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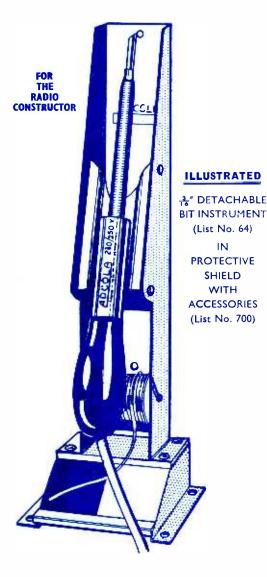
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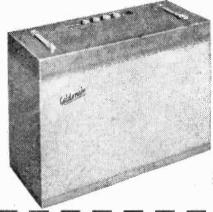
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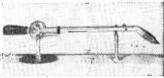
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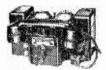
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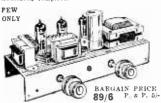
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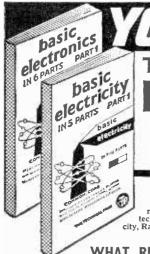
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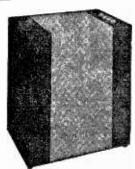
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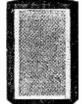
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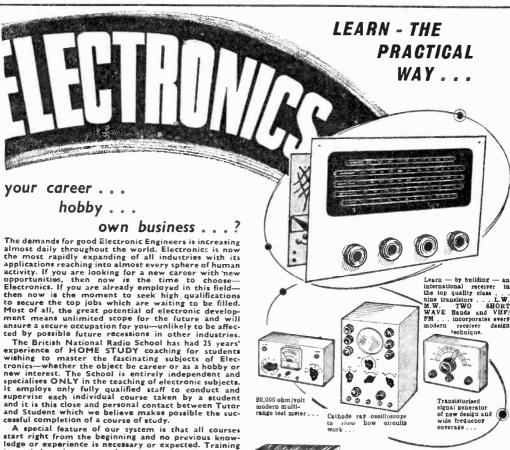
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## Times have Changed!

THE problem of pirates has been with us since radio began. In this context we are not talking of floating pop-music stations but of illegal amateurs operating in (or out of) the amateur bands.

In pre-war days, a prospective radio amateur had first to obtain from the GPO an "Artificial Aerial" licence which permitted him to build and experiment with equipment to be used only under dummy load conditions.

Log books and records of experiments, together with an inspection of the actual equipment, formed the basis for assessing the ability of the applicant to put his station on the air and receive his full licence.

Occasionally an impatient AA licence holder would succumb to temptation and put some r.f. out. Even so, a pirate of this nature had at least built his own equipment, had a working knowledge of amateur radio practice and was in most cases a qualified amateur operator anticipating the issue of his full 'ticket".

Today's pirates are largely in a different category. Most seem to operate war surplus units or imported American and Japanese walkie-talkies. Most have little or no knowledge of ham radio procedure, have only a rudimentary knowledge of how the equipment works, and often do not even operate in the authorised bands.

Perhaps the root cause of this new situation is that nowadays anyone can buy, without question, transmitting equipment from a radio dealer. Advocates of "freedom" see nothing wrong in this; they urge that anyone who wants to go on the air should be allowed to do so. They think it an impertinence that an enthusiast should have to pass a simple technical test when all he wants to do is to operate a transmitter for his own amusement.

Such theories are shortsighted and irresponsible. All right, we'll abolish the radio examination—and with it examinations for doctors, opticians, dentists, lawyers! We'd like to see a "free air" fan having his molars drilled by an unqualified dentist.

The allusion, of course, is undoubtedly shaky—but it serves to illustrate a principle. For there is much more to it than just switching on a transmitter and exchanging small talk with a pal, Amateur frequency allocations are extremely small and vastly overcrowded and these conditions demand efficient equipment and intelligent operating.

Amateur radio cannot be regarded purely as a personal hobby, for thousands of other people are involved. Other amateurs, of course. The general public (how would a modern pirate deal with TVI problems?). And those anarchists who feel they do not even have to consider authorised amateur bands can involve any of the other services legally using the restricted airways. Uncontrolled freedom can only lead to chaos and confusion.

There are many angles to examine, but perhaps the most important is that often put forward as the platform of the "freeair" devotees. Times have changed! Indeed they have-and next month we will see just how.

In the meantime, we hope prospective pirates will turn to page 627 this issue... 

Our next issue dated December will be published on November 6th,



**NEWS AT HOME** AND ABROAD

again be held at the Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, London, W.1, from 28th to 31st of October, and once again radio enthusiasts from all parts of the country will visit this, the annual show of the Radio Society of Great Britain.

Manufacturers - British, receivers and transmitters for the American and Japanese-will be amateur, including a transis-

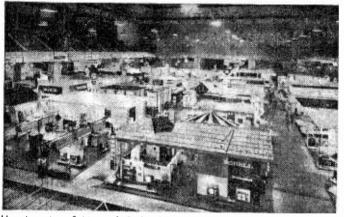
displaying the very latest in torised all-band communications receiver. Kit and aerial manufacturers, technical publishers, etc., will all be exhibiting as will the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Army and General Post Office with their newest communications equipment.

> The 1964 Silver Plagues for the most outstanding home built piece of equipment and manu-facturers' new equipment, head the list of awards which will be presented during the show.

The R.S.G.B. will this year operate a new home-constructed transmitter on 435Mc/s, 144Mc/s and 3.5Me/s. A demonstration of r.t.t.y. will also by on the air on 3.5Mc/s, 80m and 145Mc/s, 2m.

The official opening will be performed at noon on 28th October, by E. D. Whitehead. M.B.E., Director of Electrical Inspection at the Ministry of Aviation, and the Exhibition will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., admission 3s.

# 1964 Radio Show



Here is a view of this year's Radio Show at Earls Court, London. Attendance this year was down on the last Show, held in 1962. A Report on the show appears on page 636.

# MICROWAVE TELEPHONE NETWORK FOR PORTUGAL

HIGH capacity microwave relay network for Portugal that can handle as many as 960 telephone conversations simultaneously, is to be supplied to the government of Portugal by the Raytheon Company America.

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and Nogueira. At Nogueira, the system will interconnect with a scatter communications system linking Portugal to France and the European Telecommunication network. Three other cities
Penafiel, Vila Real and Braganca-will be linked into the network via feeder spurs.

The main line will consist of Raytheon's RM-1C microwave relays, as will the Vila Real spur, because of its heavy traffic pattern. The two other spurs will feature 600 channel microwave relays built by Raytheon's Italian affiliate, Selenia S.p.A.

To provide maintenance centres with a complete picture of the system's operating condition, the network will incorporate automatic fault-reporting systems.

# NEW INSTRUMENT CHECKS EQUIPMENT FOR SPACE

A N instrument which will perform fault-revealing checks on the electronic equipment of future space vehicles launched by the National Aeronautical and Space Administration of the U.S.A., is being developed by the Raytheon Company of Massachusetts.

The equipment consists of a fast scanning infra-red microscope that can forecast possible failure of electronic space devices without long, complex tests.

The microscope, which has been termed a Performance Analyzer, will sense minute amounts of infra-red radiation and from this will indicate the reliability and probable life expectancy of an integrated circuit or semiconductor device. Potential electrical failure can be pin-pointed by this equipment, not only in conventional parts but in the micro-circuits and thin-film assemblies which are featuring more and more in space vehicle electronics. So tiny are some of these integrated circuits, that they fre-

quently contain faults which cannot be detected by conventional testing methods.

In operation the analyser relies on the fact that virtually all built-in causes of failure result in abnormal thermal behaviour when electrically activated. The infra-red detector measures the heat dissipated when a component or circuit is operating. Comparing this with a standard, an engineer can determine performance and discover the presence of hidden defects that could cause later failures.

# Eire Telephone Expansion

TO expand the trunk telephone network in Eire, orders worth f145.000 have been placed with AEI Telecommunications. Transmission Department for terminal equipment capable of handling 300 separate conversations, for transmission over small diameter coaxial cables.

Four new links are to be established; from Dublin to An Uaimh and Ceanannus Mor (24 high quality speech circuits), Limerick to Tipperary (96 circuits), Cork to Youghal and Cork to Bandon (both

with 60 circuits).

In using conventional small diameter coaxial cable, AEI will be taking advantage of the low cost compared with conventional telephone cable networks of similar capacity, and better speech quality, since the incorporation of transistorised repeaters has overcome the problem of housing which the considerably larger counterpart valve equipment presented before.

With transistors however, the size of amplifiers that AEI will use, along with their power consumption, has been considerably reduced and large numbers of repeaters will take their power from current

fed along the cable.

# Radar Developments on Show at Farnborough

TWO new Marconi developments in radar were shown publicly at the recent Farnborough air show. One was a new high power, long range meteorological radar system which can track and pin-point storms and rain producing clouds within an area of 125,000 miles, with extreme accuracy and reliability.

Named RAINBOW, the system has been designed to provide

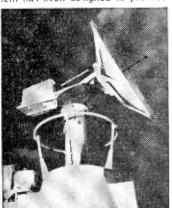
an inexpensive equipment suitable for use at airports, where it can provide first hand meteorological information to the air traffic control centre.

RAINBOW's 70kW p.e.p. high power transmitter and receiver are both housed in a 12ft. high conical shaped aluminium tower on top of which is mounted a 6ft. diameter parabolic dish aerial

The other Marconi innovation seen on their Farnborough stand,

was the production model of a new radar display which can be viewed in bright daylight.

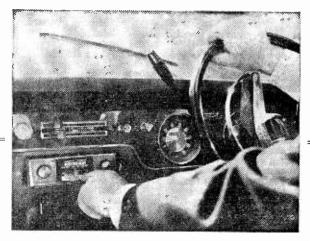
A considerable step forward is claimed for this new development, which is based on the use of a direct view storage tube. The tube, which produces a very bright radar picture using a high efficiency short persistence phosphor, contains a storage element to introduce persistence to the picture.





On the left is the transmitter and receiver and dish aerial of Marconi's new RAINBOW meteorological radar system. The equipment in the photograph shown on the right is Marconi's daylight radar display in use at London Airport.

The subject of this month's free Blueprint is a twoband, hybrid car radio employing printed-circuit construction.



# The PRACTICAL AUTOCRAT

THE parts to build this inexpensive car radio, including the drilled chassis and metalwork. are readily available\* and if all the components are ordered at one time, they will be supplied to PRACTICAL WIRELESS readers for under £10, this being a considerable saving on the total cost of the individual components.

The "Autocrat" car radio utilises a printed circuit board, thus ensuring simplicity and reliability in construction and making it an ideal project for the home constructor. Two valves plus three transistors are used in the superhet circuit which includes a push pull transistor output stage, giving an audio output of approximately 1.5W. Selectivity and sensitivity are quite good, despite the fact that no r.f. stage is employed.

The receiver covers the whole of the medium waveband from 180-550 metres. The tuning is also adjustable on the long waves, although coverage is restricted to reception of the BBC Light programme transmitted on 1500 metres. This has simplified the design of the receiver and also the final alignment.

As the receiver is designed for a 12V positive earth system only, i.e. the + terminal of the battery is connected to the metal frame of the motor vehicle, the metal chassis and case of the radio will be connected automatically to the positive supply when it has been correctly installed in the car. Any reversal of polarity for however brief a period may permanently damage the transistors.

The car radio is unsuitable for cars where the negative, i.e. the — terminal of the battery, is connected to the vehicle chassis (e.g. many Continental models).

\*Messrs. Sterne-Clyne Ltd., 3-5 Eden Grove, Holloway, London N.7, and branches. An accessory kit comprising brackets, screws, etc., for fitting the car radio is also available.

The dial drive assembly and permeability tuning unit is supplied already assembled and fitted to the chassis, which considerably simplifies the mechanical work involved in the construction of the radio. Located just behind this tuning unit is the aerial socket. This, plus the spark plate (C20) are also supplied already fitted in their correct positions on the main chassis (see Fig. 2 on the Blueprint)...

The dimensions of the radio are such that it will fit the majority of standard "cut-outs" in cars. In instances where this does not apply, the car radio may be conveniently installed below the dashboard, or any other convenient position. Metal bushes, tapped for 2BA bolts are provided on the sides of the metal cover to facilitate the fitting of brackets, etc.

When the receiver has been completed and all wiring and connections checked, it will be necessary to carry out alignment of the aerial, oscillator and i.f. tuned circuits with a signal generator before the car radio will function correctly.

Messrs. Stern-Clyne Ltd., offer an alignment service to those constructors who have purchased all parts from them and are unable to obtain the use of suitable alignment equipment. A charge is made for this service, details of which may be obtained on application.

The i.f. transformers in this receiver contain adjustable iron-dust cores. These are extremely fragile and on no account should they be adjusted with a metal type of electrician's, or so called "grub" screwdriver. The correct type of trimming tool must be used and readers are referred to the article on page 524 of the October 1964 issue of PRACTICAL WIRELESS. The free trimmer and alignment tools supplied in that issue are ideal for the purpose. Alternatively a plastic knitting needle or even a matchstick with the end suitably shaped to fit the slot in the dust cores exactly should be used.

### **ASSEMBLY**

To commence assembly, fit the various components to the printed circuit board, with careful reference to Fig. 2.

All components are fitted on the paxolin side of the printed circuit board and solder applied to the

To simplify the assembly, it is recommended that some order is followed, and therefore commence by soldering all the resistors in position. If they are of the printed circuit variety, the ends will be already trimmed and formed to the correct length. If not, they will have to be trimmed accordingly. Before the capacitors are fitted, it is advisable to fit the twin screened lead that runs from the printed circuit board. This should be approximately 10in. in length and again with reference to Fig. 2, is soldered to points 1-2-3. The earth braid that goes to point 1 should be fitted with insulating sleeving to avoid contact between the braid and other points of the circuit.

All the capacitors may now be fitted to the printed circuit board, noting particularly the polarity working of the electrolytic capacitors, C14, C13, C16 and C17. The + and - markings on these components must coincide with those shown

in Fig. 2.

The two B9A valveholders and i.f.t.1 and i.f.t.2 should now be fitted. The i.f. transformers are identical and may be fitted in either position, and as their pins are offset they can only be fitted in one way. Do not forget to solder the can earthing clips to the printed circuit. Small clips are also supplied for earthing the valveholder screening can, and are fitted between pins 1 and 9 and soldered. They should be fitted in such a manner that they tend to bend away from the valveholder.

The driver transformer T1 and the two 4BA x

1½in. bolts plus spacers are next fitted. A 4BA solder tag is bent to form a foot, and is bolted and then soldered in position where shown in

Figs. 2 and 4.

Tr1, a Mullard OC82D transistor, is next fitted with sleeving on its three leads and soldered in position. The leads should not be cut, and particufar note should be made of the lead connections, e-b-c.

### Mains Chassis Assembly

The following components should be fitted in the order given. The push button selector switch, taking 6BA x 1/4 in. bolts, is fitted to the cut-out at the front of the chassis, and the volume control VR1 fitted alongside. Next T2, the output transformer is fitted, along with the bank of four trimmers TC1—TC4. An earthing solder tag may also be fitted under one of the nuts holding this component, but if considered possible, this solder tag can be dispensed with, provided the earthing foot of the three-way tag strip can be persuaded to fit instead. Whichever method proves easiest should be utilised. The loudspeaker socket should be mounted using 6BA x  $\frac{1}{4}$ in. bolts, plus an earthing tag where shown. Also fix an earthing tag to one side of the aerial socket. A polythene grommet is fitted to the large hole adjacent to C20, through which the negative supply lead will eventually pass. Join the blue and orange leads to the loudspeaker socket, fit C19 in position and earth one

side of the socket.

Take LI, the r.f. choke, and solder this, together with R1, to the aerial socket. R.F. chokes L1, L7 and 1.8 are all identical and are therefore easily identified.

### Rear Panel

Fit the 6-way tag strip to the inside of the rear panel as shown in Fig. 3 using 4BA x 4in. bolts, also Tr2/Tr3 the two OC82 push-pull output transistors-remembering to fit heat sinks. Do not cut the transistor leads, and cut sleeving to fit over each lead, as for Tr1. Solder R18 in position and fit a 6in. length of insulated wiring to tags A-B-D-E and F.

### Final Assembly

Join the free ends of the five leads that emerge from the rear panel to the printed circuit board. Refer to Figs 2 and 3 for this.

With reference to Fig. 4, bolt the rear panel assembly to the printed circuit board using the 4BA x 14in. bolts and spacers previously fitted.

Carefully bolt the lower edge of the rear panel to the rear of the main chassis using two small self-tapping screws, and then finally secure the printed circuit earthing foot in position. The heat sink may now be fitted to Tr1 and then bolted to the main chassis. The remainder of the wiring and mounting of the balance of the components shown in Fig. 2 may now be completed.

The coiled lead shown between the moving metal bar on the tuning unit and the tag strip is simply a short length of stranded lead which has been wound onto the shaft of a small diameter screw-driver to form a coil. This is then simply soldered

in position where shown.

When fitting the lampholder and pilot lamp, make sure that the metal surround to the lamp is not shorting to the metal chassis.

L3 coil is supplied fitted with a yellow sleeve and

L6 with a green sleeve.

If the blue lead from L2 coil is short, it should be extended as necessary.

Fig. 8 shows the assembly of the suppressor

filter unit and fuseholder.

The loudspeaker is fitted to the baffle using suitable 4BA bolts and washers. It is possible that the holes in the loudspeaker frame will not coincide with those in the baffle. Simply punch extra holes if necessary, using a sharp pointed object or even a small screwdriver. A suitable length of twin lead should also be fitted to the two loudspeaker tags, plus a two-pin plug at the other end.

Insert the two valves into their respective sockets V1 ECH83 or equivalent 6DS8, V2 EBF83 or equivalent 6DR8, and fit the metal screening cans to both valves. Finally the dial and the pushon control knobs are fitted. Now re-check all

wiring very carefully.

### Alignment

This requires the use of a signal generator for optimum results and for those constructors who either own such an instrument, or who have access to one, the following details are given. It will be necessary to obtain a suitable 12V d.c. supply the battery + is connected to the car radio chassis and the battery - to the -ve supply lead.

Connect the loudspeaker and switch on the radio-The dial lamp should immediately come on. Press the medium wave push button and adjust pointer to 550m on the dial.

Set the signal generator to the i.f. frequency of 470kc/s and feed a modulated signal to aerial socket. Adjust the cores in i.f.t.1 and then i.f.t.2 for maximum audio output. Adjust the volume control to a suitable level, and adjust the output from the signal generator to a minimum.

Set signal generator to 550kc/s and adjust the core of L4/L5 for maximum signal and then L2 core. By using a pair of thin nose pliers, draw the brass threaded rod attached to the dust core either in or out of the coil former. The cores have a slot at the grommet end, and the end of the brass thread has been flattened to facilitate adjustment with suitable trimming tools, but some difficulty may be experienced if this method is used due to limited working space. Re-adjust the signal generator to 1.5Mc/s, and tune the pointer to 200m and adjust TC4 trimmer for maximum signal, followed by TC2. Depress the L.W. button and re-adjust the signal generator to 200kc/s. Set the pointer to 1500m and adjust first TC3 and then TC1 for maximum output. Disconnect the signal generator and connect a suitable aerial (preferably a car aerial) to the aerial socket and check the performance.

The aerial circuit trimmers TC2—medium wave—and TC1—long wave—may be then re-peaked

for optimum sensitivity. This final operation may, however, be carried out in the car.

The cover and chrome escutcheon is held in position using small self-tapping screws.

### Installation

If the radio will fit the cut-out in the dashboard of your motor vehicle installation will be relatively easy. Alternatively, it may be held under the dashboard by use of suitable home-made strips. As mentioned earlier, the "bushes" fitted to the sides of the radio's metal cover are tapped for 2BA bolts, and this should not be any longer than §in.

