is $250 \mu\text{A}$, maximum.

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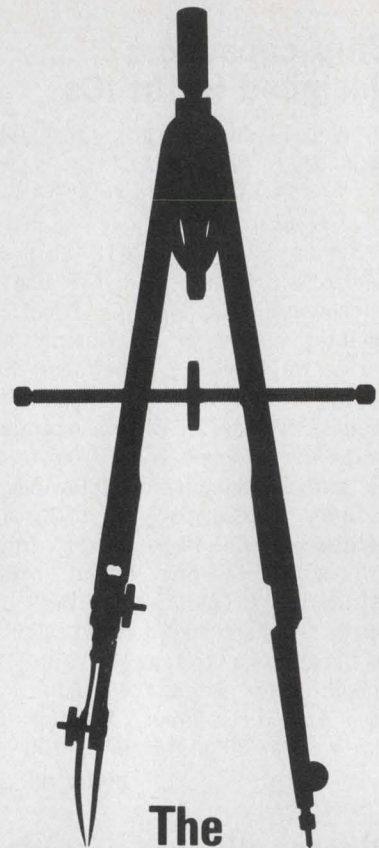
Power amp IC delivers 5 W into 4- Ω load



Siemens, 186 Wood Ave. S., Iselin,
NJ 08830. (201) 494-1000. Under
\$2 (1000-up).

The TDA-1037 power amplifier delivers 5 W at a 14-V bias and 4- Ω load resistance. The operating voltage range starts at 4 V and the amplifier has an input sensitivity of 150 mV at full load. The 9-pin single-in-line package simplifies mounting in a limited space. The thermal resistance between the chip and the plastic case is 12 K/W.

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High-speed comparator settles in 2 ns

Plessey Semiconductors, 1674 McGaw Ave., Irvine, CA 92714. (714) 540-9945. \$18 (100-up); stock.

The SP750B high-speed comparator has a maximum settling time of 2 ns and a propagation delay of just 3.5 ns. It can operate at rates of up to 10^8 samples per second. Input and output levels are ECL-compatible. In addition to the basic comparator function, the SP750B includes a latch function so that it can be used in the hold mode; integral gating for decoding comparator outputs in a multi-level comparator chain and wired-OR outputs to decode 4-bit lines.

CIRCLE NO. 364

Video game chip offers choice of six games

General Instrument, 600 W. John St., Hicksville, NY 11802. (516) 733-3107. \$6 to \$7 (lge qty.); stock.

The AY-3-8500 video game IC provides six switch-selectable games. The n-channel circuit is, in part, a dedicated microprocessor and can be set to play tennis, hockey, (soccer), squash, practise, rifle (skeet) shooting and rifle shooting with a random target. Each ball-and-paddle game can be played with a fast or slow ball speed, high or low ball angles and large or small bats. Various options for the circuit include four-player connection, full color display when color receivers are used, random ball speed and angle and black and white bats to ease player identification. Two versions of the circuit are available: The AY-3-8500-1 is designed for use in 525-line, 60 half-frame/s systems and the AY-3-8500 works with 625-line, 50 half-frame/s systems. Both circuits have automatic scoring and can display the scores (numbers up to 15) on the TV screen. A sound generator circuit on the chip creates realistic sound effects, depending upon the game selected. The game chips are housed in 28-pin DIPs and have an operating temperature range of 0 to 50 C. A 6 to 7 V supply that delivers 32 mA is required for the circuit.

CIRCLE NO. 365

2-k shift registers have 6-MHz data rates

Synertek, 3050 Coronado Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051. (408) 241-4300. From \$15 (100-up); stock.

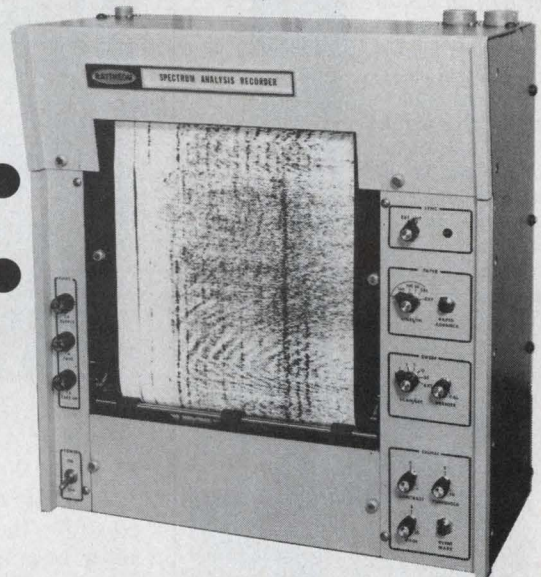
The SY2825A/26/27 family of p-channel dynamic shift registers can provide shift rates of up to 6 MHz. The 2048-bit units are available in three options: the SY2825A is a dual, 1024-bit register with

internal recirculating logic; the SY2826 is a dual, 1024-bit nonrecirculating register with dual-selectable data inputs; and the SY2827 has a single 2048-bit organization with internal recirculating logic. Required supply current is only 40 mA at 3 MHz—claimed to be the lowest available. The clock capacitance is also low—only 110 pF.

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Q: Is there a recorder just for spectrum analyzers?

