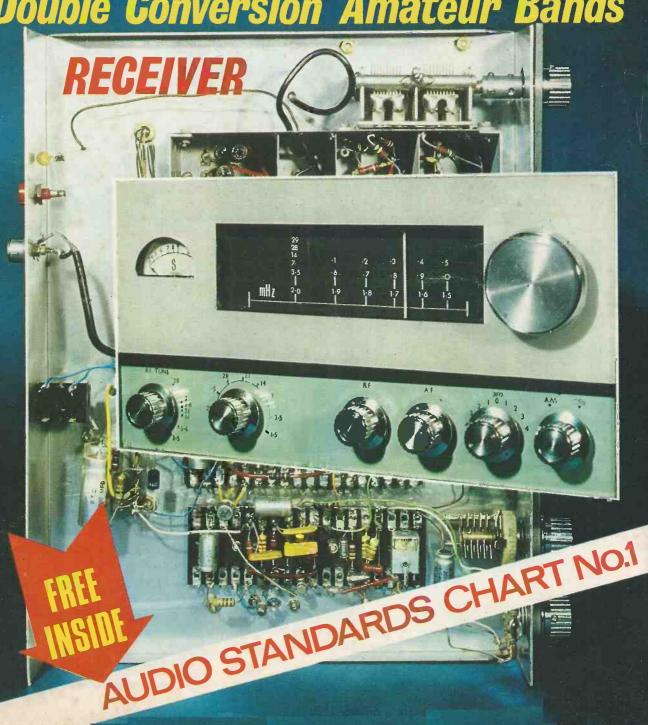
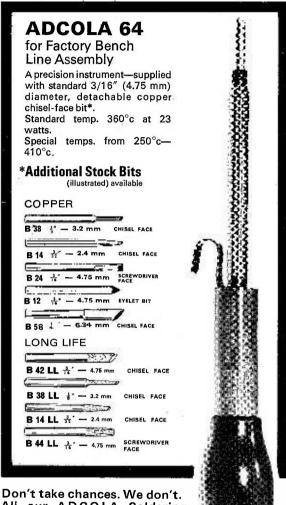
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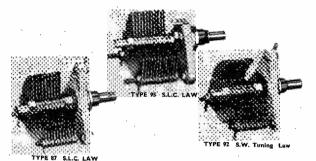
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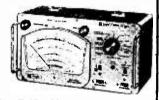
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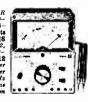
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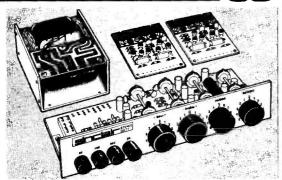
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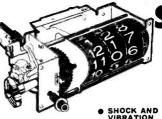
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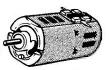
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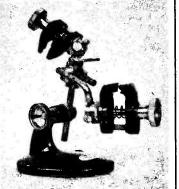
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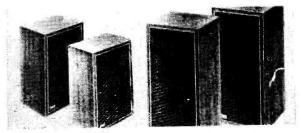
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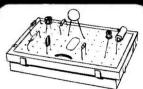
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C	1/2W	5 %	4-7 Ω-10M Ω
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MO	1/2W	2%	10 Ω-1 M Ω
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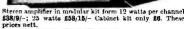
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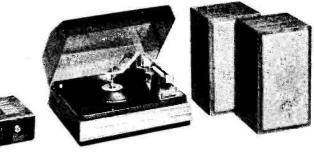
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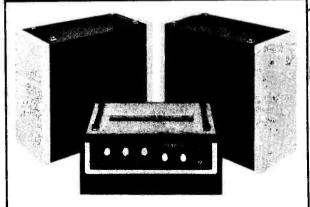
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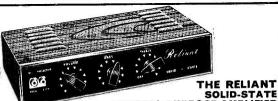
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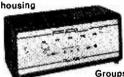


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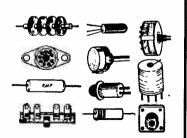
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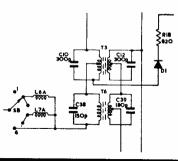


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TOPIC OF THE MONTH

What went wrong?

WHATEVER happened to the Radio Hobbies Exhibition?" asks an advertiser who has pulled out of the RSGB exhibition. Other journals have posed the same sort of question and readers of Practical Wireless seem to be equally bemused. And viewing the event objectively, we have no hesitation in declaring that to our eyes the recent RSGB show was a bit of a flop.

This is not a dyspeptic editorial gripe. As a major exhibitor, P.W. has a right to be concerned, not only as a participant but as a voice for those at which this exhibition is aimed. It must also be made clear that we are not knocking the RSGB as such; the future of amateur radio relies on a healthy, prosperous and influential RSGB. We do feel, however, that in the organisation and conception of their annual exhibition they have gone sadly adrift. Falling attendance figures and lack of stand support show this clearer

than any words.

What has gone wrong? What has caused this downhill spiral of diminishing support both by traders and visitors? The reasons may be complex, but no doubt one contributory cause is the problem of TVI which has resulted in most amateurs buying their equipment rather than making it. This is supported by the appalling lack of support for the RSGB constructional trophies—only eight entries all told and none at all for the John Rouse Trophy (which is for constructional entries from the under 16's)! Another contributory reason must surely be the evolution of title from the humble "RSGB Exhibition" to the cumbersome, pompous and pretentious International Radio Engineering and Communications Exhibition. Whoever thought that one up deserves an OBE for sheer effrontery!

But what of the future? The RSGB would be ill-advised to embark on a similar venture next year without a major re-think. What is needed is an all-embracing show revolving around the hobbyist, possibly run by a consortium of interests, covering not only purely amateur radio, but taking in all types of associated interests, be it hi-fi, tape recording, electronics and the like. And give it a title that means something and sounds more attractive than something from 1984. Then we might find companies more willing to take stands and the lost visitors starting to flock

back again.

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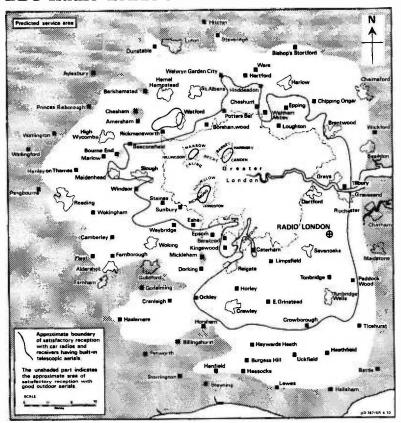
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NEWS... NEWS... NEWS...

BBC Radio London



BBC Radio London opened recently. The transmissions are on 95.3MHz in the v.h.f. band, with horizontal polarization.

The Radio London transmitter is sited at the BBC's Wrotham, Kent transmitting station. It uses a directional transmitting aerial to serve almost the whole of Greater London, and an area extending southward to include Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead, Crawley and parts of Reigate; westward to Staines and parts of Slough and Maidenhead; and northward to Potters Bar, Loughton and Epping. For listeners equipped with outside aerials, the service area also includes Heathfield, Burgess Hill, Haslemere, Woking, High Wycombe, Watford, Hemel Hempstead, St. Albans, Hertford, Harlow and Brentwood; and extends into Reading, Chelmsford and Basildon.

Bedford & District A.R.C.

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Stereo Receiver

A new British made stereo receiver is challenging the increasing sales of importer hi-fi sets in the United Kingdom.

The Rank Wharfedale 100.1 high fidelity tuner and amplifier chalked up more than £100,000 worth of orders within three days of its introduction to the hi-fi market.

At 125 guineas, the Wharfedale 100.1, sells for £50 less than the equivalent imported models: It locks automatically on to stereo stations and it sets new standards in distortion-free reproduction for domestic equipment of this power.

An interesting innovation is the use of fibre optics—bundles of glass filaments which "carry light" round corners—to illuminate the tuning pointer. This is the first application of fibre optics to the sitting-room.

The 100.1 receiver gives a true 35 watt (R.M.S.) per channel with only 0.1 distortion factor. As well as V.H.F., it receives long and medium wave bands.

Attention Nibblers!

West Hyde Developments Ltd. are now selling a simple hand-operated nibbling tool. It cuts almost any shaped hole in chassis, panels, cases etc. with a punch and die action so as not to distort the material. Panels up to 16 gauge aluminium or 18 gauge steel may be cut. Price is 64s. 6d. plus 3s. p.p. Spare punches cost 35s. plus p.p. West Hyde Developments Ltd., Ryefield Crescent, Northwood, Middx., HA6.1NN.



NEWS... NEWS... NEWS...

12V Iron

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Magnetic Mic.

A hand microphone has been introduced by the communica-tions division of S. G. Brown Ltd., of King George Avenue, Watford, Herts. It can be used with both mobile equipment and for base installations.

Known as the 'Classic', this lightweight instrument has a powerful magnet fitted in the grip which enables it to 'stick' to any ferrous surface. A user in a motor vehicle can place the instrument in the most convenient position the vehicle's dashboard. eliminating the need for a conventional microphone holder.

Impedance at 1000Hz is 300Ω nominal. Frequency response: Rising at 10dB per decade over the range 100-2000Hz, substantially linear over the range 2000-14000Hz, falling off rapidly thereafter. Sensitivity is 85dB below IV/Dyne/cm² (typical) and output for normal speech is approximately 1mV true r.m.s.

Mr. Mullard

Mullard Ltd. announce that Mr. Stanley Mullard, M.B.E.(Mil.), Hon.C.G.I.A., F.I.E.E., who founded the company 50 years ago, retired from the Board at the end of September, after completing nearly 72 years with the electrical and electronics industry.

Stanley Robert Mullard was born on November 1st, 1883, and was apprenticed to an electrical engineering firm at the age of 15. In 1910 he joined Ediswan, Three years later he became head of their lamp laboratory and in 1915 invented the Pointolite arc lamp, widely used in projection apparatus.

During World War I he enlisted in the Engineers' Battalion of the Royal Naval Division and in 1916 was commissioned in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and attached to the Royal Naval Air Service.

As a member of a small team of scientists and technologists at H.M. Signal School, Portsmouth. he was involved with the invention and development of highpower transmitting valves in fused silica bulbs which were urgently needed by the Navy. In 1920, after his demobilisation, he was invited by the Admiralty to produce these valves in quantity.

The first company to bear his name—the Mullard Radio Valve Company—was founded in 1920. It occupied premises rented from the 'Z' Lamp & Electrical Company of which Mullard had become managing director.

With the spread of radio, Mullard became involved in the manufacture of small receiving valves. Under the trade name



ORA these were soon being turned out at the rate of hundreds a week. Demand rapidly outstripped factory capacity and the firm moved to larger premises at Hammersmith. And in 1923 Mullard acquired still larger accommodation at Balham, By the end of 1924 production stood at $2\frac{1}{2}$ million valves a year.

In 1927 a large factory at Mitcham was purchased and this is still the main centre for silica high-power transmitting valves for industrial electronic applications.

In 1930 Mullard reluctantly decided to relinquish his leadership of the company. He had been working at full pressure since 1910 and his doctors had

warned him to ease up.

He has since been far from inactive. He has retained his seat on the Mullard Board and has continued to participate in com-pany affairs. Since 1945 he has also interested himself in new horticultural and other industrial developments. And he has seen the company he founded 50 years ago grow to occupy a leading position in the world electronics industry.

The Tilley Go-Torch

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● SYSTEMS: AM/SSB/CW

● COVERAGE: 1.8MHz to 29.5MHz

 SENSITIVITY: 1·5μV for 0·25V a.g.c. and 100mV into detector and S/N ratio of 12dB

I.F. BANDWIDTH: 4kHz at —6dB points;
 10kHz at —30dB points

 IMAGE REJECTION: 60dB at 1.5MHz; 80dB at 3.5MHz; 40dB at 28MHz

● SPURII: -80dB on all bands

 INPUT IMPEDANCE: 300 ohms on 1.5MHz; 80 ohms 3.5 to 28MHz

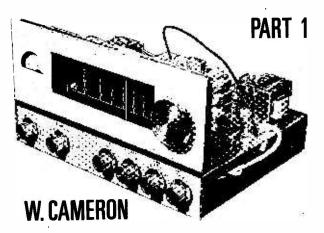
OUTPUT: 1 Watt into 15 ohms

● POWER SUPPLY: 12V d.c. or a.c.mains

HIGH performance amateur band communications receiver is necessarily rather complex and usually expensive, mainly because of the use of mechanical or crystal i.f. filters, and (in the case of double conversion receivers) crystal controlled oscillators.

The receiver to be described lacks little in selectivity and stability, and in the interests of economy does not use either crystal i.f. filters or crystal controlled oscillators.

The selectivity is not as sharp as can be obtained with a good mechanical filter, but is at least twice as sharp as can be obtained using conventional i.f. circuits, and results in an i.f. bandwidth of less than



4kHz at -6dB. This is just adequate for a.m., while results on s.s.b. are very good indeed.

By taking special care with the oscillators, a stability of a very high order is achieved.

The receiver uses the double conversion principle, in which the second converter is tuned, covering the range 1.5-2.0MHz. This frequency range is chosen so that this unit with the following i.f. amplifier, serves on its own as a complete Top Band receiver.

The oscillator of the first converter is switched to cover all the remaining bands, which are fixed tuned. The r.f. stages are peaked by a front panel control.

This double conversion system has the very great advantage that the same scale calibration, and the same tuning rate, holds good for all bands (with the minor exception that the Top Band calibration is reversed). This means that the entire scale length covers only 500kHz, and is the same on each band.

Another advantage is that because the i.f. has been raised to nominally 1.7MHz (1.5-2.0) from 470 kHz, by the second converter, the image rejection on the h.f. bands is improved. Typically, the image rejection at 2MHz with a 470kHz i.f. can be expected to be -10 or -12dB, but with an i.f. of 1.7MHz improves to -40 to -45dB.

A block diagram of the receiver is shown in Fig. 1, with typical gains per stage.

Important considerations are the avoidance of interference by cross modulation, and unwanted reception of signals caused by beating with oscillator harmonics. These considerations call for good premixer selectivity, and that no oscillator signal or harmonics appear in the r.f. circuits. Also to this end, the r.f. amplifier transistors must always operate in the linear part of their characteristic, which means special methods of applying a.g.c. These considerations are taken care of in the design and will be enlarged on later.

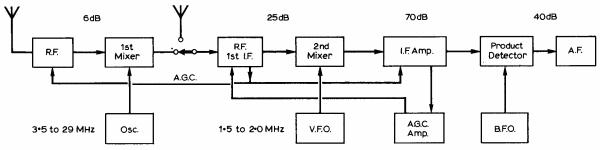


Fig. 1: Block diagram of the complete receiver with typical stage gains.

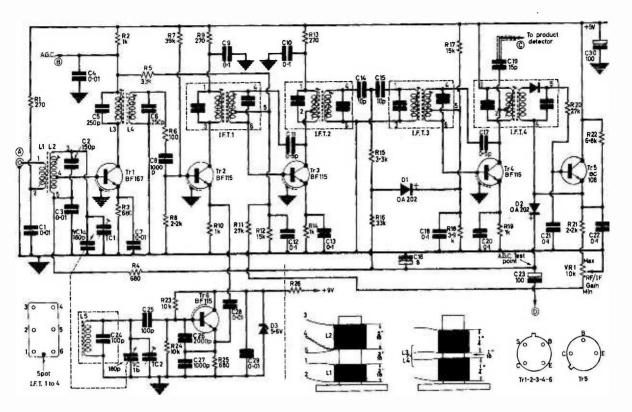


Fig. 2: Circuit of the second converter/i.f. amplifier.

TABLE 1

,	Collector	Base	Emitter
Tr1	7.15	1.8	1.15
Tr2	9.0	0.5	0.05
Tr3	8.8	1.6	1⋅0
Tr4	9-0	1·6	1⋅0
Tr5	9.0	1⋅8	2.0
Tr6	5⋅6	2.6	2.0
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In order to simplify construction the receiver is built up in units. In the prototype all the completed units are mounted on or within a common chassis 12 x 9 x 2in. made of 18 s.w.g. aluminium. A panel 12 x 4\frac{1}{2}in. (12 x 4\frac{1}{2}in. with flange) is bolted to the front to carry the scale, drive and S meter. This panel is mounted with the flange forward so that the scale is recessed behind the front panel proper which can also be of aluminium with cut-outs to show the scale and S meter.