Any paint around the bushes and on the car chassis where the brackets are to be bolted, must be scraped away, i.e. the car radio metal case must

i.e. the car radio metal case must make good electrical (and mechanical) contact with the metal frame of the motor car. The loudspeaker may also be fitted in any convenient position.

The negative supply lead from the car radio is normally taken to the A1 terminal on the junction box. Reference to the "owner's handbook" should indicate its location. The "short lead" shown coming from the suppression unit in Fig. 8 must be securely connected to the nearest earthing point on the car chassis.

### Interference Suppression

Now, although the "Autocrat" is fitted with a

filter unit in the negative (—) supply lead to reduce the effects of electrical interference, it is also of prime importance that the ignition system, dynamo, sparking plugs, windscreen wiper electric motor, flasher indicators etc., are also fitted with suppression devices.

The ignition system, if insufficiently suppressed will cause a continuous clicking or popping sound in the receiver, and the dynamo will cause a whine which will increase in level when the engine is accelerated.

The majority of modern cars are already fitted with adequate suppression devices but brief details are included herewith for those vehicles that still require suppression. The types of devices that are utilised for suppression of electrical interference are capacitors, resistors and chokes of various sizes. Some vehicles may have a resistance type suppressor fitted to the distributor, but if not it should be fitted in the high voltage lead that runs between the spark coil and distributor rotor. This must be fitted as close to the distributor as possible. The nominal resistance of these devices is  $5-10 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega$ .

Resistance type suppressors should also be fitted to each lead that runs from the distributor head to the spark plugs. Simple cut lead or clip-on type suppressors may be purchased from a radio dealer or garage. Once again, these units must be fitted as close to the sparking plugs as possible.

Suppressor capacitors for the dynamo are normally contained in a metal can, which has a metal bracket for mounting plus a flying lead. The



A P.W. "Autocrat" car radio takes its place in the fascia of a modern family saloon.

bracket is securely fitted under the nearest convenient earthing nut on the case of the dynamo, and the loose lead is then taken to the dynamo live output terminal. The value of capacitor is normally 0.5 or 1 µF.

It may also be necessary to fit a suppressor capacitor to the ignition coil and once again this may be of the same type as fitted to the dynamo. Bolt the fixing bracket to the nearest earthing point and take the loose lead to the *SW* terminal on the ignition coil.

For further information on the fitting of these and other devices, approach a local supplier or garage who will normally give assistance.

# PREPARING R R.A.E.

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#### 1: BASIC THEORY, RESISTANCE, OHM'S LAW

To is the wish of the writer to include in a series of only twelve articles, sufficient theory work to enable the reader to sit the City and Guilds of London Institute "Radio Amateurs' Examination" in November 1965. I have tried to explain the more difficult theory in simple language and have included diagrams and sketches wherever they are likely to help the reader. As all the theoretical material cannot be included in detail the reader is urged to study suitable text books also—and a list of suitable books is given at the end of this the first article.

At the end of each article will be a series of questions which have been designed to help the reader; these will be generally of the "calculation" type, and answers will be given at the end of the following article. If the work is undertaken diligently, a "pass" in the examination would not be too great a reward!

#### 1.1 The Electric Current

All materials are composed of *Atoms*. A simple atom, such as that of Hydrogen, consists of a central core or *Nucleus*, which carries a positive charge, and a particle called an *Electron*, which carries a negative charge. The electron spins round the nucleus in much the same way as the earth orbits round the sun. (See Fig. 1.)

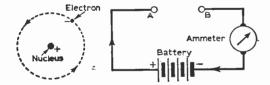


Fig. 1 (left): The Hydrogen atom.

Fig. 2 (right): A simple test set-up for conductors and insulators.

The Hydrogen atom is the simplest of all the atoms and if we were to draw a diagram of say a Copper atom, it would have no less than 29 electrons orbiting round it. If an electron can be made to leave its orbit and join the orbit of the electron next to it, an *Electric Current* will flow. If we make a current flow through a material such as a length of copper wire, we must supply a "force" to make the electrons of the copper atoms move along. This force is generally supplied as a result of a *Chemical Reaction* in a *Cell* or *Battery*. (The "force" can also be supplied by heating and magnetic effects but these will not be dealt with here.) Therefore, for our purposes we can consider that an electric current is in fact a flow of electrons.

#### 1.2 Conductors and Insulators

Materials which will give up electrons easily to form an electric current are said to be *Conductors*. Those materials which will not easily allow an electron flow to take place are called *Insulators*. In Fig. 2 we can connect various substances between A and B to determine which are conductors and which are insulators. If no current shows on the ammeter the material is an insulator, if a current shows on the meter the material is a conductor; the higher the current the better the conductor. Conductors have a *Low Resistance* to the passage of an electric current and insulators have a *High Resistance*.

#### 1.3 Electrical Units

The Coulomb is a basic electrical unit, and is represented by "Q". The coulomb indicates the rate at which an electric current flows and therefore it has a time component. The unit used to measure the current flowing (average) in a circuit is the Ampere or Amp., which is denoted by "I", and this is given in the

expression  $I = \frac{Q}{T}$  where Q is in coulombs and T is in

seconds.

We can also see that 1 coulomb of electricity passes when a current of 1 amp. flows for 1 second, or from the above expression:

Q=I×T

If a current flows through a conductor, it can be increased by increasing the Potential Difference across the ends of the conductor, i.e. a greater Electrical Pressure has to be used to "push" the current round the circuit. Potential difference or electrical pressure is measured in Volts. Therefore to increase the current flowing through a conductor, the voltage across its ends must be increased.

All materials do not allow a current to flow through them with equal ease (see 1.2) and they can be said to possess different amounts of *Resistance* to the flow of an electric current. The unit which is used to measure this resistance is the *Ohm*.

#### 1.4 Ohm's Law

The scientist Ohm discovered a relationship between voltage (E), current (I) and resistance (R). The circuit shown in Fig. 3 can be used to demonstrate (N.B. not prove) the results he obtained.

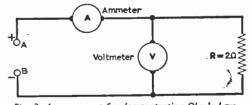


Fig. 3: Arrangement for demonstrating Ohm's Law.

A resistance of say 2 ohms is connected to batteries of various voltages, the battery being connected to AB. An ammeter measures the current flowing through the resistance and a voltmeter measures the voltage appearing across the resistance. Values of I and E are

recorded, and also values of  $\frac{E}{I}$  are worked out for

each set of readings. The results are tabulated as shown in Fig. 4.

Flg. 4: Typical values to indicate Ohm's Law.

. E	I	$\frac{E}{I}$
2 V	1 A	2
4 V	2 A	2
6 V	3 A	2
8 V	4 A	2

It can be seen that  $\frac{E}{I}$  gives a constant result of 2, but  $\frac{E}{I}$  we also know that the value of the resistance R was 2 ohms, so it appears that  $R = \frac{E}{I}$  and thus if E and I are known R can be calculated. The equation can also be written as  $I = \frac{E}{R}$  or  $E = I \times R$ .

Thus if any two of voltage, current and resistance are known, the third can be found. Ohm's Law can be stated as follows: "the current flowing in a circuit is directly proportional to the applied Voltage and inversely proportional to the Resistance". When Ohm's Law is applied the voltage must always be in volts (not kilovolts, millivolts, etc.), the current must always be in amperes (not milliamperes, etc.), and the resistance must always be in ohms (not megohms, kilohms, etc.).

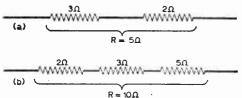


Fig. 5: Examples of resistances in series.

#### 1.5 Resistance in Series

If two resistances are connected in *Series* as shown in Fig. 5a, the total resistance, R is equal to  $R_1+R_2$ 

in this case R=3+2=5 ohms.

In Fig. 5b three resistances are connected in series and the total resistance, R, is 2+3+5=10 ohms. (N.B.—Ohms are generally represented by the Greek letter Omega,  $\Omega$ .) Therefore for any number of resistances connected in series the total resistance is  $R=R_1+R_2+R_3+R_4+\ldots$ 

#### 1.6 Resistance in Parallel

If two resistances are connected in parallel, as shown in Fig. 6a, the total resistance, R, can be found by using the expression

$$R = \frac{R_1 \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

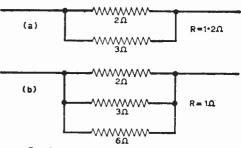


Fig. 6: Examples of resistances in parallel.

Thus in Fig. 6a, 
$$R = \frac{2 \times 3}{2 + 3} = 1.2 \Omega$$
.

If three or more resistances are connected in parallel, the formula used to determine R is

or 
$$R = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

$$R = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

Thus in Fig. 6b  $R = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} = 1 \Omega$ .

For resistances connected in parallel, the total

Fig. 7: Examples of resistances in series/parallel connection.

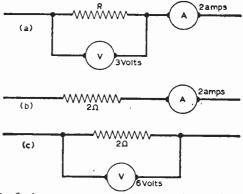


Fig. 8: Arrangements to find the power dissipated by a resistance.

effective resistance, R, is always less than that of the lowest value resistance in the circuit.

#### 1.7 Resistances in Series/Parallel Arrangements

The resistance of a series/parallel arrangement such as that shown in Fig. 7 can easily be found by finding the resistance of the parallel connected resistances and

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# a midget ANTENNA for the DX bands

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THE miniature antenna, like the perfect v.f.o. will always rate high in the dreams of any amateur or shortwave listener. From time to time various ingenious approaches have been made to clip off the precious inches and yet still preserve the effectiveness of the antenna. Discussion with other amateurs tends to indicate the opinion that if element lengths are reduced then something must invariably suffer.

Either the radiation resistance drops to a ridiculously low value or the bandwidth is microscopic. Often such a system is difficult to load or exhibits

a very high standing wave ratio.

The handbooks and theoretical text books do not appear very eager to praise the undersize antenna either and usually give diagrams and discussions on systems of the "correct length". They take a piece of wire say half a wavelength long and suspend it by some miraculous means so that it is held in mid-air with no supports at either end. (To introduce any supports might interfere with the polar diagram so they conveniently dispense with them!)

This wire is then situated some half wavelength high completely in the clear and over a wonderfully efficient earth—probably an empty 50 acre

field on top of a hill.

All the time the amateur is reading this he is thinking about his back garden some 30 feet long at best, the telephone wires nearby, a metal shed in a neighbours garden etc., and wondering how to make the best of it all.

The writer is one of such creatures and the main interest centres on the 20 metre band 14,000—14,350kc/s. The dipole length for this band is some 34ft. long but in order to "give it a chance" it needs to be 34ft. high as well. This implies at least one 35ft. mast and possibly two, or some form of extension pole attached to the side of the house—

see Fig. 1.

Those who frequent the 20 metre amateur band will know that these days a dipole will not always prove a particularly suitable aerial. Not that it is inefficient, nor to imply that there are amateurs who cannot work DX with a dipole on twenty. However if one does use this simple system today then it will have to compete with shiny new 3-element beams (often commercially made and preadjusted) 4-element beams and cubical quads etc., not to mention the hundreds of watts p.e.p. of side-band that is often pumped into them.

On the other hand there are many who would be thankful if they could erect even a dipole but who are unable to do so on account of available space or neighbours who object to various objects waving above the skyline. It is for just such a need that this article is intended.

It was reasoned that although the text books and more learned brethren may be quite correct in their scepticism of pruning element lengths it was a very real fact that mobile stations with their short loaded whips were busy working half the world. This, be it noted, with element lengths that were not so much pruned as massacred!!

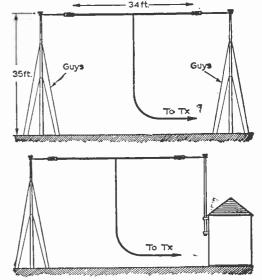


Fig. 1: Two variations on the aerial apparently necessary for efficient reception on 20m.

It was decided to pursue this line of thought and see how far it could be developed.

#### Basic Design

The maximum length was set at 8ft. and since this was to be a vertical would require no space at all other than the diameter of the element itself. (Owners of 2in. square gardens please note). Accor-

dingly an antenna was rigged up as per Fig. 2.

The 8ft. element was made as follows: a 9ft bamboo pole about 1—1½in. diameter was covered with an 8ft. x 6in. length of baking foil. The pole was merely rolled in the foil rather like rolling a cigarette, and this was held in place by small pieces of p.v.c. tape.

The whole assembly was then once again rolled in a long piece of polythene sheeting to protect it from the weather, the polythene being held in position by attaching a spiral of p.v.c. tape.

TABLE I.

Band Mc/s	Coil Dimensions
7	19 turns Tap 3 turns from earth.
14	8 turns Tap 2 turns from earth
21	6 turns Tap 13 turns from earth

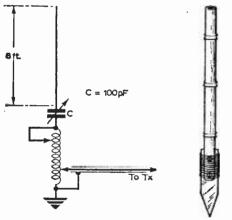


Fig. 2 (left): The theoretical set-up for the basic antenna. Fig. 3 (right): The element may be attached to a shaped piece of wood for simple erection in any convenient plot of ground.

The result is an element which is weather-proof, lighter than the same diameter aluminium tubing, cheaper and will "give" in the wind. It may, if required, be fixed to an 18in. length of 1½in. x 1in. wood and stuck in the ground wherever is convenient (Fig. 3).

Note also, that it will require no unsightly guy wires either. The capacitor in Fig. 2 is 100pF, and the coil consists of some 26 turns of 16s.w.g. tinned copper wire on a 2in. ceramic former spaced the diameter of the wire.

It was found, much to the writer's joy, that by shorting out some of the turns, i.e. varying the inductance and also the tapping point of the co-ax, that the element could be tuned up and loaded with a low s.w.r. on 7, 14, and 21Mc/s. (See Table 1.)

A tentative call on 14,040kc/s brought a 599 report from OE5XXL in Austria and this was with the antenna propped up against the wall of the house. Note that a dipole on this band would be 34ft. long and 34ft. high. By contrast, the present

antenna was 8ft. long and about 3in. (three inches) off the ground.

#### Adding the 2nd Element

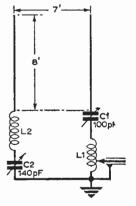
Fired with enthusiasm the next obvious line of experiment appeared to be the addition of another element to make it a sort of 2-element miniature vertical beam and another element exactly the same as the first was manufactured. This was spaced some 7ft. from the driven element and the coil was wound on the lower end of the actual bamboo pole itself. (Not the best of low loss coil formers).

This coil consisted of 12 turns of 16s.w.g. tinned copper wire and the capacitor was a 140pF. The grid dip oscillator indicated that this combination could be resonated from 13—15Mc/s. Thus it could be tuned as a director or reflector.

#### Setting Up

Method of setting up was first to tune the driven element to 14.050kc/s since c.w. was the prime interest. This was done with the aid of a transistorised g.d.o. Then, the parasitic element was tuned as a director. In the event of no g.d.o. being available, the parasitic can be roughly tuned by ear, and tuning the capacitor C2 Fig. 4 with an insulated screwdriver, signals can be peaked or attenuated some two S-points. After this, all that remains is to adjust the tapping point of the co-ax for minimum s.w.r.

Fig. 4: The arrangement used in the setting-up procedure.



As with all aerials of this type a good earth will make a difference to performance. The earth used for the experiments with the prototype consisted of two 6ft. lengths of ½in. diameter copper pipe driven 5½ft. into the ground 6ft. apart and bonded together by a length of 7/029 wire.

This is far from being an ideal earth and better results might be possible with an improved earthing system. Note that there is a heavy gauge wire from the parasitic to the driven element and the whole system is earthed at this one point (Fig. 4).

#### Result

Results so far seem encouraging, but a longer period of trial is needed before any definite conclusions can be reached. A CQ call brought 599 from UAIKAG in Leningrad and with the beam in the same position a 569 was received from 11SCI in Italy indicating a 3S-point difference. The s.w.r. appeared reasonable from 14.010-14.070kc/s.

In the first few days of operating, some 13 countries have been worked with the worst report of 579 when the beam was peaked and DJ5DR reported 5 and 8 on phone. Note this was on 14.200kc/s whereas the system was lined up and adjusted to work on 14.050kc/s. This antenna system will not compete with say a quad, but where space is at a premium it will enable a respectable signal to be radiated.

The above results were obtained with the beam propped up against the side of the house wall not 4in, off the ground, most unfavourable conditions.

#### **Further Suggestions**

There is ample room for further experiment, the spacing of the elements for instance. The spacing of 7ft. used proved successful, but may not be optimum, and increasing it to 10ft, proved detrimental to performance.

A further line of thought would be the addition of another element to make a 3-element beam (director, driven element, and reflector). Or perhaps the third element could be arranged as per Fig. 5. The two parasities arranged to tune as reflector or director with a small relay. In this way, the beam would be rotated electrically.

Capacitor A would be tuned as a director in each case then the relay could be energised and capacitor B adjusted to tune the element as a

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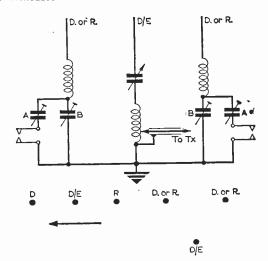


Fig. 5: Providing a third element.

the details of the driven element are shown in Table 1. These figures will vary depending on proximity to earthed objects, efficiency of the earthing system etc., but will provide a useful starting point and guide, after which the system can be adjusted for peak performance under actual local conditions.

The author would be very interested to hear from readers experimenting with aerials along the lines suggested in this article.

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then adding to this the value of the series resistance. Thus, in Fig. 7 the value of the parallel resistances is

$$R = \frac{R_1 \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{2 \times 3}{2 + 3} = 1.2 \Omega.$$

 $R_1+R_2$  2+3 Add to this the value of the series resistance to obtain the total resistance. Therefore total resistance  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 = 3 \cdot 2 \Omega$ .

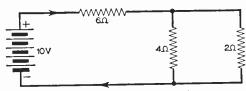


Fig. 9: Circuit for Question 1.

#### 1.8 Power

Power is the rate of doing work and its unit, in electrical work, is the Watt, which is denoted by W.  $W = I \times E$ 

or by substitution from Ohm's Law,

$$W = 1^{2} \times R$$
or 
$$W = \frac{E^{2}}{R}$$

Three ways of finding the number of watts dissipated as heat in a resistance are shown in Fig. 9.

In Fig. 8(a) 
$$W=1\times E=2\times 3=6$$
 watts.  
In Fig. 8(b)  $W=1^2\times R=4\times 2=8$  watts  
 $E^2$  36  
In Fig. 8(c)  $W=-=-18$  watts.

#### Question I

The answer to the following questions will be given at the end of next month's article.

1. The total current drawn from the battery.
2. The voltage appearing across the Court In the circuit diagram given in Fig. 9, calculates

The voltage appearing across the  $6\Omega$  resistance.

3. The power dissipated by the parallel connected resistances of  $2\Omega$  and  $4\Omega$ .

The power dissipated in the entire circuit.

5. The current flowing through the  $4\Omega$  resistance.

#### Recommended Literature

- (a) "The Amateur Radio Handbook"—Radio Society of Great Britain.
- (b) "A Guide to Amateur Radio"—Radio Society of Great Britain.
- (c) "The A.R.R.L. Handbook"—The American Radio Relay League.

(d) "Physics and Radio"—M. Nelkon.

(e) "Foundations of Wireless"—M. G. Scoggie.

Part 2 Next Month

## Twin Triode Two TWO-VALVE PUSH-PULL AMPLIFIER

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"concertina" phase splitter. The outputs from this are fed to the two halves of a 12BH7 twin triode arranged in push-pull.

#### Components

The majority of components are not critical but the phase splitter is rather important, R7 and R5

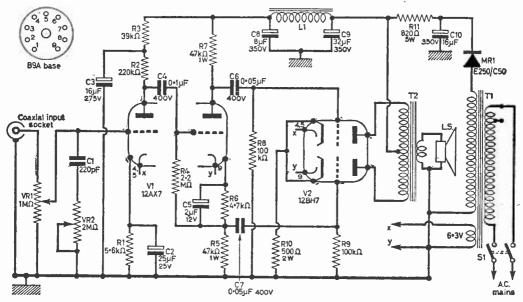


Fig. 1: The simple two-valve circuit.