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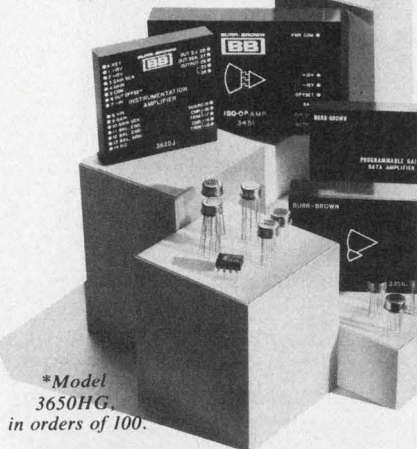
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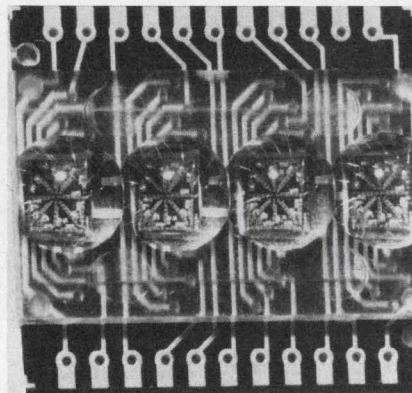
JEDEC Schottky diodes switch supplies

International Rectifier, Semiconductor Division, 233 Kansas St., El Segundo, CA 90245. (213) 678-6281. \$8.60 to \$9.75 (1-100); stock.

A series of JEDEC registered Schottky diodes rated for 40 V operates at a junction temperature of 125 C. The units in DO-5 cases feature a nonrepetitive rating of 50 A. Units in the line designated 1N6097 are rated for 30-V and 1N6098 for 40-V operation. Chief application is in high-frequency switching power supplies operating at frequencies of 20 to 30 kHz.

CIRCLE NO. 367

LED alphanumeric display claimed lowest priced



Litronix, 1900 Homestead Rd., Cupertino, CA 95014. (408) 257-7910. \$4 (1000 up); stock.

A LED-alphanumeric display provides the lowest price per character obtainable anywhere, according to Litronix. The DL-416 display has four 0.16-in.-high characters preassembled for multiplex operation on a PC board with pins on 0.075-in. centers. Boards may be stacked end to end to create a display with any number of characters, all evenly spaced on 0.260-in. centers. The high-contrast characters are readable in daylight at distances up to 5 ft, within a 20-degree half angle. Characters are formed with a 16-segment starburst pattern. Luminous intensity is 0.5 mcd/digit at 5 mA/segment.

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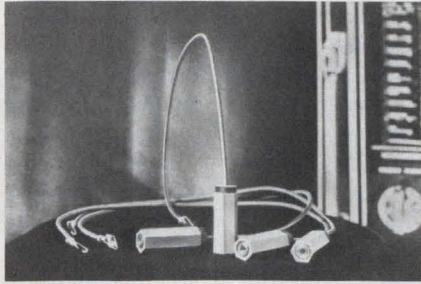
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ELECTRONIC DESIGN 16, August 2, 1976

HV rectifier meets magnetron power needs



Semtech Corp., 652 Mitchell Rd., Newbury Park, CA 91320. (805) 498-2111. \$2.50 (1000 up) stock.

A new high-voltage rectifier, called KV-Stud, is specifically designed for microwave ovens. The rectifier's parameters meet the special characteristics of a magnetron power supply. This multi-junction silicon rectifier is encased in an aluminum hex rod to provide good heat dissipation, when properly mounted.

CIRCLE NO. 369

Avalanche photodiodes serve laser systems

RCA, Solid State Div., Box 3200, Somerville, N.J. 08876. (201) 685-6423. \$159 to \$475 (1-9) 60 days.

Four new silicon avalanche photodiodes are designed for a wide variety of applications including laser detection and ranging, optical communications and high-speed switching. Three of the devices, the C30817, C30884 and C30895, are supplied in low-profile TO-5 packages and have useful photosensitive areas of about 0.5 mm². The other—the C30872—is a large-area photodiode; its useful photosensitive area is about 7 mm². This diode is supplied in a low-profile TO-8 package. The C30817 and C30872 have a useful spectral range extending from about 400 to 1100 nm and rise and fall times of typically 2 ns. The C30884 has very high modulation capability, up to 400 MHz, and typical rise and fall times of 1 ns. Its spectral range is from 400 to 1100 nm. The C30895 is optimized for high responsivity and low noise at 1060 nm. Its spectral range extends from about 700 to 1100 nm. Rise and fall times are typically 2 ns. This device is also designed for use in adverse environments.

CIRCLE NO. 370

LED indicator contains red and green dies

IEE, 7740 Lemona Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91405. (213) 787-0311. \$0.97 (1000 up); stock.

Low cost red/green solid-state indicators, Model 232RG, in T-1-3/4 size use anode switching for single lamp go/no-go or on/off indications. A white, diffused-resin lens, three-lead capsule contains

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Core-memory card plugs into Interdata 7/32

Pushpa Int'l Corp., 14142 Ipswich St., Westminster, CA 92683. (714) 898-5611. \$3200 (8 up).

The model 65-KB core memory card fits into the Interdata 7/32 main chassis. Eight such cards allow packaging 1/2 Mbytes of

memory into the Interdata computer. Each card presents one TTL load per input line. The 65-KB memory cards feature good thermal design with lower power consumption than comparable 32-kilobyte cards. Access period is 240 ns and cycle period is 650 ns. The manufacturer offers a lifetime warranty on parts and 2 years warranty on labor.

CIRCLE NO. 372

RS-232 modem works over short distances

Bo-sherrel Co., 36443 Shelley Court, Newark, CA 94560. (415) 792-0354. \$149 (unit qty). 4 wks.

The M-1 is a modem intended for use over short distances. The unit has full-duplex capability. The M-1 transmits according to EIA RS-232 and CCITT V24 specs. The unit can be used as a local communication link between computers, displays, printers, etc. Line driving is performed by a two-way, balanced current loop. Transmission speed goes up to 9600 baud. Dimensions of the M-1 are 3.2 × 6 × 2 in.

CIRCLE NO. 373

Unit adapts async to synchronous transmitter

Ark Electronic Products, Inc., 525 W. Nasa Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901. (305) 724-5260.