A description of the circuit functions, constructional data and alignment information will be given in the following order:

1. Second converter and i.f. amplifier.

B.F.O./product detector, audio amplifier and power supply.

3. Pre-selector and first converter.

Second converter/i.f. amplifier

As already mentioned, this unit, Fig. 2, is, on its own, a receiver covering the 160 metre amateur band

INDUCTORS

L1 20 turns pilewound.L2 65 turns pilewound, tapped 6 turns from earthy end.

L3 55 turns pilewound. L4 55 turns pilewound.

See Fig. 2 for winding details.

L5 55 turns closewound.
All inductors wound on ‡in. dia. formers, with dust cores (Radiospares), 36 s.w.g. enamelled copper wire.

and shipping, in the range 1.5 to 2.0MHz, the front end of which, in the complete receiver, becomes the second converter (or tunable first i.f.).

To ensure a good Q factor in the aerial tuned circuit, the aerial is loosely coupled to L2 via L1 and similarly the base of Tr1 is tapped well down on L2. L1 is returned to the supply line via R1, as this will later carry the supply voltage to the first mixer. The r.f. stage Tr1 is coupled to the mixer by the wide band transformer L3/L4. This has a relatively flat response over the range 1.5 to 2.0MHz, with a sharp cut-off at the ends.

The oscillator, Tr6, is a highly stable Colpitts circuit, voltage stabilised by a zener diode, D3. Stability against changes in ambient temperature is achieved by using polystyrene capacitors, which offset the positive temperature coefficients of transistor and coil. If anything, the oscillator may be over compensated, and, if desired, it is not too difficult to be precise by using a combination of polystyrene and silver mica capacitors for C24.

The ganged tuning capacitor VC1a-VC1b must be

a good one, with adequate screening between stators. Most capacitors tried had too much stray coupling between sections so that oscillator voltage appeared on the r.f. section. With the capacitor used no oscillator voltage was measurable on the r.f. section. In the prototype this is a Jackson Bros. Type F, "H" law, but it has later been found that this type can also be supplied in "SLF" and this is specified as it will provide a linear scale calibration.

Two methods of improving i.f. selectivity are adopted: i.f.t.2 and i.f.t.3 are connected back to back to provide four tuned circuits instead of the usual two, and because of the small amount of coupling, the reduced loading results in higher circuit Q's. Also Tr3 and Tr4 are each given a small amount of positive feed-back via capacitors C11 and C17 respectively. These provide only a moderate amount of regeneration, well below the point of oscillation, but give a marked increase in selectivity. The output from the last i.f. is coupled to the product detector via a small capacitor (C19) so that a signal of about 100mV appears at the product detector input.

Tr5 is the a.g.c. amplifier, and in the absence of a signal, only the voltage resulting from the potential divider R21-R22 appears on the a.g.c. line as standing bias for Tr1. With the r.f./i.f. gain control at maximum (R21 to earth) this voltage will be 1.8 volts and is referred to as the a.g.c. reference level. In this condition Tr5 is non-conducting.

On receipt of a signal, the rectified output from the diode in i.f.t.4 is applied between base and emitter of Tr5 and the base will be made positive with respect to the emitter and Tr5 will conduct. The increase in voltage across R21 will be proportional to signal strength and is applied to Tr1 as forward a.g.c.

This reduces the gain of Tr1 in two ways, first, as the transistor is turned more into the "on" mode its current will increase resulting in a greater voltage drop across R2 and R3, so that with a very strong signal the voltage available across the transistor between collector and emitter will be very small. At the same time, the base-emitter impedance becomes very low, further attenuating the signal.

The reducing voltage at R2 serves as reverse a.g.c. for the i.f. amplifier Tr3, and also for the r.f. stage in the pre-selector.

The diode D1 is reverse biased until the voltage on the a.g.c. line rises, when the diode will conduct, attenuating the signal at i.f.t.3.

The result of these a.g.c. combinations is that a good range of a.g.c. is provided, without any of the controlled stages being biased into cut-off.

The purpose of the diode D2 and capacitor C23 is to give the fast attack—slow decay characteristic required for s.s.b. and c.w.

Fig. 3 shows the signal a.g.c. characteristic of the complete receiver. "S" readings are also shown in the scale, relative to signal strength and a.g.c. voltage, which may be found useful in adjusting the "S" meter. This follows accepted practice of 6dB per S point. On the 160 metre band, signals should be given the benefit of another "S" point as the gain is 6dB down compared to the other bands which have the benefit of the pre-selector.

Construction

The second converter and i.f. amplifier unit is built on a chassis 8 x 4 x lin. and the main details of

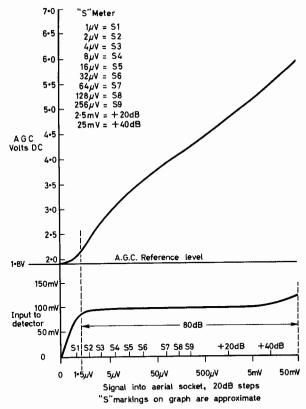


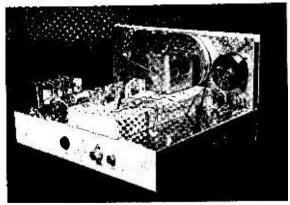
Fig. 3: The signal a.g.c. characteristic of the complete receiver.

this are shown in Fig. 4. The chassis is made from grade 1 tinned plate (about 24 or 26 s.w.g.), with end plates of 18 s.w.g. aluminium. Screened compartments are provided for the r.f. and oscillator sections.

The i.f. transformers are mounted with the identification spots nearest the centre of the chassis.

Paxolin strips are secured under the ¼in. holes as transistor mounts, four tiny holes being drilled through these, through which the transistor leads are passed. The transistors should be pushed right down, and the shield lead bent over and soldered direct to the underside of the chassis.

After winding, the coils L1/2 and L3/4 and L5 are secured in position on the chassis with a contact adhesive such as Evostik. When winding the close-



A rear view of the completed receiver.

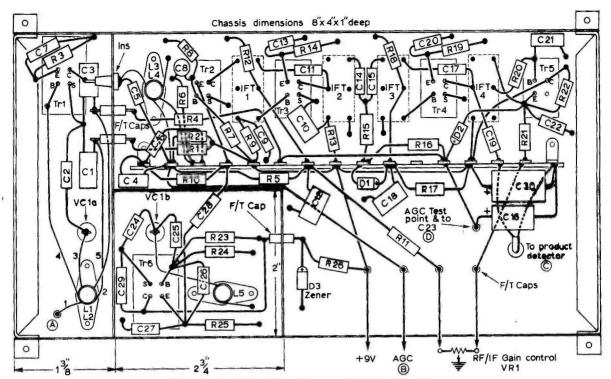


Fig. 4: Underchassis wiring of the second converterii.f. amplifier.

wound single layer coils, it will be found easier to wind five turns or so at a time, pushing each five turns down before the next five are wound. In this way all the turns of the completed coil are close together and neat. Finish with a spot of polystyrene cement or a coating of wax.

Where d.c. wiring passes through the chassis or screened compartments, it is convenient and good practice to use fed-through capacitors. R.F. wiring can simply pass through holes in the chassis or else feed-through insulators can be used. These can be made by glueing a short length of sleeving in the hole and passing a small piece of thick wire through the sleeving.

Wiring in of components can now proceed as in Fig. 4. The tag strip has 16 tags, mounting lugs being left only at each end, the remainder being cut off. The strip is mounted by soldering each end lug to the chassis. When completed, the unit should be connected to a 9V supply and the voltages checked against Table 1.

Alignment

Alignment can be carried out at this stage, or if audible results are required, can wait until the product detector and a.f. amplifier are completed.

Connect a voltmeter between the a.g.c. test-point and chassis, and a signal generator via an isolating capacitor (0.01\mu F) to the base of Tr2 and turn VR1 to maximum.

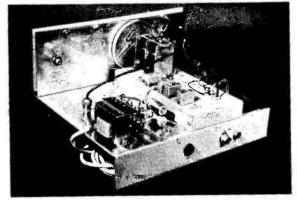
Inject an unmodulated signal of 470kHz and adjust i.f.t's in the order i.f.t.4 to i.f.t.1, for maximum reading on the meter. Reduce the output from the signal generator until the meter reads about 3V and again peak the i.f.t's for maximum. Repeat until no improvement can be obtained, and the i.f.'s are then tuned.

As a guide, the output from the signal generator

for the final conditions above will be of the order of 150μ V.

Transfer the generator to the input of the receiver and inject a signal of 1450kHz. Turn the ganged capacitor to maximum capacity and adjust L5 and then L2 for maximum output. To do this correctly the cores must be screwed in from the top or "hot" end of the coil (furthest from the chassis) as it will be possible to tune the signal twice with L5. The correct signal is the first position.

Now turn the capacitor to minimum and inject a signal of 2050kHz and adjust TC2 and then TC1



The chassis shown at the top of the page fits on top of the main chassis and it can clearly be seen in this photograph and the one on the facing page

for maximum. Inject a signal of 1800kHz, tune to it, adjust the cores of L3 and L4 for maximum.

Inject a signal of 1600kHz, tune to it, adjust the core of L2 to maximum. Inject 1900kHz and tune to it, adjust TCl for maximum. Repeat these two last adjustments until no further improvement is obtained.

In all of these adjustments, the output from the signal generator should be kept down so that the meter reading (the voltage at the a.g.c. test-point) does not exceed 3V.

Although the use of a signal generator is strongly recommended, it is possible to align the unit reasonably well without one, but it will then be necessary to complete the product detector and audio amplifier.

The ganged tuning capacitor in the second converter provides the main tuning for the complete

* components list

Resis	tors:					
R1	270Ω	R10	1kΩ	R19	1kΩ	
R2	1kΩ	R11	27kΩ	R20	$27k\Omega$	
R3	680Ω	R12	15kΩ	R21	2·2kΩ	
R4	680Ω	R13	270Ω	R22	6.8kΩ	
R5	$33k\Omega$	R14	1kΩ	R23	10kΩ	
R6	100Ω	R15	3·3kΩ	R24	10kΩ	
R7	39kΩ	R16	33k Ω	R25	680Ω	
R8	2·2kΩ	R17	15kΩ	R26	270Ω	
R۹	270 O	D19	3.010			

All resistors $\frac{1}{2}$ W 10% VR1 10k Ω potentiometer, linear

Capacitors:

p-	4114141		
C1	0.01μF ceramic	C16	8µF 12VW/elec
C2	150pF 5% poly	C17	0.5pF *
C3	0·01μF ceramic	C18	0·1μF ceramic
C4	0·01μF ceramic	C19	15pF 5% poly
C5	250pF 5% poly	C20	0·1μF ceramic
C6	250pF 5% poly	C21	0·1µF ceramic
C7	0.01µF ceramic	C22	0·1μF ceramic
C8	1000pF poly	C23	100pF 5% poly
C9	0·1µF ceramic	C24	100pF 5% poly
C10	0·1μF ceramic	C25	100pF 5% poly
C11	0·5pF *	C26	2200pF poly
	0·1µF ceramic	C27	1000pF poly
	0·1µF ceramic	C28	0·01μF ceramic
	10pF 5% poly	C29	0·01μF ceramic
C15	10pF 5% poly	C30	100 µF 12VW/elec

 These low value capacitors are obtained by using high value resistors (4·7 MΩ).

VC1a-b 180 + 180pF ganged (Jackson Type F/SLF) TC1-2 30pF trimmers (part of VC1a-b)

Semi-conductors:

Tr1	BF167		Tr4	BF115
Tr2	BF115		Tr5	BC108
Tr3	BF115		Tr6	BF115
	D1	OA202		

D2 OA202

D3 5-6V 250mW Zener

IF Transformers:

1FT-1 T41/1E (Weyrad) 1FT-2 T41/2E (Weyrad) 1FT-3 T41/2E (Weyrad) 1FT-4 T41/3T (Weyrad)

Miscellaneous:

Feedthrough capacitors (8). Cord drive with $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. drive drum and two $\frac{1}{2}$ in. pulleys. Chassis 8 x 4 x 1 in. (see text). Tag strip, 16 way.

receiver and the scale should be initially calibrated from 1.5 to 2MHz with the aid of the signal generator, in 100kHz steps, which can be subdivided into 10kHz steps if desired.

Note. The cores of L1-4 and L5 must each be treated with a core locking compound or high viscosity grease before they are screwed into the coils. In addition, the core of L5 should have a thin rubber band screwed in with it.

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NEXT MONTH IN

WIRELESS

FREE WALL CHART No. 2

In the January issue we shall be presenting free the second wall chart on AUDIO STAN-DARDS. A must for all hi-fi enthusiasts.

PW. STEREO TAPE RECORDER

A project that has been specifically designed with the constructor in mind, the PW. Stereo Tape Recorder can be used with almost any tape deck which can be fitted with the specified Marriott tape heads. The prototype is based on the R.T.C. 249 push button, three speed deck. Careful thought has been given to both the electronic and constructional design to make it possible for the recorder to be built by the comparative newcomer to electronic construction. Simple switching has been made possible by using an unusual equalisation principle and although 16 transistors are used, the cost of the complete project should be only around £30.

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THE BROADCAST BANDS

Malcolm Connah

NEWS FOR DX LISTENERS

The first report this month comes from regular contributor C. R. S. Stacey of Tunbridge Wells who used his Lafayette HA-700 receiver and Joystick antenna to hear:

9665 R. Trans Europe, ident. in German at 1955 9705 R. Voice of the Gospel from 1815 to 1850 15410 VOA, Tinang in Chinese from 1611 to 1659.

Ian Howes of Lowestoft used his Unica 30 receiver with a TV aerial to send in an excellent first report which included:

4850 Mauritania moted at 2210

4900 Radio Juventud, Venezuela at 2240

4940 R. Abidjan, Ivory Coast at 2330

4967.5 Radio Kuwait noted at 2000

11805 Radio Globo, Brazil at 2220

11925 Radio Bandeirantes, Brazil at 0030

12175 Radio Tehran, Iran at 2000

15245 Radio Kinshasa, Congo noted at 2240

15410 VOA, Philippines at 1445

Robert Cork of Basingstoke has built the 'PW' modular short-wave receiver and connected it to a 15 foot antenna with the following results:

9540 Radio New Zealand to Pacific Islands at

0545

11672 Radio Pakistan noted at 2005

11675 CBC, Radio Canada, news in English at

11745 Voice of Nigeria, news and comment at 2000

11750 BBC Far East relay, Tebrau, s-on at 0900 John Trewick of London Colney has sent in another report which contained:

6540 Radio Pyongyang, North Korea at 1930 9715 Radio Nederland, Bonaire at 0800

15330 United Nations Radio Service at 2100

Chris Vernon of South Ruislip made his own super-het receiver and used it with a 20ft. long-wire to hear:

6620 Radio Peking in English from 2155 to 2215 9625 CBC, Radio Canada in English from 0715

to 0745

11710 ABC, Australia in English from 0840 to 0920

11950 Radio Japan in English from 2030 to 2100 15255 Radio Vilnius, Lithuania in English at 2235-2300.

Simon Hamer of New Radnor in Wales has two receivers, a Mullard domestic receiver and a 10 transistor portable and two aerials, 25 and 60 foot long-wires. This line-up enabled him to hear:

11710 ABC, Australia from 0645 to 0915 in English

11790 ABC, Australia in Vietnamese, Eng. ID. at 2130

15105 BBC, Atlantic relay, Ascension Island at 0730

21690 Windward Islands to U.K., s-off at 2200

Colin Blanchard of Sutton Coldfield has a 5 valve Mullard domestic superhet and a 50 foot long-wire and he has heard the following stations:

9625 Radio Israel with news in English at 2100 9912 All India Radio with music, Id. in Eng. at

11720 VOA, Tangier with Jazz Hour from 2345 to 2400

11725 Radio Peking in English from 2100 to 2130 15320 ABC, Australia, Id. at 2255, news in Eng. at 2300

Nicholas Brooks of Naseby used his Astrad Auriga receiver and 120 foot long wire to hear several stations including:

11620 All India Radio, Delhi in English at 1930 11660 Radio Pakistan, Karachi in English at 2110 21440 HCJB, Quito, Ecuador in English at 2055 21650 Radio Nederland, Bonaire in English at 2030.