#### COMPONENTS LIST

#### Resistors:

RI 5.6kΩ R7 47kΩ 5% IW R2 220k $\Omega$ **R8**  $100k\Omega$  $39k\,\Omega$ R3 R9 100k Ω **R4** 2·2M Ω **R10** 500Ω 2W **R5** 47kΩ 5% IW RII 820Ω 5W w.w. 4.7k 5% R<sub>6</sub>

All  $\pm 10\% \frac{1}{2} \mathring{W}$  carbon unless otherwise stated. VRI IM $\tilde{\Omega}$  potentiometer with d.p. switch, SI

VR2 2MΩ potentiometer

#### Valves:

٧i 12AX7 V2 12BH7

#### Transformers:

Mains transformer. Secondaries: 250V 50mA; 6.3V 2A

Output transformer. Primaries:  $8000 \Omega$ anode-anode centre-tapped. Secondary: 3 or  $15\Omega$ 

#### Capacitors:

220pF paper or mica CI

25μF 25V electrolytic 16μF 275V electrolytic C3 C4

0·IμF 400V paper C5

2μF 12V electrolytic 0.05μF 400V paper 0.05μF 400V paper C<sub>6</sub>

C7 8µF 350V electrolytic C8

C9 32µF 350V electrolytic

16μF 350V electrolytic CI0

#### Miscellaneous:

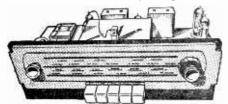
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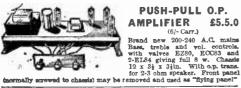


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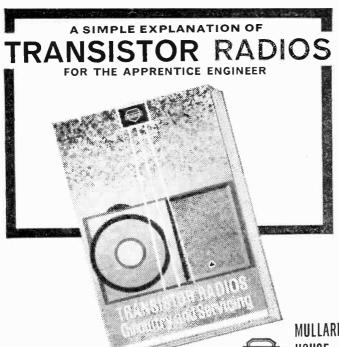
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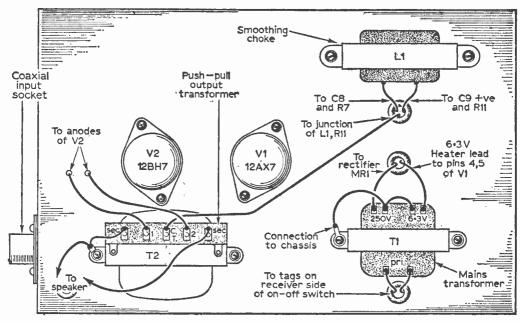


Fig. 2: The above-chassis layout of the amplifier

also R8 and R9 must be as accurately matched as possible or the output will be unbalanced, with distortion.

undecoupled and thus introduces some negative feedback.

The cathode bias resistor in the output stage is

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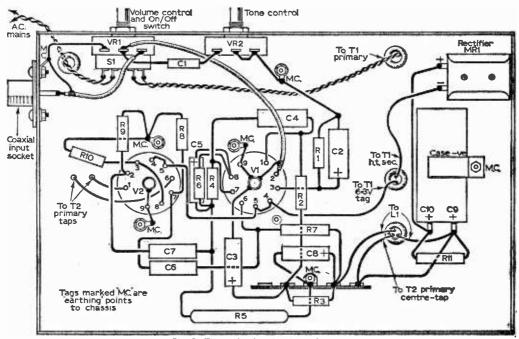


Fig. 3:-The-underchassis-wiring diagram.



## Practical Wireless Report

A summary of new models seen at Earls Court and the trade exhibitions around London, and notes on design trends and features.

★ The tables list new models only and do not necessarily represent the complete range of the makers concerned.

For details of all the new TV sets, refer to the November issue of Practical Television.

## Earls Court, August 24-September 5, 1964

## Transistor Portable Radios

TENDENCY of most manufacturers has been to concentrate on improved quality rather than a reduction in size. Several makers now market portables that are more applicable to a static site —fit to grace any sideboard—yet light and completely self-contained. Facilities available have been greatly extended.

There is no lack of tiny sets but most of these were to be found in the "splinter shows" of imported goods scattered around London. Lightest was a medium wave only matchbox sized receiver with an eight-transistor circuit, weighing only 4oz.

Most comprehensive was probably the Perdio Marco Polo with six short wave bands, long, medium and v.h.f. bands—the latter covering the international range—three aerials, two tuning controls, tuning meter, a.g.c., a.f.c., b.f.o., widerange separate tone controls and a host of specialist facilities.

In general, more concentration was on band coverage with short waves (in readiness for the Olympics, some makers stated), v.h.f., Luxembourg bandspreading and even Radio Caroline marked on the dials of at least two of the models we inspected. New types of transistor have made for tighter tuning and consequently a better look to most dials and pointers.

Tape sockets and car radio aerial cut-out sockets are now accepted inbuilt features with most responsible manufacturers. Several makers featured the portable that doubles as car radio with the addition of a simple bracket and connector.

Micro-miniaturisation has entered the domestic radio field and was a feature of some Stella portables. Larger, flatter and more powerful loudspeakers have improved quality all round.

Of the "special" gimmicks one was the STC mains-operated charger and rechargeable battery which K-B were adding to their Carioca and Regentone to their Regenteener model at no extra charge for the show period. Value is put at 30s. Then there was the G.E.C. camera portable at 19gns, advertised as the first camera that receives Luxembourg—which could equally well be the first receiver taking colour pictures!

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Camera-like, too, were some of the Japanese imports, while the German models and a few of the American range tended to be more severely functional and at least three of these claimed to be the best in the world.

Of these, the receiver which is probably of most interest to *Practical Wireless* readers is the **Braun** T1000, a 13-waveband portable with all the features and specifications of a communications receiver. Imported by Argelane Ltd. at £195.

Space limitation precludes a coverage of the many imported innovations. For example, Sharp Sales and Service had over 20 new models in their personal portable range from Japan. Practically every variation in price and facility could be seen in the foreign shows, one small pocket set even having provision for multiplex stereo! British manufacturers tended to be more conservative.

On our rounds of the splinter shows we several times overheard strong criticism by dealers, public and Press of the imports that could not be backed by adequate service information. One salesman dared to tell us that the model we queried was so cheap that it "was hardly worth repairing"; another stated that all repairs could be handled by the importing agents. Readers should he warned—check on after-sales service facilities before buying.

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* KR012	L.M.S.	13 gns. 16 gns.	Lux. bandspread. 8 transistor. Tel ae. Tape, ae. skts. Lux. bandspread. 8 transistors. Slow-SW drive. P.B. control.
WP11 Carioca LEE PRODUCTS Hitachi TH;600	L.M.	10½ gns.	Battery-eliminator and reachargeable battery extra.
		9 gns.	6-transistor, camera styling. 2½ in. speaker. Speaker grille tuning ring. Earpiece.
Hitachi WH837 Hitachi W734	L.M.S. M.S.	18 gns. 26 gns.	4 in speaker. Tel. ae. SW. earpiece. Clock radio. Alarm. Auto time switch. Tel. ae. SW. Recording lead and earpiece.
Hitachi KH1002R	L.M.FM	25 gns.	10 transistors. Tel ac. Recording lead and earpiece.
LOEWE-OPTA Freddy	L.M.FM	34 gns.	10 transistors. Tel ae. Recording lead and earplece. 9 transistors. "K" version with SW in place of LW.
Auto-Lord Ingelen Golf	L.M.S.FM L.M.FM	45 gns. 19½ gns.	10 transistors. Car bracket. AFC separate cone controls. 9 transistor.
Marquis	L.M.S.FM	25 gns.	10 transistors.
Klarad Tourist 720/730	L.M,S.FM L.M.3S	27 gns. 25 gns.	10 transistors. Tone control. 8 transistor. SW fine tuning.
MASTERADIO D518 "208"	L.M.	iJ≟ gns.	Lux. Bandspread. 7 transistors. 5 in. speaker.
D516 PAM 5222	L.M.FM L.M.S.FM	18½ gns. 24 gns.	Tape, car ae. phone skts.
PERDIO Marco Polo	L.M.6S.FM	95 gns.	9 transistor: IW p-p output, 7 x 5 in. speaker. Tone control. 17 transistors. Continuous coverage 1-6Mc/s. to 30Mc/s. M/C tuning indicator. Dial light. 6 x 4 in. speaker. Car ae. Sw. Two
PHILIPS 237 Riviera	L.M.	II gns.	tone controls. AFC on FM. Micro-miniaturised. Camera styled.
336 Majorca	L.M.	16½ gns.	Slow-motion tuning. Tone control. IW output.
130T Starfinder 390T Car Portable	L.M. L.M.	II gns. 18 gns.	Micro-miniaturised. Mounting Kit, inc. L/S.
PYE 1357	Ł.M.	13 gns.	Car ae. socket.
1359 Poppet RGD RR214 International REVELATION	L.M. M.2S.FM	5 gns. 29 gns.	Pocket portable, incl. strap case and earpiece. 10-section Tel. ae. P.B. dial light. Ext. amp. skt.
W. Wood & Son T20	L.M.FM	28 gns.	10 transistor. Car ae. Sw.
REGENTONE BT23 Regenteener	L.M.	9⅓ gns.	Battery charger and re-chargeable battery added free for period. Retail value 30s.
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	TRA	NSISTOR P	ORTABLE RADIOS
Model	Wavebands	Price	Notes
SOBELL World Ranger Mk. 2	L.M.\$.	16 gns.	Cartridge loading batteries. Top controls. Car ac. Sw.
\$316	L.M.FM	18∮ gns.	Unbreakable case, Tel. ae.
STELLA ST428T	L.M.		Edge-controls, Slow-motion tuning, Tone control.
SANYO 8SP25 Cadnica	M.S.	23 gns.	Rechargeable batteries—mains-operated while charging, 8 transistor.
SHARP BXL377	L.M.	i0⅓ gns.	Wrist-strap, Phone output.
FX-L09	L.M.FM	17 gns	10 transistor, AFC
TELEFUNKEN Bajazzo TS	L.M.S.FM	55 gns.	Doubles as table model. Three separate tuners. IW output a portable, 2.3W output as car radio. Wood case, choice of colour
TOSHIBA 8L 688L	L.M.2S	17 gns.	8 transistors, 400mW output, 3½ in. speaker. Fine tuner,
8TL 463R	M.S.	I3⅓ gns.	400mW output. 31 in. L/S.
ULTRA 6118	L.M.S.	121 gns.	Restyled version.

## Table Radios

Many of the foregoing models can fairly claim a double life as portable and table radio so improved has styling become, especially in the home-built product. Yet there is still a demand for the conventional table radio and a few makers were showing tasteful wooden-cased receivers in addition to the leather, plastics and composition coverings in popular models.

One of the comparatively few sets in this category was a mains-operated set of luxury specifications displayed by Philips, while the imported models again swayed toward lavishness with opulent finish, multi-waveband, multiplex stereo decoders, battery or mains operation, multispeaker systems et al.

Impressive, yet by no means prohibitive in price. The consumer is temporarily in the happy position of being wooed from all sides. Now is the time to go shopping, it seems.

## Radiograms

Big talking point of the Radio Show was undoubtedly the move to "solid state" by many manufacturers of radiograms. The **Thorn Group** has made a special feature of this design, introducing the first fully integrated receiver-amplifier with transistorised chassis.

There are five transistors and four diodes in the receiver, those in the v.h.f. tuner being silicon planar types. Output stages, due to this innovation, can now be transformerless, frequency range is widened, quality improved and yet an output of

2½W per channel achieved, feeding 8 x 5in. speakers with high-flux ferrite magnets.

A number of other manufacturers included solid state models, some unwrapping their offerings at the very last moment so that dealers visiting the exhibition during the first two (reserved) days may have missed a few of the latest releases. Messrs. Pye, Defiant, RCA Victor, B. and O. all had quality radiograms with transistorised circuitry, and the range of models from all makers in the luxury class was wide and impressive.

Much more attention has been paid to the basic construction in design. Teak has taken its place in the forefront, with a solid wood styling made a feature of Ferranti models, in the TV and radiogram fields.

The long-awaited decision on stereo broadcasting was not announced as expected at showtime but a number of makers include stereo decoders and multiplex tuners, while others state that their models are easily convertible.

Tone controls are much more elaborate than of late and RGD have made a feature of their "low-level-listening" compensation which adds bass boost when the volume is reduced by the flick of a switch. The long, low style has been somewhat modified, but length is still a common feature in an effort to obtain stereo reproduction without the need of an extra loudspeaker.

Pye came out at the last moment with transistorised stereograms in a Robin Day design which even pronounced the speaker positioning in their styling.

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		TABLE	RADIOS
Model	Wavebands	Price	Notes
BUSH VHF/81	L.M.FM	25 gns.	7-valve, Mains, 6 x 4 in, speaker.
BRAUN TIOOO	13-band	£195	Communications-type. Mains or battery. Portable.
TS45	L.M.FM	_	Transistorised. Can be operated horizontally or hanging. To match L25 speakers. Multiplex fitted.
COSSOR 1102U	L.M.FM	28 gns.	Mains, 2W output, 6 x 4 in, L/S,
DENHAM & MORLEY Trier	M.FM.	14 gns.	Mains.
Violetta	L.M.S.FM.	21 gns.	Mains.
Symphonia	L.M.S.FM	25∮ gns.	Mains,
DALTRADE Unitra Rumba	L.M.S.FM	25 gns.	6-valve, mains.
FERRANTI 1103	L.M.FM	26 gns.	P.B. station selection FM, AC/DC mains.
GRUNDIG Malmo	L.M.S.FM	49 gns.	Press key operation. Lux. selector SW band. 5-valve mains. Light walnut cabinet.
Stockholm Stockholm	L.M.S.FM	59 gns.	As Malmo, plus stereo decoder. Scandinavian Walnut finish.
LOEWE-OPTA Venus	L.M.S.FM	75 gns.	Hybrid—7 valves, 15 transistors. Two large stereo L/S. Multiplex.
Komet	L.M.S.FM	36 gns.	6-valve mains. Flywheel drive. 3W output, concert L/S.
PYE H/H	L.M.FM	_ ~	Transistorised, Stereo, Two 7 x 5 in. L/S.

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Model A CE Voyania	Wavehands L.M.S.	Stereo/Mono S.	69 gns.	Notes  Drop doors and lids at each end. BSR deck.
ACE Venezia AG636	L.M.S.	м.	36½ gn .	Boat-shaped sapele cabinet. Garrand deck.
ALBA 8000	L.M.	м.	36 gns.	Garrard Autoslim deck.
8001/5	L.M.S.	M. S.	39½ gns.	Garrard Autoslim deck, Bass and treble correction.  BSR UA16 deck, Balance.
8002/S B. & O. Beomaster 611	L.M.S. L.M.S.FM	S.	49 gns.	Transistorised, Multiplex, Automatic or Single
				Transistorised. Multiplex. Automatic or Single Transcription player. Record storage cabinet.
COSSOR CRIENCA	I M	M.	41 gns.	Meter-type indicator. Garrard Autoslim deck. 8 x 5 in, speaker.
COSSOR CRI506A CRI508A	L.M. L.M.S.FM	S.	89 gns.	Garrard Autoslim deck, Two 10 x 6 in. speakers.
DANSETTE RG65	L.M.	M.	29 gns.	Table-gram, MW bandspread. 8 x 5 in. speaker.
DENHAM & MORLEY Concerto	L.M.S.FM	м.	39 gns.	BSR UA15. Diamond stylus. Elac changer.
DECCA 575SRG	L.M.FM	S.	77 gns.	Garrard AT5 with Deram pickup, Two 8 x 5 in.
			•	speakers in acoustic enclosures. Matt walnut.
700 Mk. II 707	L.M.S.FM L.M.S.FM	S. S.	83 gns.	Transistorised. Garrard AT6 deck with Deram cartridge. Two
707	E.14.3.114	3.	05 g.13.	8 x 5 in. speakers, plus two 3-in. tweeters, with
		_		direction control.
800 DR888	L.M.S.FM L.M.S.FM.TV	S S.		Decca ffss pickup. Combined Gram/TV 405/625 lines LIHE tuner
D K000	C.111.3.F111.1 ¥	3.	_	Combined Gram/TV. 405/625 lines, UHF tuner, Transistorised Gram. Tape Playback. Deram head
				fitted. 5VV per channel. IU x 6 plus 4 in. unit per j
DEELANT AST	I M EM	М,	50 gns.	channel. Transistorised, Garrard AT5 deck, Low-boy cabinet.
DEFIANT AF75 AF85	L.M.FM L.M.FM	S.	65 gns.	As 75, with extra channel and different styling.
AF87	As 85, with T	ola v <b>e</b> neer fini	sh.	
DYNATRON Buckingham RG37T	L.M.2S.FM	<b>S</b> .	129 gns.	Available in Scandinavian and Queen Anne styling.
				Garrard AT6 with Sonotone cartridge, Adaptable M-plex, Tape compartment—4T deck.
Cariton RG36	As RG37, with	period cabine	t 175 gns.	Both 7½W per channel.
Dorchester RG35	L.M.FM.	S.	94 gns.	Compact. AT6, teak cabinet.
Hambleden Savoy	As RG37, Qui	een Anne cab. ppendale cab.	165 gns.	_
Richmond RG34T	As RG35	-	99 gns.	Satin Walnut, or oiled teak.
Henley	As RG35, but	with I2W		
	push-pull out teak or walnu	put, styled in	109 gns.	Garrard deck.
EKCO SRG431	L.M.S.FM	S.	87 gns.	7-valve. Tone-compensated V/C.
SRG439	L.M.S.FM	S.	69 gns.	6-valve. BSR UA15 deck.
FERRANTI SRG1120 SRG1132	L.M.S.FM L.M.S.FM	S. S.	88 gns.	Two 8 in. speakers. BSR UAI5 deck. 8W o/p.
SRG1131	L.M.S.FM	S.	69 gns. 58 gns.	Garrard Autoslim. 6W o/p.
FALCON Symphony 66	L.M.S.	S. S.	39½ gns.	Controls on scale. 7-valve. Press button.
Symphony 77 Harmony	L.M.S.FM L.M.S.FM	s. S.	45 gns. 51 gns.	7-valve, press-button, B.S.R. deck.
Hi-Life 606	L.M.S.	S.	54 gns.	6-valve. B.S.R. deck.
Hi-Life 707	L.M.S.FM L.M.S.	S. M.	60 gns. 29∮ gns.	6-valve. B.S.R. deck. B.S.R. deck.
FERGUSON 3320	L.M.FM	S.	7S gns.	Transistorised, B.S.R. deck, Slide top and drop front.
3324	L.M.	M.	33 gns.	Compact.
FIDELITY RG30 G.E.C. G979	L.M.FM L.M.S.FM	\$ \$.	66 gns 69 gns.	B.S.R. Deck, Two 9 x 6 in. speakers.  4-speed changer, Large record storage compartment.
GRUNDIG KSS40	L.M.S.FM	s.	119 gns.	AG1025 changer. Two It x 7 in. and two 2½ in.
			100	speakers.
RG550 KS560	L.M.S.FN L.M.S.FM	S. S.	155 gns. 185 gns.	AG1025, Tape recorder compartment. Stereo decoder, Reverb Unit.
K\$580	L.M.S.FM	Š.	275 gns.	As before, Dual 1009 changer, with variable speed.
			75	Space for TM45 tape dec. 10 L/5.
HACKER Serenade RG16	L.M.FM	М.	75 gns.	Consolette, Garrard AT6, 10 x 6 in, and two 5 in. L/S.
KOLSTER-BRANDES KG021	L.M.S.FM	Ş.	56 gns.	Tone-compensated V/C. B.S.R.
KG022 WG20	L.M.S.FM L.M.S.FM	S. S.	69 gns. 59 gns.	Garrard Deck, Long-line cab.
KG026	L.M.S.FM	S.	129 gns.	B.S.R. deck. Two IÖ x 6 in. L/S Dual deck. "Prima Ballerina."
HMV 2316	L.M.S.FM	S.	145 gns.	6 L/S. 2 gm. pickup with diamond stylus. 344 output
2212	LMCEM	S.	83 ene	per channel, Transistorisèd.
LOEWE-OPTA Premiere Stereo	L.M S.FM L.M.S.FM	s. S	83 gns. 165 gns.	Two L/S. Hybrid circuit. 5 valves 17 transistors. Steres
				decoder. Man. Auto switch.
Kora-Stereo	As above. L.M.S.FM	<u></u> s.	159 gns. 85 gns.	As above. FM Decoder, 8 valves, 3 transistors.
Oslo-Stereo Paloma-Luxus	L.M.S.FM	s. s.	139 gns.	5 valves, 15 transistors.
Clivia Luxus	As above.		I2S gns.	As above, 4 speakers.
Mallorca Zurich	L.M.S.FM L.M.S.FM	S. S.	II5 gns.	Stereo decoder, 4 speakers. Stereo decoder, 2 single-ended outputs, 2W per
Zunen	E.14.3.111	3.		channel.
MARCONIPHONE 4310	L.M.S.FM	ş.	83 gns.	Transistorised.
4304 MURPHY A891	L.M.FM L.M.FM	S. S.	53 gns. 62 gns.	Valve-operated, 6W push-pull per channel. Two 10 in, L/S.
A881	L.M.FM	s.	89 gns.	Four speakers.
A682SR	L.M.FM	<b>S</b> .	-	Garrard Autoslim with Ronette pickup.
MASTERADIO D572	L.M. L.M.FM	M. S.	36 gns. 66 gns.	Gold-straw grille. Pa!dao cabinet.
McMICHAEL MS207	L.M.FM	S.	66 gns.	Two 8 x 5 in. L/S.
MS208	L.M.FM	S.		Paldao cabinet.
INVICTA 8101	L.M.FM	М.	43 gns.	Sliding Tambour door. —continued overleaf
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Model	Wavebands	Stereo/Mono	Price	Notes
PAM 5208	L.M.S.FM	S.	89 gns.	Garrard 3000LM, Sonotone cartridge, diamond stylus.
5207	L.M.FM	S.	63 gns.	Garrard Autoslim, Two 8 in. speakers, and ton- balance.
PHILIPS 431	L.M.	Μ.	42 gns.	Less than 20 in, high.
540	L.M.FM	S.	65 gns.	Normal facilities.
541	L.M.FM	Š.	79 gns.	Transistorised.
536A	L.M.S.FM	Š.	129 gns.	Side and front-facing speakers.
PYE 1207	L.M.S.FM	Š.	105 gns.	Transistorised, Robin Day Styling.
1203	L.M.S.FM	s. s. s.	87 gns.	8 valves, Garrard AT6.
1205	L.M.FM	S.	61 gns.	Small proportions.
REGENTONE SRG25	L.M.S.FM	Š.	89 gns.	Cocktail gram. B S.R. UA16. 9-valve chassis.
RGD 211 De Luxe	L.M.2S.FM	S.	115 gns.	Low-listening boost.
STELLA ST320	_			Narrow styling with drop flap record player.
ST238	_		_	Twin elliptical speakers.
SOBELL SG678	L.M.FM	S.	66 gns.	Cocktail cabinet, B.S.R. deck, 6 valves. Two 8 x 5 in speakers.
SG679	L.M.S.FM	S.	69 gns.	Balfour deck, Drop front and slide top.
ULTRA 6312	L.M.S.FM	S.	77 gns.	Garrard Autoslim deck, 21W output per channe
TELEFUNKEN Bayreuth 2584	L.M.S.FM	S.	239 gns.	TW504 changer. 14 valves. Multiplex. Two 134: 7 in. woofers, 4 medium-treble speakers. AFC o FM.