Dubbed EASI-1A, for Elastic Asynchronous to Synchronous Interface, this device connects an asynchronous to a synchronous transmitting terminal where no absolute speed control is exercised between the two. The EASI contains an override feature that makes it capable of supporting a synchronous modem in a polled, switched or dedicated system environment. The input and output-data format are identical and consist of a start bit, eight data bits and one or more stop bits. The device functions by converting the input serial-data stream to parallel words and storing them in a memory. The output section of the EASI accesses the memory and shifts the words out serially under control of the modem clock signal. Should the input signal rate be faster than the output signal rate, the output section will fall behind the input and the memory will begin to fill. If the input rate is higher than the output rate by 0.02%, the maximum allowable, 20-k characters will be transmitted before the memory overflows. Should the speed difference be in the opposite direction, the EASI makes up the difference by inserting extra stop bits in the output stream when necessary. The input and output rates may be 2400, 4800, 9600 baud.

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Small-sized computer meets military specs

Rolm Corp., 18922 Forge Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014. (408) 257-6440. \$23,000 (20).

The Rolm Model 1650 computer provides the computing capability of the Model 1602 computer, but in a smaller package. The unit meets military specifications MIL-E-5400 and MIL-E-16400. It is a microprogrammed, general-purpose, 16-bit processor compatible with Data General's Nova series. The 1650 is packaged in a short 1/2-ATR chassis, measuring 7.62 × 4.9 × 12.56 in. It contains the CPU module, two 16-k core memory modules and a +28-V-dc power supply. You may choose conductive cooling, external forced-air or a Rolm-supplied forced-air unit. Some options available include floating-point firmware and ac power supply. A line of peripherals is also offered.

CIRCLE NO. 375

Graphics are digitized for under \$15,000

Instronics, Inc., 727 S. 23 St., Suite 215, Arlington, VA 22202. (703) 521-7130. \$15,000.

A digitizer that converts free form graphics sells for under \$15,000. The model GDC digitizer is designed to convert maps, drawings, photographs and other graphic material into digital form suitable for processing by a data-processing system. The unit consists of a 36 × 48 in. digitizing table, control electronics, and a pedestal-mounted X and Y axes readout display. The digitizing table features variable-intensity backlighting. It has a resolution and repeatability of ±0.001 in. and a point-to-point accuracy of ±0.004 in. A display provides a six-digit readout of cursor position on each axis, including sign and decimal point.

CIRCLE NO. 376

16-bit minicomputer has LSI bit-slice chips

Monolithic Memories, 1165 E. Arques Av, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. (408) 739-3535. See text. Stock.

The μ Mini-3 computer is built around bipolar LSI bit-slice chips. The 16-bit minicomputer features software and I/O compatibility with Data General's Nova. The μ Mini 3 is microprogrammed, with microded high-usage special functional, to achieve an operating speed that is faster than a stand-and minicomputer. These execute more efficiently than comparable software implementations. A 32-K word computer system fits on 15 × 15 in. PC boards. The μ Mini 3 will be offered as individual PC cards, or complete with a chassis, power supply and front panel. The price of the basic system with case, front panel and 8-K of memory is \$2500 (qty 50).

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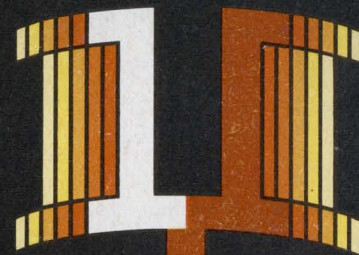
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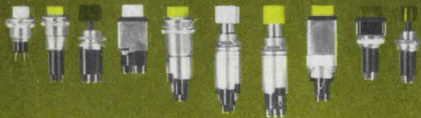
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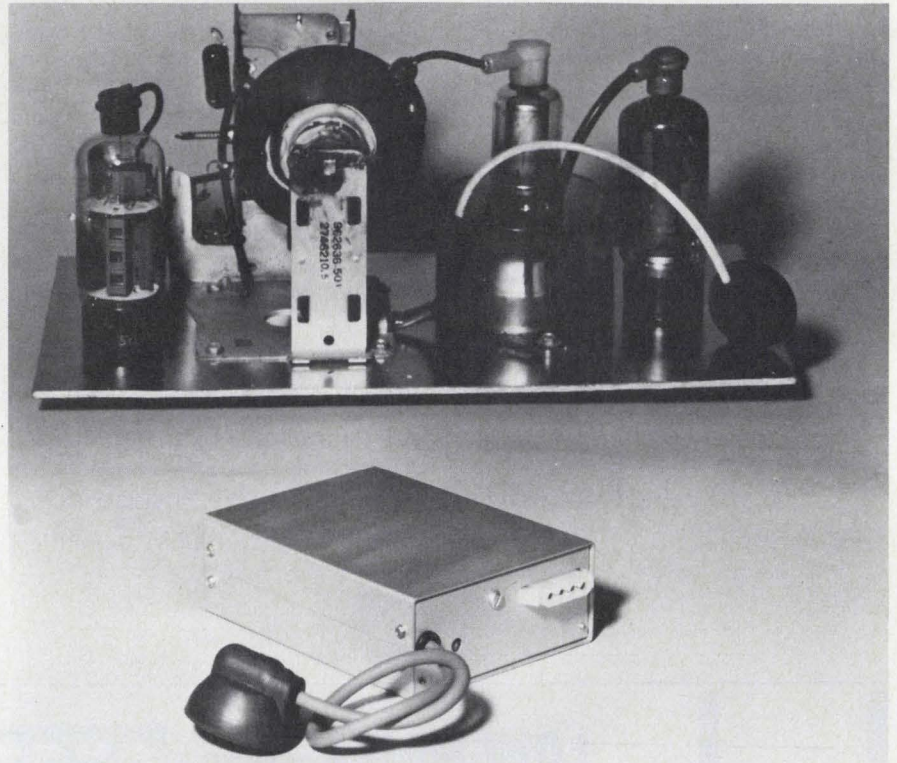
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POWER SOURCES

Compact high-voltage supply stands tall in performance



PTK Corp., 825 Capitolio Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. (805) 544-7948. See text; stock-3 wks.