Roy Patrick of Derby has sent in some more interesting items including:

SOUTH KOREA, The Voice of Free Korea in Seoul has been heard in English at 0900 on the frequency of 9646kHz.

SYRIA, Radio Damascus is now on 9670 and the

frequency of 15165 has been dropped.

DXing Tips

Now that the winter season is with us once again I have decided to give some hints about the tricks of the trade to help newcomers to become better DXers.

The subject for this month is the identification of stations using languages other than English. I have noticed that the majority of reports to this page concern broadcasts in English whereas the most

interesting stations use other languages.

It is easier to catch the name of a station if one knows the words which precede the name. In English the most frequently used expressions are: This is... You are tuned to..., You are listening to.... In Spanish we have: Esta es..., Aquí..., Habla.... In Portuguese: Aqui..., Fala..., Fala-vos... In French: Ici..., Vous écoutez..., Vous êtes a l'écoute. In Italian: Qui..., Transmette..., Questa é.... In German: Hier ist..., Hier spricht.... In Russian: Govorit..., Vy slushaite.... In Arabic: Huna.... Hadha..., Hadihi.... In Standard Chinese: po tien tai.... Cantonese: bor deen toy...; Vietnamese: Day la.... Thai: Thini...; Japanese. Kochirawa.... desu. Mongolian:yarsh; Swahili: Hii ni.... Afrikaans: Dit is...; Hindi, Urdu: Yeh...hai. I hope that the above will be of use to some of you.

All reports, which should be in frequency order, must reach me by the 17th. of the month at the following address: 5 Ranelagh Gardens, Cranbrook,

Ilford, Essex.

ON THE



ONDITIONS have varied quite a lot this past month. The l.f. bands, true to form, have begun to improve and it can only be hoped that this will continue thus enabling Santa to fill waiting ears with Christmas DX.

Talking l.f., Paul Leach (Cheshire) informs that a listen on 1880kHz in the evenings will often be rewarded by sigs from HBØXKZ (QSL via G3TXF). Paul hopes to take the R.A.E. in December before going to school in GD-land.

Twenty metres have proved its worth for those who were prepared to go on owl watch. Late nights and early mornings appear the most fruitful times

to QRX.

Surprise of the month was undoubtedly ten metres. True its a temperamental old band with a character all of its own, but there were some very good openings especially towards the end of the month. North America and Japan were heard on two occasions.

P. Fereyear (Essex), Marconi No. 9 set built in 1943, no mention of any antenna (boy, they really knew how to build sets in 1943). He says that PAØPN can usually be logged at 1100 around 1805kHz.

On 3500kHz, Paul logged; CR7GJ, F6ACM/FC, OY7JD, PY1HA, VO1FG, VS6DO, WA1IKG, 9V1PP.

The majority of logs this month owe their existence to either 14 or 21MHz. Certainly these are nearly always the easiest bands to pick up DX although the EU stations sometimes make the going a bit rough.

K. Hastie (Roxburghshire), CR100, 60ft. long-wire, Joymatch a.t.u., had a peep at 14MHz and got: HC8KKU, HS3ACV, HV3SJ, K6GUY, KJ6CF, MP4BBA, VE2BM, 5Z4KL, all s.s.b. except the two sidebands from the HC station.

Twenty-one megahertz was found to be harbouring; CR6FP, CX4CR, K7UIT, OHØNI, WBØDIR,

4S7TB and 9V1NR all on s.s.b.

J. Moore (Leicester), still titivating the dial on his CR100/2 fed with 130ft. of wire via an a.t.u. managed to bag these on 14MHz; AX2AAR, AX2AGN, AX3JW, AX4KS, C31CY, CN8BG, EA6BN, ET3USA, FM7WW, HT6GAF, LU2FAO, OB4OS (another prefix for Peru), OHØNK, PY2DSC, PY3AHJ, PY7VGP, TI2RSR, VK3AM, VK3QX/M, VK5FM, VK7AZ, YS1O, YV1ON, YV1ACT/5, YV5DFI, ZB2A, ZM4FX, 4N2KO (Korcula Island), 4X4RW, 6Y5GA, 9G1BF, 9Y4KR.

Fifteen metres gave a good account of itself where John heard; CR4BB, CR6GA, CR6JW, CR7AF, CT3AS, EL2BU, EP2DX, HK3AUE, HS1ABC, IT1SEZ/P (Ustica), fifteen JA stations, JH1JLR, JR1HRX, KC6RS, KR6JU, KS6DH, LU1ZE, OD5EP, PZ1AP, TI2ALG, VP8KL, VP9MI, VU2BEO, VU2OLK, WB6WQV, W7HFD, XW8DM, ZM6QK, ZC4CB. ZS5OE. 5N2AAE, 5R8AS, 5VZWT, 7**Z**3**A**B, 9E3USA. 9G1BF. 9H1BX. 9H1CB, 9J2PV, 9V1PA.

A. Crooks (Leicester), RA1, PR30, 45ft. end-fed,

THE AMATEUR BANDS David Gibson, G3JDG

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reports 20 metre sigs from; AX2DD, AX2OZ, AX3AYT, AX5EJ, CR6MT, CR7IC, CT3AN, EP2DA, ET3DS, FG7TD, HBØXJK/M, HK3BLD, JA3XPO, LU8DX, MP4QBK, OHØNI, PJ2HT, PZ1AC, PZ1DF, TA1KT, TF2WKI, T12ES, TU2BB, VE1YY, VE3FKD, VP8HZ, VP8KL, VU2BEO, VU2VAE, YA1MLX, YV4AU, ZD7SD, 4N2KO, 4S7PB, 5X5MP, 5Z4MO, 6W8DY, 6Y5GA, 7Z3AB, 9Y4VV.

On 21MHz Andy hooked: CE7DW, CR6LC. CR7IZ. CX9CO. CT2AK. XYUU, VE3AIU, JA7BSD. K5TSR. KR6JU, LG5LG, KP4BBK, LU7SE. SVICC, SVØWY, PZ1AP. VP2MM. VP8KD, VP2VI. VP8KL, W6MSM, W7APA, ZD8AB, ZE1DG, ZSINL, 3V8AL, 4N2LO, 4Z4AQ/MM (20°N 18°W), 5N2AAE, 5VZWT. 5Z4KM, 6W8AL, 9G1GT/M, 9H1CB. 9J2PV. 9M2VI, 9Q5QR, 9U5DP, 9V1PQ.

A. Trelinski (Warks.) has a Lasky's Skyrover with a b.f.o. Hoards of G stations logged on 3.5MHz while on 14MHz; CE1FF, K6DXX, 5T5AD. VK9NT, WB6NDC. Alexander says that some of these stations were stronger than Radio 4 (I don't

know that callsign—new country?).

T Thornton (Berks.), CR7OA, 132ft. end-fed, is pleased with the results of an eavesdrop on 28MHz. Stations immediately responsible for causing such pleasure are; CR6GA, CX9CO, DU1FH, EA8GZ, FG7XT, KV4CM, LU5FEH, MP4BFO, PY8GES. TR8MC, ZC4IK, 4X4WP, 9H1BL.

S. Davies (S. Wales), Murphy B40C, "full-wave" dipole for 28MHz at 20ft. claims great activity on ten metres. Included in his log are; CE8AA, CR6FA, CR7AF, CX8DM, CT1UN, EL2AW, HK3VK. KG4AM, KP4ATS, K4EBW, K8SMC, LU2DEK, LU7AAG, PY2DSQ, VE3BPX/4, WB4OSW, WB6ODA, W5BY, ZE2JO, ZK5DV, ZP5GS, ZS1UF, ZS4MZ, 7Q7AA, 9J2RO, 9J2AG.

N. Richardson (Bucks.) reckons that conditions have been good on 144MHz. The gear comprises an 8-element Yagi, Garex converter, PR30, CR7OA tuning 28-30MHz. Signals of the a.m. variety were received from; F1APQ, F1BCI, F5VH, F6ALH, ON4RY, ON5HH, ON5NY, PAØCML, PAØFHV. PAØTLX, PAØJHT. Solitary sidebands squeaks from; GM3OXD/P, HB9ADJ/P, PAØFWS.

November offers a good choice for the contest enthusiast and s.w.b. The diary reads, November 7-8th, 40 metre phone contest; 7-8th, two metre c.w. contest; 14-15th, top-band contest; 20-21st, Malta Independence Day phone/c.w. contest; 27-28th, CQ world-wide DX contest; December 6th, 2 metre fixed-station contest.

Please note. The address for all communications, which includes logs, for The Amateur Bands is now:

14, Manland Avenue, Harpenden, Herts.

Logs in alphabetical order please, to arrive by the 15th of the month.

Light communication

Concerning the article in the June P.W. concerning the Light-Operated Telephone, I have some comments to make:

Some years ago I had cause to experiment with light-modulated beams and whilst doing this I noted the restriction of h.f. due to the delay in the bulb filament heating and cooling at h.f. The amplifiers used at this time to drive the bulb were ECC83/6V6 valved units with an output of about 2-3W into 3 ohms. I drove the bulb from the secondary of the output transformer. I experimented with various bulbs and found the pre-focus type gave the best performance (I recall I used a 6V type). To overcome the h.f. heating lag, I included a battery in series with the bulb/ transformer secondary, underrunning the bulb just enough to see the filament glowing. The battery was bypassed to a.f. with a 25μF capacitor. When signals were transmitted, the filament, already hot, was able to pass considerably more h.f., and overall a better performance was obtained.—Roger Bunney (Hampshire).

Musical pollution

I think it's about time something was done about piped music and background music. Music is supposed to soothe the savage breast but when one gets a juke box blaring in a pub when one is trying to talk business or has musical "inducement" when trying to buy clothes and to cap it all, music in the Hilton's lifts, it makes one's breast all the more savage to think that some cretin somewhere has conned some morons somewhere else into thinking that this intrusion induces sales and adds to enjoyment.-M. Casey (London).

Wiring colours

I am sorry about Mr. Gallacher's colour blindness but feel that this minority affliction hardly constitutes a valid argument against the well-recognised colour coding for mains wiring, red, black and green.

He does not mention the other widespread use of green and

red—namely road signs. I do not know if he drives a car, but if he does, although traffic signals can be recognised by position, what of the single lamps used at traffic control of roadworks, and the very many danger signs and direction signs. Also, what about the compulsory red rear lights on cars?

Although we now have to accept the new colours for mains wiring, I still cannot see the reason for the modification, or for the choice of these colours.

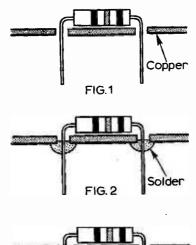
Often, I feel, they get together and decide on some new way, or new regulation (particularly on cars) to boost sales and profits.

E. W. Baigent (Buckinghamshire).

Printed circuits

I read Mr. R. A. Yates' article in the May edition of Practical Wireless concerning the making of printed circuit boards with some interest. However, Mr. Yates' advice to bend the ends of the leads to the wire becoming bonded to the copper laminate with a film of solder which does not remove easily on desoldering and removal of the component becomes more difficult and can result in a damaged laminate.

The method taught me is to leave the leads long and to push the leads through the holes drilled in the board as in Fig. 1. The iron is then rested with the



side of the bit on the laminate and the end on the lead. A quick application of the solder results in a neat mound of solder as in Fig. 2. It only remains then to cut off the lead at the top of the mound giving the result shown in Fig. 3 which can be desoldered quite easily for the component removal if this should become necessary at some later stage.

This is a well-tried method and I hope it may help readers to make better printed circuit boards.—A. Morgan (Berkshire).

Born too soon?

I am now 71 years of age and I fear have entered my second childhood. Some time ago, I found my old toy box with relics of my younger days and in it was a book by Maurice Child called "Small Power Wireless Installations," price 1s. There was another book entitled "Wireless Telegraphy for Amateurs," by Hawgrave Graham. I put the books down, rested my old head in my hands and lapsed into reverie. I remembered my first set, built in a cigar box from instructions from the "Scout." Next came a more ambitious one in a Hudson soap box with sliders, etc. I had a fine aerial with broomsticks as spreaders and aluminium wire. Alas, near me lived a police sergeant and when the 1914 War broke out, I was ordered to hand in the lot. When 2LO came on the air, I was off again!

Some time later I remembered an old domestic set for medium and long waves under the bench. I stripped the coils out, got new ones from Denco with a 3-gang 300pF capacitor and re-built the chassis for long, medium, short and trawler reception. It worked, but the hum was nearly as loud

as the signal!

Now, I spend hours in my shed with this set and copies of P.W., wondering if I'll ever be able to master all this n.p.n. and p.n.p. business and zeners and all the other mysterious things happening today in the world of radio. So please tell those "size 8 heads" to have pity on us old ones—we can't help it—we were just born 60 years too soon!—W. Wickins (Norfolk).

CALEB BRADLEY B.Sc.

I.C. Stereo ualisers & Mixers

NTEGRATED circuit flatpacks are now available containing two or more linear amplifiers with sufficient isolation for multi-channel audio use. Possible applications are in equalisers for stereo signal sources where two preamps with identical frequency responses are required and in audio mixers where two or more preamp stages are needed (two for each signal source for stereo). Each of the circuits described here consists of one i.c. and a few discrete components and can be constructed inside a very small space; for example, the equaliser circuits can be fitted easily into a matchbox. More space is occupied by the controls in the case of the mixers. Power requirements are small and are simply met by batteries which will have many months' useful life. Alternatively, these circuits will generally be feeding a main amplifier from which power can be taken.

The i.c.'s used here are the Motorola MC1303P which contains two linear amplifiers, and the R.C.A. CA3048 which contains four linear amplifiers.

MC1303P

This device forms an ideal basis for a stereo preamplifier. By adding suitable feedback components, the two amplifiers can be given a suitable frequency response for equalisation of stereo signal sources such as magnetic pickups or tape playback heads; altenatively, the MC1303P can serve as a high-gain, low-noise and low-distortion preamp stage with a flat frequency response suitable for two inputs from tuner, microphone, electric guitar, etc. The equaliser circuits can be added to any valve or transistor amplifier as the MC1303P has a low impedance output to suit both high and low impedance amplifier inputs. An output swing of up to 5.5V is available, enough to drive almost any audio amplifier. Lower distortion is obtained with smaller outputs, however.

The MC1303P consists of two separate high gain amplifiers in a 14-lead flatpack. The two amplifiers are arbitrarily labelled for left and right stereo channels in the circuit shown in Fig. 1, but there is no reason why they should not be used for any pair of mono signals. Only the power supply connections are common to both channels. From the characteristics listed in Table 1, it can be seen that the channel separation is high. The circuit consists of 16 transistors and 18 resistors, not an exceptionally large total to squeeze on a tiny silicon chip inside a plastic slab only 3 in. long, by today's standards. Component references are given for the 'left' channel only as both amplifiers are identical. Operation is as follows.

Positive and inverted inputs are received by the long-tailed pair amplifier Tr1, Tr2. This is directly coupled to a second similar amplifier Tr4, Tr5. The tail current of Tr4, Tr5 is sampled by Tr3 which is a constant current source in the tail of Tr1, Tr2. This

MOTOROLA MC1303P Summary of Characteristics

Type: Monolithic two-channel amplifier, silicon epitaxial structure, in standard 14-lead flatpack.

Max. supply voltage (25°C)

Temperature range Channel separation (10kHz)

Characteristics each channel: Open loop gain Output voltage swing Input noise volts Input bias current (mean of

+ve & -ve inputs) Input offset current D.C. Power dissipation

-15-0-15V d.c. 0-75°C

>60dB

>8000 (78dB) 4.5-5.5V r.m.s. max. 0·5μV typical

1-10µA 0.2-0.4 A 300mW max.

TABLE 1

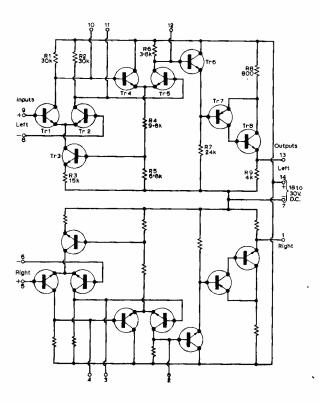




Fig. 1: The internal circuitry and packaging of the MC1303P i.c. twochannel amplifier.