Of the imported models, super-de-luxe designs caught the attention at prices in the "millionaire bracket" and with many special features. Saba Electronics, the West German firm, returned to the British market with a super-gram priced at 298gns.

Only a little cheaper was the Bosch New York with eight speakers, 15 valves, Garrard Lab. A deck, built-in stereo decoder, a.m./f.m. coverage

and 7W output.

Grundig, mounting their own opulent show at the Hilton Hotel, showed a 365gns. stereogram with inbuilt TV (23in.) and space for a tape recorder deck.

Not to be outdone, Philips featured their TV/ gram, the Combinado, incorporating a fivewaveband stereogram and 23in. TV chassis and using the AG1025 deck with push-button controls and diamond stylus.

In contrast the sister-firm, Cossor, had a fourband stereogram, the CR1508A, only 13in. from front to back with the playing deck mounted on a drop-flap, while Stella showed their "flat-dweller's model" which is only 9in. deep at the top.

We were interested in a new British record deck by Balfour Electronics fitted in the Sobell SG679. Well known in the export field, this auto-changer makes its first appearance on the G.E.C. stand.

In the lower price range an attractive range of new designs under the Falcon brand was shown by John Street, and the STC Group had representative models under the Ace, Regentone and RGD

Alba brought out new show releases, one of them, as stated above, at the very last moment. In addition many of the established models were shown by Bush, Pam, Decca and, as ever, Dynatron. One of the latter had the rare 4T tape deck incorporated, but no news is yet given of this deck being used in a separate tape recorder.

### Services

Of particular interest to Practical Wireless readers-concentration at Earls Court on radio and electronics as a career. On Stand 18 a cinema had been arranged, showing a specially produced film to tell youngsters of the opportunities in

graphic emphasis. Special staff were constantly on hand to explain apprenticeship schemes and training

B.R.E.M.A., looking ahead, are sponsoring the training of engineers with a deeper basic grounding Developments are outstripping in the trade. Developments are outstripping general information and special training is a must for the future.

The larger firms are well aware of this and back the approach wholeheartedly. Making some contribution toward this, Philips were holding a novel competition for youngsters on Stand 61, where their toy kits were used to test lads (and lasses) in speed and dexterity of simple circuit

Service aids were also a feature of the A.E.S. stand, where the very fine tool kits shared a place of honour with two new ideas, the plastic "fakir's bed" to act as a simple jig for small printed circuits and the aspirated soldering iron which sucks solder from a joint as the bit melts it. Constructors with experience of printed circuit techniques will realise the value of this device.

Constructors, too, were welcomed on the Heathkit stand, where much of their latest equipment was shown and a staff was always ready with advice.

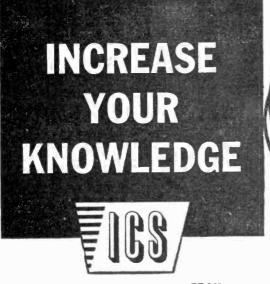
Dealers and their engineers were well served with advice and demonstrations within the closely guarded confines of the dealer-only stands. Indeed there was said by one cynic to be more of interest here than publicly on show! Brimar, Mullard. R.T.S., A.E.S. and others had some intriguing exhibits.

On the Cossor, Stella and Philips stands, for example, we were shown some very attractive tape recorder designs not yet for general release, their showing being restricted by the ban on goods not of British manufacture, a ban which many critics consider has killed the Radio Show.

Dead, they may think it, but this year's showing was evidence that the British radio industry is far

from lying down.

Details of all the new Record Players and Tape Recorders will be published in the December issue.



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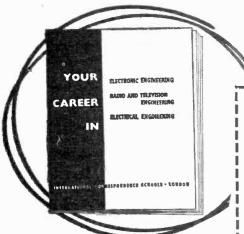
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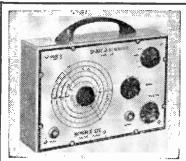
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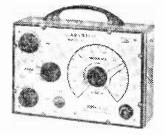
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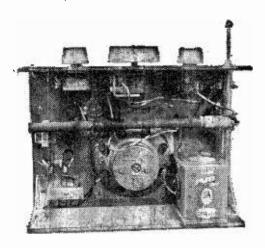
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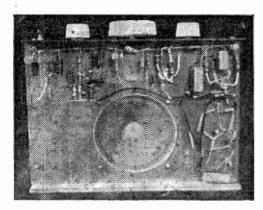
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# A **T.R.F**. Transistor Portable

A SIX - TRANSISTOR MEDIUM AND LONG -WAVEBAND RECEIVER



Above: A view of the front of the finished receiver. A rear view is shown at the top of the page.

With a t.r.f. receiver of the type described here there is only one tuned circuit. This simplicity is the great advantage of the t.r.f. circuit over the superhet, as there are no aerial, oscillator, and intermediate frequency circuits to trim or align. There is also some simplification in wiring, compared with a superhet.

The circuit for this receiver is shown in Fig. 1 and it will be seen that VC1, with the associated ferrite rod windings, forms the only tuned circuit No reflexing is employed, Tr1 being the first r.f. amplifier, Tr2 the second r.f. amplifier, and D1 the diode detector. A conventional audio amplifier follows, with Tr3 as first a.f. stage. Tr4 as driver, and Tr5 and Tr6 in the push-pull output stage. Current drain is approximately 10mA with no signal or at very low volume, rising from 20-40mA on peaks, at good volume. A non-miniature 7.5V battery is used, and has a very long life.

The circuit was primarily intended for local station reception, but a fair selection of stations could be received quite well, including some of the more powerful continental transmitters. A telescopic aerial rod is provided, for use when necessary, but it is suggested this item is omitted until the receiver has been tested. To increase sensitivity, fixed regeneration may easily be added, including Tr1 and Tr2, but this is best omitted until it has been found that the receiver performs well without it.

#### Construction

The receiver is built on an insulated panel approximately 8½ in. x 6in., but the actual size is not very important. The panel has an aperture to suit the loudspeaker, as in Fig. 2. A further panel

## by F. G. Rayer

8½in. x 3in. is secured with angle brackets, and drilled for volume control, tuning capacitor, and wavechange switch, as in Fig. 3. To accompodate components, the 8½in. x 6in. panel is set back about ½in. from the edge of the 8½in. x 3in. panel

A length of 20s.w.g. tinned copper wire is run between tags, as in Fig. 2, to form the positive line, and capacitors and resistors are soldered to this, as indicated in this diagram.

Transistor leads are left nearly full length, and pass through small holes, as in Figs. 2 and 3. If maximum possible volume is required, Tr5 and Tr6 should be held in cooling clips. Good volume can be maintained without these clips, however.

Two mounts for the ferrite rod are cut as in Figs. 3. The aerial connections are numbered in Figs. 1, 2 and 3. Tag 1 on the aerial is the beginning of the m.w. winding. Tag 2 is the junction of the m.w. and l.w. sections, while tag 3 is the end of the l.w. winding. A single base coupling winding is employed, tag 4 going to Tr1 base, and tag to the junction of R1 and R2.

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The driver transformer T1 has primary wired to Tr4 collector and negative line. The secondary centre-tap goes to R17 and R18, and remaining secondary leads to Tr5 and Tr6 base wires. The output transformer T2 has centre-tap wired to negative on C12, and remaining primary leads to collectors of Tr5 and Tr6, as in Fig. 2.

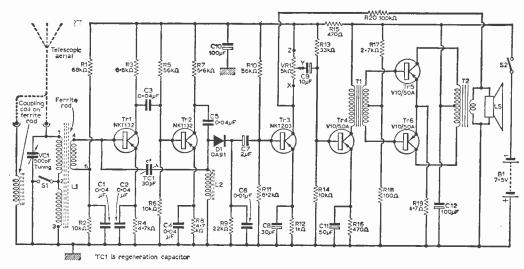


Fig. 1: The dual-wave t.r.f. receiver circuit.

The receiver should first be tested with R20 disconnected. The loudspeaker is then wired to positive line and R20, as in Fig. 3. If there is a

reduction in volume, these connections are correct. But if howling begins, the leads from R20 and positive line to the loudspeaker should be reversed.

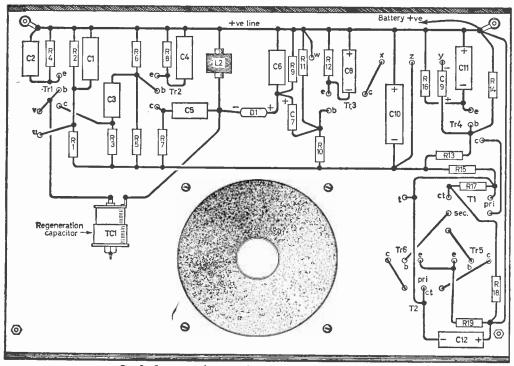


Fig. 2: Component layout and wiring on the front of the panel.

#### COMPONENTS LIST

Resist	ors:		
RI	68kΩ	RH	8-2kΩ
R2	10kΩ	R12	lkΩ
R3	6·8kΩ	R13	$33k\Omega$
R4	4·7kΩ	<b>R14</b>	l0kΩ
R5	56kΩ	R15	470Ω
R6	10kΩ	R16	$470\Omega$
R7	5·6kΩ	R17	2.7kΩ
R8	4·7kΩ	R18	$\Omega$ 001
<b>R</b> 9	$22k\Omega$	R19	4.7Ω
RIO	56kΩ	R20	I00kΩ
All I	0%, ‡W carbon		
VRI	$5k\Omega$ potentiomete	r with	s.p. switch (S2)
I made and			

#### Inductors:

Dual wave ferrite rod with coupling LI winding

L2 R.F. choke 10-20mH

#### Transformers:

- Push-pull driver transformer ΤI
- T2 Push-pull output transformer

Capacitors:
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ĊI	0.04µF paper	C7	2μF electrolytic
C2	0.04μF paper	C8	30μF electrolytic
C3	0.04µF paper	C9	10μF electrolytic
C4	0·04μF paper	C10	100µF electrolytic
C5	0.04µF paper	CH	50μF electrolytic
C6	0·01μF paper	C12	100μF electrolytic
TCI	see text		,

VCI 300pF air spaced variable (any value 250 to 350pF will suit)

#### Transistors:

Trl	NKT132	Tr4	V10/50A	
Tr2	NKTI32	Tr5	V10/50A7	matched
T-3	NIK TOOR		V10:50A	

#### Miscellaneous:

DI OA91. S Is.p.s.t. rotary switch Loudspeaker 34in. dia. 2-3Ω. 7.5V battery. Telescopic aerial. Two lin. knobs. One 2in. knob. Paxolin sheet: 8½in. x 6in.; 8½in. x 3in. Plywood &in. x 2½in. Angle brackets, bolts, etc.

#### Aerial

If the telescopic aerial is required, it is mounted with long 6B.A. bolts fitted with extra nuts, so that it can be extended vertically. The simplest method of connecting the aerial is to take a lead from it to tag 1 on the rod aerial, as in Fig. 1. This was found

to be satisfactory. It does mean, however, that hand capacity effects, due to proximity with the aerial, slightly upset tuning. This may be overcome, if wished, by fitting an aerial coupling winding on the centre of the ferrite rod. This

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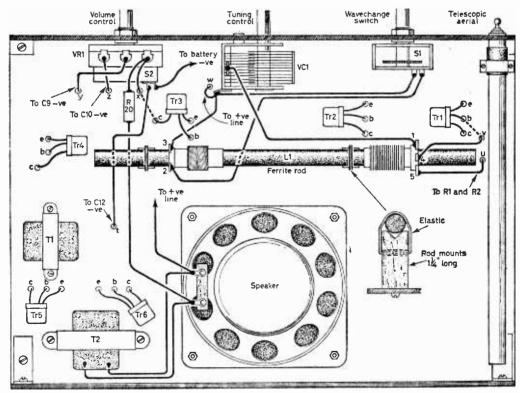


Fig. 3: The rear of the panel on which side most of the larger components and the transistors are mounted.

# on the Short Waves MONTHLY NEWS FOR DX LISTENERS

All times are in G.M.T.

All frequencies are in kc/s.

## The Broadcast Bands-by John Guttridge

OST stations are prepared to give something in return for a good reception report. This normally takes the form of a verification or QSL card, although some stations send a letter instead. Stations not issuing verification cards or letters are not usually interested in receiving reception reports.

#### TYPICAL QSL CARDS

QSL cards normally take the form of a design or perhaps photograph on one side with verification details on the reverse. Several of the short wave clubs issue certificates to members who can produce various sets and combinations of cards.

Often these clubs insist that the cards bear certain details before they will accept them for certificates. For example, the International Short Wave Club says that a card is not a proper verification unless it contains the date, time and frequency involved.

From time to time stations issue special cards to mark special occasions—the opening of a new transmitter or studio perhaps. These are worth obtaining as only a limited number are issued.

Several stations, especially Latin American ones, also send colourful pennants to listeners submitting reception reports. Regular reporters are occasionally even more favoured by stations, gifts of items such as gramophone records being made sometimes.

Here are details of the verifications given by a few stations. Radio Voice of the Gospel in Ethiopia sends a card with a simple design and the station's name and address on one side. On the reverse there is space for time and frequency details only, although the date is normally written in. Also on the reverse of the card there is a mass of technical information about the station.

On the front of the card produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's International Service there is an outline map of Canada which shows transmitter and studio location pictorially. The back of the card is printed in English and French with space for frequency, time and date. A separate card is issued for correct reports on Northern Service transmissions.

Radio Havana, Cuba, uses a colour picture postcard printed on the reverse in English and French. Frequency and date are the only details given. A pennant is also sometimes sent by this station.

One of the most disappointing cards is that

produced by *Radio Pakistan*. This has remained unchanged for several years and carries a simple design but no verification details.

One of the most colourful verifications comes from Radio Clube de Goiania in Brazil which sends several picture postcards, a letter of verification and a pennant.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Just celebrating its first birthday is the Sudbury World Communications Club. The club publishes a monthly called "Contact" and has a subscription of 10s. One service offered to members by this club is the free supply of report cards. Anyone interested in joining should contact the club secretary, Mr. D. J. Wilson, at 23 Newman's Road, Sudbury, Suffolk.

#### RADIO CANADA CLUB

A different kind of short wave club is that run by Radio Canada. To qualify for membership you must send five separate reports of any Radio Canada short wave transmission to the Radio Canada Short Wave Club, C.B.C. International Service, P.O. Box 6000, Montreal, Canada. These must be numbered from one to five consecutively at the top.

To remain a member you must send in at least one reception report every two weeks. Members receive a membership certificate, pennant, stickpin and Radio Canada short wave programme schedule.

#### DX NEWS

**D. Greer,** of Billingham, County Durham, reports good reception of *Cairo Radio* in English between 2132—2227 on 9,495/11.915. He says the station verifies reception reports with a QSL card and a programme schedule. The station's address is U.A.R. Broadcasting and TV, Maspero, Cairo, Egypt.

Still in the Middle East, news comes from Kol Israel, Jerusalem, Israel, that its English transmission now includes a Hebrew language lesson. It is aired on Sundays at 2015 on 9,009.

Transmitting to the Middle East between 1100 and 1400 G.M.T. is the Osterreichischer Rundfunk, Wien IV, Argentineierstrasse 30a, Austria. This transmission is on 17,750. Other frequencies which can be heard in Europe are 6,155 12,245/9,770/11,785.

According to Radio New York Worldwide the

Trans-World Radio station at Bonaire in the Netherlands Antilles is now testing on short wave. Frequencies reported are 9,715/11,855/15,435.

In common with a number of other short wave stations Radio New York Worldwide itself made

several frequency changes on September 6. Transmissions to Europe is from 1200-1815 on 17,760/ 15,440, 1815—1830 on 15,440 and 1830—2145 on 11,875. The beam to Africa is from 1200-1930 on 17.760 and 1940-2145 on 15.290.

## The Amateur Bands-by David Gibson G3JDG

T is indeed strange that DX can be heard and worked on 14Mc/s, and that there is a great deal of activity on 144Mc/s, yet 28Mc/s in the middle appears to be far more "allergic" to the sun's activity than the bands on either side of it.