The 100-series high-voltage CRT supply, from PTK Corp., seems to support the old adage that nice things come in small packages. Out of the 100's volume of 18 cubic inches comes an impressive 10 W of power. Blow 10 cfm of air across the supply, and you can double that.

There are smaller high-voltage units, of course. But you'll be hard pressed to find one close to the PTK supply's price neighborhood. The top-of-the-line 100 sells for \$148; to get equal performance in a compact frame, you might have to spend five times more.

For instance, the petite MG-12 marketed by Venus Scientific, takes up a mere 6.4 cubic inches and delivers about the same power as the PTK unit. For the two-thirds reduction in size, you pay \$690, a \$542 differential. Another unit, the Lectrologic H series, is

packed into 19 cubic inches and costs even more—\$750.

All three competitors deliver a maximum current of 500 μ A at voltages ranging from 1 to 20 kV, depending on the model. Inputs for each are 28 V, nominal. Other specs—like regulation, ripple and those that spell out transient performance—aren't equal in the three.

The 100's performance line-up includes a load and line regulation of 0.05% (10 V), full-load ripple of 0.05%, tempco of 150 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C max and a maximum transient of 5 V/100 μ A pk-pk. Operating temperature ranges from 10 to 60 C.

A number of circuits protect the PTK 100 (which comes in three versions) from shorts, arcs, over-temperature and reversed input voltage. All models are housed in a 6061 T6 aluminum case, 4.13 \times 3.16 \times 1.37 in., with 1/2-in. stainless steel studs for mounting.

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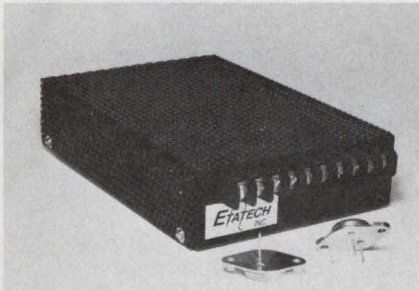
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Switchers claim high MTBF at 80 C

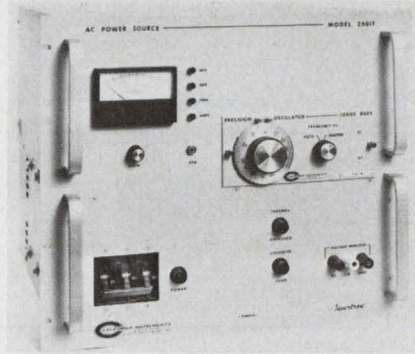


Etatech Inc., 187-MW, Orange-thorpe, Placentia, CA 92670. (714) 996-0981. \$145.

Series "B" 5-V, 10-A switching module (Model B5R00S10) comes complete with 5-year warranty, and features a 70,000-h MTBF at 80-C baseplate. Other specs are: 75% minimum efficiency, size of 4-7/8 x 1-3/4 in., weight of 2 lbs, remote sensing, and complete overload/short circuit and overvoltage protection, all with automatic recovery. The units provide ± 10 -mV max. line regulation, 10-mV max. load regulation and 250- μ s transient response.

CIRCLE NO. 378

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California Instruments, 5150 Con-vooy St., San Diego, CA 92111. (714) 279-8620. \$3995 w/o oscillator; 30 days.

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CIRCLE NO. 379

Lab supply costs just \$76



Power/Mate, 514 S. River St., Hackensack, NJ 07601. (201) 343-6294. \$76; stock.

For those who need a bench-type laboratory supply at a low price, the BP-76 is a constant-voltage/constant-current unit that delivers full rated output voltage (10 V) at the maximum rated output current of 2 A. Key specs include: input of 105 to 125 V, 47-63 Hz, single phase; line and load regulation is less than 0.1% ± 4 mV; ripple is less than 1 mV rms; transient response is 50 ms from full to half load; tempo is better than 0.01%/°C.

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Anodized heat sink clips onto transistor

Thermalloy, Inc., Dept. M, 2021 W. Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 75234. \$0.06 (1000 up).

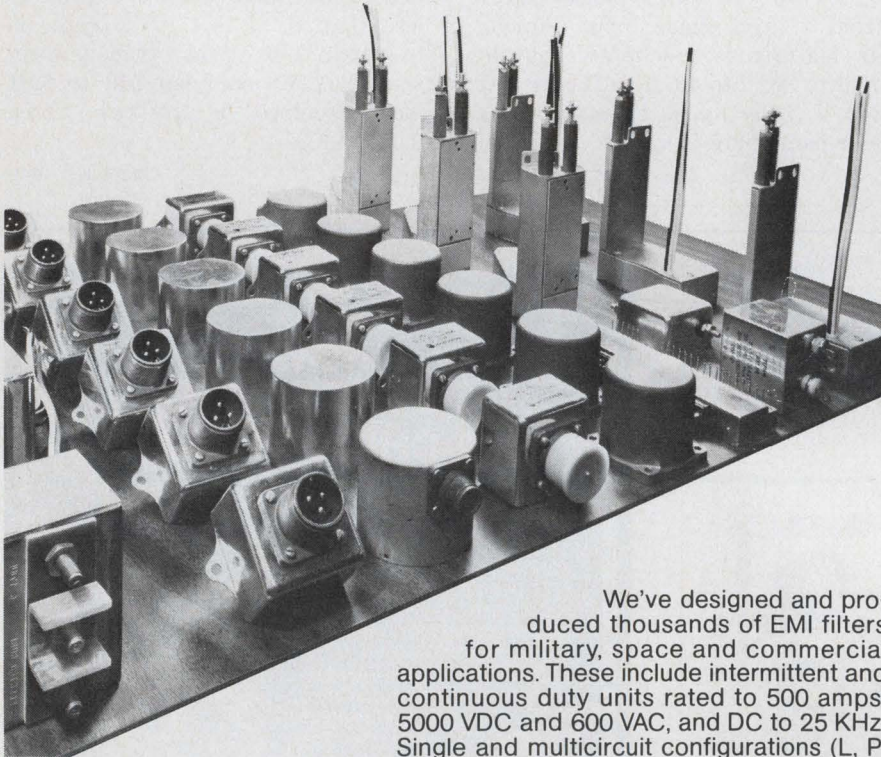
The 6046 Slip-Clip heat sink cools transistors that have TO-202, Motorola Case 152 or 306-02 device packages. The heat sink clips on