50 PROJECT ELECTRONIC KIT

Model R.130



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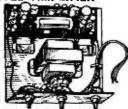


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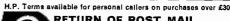
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The amplified signal across R6 is fed by emitter follower Tr6 to the complementary p-n-p/n-p-n amplifier Tr7, Tr8. This provides a low impedance emitter follower output on pin 13.

The basic wiring needed to operate the i.c. as a stereo preamp is shown in Fig. 2. Each channel has a feedback network wired from the output to the invert input to give an overall frequency response

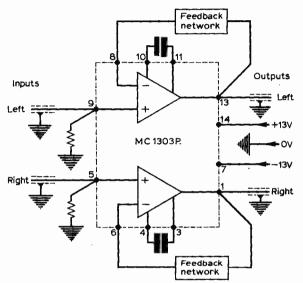


Fig. 2: Basic wiring of MC1303P for stereo preamp use.

appropriate to the signal source. The device needs a centre-tapped power supply of between -9/0/9V and -15/0/15V d.c. and the current drawn is only 22mA approx. The centre tap is needed to provide a bias connection for the input stages, and is a suitable earth point for the input and output cable screens.

PREAMP WITH LEVEL RESPONSE

The circuit in Fig. 3 is suitable for low level signal sources which do not require equalisation. It gives a signal gain of 40 dB (i.e. 100) with a response of 10Hz - 50kHz, -3dB. Since the lower end of R2 is returned to earth at a.f. by C3, the proportion of the output signal fed back to the invert input is approximately R2/R3 = 1/100. Since the open loop gain of the amplifier is very high, this sets the gain of this channel at 100 at audio frequencies. At higher frequencies, additional feedback is provided by C4 and the gain falls off.

Only 0.05V r.m.s. input is sufficient to drive either channel to full output (5V r.m.s.); beyond this distortion increases rapidly. Larger inputs can be handled if the gain is reduced by reducing the values of R3 and R6. The gain can be recalculated from the relation given.

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MAGNETIC CARTRIDGE EQUALISER

The circuit in Fig. 4 is a useful addition to audio amplifiers with no provision for magnetic pickups,

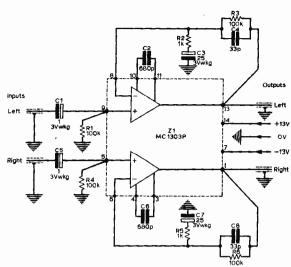


Fig. 3: General purpose stereo preamp with level frequency response.

and it also enables a record player to be improved by conversion to a magnetic pickup. The feedback network R3, R4, C4, C5 is chosen to give the standard RIAA LP record playback curve frequency response. Gain is 34dB (50) at 1kHz. For a maximum output of 5V r.m.s. at 1kHz, 100mV r.m.s. input is required and total harmonic distortion is 0.1%. Noise

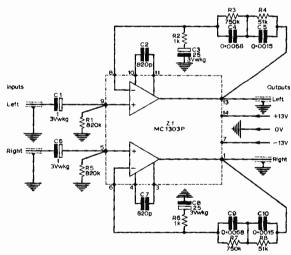


Fig. 4: R.I.A.A. equalised preamp for magnetic pickups.

is 70 dB below a 10mV input and hence the circuit is suitable for the lowest output stereo cartridges. As the input impedance is high, special care must be given to adequate screening of the input leads from the record deck to minimise hum pickup.

TAPE HEAD EQUALISATION

Very few commercial amplifiers or preamps provide for low level inputs from stereo (i.e. \frack) tape playback heads; an input labelled 'tape' is generally for medium level signals that have already been equalised in a tape recorder. The circuit in Fig. 5 provides NAB tape playback equalisation for either 7\frac{1}{2} or 3\frac{3}{4} inches per second playing speeds, depending on the values of feedback components R4, C4, etc.

For $1\frac{7}{8}$ i.p.s. speed, the values given for $3\frac{3}{4}$ i.p.s. are fairly satisfactory, or optimum values can be found by experiment. A two pole, three way switch will enable the component values to be switched for different speeds; on many tape decks this switch can be mechanically coupled to the deck speed selector.

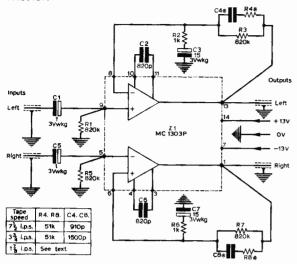


Fig. 5: Equaliser for stereo tape playback.

TWO-CHANNEL MIXERS

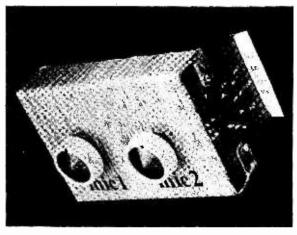
The MC1303P can serve as an active mixer for two mono signals if the two outputs in Fig. 3 are connected to potentiometers as in Fig. 6. Such a circuit would be useful for mixing two microphone signals. The $6.8k\Omega$ resistors serve to reduce interaction of the two level controls, and can be increased

Cutputs from Fig.3

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to $10k\Omega$ if the output loading is more than $50k\Omega$. The output loading should be not less than $10k\Omega$ unless lower values are chosen for VR1, R1, etc. Either amplifier in the MC1303P may be independantly equalised using the component values in Figs. 4 or 5. An example is the mixer circuit in Fig. 7 which was designed for a 'discoteque' amplifier. One amplifier has a flat response and takes the signal from a disc jockey's microphone, the other amplifier provides RIAA equalisation for a mono magnetic record pickup.



The small physical size of the l.c.s. makes it possible to build the equalisers and mixers very small.

CA3048

The RCA CA3048 is a 16-lead flatpack containing no less than four separate identical amplifiers. Characteristics of each amplifier are shown in Table 2. The circuit of half the device (i.e. two amplifiers) is shown in Fig. 8 where component references are given for one amplifier only. The circuit of the other two amplifiers is identical and separate, except that all the earth connections are to one pin, pin 5. Each amplifier operates as follows.

Positive and inverted inputs are received by a long-tailed pair amplifier consisting of Darlington-connected pair Tr1, Tr2 on the positive input side, and Tr3 on the other. Base bias current for Tr1 is fed through R3 from the potential divider R2/R1/D2/D3 in which D2 and D3 provide temperature compensation for the emitter/base junctions of Tr1 and Tr2. The amplified signal across R6 is taken to the triple-Darlington amplifier Tr4, Tr5, Tr6 which

provides a low impedance output at pin 1 with a voltage gain equal to (R11+R12)/R10 = 5 (14 dB).

Unlike the amplifiers in the MC1303P, each amplifier in the CA3048 has an in-built a.c. and d.c. negative feedback loop R7, R9 between the output and the inverted input. Temperature compensation for the emitter/base junction of Tr3 is provided by D1. The effect of this feedback is to give each

Fig. 7: Mixing preamp for 'discoteque' amplifier.

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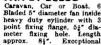
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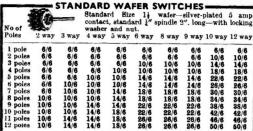
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Type: Monolithic four-channel amplifier, silicon epitaxial structure, in standard 16-lead flatpack. Each amplifier has a.c. and temperature-compensating d.c. feedback.

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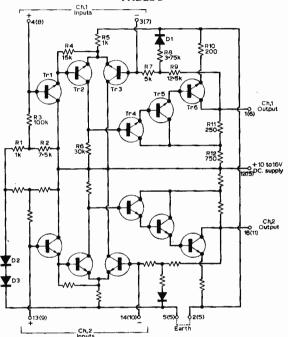
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Channel separation (1kHz) Characteristics each channel: >45dB

Open loop gain (a.c. feedback bypassed) Gain with feedback D.C. Power dissipation

>500 (54dB) 6 (16dB) approx 150mW

TABLE 2



can be used to mix two stereo signals. For this, double ganged potentiometers are used for VR1/VR3 and VR2/VR4, and the output arrangement is modified as shown in Fig. 9b. Each double ganged potentiometer then gives simultaneous control of the left and right channels of one stereo signal, and the maintenance of left/right balance will be as good as the tracking accuracy of the potentiometers used.

of $25k\Omega$ in series with the capacitor can be used as

The circuit of a 4-channel active audio mixer

based on the CA3048 is shown in Fig. 9a. Each

input signal is brought through a level control

(VR1 etc.) to an amplifier providing 34dB (50) gain.

set by the value of R1, etc. The four outputs are

combined by R9, etc. to produce a single output: the

effect of these combining resistors is to reduce each

channel's gain to approximately 20dB (10). As for

the two -channel mixers described, the output loading

Instead of mixing four mono signals, the CA3048

a gain control over this range.

should not be less than $10k\Omega$.

4-CHANNEL AUDIO MIXER

CONSTRUCTION

Since each of the circuits given consists of one i.c. and only a handful of discrete components, no firm layouts need be given. The pin arrangements of the i.c.s will suggest suitable layouts, and provided component leads are kept short there should be no stability problems. The circuits can be wired up conveniently on a small piece of drilled paxolin sheet or Veroboard, and put in a metal lozenge or tobacco box for screening. The screens of the input and output leads and the power supply earth should be connected to the metal box, ideally at the same point. The author's preference is to connect the i.c. in 'dead insect' fashion, i.e. on its 'back' with the pins sticking up. It is then possible to desolder the pins one by one at a later date and remove the i.c. intact.

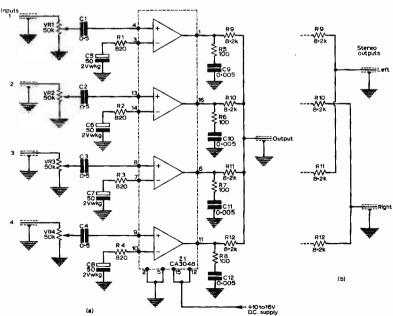
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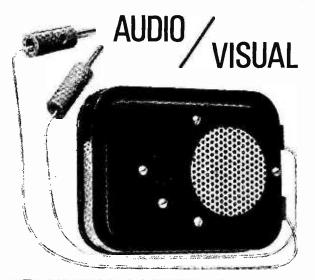


Fig. 8 (above): Internal circuit and pin Identification of the CA3048 i.c. 4-channel amplifier. The circuit of half the device is shown; the other half is similar with connections to the pin numbers in brackets.

Fig. 9 (right): (a) Four channel active audio mixer using CA3048 (b) Modification for mixing two stereo signals (see text).

amplifier a very linear frequency response and a high input impedance of nearly $100k\Omega$, the value of R3. It also produces very low impedance at the inverted input. By bypassing pin 3 to earth through a large capacitor (50 - 100 µF for audio frequencies), the feedback is removed at a.f. and the gain of the amplifier rises from about 16dB (6) to 57dB (700). A variable resistor





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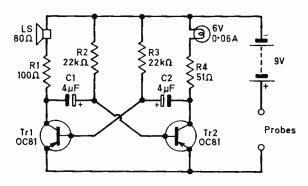


Fig. 1: Circuit of tester. All resistors are ½W.

supply is completed through the probes the current through one transistor (say Tr1) increases faster than the current through the other. The collector voltage of Tr1 will rise to almost zero.

This voltage change will be fed to the base of Tr2, so reducing its collector current and making its collector voltage more negative. This change is fed back to the base of Tr1, so causing a further increase in the collector current of Tr1. This regenerative action will continue until Tr1 is hard on and Tr2 cut off.

Capacitor C1 now charges up through R2 until the base of Tr2 becomes sufficiently negative that Tr2 begins to conduct, regenerative feedback causing Tr2 to turn hard on and Tr1 to cut off. C2 now charges up through R3 and the cycle repeats.

With the values of C1, C2 and R2, R3 given in Fig.1 the circuit oscillates a few times per second, causing the bulb in the collector circuit of Tr2 to flash on and off, alternating with a pulse of sound from the speaker in the collector circuit of Tr1.

CONSTRUCTION

Almost any p-n-p transistors with a collector current rating of about 100mA. or more can be used. The frequency of oscillation can be varied by altering the values of C1 and C2. Increasing the value will

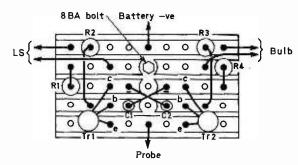
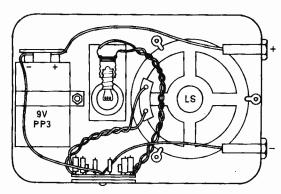


Fig. 2: Wiring of circuit board.

reduce the frequency; decreasing it will increase the frequency. If the frequency is increased very much, however, the bulb will appear to be on continuously owing to the thermal lag of the filament.

The small components are mounted vertically on a piece of Veroboard 9 holes long by 5 rows wide as shown in Fig.2. The centre hole of row two is



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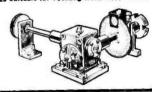
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NOTES ON USE

Any convenient pair of test leads plugged into the sockets form the probes. Continuity between the probes is indicated by the regular bleeping and flashing emitted by the tester. As the resistance between the probes increases, so the bleeps and flashes become weaker and cease altogether if the resistance is more than about $1k\Omega$.



Rear view of tester and cover with magnet attached.

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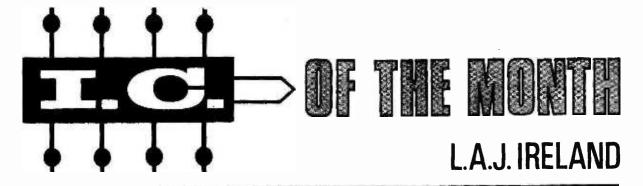
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The Motorola MC1596G Modulator/Demodulator

NEW special purpose i.c. which will be of interest to the amateur radio fraternity is the Motorola MC1596G modulator/demodulator circuit. It can be applied to communications problems, in particular the generation of suppressed carrier signals; however, it will also act as a standard a.m. modulator, and in receiver circuits as a detector, not to mention its possibilities in laboratory instrumentation.

Circuit

The basic mode of operation can be deduced from the circuit diagram, Fig. 1. It should be remembered that in standard applications, a signal of considerable amplitude is supplied as the carrier, with the result that Tr1-Tr4 act in a switching, rather than a linear mode. The output is therefore the product of the signal input and a "square wave" of a frequency determined by the carrier signal; the signal input alone determines the amplitude of the output signal.

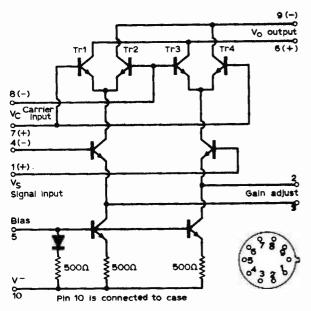


Fig. 1: Circuit of the MC1596G. Pin 10 is adjacent to the spigot.

Theory

At this stage it is necessary to introduce a little mathematics. The Fourier analysis of a square wave is a sine wave of the same frequency plus a series of sine waves whose frequencies are the odd harmonics (multiples) of the basic square wave frequency, or fundamental. It follows then that if the modulator circuit is followed by a filter which passes the fundamental but blocks all the harmonics, the output of the complete assembly will be a sine wave whose amplitude is determined by the signal input. All the applications of the MC1596G are elaborations on this theoretical scheme.

A concept frequently found in electronics text books enters here, the idea of bandwidth. Only an infinitely long series of sine waves is definitively fixed in frequency: this, a further conclusion from Fourier theory, can be illustrated approximately as follows. To determine frequency, a number of sine waves must be counted and the corresponding time measured, from which the Hertz number (or cycles per second) can be calculated. The more cycles included in the count the more accurate the result will be; therefore to determine the frequency with absolute accuracy (zero bandwidth) an infinite series is required.

In a modulated signal the characteristics are constantly changing, in a manner determined by the modulating waveform; as a result only brief intervals are available for frequency determination, and the more complex the modulation the briefer the intervals, and therefore the greater the possible deviation from the precise frequency.

This deviation takes the name bandwidth, and it evidently applies as much to amplitude modulated signals as to f.m. transmissions. Those parts of the signal lying at frequencies other than the precise carrier frequency are referred to as the sidebands of the signal. Now, as it is the modulation which is responsible for producing the sidebands, it follows that the information can be reconstituted from the sidebands and the carrier may be regarded simply as a means of locating them. Therefore to transmit a given amount of information with the minimum radiated power, the carrier frequency should be omitted, and in a balanced circuit this is precisely the function the i.c. performs.