However SWLs and amateurs are urged to check 10 metres as it is already beginning to stir, and reports of EDX and DX are getting more frequent every week; even W's have been heard! One Sunday morning brought DL7QB5 & 6, YO5NR 558 and SP8AOV 589. (Numbers signify the R.S.T. reports).

For the vigilant ones a good DX'er to listen for is 5N2JKO. Heard but not worked—VQ2AP, HZ2AMS, 5B4CZ. 5N2JKO. Also of interest is the beacon station GB3LER and 29.00Mc/s. situated at Lerwick in the Shetland Isles. A date for your diary is Dec 5th to 6th which is the R.S.G.B. 21/28Mc/s phone contest.

#### "TWENTY"

The 14Mc/s band at the moment is fading out from about 0100 on, although some good DX comes in during the day and evening. Notably loud signals (5+7 to 5+9) were OA4KY, KZ5KY, YSIO, Ti2iO, Hi8WSR, KG4AM, CN8GB, HK4EB, VP7NS, HPIMN, VE1FY and YV5AIP. KG4AM, incidentally, is the American base at Chaptanamo in Cuba. All the above on inhone Guantanamo in Cuba. All the above on 'phone SSB or AM.

Should you hear the calls K3UIG/K7UGA, it will mean you're listening to Senator Barry Goldwater-yes he is active on the band, very much so!

#### ON 7Mc/s

The other band explored this month was 7Mc/s and as usual lived up to its reputation of being both lively and noisy. Using the P.W. 7Mc/s transceiver (P.W. June, '64) the following stations were worked on a 60ft. end fed wire:—YUIAV, LZZKSK, UA3CD, YUIAR, YO2ADG, UB5VNU, YUIAST and OH5VF/Ø. Maximum input—5W and the receiver an O-V-1. The latter station,  $OH5VF/\emptyset$ , is situated on Aaland Island, (Look it up in an Atlas!)

Expeditions are often organised to various islands and are well worth searching for. At the moment Christmas Island is in the capable hands of VK9DR, and Lord Howe island is another favourite spot.

#### RALLIES GALORE

Dates to listen on for your "sked" diary-Sept. 13th there will be three mobile rallies. Listen on 160 metres and 2 metres for the talk-in stations. R.S.G.B. Mobile Rally, Woburn Abbey, Beds. Reading A.R.C. Rally, near Pangbourne, Berks. International Mobile Rally, Holland.

The 1964 VK/ZL Oceana contest, Oct. 3-4th 'phone section, Oct. 10th—11th c.w. section. If you haven't heard or worked Australia or New Zealand

try these dates in October.

Just a reminder too that R.A.E. evening classes will be starting shortly and now is the time to check up and enroll.—See Club News page, last month.

#### THE G3 IDG GEAR

Finally, in order that readers can assess results, the following is the equipment used for this column. TX—120W a.m./c.w. RX—single conversion s'het r.f., f., i.f., det/b.f.t., o./p. Antennas-160/80/40/20/10-60ft. end fed wire, maximum 12ft. high; 20 metres Dipole; 10 metres cubical quad 12ft. high.

Anything of interest on the amateur bands will be welcome plus gen on the gear, transmitting or

receiving.

## Twin Triode Two

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The rectifier MR1 is a modern contact cooled type, the E250/C50 rated at 250V 50mA.

#### Layout and Wiring

Layout is again not critical but to minimise hum the following points should be noted. Heater leads should be put in first, twisted and kept close to the chassis. The leads before the grid of the first 12AX7 should be screened and the screened braiding earthed at one end only. Hum in the prototype was almost inaudible with normal volume settings.

The layout is given in Fig. 2 but can be altered fairly freely to fit other chassis.

#### **Power Requirements**

The power supplies are quite conventional and little needs to be said about it. Initial smoothing is done by C10 R11 and thereafter the h.t. is split and smoothed further by L1, C8 and C9. Both valves have centre tapped heaters and for 6.3V operation have pins 4 and 5 strapped together for one lead and pin 9 taken to the other lead.

The performance is hard to assess without instruments but with such vigorous music as the 1812 Overture the system is an improvement on a commercial record player in the £16 class. Volume is ample to overload an eight inch speaker rated at

four watts.



With home-built receivers and signal generators the lack of accurate dial markings is often a nuisance and limitation. The unit described here enables receivers or signal generators to be calibrated at 100kc/s points from 100kc/s (3000 metres) to 30Mc/s (10 metres). The original frequency from which calibration is made is taken from the long wave Light Programme transmitter on 200kc/s (1,500 metres) and a high degree of accuracy can be achieved.

The 1Mc/s signal gives calibration marks at 1Mc/s, 2Mc/s, 3Mc/s, 4Mc/s and so on up to 30Mc/s and is particularly useful for short wave equipment. The 100kc/s or 0·1Mc/s signal provides calibration marks at 100kc/s, 200kc/s, 300kc/s, 400kc/s, etc., which allow medium wave equipment to be calibrated and also fill up at 0·1Mc/s intervals between the 1Mc/s marks over

the short wave bands.

Equipment of this kind often employs 100kc/s and 1Mc/s crystals. These have high stability but are expensive. In the unit shown here tuned coils are employed instead of crystals. Provided the unit is always set to harmonic resonance with the 200kc/s Light Programme, before use, a high degree of accuracy is obtained—better, in fact, than that expected from ordinary ready-made receivers or signal generators. The method of use is described later.

#### CIRCUIT: POWER SUPPLIES

The circuit is shown in Fig. 1 and uses a 6C4 triode. This needs 6:3V 0:15A for heater and about 10mA at 200V to 300V for h.t. As the unit is employed with a receiver it is intended that these supplies be drawn from the receiver power pack.

The three power supply leads are fitted with small clips. The h.t. negative and 6.3V return is clipped to the receiver chassis. To obtain 6.3V the 6.3V clip is attached to a heater circuit tag. The h.t. positive lead is taken to any convenient h.t. positive point, such as the smoothing choke.

The receiver must have 6.3V valves so that 6.3V may be drawn. It should also be of the usual a.c.

type with all power supplies obtained from a mains transformer. The unit must not be attached to an a.c./d.c. receiver or to a set deriving h.t. directly from the mains.

A two-way switch is fitted so that 100kc/s or 1Mc/s signals may be obtained at will. The 150pF and 100pF variable capacitor trimmers have to be set initially by referring to the 200kc/s Light Programme but are then left untouched.

#### COILS

The dual-frequency coil is shown in Fig. 2 and is wound on a 3in. piece of  $\frac{3}{6}$  in. diameter ferrite rod, using 34s.w.g. silk-covered wire throughout.

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The 1Mc/s coil has 80 turns, tapping B being 20 turns from end C. A layer of glued paper is wound

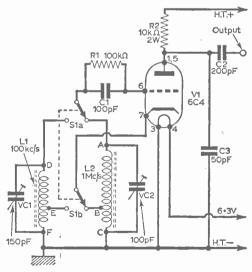
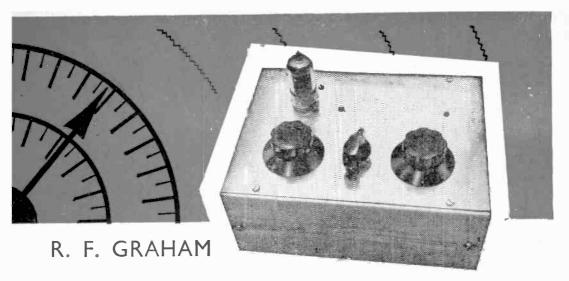


Fig. 1: The simple, single-valve circuit.



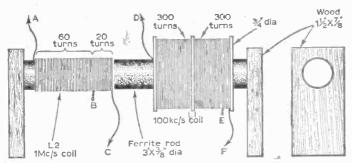
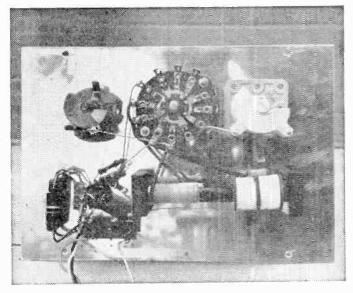


Fig. 2: Coil winding details for L1 and L2.



A rear view of the finished instrument.

round the rod first. The turns are wound closely side by side. The ends are secured with adhesive tape, and touches of cement.

For the 100kc/s coil, three  $r_{\rm b}$ in. thick paxolin washers  $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter are cut. They are a tight fit on the rod, and arcemented in place with winding spaces  $\frac{1}{6}$ in. wide between them, the wire passes through a small hole near the rod, end D. The first space is filled by winding 300 turns. The wire is then taken over into the second space, and 250 turns are wound, and loop E is made. A further 50 turns are then wound on, and the coil terminated at F. The windings should be fairly tight, and reasonably even, and each is covered with  $\frac{1}{2}$ dhesive tape.

Two small pieces of wood have in holes, to take the ends of the rod. Screws passed through the aluminium panel hold the wooden pieces in position.

#### CONSTRUCTION

The unit is built and wired on a 5in. x 7in. aluminium panel, all parts and connections being shown in Fig. 3. The panel is afterwards screwed to a 5in. x 7in. aluminium box (see component list) so that the whole is completely rigid.

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A 4-sided chassis, 5in. x 7in. and 3in. deep, could be used, but wiring will be less easy. The actual layout is not important, and a rigid box, case or cabinet to hand may be used.

A tag strip anchors h.t. positive

#### COMPONENTS LIST

#### Resistors:

RI	100kΩ ‡W	R3	IkΩ-2·2kΩ
R2	l0kΩ 2Ŵ		

#### Capacitors:

CI 100pF mica or ceramic
C2 200pF mica or ceramic
C3 50pF mica or ceramic
C4 2-16µF electrolytic
C5 2-16µF electrolytic
VCI 150pF s.w. variable
VC2 100pF s.w. variable

#### Miscellaneous:

VI 6C4 valve MRI 250V rectifier

TI Mains transformer. Secondaries: 250V and

6·3V

SI 2-pole, 2-way rotary switch

Universal chassis box, 7in. x 5in. x 3in. plus 7in. x 5in. panel (Home Radio, Mitcham). Two-way Insulated tag strip. 3in. x 1in. ferrite rod. 2oz. 34s.w.g. silk-covered wire. One B7G valveholder. Three knobs, wire, etc.

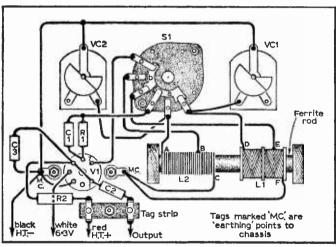


Fig. 3: The complete wiring diagram of the unit.

and output leads. Black flex is suitable for chassis (h.t. negative), with red for h.t. positive, and white or some other colour for heater. These three leads are twisted together and fitted with clips.

The coil and capacitor values are such that the capacitors are about  $\frac{2}{3}$  closed. If smaller variable capacitors are to hand, they may be used if preset or fixed capacitors are wired in parallel with them, to make up the required total. A 200pF or 250pF capacitor may be used for the 100kc/s circuit, instead of 150pF, if to hand. But a value larger than about 150pF is not recommended for

the 1Mc/s circuit, or adjustment is too critical.

Points marked MC go to the chassis. Leads are short and direct. If the switch has more than two

poles, unwanted tags can be ignored.

If wished, an initial test can be made to see that the circuit oscillates on both bands. To do this, a meter is included in the h.t. positive lead. The current will be around 7mA to 12mA or so, depending on h.t. voltage, and it should rise by several milliamperes if the variable capacitor to which the circuit is switched is momentarily shorted. If this rise is not found, wiring should be checked.

The panel should be screwed to the chassis box, with power and output leads passing through a grommet. A 5in. x 7in. plate is screwed on the chassis bottom, using self-tapping screws.

#### HARMONIC GENERATION

When the unit is switched to 100kc/s and tuned to 100kc/s it gives an output on 10kc/s. 200kc/s, 300kc/s and each multiple of 100kc/s. These harmonics grow progressively weaker, until they can no longer be detected. With a sensitive receiver, they can be heard to 30mc/s. The second harmonic of 100kc/s falls on 200kc/s, which is the Light Programme transmitter frequency. To adjust the unit to 100kc/s, the long wave light programme is tuned in on a receiver, and the unit output lead

is placed near the receiver, or is wound round the receiver aerial lead. The 150pF capacitor is then rotated until a whistle is heard in the receiver. This falls in pitch as the tuning approaches 100kc/s and ceases when tuning is exactly at 100kc/s. If tuning proceeds, the whistle re-appears rising in pitch. The capacitor is thus set at the 100kc/s point, where the heterodyne whistle vanishes. This is most easily done accurately when the programme is momentarily silent.

The 100kc/s signal can now be picked up by the receiver at 100kc/s points. That is, 300kc/s (1000m.), 400kc/s. 500kc/s (600m.), 600kc/s (500m.), and so on. The 10th harmonic, which is 1000kc/s (300m.) or 1Mc/s is tuned in carefully on the receiver. The unit is then switched to 1Mc/s and the 100pF capacitor is rotated until the unit signal is accurately tuned to the receiver.

Harmonics of the 1Mc/s signal can then be tuned in on the receiver, and will be strongly heard throughout the short wave bands.

If the receiver permits, the unit can be tuned by picking up the MSF frequency transmissions on 2.5Mc/s and 5Mc/s, or these may be used as a check after initial adjustment as described.

The 100kc/s marks will not be wanted throughout the short wave ranges, but are useful for calibrating a particular band, such as an Amaleur band. For example, the 3.5Mc/s Amateur band extends from 3.5Mc/s to 3.8Mc/s and the 100kc/s

setting of the unit will give marks at 3.5Mc/s, 3.6Mc/s. 3.7Mc/s and 3.8Mc/s. With the 7Mc/s band, the 1Mc/s signal will give a mark for 7Mc/s. and the 100kc/s will give 7·1Mc/s. In the same way, 14Mc/s and other bands may be accurately found and marked on the receiver.

For best accuracy, the receiver and unit are switched on for twenty minutes or so before calibration, and the unit is always re-adjusted to zero beat with the long wave Light Programme, or MSF, before using it to calibrate a receiver or generator. The accuracy is then easily higher than

\_ H.T.+ WWW. R3 1kΩ – 2•2kΩ Rectifier 250V 2µF-16µF 2µF-16µF A.C. mains 6.3V

Fig. 4: The circuit of a suitable power supply.

An edge-on view showing the construction of the unit.

the accuracy with which the average receiver or generator tuning scale can be read.

#### RECEIVER ADJUSTMENT

T.R.F. receivers may be readily calibrated, because if the reaction control is just sufficiently advanced, the harmonics can be tuned in as whistles.

Superhet receivers having tuning meters or beat frequency oscillators are also easily calibrated, because the signals can be observed on the meter, and heard with the b.f.o. on.

With the popular domestic type superhet, a tuning meter can be improvised by connecting a meter between the intermediate transformer and h.t. line, with a 0.01 µF Capacitor from i.f.t. to chassis. A meter range of 10mA or so is normally suitable, and the receiver must have the usual a.v.c. circuit. Or oscillation may be induced by twisting an insulated wire round the intermediate frequency amplifier grid and anode circuits, adjusting this until oscillation is heard. (This is a crude form of b.f.o.)

Some adjustment of coupling between the unit and receiver may also be necessary. With low multiplies, the signal is strong, and the output lead may be placed near the receiver. But with high multiples, it may be necessary to take the lead to the aerial socket, removing the usual aerial. This should be checked before beginning calibration.

#### GENERATOR CALIBRATION

To calibrate a signal generator, the generator and unit are both coupled to the aerial circuit of the receiver. The receiver is only used to listen for heterodynes between the generator signal, and marker harmonic, so exact calibration of the receiver is not necessary.

The generator and receiver are tuned to 1Mc/s points and the generator is adjusted to zero beat with the unit harmonic. The 1Mc/s points may thus be marked on the generator scale. The 0.1Mc/s (100kc/s) divisions are then filled up with the aid of the 100kc/s signal.

#### FREQUENCY WAVELENGTH

If it is wished to obtain wavelength markings, this can be done by noting that wavelength in metres ==

300,000

kc/s For example, 1200kc/s is 250m, and 1500kc/s is

200m. A megacycle is 1000kc/s. So 10Mc/s is 30m, 12Mc/s is 25m, 15Mc/s is 20m, and so on. In

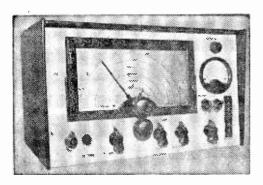
general, kc/s and Mc/s markings are preferred on equipment.

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THE receiver is constructed on a sheet of polished paxolin size  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times \frac{1}{16}$  in. to which metal front and rear runners are bolted. Use of a thicker board is not advised or the various i.f.

transformer fixing lugs will be inaccessible. A metal sheet must not be used.

The largest component mounted on the board is the 3-gang tuning capacitor and this is positioned so

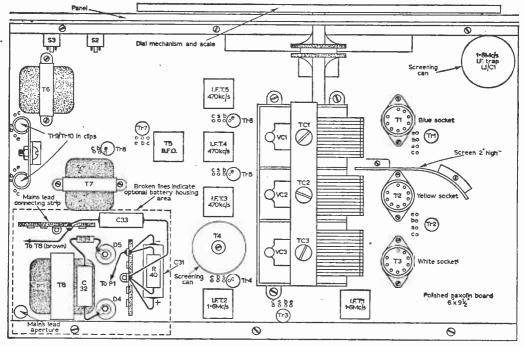


Fig. 3: Top panel layout; note orientation of transistors.

that the dial mechanism is suitably spaced from the front panel which is fitted fairly well on, in the construction. This front panel is also allowed to extend in deeper than the front runner and thereby brings the various controls to a more convenient operating height whilst also improving the appearance due to the sloping front effect obtained.

A diagram giving the top layout of the receiver is shown in Fig. 3 and it is doubtful if this can be much improved upon. The 1.6Mc/s wavetrap and

first converter lie along one side of the 3-gang unit, coils being placed as close as possible without the moving fouled. being curved aluminium screen is erected between the aerial and interstage coils to prevent unwanted coupling. The signals proceed around the rear of the ganged unit (the 1.6Mc/s amplifier) to the second converter and main 470kc/s i.f. strip which lies along the other side of the 3-gang, the metal casing of which asssits in screening.

Panel connections are required for the b.f.o. and audio stages so these are placed conveniently at one corner. This leaves a 3 x 3½in. area free at the rear corner and here it is convenient to accommodate the powering section, battery or mains unit.

Above deck the neat appearance is due to the fact that practically all the wiring is accommodated below.

## Mounting the Main Components

The first constructional step is to prepare the board which requires some cutting to accommodate the 3-gang capacitor and dial mechanism. A diagram giving basic essentials is shown in Fig. 4 which should be used only as a guide, checking as the work proceeds by tentatively placing the items

in position. The narrow slot shown running across the board allows the moving vanes to disengage fully and is best left uncut until the other work has been done. Once the ganged unit is bolted home rigidity is regained.

Six sub-miniature i.f. transformers have to be mounted and eight holes have to be drilled for each, seven of which may be made with a 18 in. drill, the central one—used to apply a trimming

tool to the core—requires to be larger. This hole also requires small "keys" which may be clearly seen on the underside (see inset diagram, Fig. 2b).

A "sure fire" way of obtaining exact drilling points for these items is to press a piece of thin card against the pin and lug ends. The resultant "impression" is then pricked with a needle and the piece of card used as a template. I.F. transformer orientation may be seen at Fig. 5 whilst the mounting line may be seen at Fig. 4.

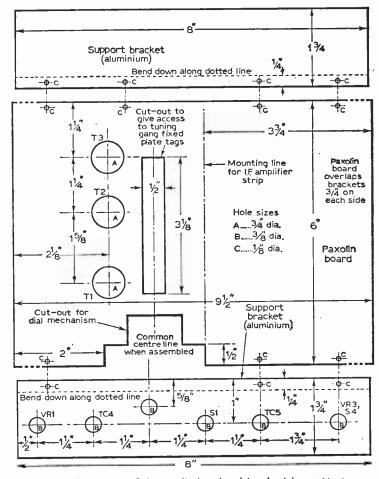


Fig. 4: Dimensions of the paxolin board and its aluminium supports.