like a clothespin, and a specially designed locking tab provides positive retention. The 6046 can be installed after board assembly has been completed. No adhesives, mounting hardware or PC board drilling are necessary. The 6046 is available in black preanodized material. Typical thermal resistance is 25°C/W with natural convection cooling at 3 W heat dissipation. It weighs 1.45 gm.

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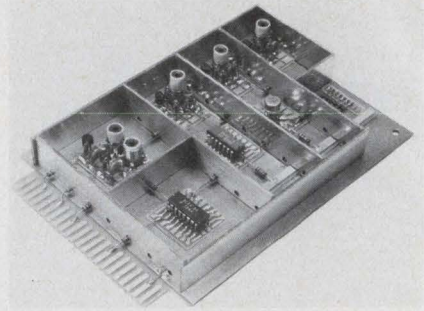
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CIRCLE NUMBER 63

Breadboard kit usable at high frequencies



Christiansen Radio, Inc., 1950 San Remo, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. (714) 497-1506. \$60.00.

A breadboard kit with low-profile partitions accommodates rf circuits with high component density. The rf kit comes with component-mounting and partition hardware for circuits working into the GHz frequency range. Virtually all types of low-power packages may be mounted on a solid ground plane with no drilling. When used with an optional edge connector board and cover board, testing can be done directly in a card file. The kit comes complete with 100 component mounting pads, a storage box, a 10 × 20 cm solid ground plane, and a 1-m length of 18-mm high partitions.

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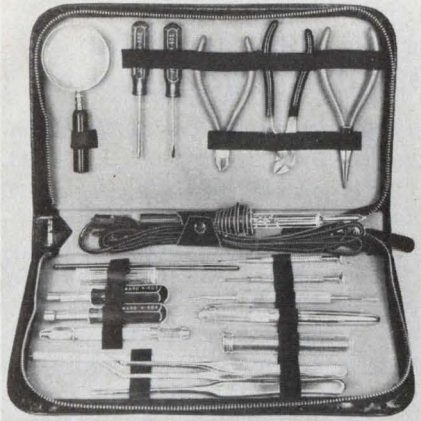
Machine trims and forms axial lead parts

Fancort Industries Inc., 111 Clinton Rd., Fairfield, NJ 07006. (201) 575-0610. \$1395; stock, 6 wks.

The Model AX-1, the Axiform, automatically cuts and bends components that have axial leads. The components may be packed in cards, loose or taped together on reels. The Axiform is capable of processing up to 15,000 taped parts per hour. Optional templates for component-to-component spacing and lead length preset the adjustable dies in the machine. The Axiform contains stainless steel, tungsten carbide cutting dies and nitrided steel or nylon forming dies. The machine will accept components with body diameters to 1 in., body lengths to 2.125 in. and lead diameters to 0.045 in. Leads may be bent at distances from the component body of 0.075 in. to 0.500 in.

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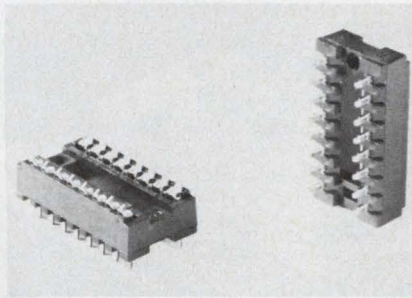


Jonard Industries Corp., Precision Tools Div., 134 Marbledale Rd., Tuckahoe, NY 10707. (914) 793-0700. \$45; single qty.

The Model K-600 consists of 20 different tools and a zippered carrying case. The leather case has dimensions of 11 x 6 in. and weighs 2 lb. The kit assortment consists of a soldering iron, solder aid, three pliers, four screwdrivers, two tweezers, two nutdrivers and an assortment of other tools.

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IC socket presents a low-profile

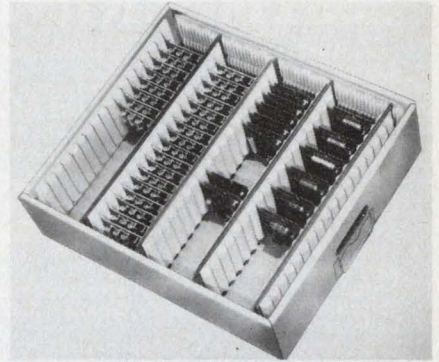


Molex, Inc., 2222 Wellington Court, Lisle, IL 60532. (312) 969-4550. 20¢ (low qty).

The LO PRO, Model 6197, is a low-profile, low-cost, integrated-circuit socket. This socket is available in 14 and 16-pin versions. The socket body has a locating/pick-up hole for automatic insertion equipment, beveled outside edges of the terminal channels, and a plastic barrier strip between each terminal. A small hole in the housing prevents solder-wicking and traps the terminals when soldered and is made of black polyester. The terminal pin, type 1938, features a wide-entry section for the IC lead.