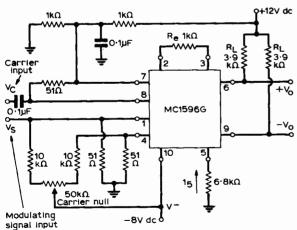
Moreover, as the sidebands are present symmetrically on each side of the carrier, either one carries

the full information, so for even more effective use of available power, and to limit the bandwidth demands even further, one of the sidebands may be filtered out. The transmitted signal finally produced is referred to as "single sideband suppressed carrier" or s.s.b. (Sideband rejection, of course, is carried out by a series of LC circuits, not in the balanced modulator).

It should be noted that the analysis given above assumes accurate switching operation in the full wave gate section of the i.e. (Tr1-Tr4) so that the Fourier series of sine waves is produced. This is obviously dependent on the amplitude of the carrier signal applied to the modulator; should this be significantly lower than 300mV the transistors do not switch cleanly, with a consequent departure from precise squaring of the waveform, and therefore from the Fourier series. This implies a residual carrier-frequency component, to a degree determined by the extent of linear operation in the gate transistors, so the circuit output approaches the conventional amplitude modulation.

Applications

For use as a detector of either a.m. or s.s.b. signals, a carrier wave must be supplied in the same way as in the modulator case; however, this time the carrier is selected to be at the same frequency as the carrier of the signal to be detected. In a practical example, the signal is delivered by the final i.f. stage of a receiver, while the local carrier is generated by the receiver b.f.o. (beat frequency oscillator). The sideband will be displaced from the carrier by the amount of the modulation frequency, so it follows that if all the high frequency components of the i.c. output are rejected, the system output will be the audio modulation alone.



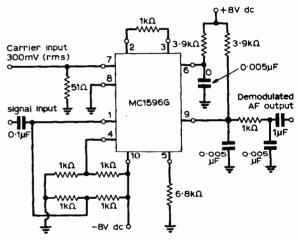
Operation of the MC1596G as a balanced modulator. If the circuit is unbalanced with the "carrier null" control a component at carrier frequency is introduced and a conventional a.m. signal results.

For morse reception, the b.f.o. is offset from the carrier, and the signal will be heard at a frequency determined by the extent of the offset. As before, for optimum results the b.f.o. amplitude should be 300mV and the a.m. or s.s.b. may be at any level between 5 and 500mV.

It will come as something of a surprise to find that this unit is also adaptable as a f.m. detector. In this case the i.f. output is applied to the carrier input of the i.c.: the signal input is fed through a linear phase shift network which may be adapted from an old f.m. i.f.t. The extent of the phase shift is frequency-dependent, and therefore varies with the audio modulation; the output of the i.c. will be a sum of the audio signal and a series of high frequency components which are rejected.

Other Uses

Those interested in instrumentation will recognise in the MC1596G the essential elements of a lock-in or phase sensitive amplifier, widely used in research and industry to recognise and identify synchronous signals once a reference frequency is available. In cases where a wideband, or even a tuned, amplifier is swamped with noise, a lock-in system is still able to follow a signal, since it switches in phase with that signal and adds the outputs, with the result that the signal becomes more evident while the noise, on average, cancels out.



The MC1596G as an s.s.b demodulator or product detector. A carrier input (b.f.o.) level of 300mV (r.m.s.) is optimum. The composite s.s.b. signal input may be between 5 and 500mV (r.m.s.).

One point of caution: under certain circumstances, depending on driving source impedances, instability may occur. If this is a problem, the inputs should be shunted by suppressor networks, made up of a 510 ohm resistor and a 10pF capacitor in series.

Notes

It is also worth noting the wide bandwidth of the basic device: the signal input is only 3dB down at 80MHz, while the carrier response only drops at 300MHz. The price of around £3 is something of an inhibition, but if past experience with i.c.'s is any guide, it should drop rapidly, particularly in view of the versatility of the device.

The unit is currently available from Motorola distributors in the U.K., including:

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LMOST everybody who regularly uses a telephone will know the frustration caused by a poorly connected call where words are heard faintly and have to be repeated, making conversation difficult. In addition, use of the telephone can present a serious problem to the hard of hearing. The unit described here is a compact device which relieves these problems by amplifying telephone calls to loudspeaker volume. Its design was prompted by the author's frequent need to take down notes during telephone conversations. It can reduce the strain of using the telephone, and it could be especially useful in a noisy environment such as a factory. The unit can actually save money on long distance calls since it allows a conversation to flow faster. It also enables more than one person to listen to a telephone, making conferences by telephone possible.

The unit is portable and can be attached to a Post Office or private intercom in seconds, without any unauthorized electrical connection or modification to the telephone. It works by detecting the stray magnetic field which exists around a telephone. A special magnetic detector, which attaches to the telephone by a built-in rubber suction cup, produces a signal which the unit amplifies to loudspeaker volume. Depending on where the detector is attached to the telephone, the unit may deliver both sides of the conversation, or almost solely the incoming speech. Since it is hardly likely to be used for quality music reproduction, the unit's frequency response is deliberately restricted to give the best intelligibility of telephone speech. A somewhat unconventional volume control circuit is used to this end.

circuit

The circuit of the telephone amplifier is shown in Fig. 1, where typical voltage readings are shown. A silicon integrated circuit flatpack is used in the audio output stage. Besides simplifying construction, this tiny unit proves cheaper than the equivalent discrete components. It delivers just under one watt of audio power, quite adequate for this use, and operates here with the absolute minimum of external components.

The signal from the telephone pickup L is first amplified by two conventional common emitter

stages Tr1 and Tr2, coupled by C4. These transistors are very high gain but inexpensive silicon planar types and they are run at a fairly low collector current of about 200µA to minimise noise. High frequencies are attenuated by collector-base feedback capacitors C2 and C5 in each stage. This both ensures stability and gives a useful reduction in noise when the amplifier is useful reduction in noise when the amplifier is useful reduction in noise when the in no point in trying to amplify treble frequencies which simply are not present on the telephone line. For the same reason, bass is restricted by the values of C3 and C6 which are not large enough to decouple the transistor emitters at low frequencies.

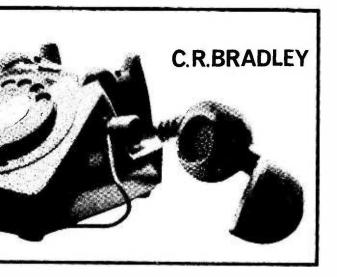
The amplified signal is coupled by C10 to the General Electric PA234 integrated circuit. This contains all the active components of a conventional Class B audio amplifier, equivalent to six n-p-n transistors, one p-n-p transistor, three diodes and three resistors. The voltage drop across the chain of diodes provides sufficient standing current in the output transistors to minimise crossover distortion, with automatic temperature compensation to prevent thermal runaway.

A.C. and d.c. negative feedback from the output to the input of the i.c. is provided by preset potentiometer VR2. This must be adjusted to obtain half the

supply voltage at the i.c. output (pin 12).

The 15Ω loudspeaker is fed via d.c. blocking capacitor C11. Overall negative feedback is taken from the speaker to Tr1 base by R9 and VR1 to form the unusual volume control which operates as follows.

The arrow on VR1 indicates the direction of clockwise rotation. When this control is set fully clockwise, the slider is at earth and there is no feedback from R9. The amplifier then works at maximum gain. As the control is rotated anticlockwise, the amplifier gain is progressively reduced as more negative feedback is introduced from R9 into Tr1 base. The advantage over a conventional volume control in this application is that the advantages of negative feedback, namely reduced distortion and extended frequency response, are gained to the maximum at all volume settings. There is also an economy in components. At the high volume setting used with a very weak, noisy telephone signal, there is little or no feedback and the resulting restricted frequency response of the unit aids intelligibility.



As with all Class B circuits, the current consumption of the PA234 depends on the signal level and varies widely. It is therefore essential to feed the first two stages with well decoupled h.t. or 'motorboating' oscillation will be caused by the signal appearing across the internal impedance of the battery. By using a fairly high value for R10, which drops over 20% of the supply voltage, a reasonably small capacitor can be used for C9 while maintaining an adequately large C9 times R10 value.

construction

The circuit lends itself to miniaturization as all the components are readily and cheaply available in miniature form. The prototype unit was built into a

* components list

Resis	tors:		
R1	180k Ω	R6	22kΩ
R2	22 k Ω	R7	1.5k Ω
R3	1 ⋅ 5k Ω	R8	22k Ω
R4	22k Ω	R9	100k Ω
R5	180k Ω	R10	3:3k ()

All resistors 10%, 1 watt types

VR1 5k Ω miniature radio edgewise volume control with switch

VR2 100k Ω subminiature skeleton preset pot

Capacitors:

C1 8µF 3V electrolytic

C2 100pF ceramic

C3 8µF 3V electrolytic

C4 8µF 3V electrolytic

C5 100pF ceramic C6 8µF 3V electrolytic

C7-not used

C8-not used

C9 100µF 6.4V-see text

C10 8µF 3V electrolytic

C11 200µF 6V electrolytic

Semiconductors:

Tr1 2N2926Y or G Tr2 2N2926Y or G 1.C. PA234 (General Electric)

Miscellaneous:

Telephone pickup coil; 3.5mm miniature jack socket; 2in. diameter loudspeaker, 15 Ω*; 9V battery, PP3; Veroboard approx 2½ x 2in., 0·15in. matrix; Soap box; battery clips etc.

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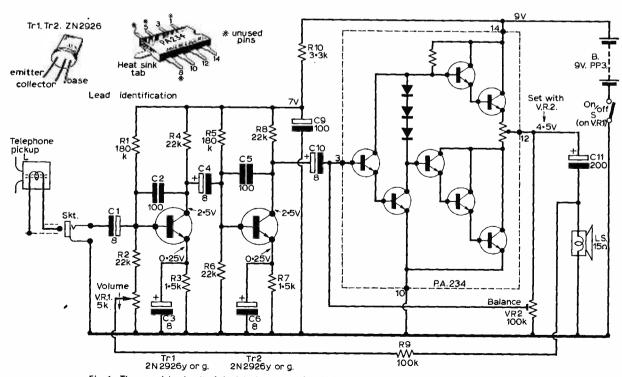
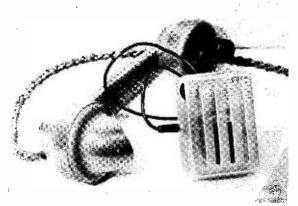


Fig. 1: The complete circuit of the telephone amplifier. Note the unusual volume control, see text for explanation.

small polythene soap box, sold by most chemists. The volume control, a standard miniature Japanese radio type, and most of the components are mounted on a small piece of Veroboard. This is shaped so it wedges tightly into the smaller half of the box, together with the loudspeaker and battery, without any other fixing being needed. The Veroboard layout is shown in Fig. 2 and is not critical. The components need not be so closely packed if a larger box is used, and the Veroboard can be shaped to suit the box. Careful soldering with a small, hot iron is essential. Resistors should be small \(\frac{1}{4}\) watt types. The author chose to use a fractionally under-rated electrolytic capacitor (only 6.4V working) for C9 as this value is available in a very small size.



The sucker of the pickup coil should be located for best reception.

There are two breaks to be made in the Veroboard conductors, one of which is a break between two holes. These breaks can be made with a razor blade, which is also useful for cutting holes in the box for the loudspeaker, input socket, and the protruding volume control knob. The author intended to glue the i.c. to the Veroboard (there is still room there), but then succeeded in soldering it to the back of the loudspeaker by the heat sink tab. This way of mounting was thought more elegant, even though there is no indication that the i.c. needs the extra heatsink thereby obtained.

By choosing the smallest type of skeleton preset for VR2, it is possible to mount this component directly onto the i.c. pins. Capacitor C11 is the only remaining component and this is wired directly from the i.c. to the speaker. A piece of plastic insulating tape prevents any of the Veroboard conductors shorting against the speaker frame.

The only wires which have to be kept short are those from the input socket to the Veroboard. These should be tightly twisted. If, with some other layout, more than an inch or so length is required, a small screened cable should be used, with the screen connected to the earth side. The space occupied by the socket can be reduced if necessary by breaking off the shorting contact which is not needed.

After checking the wiring, with special attention to the lead connections of transistors, electrolytics and the i.c., and to possible shorts between Veroboard conductors caused by stray solder blobs, switch on. Check that the voltage at pin 12 of the i.c. can be varied by VR2, and set it to half the supply voltage. The unit should produce some hiss at

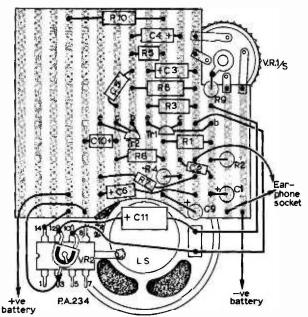


Fig. 2: The component layout. The heat sink tab of the i.c. is soldered to the magnet of the loudspeaker.

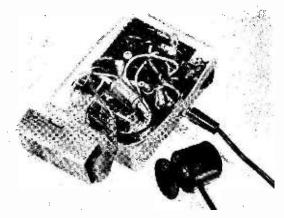
full volume. If not, check the remaining voltages in Fig. 1. Injecting an audio signal, or just touching with a screwdriver, at i.c. pin 3, Tr2 base, and Tr1 base should produce progressively louder response from the speaker.

With the pickup plugged in, some stray hum will probably be picked up from the mains. Loud positive feedback squeals will be produced if the pickup is brought near the unit, as it is sensitive enough to detect the stray field of the loudspeaker voice coil.

uses

The telephone pickup is extremely sensitive to stray field from the mains, and the unit will produce a loud hum if the pickup is near any mains appliance. This hum can always be minimised by setting the pickup at a certain angle.

On the modern pattern Post Office desk telephone, the best place to attach the pickup is usually high on the right hand side. On the older types it is at the back, and on STD pay telephones it is at about an



An internal view of the completed telephone amplifier.

inch below the cord entry on the left hand side of the case. In these positions, both sides of the conversation will be amplified to loudspeaker volume. The best point is easily found by experimenting for the loudest volume from the unit with the telephone producing a continuous sound, such as a dialling tone

The maximum volume that can be used is limited by the onset of feedback whistles caused by the telephone handset picking up the sound from the loudspeaker. Feedback should be avoided as it sounds most perplexing to your caller! There is less danger of feedback if the pickup is attached to the telephone earpiece—the stray field is not very strong here, but there is the advantage that less of one's own speech is amplified. The best position for the pickup will be found slightly off the axis of the earpiece.

other uses

The pickup is extremely sensitive to any alternating magnetic field; it will pick up hum anywhere near a mains transformer, and will actually reproduce the signal from a radio if placed near the voice coil of the radio loudspeaker, or near the output transformer. Also, both field buzz and line whistle can be detected near a television set.

The unit can also be used for experiments in communication over short distances by magnetic field. As a starter, if about 12 yards of single core wire is laid under a carpet in a large coil of about 6 turns, and the ends of the wire connected to the loudspeaker output of an amplifier or radio, the telephone amplifier will pick up the signal several feet away from the coil. This is one form of 'wireless' communication for which no licence is required.

Without the telephone pickup the unit is an extremely sensitive amplifier plus speaker combination with a multitude of uses. It can be connected to any low level audio source, such as a radio tuner, microphone, record cartridge, tape playback head, or electric guitar, as long as hi-fi quality is not expected.

CORRIGENDA

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In the circuit diagram, Fig. 1 the top end of the pre-set potentiometer network should not be returned to the negative rail. As shown the oscillator will function continuously. The circuit is completed only through the stylus.

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The "brackets" at the top of Fig. 1. should be amended to show R1 to R4 inclusive as "Generator" and R5/C4 etc. as "Tracer". The earthy end of D1 and VR2 should be shown connected to the positive line of the "tracer" (i.e. SW2) and not that of the generator (SW1) as shown.

Delete the second wire from the right-hand tag of SW1, Fig. 2. "To positive", the necessary connection to the positive line is already provided by the lead from SW1 to the output socket (outer shield), as shown in Fig. 4.