When these transformers are correctly located the locking lugs are bent over on the underside and a round blob of solder applied to each lug whilst maintaining pressure from above. Great care is necessary to ensure that solder does not run down the core stems and a small piece of p.v.c. sleeving inserted in each will prove beneficial.

The noval valveholders used for the plug-in

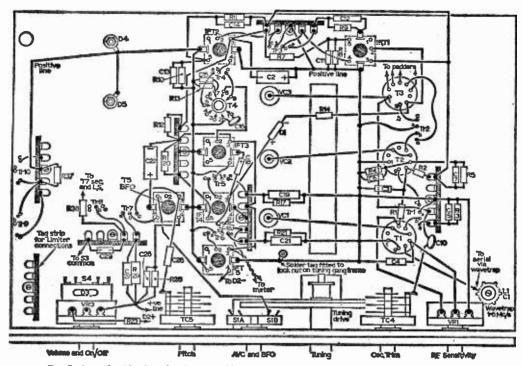


Fig. 5: An underside view showing most of the wiring. Note positive bar and orientation of i.f.t.'s.

coils must be of tow-loss construction and may rene nut provided. Pass a 6B.A. bolt through one be mounted as shown.

#### Locating the I-6Mc/s Wavetrap and T4

These coils must be screened but the methods used differ. To mount the coil L1 drill a 0B.A. hole to accept the threaded section of coil stem.

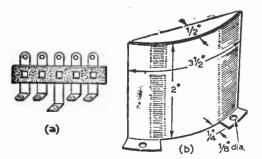


Fig. 6(a): The type of tag strip used in the construction of the "Ten-Five"; (b): details of the coil screen.

Next take the coil container lid and drill a similar hole centrally plus three further in holes, spaced at 120°, fairly close to the rim. Also drill holes in the paxolin board to agree, then mount the coil from above through the lid and secure both thumb tight on the underside, using the polysty-

rene nut provided. Pass a 6B.A. bolt through one of the in. holes and fit a solder tag and nut on the underside—this tag "earths" the can when screwed into the lid later. The two remaining holes are required for coil leads.

To fit T4 press its pins against a piece of card to obtain a template, then, using this, drill nine Tsin, or smaller holes to accept the pins, orientating the coil as shown in Fig. 5. Place the coil in position, then splay out the pins on the underside to lock it firm. Next take the freed coil container and saw it off carefully just above the threaded portion so that it is 1\frac{1}{2} in. long. Drill a OB.A. hole centrally in the bottom to accept the threaded coil stem and place in position. Before locating the polystyrene nut add a metal washer and a twist of wire for soldering to. Apply the lock nut and tighten. Solder a lead through to the positive bar as convenient to "earth" the can.

#### Wiring Notes

Full point-to-point wiring plans are not given, for it is thought that readers capable of constructing a receiver of this complexity will not be handicapped; it is doubtful, too, if all the wiring could be accommodated on a single plan. All wiring needs to be both short and direct, particularly in the tuned converter section. It is important, too, to use modern, physically small resistors and capacitors, etc., to ensure efficiency and ease of construction. The locations of most of the components may be seen in Figs. 3 and 5.

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#### The Front Panel

Essential details regarding the panel may be seen in Fig. 7. It is secured to the "chassis" by means of additional \{\frac{1}{2}\text{in.}\text{nuts plazed over the various control shafts.}\) The top may be held by locking it to the dial (holes are provided) and with brackets if required. Items fitted direct on the

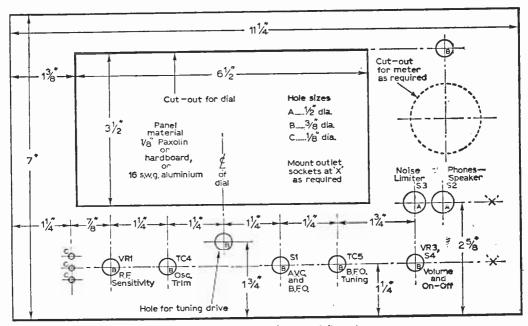


Fig. 7: Front panel control layout and dimensions.

A photograph showing the layout of the prototype receiver is shown on page 661.

#### Fitting the Transistors

The ten transistors are best mounted by letting their shells stand upright above the top of the board, 1/6 in. holes being drilled close together through which each sleeved lead-out wire is passed. This gives a firm anchorage. Four such holes are needed for transistors 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 and three for the others. The locations and correct orientation may be seen by referring to the diagrams. A pair of tweezers the type used by printers' compositors is ideal) will be found extremely useful in this connection. Transistors 9 and 10 must be fitted with copper clips and the white spots designating the collectors should be carefully checked before sliding the clips fully home.

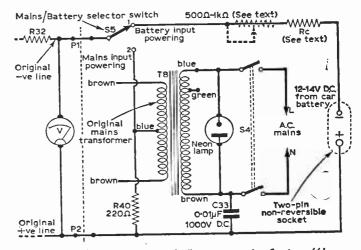


Fig. 8: Modifications for mains/battery operation. See page 661.

panel are: the aerial socket, S2, S3. VR2. the signal/tuning meter and the two outlet sockets. Later the finished unit may be placed in a small cabinet which may be either of metal or of wood, etc.. lined with aluminium foil. This cabinet will require a lift-up top so that coil changing can be effected.

#### Testing the Receiver

After making certain all connections are correct, particularly in the power supply section, whether this be battery or mains, a milliammeter set to read 0-50mA should be inserted in series with the negative supply. Phones and speaker should be connected and VR2 set to "min". The "on/ off" switch is then closed, whereupon a reading should be obtained approximating to 12mA if the function switch is set to "LS". Should the reading be much higher, say 30mA, switch off immediately and investigate. If all is well rotate \$1A to bring in the b.f.o. and adjust VR2 for a full-scale tuning meter deflection, after which the a.v.c. may be switched in, i.e. b.f.o. "out". A few spot voltage checks may next be made, referring to Figs. 2a, b and c as necessary, allowing for slight discrepancies caused by resistor tolerances, transistor variations, etc. At this stage connection of an aerial is unlikely to produce any signals since alignment will be well out. If "howling" results reverse the connections to T7 secondary.

#### Circuit Alignment

The constructor who has got this far will be able to align the receiver. Some results might be obtained without a signal generator but these are likely to be very poor ones; even a generator only covering up to about 2Mc/s is better than none at all.

#### 1.F. Stages

Iditially the first converter is made inoperative, say, by short-circuiting a winding of T3, then with the noise limiter "out" and a.y.c. "in" a low value 470kc/s modulated signal is applied via a modulate crift the volume control is well advanced. Only the smallest perceptible reading on the signal/tuning meter is required and it might also be necessary to short-circuit pins 1 and 2, T4. An alternative form of indicating device consists of a meter inserted in the line from —9V and the output transformer centre

tap and adjusted to read 0—50mA or as appro-

The cores of i.f.t.5, 4, 3 are then carefully adjusted for maximum deflection on the indicator used, using a suitable non - ferrous trimming tool. As the circuits come into line, generator output is attenuated so as

not to cause the a.v.c. system undue disturbance and the cores retrimmed for maximum reading.

With the generator set to 1.6Mc/s the short-circuit to T4 is removed and its core adjusted to resolve the signal: should two settings be possible choose the one giving largest output. Lock T4 coil stem firmly with a 6B.A. bolt and transfer generator to pin 7, T2. Peak i.f.t.2 and i.f.t.1, using the cores.

#### R.F. Alignment

This is carried out on the basis of core adjustment first at the low frequency end of the band, followed by trimmer adjustment at the high frequency end. In this case commence with the highest range to be used, i.e. range 5 (Table 1) and with TC4 set so that with its pointer upright the vanes are about 25% enmeshed.

1. Connect the generator via a standard dunmy aerial (or 400\Omega resistor) to the aerial socket and inject a 10.5Mc/s signal with the vanes of the tuning gang fully enmeshed and the converter stage operative.

2. Adjust the core of the oscillator coil (T3) to resolve the signal (see note re "second channel"

3. Set generator to 31.5Mc/s and fully disengage vanes of the tuning gang (VC1/2/3). Set oscillator trimmer for maximum output. Repeat these operations.

4. Set generator to low frequency tracking point (Table II). Tune it in, using VC1/2/3 gang, then adjust the yellow and blue cores for maximum output (see note on "pulling" later).

5. Adjust generator to the high frequency tracking point and tune it in, using VC1/2/3 gang capacitor. Adjust interstage and aerial trimmers for maximum output.

#### Second Channel

Two responses can usually be found on short-wave ranges and the one requiring minimum core or trimmer in circuit is the correct one. To check move generator pointer on completion above and below its setting (3Mc/s), when a second response will be noted. This should be higher in frequency than the one used for the initial adjustment.

#### Pulling

Detuning of the oscillator can occur when aligning the signal circuits (pulling) but may be overcome by slightly rocking the tuning gang capacitor when making adjustments.

TABLE II Tracking Points

Range	L.F. Band end	L.F. Tracking point	H.F. Band end	H.F. Tracking point
1	175 kc/s	192 kc/s	525 kc/s	472 kc/s
2	515 kc/s	566 kc/s	1545 kc/s	1390 kc/s
3	1 67 Mc/s	1·83 Mc/s	5·3 Mc/s	4·5 Mc/s
4	5·0 Mc/s	5·5 Mc/s	15·0 Mc/s	13·5 Mc/s
5	10·5 Mc/s	11·5 Mc/s	31·5 Mc/s	28·5 Mc/s

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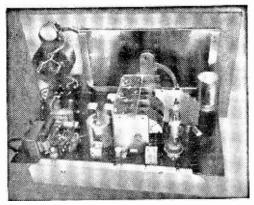
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To adjust the b.f.o. rotate S1 to "b.f.o. in" and with an unmodulated signal set the core of i.f.t.5 to obtain the required beat note in conjunction

with TC5.

With the receiver completed it only remains necessary to house it suitably along the lines mentioned earlier and to mark up the scale as required, for which purpose a crystal marker is undoubtedly most useful. The "20" and "40" metre bands should appear at a little more than mid-scale with "80" at about "1" on the appropriate ranges and as indicated by the bandset pointer. Reception on the highest frequency bands will greatly depend on conditions, on the kind of aerial used and so on, whilst appreciating that receiver sensitivity falls off in this region. A lot of DX listening is done on "20", however, and here excellent results are assured.



A rear view of the finished receiver.

#### Further notes and portable operation

Functionally it is not easy to improve the "A.C. Ten-Five" to any great extent—at least, not with components generally available to constructors—and the only modifications so far, found worth while have merely added to the versatility of the receiver. One useful addition—when the mainspowered system is adopted—is to fit a coloured warning lens and lamp to the front panel.

This has been done to the prototype and a Bulgin D841/250V neon signal lamp will easily fit into the corner occupied by the "S" meter. The leads from the signal lamp should be soldered across the primary winding of the mains transformer and it should here be noted that low voltage dial lamps should on no account be used in conjunction with the secondary winding of T8.

One of the most appealing features of the receiver however it its low current and voltage requirements and it is thought not unlikely that some users would like to utilise it in their cars by

powering it from the battery thereof.

Going "portable" can be great fun and with the aid of a car it is, of course, quite easy to find a pleasant and favourable reception area far from surrounding buildings and high above sea level. An effective aerial can easily be transported (a 2 dipole for 14Mc/s is only 34ft. long) and may be very simply erected whereupon searching for Dx

can be a pleasant and healthy pastime!

To enable the "A.C. Ten-Five" to run from a 12V car battery it is necessary to add, basically, a function selector switch, a resistor and a simple non-reversible 2-pin socket. These items may be fitted to the rear chassis flange—on the side occupied by the mains transformer—with the switch positions legended on to the back of the cabinet. At the home station the switch will be set to "Mains" but when moved to a distant field location it will be moved to "Battery". It will also then function as an On/Off Switch. A pair of small hooks screwed into the cabinet back outside and at each end will be found useful around which to wind the flexible power supply lead when not in use.

The modification to the original receiver wiring merely entails breaking the negative feed supply line from the mains transformer and reconnecting it via the added switch. The scheme is illustrated in Fig. 8 where S5 is the "Mains/Battery" switch. The location of the added neon warning lamp is

also indicated.

The additional resistor is Rc and the inclusion is a necessary one since a potential of 14V might be available from a healthy battery-as would probably be the case at the time of year when outdoor working is most likely. The value of Rc depends largely on whether headphones are likely to be in use or a speaker and the value chosen might be  $800\Omega$  for the former mode and  $80\Omega$  for the latter. Ideally Rc should be made a fixed value item of say  $100\Omega$  or thereabouts and wired in series with a  $500\Omega$ — $1k\Omega$  variable resistor so that adjustments may be made. It would then be beneficial to fit a monitoring voltmeter or, alternatively, to include test point terminals to which an external meter may be connected. These changes are indicated by the broken lines in Fig. 8. In any case the voltage across points P1 and P2 should be monitored, 10V being the maximum permissible d.c. voltage.

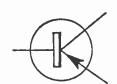
It is advisable when making voltage checks to disconnect the aerial from the receiver and to set the volume control to minimum. In passing it may be noted that should the function selector switch be accidentally left at "Batterv" on returning to the home station no harm will be done even if the mains supply is connected. The receiver will not function of course but R40 talready fitted) will adequately load the mains transformer secondary.

A non-reversible 2-pin plug and socket arrangement will also be needed at the car end of the battery feed lines and care must be taken to ensure polarities are correct. Modern cars employ a positive "earth" and sometimes the courtesy lamp provides a convenient take-off point. Mobile listening is not envisaged here since this would raise the problem of suppression. The receiver should not be used close to a station transmitter,

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PART 2—JUNCTION TRANSISTORS AND TRANSISTOR PARAMETERS

# Understanding **SEMICONDUCTORS**



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THE junction transistor makes use of p.n. junctions in a manner which relies on the physical dimensions of the crystaline materials

The rectifier circuit, in the last article, functions because of one basic fact which is shown diagramatically in Fig. 11a.

When the p type material is made positive with respect to the n type, current flows through the junction. It can be said that electrons pass from the n type to p type material or holes pass from p type

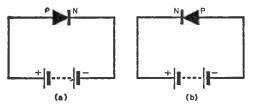


Fig. 11(a): Here, current flows, but at (b) only leakage current flows.

If the bias were to be reversed as in Fig. 11b, ideally no current flows. Apparently when a reverse bias is applied to a diode junction an extremely small amount of current does flow. This is in the order of "micro amperes" or millionths of an amp. The amount of "leakage current" flowing depends on the materials from which the junction diode is made. The most common materials in use are germanium and silicon; a germanium junction produces more leakage current than the silicon.

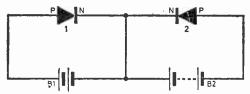


Fig. 12: Joining the two circuits of Fig. 11 produces the same current flow through each transistor, i.e. flows through diode I and only leakage current through diode 2.

The two circuits, a and b, in Fig. 11 joined as in Fig. 12 would produce the same current flow through each diode as before.

Joining the two pieces of n type material together gives exactly the same effect as the circuit

in Fig. 12.

We have now a three terminal device consisting of a piece of p type material on each side of a piece of n type, which in operation, gives the effect of two semiconductor diodes "back to back"

By making the n type material extremely thin the p type materials will have an increased electro-

static effect upon each other.

Because of the decreased thickness of the n type, the hole flow in the equivalent circuit of Fig. 12 is shown in Fig. 13.

In Fig. 12 holes passing from the p type material to the n type were conducted back to the source of supply, B1.

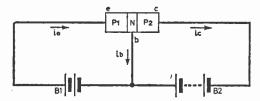


Fig. 13: When the n-type material is made extremely thin, current flows through both junctions.

In Fig. 13 holes passing from the p type to n type are split up. The negative potential of the second piece of p type material provides an attraction greater than that of B1; although a potential barrier exists at the second junction the holes are attracted through and conducted to B2. A small number of holes are attracted by B1.

The names of the semiconductor component parts of the transistor are of great importance.

With reference to Fig. 13.

P<sub>1</sub> is known as the emitter, denoted by e; P<sub>2</sub> is known as the collector, denoted by c;

N is known as the base, denoted by b.

The sum of the currents in the base and collector is equal to the current flowing in the emitter.

Fig. 13 shows the common base connection of a transistor.

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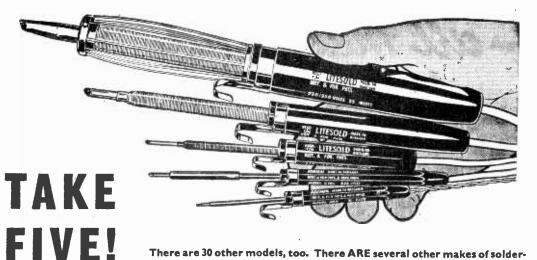
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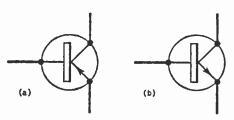
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circuit diagrams, Standard symbols for transistors have been devised, two of which are shown in Fig. 14.



Symbol for (a) a pnp transistor (b) an npn transistor

Fig. 14: Circuit symbols for (a) a p-n-p transistor and (b) an n-p-n transistor.

An increase in the base-emitter voltage would give a larger resistance to the effect of the collectoremitter voltage to the hole conduction through the base-collector junction.

A decrease in the base-emitter voltage would give less resistance to hole conduction, hence the collector current would increase.

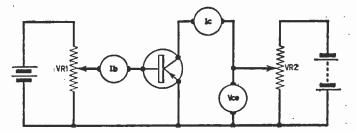
If the base were made too positive with respect to the emitter, so that the collector potential would not have any effect whatsoever on holes present in the emitter, no collector current would flow. Under this condition the transistor is said to be "cut-off".

Reversing the base-emitter bias would have the effect of "saturating" the transistor, i.e., maximum collector current will flow for the collector-emitter voltage applied.

Under normal use then, the base must be kept slightly positive with respect to the emitter.

There are several parameters in a transistor circuit that are of great importance. They include: base current 1b

Fig. 16: A circuit for obtaining static output characteristics.



The type of transistor that has been dealt with is the p-n-p transistor. It would have been as easy to deal with the n-p-n type which operates with the opposite potential to the p-n-p.

Transistors are most commonly used in the "grounded emitter" connection where the emitter is common to both input and output.

Before transistor circuitry is discussed relationships between transistor parameters must be understood. base-emitter voltage Vbe collector current Vbe collector current Ic collector-emitter voltage Vce

The static output characteristics are found by using a constant value of base current and plotting values of Ic against Vce on a graph. Several curves

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Fig. 15 shows a p-n-p transistor in the common emitter connection.

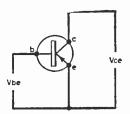


Fig. 15: A p-n-p transistor in common emitter connection.

When the base of the transistor is made positive with respect to the emitter, the emitter-base junction would act as a diode under reverse bias. By making the collector negative with respect to the emitter, holes are attracted through the base providing the collector-emitter voltage is large enough to overcome the effect of the base voltage.

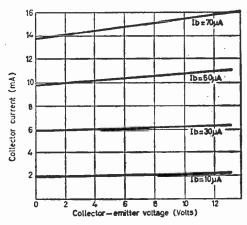


Fig. 17: Typical static output characteristics.

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winding is connected from the aerial to the receiver positive line,

When the rod aerial is not in use, the receiver should be turned because of the directional properties of the ferrite aerial. If the rod aerial is extended, this directional effect is much reduced.

#### Regeneration

As this is so easily added, the extra sensitivity obtained may be felt worthwhile. To obtain regeneration, a very small capacity is added between the negative end of D1 and base of Tr1, at tag 4. Two lengths of 26s.w.g. insulated wire, twisted together, were found to provide a suitable capacitor. A 30pF air spaced beehive trimmer was also found satisfactory.