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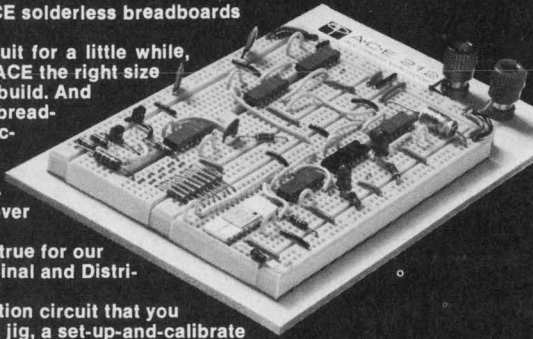
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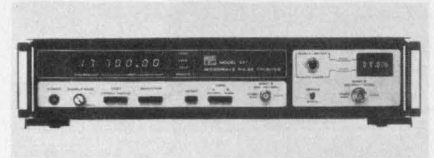
Four-port circulator handles high power

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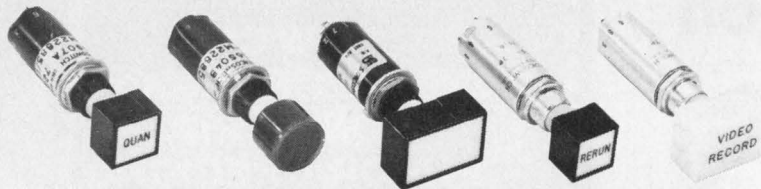
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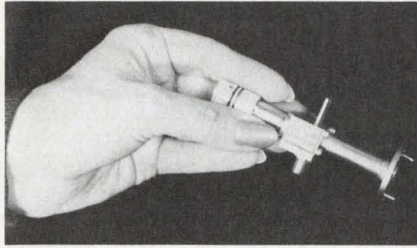


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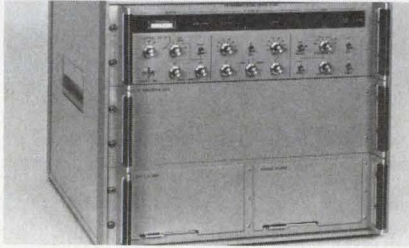


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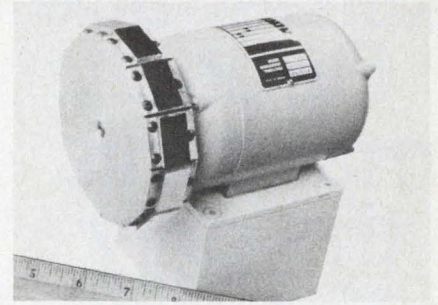


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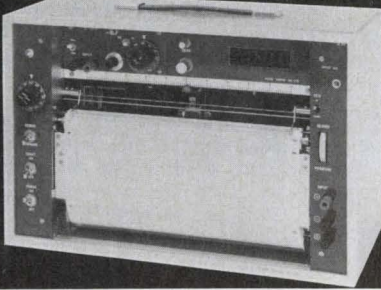
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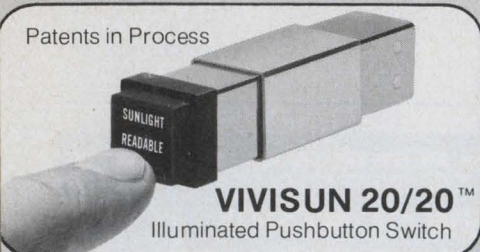
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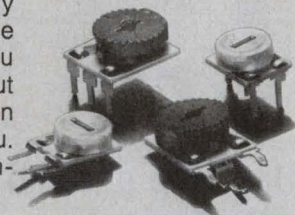
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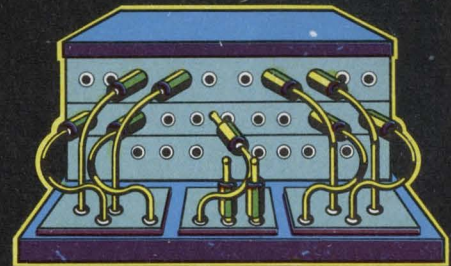


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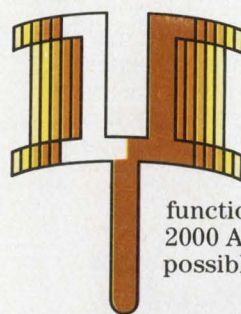
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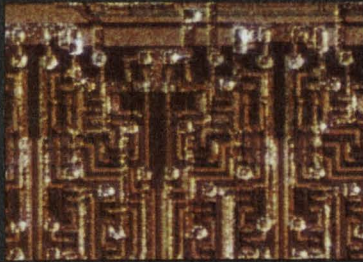
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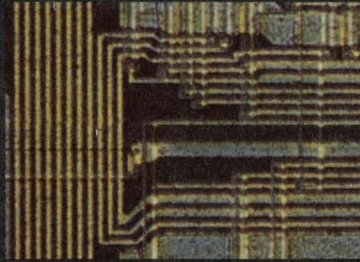
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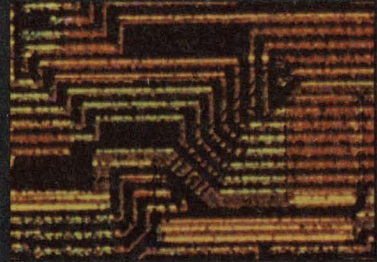