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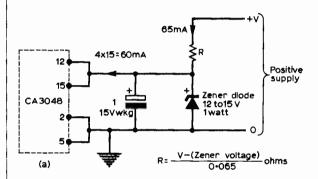
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If the circuits are used to drive an amplifier with a d.c. blocking capacitor at the input, they can be connected directly to it. However, if they are to feed directly to a valve grid or a transistor base, a blocking capacitor of $0.1\mu\text{F}$ or $1\mu\text{F}$ 3V respectively should be inserted.

The voltage ratings of the d.c. blocking capacitors at the inputs of the circuits must naturally be sufficient to withstand any d.c. level present in the input signal, or the i.c. will be damaged.

POWER REQUIREMENTS

If a d.c. supply of somewhat higher voltage than the i.c. requirements can be "borrowed" from the main amplifier, a simple zener diode regulator circuit as shown in Fig. 10a can be used to power the i.c. Such a supply might be the positive h.t. line of a



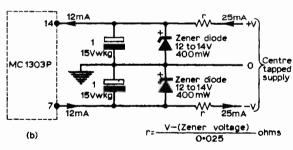


Fig. 10: Zener regulator power supply circuits for (a) CA3048 and (b) MC1303P.

transistor amplifier, or the voltage across a cathode bypass capacitor in a valve amplifier. The earth connection of the i.c. should be at the same potential as the chassis of the main amplifier, or else considerable attention will be needed to suitable decoupling arrangements. When the MC1303P is used in a preamp feeding a valve amplifier with a pushpull output stage, the bypassed output valve cathodes can generally provide the centre tapped supply needed for Fig. 10b.

The value of the dropping resistor(s) R or r depend(s) on the actual supply voltage and zener diode voltage; select the nearest 5% tolerance value to the resistance calculated from Fig. 10. The power dissipated in the resistor is, as always, the product of the voltage across it and the current flowing through it (answer in watts if the current is in amps).



Circuit Boards

Details for the size and assembly of the preamplifier circuit boards and their internal screens are given in Fig. 7a, b and c. The boards are cut to size as in Fig. 7b, together with the 20s.w.g. aluminium (or tinplate) screens that are fitted between the boards as in Fig. 7a. The boards and screen are spaced $\frac{1}{2}$ in. apart from each other with spacers but note that one board has attached to it a length of $\frac{1}{8}$ x $\frac{1}{8}$ in. aluminium angle for securing the assembly to the chassis.

These angles must be fitted so that when each assembly is placed in position as in Fig. 7c the angles will be facing toward each other. It is best to assemble the blank circuit boards together with their screens and try them in position on the chassis to ensure that they comply with Fig. 7c. Then mark each board so that it can be identified as to which channel it belongs and which ends will be used for input and output respectively.

Although the circuitry for the right- and lefthand channels is identical the component layout on the board is in opposition as they are mounted back to back, hence the reason for identification with respect to channel allocation and input and output ends. The component layout and connection diagrams given in Fig. 8 should help in getting the boards the right way round and as can be seen, the layouts are virtually mirror copies of each other.

The input pre-amplifier for the right-hand channel is an exception however, as it also carries the large $5000\mu F$ positive rail decoupling capacitor C24 and the $1.5~k\Omega$ voltage dropping resistor R35.

When the boards have been assembled and wired they should fit back-to-back with the wiring inside, the components outside and of course the screen in the middle.

Completion of the pre-amplifier circuit boards is by soldering flying leads to components and other points on the boards that connect with front panel controls, the selector switch S1 and S2 and supply and earthing points. It is most essential that these leads are fitted before the circuit boards are mounted on the chassis as it would be very difficult to connect them afterwards. All leads shown coming away from the circuit boards as in Fig. 8 should be regarded as flying leads and the best way to identify them is to use coloured wires.

Panel Controls and Selector Switch

Connections to the volume, balance and tone controls etc., are shown in Fig. 9. Providing the leads from the input pre-amplifier boards (via R18) to the balance control VR1 are short, and they should be no more than two or three inches long, they need not be screened. This also applies to leads connecting the tone controls and the filter switches. The leads from the output of the tone control/drive amplifier boards (C23) to the volume controls and from these to the power output modules and to S5 the stereo/mono switch, must be screened. This is to prevent instability due to capacitive coupling since these leads are fairly long and pass close to the input ends of the boards.

Next come the wires connecting the selector switch S1 and S2 to the input pre-amplifier boards. Again no screening is necessary providing the leads are as short as possible and are kept clear of the other circuit boards. The connections are shown in Fig. 10 but note that the pictorial diagrams of the switch wafers may not agree with those actually purchased i.e., the contacts may be differently orientated. The remainder of the wiring is to S1A and B from the input sockets and this includes the input attenuators (R1, R2, R3, R4 etc.). The leads between the tape recording output sockets and the output from the pre-amplifiers (C23) need not be screened but must be as short as possible and kept clear of leads going to the input sockets.

Those who have test equipment such as an audio

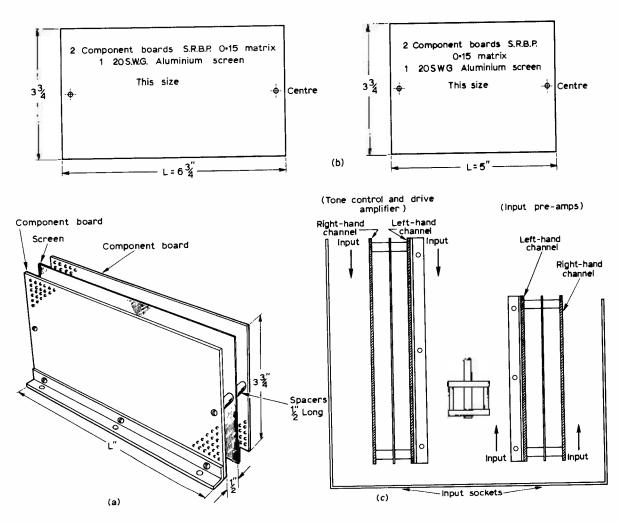
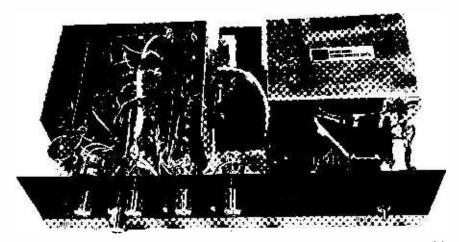


Fig. 7 (a) Mechanical details of the component boards and screen assembly. It is strongly recommended that the parts be test assembled before the boards are wired. Fig. 7(b) Details of metal screens. Fig. 7(c) Location of completed circuit board assemblies.



Another view of the completed PW25/25 Stereo Amplifier in which the wiring to the Henelec Type PA25 output modules can be seen.

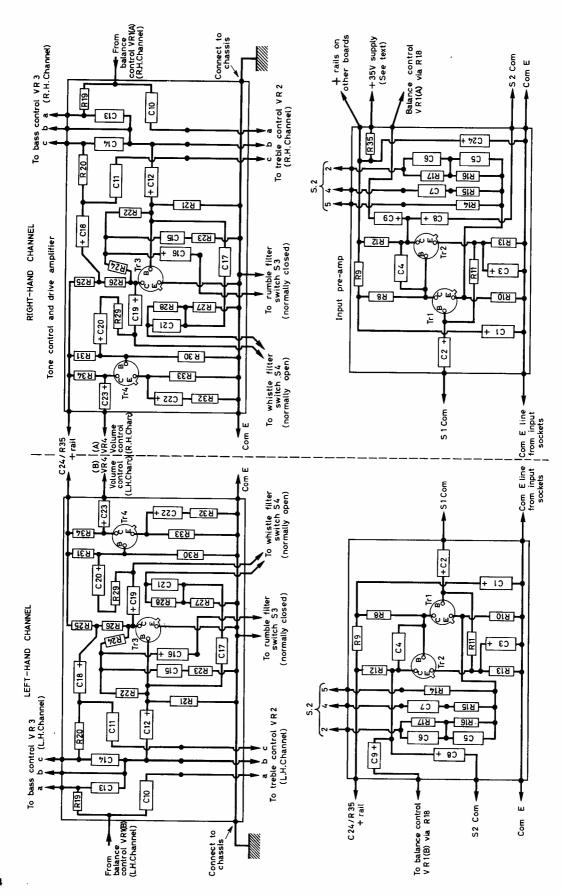
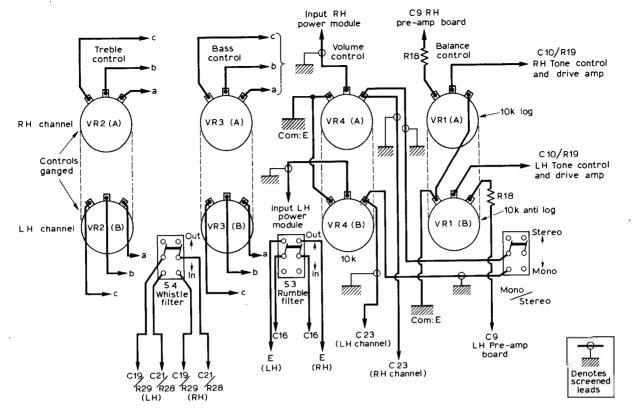
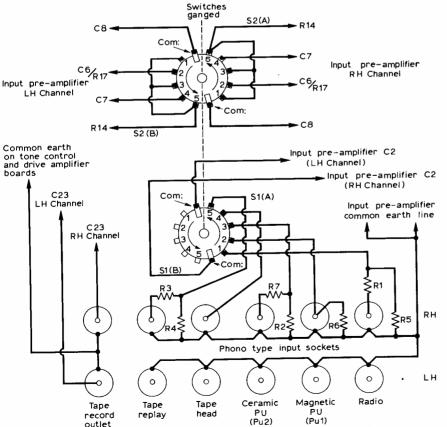


Fig. 8. Component layout of the pre-amplifier circuit boards. Note that, left to right, one is the mirror image of the other, except for C24/R35 on the R.H. channel input pre-amplifier board.





Note: LH input sockets resistors and S1(B) wiring same as for RH channel as shown

▲ Fig. 9. Rear view of the wiring to the various panel controls. See text for comments on the use of screened leads.

■ Fig. 10. Wiring of the input selector switch wafers and the associated input sockets. For clarity the wiring to the L.H. channel input sockets is omitted but is similar to the R.H. channel.

signal generator and an audio milli-volt meter would do well to connect the pre-amplifiers to a 22V battery supply (5 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ V torch batteries) and check them for performance before connecting them to the power output modules and the MU442 power unit.

Output Modules and Power Supply

The power supply unit MU442 is supplied with a 3-pin mains input socket and the leads from this run internally to the mains and earth connections respectively on the printed circuit board inside. First remove the cover to obtain access to the mains connections inside which will be as shown in Fig. 11a. The 'red' lead to what is effectively the 240V terminal is disconnected and extended as shown in Fig. 11b to the mains on/off switch on the front panel. The return lead from the switch is connected to the 240V terminal. Two leads are then connected

as shown in Fig 11b to the mains neon pilot light. These and the leads going to the on/off switch should be taken out through the left hand side (looking from the rear) of the power supply unit.

Finally comes the connection of the PA25 power output modules to the output from the pre-amplifiers via the volume controls VR4. The PA25 modules and MU442 unit are supplied with connecting cables and plugs. The two screened leads between the PA25 modules and the power supply are disconnected from the plugs on the power supply itself. These are now taken to VR4 for the right and left hand channels respectively as in Fig. 12. The remaining connection is that of the positive supply line for the pre-amplifiers. This picks up the +35Vrail from the right-hand channel PA25 module input plug as shown in Fig. 12. The negative supply line is obtained by contact between the power unit case and the main chassis.

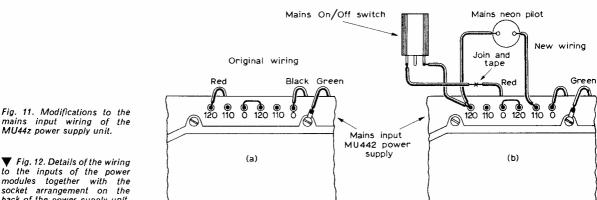
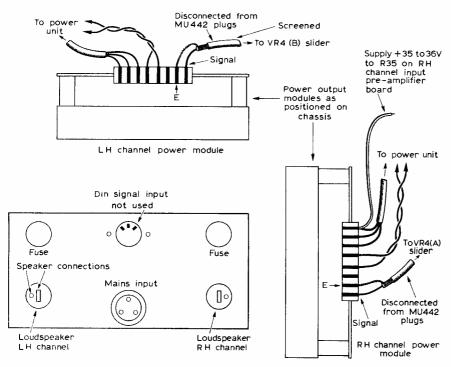


Fig. 11. Modifications to the mains input wiring of the

Fig. 12. Details of the wiring to the inputs of the power modules together with the socket arrangement on the back of the power supply unit.



An outline of the rear of the MU442 power supply is also shown in Fig. 12. Note that the DIN signal input socket is not used, as the signal inputs to the PA25 modules have been re-routed to volume controls (VR4). The loudspeaker sockets are also DIN type and the connections are as shown. Do not earth the loudspeakers at any point and do not connect one output to the other in any way. Do not short circuit the outputs with the amplifier running and developing power. There are fuses on the power supply and the modules which will protect them against voltage surges and accidental overloading. Do not tempt providence by poking around with a screwdriver whilst the units running.

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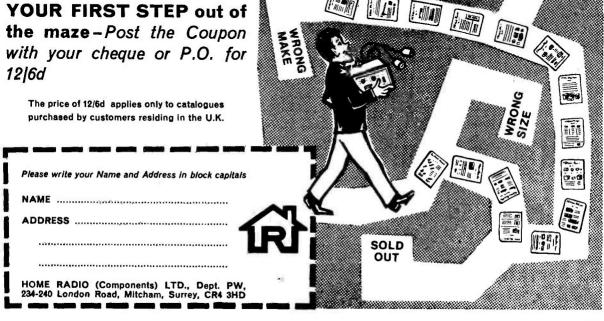
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Testing and Performance

In constructing and wiring a fairly complex piece of equipment like the PW 25-25 amplifier there is always the risk of a faulty component, wrong connection or dry soldered joint etc., hence the earlier suggestion that it might be worthwhile testing the pre-amplifiers before connecting the power output modules and supply. In making the prototype as shown in the photographs the writer tested each circuit board individually before assembling them and then again after assembly and wiring as a complete pre-amplifier on the chassis. This is quite easy to do if an audio signal generator and audio voltmeter are available. The tone controls etc., can be temporarily connected for individual testing and each board hooked up to a 22V battery. Those able to do this will find the table of input and output signal levels of some use.

Before switching on the completed amplifier ensure that loudspeakers and/or suitable dummy resistive loads are connected at the output (speaker) sockets. Set the volume control to zero and inject a signal at the 'radio' input—preferably a 90 to 100mV sinewave at 1000Hz. Advance the volume control just sufficiently to lightly load the output stage and then repeat the procedure for the other channel. For those without an audio signal generator and audio voltmeter, further tests can only be made by listening and using appropriate signals from a radio tuner or pick-up etc., to ensure that the amplifier is operating correctly on both channels.

TEST CONDITIONS Input signal—1000 Hz sine-wave

Input Pre-amplifier (one only)

Input at C2 10mV Output at C9 300mV

With equalising network switch \$2 connected and set to 'Radio'.

Tone Control/Drive amplifier

Input at C10/R19 10mV Output at C23 400mV

With tone controls connected and set at neutral. Filter switches connected and set to 'Off'.

Complete Pre-amplifier

	Input		Input
Radio	70/75mV	Tape Head	8/10mV
Mag.PU	6/7mV	Tape Replay	150/200mV
Cer.PU	70/80mV		•

All inputs for 1 volt r.m.s. output at C23/VR4. Volume controls off. Balance control at neutral. Tone controls at neutral.

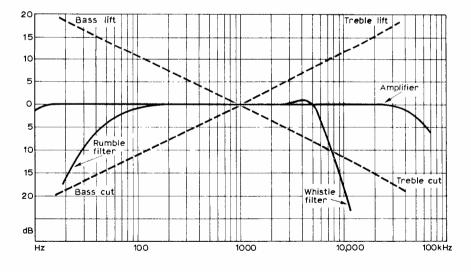
Signal level at module inputs (sliders of VR4) for full output should be 700 to 800mV r.m.s.