To adjust regeneration, the capacity is slowly increased until the receiver just fails to go into oscillation. With correct adjustment, sensitivity is

quite high.

The actual positions of the windings on the ferrite rod are not very important, except that these will influence waveband coverage, and the tuning positions at which stations are found.

#### Cabinet

The receiver lends itself well to construction to suit an existing cabinet. A case can, however, be made with ½in. thick wood for sides and bottom, with 3-ply or ½in. hardboard for front and back. The front should have an aperture, covered with silk, and the whole cabinet can be finished with self-adhesive material of the required colour. A strap type handle is fitted, and the receiver is inserted as a single unit from the top.

A shelf to carry the battery is held by two brackets, as in Fig. 3. This item can be of 3-ply or hardboard, and it is slightly less than  $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 3in. It also allows the receiver to stand upright, when

removed from its case.

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are usually plotted for several different values of base current.

Fig. 16 shows a circuit used for obtaining the output characteristics.

Base current is kept at a constant value by use of VR1. VR2 controls the actual value of collector-emitter voltage.

emitter voltage.

The "curves" produced from this are seen in Fig. 17.

Abbreviations  $\mu A$  and mA mean microamp and milliamp.

The slope of the lines plotted increases with base current, therefore the output resistance decreases as the base current increases.

Base current governs the output resistance which, for the majority of transistors, may be anywhere within the region of  $5,000\Omega$  to  $50,000\Omega$ .

Input static characteristics are obtained by

plotting values of Vbe against lb for several values

A typical curve for the input characteristics is shown in Fig. 18.

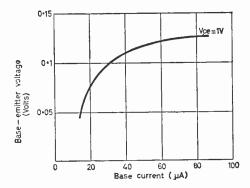


Fig. 18: Typical static input characteristics.

The use of these curves and other relevant information provided by transistor manufacturers is of great importance in the design of transistor circuitry.

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whether fixed or mobile, either since no transistor protection circuitry is incorporated.

#### On Taking Off

Nothing is more exasperating than to arrive at a distant site and on unpacking find an essential lead is missing! To prevent this from happening an inventory should be drawn up and checked prior to setting out both on the outward and return journeys. Some of the items required at a portable location extra to the receiver are: (1) The battery/car power supply lead. (2) Phones and/or speaker. (3) The coil set. (4) A high resistance d.c. voltmeter with leads! (5) Insulating tape. (6) A suitable aerial already fitted with receiver lead-in and plug plus sectional masts with guys. (7) Screwdriver. (8) Sidecutters. (9) Sharp pocket knife. (10) Mallet.

Other useful items might be: A map, watch, compass, a.t.u., notebook and pencil, etc.

And finally, if an even smaller tuning rate to that catered for is required, fit a Jackson epicyclic reduction unit to the bandspread dial pointer spindle. This is the lower of the two shafts. The already 48:1 bandspread ratio will then be still further beneficially reduced, a facility soon found extremely useful when exploring the highest frequency ranges. And all ranges are tuneable, of course, with a much quieter background when the receiver is transported to an area well clear of fluorescent lighting and other man-made electrical interference!

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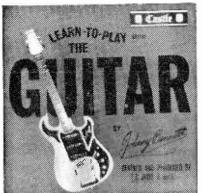
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# PRACTICALLY

### No. 3 Help!

"MY set won't go. What's wrong?" came the criedecaur. Although there must be a strong temptation to answer "Kick it!" it says much for the panel of experts who advise our Editor that the reader in trouble is more likely to be gently quizzed on symptoms and guided as to tests.

The quiz may be quite explicit. When did the set fail? Did it succumb slowly or cut out like a snuffed candle? Any smell of burning? Anything lighting up? Any preliminary symptoms, strange noises, sparks, flashes, etc.?

The guidance is even more precise: exact tests are indicated to eliminate stages. Correct voltage readings—and, sometimes more important, voltage readings that may be expected when things are not correct—may occupy a page of notes.

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Readers who have had occasion to solicit the Query Service will be able to bear this statement out. Some will probably bridle at the cheeky picture drawn below. They are the gentlemen who offer complete case histories of their receivers or who tell, in all the gory details, of the tests that proved ineffective. They would bridle even more at the suggestion that half their tests were not needed



Strange noises, sparks, flashes, etc?

and some of their conclusions could even have obscured the fault.

I am reminded of the reader who ripped his precious tape recorder to bits. The fault was a gradual one: first, recording was obviously weak and possibly noisy, although playback seemed normal. Then, as recording deteriorated, playback, too, began to fail. This must be a deep and serious fault, he thought, flourishing his screwdriver. By the time he had reached an irrevocable stage of dismantling he was forced to call for aid.

The expert at this point is rather reluctant to suggest the fault may only be a minor one. He uses the utmost tact when he says: "Did you clean the recording head?"

And, sure enough, that was the origin. A simple thou'-thick layer of oxide! But by the time our reader had reassembled and discovered where the surplus parts should have fitted he had a couple of real faults. His pile of correspondence is still growing.

Other correspondents omit the essential details: model and make of the receiver. Still more are impossibly vague about the fault. "The set bursts into oscillation", says one. "There's a horrible noise", says another, and "The picture went all funny", complains a third.

There are precise instructions about sending in queries. Each must be accompanied by the relevant coupon and a stamped, addressed envelope. Only one subject must occupy each query. But the Editor is too tactful to demand that the description both of the set and the symptoms should be sufficiently detailed to give his advisory panel half a chance at diagnosis.

There need never be any shame at having to appeal to our omniscient Editor. It isn't that he has a bottomless well of



His "in" tray overflows daily.

electronic knowledge beside his desk. But he does have a telephone—several in fact. And he does know who to ask when somebody cries in despair for that esoteric item of information which has eluded all the local dealers.

His answer may not come by return of post. Like the fan mail of a pop star lins "in" tray overflows daily. He has been known to shy like a hedged pony at the sight of a Christmas postman. But, unlike the aforesaid fan mail, every query that reaches the office is dealt with, the stupid and the studious alike receiving the best attention.

When all else fails, and the combined efforts of Editor and panel cannot ferret out the vital fact, there is one last-ditch expedient. The desperate reader can insert his own advertisement or appeal to other readers through the correspondence columns. Obviously the former will be quicker; four bob a line is not much to pay when the family is clamouring for music and pictures. The vast readership of Practical Wireless and Practical Television makes it pretty certain that some Good Samaritan will come forward with the answer to the problem.

Which reminds me—anybody got a circuit of the Super 5-Star X-Band Special to spare?

# The "Spectreuphon"

# SOME IDEAS FOR EXPERIMENTS WITH CHROMASONIC DISPLAYS

BY I. J. KAMPEL

#### CONTINUED FROM PAGE 539 OF THE OCTOBER ISSUE

IG. 8 indicates the circuit for the stereo Spectreuphon unit. The block diagram of Fig. 1b (page 536, October) indicates what is to be done. Basically there are two units as described last month, one for each channel. The left-hand channel controls the lights on the left of the visual unit, and the right-hand channel the

lights on the right. Here, instead of six bulbs on each channel (treble, mid and bass), four are used, as there are six channels. In the second unit, Sk5, though controlling different bulbs, is as Sk1; Sk6 in a similar manner, as Sk2; Sk7 as Sk3. The fourth socket does not exist as it is directly coupled to Sk4, the common negative. The volume control potentiometers on the two units are ganged. The figure indicates crossover networks on each channel, to improve audio. If these exist at the speaker cabinets or are not required, simply connect the single speaker of each channel directly across the appropriate 50 $\Omega$  pot.

To save space, the complete circuit has not been given, as the circuit is identical to sections on Fig. 2.

#### Visual Units

There are many ways in which the lights might be idsplayed. The author, however, favours the method to be described first.

A length of aluminium is bent to make a long reflector, and fitted into a rectangular tracking, which may be metal or wood (see Fig. 9a). Holes of suitable size and spacings are then drilled in the reflector, and bulbs screwed in, and soldered in place if they are at all loose. The reflector itself will then form the common negative contact, with the various positive leads going to the point contact of the bulbs. The end elevation is shown in the figure, and the width should be about 3in.

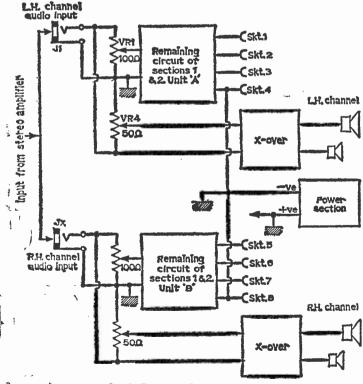


Fig. 8: The stereo Spectreuphon unit.

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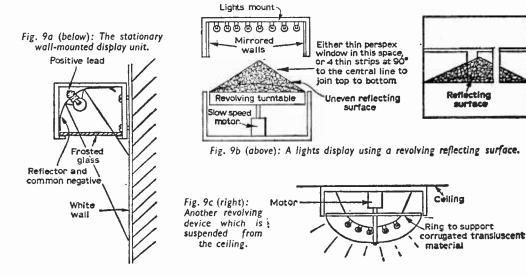
A length, or several short lengths of frosted glass, is placed on a lip at the bottom of the tracking. This glass should be the sort which either has 'ribs' on it, or the type which is covered with hills and indentations, helping to scatter the light. This glass far improves the effect of the lights, causing angular shades and pin-points of shades, rather than a general area of colour. The unit may be anything from 3ft. to 6ft. long, though 6ft. is a little long for the 18 bulb, mono version.

This system, throws down the wall—or screen below if a coloured wall—the various changing

The fluctuating, dancing colours then slowly revolve around the room, darting across all the walls, changing, subtly mixing colours of the rainbow, responding to the mood of the music!

Fig. 9c is another similar omnidirectional unit. Here, the device is mounted on the ceiling. Coloured lights on a dome-like surface, shine through a revolving, irregular, transluscent plastic material. A hoop holds this firm if necessary, on the diameter, and the spindle passes through the centre of the lights dome, to the motor beneath. It should be remembered that a very slow motor is required. Lampshades, of indented plastic material, might be used for this purpose of deflecting the lights.

Again, another method that might be employed, is to mount the lights in a circle, and have a system of slowly revolving mirrors behind.



colours, so using part of a whole wall as a focal point.

Another method of presentation is to use the bulbs as projection lamps, and project the lights on the wall. Except where the colours cross, however, only plain patches of light will be obtained. A suitable lens system would be required for this method of course. To create a more interesting effect, if the bulbs shine on to a moving, irregular reflective surface, some very interesting results may be obtained.

Fig. 9b is an interesting method of display. Here the coloured lights shine onto a cone, the side of which is covered with irregular pieces of mirror glass. This cone, mounted on a turntable, is revolved slowly by an electric motor. The device is either hung, or placed at least four feet up from the floor—this will vary according to the angle of the cone—in the centre of the room. This will produce remarkable effects, though best suited for mono, as no difference would be noticed if it were stereo.

For an interesting, compact unit, if a little less dramatic. bulbs mounted behind a transluscent screen of ground glass or perspex, can be quite effective (see Fig. 10). Perspex may be suitably ground. on one side, using 180 grade abrasive powder. Bulbs may have individual sockets, or be busbarred.

If a very thin piece of copper or phosphorbronze is taken, bulbs may be soldered on to this as indicated in Fig. 11. Here, firstly a blob of solder is made on the sheet in the place the bulb is required. The underside of the sheet is then heated by means of a soldering iron, directly beneath the solder. This is best done with the aid of a firm metal plate, with a hole in it large enough to take the soldering iron bit. The bulb may then be pressed on to the sheet until it melts on, the iron removed as soon as it does this.

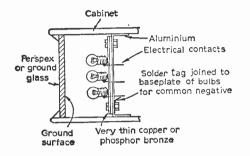
This sheet is then bolted on to a firm base-plate, and holes drilled through to take the side-contact (positive) wires, a hole beside each bulb. This is then placed behind the screen, with crinkled tin-

foil placed behind to help scatter the light. The base-plate is of course the common negative.

There are many different methods of display, however, for the stereo version, a system in which there is a definite left and right is more suitable, so getting the benefit of colour shift and positional emphasis. However, a six-colour omnidirectional method could be very effective.

#### Positioning of Finis hed Unit

The shaded areas on Fig. 12, indicate the areas effectively covered by each of the two speakers. Therefore, only the area which is covered by both (double-shaded) is effectively covered by both



speakers. For this reason, listeners to stereophonic sound should be within this area. The distance between the two loudspeakers should not be less than 6ft., and in most rooms, not more than 12ft. If an imaginary equilateral triangle is drawn, with its two base corners the cones of the two loudspeakers, the third corner of this triangle indicates

x ft.

Fig. 12: The double-shaded section of this illustration indicates the optimum reception area for listeners to stereo reproduction.

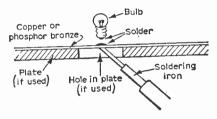
the ideal listening position. Speakers should also be at the same level.

It is a pity that so many stereophonic units to-day, for the sake of compactness (and perhaps economy), house the whole unit in one cabinet, with the speakers sometimes less than 3ft. apart. This may seem very handy to those with no experience of stereophonic sound, but this means, that on a unit with speakers placed 3ft. apart, the ideal listening position is about 2½ft. away from the unit, on the central line between the speakers!

On the diagram, position 'a' is the ideal position for stereo listening, with positions 'b' next rated.

Fig. 10 (left): A compact arrangement using a perspex

Fig. 11 (below): The technique of soldering the bulbs to sheet copper or phosphor bronze.



Next comes any other position in the shaded area, preferably on the central line 'c'.

This positioning applies equally well for twospeaker mono systems as for stereo systems.

Unless an omnidirectional method of light display is used (such as the revolving reflector), this should be placed centrally between the two loudspeakers—this is most important in stereophonic systems to get the benefit of colour shift.

By the term "colour shift", it is meant that there will be a shift of colour from one side of the 'screen' to the other if there is a matching directional audio shift. This only occurs of course, when stereo-amplifier is used in conjunction with stereo-Spectreuphon.

#### Choice of Speakers

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It is important to have good cabinets for 6in. and larger diameter speakers, to get full resonance benefit. With the two-speaker mono Euphon circuit, the importance of this can not be too greatly stressed. This unit will not give the required effect with an inadequate bass cabinet for the l.f. speaker.

Extra care in the choice of the h.f. speaker for this system is also required, especially if a speaker in-hand, is to be utilised. It must be remembered that when a small diameter speaker is normally quite capable of good reproduction, even at high volume, it may appear 'tinny' when fed selected h.f. signals, if they are too high for it to cope with. Then there is no bass to smooth things out, and save that speaker-cone consequent fretting. Only a small cabinet for the h.f. speaker is required in the Euphon system (Section 2/Fig. 2).

Except in the case where the original single speaker on the existing mono source is being used, all speakers on this feeder unit, should be cut-out. Consequently, if there is no plug or switch on the speaker of the audio source, a switch should be fitted to cut it out.

If the divider network (Fig. 7) is to be used, it is best to actually mount this in its speaker cabinet, as otherwise a three-core cable is required. The coils should be mounted away from any metalwork, and function best if placed at right-angles to each other. This should also be remembered in the two speaker, two cabinet, mono Spectreuphon, as Fig. 2.

A fact so often overlooked, is that for good reproduction, when great care is taken elsewhere, screened cable should be used between speaker and source.

#### Choice of Colours

Red, blue and yellow, the primary obours, would seem the most suitable for the three channels of this unit. With a stereo unit it is up to the individual to decide whether he uses six distinct colours, or three on each side. For colour shift, the latter would seem more suitable. The red and blue mix very well together, producing many different shades, but some are of the opinion that the yellow introduces too much light, and that orange is a little less severe. Experiment is the only way. Bulbs can be coloured quite successfully with dry-ink pads. A solvent known as carbon tetrachloride will remove this ink when it has dried, if required. Many other solvents will also clean the bulbs.

The switch S3 allows any of the colours to be on any of the ranges, with any other colour on any other range—in other words—all combinations of colours to ranges. A six-way six-pole switch may be used in the stereo version, or any other switching device to give other combinations.

Whether the colours are arranged in bunks, in systematic patterns, or at random, is purely a matter of personal taste, The author prefers a systematic pattern.

TABLE 2

D.N.C.	System		No. of	Diameter		
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	Mono Mono (x-over)		1 2	6"-12"	1"-2"	
•	Euphon Stereo	2 2	2 2	8″-12″ 7″-12″	21,"-5"	
	Stereo	2	4	7″-12″ (x2)	11-3"	

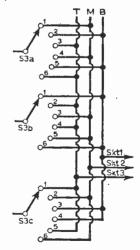
#### Control Panel (Mono)

Two toggle switches—sound and light—are required. Also, four or five potentiometers, according to whether the Euphon circuit is used or not, and then there is the six-way rotary switch, for colour combinations, graded I to 6. A table might then be constructed for colours and ranges on the six positions. The audio circuit will function if the lights circuit is not even connected to the mains. There is therefore no need to disconnect when lights are not in use, to use the audio alone.

#### Control Panel (Stereo)

Two toggle switches—sound and light—are again required. Six potentiometers for sensitivity controls, one ganged potentionneter for volume control, and the rotary switch, have to be catered for. Again, audio is independent of mains.

In the mono "Spectrephon" circuit (Fig. 2) given in last month's issue, the switching of S3 a, b and c (Section 3) was unfortunately drawn incorrectly. A revised diagram of that part of the circuit is shown below.



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THIS timer is designed to be cheap, and is extremely accurate. As it stands, it performs a timing function from about half a second to ten minutes. At the end of a run, one of two operations may occur, i.e. (a) a light, which was originally off, is pulsed on for about one second or (b) a light, which was originally off, is switched on for an infinite period till it is switched off manually.

Very few components are required and the timer can be built for less than 15s.. The original components were obtained from an Automat T3 timer for less than 2s. 6d. on the surplus market.

The basic circuit, in Fig. 1, is that of the ubiquitous cathode-follower bootstrap whose principle will now be explained: Initially, the current through the valve is small, giving a voltage almost equal to the cut off voltage of the valve (grid base) across rk. A low d.c. voltage exists across C when it is discharged, the remainder being dropped across R. When Vc has risen by a volt, the grid potential rises by 1V and also the voltage across rk rises by 1V. This means that the difference of voltage between Vc and VRk is equal throughout the timing period which means C charges linearly. Also since Vc increases by the grid-base in one time constant and since the gridbase is roughly 15-25V for the valves used and the relay requires, say, a basic voltage of 30 to energise, between 2 and 1 1/5 of the length of the time constant RC is "passed through" before the valve operates sufficiently for the relay to energise. If a resistor of equal resistance to the relay coil is connected in series with it, the relay's operating voltage is effectively doubled, and since the capacitor's charging curve is approximately linear, the length of the timing period is also doubled.

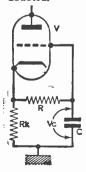


Fig. 2 shows: (a) the charging curve of a simple RC circuit, (b) the idealised curve of a cathode-follower bootstrap, (c) the actual curve and (d) the effect of doubling the relay's operating voltage. The slight curve in (d) is due to the combined effects of the curvature of the Ia-Vg curve of the valve, and leakages in C.

Fig. 1: The basic cathode-follower bootstrap circuit. (NO—normally open contacts: NC—normally closed.)