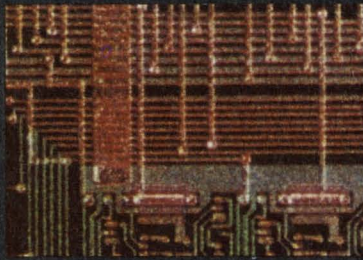
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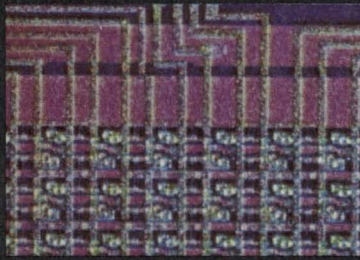
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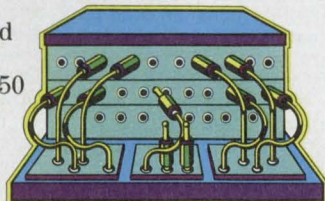
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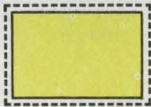
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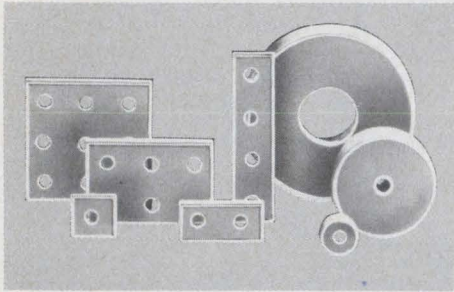
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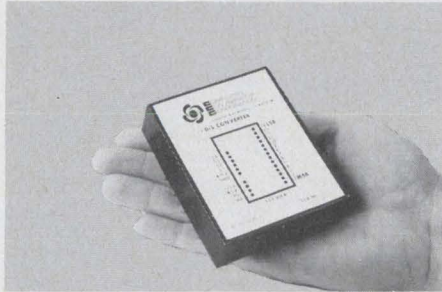
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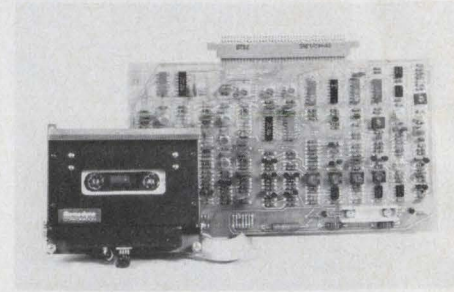
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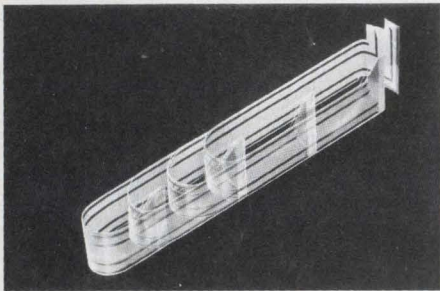
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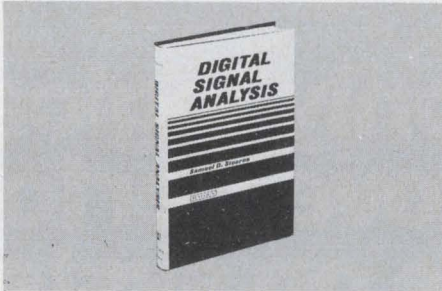
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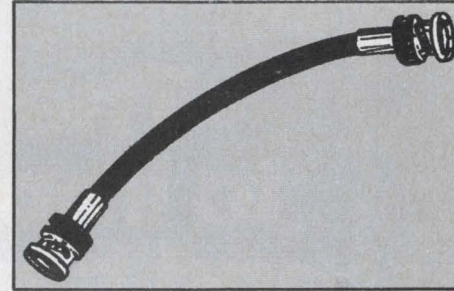
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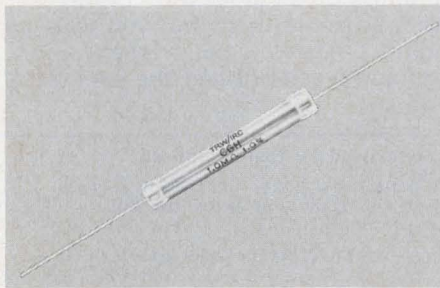
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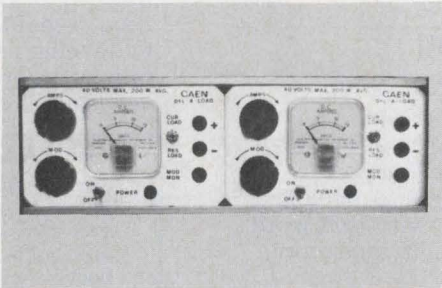