DC Supply

Positive point on module/take-off point for pre-amplifiers ositive rail/junction of C24/R35 22/24V Current consumption, pre-amplifiers only 2.5/3mA

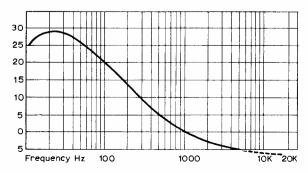
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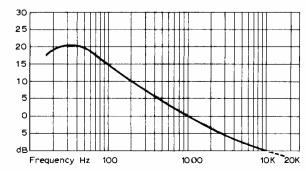
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◀ Fig. 13. Graph showing effect of the various controls on the amplifier's basic response curve.

Fig. 14. (below, left) Response from tape head input (CCIR). Fig. 15 (below, right) Response from magnetic pick-up input (RIAA).





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The amplifier will of course only develop its maximum power output of 25 watts per channel with 8 ohm loudspeakers. Nevertheless the output power of 15 to 18 watts that would be developed across 15 ohm speakers is still quite considerable for a domestic stereo hi-fi amplifier. At average listening power levels the difference in performance between 8 and 15 ohm speakers would be barely noticeable. It is only really necessary to use 8 ohm loudspeakers if one wants the resultant full power with life-size sound and thereby run the certain risk of becoming unpopular with neighbours.

When the amplifier has been finally tested the legends for the controls can be put on with Letraset or similar transfer lettering and a strip of thin aluminium (20 s.w.g.) glued along the lower edge of the panel. For the original amplifier, this strip was cut and polished, given one coat of clear varnish and glued on with Evostik. The upper section of the

panel was painted matt black.

For its final listening tests the amplifier was used with a Lenco record transcription unit and Elac stereo magnetic cartridge, radio tuner (stereo output) a Ferrograph Series 7 half-track stereo recorder, and a pair of Goodmans Magnum 15 ohm speakers. The excellent performance of the amplifier did more than justice to the above signal sources and to the time and effort involved in construction.

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URING November, medium wave stations in Middle East countries will be prominent in the late evening long after their normal signing-off times. The should be quite noticeable after 2230 hrs GMT when the band is becoming quiet. This situation is caused by Ramadan which ends this year on the 29th of the month. It provides the MW DXer with an opportunity to log the more difficult countries from this area while newcomers to the band should be able to hear several North Africans without difficulty. Look for Oujda 593kHz, Sebaa Aioun 611 and 1043, Agadir 935, Tangiers 1232, all in Morocco; Ain Beida 529, Oran 548, Algiers 890, in Algeria; Tunis 629 and 962, Sfax 719 in Tunisia; Benghazi 674, Tripoli 1052, Beida 1124 and 1250, in Libya; Batra 620 and 818. Cairo 773. in Egypt. These stations stand out from their neighbours on account of the Arabic style programming though a few in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia have European programmes with announcements in French. Farther east and rather more difficult are Rivadh 588kHz in Saudi Arabia; Jerusalem 677, Amman 800, in Jordan; Jeddah 647 in Saudi Arabia; Beirut 836 in Lebanon; Damascus 665, Dayr az Zawr 957 in Syria; Ankara Turkey on 1061; Kuwait 1345 in the Persian Gulf. Although many of these stations can be logged when using a non-directional aerial, a MW loop will give an added advantage when DXing to the east. The writer has heard Tunis 962kHz on a transistor portable, simply by rotating the receiver until interference is at a minimum.

The out of band Greek station reported recently, has been tracked down to Amphissa. It is privately owned, located near Delphi and signs-off daily at 2100 hrs GMT. The latest issue of the FBIS list gives the frequency as 1611kHz but variable. Reporters to Sweden Calling DXers from Austria, Germany, Italy and South Africa have heard Amphissa so it ought to be audible in the country in the winter. The highest authorised MW frequency is 1602kHz (1873m), which is off-scale on many domestic receivers so it is rather surprising to learn of broad-

casting beyond the band edge.

The sea path across the north and mid Atlantic favours reception of Latin American MW stations on the east coast of South America. After midnight is the time to search for the Venezualan stations YVLH 650kHz Radio Giradot in Maracay, YVKS 750 Radio Caracas, YVRB 960 R. Monagas in Maturin, YVRS 1020 R. Margarita on the island of Margarita, YVMV 1150 Ondas del Caribe in Punto Fijo, YVOZ 1200 R. Tiempo Caracas. From the nearby Dutch island of Bonaire, Trans World Radio operates PJB on 800kHz with a power of 500kW and it is often a strong signal. HJED 820 La Voz de Rio Cauca in Cali, HJHN 960 R. Sutatenza in Barranquilla, HJCC 1010 Bogota, HJAH 1070 R. Atlantico Barranquilla are regularly heard Colombians. ZFY 760 in Georgetown Guyana and SRS 725 Paramaribo Surinam are heard regularly though a loop is essential for SRS on account of European QRM from 728kHz.

Charles Molloy

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AVING seen many amateur stations over the years it is apparent that the majority of operators do not make the most of the equipment that they possess. There is invariably a reasonable communications receiver capable of resolving c.w., a.m. and s.s.b. on the majority of the h.f. amateur bands but the transmitter is so often a one-band affair, usually for the 20 metre band, and then for the c.w. mode only.

While 20 metres is considered the band for DX working there are times when it can go dead for various reasons and when this happens the single-band operator can only switch off and go and join

the family around the TV!

With a little effort and at almost no cost at all the transmitter could be modified to cover at least two more bands, thus permitting operation over much longer periods, by selection of the appropriate band that is active at the time.

The only other factor to be considered in going in for multiband operation is of course the aerial system but a suitable one is no more difficult to construct than the one-band dipole and certainly need not

deter anyone from going multiband.

Basically the idea is to alter the various tuned circuits in the transmitter so that they each cover more than one band either by changing the inductance/capacitance ratio of the existing circuit or by simple switching.

With some circuits it is possible to obtain coverage of the 10, 15 and 20 metre bands with a single inductor and capacitor. While the L/C ratio may not be the optimum on each band this is mainly a theoretical consideration that will have little effect on the practical results. Grid drive to the following stage may be less than that which would be obtained with a properly designed circuit but the modern beam tetrode generally used in transmitters is very tolerant in this respect.

Practical Considerations

Consider a relatively simple transmitter designed for single band operation on 20 metres consisting of a v.f.o. on 40 metres followed by a buffer amplifier, frequency doubler and power amplifier and how it can be modified for multiband operation. Typical valve types are shown, Fig. 1. If the modifications are carried out over a period the transmitter need not be off the air for any significant time.

VFO/Buffer Amplifier

The v.f.o. will usually consist of an oscillator in which the circuit, components and construction have been carefully integrated in order to get the maximum degree of stability, and working, in this

case, on the 40 metre band.

The buffer amplifier is a "must" in order to isolate the v.f.o. from the following stage which can influence the stability of the v.f.o. This is particularly so if the following stage is keyed. In general the lower the operating frequency of the v.f.o. the better will be its stability. However, there is no objection to tuning the output circuit of the buffer amplifier to the 20 metre band as a first step to improving the versatility of the transmitter. Fig. 2.

It is recommended that, at a later date, the v.f.o. itself be modified to function on 80 metres so that operation on 40 metres be-

comes possible.

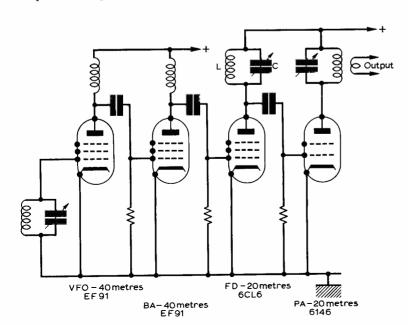


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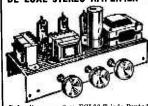
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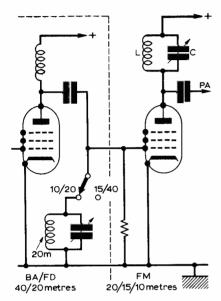


Fig. 2. Adding a 20m. tuned circuit to the buffer amplifier stage.

In setting up this circuit, first remove the h.t. from the p.a. stage and provide drive at 7MHz to the grid of the multiplier stage and tune the output circuit to 14MHz for maximum grid current to the p.a. stage. Check by means of a calibrated absorption wavemeter that the correct harmonic has been chosen. Now remove turns from the inductor L, one at a time, until the circuit resonates at 14MHz with the capacitor almost at maximum. If L is fitted with a dust core it may be possible to reach this condition by simply adjusting the core.

Now reduce the capacitance until another peak in grid current is found, which should correspond to the third harmonic on 21MHz but check again with the wavemeter. Reduce the capacitance still further, when the fourth harmonic on 28MHz should appear with the capacitor at almost minimum capacitance. Check again with the wavemeter.

If difficulty is experienced in reaching or covering all the 10 metre band, check the circuitry for stray capacitances such as those due to the tuned circuit wiring not being the shortest possible or being too close to earthed objects. The valveholder should be of ceramic or similar low-loss material.

The drive will fall off with increasing frequency but it should still be possible to get sufficient drive to permit the p.a. to be driven to a reasonable input on 10 metres. Twenty-five watts input is better than no input at all! If operation on 40 metres is contemplated, and the author thoroughly recommends it,

it will be necessary to add a switch to bring in a separate tuned circuit for this band, but this presumes that the v.f.o. has been modified to provide output on 80 metres, as previously suggested.

Power Amplifier

If the existing output circuit of the p.a. is of the type shown in Fig. 1 and designed solely for 20 metres this alone is sufficient reason to adopt the pi-network circuit shown in Fig. 3 which provides greater attenuation of harmonics and easier matching of the load to the p.a. valve.

Where TVI is a problem this could very well be the only circuit which is acceptable. The only additional component required is the loading capacitor which is usually of the broadcast receiving type and readily available.

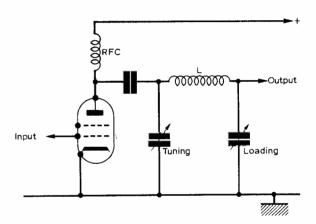


Fig. 3. Conventional pi-network circuit for the power amplifier.

All that is now required to convert this circuit into multiband capability is a band switch selecting appropriate taps on the inductor. A typical circuit with component values is shown in Fig. 4.

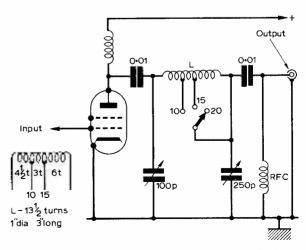


Fig. 4. Component values for a 10/15/20m. pi-network circuit using a 6146 valve.

The r.f.c. across the output of the p.a. should not be omitted as it provides a d.c. path to earth for the aerial feeder thus discharging any static that might tend to build up on the aerial. The r.f.c. at the anode of the p.a. should be of the sectionalised type to reduce self-capacitance and carefully designed to avoid resonances in the amateur bands which could otherwise prove destructive especially if high power is used.

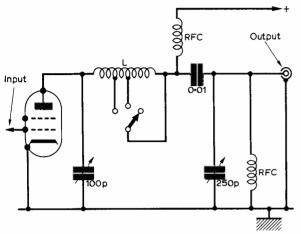


Fig. 5. A receiving type r.f.c. can be used in this circuit to feed h.t. to the p.a. valve.

A variation of this circuit, not often encountered, is shown in Fig. 5 in which a conventional receiving type r.f.c. can be used since it is now placed at a point of low r.f. potential. However the anode tuning capacitor and the bandswitch are now subject to the applied h.t.

Aerials

Converting the transmitter to multiband operation is fairly simple but it is not of much use unless the existing aerial system can also be converted by an equally simple method.

Assuming a conventional dipole aerial is already available for the 20 metre band it is very easy to add additional dipoles for the 15 and 10 metre bands in parallel with the existing wires, tying off the ends to the nearest available supports such as trees or chimney stacks or poles, Fig. 6. If such

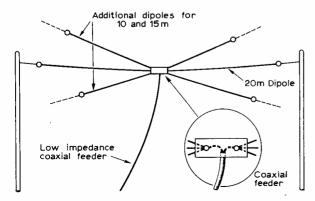


Fig. 6. Possibly the simplest method of converting a 20m. dipole to multiband operation.

other supports are not to be had then the extra wires may be sloped below the existing wires and secured to the same supports, Fig. 7.

If the basic dipole is cut for 40 metres then extra dipoles for 10 and 20 metres only are required since the 40 metre dipole will act as a 3/2 wavelength aerial on 15 metres. There will be a slight mismatch but not enough to prevent satisfactory loading of the p.a.

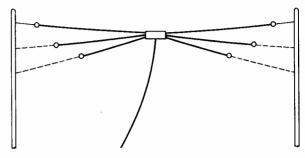


Fig. 7. If the ends of the additional dipoles are tied off to the supports used for the 20m. dipole the direction of maximum radiation will be the same for all three dipoles.

A very effective aerial, often neglected, is the ground plane, Fig. 8, which is simplicity itself to erect yet can provide very low-angle radiation which is so essential for DX working. It is omni-directional, however, and so will not give any discrimination against very strong Continental stations under conditions of short skip. A multiband version of the ground plane is shown in Fig. 9.

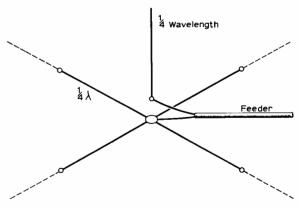


Fig. 8. The ground plane aerial. The four radials may be sloped downwards and may even be used as stays with a lightweight mast.

Provided the ground plane wires for 20 metres are fitted the others are not essential, although they should be erected if possible. Coaxial feeder of 50Ω impedance should be used and the match between the aerial and the feeder can be much improved if the ground plane wires are sloped down at about 45 degrees to the horizontal.

Another useful multiband aerial that can be erected and forgotten is the well tried G5RV, Fig. 10. While the matching to the feeder is a compromise, no trouble will be found in loading the transmitter satisfactorily on all bands. On 160 metres the feeders may be joined together at the bottom and



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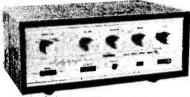


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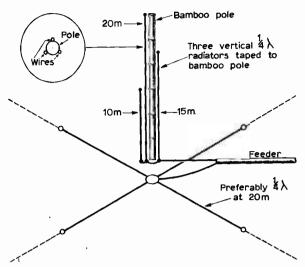


Fig. 9. Construction of a ground plane aerial for 10/15/20m.

If TVI is a problem, the use of open wire feeders or a long wire with a tuning unit should be avoided. Rather a low impedance coaxial feeder should be used, together with a balun transformer in order to reduce the radiation from the feeder. A balun can be made quite easily and cheaply and it will be effective over all the h.f. bands. (See RSGB Radio Communications Handbook p.13.30.)

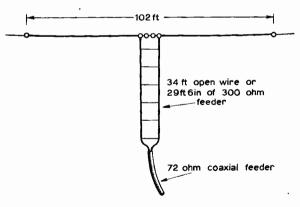


Fig. 10. The G5RV multiband dipole. At a height of about 32 feet the the best match between aerial and feeder will be obtained on the 20m. band. If accurate matching is required on the other bands an aerial tuning unit may be interposed at the junction of the co-axial and open wire feeders.

Conclusions

These simple modifications to transmitter and aerial will permit operation on the 10, 15 and 20 metres bands which will greatly increase interest in DX working and often enable contacts to be made with those countries that have proved so elusive on 20 metres.



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In the Wilds

T will not have escaped the notice of our vigilant readers that there has been a gap in Henry's contributions lately.

Although these immortal lines will not be sullied with your marmalade until the jaunting season is over, they are being written—with the stub of a pencil on the back of an hotel bill—at the height of the holiday season. Henry's absence from the August issue was nothing to do with this.

That was a different matter! What our Editor, that mean and scrimping curmudgeon of a—ahem! sorry—what his "Highness" calls 'the exigencies of publication space.' Well, he knows what he means. So, to avoid another omission of this column, Henry is squatting atop a high mountain seeking inspiration.

The deadline happens to come smack in the middle of our annual fortnight, already curtailed to ten days by some last-minute panics in the workshop. A local Education Authority decided that the best time to wire out a derelict class room for visual aids and audio reinforcement was while the pupils were under the feet of the parents rather than the teachers.