The simplest functional circuit is shown in Fig. 3, and operates as follows: when C1 has charged sufficiently for V1 to conduct, the relay falls-in, the contact RL1.NO short-circuits and discharges the capacitor C1, also the relay coil is disconnected by RL1.NC from the circuit. However, due to time constant RL1.C2 it remains in for a few seconds. This enables C1 to be completely discharged at the end of every timing period. This

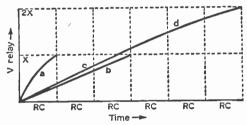


Fig. 2: Here relay voltage is plotted against time; a, b, c, d

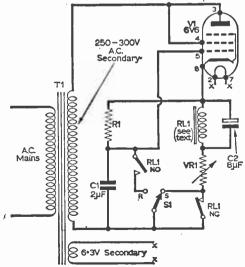


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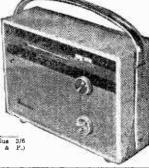
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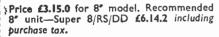


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sequence only occurs with the function-switch at "R" (repeat). If the switch is at S (single), the relay "jams" with the external circuit on permanently. The circuit is "unjammed" by moving the switch to "R". The relay in the prototype was a  $6.5 \mathrm{k}\Omega$  relay marked JL.288567. This had the following contacts: I pair NO light duty. I pair NO heavy duty, I pair NO light duty. A Siemen's high speed relay with a resistance of only 500½ was found to operate, although this introduces problems in that it only has a one-pole two-way light-duty set of contacts. This means that the

6V6

function-switch becomes a 2p 2W type which may be purchased for about 2s, in toggle form, also the external contacts must be home-made, unless the timer is only to be used as a metronome. A suitable circuit for one of these relays is given in Fig. 4.

The method of finding the values of RI and VR1 for Fig. 3 will now be given: Temporarily connect a  $2k\Omega$  resistor at "R" and connect a variable resistor with a value between  $10k\Omega$  and  $20k\Omega$  in the position of VR. Set VR1 to minimum. In this position, the timer

should operate at about two times a second, increase VR1 slowly until the timing interval becomes unstable, then reduce VR1 till stability is again evident. Measure the value of VR1 with a  $6.5 \mathrm{k}\Omega$  relay, this was found to be  $6 \mathrm{k}\Omega$ . Resistors should be placed in parallel with VR1 till the maximum value of VR1 is similar to the measured value.

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The required value of the shunt resistance is found by the following formula:

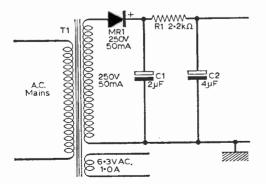


Fig. 5: A power pack for the timer.

$$\frac{1}{Rt} - \frac{1}{Vr} = \frac{1}{Rp}$$

where Rt is the measured value. Vr is the variable resistor's maximum value and Rp is the value of the shunt resistor. This variable-resistor is now the timing-fine control.

The resistor R1 depends on the length of the timing-period required, table 1 gives a list of resistors for R1 compared with time. The first three resistors give substantially the same time interval since most of the time is taken up by the time-constant rla.c2. If inversion of the heavy duty pair is affected, by converting to NC, this

Fig. 4: A suitable circuit employing a 50012 Siemen's high speed relay.

Table 1: Values of R1 in Fig. 3 for different timing periods.

RI	Minimum timing period—seconds	Maximum timing period—seconds
<b>2</b> kΩ	1/4	5/12
4kΩ	2/7	5/12
8kΩ	2/7	5/12
100kΩ	1	- 4
235kΩ	2	8
470kΩ	5	14
940kΩ	9	26
2ΜΩ	20	62

may be used as an enlarger timer giving times from 1 second to 7 minutes in five overlapping ranges.

The timing period may be increased far above this by increasing the values of resistor or capacitor (do not use electrolytics however and use only best quality paper capacitors). New electrolytics, however, may be used if great accuracy is not required but remember that they can vary +100%

by -50%. Should the relay be unable to fall-in, due to low emission of the valve, a small rectifier of about 20mA rating (which may be purchased surplus for a few shillings) may be connected in series with a 25k $\Omega$  preset potentiometer and placed between the anode and cathode of the valve. Set the preset to maximum, the timer function-switch to position "R", and make R1 between  $100k\Omega$  and  $500k\Omega$ . Decrease the value of the  $25k\Omega$  preset potentiometer until the timer starts to operate cleanly, reliably, after the same time interval ( $\pm 10\%$ ).

The timer can be run off either a.c. or d.c. for h.t. although for reliable operation with relay resistances in excess of  $4.5 k\Omega$ , at least 300V d.c./ r.m.s./a.c. is required. A suitable rectifier circuit is given in Fig. 5. The poor smoothing is deliberate in that as the valve current increases the relay vibrates slightly (with the  $8\mu$ F capacitor disconnec-

ter, this is actually audible), the vibration serving to "unstick" any contacts which may have been slightly welded together by sparking. If a d.c. supply is used, the low current rectifier and preset resistor necessary in cases of low-emission valves may be replaced by the preset resistor alone. With an a.c. supply, a transformer supplying 300V upwards is required.

In the actual circuit a 6V6 was used although any output tetrode or pentode would be satisfactory, although ventilation must be good if octal valves are used as they can get extremely hot. If a valve of the ECL class is used, the triode section may be paralleled with the pentode if the symptoms of low emission are shown—as an alternative to the rectifier and preset resistor combination.

#### Construction

The timer was built in a case of 8½in. by 6in. by 3½in. deep which is about the minimum size in which an octal valved timer may be placed, although a considerable decrease in size will be expected if a miniature valve is used.

Due to the shallowness of the box, slight difficulty is experienced in mounting the valve, this problem is most simply solved as follows: a valveholder with a metal rim is used, one end is bent upwards at right-angles and the holder bolted to the chassis by the end. The fixing of the relays varies with the type. Large relays are fixed by brackets, the approximate dimensions of which are shown in Fig. 6(a).

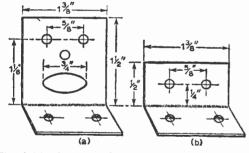


Fig. 6 (a): A bracket for mounting large relays; (b): dimensions of a bracket for a Siemen's relay.

Siemen's high speed relays are fixed by brackets as in 6(b). The layout diagram is shown in Fig. 7 showing fixed positions of both octal and minature valves. The layout is not in the least critical but excellent insulation of wires and valveholders is essential, tag strips should not be used and all connections should be floating. In the prototype, the leads going out—that is the heater, the h.t., the charging resistor R1, and the leads to the external circuit, went through holes in the lid of the box, to which all the parts are affixed, to a Belling-Lee plastic screw-connector on the lid.

As was earlier stated, the wires to which the charging resistor are connected are brought out externally and not switched from resistor to resistor. This method gives greater flexibility of

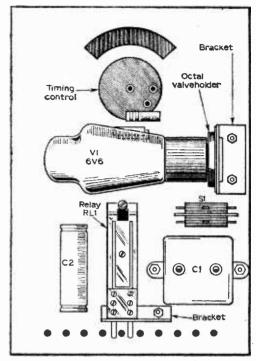


Fig. 7: A suitable layout of components for the timer.

control of the timing period although there is no objection to switched control.

Finally, a note on the more unorthodox uses of this timer. If the insulation of a capacitor is considered faulty, it could be connected in place of R1 and the time measured between the insertion of the capacitor and the operation of the relay. If the interval is greater than half an hour, the insulation is at least  $200M\Omega$  and may be considered safe as a coupling capacitor. It must be remembered that the charging surge of the capacitor may be sufficient to operate the timer once or possibly twice in quick succession if its value is greater than  $0.01\mu$ F. The actual testing proceeds immediately after this occurs.

#### Extension of Range 1

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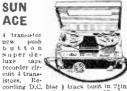
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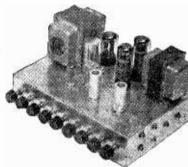
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The circuit to the left of the dotted line in Fig. 8 is in every way identical to Fig. 3 with the exception of VR1 replacing R1. VR2 is calculated by experiment as is VR1 in Fig. 3.

VR3 is decided by the factor of multiplication of this section of the circuit and by the duration. The RL1 NO2 contacts are closed. With a typical conduction period lasting two seconds due to C2 and a maximum multiplication of ten, the circuit requires a maximum time constant of 20 seconds. If a  $2\mu$  capacitor is used, a maximum resistance of approximately 2M  $\Omega$  is required. To double the multiplication factor, twice the value of resistance or twice the value of capacitance is required. With the timing factor remaining con-

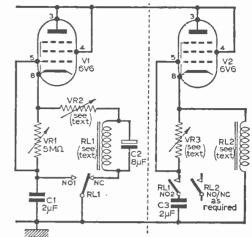


Fig. 8: Using two timer circuits in cascade to provide long timing periods.

stant, the resistance may be multiplied by the factor by which the capacitance is divided and vice versa. This means that the product RC remains constant where the timing period remains constant.

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At the next meeting of this society, members will take part in a discussion on subjects of their own choosing. This meeting will be on 18th October.

BADEN-POWELL HOUSE SCOUT AMATEUR RADIO

Hon. Sec.: A. Watts, G3FXC, 8 Thornycroft Court, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.

A new scout amateur radio club has recently been formed at the

headquarters of the British scouting movement, Baden-Powell House, London.

House, London.

The group intends to take part in many ham activities and the permanent club-station, G3TGS, will be used for demonstrations to visiting scouts to provoke an interest in amateur radio and to encourage contacts between scouts who are licensed operators. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and begin at 7.15 p.m. Recently members have been kept busy preparing G838PH for "Jamboree-on-the-Air" to be held on the

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BRADFORD RADIO SOCIETY
Hon. Sec.: E. G. Barker, G3OTO, 63 Woodcot Avenue, Baildon, Nr. Shipley, Yorkshire.
Members of this club attended the first meeting of the new session at Cambridge House, Bradford, on 15th September.
CHESTER AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
Hon. Sec.: P. J. Holland, Field House, 19 Kingsley Road, Gt. Boughton, Chester, Cheshire.
Apart from the sale of surplus equipment held on the 8th, all of this Society's meetings for September were devoted to lectures. Altogether members attended three lectures on the 15th, 21st and 29th September. The lecture on the 15th was given by Mr. Gilbert of the G.P.O. and that on the 21st by Mr. B. Poole (G3JAZ) whose subject was "Modifications to the HRO".
GUILDFORD AND DISTRICT RADIO SOCIETY
Hon. Sec.: D. H. Mead, G3OXI, 41 Egley Road, Woking, Surrey

"Amateur Matters" was the title of the talk given to members at the meeting on 1st September, when the speaker was Mr. S. W. Smith of the G.P.O.'s Radio Interference Branch.

Later in the month on the Guildford Model Engineering Society's Open Days, members operated the club station, GDRS, for

demonstrations to visitors.

HARLOW AND DISTRICT RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: G. O'Donald, Harlow Road, Roydon, Harlow,

The Harlow and District Radio Society Mobile Rally was held recently at a village near to Harlow. From 10 a.m. on Sunday, 27th September, mobile visitors were talked-in on 160m by G3ERN to enjoy a full and interesting day of events.

MELTON MOWBRAY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Hon. Sec.: D. W. Lilley, G3FDF, 23 Melton Road, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

Members of this Society met during September to attend the Annual General Meeting, held on the 24th.

NORTHERN HEIGHTS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Hon. Sec.: A. Robinson, G3MDW, Candy Cabin, Ogden, Halifax, Yorkshire.

To encourage enrolment for the R.A.E. course being held at the Percival Whitley College of Further Education, members of this Society manned a demonstration station there from 7th to 10th September.

Later in the month, on the 16th, members heard an interesting talk given by Mr. G. E. Craven on "Cathode Ray Oscilloscope".

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READING AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Hon. Sec.: R. G. Nash, G3EJA, "Peacehaven", 9 Holybrook
Road, Reading, Berkshire.

The most recent of the 'mobile picnics' to be held by this Club.

was on 20th September, when members and their families welcomed visitors from other societies to the venue on the banks of the River Thames at the Childe Beale Trust Pavilion, Lower Basildon Berkshire.

The next meeting at the clubroom was on the 26th, when Messrs. Green and Davies demonstrated some of their equipment designed for the amateur

RODING BOYS' SOCIETY

R. Marchant, 154 Essex Road, London, E.10.

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SLADE RADIO SOCIETY
Hon. Sec.: D. T. Wilson, 177 Dower Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

On 4th September, members of Slade faced a team from Wolverhampton A.R.S. in a friendly quiz.

Later in the month Slade Radio Society held what they called a "Television Spectacular", when members, their families and visitors saw a live entertainment staged in the club's headquarters in Erdington, Birmingham. The show included a panel game, a guitar group and a brass band and was held on 18th September. Part of the audience saw the performances in a "studio" and the remainder viewed the whole show on television receivers in a separate room viewed the whole show on television receivers in a separate room. Television cameras in the studio televised the show and relayed the pictures by closed-circuit television to the second audience

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

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#### THE ROLE OF BROADCASTING

SIR,-I heartily agree with your editorial on the role of broadcasting (July P.W.). There is undoubtedly a large audience for continuous pop music which must be satisfied. What disturbs me is the fact that, hiding behind a cloak of respectability and desire to serve the public interests while maintaining the highest standards, the BBC spends very large amounts of money on pop artists and programmes of popular music in an attempt to compete with the existing commercial stations. Let there be an end to this hypocrisy! A commercial network using authorised frequencies should be set up to provide programmes of continuous pop music. The BBC should then channel its resources into programmes of a high standard which inform and educate as well as entertain and thus provide a service which does fulfil the true function of broadcasting.—J. A. D. Lowrie (Edinburgh 12).

#### THE GOOD OLD DAYS

SIR,—I expect the photograph shown on this page will interest some of your readers. It is a copy of a very old print that I made of my set when the BBC first started up. I applied for and obtained an experimental licence. My first sets

were crystal with basket coils and I made up several of these and sold them to friends. My photograph shows a straight three, h.f., d., l.f. For h.t. I used lots of 4.5V torch batteries.

I also made a very successful one valve crystal reflex which I turned into a portable set. With accumulator and torch batteries it almost needed a porter to carry it and I was granted a separate licence for it when I took it to Leeds on holiday.

One memorable night I recall is when I sat up to hear the first BBC relay broadcast from America. Those were the days when I was supposed to be experimenting for the elimination of atmospherics!—F. GRIFFITHS (Middlesex).

#### A READER'S THANKS

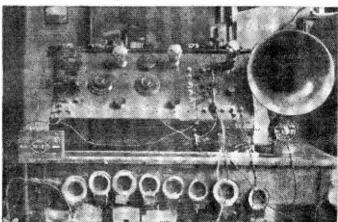
SIR,—Recently I had a request published in your "Letters to the Editor" page asking for information concerning the No. 19 set.

The response to my request has been tremendous and I would like, through your pages, to express my sincere thanks to those many readers who have helped me.

Although I have answered and am still answering letters received, would those readers who do not receive a letter within the next few weeks please accept this as acknowledgement of their services (some readers will already have received letters) as I have recently been transferred and fear that I may have mislaid some of the letters received.—T. L. RICHARDS (South Canterbury, New Zealand).

#### H.R.O. BANDSPEADING

SIR,—I have been a keen H.R.O. owner for some time now and I know it is a grand receiver for the SWLs as well as the ham. However, I wonder if any reader of P.W. has ever thought of adding a four-gang bandspread capacitor in parallel with the main tuning gang. I came across the idea when I purchased a few extra bandspread coils for my set. On trying two of these coils I found the bandspread set screws in all but one of them were



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I think the value of the H.R.O. tuning capacitor is 225pF. The problem is what value of bandspread capacitance would be needed to obtain the

desired results?

Perhaps one of your readers has already made this modification to his H.R.O. receiver and would be good enough to let us SWLs have a bit of gen. on same as I am sure that many readers of Practical Wireless who have an H.R.O. would welcome this information with open arms.-A. TAYLOR (Blackburn, Lancashire).

#### PRE-WAR FIELD DAYS

SIR.—It was indeed delightful to read P. O. Hubbart's letter in the August issue of P.W.

about pre-war field days.

I believe that the field day in 1938 was my first and that I went out to Shirley Hills with G3FP. I was an active SWL in those days and a keen radio enthusiast, Ron Haddow, used to pick me up in his Aerial four-square sidecar and we would go to the Thornton Heath Short Wave Society meetings.

I have not heard from Croydon hams for many years, although I have had the pleasure of contacts with G5BZ and G61X since coming to

South Africa.

I believe that G4AA was lost in a Beaufighter in the early days of the war and that Alvar Liddell became a budding baritone and made several

records.

I am not active but still hold a call sign-ZS11Q -and I was formerly ZS5YF and G3BYF. I do dabble with radio occasionally and I really would welcome a line or two from some of the old-timers, and the SRCC meeting place at South Croydon would certainly be in for a visit should I ever manage a trip to Britain.—P. J. W. SAWYER (98 Woodley Road, Plumstead, C.P., South Africa).

#### CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

SIR,—I am about to build the G.P. Communications Receiver described in the January, 1963, issue of P.W. and would like to correspond with any reader who has already built this receiver .-H. BINFIELD (4 Elm Road, N. Colerne, Chippenham, Wiltshire).

SIR,-I would very much like to hear from other readers who have an interest in DX-ing and radio construction and are about 17 years of age. —Desmond Walsh (Ballylynch, Carrick-on-Suir,

County Tipperary, Ireland). SIR,—I would like to correspond with someone of my own age (14) and in any country. I am very interested in transistor circuitry.—RONNIE SNG (327-H Potong Pasir, Singapore 13, Malaysia).

SIR,-I would be delighted to correspond with any other P.W. reader of about my own age (15) on anything concerning radio. My main interest is SWL.—Philip Reilly (62 Grantham Street, Kensington, Liverpool 6).

SIR,-I am interested in electrical and radio service technology and would like to correspond with radio service men from any country.-V. A. SUNDARAMURTHY, B.Sc. (13 Veeraperumal Koil Street, Mylapore, Madras 4, S. India).

SIR,—I started radio when I was seven. I am now 11 years old and would like to correspond with any radio constructors of my own age .-TIMOTHY PEARSON (37 Sunningdale, Round Green,

Luton, Bedfordshire).

SIR,-I am interested in radio and amateur radio and would like to correspond with enthusiasts of any country. I am 15 years old.—Keith Birse (20 Murphy Street, Invercargill, New Zealand).

SIR.—I would like to correspond with other P.W. readers who are about my own age (16). am a keen SWL and I am studying for the RAE. -WILLIAM MORROW (Hill Street, Ballina. County

Mayo, Ireland).

SIR,—I am 16 years old and have recently purchased a CR100 receiver. I would very much like to correspond with anyone who owns one of these receivers.—R. Corr (53 Cecil Avenue, Enfield, Middlesex).

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... the wiring diagram with data and instructions on how to convert a Pye Domestic Radio Receiver Battery Type Vibrator, Model PE39B, SR No. 128507 (6V accumulator) to a mains supply of 230V a.c.—E. P. ADJOKATCHER, Accra Line District Office, G.P.O., Accra, Ghana.

. the service sheet for English Electric TV model No. 16C14.—I. L. PELLAR, 13 Severn Avenue, Tutshill, Chepstow, Monmouthshire.

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. details of the cord drive for Ekco type U.199A .-P. DORRINGTON, 383 Spen Lane, Leeds 16, Yorkshire.

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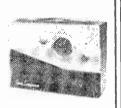
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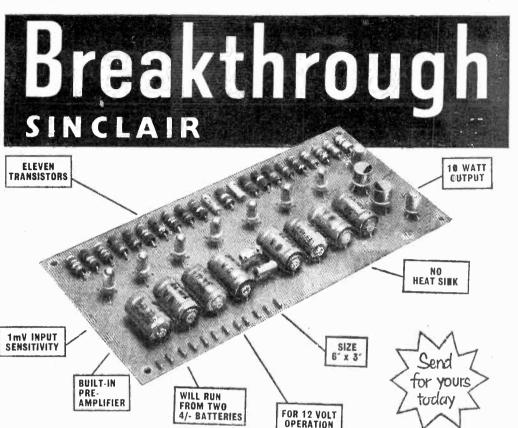
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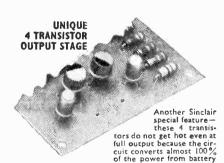
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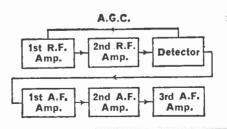
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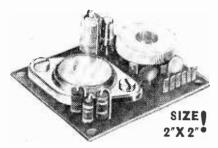
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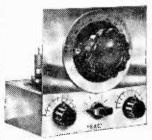
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