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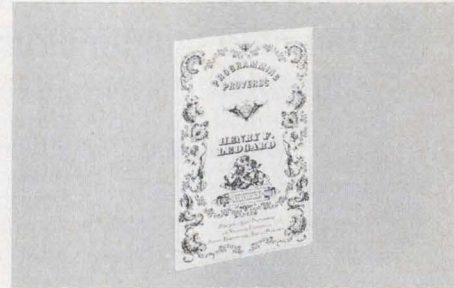
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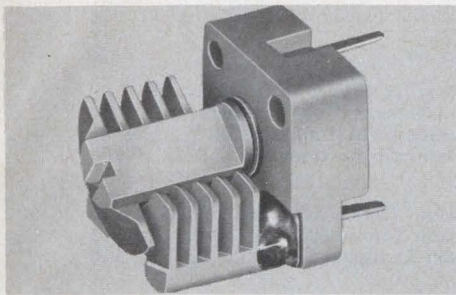
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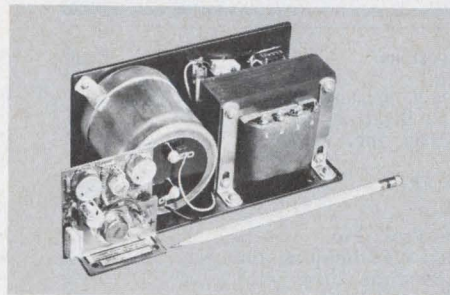
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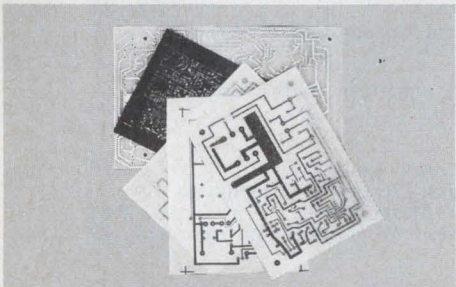
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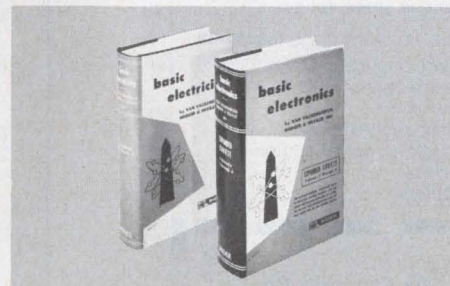
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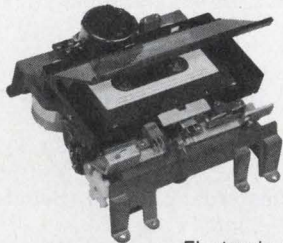
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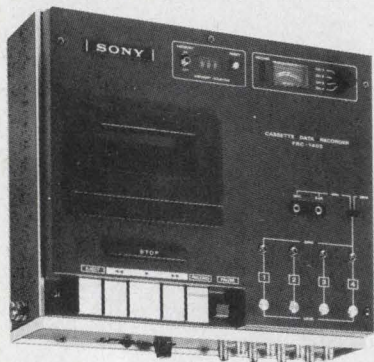
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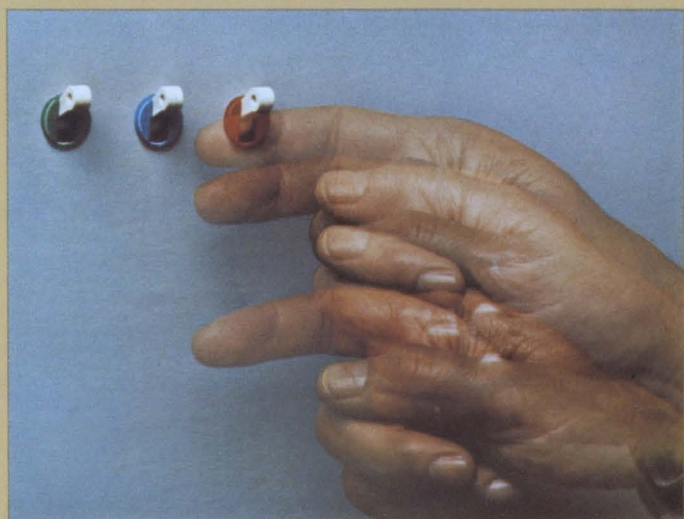
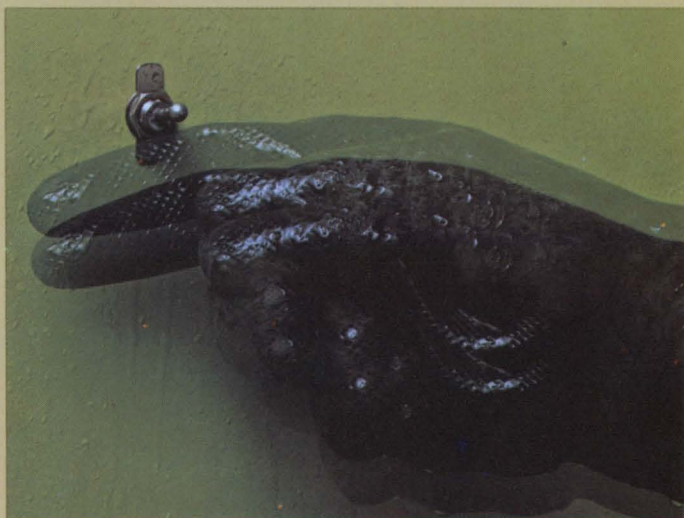
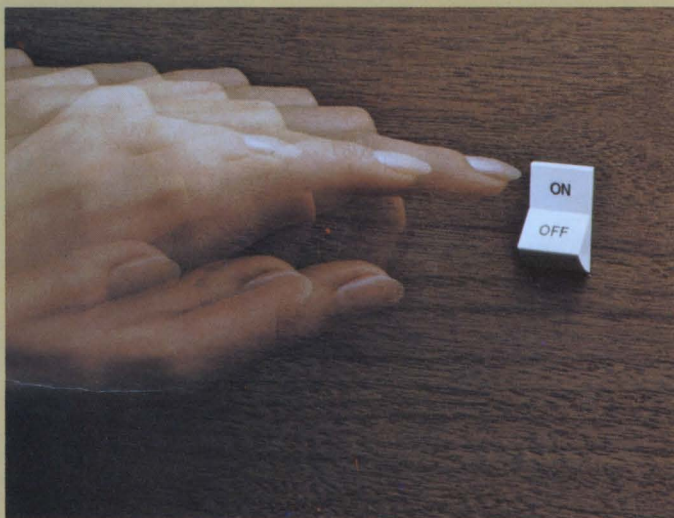
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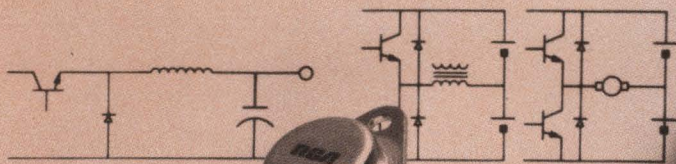
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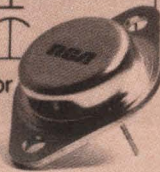
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