But eventually the job was sorted out and the kiddiwinkies will be able to Watch with



Squatting atop a high mountain

Teacher when the term comes around again. And Mrs. Henry finally stopped huffing with impatience, went back to make sure the gas was turned off, collected yet another piece of luggage that we simply could not do without, and the Henries sailed off into the wild blue yonder.

Well, wild grey actually, for the vac. was spent in Snowdonia, and you may have read about the gales that uprooted venerable druidic trees and dismasted the weekender's small boats, around the middle of August. We were there, lad, we were there. One of the structures that the

One of the structures that the wild wind uprooted must have been the local radio mast, for Henry's holiday punishment has been to 'maintain a radio silence.'

Despite Mrs. H. and her feminine tendency to bring along half the domestic equipage, we have landed in an alien world that appears not to believe in communications. There is no radio in the hotel bedrooms—and a portable wireless set is the one amenity we did not bring.

Musak there is, true, burbling away in its sugary fashion in the unreachable corners of lounge, dining room and hallway. Television there is with a picture that leaves too much to be desired. The mountains breed telegenic ghosts that make all programmes more interesting than informative—if you happen to have a taste for surrealism. But no wireless.

It could be argued that 'Top of the Pops' would sound sacrilegious in such surroundings. Perhaps the rural bumblings of Walter Gabriel could be tolerated but we cannot even get that.

Gasping for news, we tried the car radio. We were even prepared to put up with Tony Brandon. But we then found the answer to the wireless-less community—those dratted mountains, no less. Reception varies between the impossible and the outlandish.



Gleefully skinning a heretic

You should worry, down there in Centralshire, about the vestige of a 19kHz beat. Up here, if Woman's Hour comes through with any clarity, the locals forecast rain.

So the Henries basked in back-to-Nature silence, relying on social encounters for the saving of sanity. And—guess what—the first family that we met included a teenage son who turned out to be a rabid P.W. fan. Intelligent type, obviously, with a father who works out mathematical problems to put himself to sleep, and a mother who is as erudite as she is charming.

But in the course of conversation this column was mentioned and Henry had his gaff blown by the little woman, who else?

With painful memories of the chaffing and criticism suffered in his workshop, where colleagues have long since peeled off his aliases, like gleeful Inquisitors skinning a heretic, Henry was loth to stand up manfully and confess: 'I did it.' But we were soon launched on the sort of conversation that goes: '... do you remember ...?'

You will be happy to know,

You will be happy to know, Mr. Editor, that in the wilds of N. Wales, at least, Henry's absence was noted, and will have no excuse to do it again—if only I can find a carrier pigeon to help me make this deadline.

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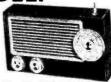
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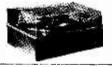
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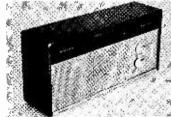
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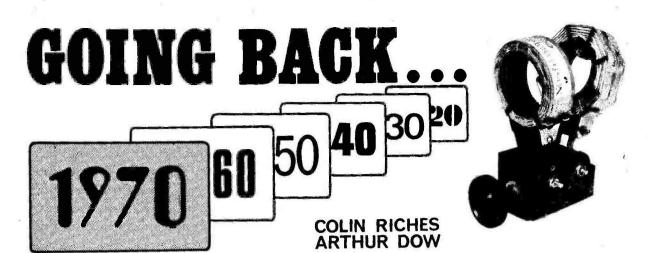
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T 6.0 p.m. on November 2nd, 1920 switches were thrown in a small shack on top of the Westinghouse Company's building in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. and the first broadcast was about to begin. Throughout the day, the American people had been to the election booths to cast their votes in the 1920 Presidential election and the broadcasting of the results had been chosen for the opening programme.

There were very few receivers, but the station had arranged for the programme to be relayed over loudspeakers to a nearby civic centre. These listeners were privileged to be the first to hear the famous station call-letters "KDKA, East Pittsburgh".

The programme continued for some eighteen hours—long by even present day standards—and a few hours later the station was again on the air and has continued to this present day with regular programmes, still using the same call-sign.

The origins of KDKA dated many years earlier than 1920. As early as 1915 a Dr. Frank Conrad (who later became Assistant Chief Engineer of

Westinghouse) had built a radio receiver to enable him to hear the time signals broadcast from the Naval Observatory at Arlington. He did this primarily to test the accuracy of the watch and a \$5 bet was the motivating factor. The reception of these signals sparked the enthusiasm of Dr. Conrad and by July 1916 he was on the air with his amateur station, 8XK. Dr. Conrad was however unable to pursue his hobby for long because the entry of the United States into the First World War caused cancellation of amateur licences in April 1917.

During the emergency both Westinghouse and Dr. Conrad were able to gain invaluable experience as the station was allowed to operate under a special authorisation for the testing of new radio equipment for the British and U.S. Governments.

The ban on transmissions was lifted on October 1st 1919 and very shortly afterwards 8XK was back on the air incorporating all the advances made during the War, making it an extremely well equipped station for the times.

On the 17th of the same month Dr. Conrad



Harold W. Arlin, the world's first full-time radio announcer.



Picture taken during the first broadcast of KDKA.

became bored with continually speaking into the microphone and to enable him to make adjustments on his equipment while it was operating, he placed the microphone near his gramophone. During the next few days he made considerable use of this trick and was amazed to find that listeners began writing in to ask him to play a particular record, to convince sceptics that music could be transmitted over the radio.

The demand however became so heavy that Dr. Conrad had to stop playing individual requests and

instead went over to "broadcasting" gramophone records over the station for two hours every Wednesday and Saturday. Dr. Conrad's use of the term "broadcast" to describe these transmissions is the first recorded use of the word.

With four hours a week of transmission time to fill, the supply of records was soon exhausted and a local music store agreed to supply the records as long as Dr. Conrad agreed to announce where they could be bought, and so the first "commercial" was born

The popularity of these programmes grew rapidly and from time to time live singers and bands were included in the programme with one of Dr. Conrad's two sons acting as the master of ceremonies. By the late summer of 1920 the broadcasts had grown so popular that a Pittsburgh store ran an advertisement in a daily newspaper for the sale of radio receivers on the strength of being able to hear these transmissions. The date was September 29th, 1920 and it was probably the one single event that brought about the first broadcast.

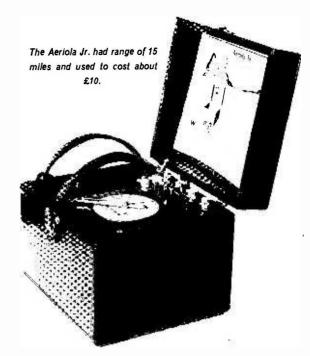
Among the people who saw the advertisement was H. P. Davies, Vice-President of Westinghouse. He was already a keen follower of the work being done



First orchestra developed for exclusive radio work was KDKA Little Symphony Orchestra, with Victor Saudek conducting.



How the family used to listen in.



by their company employee and the advertisement made him realise that if regular programmes were provided for the people, they would quickly want to buy receivers of their own.

Mr. Davies began by winning over the other officials of Westinghouse and this was done so quickly that the application for a licence was submitted to the authorities on October 16th and the forthcoming election night was chosen for the grand opening. The enthusiasm of the small group was such that it was under five weeks between the newspaper advertisement and the station opening.

For this first scheduled broadcast there was no studio; a single room accommodated the transmitter, the record turntable and the staff. William Thomas acted as the technician, L. H. Rosenberg as the announcer and John Frazier and R. S. McClelland handled the telephone lines to the newspaper offices. The chief engineer was D. G. Little, a long standing friend of Dr. Conrad. Oddly enough the main force behind the project was not there on that night. Fearful less the new equipment should fail Dr. Conrad was standing by with his station 8XK, five miles away, ready to take over in the event of trouble.

Between the election returns and the occasional music, listeners heard the same request over and over again: "Will anyone hearing this broadcast communicate with us as we are anxious to know how far and how well this programme is being heard".

The broadcast was a national sensation and newspapers all over the country carried reports on the broadcast. The mailbag over the next few days was massive. One of the reports came from H. W. Irving, now transmitter supervisor of KDKA. He heard the broadcast on the ship "Antigone", then off the coast of Virginia.

KDKA had a fair lead on other stations, and it was not until several months later that the second station came on the air, this one being WBZ in Springfield, Massachusetts which made its first trans-

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ELECTRIC CLOCK WITH 25 AMP SWITCH

Made by Smith's, these units are as fitted to many top quality cookers to control the oven. The clock is mains driven and frequency controlled so it is extremely accurate. The two small dials enable switch on and off times to be accurately set. Ideal



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FLUORESCENT CONTROL KITS

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each kit ordered. Kit MF 3/6 on first kit then
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BLANKET SIMMERSTAT

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ATLAS SLIMLINE FLUORESCENTS



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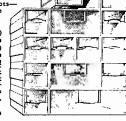
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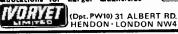
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mission on September 19th, 1921. After that stations were opening every few days and within a year over a hundred stations were regularly broadcasting and a million receivers had been sold.

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For the first six months programmes originated from the transmitter room, there was little need for a studio as most programmes consisted of either gramophone records or were relays from outside points. In May, however, regular live music was added to the schedule and although these at first took place in a small auditorium in the building, room resonance proved so serious that they were transferred to a tent on top of the main building and it was not until October 3rd that the first proper studio was built.

Dr. Frank Conrad however was a true innovator and having seen that the station was properly established he turned his interest to the short-wave bands. In conjunction with a few other amateurs he began some of the first tests on wavelengths below 100 metres, then considered of little value. In August 1922 8XK began relaying the programmes of KDKA and a year later all programmes were relayed on short waves and these were heard in Great Britain.

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THE CIRCUIT

A careful study of the circuit in Fig. 1 will show that it is basically a mating together of two previously published circuits, the Gramophone Amplifier and last month's General Purpose Preamplifier; there are some minor differences but the basic circuit is the same. The amplifier produces an output in the order of 1 watt—quite adequate for a megaphone.

Megaphones—or loudhailers as they are often called—are designed so that both high and low frequencies are not only unnecessary but actually undesirable. The microphone used is one of the balanced armature earpieces that we used in our intercom circuit some time ago. These used to be used in military telephones and are not only very sensitive and cheap but have an ideal frequency response for our requirements here. Since there is little bass content in the voice and little output from the microphone in this region, a high value coupling capacitor is unnecessary, a 0-5μF one was used in the prototype, low value electrolytics (1μF to 5μF) are however much smaller physically and cheaper and they could be used instead. In this case the negative connection would go to the microphone.

One of the problems in building a megaphone is acoustic feedback, that is the sounds of the loud-speaker getting back into the microphone and causing a "howl-round". This problem can be reduced by attenuating the upper frequencies and C2, connected between the base of Tr1 and the negative line, achieves this.

R1 provides base bias. Note that if an electrolytic is used for C1 the value of R1 may have to be altered to allow for leakage. R2 acts as the collector supply and load and the output is coupled via C3 to the volume control VR1. C3 is $0.5\mu F$ and the same rules apply to it as to C1, that is an electrolytic could be used in its place.

C4 acts as a d.c. blocking capacitor and feeds the

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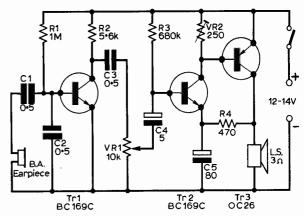


Fig. 1.: The circuit of the "Take 20" Megaphone

signal to the second transistor, Tr2 which, like Tr1, is a BC169C. The emitter of Tr2 is connected to the negative line via a 470Ω resistor connected through the loudspeaker; this tends to d.c. stabilise the conditions in the output stage. A positive feedback loop exists and it is essential that C5 is included to decouple the audio. VR2 is a small preset potentiometer which acts as the collector load, this sets the quiescent current through the output stage, Tr3. An OC26 has been specified for Tr3 but in fact almost any germanium power transistor would do—some of those available as unmarked surplus types would do well here.

The loudspeaker impedance is not all that important and a 3Ω type has been specified here only because these are more common than others, it is however essential that it has a cone diameter of over 6in. Speakers with smaller diameters will have their cones biased one way by the quiescent current through the output transistor and whereas this is acceptable on larger speakers it will cause intolerable distortion in smaller types.

The power supply is nominally 12V and the internal impedance of this will usually mean that no decoupling is needed, however, if stability problems arise a $250\mu F$ 16V capacitor connected across the two supply rails will probably cure this.

CONSTRUCTION

As the loudspeaker has to be fairly large it will be difficult to build a handheld unit and in any case it is far simpler to build the amplifier into the loudspeaker cabinet. Tr3 must be heat sinked. VR2 requires setting only once; before switching on set it to minimum resistance (so Tr3 base and emitter are shorted) and after applying the supply current increase this slowly until signals are relatively undistorted—increasing beyond this point will only raise the quiescent current.

In the region of high quiescent current the quality is good but Tr3 will become very hot and may blow, so care should be taken with the setting.

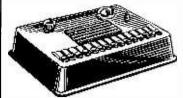
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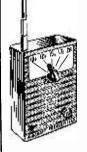
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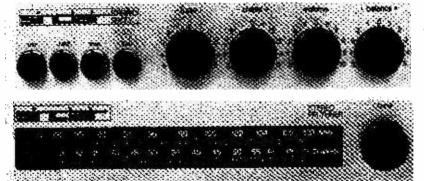
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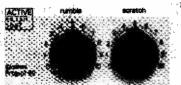


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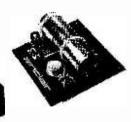
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Stereo FM tuner



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Specifications

Number of transistors 16 plus 20 in 1 C. Tuning range 87 5 to 108 MHz Capture ratio 1.5dB Sensitivity 2µV for 30dB quieting

7uV for full limiting Sauelch level 20uV A.F.C. range ± 200 KHz

Signal to noise ratio > 65dB Audio frequency response 10Hz-15kHz(±1dB) Total harmonic distortion 0.15% for 30%

modulation

Stereo decoder operating level 2µV Pilot tone suppression 30dB Cross talk 40dB

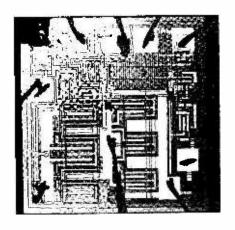
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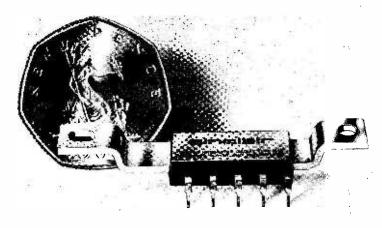
Aerial Impedance 75 Ohms

Indicators Mains on , Stereo on , tuning indicator Operating voltage 25-30 VDC

Size $3.6 \times 1.6 \times 8.15$ inches: $91.5 \times 40 \times 207$ mm

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Specifications

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Circuit Description

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Applications

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Specifications

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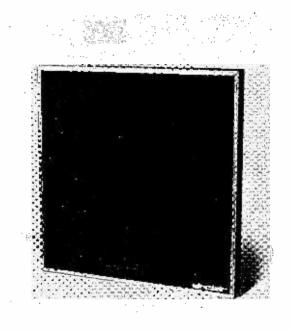
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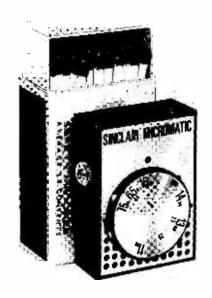
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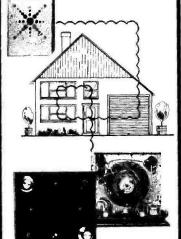
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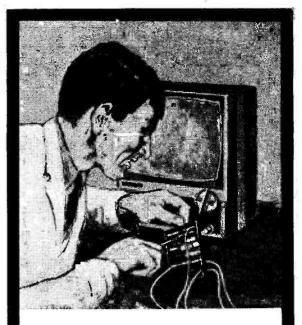
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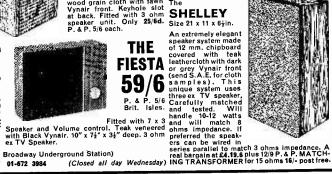
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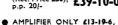
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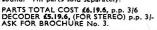
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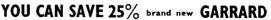
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